
Developing Melanoma Identifier Model for Web and App Deployment

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Did you know?

- Skin cancer is the most prevalent type of cancer
- Melanomas are responsible for 75% of skin cancer deaths despite being the least common
- When detected early, survival rate exceeds 95% and involves a minor surgical procedure
- In 2021, 106,000 new melanomas will be diagnosed, and just over 7000 people is expected to die of melanoma

Benefits:

- Recent incorporation of machine learning into medicine has shown to be more accurate than human expert observation
- Countless people need not die from melanoma through access to screening
- Equalize access to individuals without easy access to advice from expert clinician
 - ◆ Such population have a natural skepticism and reticence due to previous transgressions as well as cultural barriers

The ABCDE's of Skin Cancer:

- Asymmetry
- Border
- Color
- Diameter
- Evolution



Data Sources

→ 2020 Training DICOMs and JPEGs

33126 dermoscopic training images split into training and validation

- ◆ 467 melanoma vs. 26033 non-melanoma (training)
- ◆ 117 melanoma vs. 6509 non-melanoma (validation)

→ 2020 Metadata

Patient diagnostic information for 2000 patients

- ◆ Patient ID, gender, approximate age, location of imaged site, diagnosis information, indicator of malignancy, binarized version of target variable (melanoma or not melanoma)

→ Minority Class Augmentation:

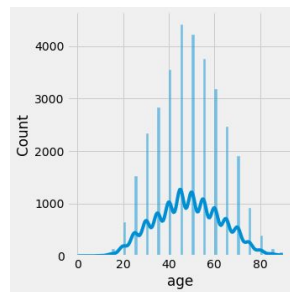
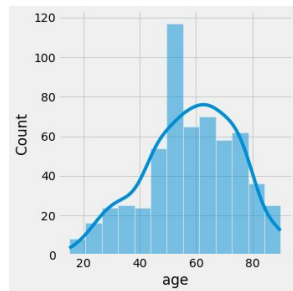
Acquired additional 4522 melanoma images from 2019 and 1114 melanoma images from 2018 datasets (5636 additional + 467 in training)

Data Preparation

EDA through metadata

Age, Gender, Diagnosis, and Site (Melanoma vs. non-Melanoma, Testing vs. Training)

- **Distribution:** torso, lower extremity, upper extremity, head/neck, palm/soles, oral/genital in that order for both mel and non-mel
- **Gender:** 60/40 distribution, dataset matches industry established distribution
- **Diagnosis:** 27124 unknown, 5193 nevus, 584 melanoma, 133 seborrheic keratosis, and 5 subtypes (44, 37, 7, 1, and 1 respectively)
- **Age:**



Data Preparation

→ File and folder management

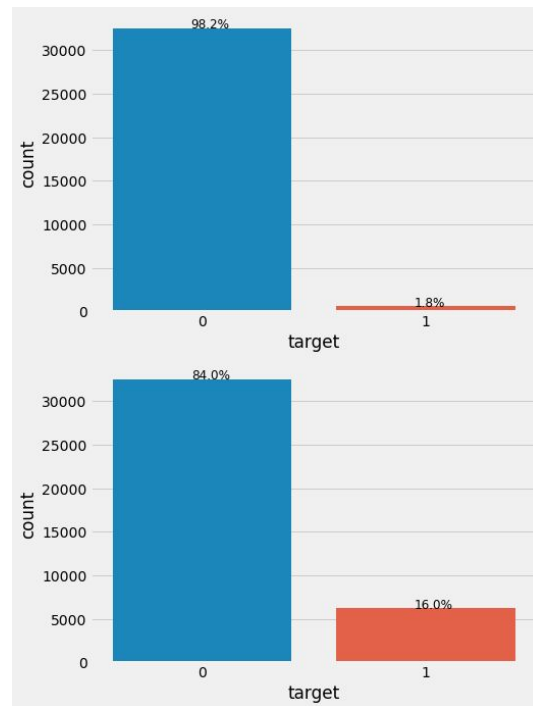
Challenges with unstructured data

- ◆ Keras requires the data to be organized into training, validation, and testing folders with the classes organized as subfolders to create the testing sets
- ◆ Time consuming process of moving folders
- ◆ Challenge of incorporating folder

→ Class Imbalance

Employ a variety of methods to address severe class imbalance

- ◆ ImageDataGenerator
- ◆ Albumentations



Modeling

Baseline Model:

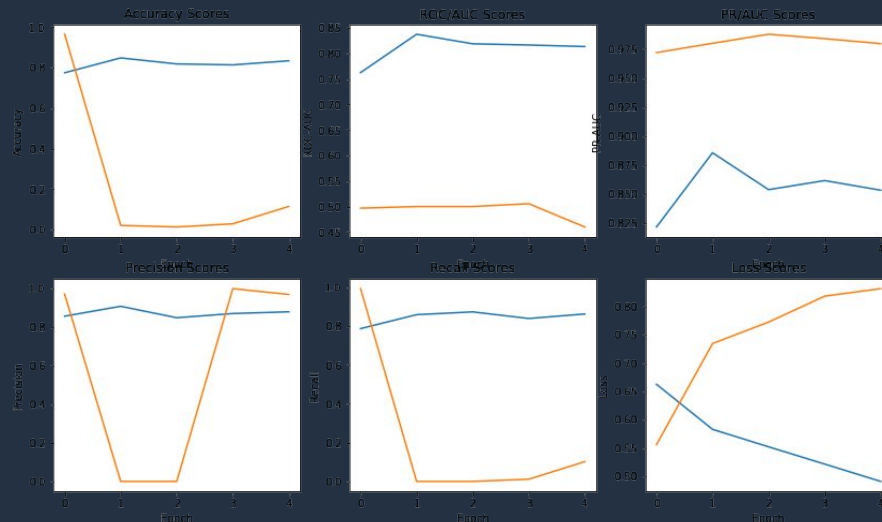
- Sequential()
- 2 convolutional layers with input shape (224, 224, 3) with filters applied to extract different features:
 - **Filters:** number of filters that convolutional layer will learn
 - **Kernel_size:** specifies width and height of 2D convolutional window
 - **Padding:** same ensure that spatial dimensions are the same after convolution
 - **Activation:** activation function that will be applied for convolutional layers
 - `layers.Conv2D(input_shape=(224,224,3), filters=64, kernel_size=(3,3), padding="same", activation="relu"))`

Modeling

- **BatchNormalization()**
 - acts like standardization or normalization for regression models
- **MaxPool2D()**
 - To reduce dimensionality of images by reducing number of pixels in output
 - `layers.MaxPool2D(pool_size=(2,2), strides=(2,2))`
- **Flatten()**
 - To be able to generate a prediction, flatten output of convolutional base
 - `layers.Flatten()`
- **Dense layers feeds output of convolutional base to neurons**
 - `layers.Dense(units=4096, activation="relu")`
- **Loss function:** `loss= 'binary_crossentropy'`
- **Optimizer:** `Adam(learning_rate=0.01)`

Metrics

- Accuracy
- Precision (Positive Predictive Value)
- Recall (True Positive Rate)
- ROC-AUC Score
- PR-AUC Score
- Training Model Scores:
 - Acc: 0.8435, Prec: 0.8906, Rec: 0.8645, AUC: 0.8283, PR-AUC: 0.8624
- Validation Model Scores:
 - Acc: 0.1141, Prec: 0.9697, Rec: 0.1017, AUC: 0.4600, PR-AUC: 0.9794



Next Steps:

Moving to
Amazon AWS for
greater
computing power

Exploring
different
techniques to
address class
imbalance

Building a
rudimentary iOS
and Android app
for deployment

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