Classifying Skin Lesions In Dermoscopic Images Using Neural Networks

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Presentation Outline

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https://ocskinlab.com/dermatopathology/

Business Understanding

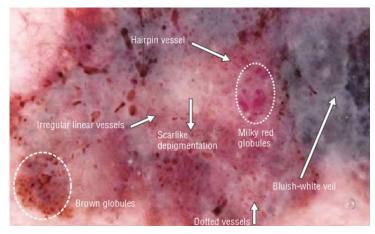
1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

Background:

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States and worldwide

Diagnosis:

- Clinical methods
- Biopsy under a microscope



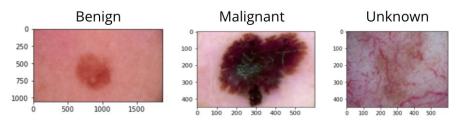
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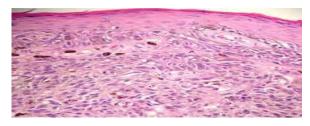
Purpose Of Analysis

Predict whether skin lesions in dermoscopic images are benign, malignant, or of unknown risk

Stakeholder: Health-tech startup

Key Metric: F1 Score





https://dermnetnz.org/topics/melanoma-pathology

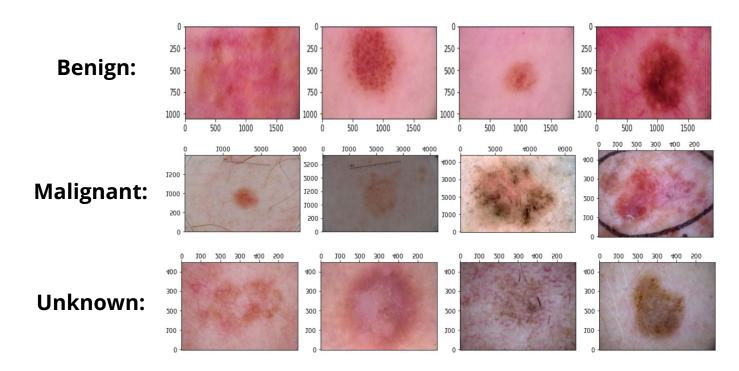
Data & Methods

Data provided by the International Skin Imaging Collaboration archive

Number of Images: 7,179



Data Examples

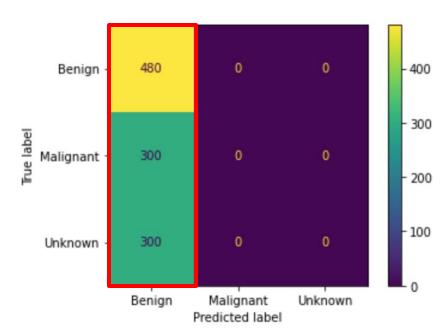


First Simple Model

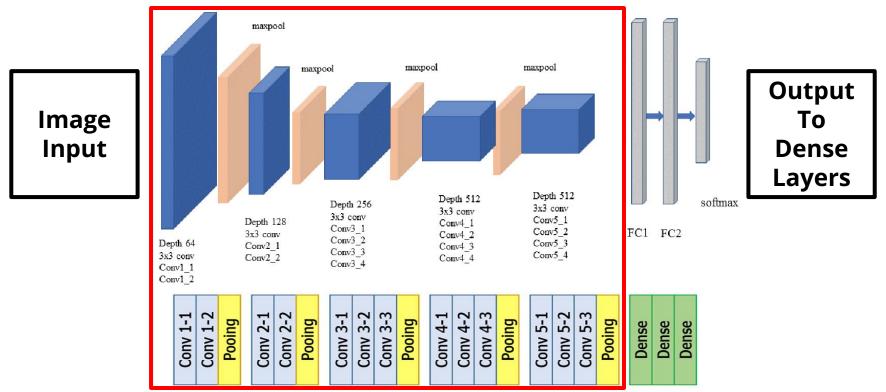
Fully Connected Dense Neural Network

- 2 hidden layers
- 1 output layer
- 5 epochs

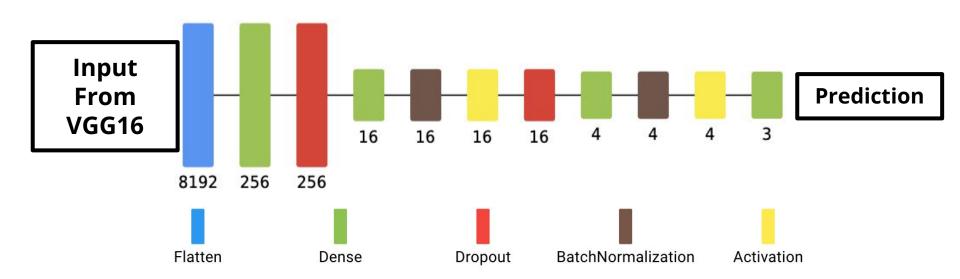
Validation Accuracy: 44.44%



VGG16 Model Architecture



Dense Layer Architecture



Final Model

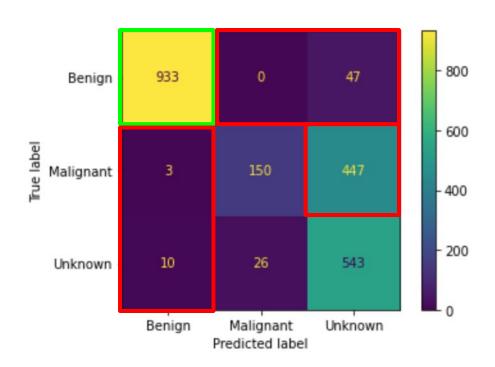
Convolutional Neural Network

• 25 epochs

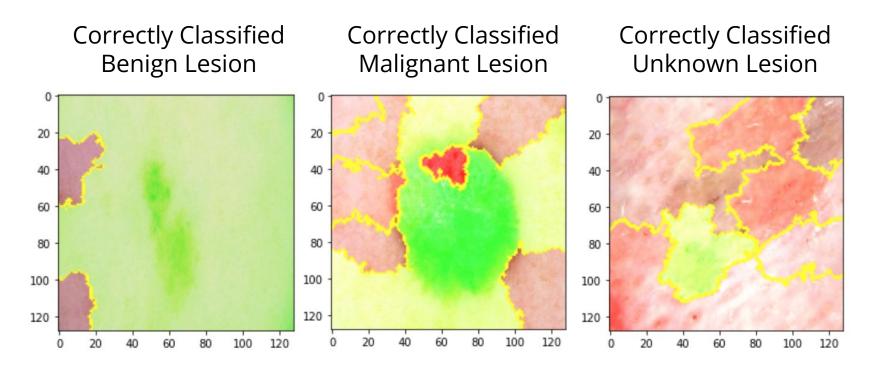
Testing Set F1 Score: 96.88

Benign Precision – 98.63%

Benign Recall – 95.20%



What Does The Model See?



Recommendations

Use this model as part of the clinical diagnosis of skin lesions

Use this model to reduce the number of biopsies taken of benign lesions that are misdiagnosed as being suspicious for malignancy

Next Steps

Get more dermoscopic images of those specific types of skin lesions that are underrepresented in the archive

Train a multiclass classifier that predicts specific types of lesions, such as melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, and squamous cell carcinoma

Thank You



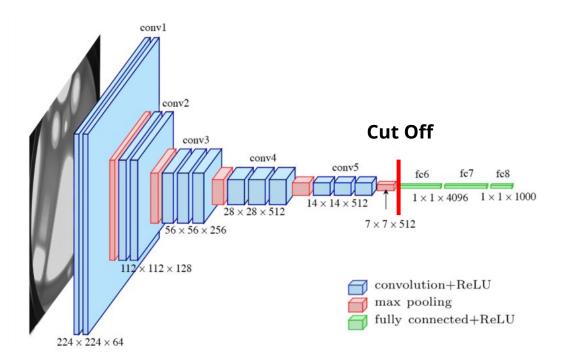
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Appendix



https://www.researchgate.net/figure/Fig-A1-The-standard-VGG-16-net work-architecture-as-proposed-in-32-Note-that-only_fig3_322512435

Appendix

