

Skin Lesion Classification

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Problem Definition

Skin lesions, including skin cancer, are increasing globally, with significant cases attributed to prolonged sun exposure. Traditional diagnostic methods like dermoscopy enhance detection accuracy, but human factors such as fatigue and mental state contribute to diagnostic errors, with up to 21% misdiagnoses by dermatologists. The growing need for objective, rapid, and reliable classification of skin lesions underscores the importance of computer-aided systems.

Base Paper Link: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9873756>

We did extensive analysis on multiple models to get better result for Skin Lesion Classification than the base paper. We also tried our best models on the new and updated dataset.

Dataset & Analysis

| SKin Disease Type | Number of Samples | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Pigmented Nevus | 6707 | 66.9562% |
| Melanoma | 1113 | 11.1111% |
| Benign Keratosis | 1099 | 10.9714% |
| Basal Carcinoma | 514 | 5.1313% |
| Actinic Keratosis | 327 | 3.2644% |
| Vascular disease | 142 | 1.4176% |
| Dermatofibroma | 115 | 1.1480% |

Total Samples: 10017
Total Classes: 7

Dataset Link : <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/kmader/skin-cancer-mnist-ham10000>

Data Preprocessing Steps

Crop Image

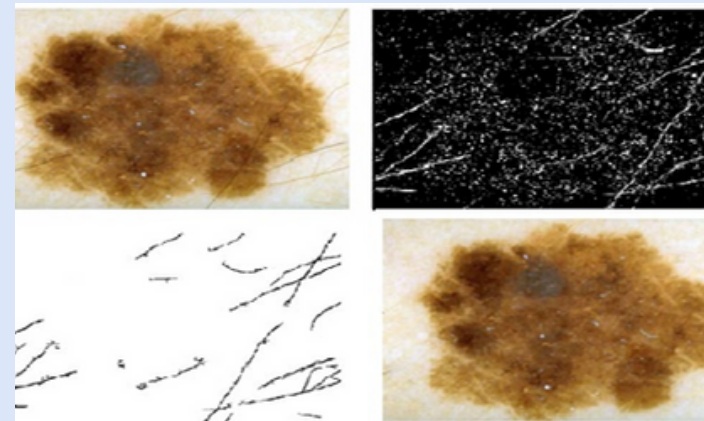


600 *
450

299 * 299

224 * 224

Removal of Hair



Amplification

Increasing
/Decreasing/
Unchanged

INPUT

Crop Image

- First Convert the 600 x 450 images into 299 x 299 images
- Now crop the images to make it 224 x 224



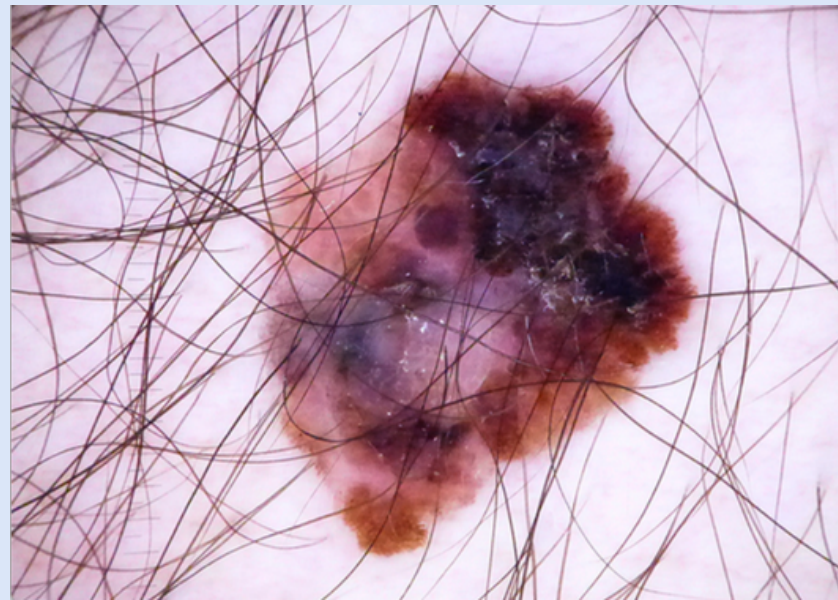
600 x 450 —————> **299 x 299** —————> **224 x 224**

Removal of Hair Procedure

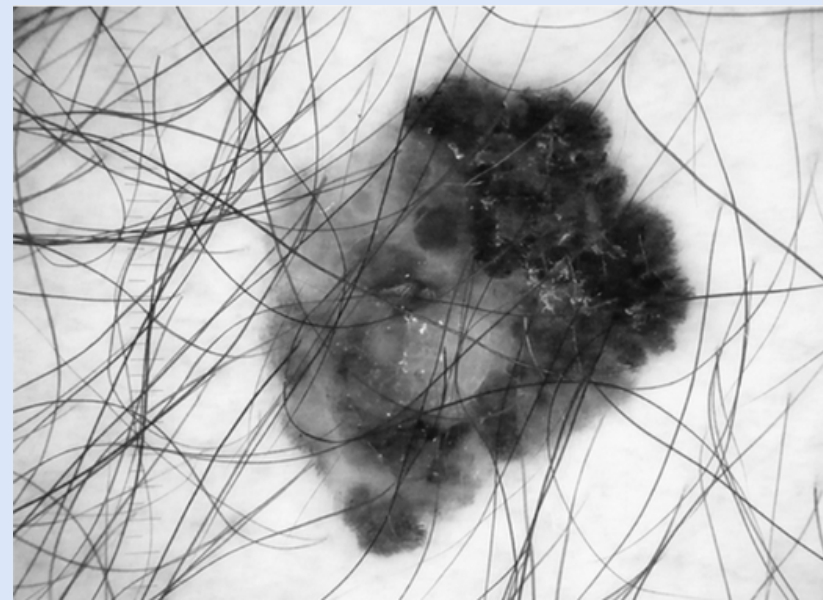
- After cropping the image, hair removal is done using dullrazor algorithm.
- The image is converted to grayscale as it reduces the image from three channels (RGB) to a single intensity channel.
- Black hat filter is applied to highlight dark structures (such as hair) on a lighter background, effectively isolating the hair patterns.
- A Gaussian blur is applied to the blackhat image to smooth the isolated hair patterns and reduce noise.
- Then a binary threshold (`cv2.threshold`) is applied to the blurred image, where pixel values greater than 10 are set to 255 (white) and others to 0 (black), generating a binary mask that isolates the hair patterns.
- The inpainting function is used to remove hair patterns from the original image using the binary mask.

Removal of Hair

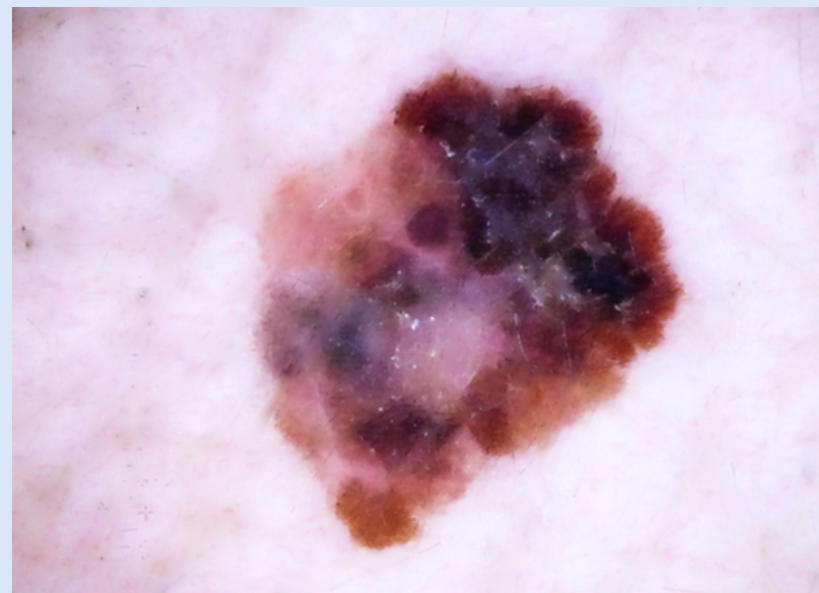
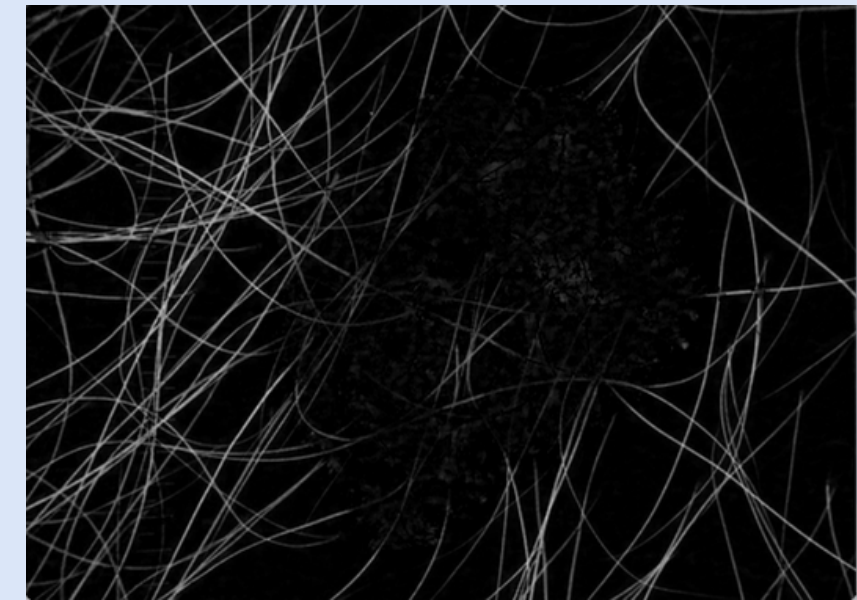
Cropped Image



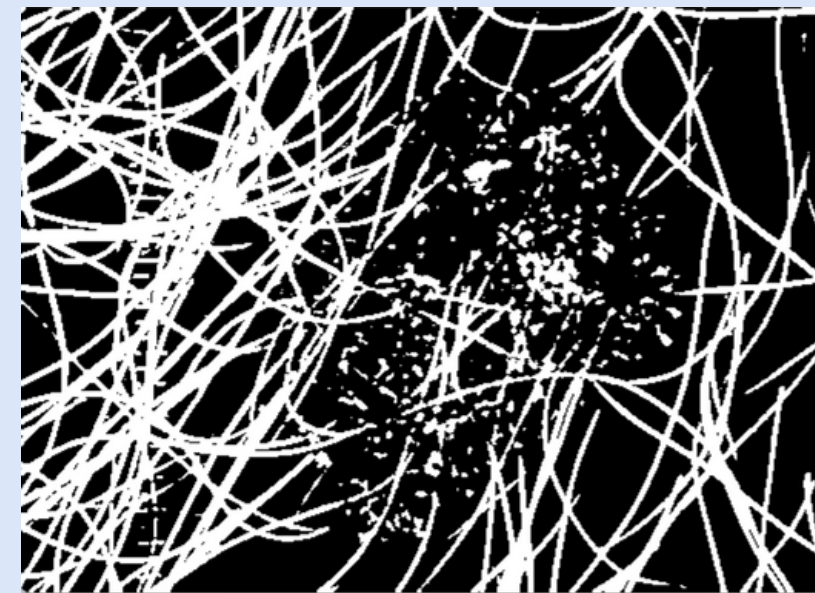
Grayscale



Blackhat



Clean Image

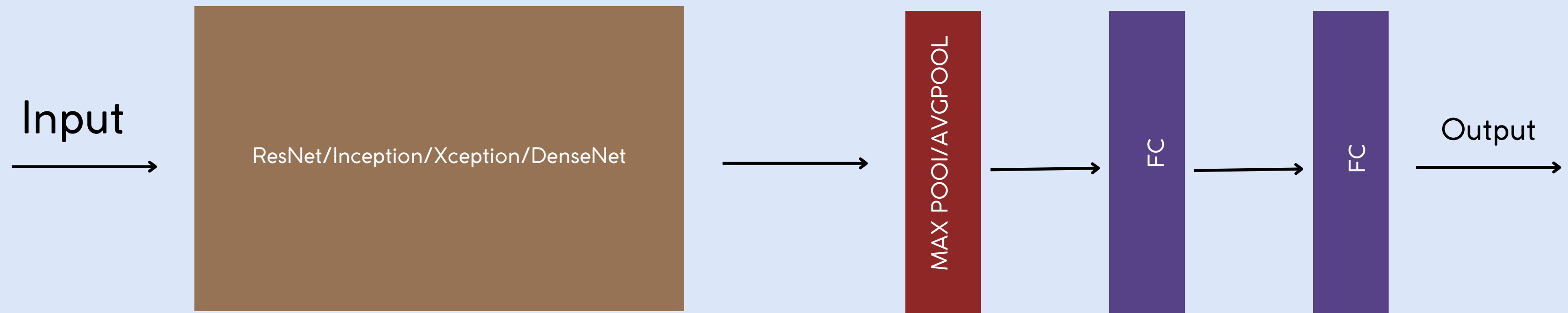


Binary Mask

Amplification of Dataset

| Skin Disease Type | Number of Samples | Adjusted Ratio | Adjusted Samples |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Pigmented Nevus | 6705 | 0.15 | 1005 |
| Melanoma | 1113 | 1 | 1113 |
| Benign Keratosis | 1099 | 1 | 1099 |
| Basal Carcinoma | 514 | 2 | 1028 |
| Actinic Keratosis | 327 | 3 | 981 |
| Vascular disease | 142 | 8 | 1136 |
| Dermatofibroma | 115 | 8 | 920 |

Model Architecture



Base Paper Performance Metrics

| | Network | Categories | accuracy |
|-------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Reference 1 | VGGNet | 2 | 78.66% |
| Reference 2 | Res-152+SVM | 2 | 86.28% |
| Reference 3 | VGG19 | 3 | 71.34% |
| Reference 4 | VGGNet-19 | 7 | 81.93% |
| Reference 4 | Inception-V3 | 7 | 81.01% |
| Reference 4 | ResNet-50 | 7 | 83.26% |
| This paper | InceptionV3 | 7 | 85.80% |
| This paper | ResNet50 | 7 | 86.69% |
| This paper | DenseNet201 | 7 | 86.91% |

Performance Report

Best Model

We got the best result from Inception ResNetV2. The accuracy from the proposed architecture was 89.44%

Best Model From the Base Paper

The Base paper recorded 86.91% accuracy with the help of model DenseNet201



Performances of Different Models

ResNet50

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|----------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.61% | 84.37% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 97.66% | 84.03% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 98.95% (Epoch-30) | 83.62% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.2 | 97.99% | 82.45% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 98.90% (Epoch-30) | 85.20% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 90.04% | 79.85% |

ResNet152

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 91.96% | 81.84% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 94.20% | 81.15% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.2 | 87.36% | 78.55% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 91.95% | 77.86% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 86.60% | 80.19% |

Inception V3

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.98% | 86.77% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 99.79% | 87.32% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 87.80% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.5 | 99.97% | 88.35% |
| Average | 256 | ReLU | 0.5 | 100.00% | 87.59% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.5 | 97.25% | 87.39% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 86.50% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 99.74% | 86.98% |

Inception ResNet V2

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.85% | 87.39% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 99.91% | 87.80% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.98% | 88.62% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.5 | 100.00% | 89.44% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.5 | 99.62% | 86.98% |
| Max | 128 | ReLU | 0.5 | 99.38% | 85.95% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 88.62% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 100.00% | 86.91% |

Xception

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 89.03% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 100.00% | 88.97% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 88.90% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 88.97% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 100.00% | 89.03% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 100.00% | 88.97% |
| Average | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 100.00% | 88.62% |

DenseNet121

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 98.88% | 87.87% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 98.69% | 86.50% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.85% | 88.49% |
| Average | 256 | ReLU | 0.5 | 98.06% | 86.29% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.67% | 87.53% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 98.06% | 86.98% |

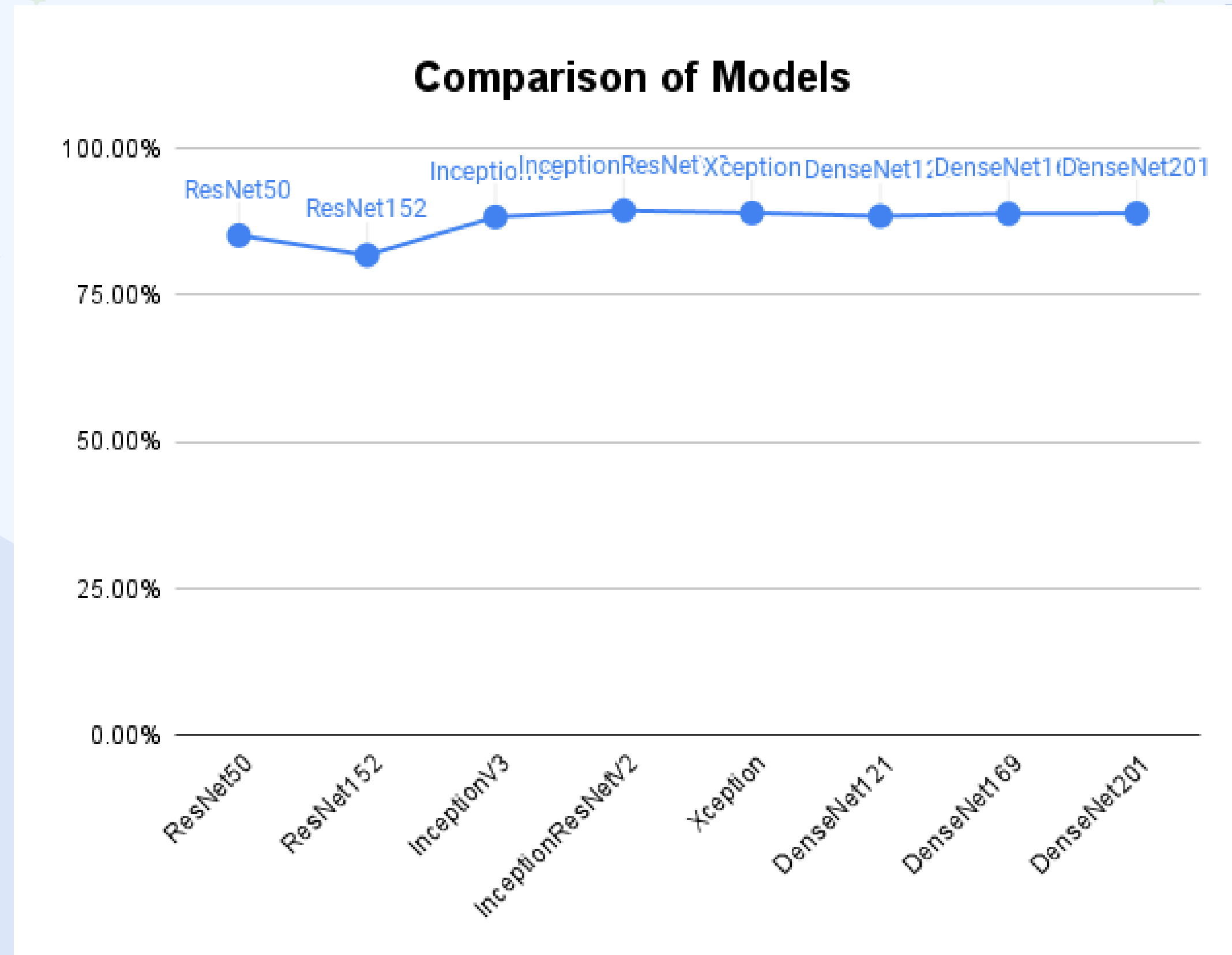
DenseNet169

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.42% | 87.53% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 97.30% | 86.50% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.86% | 88.90% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.2 | 97.63% | 87.39% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 98.97% | 86.63% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 96.72% | 86.63% |

DenseNet201

| Pooling | Batch Size | Activation | Dropout | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.50% | 88.28% |
| Average | 64 | ReLU | 0.5 | 97.78% | 87.80% |
| Average | 128 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.98% | 88.97% |
| Average | 32 | ReLU | 0.2 | 97.42% | 87.11% |
| Max | 64 | ReLU | 0.2 | 99.88% | 87.87% |
| Max | 64 | Sigmoid | 0.2 | 98.21% | 87.39% |

Comparison of Models



New Dataset & Analysis

| Skin Disease Type | Number of Samples | Percentage |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Pigmented Nevus | 12875 | 50.82704986% |
| Melanoma | 4522 | 17.85164423% |
| Benign Keratosis | 2624 | 10.35884884% |
| Basal Carcinoma | 3323 | 13.11831353% |
| Actinic Keratosis | 867 | 3.422683668% |
| Vascular disease | 253 | 0.9987762031% |
| Dermatofibroma | 239 | 0.9435079547% |
| Squamous Cell Carcinoma | 628 | 2.4791% |

Total Samples: 25331
Total Classes: 8

**Dataset Link : [https://
www.kaggle.com/
datasets/andrewmvd/
isic-2019/data](https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/andrewmvd/isic-2019/data)**

Amplification on New Dataset

| Skin Disease Type | Number of Samples | Adjusted Ratio | Adjusted Samples |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Pigmented Nevus | 12875 | 0.14 | 1802 |
| Melanoma | 4522 | 0.4 | 1808 |
| Benign Keratosis | 2624 | 0.7 | 1836 |
| Basal Carcinoma | 3323 | 0.54 | 1794 |
| Actinic Keratosis | 867 | 2 | 1734 |
| Vascular disease | 253 | 7 | 1771 |
| Dermatofibroma | 239 | 7 | 1673 |
| Squamous Cell Carcinoma | 628 | 3 | 1884 |

Performance on New Dataset

| Model | Training Accuracy | Testing Accuracy |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Inception ResNet V2 | 100.00% | 83.17% |
| Xception | 100.00% | 84.46% |
| DenseNet169 | 99.52% | 82.93% |

Challenges

As training CNN models need a lot of computing power, we had to use free GPU of kaggle which had a time limit. Preprocessing the dataset was also a challenge

Discussion

Result

We almost got a 3% of improvement from the base paper.

Other Experiments

We used models like visual transformer but gave accuracy below 80%

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