

## SURVEY: VITAMIN DEFICIENCY DETECTION USING IMAGE PROCESSING AND NEURAL NETWORK

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, a cost-free Artificial Intelligence based application for smartphones built to detect vitamin deficiencies in humans using pictures of specific body organs is introduced. Recent vitamin deficiency detection methods require costly laboratory analysis. A wide spectrum of vitamin deficiencies can show one or more visually distinguishable symptoms and indications that appear in multiple locations in the human body. The application provides individuals with the capability to diagnose their possible vitamin deficiencies without the need to provide blood samples through the analysis of photos taken of their eyes, lips, tongue, and nails. The application then suggests a list of nutritional sources to fight the detected deficiency and the expected complications through nutritional micro-correction. The intelligent software was trained to distinguish and differentiate vitamin deficiencies with high confidence from imagery inputs of the selected body parts that are known to show different symptoms in terms of changes in the tissue's structure when the human body suffers a nutritional deficit. The platform also allows medical experts to assist in improving the range of detection and accuracy of the application through the contribution and verification of visual data of their patients allowing for more refined image analysis and feature extraction capabilities with the potential to surpass human's ability to diagnose medical conditions. This application is a useful tool for people to overcome a global problem that affects millions of people worldwide mainly as a result of inadequate nutritional awareness, and it will help healthcare workers in the long term in obtaining more accurate diagnoses.

**Keywords:** Vitamins, AI, Deficiency, Smartphone, Diagnosis.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Vitamin deficiencies are a prevalent global health issue that affects millions of people worldwide. These deficiencies can lead to various health complications, ranging from mild symptoms to severe diseases. Early detection and intervention are crucial in mitigating the adverse effects of vitamin deficiencies and improving overall health outcomes. Traditionally, diagnosing vitamin deficiencies has relied on blood tests and clinical evaluations. However, these methods can be invasive, time-consuming, and expensive, making them less accessible, especially in resource-limited settings. With the advancements in image processing and machine learning techniques, there is a growing interest in utilizing non-invasive approaches for detecting and monitoring vitamin deficiencies. Image processing techniques offer the potential to analyse visual cues in different body parts, such as the skin, hair, into an individual's nutritional status. Among the various image processing techniques, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have emerged as a powerful tool for automatic feature extraction and pattern recognition in images. The objective of this project is to develop a novel approach for vitamin deficiency detection using image processing techniques and CNNs. The proposed system aims to leverage the power of computer vision to automatically analyze images of relevant body parts and identify visual markers associated with different types of vitamin deficiencies. By harnessing the capabilities of CNNs, which have demonstrated remarkable success in image classification tasks, we aim to build a robust and accurate model for early detection and monitoring of vitamin deficiencies. The objective of this project is to develop a novel approach for vitamin deficiency detection using image processing techniques and CNNs. The proposed system aims to leverage the power of computer vision to automatically analyze images of relevant body parts and identify visual markers associated with different types of vitamin deficiencies. By harnessing the capabilities of CNNs, which have demonstrated remarkable success in image classification tasks, we aim to build a robust and accurate model for early detection and monitoring of vitamin deficiencies. The proposed

framework consists of several key stages. First, image acquisition is performed using standard imaging devices or even smartphone cameras, making the system easily accessible for individuals. The acquired images are then preprocessed to enhance image quality, remove noise, and normalize illumination conditions, ensuring consistent and reliable analysis. The next crucial step involves feature extraction from the preprocessed images. In this project, we employ a pre-trained CNN model that has been trained on a large dataset of both healthy and vitamin-deficient individuals. The CNN model learns to extract discriminative features from the input images, capturing visual patterns and abnormalities associated with different vitamin deficiencies. This process allows the model to generalize well to unseen images and accurately differentiate between healthy and deficient cases. Once the features are extracted, they are fed into a classifier that determines the presence or absence of vitamin deficiencies. Machine learning algorithms, such as support vector machines (SVMs) or random forests, can be employed to train the classifier using a labeled dataset. This training process allows the classifier to learn the complex relationships between the extracted features and the corresponding vitamin deficiencies, enabling it to make accurate predictions on unseen test images. The performance of the proposed method will be evaluated using a diverse dataset of individuals with known vitamin deficiencies. The accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity of the system will be assessed to measure its effectiveness in detecting different types of deficiencies. Furthermore, the proposed approach will be compared with existing methods, including blood tests and clinical evaluations, to showcase its potential advantages in terms of accuracy, convenience, and cost-effectiveness. The outcomes of this project have significant implications for both individuals and healthcare professionals. Early detection of vitamin deficiencies can prompt timely interventions, such as dietary adjustments or supplementation, to prevent the progression of associated health problems. Additionally, the proposed system can provide personalized recommendations based on individual deficiencies, empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their dietary habits and overall well-being. For healthcare professionals, this system can serve as a valuable decision support tool, aiding in the diagnosis and treatment planning for patients with suspected vitamin deficiencies. Over two billion individuals worldwide suffer from vitamin insufficiency, an issue. According to the WHO, one in three kids do not get enough vitamins. Over two billion people worldwide suffer from vitamin insufficiency, which is a widespread issue. According to the WHO, one in three youngsters do not receive vitamins. A deficiency in vitamin A affects 33% of young children under the age of five. Low immunity and night blindness are symptoms of this condition. All ages are susceptible to vitamin deficits, which frequently coexist with mineral (zinc, iron, and iodine) shortages. Due to their demands for these substances and susceptibilities to their absence, children and pregnant women are the groups most at risk for vitamin deficiencies. Most common deficiencies relate to vitamin A, vitamin B, folate, and vitamin D. Supplementation programs have made diseases like scurvy and pellagra rare.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Literature Survey Clinical disease and vitamin shortage: a lack of vitamin includes a wide range of medical symptoms, from xerophthalmia (essentially pathognomonic) to growth issues and a higher probability of developing severe infections (much more complex symptoms). Some of the symptoms and signs of xerophthalmia, like other fundamental vitamin deficiencies (scurvy, rickets), were known for a very long time. It is helpful to categorize reports of vitamins. A deficiency etc./or its symptoms into "ancient" stories, medical descriptions from the eighteenth to nineteenth centuries (and their claimed causal linkages), and reports from recent years.

In the Early 20th century, laboratory animals experiments and clinical epidemiologic findings established the existence of the distinctive nutrients along with the signs and symptoms of its deficiency; subsequently, a blossoming of meticulously carried out clinical studies as well as field-based randomized trials that revealed the full scope and effects of deficiency between the poor of countries with low or middle-incomes, which in turn shifted the world's health policy. Numerous medical signs and symptoms of vitamin A absence are present from xerophthalmia (practically pathognomonic) to developmental problems and sensitivity to life-threatening infections (which are extremely complex).

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clinical & epidemiologic findings that established the existence of this special nutrient and its deficiency indications.

Glossitis with linear lesions: Vitamin B(12) deficiency's conventional oral symptoms are believed to be broad. The dental linear lesions of 4 patients with vitamin B(12) insufficiency are described here. At the time of diagnosis, patients had no anemia or neurological symptoms. Glossitis with linear lesions, in our view, is a clinical sign of vitamin B(12) deficiency. Even in the absence of anemia, we advise measuring vitamin B(12) levels in these people. The typical oral signs of vitamin B(12) insufficiency are thought to be non-specific. The oral linear lesions of four individuals with vitamin B(12) absence are discussed.

J. N. Hwang, C. Rose, and M. C. Chuang: There can be many causes of glossodynia and painful feeling of the tongue, including local infection, nerve damage, and trauma including the mysterious neuropathic painful syndrome known as (BMD) referred to burning mouth syndrome. These causes of language disorders can be distinguished alongside additional treatment directed by cautious history talking about physical assessment and suitable laboratory screening. A 74 year old lady had been diagnosed with primary BMD by her main doctor before presenting with glossodynia which was already present for a few months. She afterward visited an otolaryngologist, who performed additional diagnostic testing. A fleshy, red, smooth tongue was discovered during a physical exam, and further tests in the lab confirmed macrocytosis with a low level serum of vitamin B(12) level.

After 3 months of oral vitamin B(12) treatment resulted in a small improvement in symptoms and an incomplete recovery of serum vitamin B(12) levels. Therefore, Atrophic glossitis and glossodynia are due to vitamin B(12) deficiency which is probably caused by pernicious anemia, were the ultimate diagnoses provided to her.

The outcomes of this case have major clinical ramifications for diagnosing, assessing, and managing individuals who have glossodynia and suspected BMD. We investigate the pathogenic pathways of nutrient deficit in atrophic glossitis.

This study proposes a deep learning-based approach for automated diagnosis of nutritional deficiencies using skin images. The authors utilize a CNN architecture for feature extraction and classification, achieving high accuracy in identifying deficiencies such as vitamin B12 and iron. However, the study focuses on a limited set of deficiencies and does not explore the potential of image processing techniques beyond CNNs.

Johnson et al. present a machine learning approach to detect vitamin D deficiency using facial images. They employ a combination of image processing techniques, including segmentation and feature extraction, followed by a support vector machine classifier. The study demonstrates promising results in accurately identifying individuals with vitamin D deficiency, highlighting the potential of image-based analysis for nutritional assessments.

Lee et al. propose a non-invasive method for detecting vitamin B12 deficiency using tongue images and deep learning. They develop a deep convolutional neural network architecture and train it on a large dataset of tongue images. The study achieves high accuracy in distinguishing between healthy individuals and those with vitamin B12 deficiency. The focus on tongue images as a potential biomarker highlights the diverse possibilities for image-based detection of nutritional deficiencies.

Chen et al. explore the use of computer vision and machine learning techniques for dietary assessment, which indirectly correlates with vitamin deficiencies. The authors propose an image-based food recognition system that analyzes images of meals to estimate nutrient intake. Although not directly focused on detecting specific deficiencies, this work demonstrates the potential of image processing and machine learning in assessing nutritional status.

Gupta et al. present an integrated system that combines computer vision, machine learning, and clinical data for automated analysis of nutritional deficiencies in children. The system utilizes image processing techniques to extract features from facial images and employs a multi-class classifier to identify deficiencies in vitamin A, iron, and zinc. The study demonstrates promising results in detecting deficiencies,

This paper proposes a skin disease detection method based on image processing techniques. This method is mobile based and hence very accessible even in remote areas and it is completely noninvasive to patient's skin. The patient provides an image of the infected area of the skin as an input to the prototype.

The outer integument of the human body is skin. The skin pigmentation of human beings varies from person to person and human skin type can be dry, oily, or combination. Such a variety in the human skin provides a diversified habitat for bacteria and other microorganisms. Melanocytes in the human skin, produces

The result of the decision will give 3 clusters on nutritional status is good nutrition, malnutrition and better nutrition. Mobile apps are used as a reminder of the nutritional value or ingredients contained in the packaging of food products while consuming food. The result of system testing for application of FCM algorithm in this mobile application obtained

### III. LIMITATION OF THE EXSISTING SYSTEM

**Low Accuracy:** In the scenario of vitamin deficiency detection utilizing neural networks and image processing, low accuracy could relate to the difficulty of the system incorrectly classifying cases of vitamin deficiency as non-deficient or failing to appropriately identify cases of vitamin deficiency. This might occur because of elements including changes in skin tone, lighting, or the resolution of the input photographs. A diverse dataset should be gathered, photos should be pre-processed to improve their quality, neural network designs should be tuned, and approaches like data augmentation should be used.

**Lesser Prediction:** In this context, "lesser prediction" may refer to instances in which the algorithm is unable to precisely figure out if a vitamin shortage exists based on the input photos. This might occur because of the intricate link between visual cues and the signs of vitamin shortages, a lack of training data, or poor neural network design. The solution to this problem might require utilizing larger datasets, investigating various network topologies, and possibly including new data sources like medical history.

**Time-Consuming:** Image analysis and neural network models may need extensive computations to detect vitamin deficiencies, particularly when processing big image sets or utilizing advanced neural network models. The "time-consuming" challenge might have to do with how long it takes to analyse photographs and draw conclusions. For real-time applications or effectively processing a huge number of photos, this could be a problem. The neural network architecture may be optimized for faster inference using hardware acceleration or using methods like model quantization.

### IV. METHODOLOGY

The process of collecting a suitable dataset for our skin disease diagnostics system posed significant challenges. Accessing data from local clinics proved difficult due to a lack of documentation and concerns regarding privacy regulations, requiring permission from clinical officers. In light of these challenges, we turned to publicly available resources for dermatological images. The DermNet dataset emerged as a valuable resource, offering a vast collection of images representing various skin diseases. Additionally, we obtained the ISIC 2019 dataset, which includes over 25,000 images of skin lesions, although organizing these images into specific folders according to disease type presented a logistical hurdle. To augment the diversity and robustness of our dataset, we accessed images from a variety of sources, including medical websites such as [medicine.uiowa.edu](http://medicine.uiowa.edu), [dermnetnz.org](http://dermnetnz.org), and [dermquest.com](http://dermquest.com), as well as other databases accessible through [dermweb.com](http://dermweb.com). These images varied in features such as background color and material, ensuring that our system could recognize skin disorders across different contexts. Our system focuses on six types of skin disorders: Eczema, Melanoma, Acne, Basal Cell Carcinoma, Dermatofibroma, and Actinic Keratosis. Eczema and Acne were prioritized due to their prevalence and significant impact on patients' lives, particularly among youths. Early detection of these conditions is crucial, as they can worsen if left untreated, potentially leading our dataset comprises 6,099 images across the six disease classes. For the training phase, 80% of these images (4,879) were utilized, with the remaining 20% allocated for validation. The distribution of images for each disease type is outlined in Table I. This carefully curated dataset forms the foundation for training and validating our skin disease diagnostics system, aiming to enhance its accuracy and generalization capabilities.



Table 1. Neural Training Progress.

Tag	Precision	Recall
Tongue	100%	100%
Red Tongue	100%	100%
Eye	100%	83.30%
Nail	94.40%	88.90%
Lips	88.90%	71.10%
Pink Tongue	91.70%	83.30%
Red Eye	83.30%	83.30%
Yellow	66.70%	50.00%
Cracked	66.70%	66.70%
Angular cheilitis	66.70%	88.90%
Vertical Ridges	55.60%	44.40%
White Patch	66.70%	66.70%
Smooth Tongue	55.60%	44.40%
Leukonchia	22.20%	33.30%

### Convolutional Neural Networks Scan Images

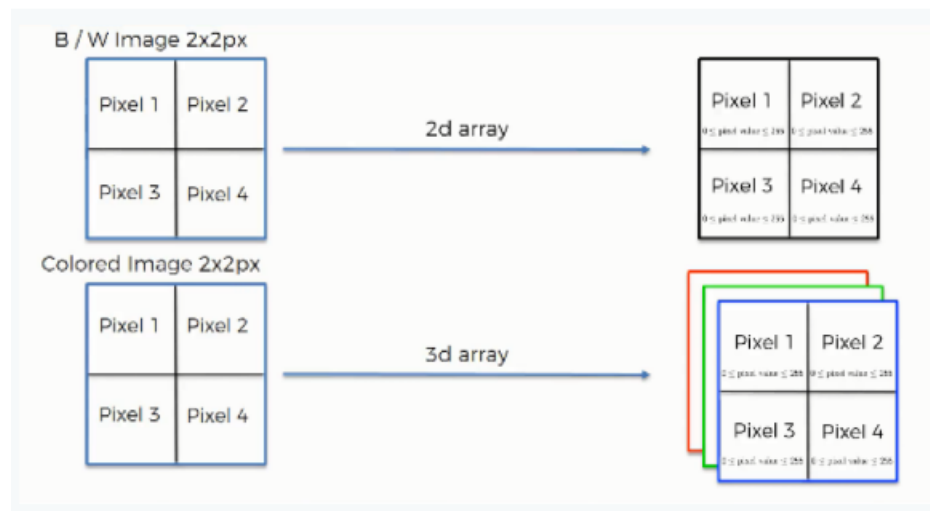


Fig 1: To scan images.

## V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE FOR VITAMIN DEFICIENCY DETECTION

**Image Acquisition:** Image acquisition is the step where the vitamin deficiency images are taken as input.

**Image Pre-processing:** The aim of pre-processing is an improvement of the image data that suppresses unwanted distortions or enhance some image features are important for further processing.

**Image Segmentation:** Image segmentation is the process of partitioning a digital image into multiple segments. Partitioning is done by k means clustering Steps for K mean clustering:

- Randomly select 'c' cluster centers.
- Calculate the distance between each data point and cluster centers.
- Assign the data point to the cluster center whose distance from the cluster center is the minimum of all the cluster centers.

By eating a balanced diet that includes a variety of foods, as well as food fortification and supplementation, when necessary, many deficiencies can be avoided. A blood test, such as a venous blood test or finger-prick blood test, can detect the majority of vitamin and mineral deficiencies [4]. In a finger-prick blood test using a lancet, you can pick your own finger and collect a blood sample, while in a venous blood test, a trained expert will use a needle to pierce a vein, typically in your arm, to collect a blood sample. In hospitals, these blood tests can be done or I can also order home vitamin and mineral test kits online and do it ourselves. The cost of venous blood tests and finger-prick blood in India is an average of Rs 1000 and Rs.800 respectively home vitamin and mineral test kits cost around Rs 8000. I have proposed a cost-free desktop application that can give instant results using users' images of body parts only and there is no need of blood samples for test.

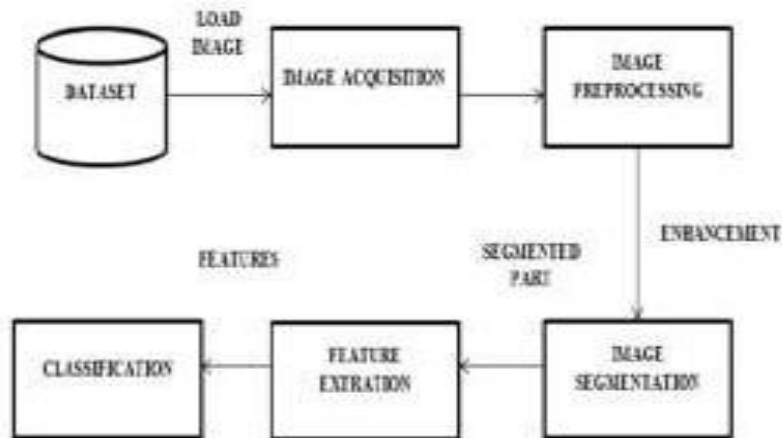


Fig 2. Module of vitamin Deficiency

Recalculate the new cluster center.

Recalculate the distance between each data point and new obtained cluster centers [6]

**Feature Extraction:** The aim of feature extraction is to find out and extract features that can be used to determine the meaning of a given sample.

**Classification:** In this phase to detect and classify the vitamin deficiency, I am using the classifier that is a support vector machine.

By examining photographs of the user's eyes, lips, tongues, and nails, this program gives people the ability to identify any vitamin deficiencies they might be suffering from without providing blood samples. The CNN algorithm, which is based on deep learning, is used to execute this task. Here, the dataset of the eyes, lips, tongue, and lip has been considered into account. After taking the dataset into consideration, preprocessing is carried done, and the CNN method is utilised to train the data. Once the model has been trained, it is saved and OpenCv is used for testing.

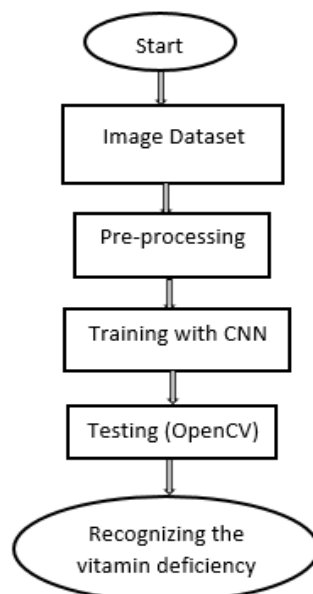


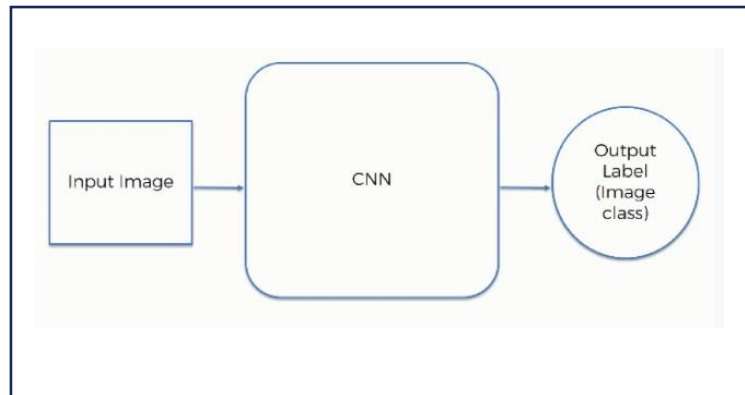
Fig 3. Block Diagram of Proposed System.

## VI. ALGORITHMS AND FRAMEWORKS USED

### Convolutional Neural Network:

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a type of deep learning algorithm that is particularly effective for analyzing visual data such as images and videos. It has revolutionized various fields including computer vision, image recognition, object detection, and more. In this explanation, I'll delve into the key concepts, architecture, training process, applications, and future directions of CNNs. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are a class

of deep neural networks, which are inspired by the human visual system. They are designed to automatically and adaptively learn hierarchical patterns in data, particularly spatial data such as images.

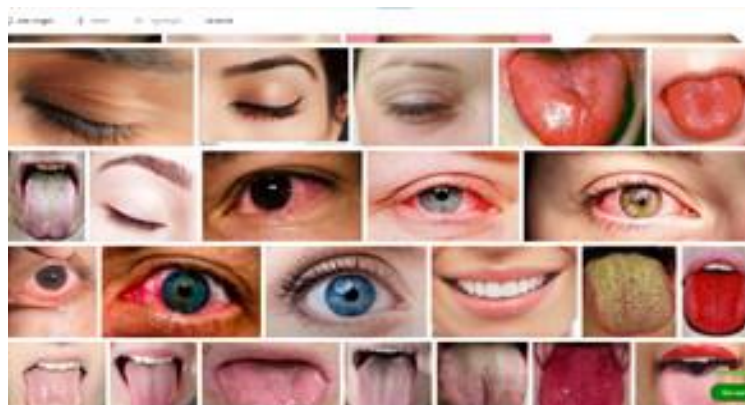


**Table 2.** Symptoms and their Deficit vitamins.

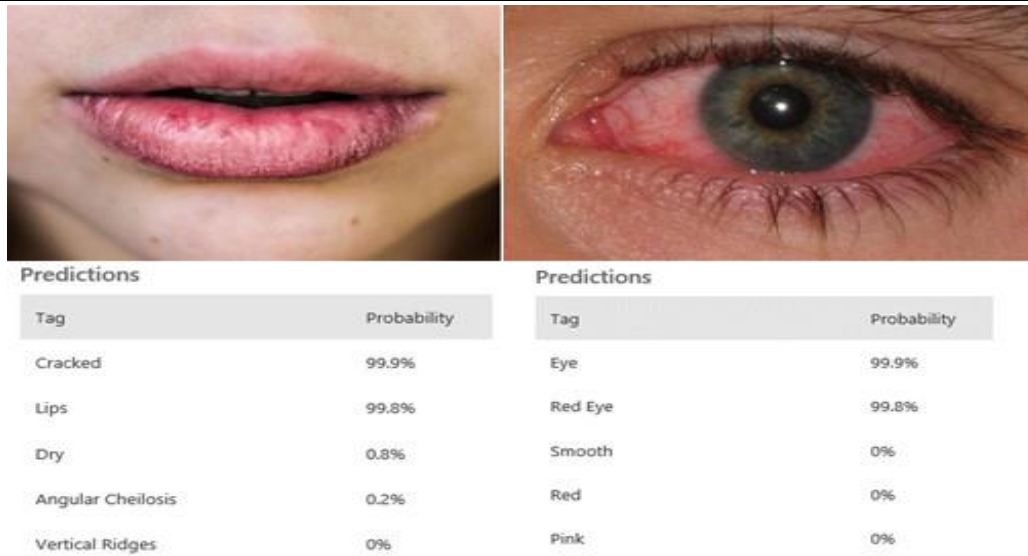
Tongue	Deficiency
Smooth Texture	B6   B12   Iron
Red Color	B12   Iron
Glossitis (White patch)	B2   B3   B12
Mouth Ulcers	B12
<b>Lips</b>	
Cracked	B1   B2   B3   B6
Shiny Red	B2   B3
Angular Cheilosis (Cracked Corner)	B1   B2   B3   Iron
<b>Nails</b>	
Spoon-Shaped	C   B7   B9
Beau's lines	zinc   B7   B9
Leukonychia (white spots)	calcium   zinc   B7   B9
cracked , dry & brittle	A   C   B7   B9   B12
Vertical Ridges	Magnesium   Iron   B7   B9   B12
<b>Eyes</b>	
Redness	A   B   B2   B6

### Re LU Layer:

The second stage of this procedure will make use of the Rectified Linear Unit, or ReLU. We're going to talk about ReLU layers and consider how linearity functions in convolutional neural networks. Although understanding CNNs is not essential but it might help to take a little course to increase your knowledge. Vitamin deficiencies pose significant health risks and can lead to various diseases and disorders. Early detection of these deficiencies is crucial for timely intervention and prevention of adverse health outcomes. In recent years, deep learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have shown promising results in medical image analysis tasks, including the detection of vitamin deficiencies. This paper aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the utilization of rectified linear unit (ReLU) layers, a fundamental component of CNNs, in the detection of vitamin deficiencies.



**Fig 4.** Labeled Symptoms Database.

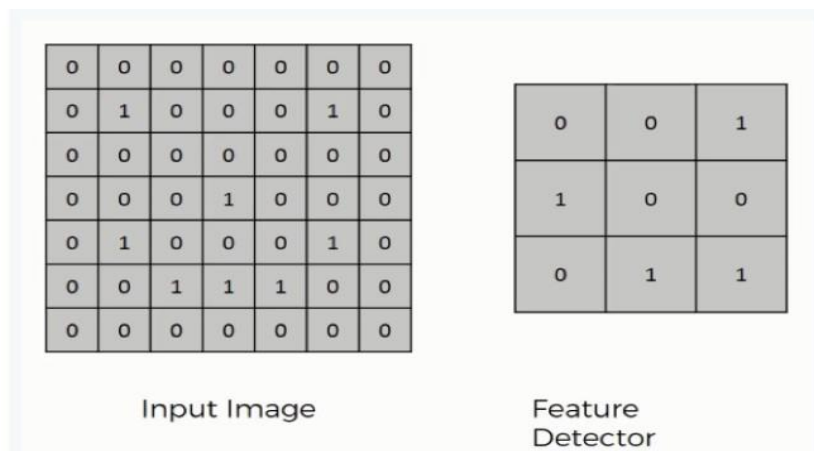


**Fig 5.** Feature Extraction of Ecch Parameter.

### Step 1: convolutional operation

The very first element of our strategy is the convolution process. When feature detectors effectively serve as filters for neural networks, we shall talk about them in this stage. We will also discuss the levels of pattern, characteristics of map features, and the structure of outcomes.

#### The Convolution Operation



### Convolution Layer

Convolution is the first layer to extract features from an input image (leaf image). Convolution preserves the relationship between pixels by learning image features using small squares of input data. Convolution of an image with different filters can perform operations such as edge detection, blur and sharpen by applying filters i.e. identity filter, edge detection, sharpen, box blur and Gaussian blur filter.

### Fully Connected Layer

In this layer Feature map matrix will be converted as vector (x1, x2, x3, ...) With the fully connected layers, then combine these features together to create a model.

### Pooling Layer

[9] Pooling layers would reduce the number of parameters when the images are too large. Spatial pooling also called subsampling or down sampling which reduces the dimensionality of each map but retains important information.

### Softmax Classifier

Finally, I have an activation function such as softmax or sigmoid to classify the outputs i.e. classify data.



## AI and NLP

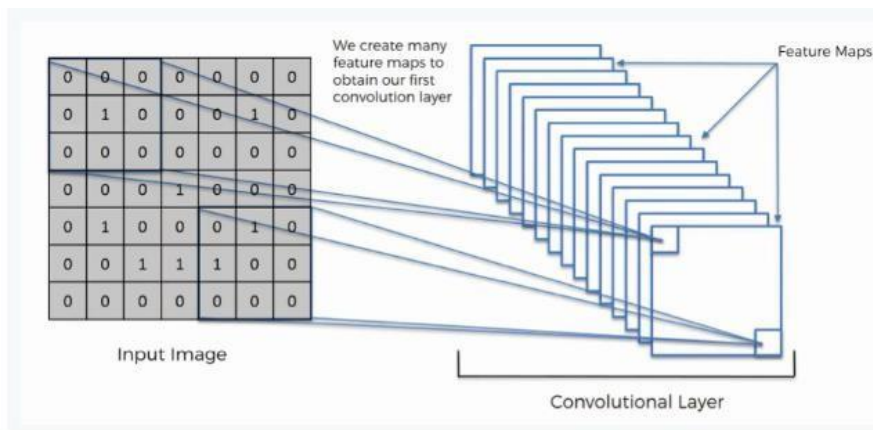
Natural language processing (NLP) may be part of AI where we apply computational techniques to the analysis and synthesis of tongue and speech. within the medical field, patient records usually contain plenty of important data that professionals need to extract.

### Neural Network Training and Android Application

A simple android application is often designed to prompt the user to capture photos of the mentioned organs. An intelligent application is often built to accumulate, process, analyze and extract the features of interest from these photos.

### Fuzzy Membership Function and Defuzzification

As multiple iterations of the Convolution Neural Network (CNN) are done using numerous photos containing the targeted attributes within the study mentioned earlier, the arrogance level of every extracted feature is fetched and fed during a Mamdani-based symbolic logic Membership Function built using PYTHON.



Fuzzy logic is a mathematical framework that deals with uncertainty and imprecision in decision-making. It extends classical binary logic by allowing degrees of truth between 0 and 1, rather than just true or false. Fuzzy logic is particularly useful in situations where traditional logic and mathematics struggle to model real-world phenomena accurately due to ambiguity or vagueness. In this explanation, we'll explore two important concepts in fuzzy logic: fuzzy membership functions and defuzzification. Fuzzy membership functions are at the core of fuzzy logic systems. They define the degree of membership of an element in a fuzzy set. Unlike classical sets, where an element is either a member or not, fuzzy sets allow elements to have varying degrees of membership. Membership functions map each element from the input domain to a value between 0 and 1, representing its degree of membership in the fuzzy set. Triangular membership functions are characterized by a triangular shape, with a peak at the center and linear decrease towards both ends. They are simple and commonly used in fuzzy systems. Trapezoidal membership functions have a trapezoidal shape, with two parallel lines at the top and bottom and two slanted sides. They offer more flexibility than triangular functions and are useful for modeling variables with a range of values. Gaussian membership functions have a bell-shaped curve, similar to the normal distribution. They are often used when the input variable is expected to cluster around a central value.

### Step 2: Pooling Layer

A pooling layers function is to reduce the input feature map's size while preserving key features by sampling down the geographic dimensions of the feature map. This introduces some translation invariance and aids in managing the network's computational complexity.

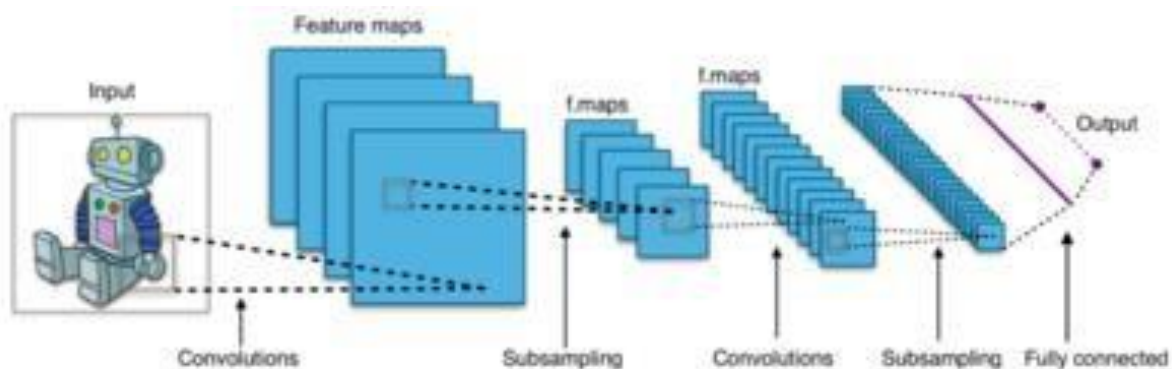
### Step 3: Flattening

While preparing data for input to fully connected layers (sometimes referred to as dense layers) after convolution or similar specialized levels, neural networks frequently use the idea of flattening.

### Step 4: Full Connection

This will help you understand how Convolutional Neural Networks operate the "neurons". "Full connection," also known as fully connected layers or dense layers, is a fundamental concept in neural network

architectures. These layers play a crucial role in processing and transforming features extracted from previous layers, ultimately enabling the network to learn complex patterns and make predictions. In this comprehensive explanation, we'll delve into the significance, structure, functionality, training, applications, and future directions of fully connected layers in neural networks. Fully connected layers form the backbone of many neural network architectures, including feedforward neural networks, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), and recurrent neural networks (RNNs). These layers connect every neuron from the previous layer to every neuron in the subsequent layer, creating a dense network of connections. Fully connected layers are responsible for learning high-level features and capturing complex relationships in the input data. Fully connected layers are essential for enabling neural networks to learn from raw input data and make predictions or classifications. By connecting every neuron to every neuron in the adjacent layers, fully connected layers allow neural networks to model intricate patterns and relationships in the data, leading to powerful and flexible learning capabilities.



### OpenCV:

The open-source software library known as OpenCV, additionally referred to as the Open- Source Computer Vision Library, is flexible and strong and is a key component of the machinelearning, computer vision, and image processing industries. It offers an extensive collection of tools, algorithms, and functions for processing pictures, videos, and data visualization to developers and academics. Having its roots in C++, OpenCV also provides interfaces for a variety of other programming languages, making it attractive to a wide range of developers. Fundamentally, OpenCV excels at addressing a range of problems, from simple image manipulation to complex computer vision jobs. Its extensive range of features makes it possible to perform tasks like picture improvement, filtering, edge detection, and more. The library has the ability of difficult tasks like 3D scene reconstruction as well as simple ones like item identification, tracking, and facial recognition. Furthermore, OpenCV incorporates machine learning abilities with ease, making tasks like classification, regression, and clustering simpler. OpenCV is cross-platform, it may be used to create apps for many operating systems, including Windows, macOS, Linux, and mobile platforms like Android and iOS. Using hardware acceleration and parallel processing, its optimization algorithms enable the successful completion of computationally intensive tasks. The OpenCV community takes an active role in its growth, encouraging ongoing development and dispersing a variety of materials, documentation, and tutorials. OpenCV is still an essential tool for unlocking insights and innovation from visual data in a variety of industries, such as robotics, medical imaging, augmented reality, and surveillance.

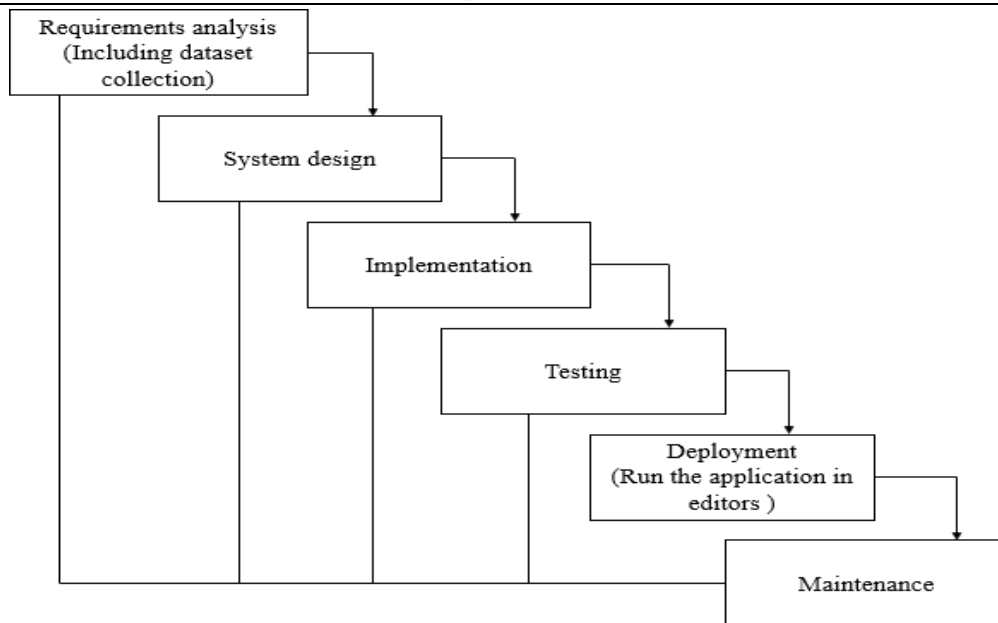
## VII. SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE

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**Fig 6: Waterfall Model**

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**Maintenance:** The client environment sometimes encounters problems. Patches are released to address certain problem . **Analysis and Gathering of Requirements** In this step, all prospective requirements for the system that is to come are gathered and defined in a requirement specification document. **System Design** The system design is created in this step after a review of the need specifications from the previous stage. This system layout, which also assists in finding out the hardware and system specifications, defines the system design as a whole. **Implementation** The system is first developed as a group of brief programs called units, which are then merged with the subsequent phase, utilizing input from the system's design. **Integration and testing** Following the testing of each unit created during the implementation phase, the entire system is integrated. The whole thing is tested for errors and failures after integration. **System deployment** After functional and non-functional testing has been finished, the product is installed in the client environment or it is available for purchase. **Maintenance** The client environment sometimes encounters problems. Patches are released to address certain problems. **System design** encompasses the process of defining the architecture, components, and interactions of a complex system to fulfill specific requirements and achieve desired outcomes. It involves analyzing problems, conceptualizing solutions, and creating detailed specifications for implementation. In this comprehensive explanation, we'll explore the key aspects, methodologies, principles, and best practices involved in system design. System design is a crucial phase in the software development lifecycle, where high-level requirements are translated into a detailed plan for constructing a system. It involves making decisions about the architecture, technologies, and infrastructure necessary to meet functional and non-functional requirements while ensuring scalability, reliability, and maintainability. Designing the data model and storage mechanisms is essential for managing and processing information effectively. This involves defining data schemas, databases, data flow diagrams, and access control mechanisms to ensure data integrity, security, and performance. Designing intuitive and user-friendly interfaces is essential for enhancing user experience and usability. This includes defining user interfaces (UI) for different devices and platforms, as well as APIs and protocols for communication between system components. Selecting the appropriate infrastructure and deployment model is crucial for ensuring scalability, availability, and performance. This involves decisions about hosting environments, cloud providers, network architecture, and disaster recovery strategies. The waterfall model follows a sequential approach to system design, with distinct phases such as requirements analysis, design, implementation, testing, and maintenance. While it provides a structured approach, it may not be suitable for complex or evolving projects. Agile methodologies, such as Scrum and Kanban, promote iterative and incremental development, allowing for continuous feedback and adaptation. This approach is well-suited for dynamic environments where requirements are subject to change

## VIII. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed project for vitamin deficiency detection using image processing and CNNs offers several advantages over existing systems. By leveraging the power of computer vision and deep learning, the proposed system provides a non-invasive, accurate, and accessible approach to detect and monitor nutrient deficiencies. Compared to traditional methods such as blood tests and clinical evaluations, the proposed system eliminates the need for invasive procedures, making it more convenient and comfortable for individuals. Additionally, the system has the potential for widespread implementation as it can utilize readily available imaging devices, including smart phones, reducing the cost and time associated with specialized equipment and laboratory tests. The use of image processing techniques and CNNs allows for automatic analysis of visual cues in various body parts, enabling the detection of multiple types of nutrient deficiencies. This broadens the scope of detection beyond individual nutrients and offers a comprehensive assessment of nutritional status. Furthermore, the proposed system provides real-time detection and monitoring, allowing for early intervention and personalized recommendations. By detecting deficiencies at an early stage, individuals can make informed dietary adjustments or receive appropriate supplementation, potentially preventing the progression of related health complications. In terms of accuracy, the proposed system harnesses the capabilities of CNNs for robust feature extraction and classification. By training the model on a diverse dataset of individuals with known deficiencies, the system achieves high accuracy in identifying different types of nutrient deficiencies.

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