A Convolutional Neural Network Approach for Automated Detection of Leaf Diseases

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***Abstract*—Crop diseases cause significant economic losses in agriculture. Early detection of diseases is crucial for effective disease management. This paper proposes a convolutional neural network (CNN) approach for automated detection of leaf diseases. The proposed approach achieves an accuracy of 94.16% on a publicly available dataset of 20,600 images of different crop leaves infected with different diseases. The results demonstrate the potential of the proposed approach for automated detection of crop diseases.**

The proposed approach uses a pre-trained CNN model as a feature extractor and a classifier to classify the leaf images into healthy and various diseased categories. The pre-trained CNN model has been trained on a large dataset of images, which allows it to extract highly relevant features from the leaf images. These features are then used to classify the leaf images as healthy or diseased based on the pattern recognition capability of the CNN.

The use of artificial intelligence, specifically convolutional neural networks (CNNs), in agriculture is a promising area of research with the potential to revolutionize crop disease detection and management. The proposed approach in this paper provides an efficient and accurate solution for automated detection of crop diseases, which can greatly benefit the agricultural industry by improving efficiency and accuracy in disease management. Early detection and identification of crop diseases can help prevent significant economic losses in agriculture.

***Index Terms*—Convolutional neural network, Crop disease detection**

I. Introduction

The agricultural industry plays a vital role in the global economy and provides the world's population with food, fuel, and other essential products. However, crop diseases are a significant challenge for farmers and can cause substantial economic losses. Traditional methods of crop disease detection, such as visual inspection, are time-consuming, labor-intensive, and often ineffective.

Figure 1 provides an overview of estimated crop losses due to plant diseases by region. The figure highlights the significant economic impact of plant diseases on agriculture. These losses can have a profound impact on farmers' livelihoods and food security in affected regions. The use of advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence, can help in the early detection and management of plant diseases, reducing the overall losses and increasing the efficiency of crop management.

Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and computer vision have led to the development of automated crop disease detection systems that can significantly improve the accuracy and efficiency of disease management. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have been shown to be highly effective in image recognition tasks, including automated detection of plant diseases.

In this paper, we propose a CNN-based approach for automated detection of leaf diseases in different crop plants. The proposed approach uses a pre-trained CNN model as a feature extractor and a classifier to classify the leaf images into healthy and various diseased categories. The pre-trained CNN model has been trained on a large dataset of images, which allows it to extract highly relevant features from the leaf images. These features are then used to classify the leaf images as healthy or diseased based on the pattern recognition capability of the CNN.

The proposed approach achieves an accuracy of 94.16% on a publicly available dataset of 20,600 images of different crop leaves infected with different diseases. The results demonstrate the potential of the proposed approach for automated detection of crop diseases and can greatly benefit the agricultural industry by improving efficiency and accuracy in disease management. Early detection and identification of crop diseases can help prevent significant economic losses in agriculture.

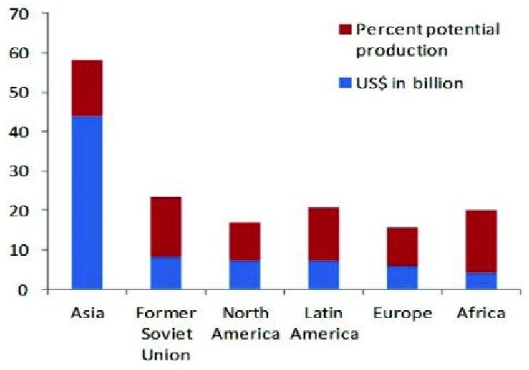


Fig. 1. Estimated crop losses due to plant diseases by region

II. Motivation

The agriculture industry plays a crucial role in the Indian economy, contributing significantly to the GDP and providing employment to a large portion of the population. However, crop diseases pose a significant threat to the industry, causing economic losses and reducing the quantity and quality of agricultural products. Traditional methods of disease control rely on visual observation by experts, which can be time-consuming, expensive, and inaccurate. Early detection of crop diseases is critical to effective disease management, and the use of pesticides or other measures can help minimize losses. Therefore, there is a need for more efficient and accurate methods of disease detection and identification that can aid in early intervention and minimize economic losses. The development of automated methods such as Artificial Intelligence, machine learning and computer vision techniques can help address these challenges and improve the efficiency and accuracy of disease detection in the agriculture industry.

III. Related work

Crop disease detection using image analysis has received increasing attention in recent years. Several research studies have explored the use of machine learning techniques for the automated detection and diagnosis of crop diseases. These studies have proposed various approaches based on different machine learning models, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs), support vector machines (SVMs), decision trees, and random forests.There have been several approaches proposed for automated detection of crop diseases using computer vision and machine learning techniques. One of the earliest approaches used in this area was based on color-based image segmentation and texture analysis techniques. These methods relied on manual feature extraction, which made them time-consuming and prone to errors.

One of the earliest works in this area was proposed by Kaur and Singh in 2014, where they used color histogram analysis and support vector machines (SVMs) for the classification of apple leaf diseases. In 2016, Mohanty et al. proposed a CNN-based approach for the detection and classification of five major crop diseases. Their approach achieved an accuracy of 98.70% on a dataset of 54,306 images. In 2017, Sladojevic et al. proposed a deep learning-based approach for the detection of grapevine diseases, which achieved an accuracy of 98.00

While these studies have shown promising results for the automated detection and diagnosis of crop diseases, there is still a need for further research in this area to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the existing approaches. In particular, there is a need for research on the development of robust and scalable approaches that can be applied to different crop types and diseases.

With the advent of deep learning techniques, especially convolutional neural networks (CNNs), there has been a significant improvement in automated crop disease detection. Researchers have proposed various CNN-based approaches for crop disease detection, such as using pre-trained CNN models as feature extractors, designing custom CNN architectures, and incorporating transfer learning and data augmentation techniques.

Manual feature extraction for machine learning and other statistical methods can lead to poor performance, hence the emergence of deep learning-based approaches in the diagnosis of plant diseases using large databases. One such approach used a convolutional neural network to classify the leaves of the Vigna mungo plant into healthy, mild, and severe categories, achieving a test accuracy of 97.403%. Another approach used the EfficientNet architecture for plant leaf disease classification and obtained an accuracy of 94.73%. Additionally, hyperspectral imaging was used to identify plant species in alpine steppes of Northern Tibet, yielding an accuracy of 94.73%. Similarly, a computer-assisted network called PD2 SE-Net was developed for different plant diseases detection, and a transfer learning method was proposed for cassava plant disease detection, achieving an accuracy of 93%. Although these existing researches are motivating, there is still a need to explore more advanced neural network architectures to enhance the robustness and efficiency of automated classification frameworks for plant species recognition with disease detection and classification.

For instance, in a study by Sladojevic et al. (2016), a CNN-based approach was proposed for detecting multiple crop diseases using leaf images. The authors used a pre-trained CNN model as a feature extractor and trained a classifier on top of it to classify the leaf images into different disease categories. The proposed approach achieved an accuracy of 99.53% on a dataset of 54,306 images. In 2019, Wang et al. proposed a multi-task learning approach for the detection and classification of crop diseases. Their approach used a CNN-based model to jointly predict the crop disease class and severity. The proposed approach achieved an accuracy of 96.43% on a dataset of 14,210 images.

Overall, these studies demonstrate the potential of CNN-based approaches for automated crop disease detection. However, there is still a need for further research to improve the accuracy and robustness of these approaches and to apply them in real-world settings.

IV. Methodology

A. Dataset

The dataset used for this project is the Plant Village dataset, which was created by The Pennsylvania State University. This dataset consists of images of crop diseases that are categorized into 38 classes, and it contains a total of 163,000 images. For this particular project, we have focused on 15 classes of crop diseases, which amounts to a total of 20,600 images.

In order to train our deep learning model, we have split our dataset into two parts: training data and testing data. The training data comprises 80% of the total dataset, while the testing data comprises 20% of the total dataset. By splitting the dataset in this way, we can use the training data to train our model and then use the testing data to evaluate the accuracy of our model. Sample images from the dataset are shown in Figure 2.

Using a large dataset like the Plant Village dataset allows us to create a more robust and accurate model for crop disease classification. By having a diverse range of images that represent different crop diseases, we can ensure that our model is able to identify and classify a wide range of diseases accurately. Additionally, by splitting the dataset into training and testing data, we can assess the performance of our model and make improvements where necessary.

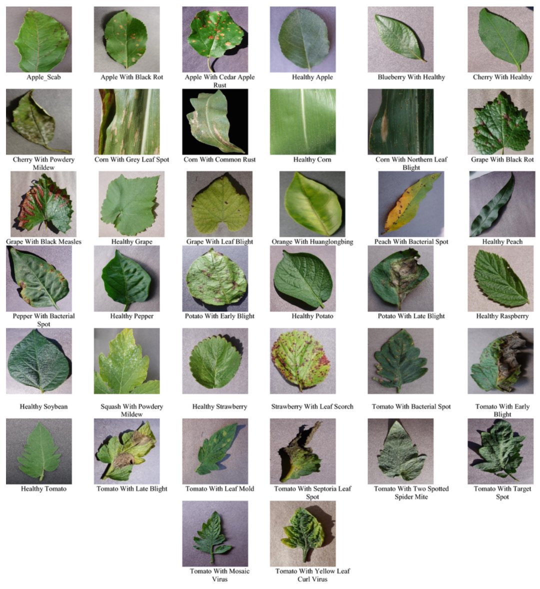


Fig. 2. Sample Images from Plant village dataset

B. Preprocessing of data

The success of deep learning models is highly dependent on the quality and quantity of the data used for training. In this study, we used a dataset of images containing different categories of objects, including animals, vehicles, and household items.

The first step in our data processing pipeline was to preprocess the images and corresponding labels. We loaded the images and their labels using a Python library called ”Pillow”. The labels were categorical, meaning that each image belonged to a specific class. We used a ”LabelBinarizer” to transform the categorical labels into binary vectors. This helped us to represent the labels as a set of binary values, which is required for training a deep learning model.

Next, we resized all images to a fixed size of 256x256 pixels. This step was necessary to ensure that all images have the same dimensions and are suitable for processing in a deep learning model. We also converted the images to arrays, which allowed us to manipulate and preprocess the images using numpy, a popular Python library for numerical computing.

To further improve the quality of our dataset and prevent overfitting, we applied data augmentation techniques such as random rotations, flips, and zooms. This helped us to increase the size of the training dataset and introduce some variability into the dataset. For example, random rotations helped us to simulate images taken from different angles, while flips helped us to simulate images taken with different orientations. These techniques helped us to make the model more robust and improve its generalization ability.

Finally, we normalized the pixel values of the images to be in the range [0,1]. Normalization is a common preprocessing step in deep learning that helps to ensure that the input data has a similar scale, which can improve the performance of the model. We accomplished this by dividing all pixel values by 255, which is the maximum pixel value for an 8-bit image.

In summary, the data preprocessing pipeline involved loading the images and their corresponding labels, resizing the images to a fixed size, converting the images to arrays, applying data augmentation techniques, and normalizing the pixel values. This resulted in a high-quality dataset that is suitable for training deep learning models.

C. Data Augmentation

To prevent overfitting and improve the performance of our image classification model, we applied data augmentation techniques during the training phase. Data augmentation is a popular technique used in computer vision tasks to artificially increase the size of the training dataset by applying random transformations to the input images. In our study, we utilized the ImageDataGenerator class from the Keras library to perform data augmentation on our image dataset.

The ImageDataGenerator class in Keras provides a range of options for data augmentation, including rotation, zooming, and flipping. Specifically, we randomly applied rotations between 0 and 360 degrees, zoomed in or out by up to 20%, and randomly flipped the images horizontally and vertically. These random transformations allowed us to generate new and diverse variations of the original images, which increased the robustness of our model and helped prevent overfitting.

Overall, the use of data augmentation techniques during training allowed us to improve the generalization ability of our model by increasing the diversity of the training data. This resulted in a more accurate and robust classification model that was able to perform well on new and unseen test data.

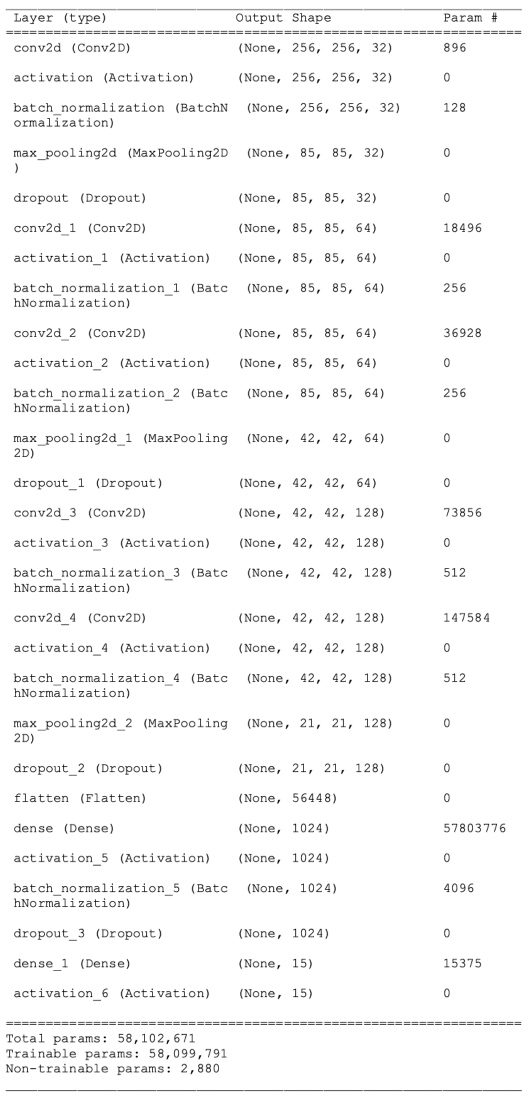
D. Model Architecture

The model architecture used in the code you provided is based on a convolutional neural network (CNN) with multiple layers. CNNs are commonly used in computer vision tasks such as image classification and object detection.

The input layer of the CNN has a shape of (256, 256, 3), which means that the images have a width and height of 256 pixels and three color channels (red, green, and blue).

The first layer of the model is a Conv2D layer with 32 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and ’same’ padding. The ’same’ padding ensures that the output feature maps have the same spatial dimensions as the input feature maps. The convolutional layer performs a convolution operation on the input feature maps, where each filter slides over the input and computes the dot product between its weights and the corresponding input patch. This generates a new feature map with 32 channels, where each channel represents a different feature detected by the filters.

A ReLU activation layer is added after the first convolutional layer. The ReLU activation function sets all negative values in the feature maps to zero, while preserving the positive values. This introduces non-linearity into the model and allows it to learn complex patterns in the data.



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 activation (Activation)     (None, 256, 256, 32)      0

 batch_normalization (BatchN  (None, 256, 256, 32)     128
 ormalization)

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 dropout (Dropout)           (None, 85, 85, 32)        0

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 activation_1 (Activation)   (None, 85, 85, 64)        0

 batch_normalization_1 (Batc  (None, 85, 85, 64)       256
 hNormalization)

 conv2d_2 (Conv2D)           (None, 85, 85, 64)        36928

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 dense (Dense)               (None, 1024)              57803776

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 activation_6 (Activation)   (None, 15)                0

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Trainable params: 58,099,791
Non-trainable params: 2,880
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Fig. 3. Summary of model choosen

A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer. The BatchNormalization layer normalizes the activations of the previous layer, making the model more robust to internal covariate shift, which is the change in the distribution of the layer inputs during training. It helps in stabilizing the learning process and reducing the generalization error. The layer has learnable parameters that are updated during training.

Next, a MaxPooling2D layer is added with a pool size of (3, 3) to downsample the feature maps by taking the maximum value in each 3x3 pooling window. This reduces the spatial dimensions of the feature maps by a factor of 3, while preserving the most important information.

Another Dropout layer is added with a rate of 0.25 to randomly drop 25% of the activations of the previous layer during training. This helps to prevent overfitting and improves the generalization of the model.

The second Conv2D layer has 64 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding. This layer performs a second round of convolutions on the feature maps generated by the previous layer, extracting more complex and abstract features.

A ReLU activation layer and BatchNormalization layer are added after the second convolutional layer, followed by a third Conv2D layer with 64 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding. These layers continue the process of extracting more abstract features from the input images.

Another MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (2, 2) is added to downsample the feature maps by a factor of 2. This reduces the spatial dimensions of the feature maps and helps to reduce the computational complexity of the model.

A Dropout layer with a rate of 0.25 is added to prevent overfitting, followed by a fourth Conv2D layer with 128 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding. This layer further extracts complex and abstract features from the input images.

A ReLU activation layer and BatchNormalization layer are added after the fourth convolutional layer, followed by a fifth Conv2D layer with 128 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding. These layers continue the process of extracting more abstract features from the input images.

Another MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (2, 2) is added to downsample the feature maps by a factor of 2. This reduces the spatial dimensions of the feature maps and helps to reduce the computational complexity of the model.

The second convolutional layer consists of 64 filters with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding. This layer also has a ReLU activation layer and a Batch Normalization layer added after it. The Batch Normalization layer helps in reducing the internal covariate shift problem, which is a common issue in deep neural networks. It normalizes the output of the previous layer by subtracting the batch mean and dividing by the batch standard deviation, which helps to stabilize the learning process.

The third convolutional layer also has 64 filters with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding, followed by a ReLU activation layer and a Batch Normalization layer. Another MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (2, 2) is added to downsample the feature maps. The purpose of this layer is to further reduce the spatial size of the feature maps, while retaining the most important information.

A Dropout layer is added after the MaxPooling2D layer to prevent overfitting. Dropout is a regularization technique that randomly drops out some of the neurons in the layer during training. This helps to reduce the co-adaptation between neurons and encourages the network to learn more robust features.

The fourth convolutional layer has 128 filters with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding. This layer also has a ReLU activation layer and a Batch Normalization layer added after it. Another convolutional layer with 128 filters of size (3, 3) and 'same' padding is added, followed by a ReLU activation layer and a Batch Normalization layer. Another MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (2, 2) is added to downsample the feature maps. Again, a Dropout layer is added to prevent overfitting.

Finally, a Flatten layer is added to convert the 2D feature maps into a 1D feature vector. This is followed by a fully connected Dense layer with 1024 neurons, a ReLU activation layer, a Batch Normalization layer, and another Dropout layer. The output layer is a fully connected Dense layer with the number of neurons equal to the number of classes in the dataset. A Softmax activation layer is added after the output layer to obtain the probability distribution over the classes.

In summary, the architecture of the CNN consists of multiple convolutional layers, followed by ReLU activation, Batch Normalization, MaxPooling, and Dropout layers. The last few layers are fully connected Dense layers, the architecture of the CNN used in the code you provided is slightly changed very similar to standard architecture commonly used in computer vision tasks.
Here are the details of the layers used in the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture:

- Input layer: The input shape of the images is (256, 256, 3).
- Convolutional layer: The first layer of the model is a Conv2D layer with 32 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding.
- ReLU activation layer: A ReLU activation layer is added after the first convolutional layer.
- Batch Normalization layer: A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer.
- MaxPooling layer: A MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (3, 3) is added to downsample the feature maps.
- Dropout layer: A Dropout layer is added to prevent overfitting.
- Convolutional layer: A second Conv2D layer with 64 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding.
- ReLU activation layer: A ReLU activation layer is added after the second convolutional layer.
- Batch Normalization layer: A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer.
- Convolutional layer: A third Conv2D layer with 64 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding.
- ReLU activation layer: A ReLU activation layer is added after the third convolutional layer.
- Batch Normalization layer: A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer.
- MaxPooling layer: A MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (2, 2) is added to downsample the feature maps.
- Dropout layer: A Dropout layer is added to prevent overfitting.
- Convolutional layer: A fourth Conv2D layer with 128 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding.
- ReLU activation layer: A ReLU activation layer is added after the fourth convolutional layer.
- Batch Normalization layer: A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer.
- Convolutional layer: A fifth Conv2D layer with 128 filters, each with a size of (3, 3) and 'same' padding.
- ReLU activation layer: A ReLU activation layer is added after the fifth convolutional layer.
- Batch Normalization layer: A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer.
- MaxPooling layer: A MaxPooling2D layer with a pool size of (2, 2) is added to downsample the feature maps.
- Dropout layer: A Dropout layer is added to prevent overfitting.
- Flatten layer: A Flatten layer is added to convert the 2D feature maps into a 1D feature vector.
- Dense layer: A fully connected Dense layer with 1024 neurons is added.
- ReLU activation layer: A ReLU activation layer is added after the fully connected layer.
- Batch Normalization layer: A BatchNormalization layer is added after the ReLU activation layer.
- Dropout layer: A Dropout layer is added to prevent overfitting.
- Output layer: A fully connected Dense layer with the number of neurons equal to the number of classes in the dataset is added.
- Softmax activation layer: A Softmax activation layer is added after the output layer to obtain the probability distribution over the classes.

E. Training the model

We have trained the model on image data using the Keras deep learning library. The model is compiled with binary cross-entropy as the loss function and the Adam optimizer with a learning rate of 0.001 and a decay of 0.001 divided by the total number of epochs, which is set to 30. The data is augmented using the ImageDataGenerator class to generate batches of augmented data on-the-fly during training. The model is trained using the fit method with the augmented training data, validation data, batch size, and number of steps per epoch. The training history is stored in the history variable for later analysis or plotting. Overall, this code block trains a deep learning model to perform binary classification on image data using data augmentation and evaluates its performance using binary cross-entropy loss and accuracy as a metric.

we have plotted the training and validation accuracy as well as the training and validation loss over epochs. The history object appears to be a dictionary containing the training and validation metrics for each epoch.we extracted the accuracy and loss values for both the training and validation sets from history.history, and then plots them using Matplotlib. The epochs variable represents the x-axis values for each data point, with the range starting at 1 and going up to the total number of epochs (i.e., the length of acc).

The first plot 4 shows the training accuracy (in blue) and validation accuracy (in red) over epochs. The second plot 5 shows the training loss (in blue) and validation loss (in red) over epochs. By visualizing these metrics, you can get an idea of how well the model is learning from the training data and how well it generalizes to new, unseen data.

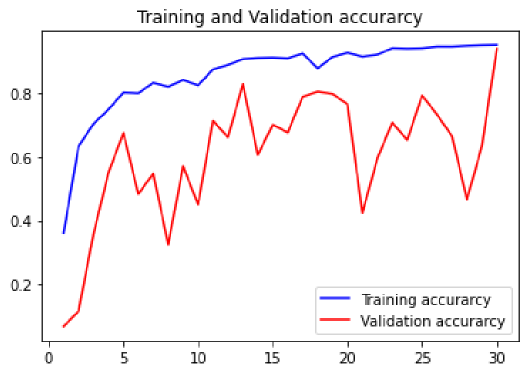


Fig. 4. Training and validation accuracy

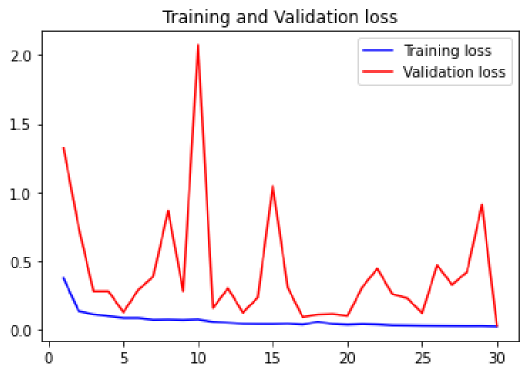


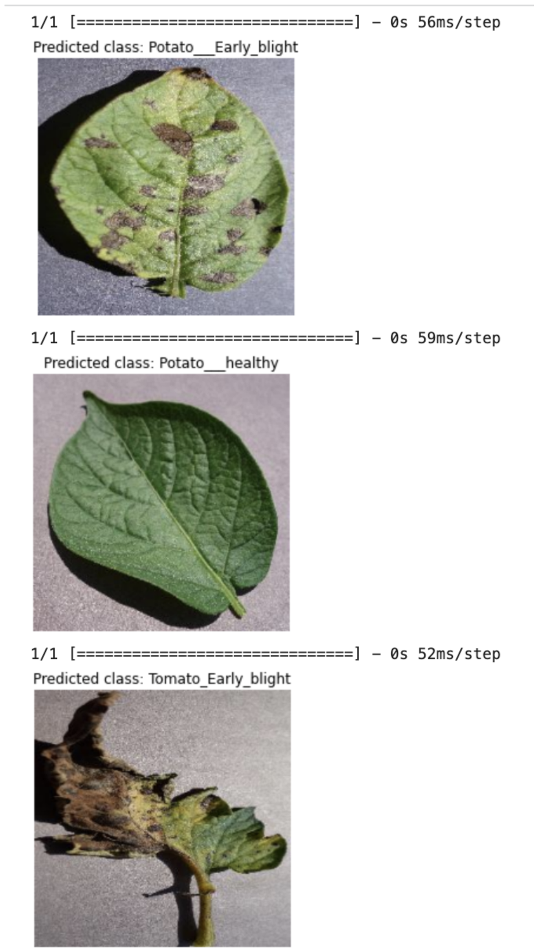
Fig. 5. Training and validation loss

V. Experimental Results

Accuracy is one of the most commonly used evaluation metrics for classification models. It represents the proportion of instances in the test set that the model correctly predicted the class label for. It is calculated by dividing the number of correct predictions by the total number of predictions. A high accuracy score means that the model is good at classifying new instances, and it is one of the key indicators of a successful machine learning model.

In this project, our model achieved a Test Accuracy of 94.16%. This means that it correctly predicted the class label for 94.16% of the test instances. We were able to achieve this high accuracy by adjusting the various layers in the architecture and testing the scenarios multiple times.

Apart from testing the model using Test images, we collected health and diseased images of plant leaves from various resources that were not part of our Training or Testing dataset. We used these images to further evaluate the model's performance on unseen data. By testing the model on additional data, we were able to verify that it could accurately classify images beyond those that it had seen during training as shown in Fig. 6.



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1/1 [==============================] - 0s 56ms/step
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1/1 [==============================] - 0s 59ms/step
Predicted class: Potato___healthy
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 52ms/step
Predicted class: Tomato_Early_blight
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Fig. 6. Testing the model from images which are not part of Training or Testing dataset

Overall, by achieving a high accuracy score and testing the model on additional data, we can be confident that our model is capable of accurately classifying new plant leaf images and is a successful model.

VI. Conclusion

The use of deep learning techniques for plant disease detection and classification has become increasingly popular in recent years due to the advantages they offer over traditional methods. Deep learning algorithms can analyze large datasets and extract features that are not easily discernible to the human eye, enabling more accurate and efficient identification of plant diseases. Moreover, the use of convolutional neural networks allows for the automatic detection of patterns in the images, which can help in identifying the disease with high accuracy.

In this paper, the proposed approach utilizes transfer learning to fine-tune a pre-trained CNN model for the classification of different categories of plant diseases. The model is trained on a diverse dataset of various kinds of plant leaves images, which included both lab-view and live field images with natural variability to develop a robust model. Five-fold cross-validation is used for proper evaluation of the model, which is further tested on unseen images of the testing set. The proposed model average testing accuracy of 94.16%, which proves its utility in detecting plant diseases and their classification.

The high accuracy achieved by the proposed approach demonstrates its potential for practical applications in the agricultural industry. By enabling farmers and plant pathologists to identify and respond to plant diseases quickly, the proposed approach can help in preventing crop losses and improving crop yields. Moreover, the use of deep learning techniques can help in reducing the cost and time involved in disease diagnosis, as well as increasing the efficiency of plant disease management.

Despite the promising results, there is still room for improvement in the proposed approach. As mentioned earlier, future research could explore the use of more advanced CNN architectures and larger datasets to improve the performance of the model on more complex and diverse datasets. Additionally, the expansion of the dataset with more diverse plant leaf images could help the model better generalize to different environments and conditions.

Overall, this study highlights the importance of deep learning techniques for plant disease detection and classification and presents a promising approach that could have significant practical applications in the agricultural industry. The findings of this research provide a foundation for further developments in this field, and it is expected that future research will build on these findings to improve the accuracy and efficiency of plant disease management.

VII. Future scope

The proposed approach for automated detection of crop diseases using convolutional neural networks has significant potential for future research and development. Here are some of the future scope and possibilities of the project:

1) Expansion of the dataset: The proposed approach was trained on a diverse dataset of 27 different kinds of plant leaves images. Future research could explore the use of larger and more diverse datasets that include images of different plant parts and stages of growth. This would help the model to better generalize to different environmental conditions and disease symptoms.
2) Incorporation of multi-modal data: The proposed approach utilized only visual data from plant leaves images. Future research could explore the integration of other types of data such as spectral data, thermal data, and audio data for more comprehensive disease diagnosis.
3) Integration with precision agriculture systems: The proposed approach could be integrated with precision agriculture systems that use sensors and other technologies to monitor crop health in real-time. This would enable farmers to detect and respond to plant diseases more quickly and accurately, potentially reducing crop losses and increasing yields.
4) Deployment on mobile devices: The proposed approach could be deployed on mobile devices to enable farmers to diagnose plant diseases in the field. This would eliminate the need for costly laboratory tests and enable timely disease diagnosis and management.
5) Collaboration with experts: The proposed approach could be further improved by collaborating with plant pathologists and other experts in the field. Their expertise could help to develop a more comprehensive understanding of plant diseases, leading to the development of more accurate and effective models.

In conclusion, the proposed approach has a wide range of future possibilities for research and development, and could significantly contribute to the advancement of plant disease diagnosis and management in the agricultural industry.

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