

Introduction

The International Skin Imaging Collaboration (ISIC) has developed the ISIC Archive, an international repository of dermoscopic images, for both the purposes of clinical training, and for supporting technical research toward automated algorithmic analysis by hosting the ISIC Challenges [1]. The goal for ISIC 2019 is classify dermoscopic images among 9 different diagnostic categories: Melanoma, Melanocytic nevus, Basal cell carcinoma, Actinic keratosis, Benign keratosis (solar lentigo / seborrheic keratosis / lichen planus-like keratosis), Dermatofibroma, Vascular lesion, Squamous cell carcinoma, and none of the others [1].

Key points

- We describe a method for constructing a skin lesion classifier using Python, PyTorch, Skorch, and Scikit-learn for the ISIC 2019 Skin Lesion Classification Challenge with novel state-of-the-art features.



Figure 1: Technologies

- We classified skin lesions based on a dataset of 25,331 dermoscopic images from 8 different classes.
- We created a 3 main component approach with data balancing, progressive image resizing, and Transfer learning.
- Our best model achieves an accuracy of 65% using a stratified 3-fold cross-validation.
- Available at https://github.com/kalilamali/ISIC_2019_Machine_learning_for_Dermatology.

Data balancing

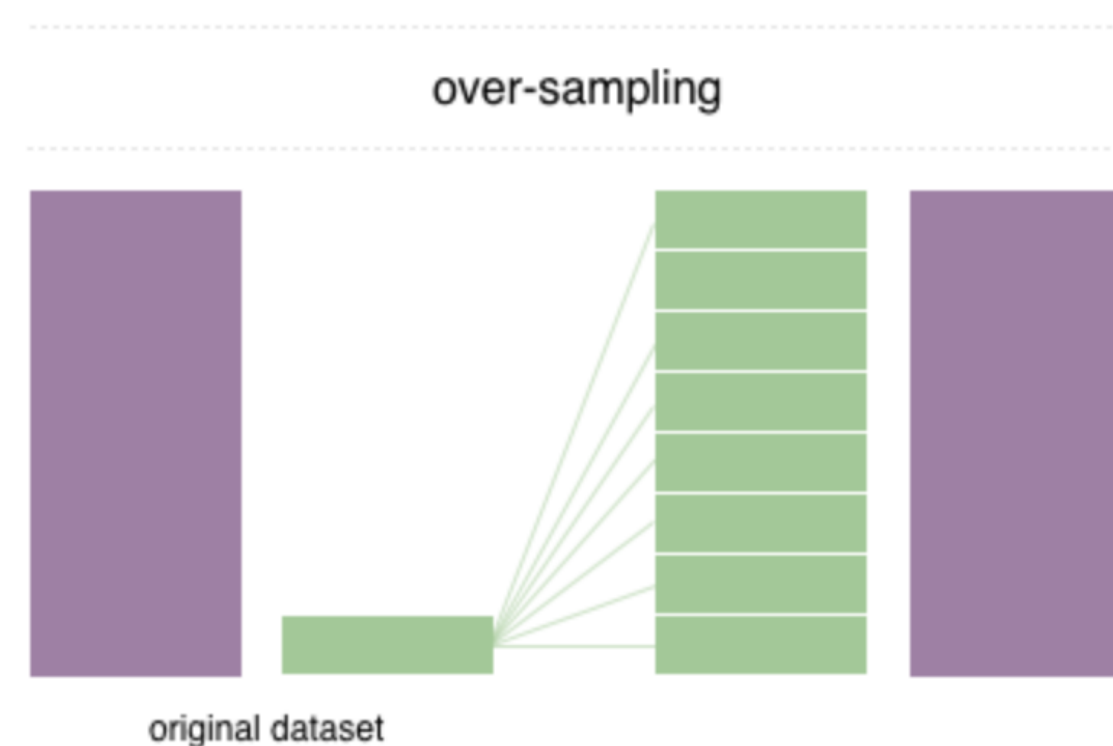


Figure 2: Oversampling

Data augmentation

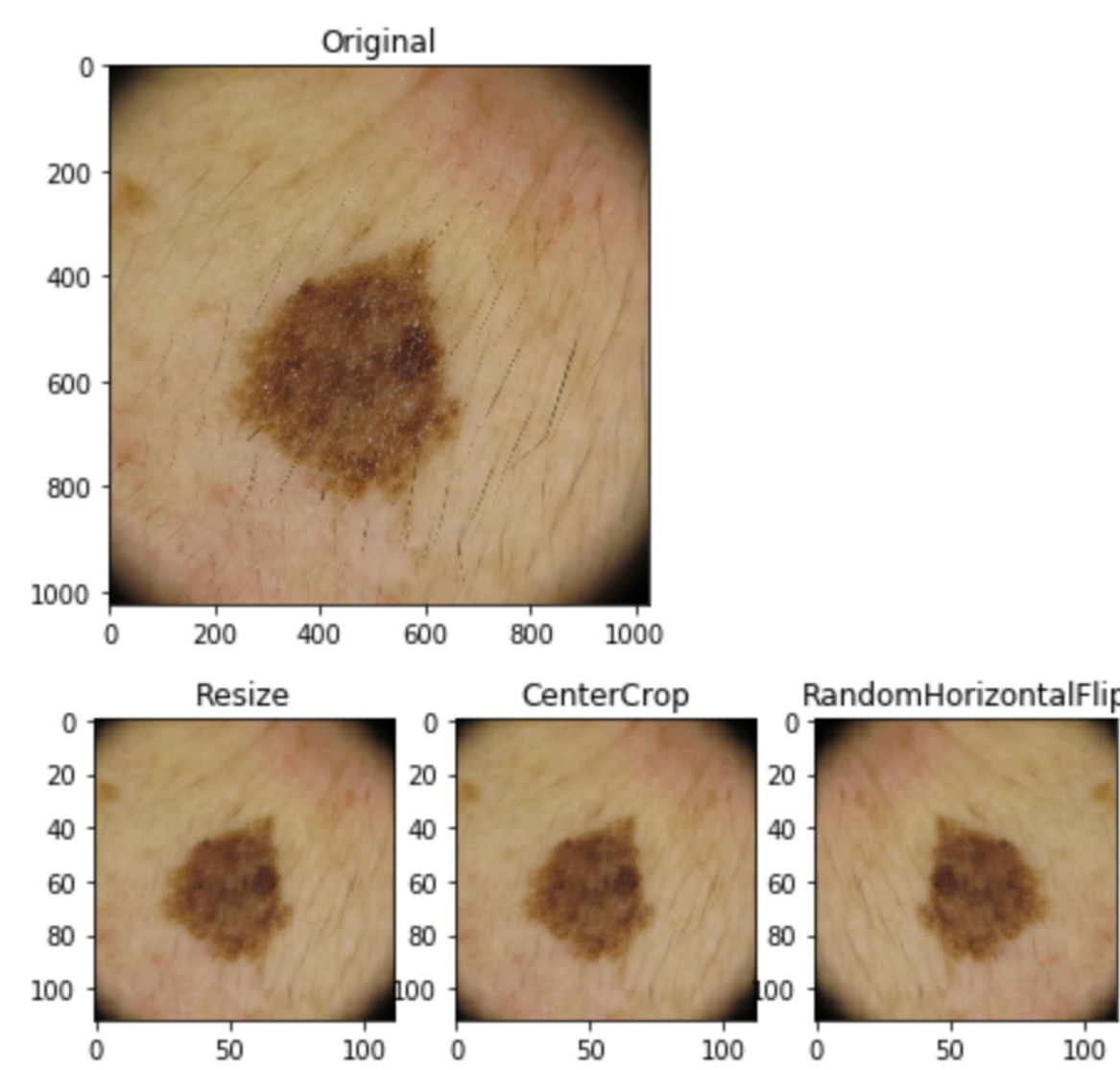


Figure 3: Lesion augmented

Progressive image resizing

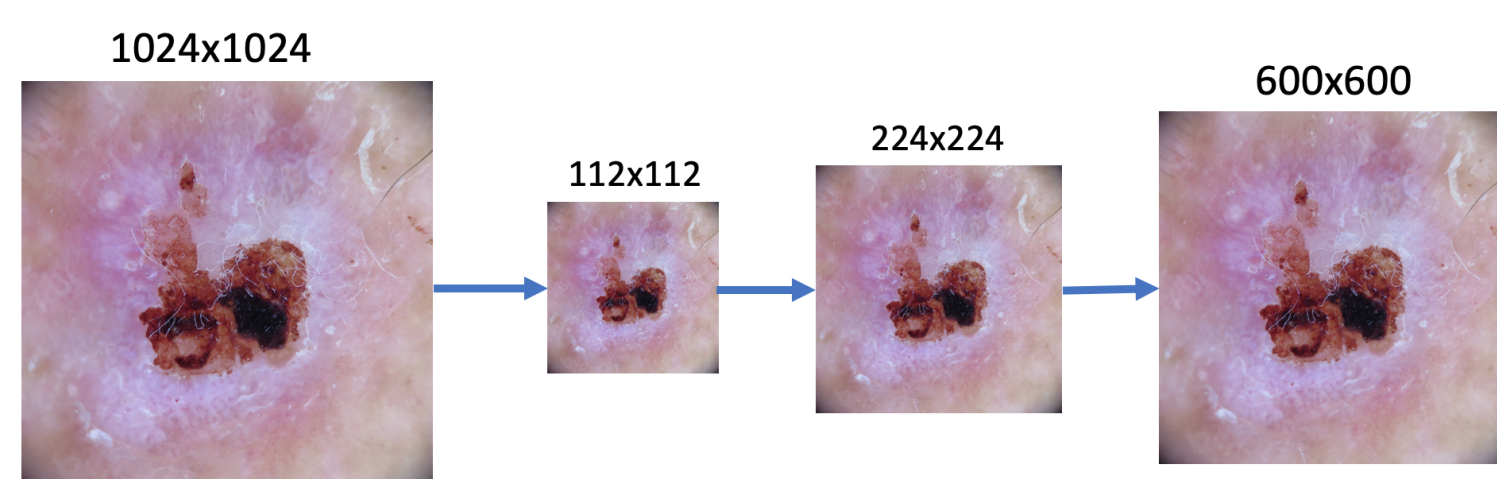


Figure 4: Progressive image resizing

Cross validation

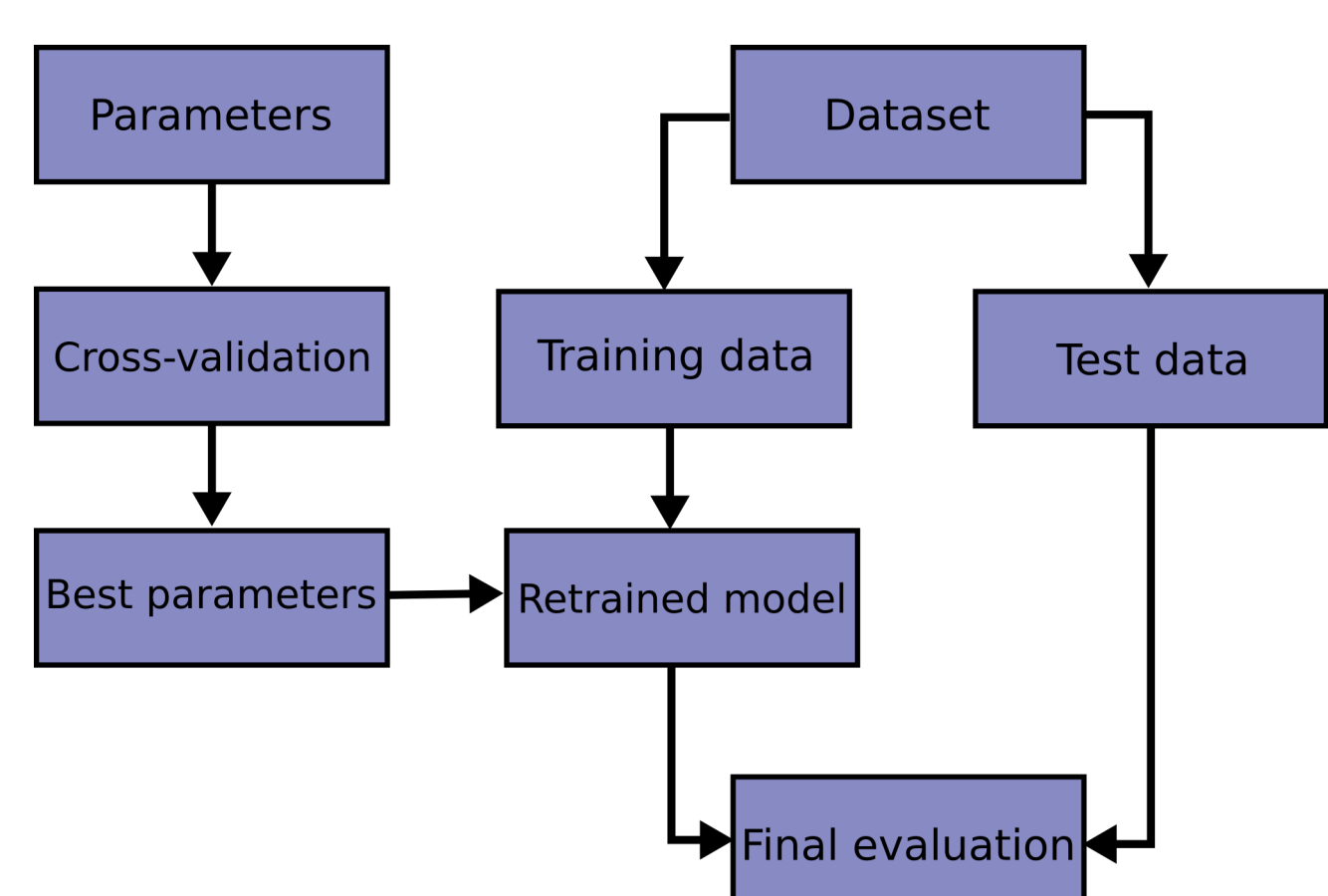


Figure 5: Cross validation workflow [2]

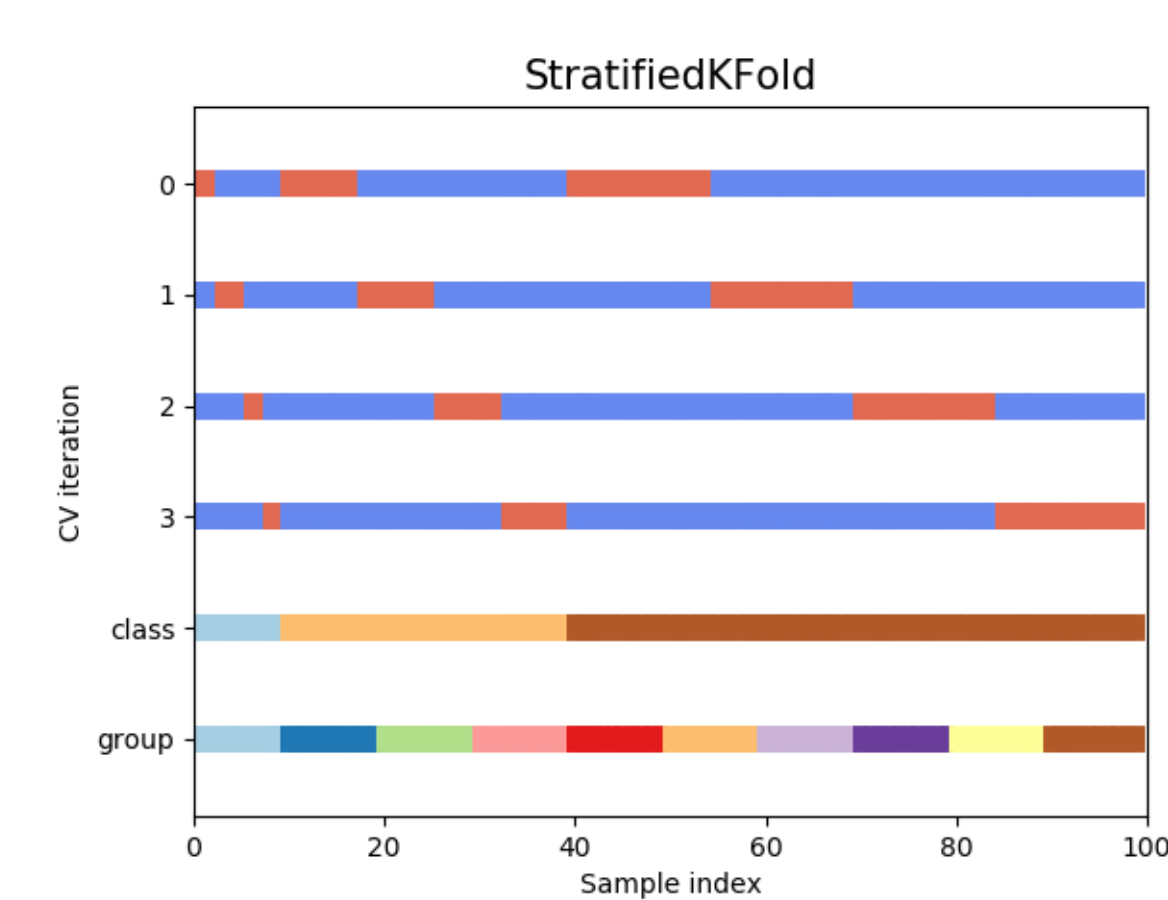


Figure 6: Stratified k-fold [2]

Transfer learning

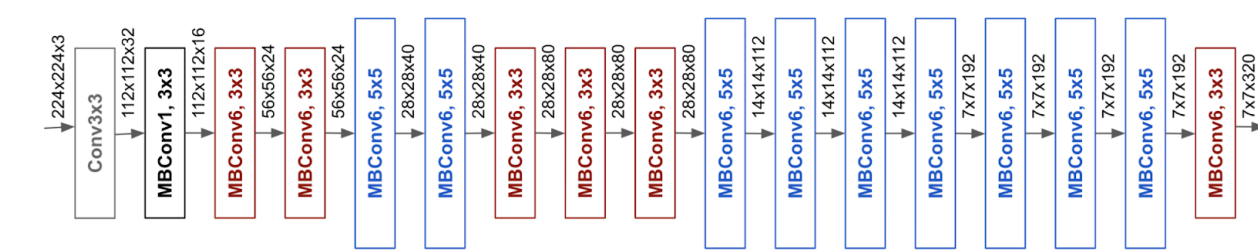


Figure 7: Efficient net B0 baseline [3]

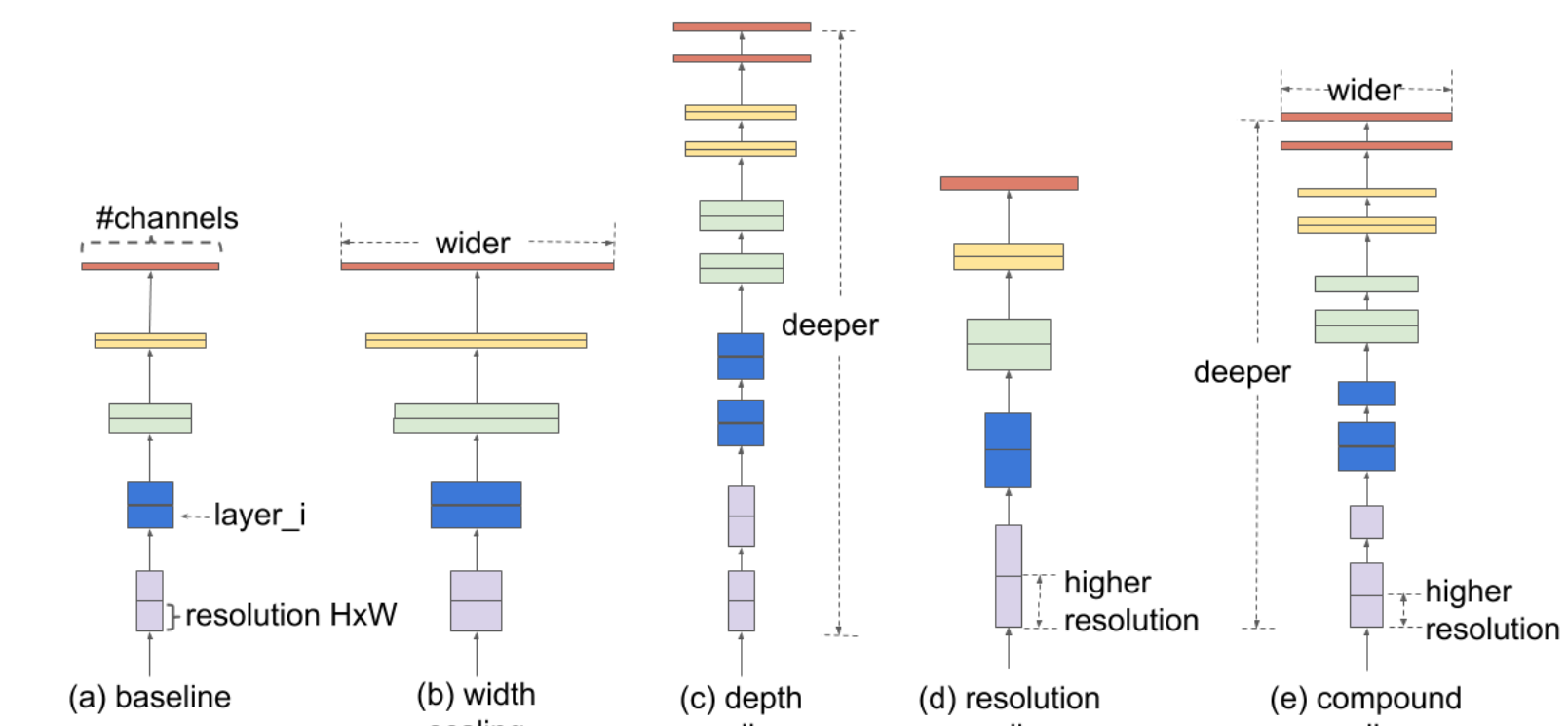


Figure 8: Scaling methods [3]

Modeling

epoch	train_loss	valid_acc	valid_loss	cp	dur
1	1.7120	0.0388	2.8110	+	29.9588
2	1.3966	0.2233	2.1734	+	29.9254
3	1.2133	0.4466	1.6872	+	29.9226
4	1.0703	0.5631	1.5449	+	29.9164
5	0.9871	0.5534	1.4614	+	29.9115
6	0.9118	0.5728	1.3919	+	29.9041
7	0.8460	0.6019	1.3230	+	29.9254
8	0.8189	0.6117	1.3140	+	29.9190
9	0.7418	0.6019	1.3242	+	29.9155
10	0.7241	0.6019	1.3144	+	29.9060
11	0.7215	0.6019	1.3120	+	29.8829
12	0.7118	0.6019	1.3046	+	29.8675
13	0.6974	0.6019	1.3131	+	29.8747
14	0.7214	0.6019	1.3074	+	29.8787
15	0.6918	0.6117	1.2989	+	29.8653
16	0.6938	0.6019	1.3017	+	29.8402
17	0.6978	0.6019	1.2987	+	29.8272
18	0.7254	0.6019	1.3061	+	29.8595
19	0.7079	0.6019	1.3068	+	29.8504
20	0.7180	0.6019	1.3001	+	29.8551
21	0.6925	0.6019	1.3044	+	29.8733

Stopping since valid_loss has not improved in the last 5 epochs.

tweet Accuracy reached 0.5 at epoch 4!!! #skorch #pytorch

Figure 9: Net 1 run

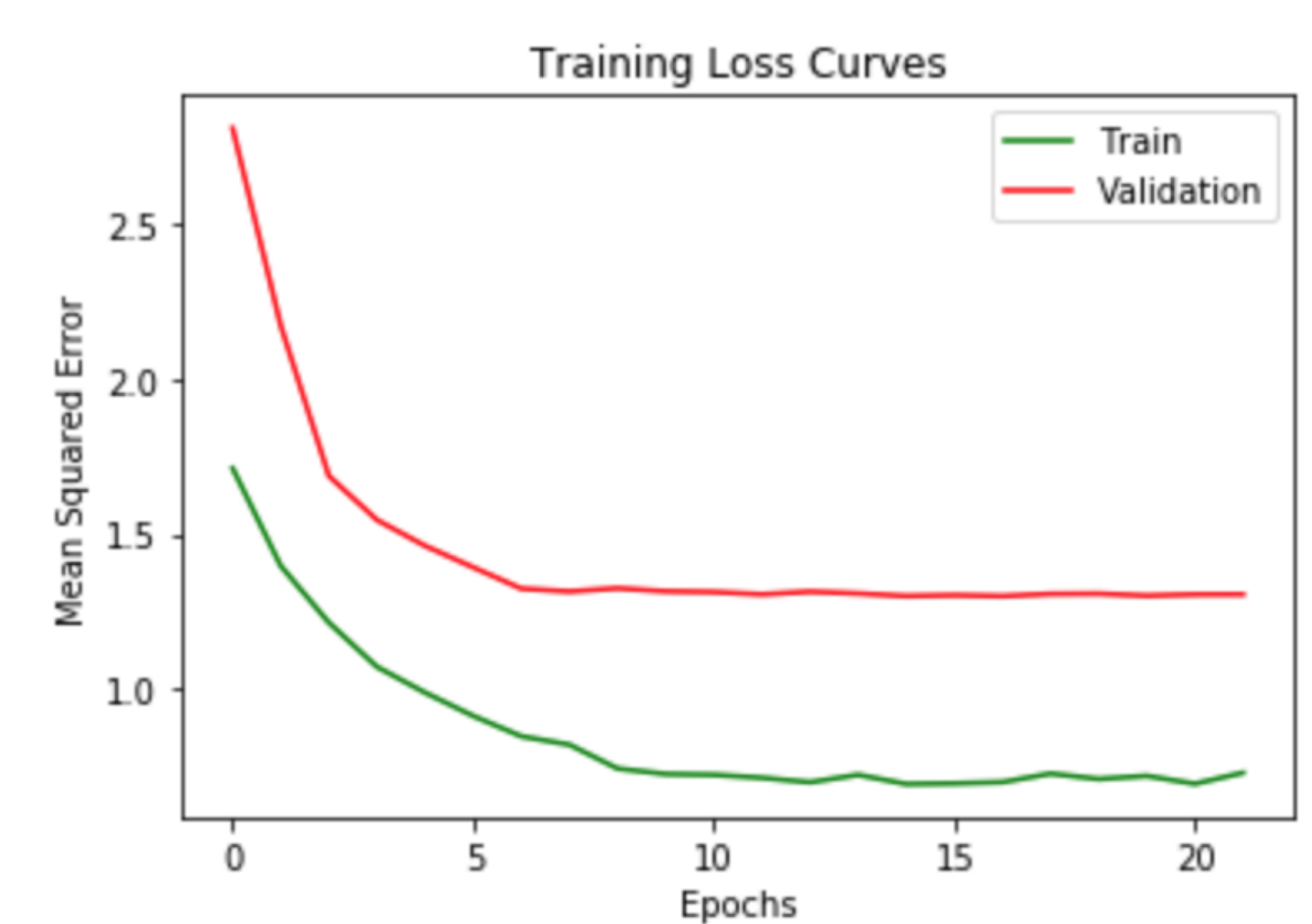


Figure 10: Loss curves

Model performance

Our best model has an accuracy of 65% using a stratified 3-fold cross-validation.

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Rank <64 total>	Team <64 unique teams>	Approach Name	Manuscript	Used External Data <19 yes>	Primary Metric Value <Balanced Multiclass Accuracy>	
1	DAISYLab Hamburg University of Technology/University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf	Ensemble of Multi-Res EfficientNets + SEN154 2			0.636	▼
2	DysonAI DYSON AI, Inc. Beijing, China	Ensemble of EfficientNetB3-B4-Seresnext101		No	0.607	▼
3	AlmageLab & PRHLT Unimore & UPV	ensemble, ood threshold 100%		No	0.593	▼

Figure 11: ISIC 2019 Leaderboard [1]

Confusion matrices

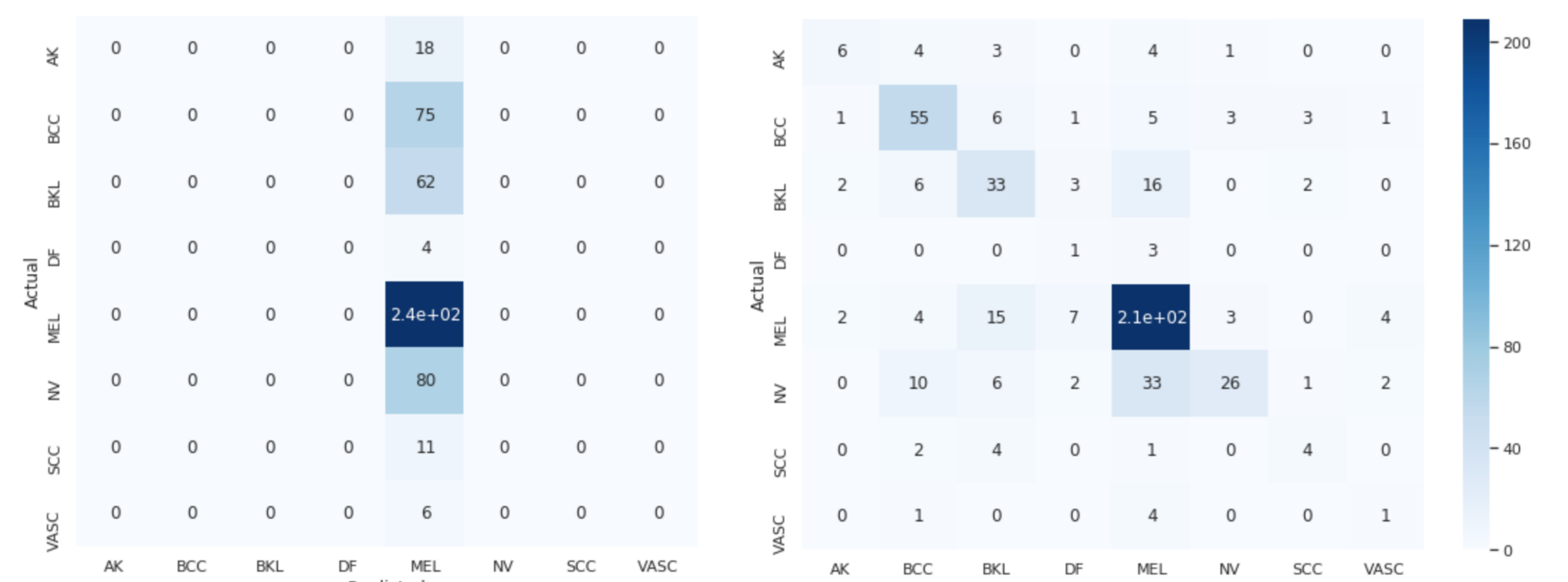


Figure 12: Dummy classifier

Figure 13: N1 classifier

Metrics

Lesion code	Dx	Sensitivity	Specificity
0	AKK	0.014563106796116505	0.9591836734693877
1	BCC	0.1643835616438356	0.8861209964412812
2	BKL	0.11616161616161616	0.8675496688741722
3	DF	0.0	0.9726962457337884
4	NV	0.6295180722891566	0.4523809523809524
5	MEL	0.05963302752293578	0.9645390070921985
6	SCC	0.0	0.976027397260274
7	VASC	0.0049504950495049506	0.9530201342281879

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