

Artificial Intelligence – Week 13 (XAI)


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Course Repository:

https://github.com/kaopanboonyuen/SC310005_ArtificialIntelligence_2025s1

Objective

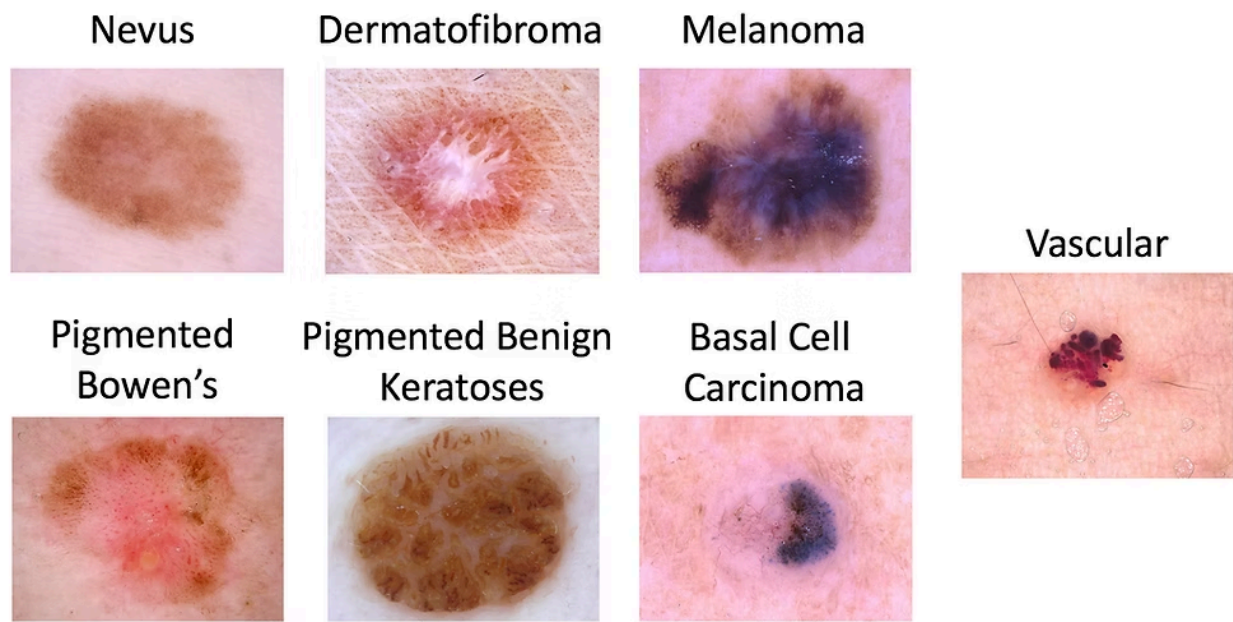
This week, you will explore **Explainable AI (XAI)** using the **ISIC Skin Cancer dataset**.

Your goal is to build an AI model that classifies skin lesion images into **9 classes** and uses **Grad-CAM**  to explain why the AI predicts a particular class for each image.

You will gain hands-on experience in interpreting model decisions and visualizing important regions in images that influence predictions. 

Dataset Download:

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/nodoubttome/skin-cancer9-classesisic/data>



Dataset

Path: Kaggle Skin Cancer Dataset (9 classes)




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Classes:





1.  actinic keratosis
 2.  basal cell carcinoma
 3.  dermatofibroma
 4.  melanoma
 5.  nevus
 6.  pigmented benign keratosis
 7.  seborrheic keratosis
 8.  squamous cell carcinoma
 9.  vascular lesion
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Assignment Tasks




1 Environment Setup

- Load and explore the dataset: number of images per class, image shapes, etc.

- Visualize **5–10 random images per class** 
- Apply **data augmentation** (e.g., flip, rotation, color jitter) to increase model robustness 




2 Model Building

- Use a pretrained CNN backbone (e.g., **ResNet50**) for classification 
- Modify the final layer to output **9 classes** 
- Implement **training** with proper loss (**CrossEntropyLoss**) and optimizer (Adam or similar) 
- Save and load model weights 



3 Evaluation



- Compute standard metrics:
 - Confusion matrix 
 - Classification report with **4-digit precision**
 - ROC-AUC per class 
- Visualize these metrics for better understanding 

4 Explainable AI with Grad-CAM









- Implement **Grad-CAM**  to visualize which regions of the image influenced the model's prediction.
- Randomly pick **10 images from the test set** and overlay Grad-CAM heatmaps 
- Interpret the results briefly: why the model thinks the image belongs to the predicted class 

5 Inference / Demo





- Create a simple **Colab inference demo** :
 - Allow the user to upload an image 

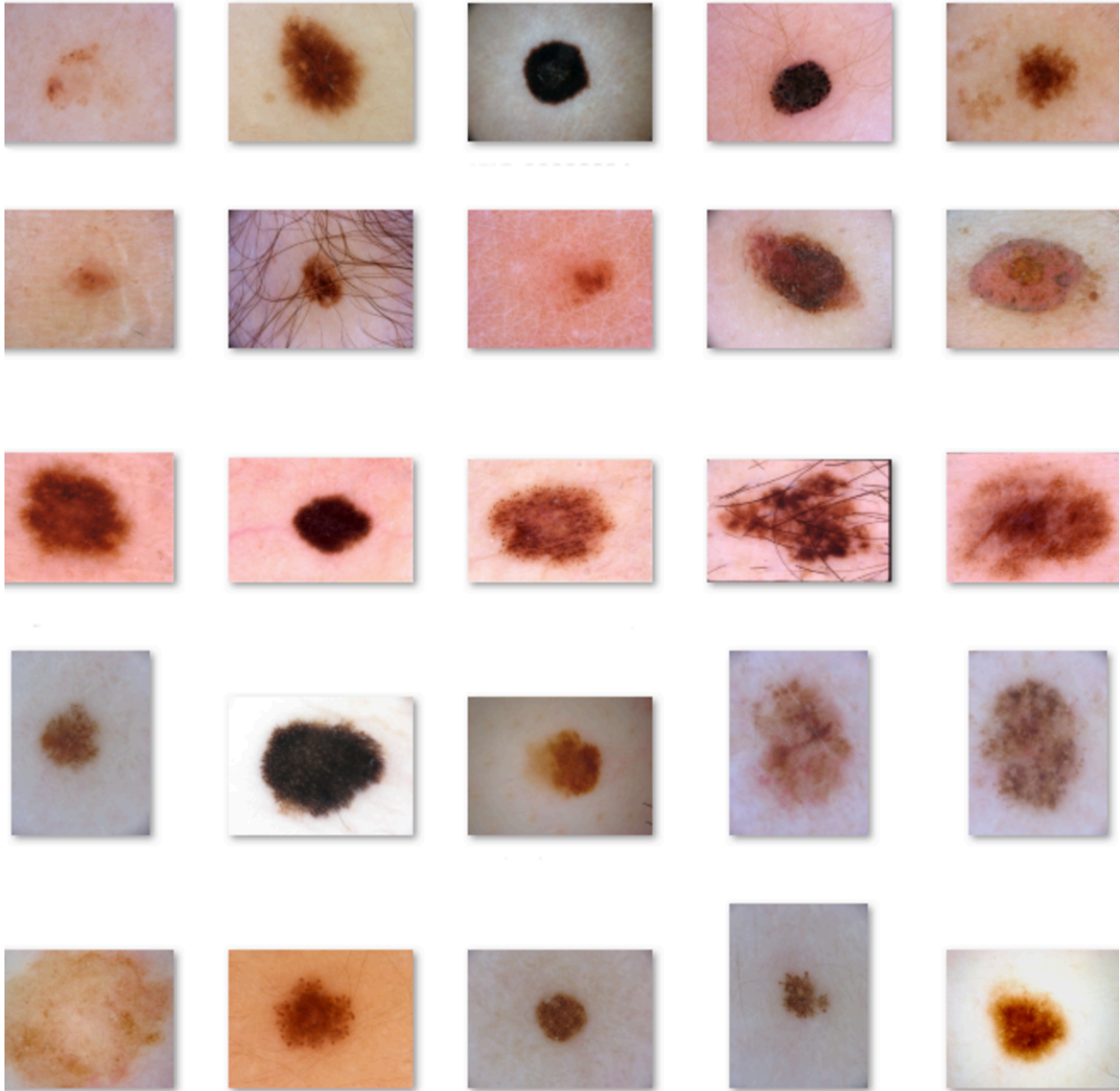
- Run the model to predict the class 
- Show the Grad-CAM overlay to explain the prediction 

6 Deliverables

- Colab Notebook including:
 - Dataset exploration and visualization 
 - Data augmentation pipeline 
 - Model definition, training, and evaluation 
 - Grad-CAM implementation and visualization 
 - Inference demo with uploaded image 
 - Extra points for:
 - Detailed analysis of Grad-CAM heatmaps 
 - Comparing predictions with Grad-CAM insights for multiple classes 
 - Clear, organized plots and explanations 
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Tips for Students

- Ensure all images are preprocessed consistently for training and inference 
Compare model predictions with Grad-CAM regions to see if AI focuses on the lesion 
- Include plots, tables, and concise explanations to make your notebook easy to follow 
- Randomness: each run may show slightly different Grad-CAM overlays—highlight this when interpreting results 



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