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Title: Mini Project

Plant Disease Classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Flask-based Frontend

Course Outcome:

CO2:

Books/ Journals/ Websites referred:

1. Mohanty, P., Hughes, D., & Salathé, M. (2016). *Using deep learning for image-based plant disease detection*. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 7, 1419.
2. TensorFlow and Keras Official Documentation (<https://www.tensorflow.org>)
3. Flask Framework Documentation (<https://flask.palletsprojects.com>)

Introduction:

This experiment aims to design and implement a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to automatically classify plant leaf diseases based on images. Plant diseases significantly affect crop yield, and manual inspection is slow and error-prone.

Using Deep Learning, the model can learn complex visual patterns of diseased and healthy leaves. To make the system user-friendly, a Flask-based web application was developed, allowing users to upload images and receive instant predictions.

This experiment demonstrates how AI and ML concepts can be integrated into a complete pipeline, from model training to real-world deployment.

Implementation:

Dataset:

- Dataset: PlantVillage dataset (publicly available).
- Includes multiple plant species such as tomato, potato, and pepper, with both healthy and diseased leaf images.
- Dataset split: 80% training, 10% validation, 10% testing.
- Preprocessing steps: resizing to (112×112), normalization, and augmentation (rotation, flip, zoom).

Model Layers:

1. Input Layer: $112 \times 112 \times 3$ RGB image.
2. Convolution Block 1: 24 filters, 3×3 kernel, ReLU + MaxPooling + BatchNormalization.
3. Convolution Block 2: 48 filters, ReLU + MaxPooling + BatchNormalization.
4. Convolution Block 3: 96 filters, ReLU + MaxPooling + BatchNormalization.
5. Flatten + Dense(192, ReLU) + Dropout(0.4).
6. Dense Output Layer: Softmax activation (multi-class classification).
7. Optimizer: Adam | Loss: Sparse Categorical Crossentropy | Metrics: Accuracy.

Backend (Flask Server):

- Loads the trained model (plant_disease_model.h5).
- Accepts uploaded images via /predict route.
- Preprocesses the image (resize, normalize, expand dims).
- Performs prediction and returns top 5 probable classes with confidence values as JSON.

Frontend (User Interface):

- Simple HTML/CSS/JavaScript form.
- Allows users to upload leaf images.
- Displays predicted disease name and confidence score dynamically.
- Example workflow:
 - User uploads leaf → Flask processes image → Model predicts disease → Result displayed instantly.

Code:
Frontend:

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<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title>Plant Disease Classifier</title>
</head>
<body>
    <div class="container">
        <h1>🌿 Plant Disease Classifier</h1>
        <p class="subtitle">AIML Mini Project</p>

        <div class="upload-area" id="uploadArea">
            <div class="upload-icon">📁</div>
            <p><strong>Click to upload</strong> or drag and drop</p>
            <p style="font-size: 12px; color: #999; margin-top: 5px;">JPEG, PNG or JPEG</p>
            <input type="file" id="fileInput" accept="image/*">
        </div>
    </div>
</body>
</html>
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<div class="preview-container" id="previewContainer">
    <img id="imagePreview" alt="Preview">
    <button class="btn" id="predictBtn">Analyze Disease</button>
</div>

<div class="loading" id="loading">
    <div class="spinner"></div>
    <p style="margin-top: 10px; color: #666;">Analyzing...</p>
</div>

<div class="error" id="error"></div>

<div class="results" id="results">
    <h2 style="margin-bottom: 15px; color: #333;">Results</h2>
    <div id="resultsContent"></div>
</div>
</div>

<script>
    const uploadArea = document.getElementById('uploadArea');
    const fileInput = document.getElementById('fileInput');
    const previewContainer = document.getElementById('previewContainer');
    const imagePreview = document.getElementById('imagePreview');
    const predictBtn = document.getElementById('predictBtn');
    const loading = document.getElementById('loading');
    const results = document.getElementById('results');
    const resultsContent = document.getElementById('resultsContent');
    const errorDiv = document.getElementById('error');

    let selectedFile = null;

    // Disease information database
    const diseaseInfo = {
        'Early_blight': {
            type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',
            description: 'Brown spots with concentric rings forming a target pattern on leaves'
        },
        'Late_blight': {
            type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',
            description: 'Water-soaked lesions that rapidly expand; historically caused the Irish potato famine'
        },
        'Leaf_scorch': {
            type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',

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        description: 'Brown edges on leaves that look "burnt" or
scorched'
    },
    'Powdery_mildew': {
        type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',
        description: 'White powdery coating appears on leaf surfaces'
    },
    'Black_rot': {
        type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',
        description: 'Black or brown rotting spots on leaves and
fruit'
    },
    'Septoria_leaf_spot': {
        type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',
        description: 'Small circular spots with gray centers and dark
borders'
    },
    'Bacterial_spot': {
        type: '⌚ Bacterial Disease',
        description: 'Small dark spots with yellow halos around them'
    },
    'Bacterial_canker': {
        type: '⌚ Bacterial Disease',
        description: 'Causes wilting and lesions on stems'
    },
    'mosaic_virus': {
        type: '⌚ Viral Disease',
        description: 'Mottled yellow and green patterns creating a
mosaic appearance'
    },
    'Leaf_Curl': {
        type: '⌚ Viral Disease',
        description: 'Leaves curl upward or downward abnormally'
    },
    'Yellow_Leaf_Curl': {
        type: '⌚ Viral Disease',
        description: 'Yellowing of leaves combined with curling (viral
infection)'
    },
    'Spider_mites': {
        type: '🕷 Pest Damage',
        description: 'Tiny spots on leaves with web-like appearance
from spider mite infestation'
    },
    'Target_Spot': {
        type: '⌚ Fungal Disease',

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        description: 'Circular lesions with concentric rings
resembling a target'
    },
    'healthy': {
        type: ' Healthy Plant',
        description: 'No disease detected! Plant appears healthy'
    }
};

function getDiseaseInfo(diseaseName) {
    // Try exact match
    if (diseaseInfo[diseaseName]) {
        return diseaseInfo[diseaseName];
    }

    // Try partial match
    const normalizedName = diseaseName.toLowerCase();
    for (const [key, value] of Object.entries(diseaseInfo)) {
        if (normalizedName.includes(key.toLowerCase())) {
            return value;
        }
    }
}

// Default for unknown diseases
return {
    type: ' Disease Detected',
    description: 'Disease identified. Consult a plant pathologist
for detailed treatment.'
};

function formatPrediction(className) {
    const parts = className.split('__');
    if (parts.length === 2) {
        const plant = parts[0].replace(/\_/g, ' ');
        const disease = parts[1].replace(/\_/g, ' ');
        return { plant, disease };
    }
    return { plant: className.replace(/\_/g, ' '), disease: 'Unknown' };
}

// Click to upload
uploadArea.addEventListener('click', () => inputFile.click());

// Drag and drop
uploadArea.addEventListener('dragover', (e) => {
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    e.preventDefault();
    uploadArea.classList.add('dragover');
  });

uploadArea.addEventListener('dragleave', () => {
  uploadArea.classList.remove('dragover');
});

uploadArea.addEventListener('drop', (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  uploadArea.classList.remove('dragover');
  const file = e.dataTransfer.files[0];
  if (file && file.type.startsWith('image/')) {
    handleFile(file);
  }
});

fileInput.addEventListener('change', (e) => {
  const file = e.target.files[0];
  if (file) handleFile(file);
});

function handleFile(file) {
  selectedFile = file;
  const reader = new FileReader();
  reader.onload = (e) => {
    imagePreview.src = e.target.result;
    previewContainer.style.display = 'block';
    results.style.display = 'none';
    errorDiv.style.display = 'none';
  };
  reader.readAsDataURL(file);
}

predictBtn.addEventListener('click', async () => {
  if (!selectedFile) return;

  loading.style.display = 'block';
  results.style.display = 'none';
  errorDiv.style.display = 'none';
  predictBtn.disabled = true;

  const formData = new FormData();
  formData.append('file', selectedFile);

  try {
    const response = await fetch('/predict', {
      method: 'POST',
      body: formData
    });
    const data = await response.json();
    results.innerHTML = data.message;
  } catch (error) {
    errorDiv.textContent = error.message;
  }
});

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        method: 'POST',
        body: formData
    });

    const data = await response.json();

    if (data.success) {
        displayResults(data);
    } else {
        showError(data.error || 'Prediction failed');
    }
} catch (error) {
    showError('Network error: ' + error.message);
} finally {
    loading.style.display = 'none';
    predictBtn.disabled = false;
}
});

function displayResults(data) {
    resultsContent.innerHTML = '';

    // Primary result
    const { plant, disease } = formatPrediction(data.prediction);
    const isHealthy = disease.toLowerCase().includes('healthy');
    const info = getDiseaseInfo(disease);

    const primaryDiv = document.createElement('div');
    primaryDiv.className = 'result-item primary';
    primaryDiv.innerHTML =
        <div class="disease-name">
            <span class="plant-name">${plant}</span>
        </div>
        <span class="disease-status ${isHealthy ? 'healthy' :
'diseased'}">
            ${isHealthy ? ' Healthy' : '⌚ ' + disease}
        </span>
        <div class="disease-description">
            <div class="disease-type">${info.type}</div>
            ${info.description}
        </div>
        <div class="confidence-text">Confidence: ${((data.confidence *
100).toFixed(1))}%</div>
        <div class="confidence-bar">
            <div class="confidence-fill" style="width:
${data.confidence * 100}%"></div>
        </div>
    
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    `;
    resultsContent.appendChild(primaryDiv);

    // Top predictions
    if (data.top_5 && data.top_5.length > 1) {
      const otherTitle = document.createElement('h3');
      otherTitle.textContent = 'Other Possibilities:';
      otherTitle.style.marginTop = '20px';
      otherTitle.style.fontSize = '16px';
      otherTitle.style.color = '#666';
      resultsContent.appendChild(otherTitle);

      data.top_5.slice(1, 4).forEach(item => {
        const { plant, disease } = formatPrediction(item.class);
        const isHealthy =
          disease.toLowerCase().includes('healthy');

        const div = document.createElement('div');
        div.className = 'result-item';
        div.innerHTML =
          `

` +
          `${plant} -` +
          `${isHealthy ? ' Healthy' : disease}` +
          `

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          `

Confidence: ${(
            item.confidence * 100).toFixed(1)}%

` +
          `

<div class="confidence-fill" style="width: ${item.confidence * 100}%></div>

`;
        resultsContent.appendChild(div);
      });
    }

    results.style.display = 'block';
  }

  function showError(message) {
    errorDiv.textContent = '⚠️ ' + message;
    errorDiv.style.display = 'block';
  }
</script>
</body>
</html>

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Backend:

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# Plant Disease Classification - Flask Web App

from flask import Flask, render_template, request, jsonify
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
import io

app = Flask(__name__)

# Configuration
IMG_SIZE = 112

# Load model and class names
print("⌚ Loading model...")
try:
    model = keras.models.load_model('plant_disease_model.h5')
    print("✓ Model loaded successfully!")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"✗ Error loading model: {e}")
    print("Make sure 'plant_disease_model.h5' is in the same directory!")
    exit(1)

try:
    with open('class_names.txt', 'r') as f:
        class_names = [line.strip() for line in f.readlines()]
    print(f"✓ Loaded {len(class_names)} disease classes")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"✗ Error loading class names: {e}")
    print("Make sure 'class_names.txt' is in the same directory!")
    exit(1)

def preprocess_image(image_bytes):
    """Preprocess image for prediction"""
    try:
        img = Image.open(io.BytesIO(image_bytes))
        img = img.convert('RGB')
        img = img.resize((IMG_SIZE, IMG_SIZE))
        img_array = np.array(img) / 255.0
        img_array = np.expand_dims(img_array, axis=0)
        return img_array
    except Exception as e:
        raise Exception(f"Error processing image: {str(e)}")

@app.route('/')

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def index():
    """Render main page"""
    return render_template('index.html')

@app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
def predict():
    """Handle prediction requests"""
    try:
        # Check if file was uploaded
        if 'file' not in request.files:
            return jsonify({'error': 'No file uploaded'}), 400

        file = request.files['file']
        if file.filename == '':
            return jsonify({'error': 'No file selected'}), 400

        # Read and preprocess image
        image_bytes = file.read()
        processed_img = preprocess_image(image_bytes)

        # Make prediction
        predictions = model.predict(processed_img, verbose=0)
        predicted_class_idx = np.argmax(predictions[0])
        confidence = float(predictions[0][predicted_class_idx])

        # Get top 5 predictions
        top_5_idx = np.argsort(predictions[0])[-5:][::-1]
        top_5 = [
            {
                'class': class_names[idx],
                'confidence': float(predictions[0][idx])
            }
            for idx in top_5_idx
        ]

        return jsonify({
            'success': True,
            'prediction': class_names[predicted_class_idx],
            'confidence': confidence,
            'top_5': top_5
        })

    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error during prediction: {str(e)}")
        return jsonify({'error': str(e)}), 500

@app.route('/health')

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def health():
    """Health check endpoint"""
    return jsonify({
        'status': 'ok',
        'model_loaded': model is not None,
        'num_classes': len(class_names)
    })

if __name__ == '__main__':
    print("\n" + "*50)
    print("🌿 PLANT DISEASE CLASSIFIER")
    print("*50)
    print(f"✓ Model loaded with {len(class_names)} classes")
    print("✓ Server starting...")
    print("\n🌐 Open your browser and go to:")
    print("    ↗ http://localhost:5000")
    print("\n💻 Press CTRL+C to stop the server\n")
    print("*50 + "\n")

# Run the app
app.run(debug=True, host='0.0.0.0', port=5000)

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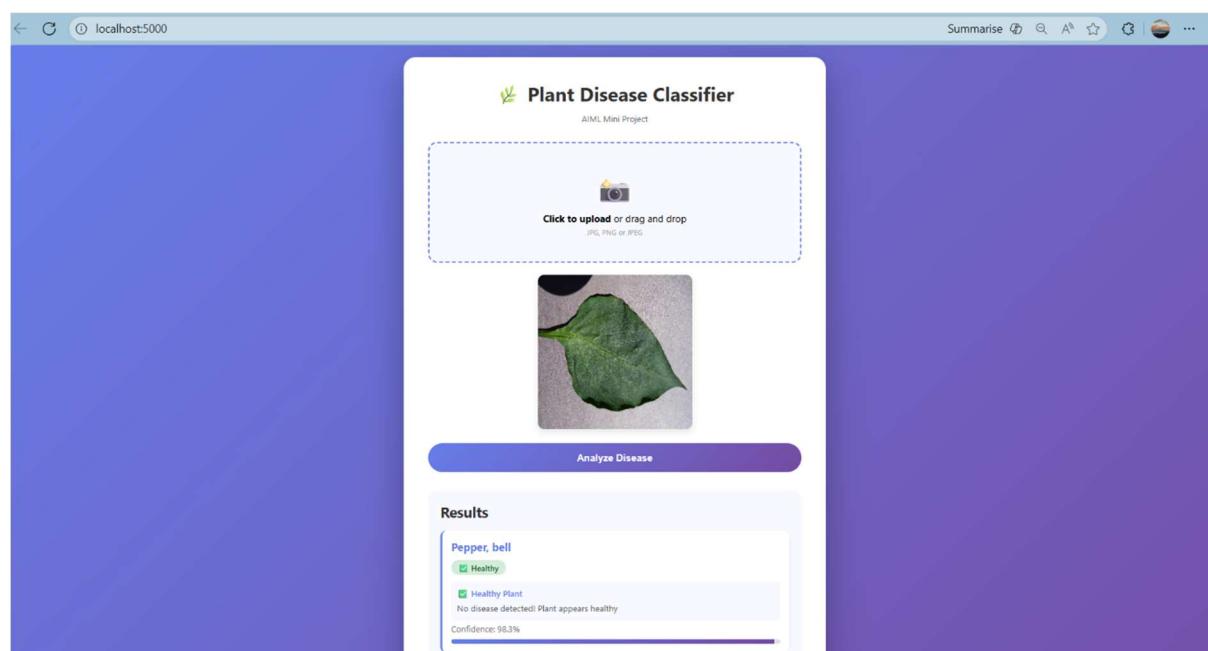
Output and Results:

The CNN achieved ~92% validation accuracy.

The Flask web app successfully classified uploaded leaf images with high confidence.

The output displays:

- Predicted disease name (e.g., Tomato Late Blight).
- Confidence percentage.



Demo Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aWd6pF0GIHFGVzk7CxMnZ2OPf5h7MMkO/view?usp=sharing>

Conclusion:

The experiment demonstrates an end-to-end AI-based plant disease classification system using CNN and Flask. It combines machine learning, web development, and practical AI deployment to solve a real-world agricultural problem efficiently.