Insightful Tuberculosis Detection: Integrating CNNs with Explainable LIME Methodology

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Abstract— One of the transmissible illnesses and one of the top 10 causes of mortality globally is tuberculosis (TB). The effective treatment and control of tuberculosis (TB), which still poses a major danger to global health, depend on an early and accurate diagnosis.. Although the manual interpretation of chest X-ray (CXR) imaging is laborious and prone to error, it is essential for the diagnosis of tuberculosis (TB This work uses current breakthroughs in deep learning to build an automated method for TB detection from CXR photos. Following the collection and preprocessing of a range of annotated CXR picture datasets, convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures are investigated for model generation. Pre-trained models are refined on the dataset using transfer learning approaches, which are also included to improve diversity and reduce class disparity. Conventional metrics are utilized to evaluate the trained model on an unbiased test set by comparison to baseline methods and expert radiologist interpretations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis (TB) is a serious global health concern, particularly in developing countries where access to early diagnosis and treatment is often limited. Among the top 10 causes of death worldwide, tuberculosis (TB) is ranked by the World Health Organization (WHO) as the leading infectious agent-related cause of mortality, surpassing HIV/AIDS. Effective TB care depends on a timely and correct diagnosis because postponed detection might raise the risk of transmission and hurt treatment success. Each year, millions of new cases of tuberculosis (TB) are recorded, making it a major global public health concern. Timely and precise diagnosis is essential for successful tuberculosis (TB) treatment; yet, conventional techniques that depend on human error and manual interpretation of chest X-ray (CXR) images can be laborious. The advent of deep learning algorithms in recent years has opened up a potential avenue for automated TB detection from CXR images. Researchers are now looking at the idea of employing convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for TB detection due to their remarkable performance in image recognition tasks, particularly in deep learning models. This effort aims to design a robust deep learning-based system that can identify abnormalities related to TB in CXR images by utilizing these breakthroughs.

One of the main diagnostic methods for identifying pulmonary tuberculosis is chest X-ray imaging as shown in Figure 1. However, deciphering these pictures calls for specific medical knowledge and is frequently prone to human mistakes. By offering precise and effective analysis of chest X-ray images, automated TB detection systems that use deep learning techniques present a viable answer to these problems

Deep learning techniques called convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have demonstrated remarkable performance in a range of medical image processing applications in the last few years. These algorithms have a high sensitivity and specificity for detecting small anomalies symptomatic of tuberculosis (TB) because they can automatically learn complex patterns and characteristics straight from raw image data.

In-depth assessment and analysis of cutting-edge deep learning methods for TB detection from chest X-ray images are provided by this work. We examine how these approaches have developed over time, moving from conventional machine learning strategies to cutting-edge deep learning architectures. We also go over the difficulties and possibilities in creating reliable, therapeutically useful deep-learning models for tuberculosis diagnosis.

Our study has many primary objectives. Our primary objective is to present a comprehensive evaluation of the current status of deep learning-based tuberculosis (TB) detection systems. Examining their processes, performance indicators, and intrinsic constraints is part of this. Second, we want to provide insight into the most recent developments and breakthroughs in deep learning architectures that are specially designed for problems involving tuberculosis

Fig 1. Lungs Internal Structure
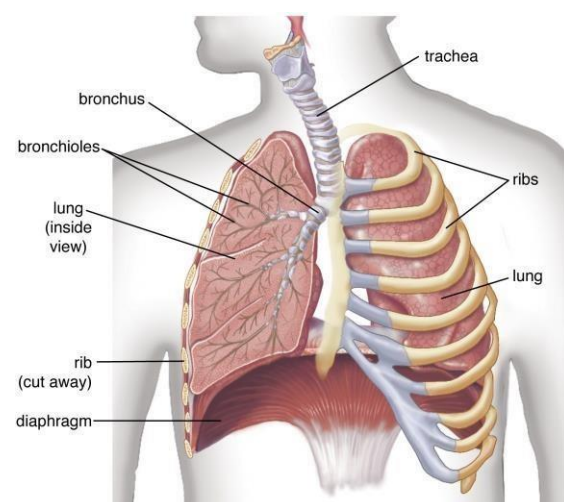
diagnosis. We will examine the impact of these improvements on the accuracy and efficacy of TB diagnosis made with chest X-ray images.

Furthermore, we want to recognize and tackle important issues in this field, such as the lack of data, the imbalance in

classes, and the interpretability of the models. In this approach, we want to lay the groundwork for future work toward more durable and dependable deep-learning models for tuberculosis diagnosis. Finally, we want to assess the practicality and clinical viability of these deep learning-based tuberculosis detection systems.

The goal is to support the continuing efforts to prevent tuberculosis (TB) by comparison analysis with traditional diagnostic methods and professional interpretations by radiologists. Our ultimate objective is to use deep learning technology to improve treatment results, increase early diagnosis, and lessen the worldwide burden of this fatal infectious illness.

II. RELATED WORK

In this Paper [1] The author explains that the " ChestX-ray Imaging System for Early Detection of Tuberculosis" focuses on developing a system for the early detection of tuberculosis through chest X-ray image processing. The system involves several stages: preprocessing, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification. Preprocessing includes homomorphic filtering, contrast enhancement, noise removal, and CLAHE application. Segmentation involves contour modelling to isolate the lung region. Feature extraction includes extracting grayscale intensity mean, histogram variation, entropy, asymmetry, and kurtosis. Classification separates images into normal or abnormal classes based on extracted features. With a 97.84% detection efficiency, the technology helped physicians diagnose patients with TB quickly and accurately, preventing patients from developing life-threatening illnesses.. In this Paper [2] A study titled "Diagnosis of Smear-Negative Pulmonary Tuberculosis using Ensemble Method: A Preliminary Research" is described by the author. Its main objective is to create an ensemble-based diagnostic model for smear-negative pulmonary TB (SNPT). The study collected data from 1423 patient records with 17 attributes, including symptoms and physical examination results. Data exploration revealed a higher prevalence of SNPT in productive age groups. Data preparation involved data reduction and discretization, focusing on SNPT cases. The study utilized ensemble methods like Random Forest, AdaBoost, and Bagging, achieving accuracies of 90.59%, 90.54%, and 86.91% respectively in diagnosing SNPT. The research emphasizes the importance of accurate and cost-effective TB diagnosis incountries with high TB burdens like Indonesia.

In The Paper [3] the author presents a low-cost, point-of-care (POC) multiplexed gene detection method that uses a smartphone to quickly diagnose Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M. tb). The technique makes use of a hybrid microfluidic device made of paper and polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) combined with loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) technology to detect M. tb DNA in a sensitive, specific, and instrument-free manner. The system offers a simpler, faster, and cheaper alternative to conventional diagnostic tools, particularly beneficial in resource-constrained environments. In Paper [4] the author explains the Symptoms Prediction of Tuberculosis using SoftComputing Technique" and discusses the application of Rough Set Theory (RST) to predict tuberculosis (TB) symptoms, particularly focusing on Pulmonary TB in the state of Odisha. The study highlights the challenges in TB research, advancements in biomedicine, and the use of computer hardware and software for data analysis. It emphasizes the importance of Soft Computing and Data Mining techniques in handling large datasets for knowledge discovery. The research aims to provide insights into TB survival rates and prognostic aspects using analytical methods like RST and statistical validation.

In The paper [5]the author researches " "Tuberculosis Detection Based on Multiple Model Ensemble in Chest X-ray Image" describes a method for detecting TB in chest X-ray pictures that makes use of many models, including Efficient Net-B0, Densenet121, and Exception. The study employs transfer learning, downscales input image resolution to 224x224, uses focal loss as the lossfunction, and evaluates model performance based on sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, and AUC. The ensemble system achieves high sensitivity in identifying tuberculosis cases, reducing false negatives, and aiding in triage at medicalinstitutions. The model's accuracy, specificity, and sensitivity reach 0.996, 0.996, and 0.994 respectively, demonstrating excellent performance in tuberculosis detection. In the Paper [6] the author understands how the Tuberculosis pert - Prediction of Pulmonary Tuberculosis" presents a system designed to detect tuberculosis using chest X-ray images and convolutional neural networks. The study outlines the dataset creation, training-testing split, and preprocessing steps. It describes the use of CNNs for image analysis, Flask framework for implementation, and libraries like Keras and TensorFlow. Users can upload X-ray images for analysis, with the system predicting the presence of pulmonary tuberculosis and providing suggestions based on lung condition. The system aims to raise awareness, offer guidance, and emphasize the importance of consulting a doctor for accurate diagnosis and treatment.

In the Paper [7] The author discusses the difficulties in identifying tuberculosis cases, particularly those involving children, extrapulmonary TB, and smear-negative pulmonary TB. The objective of the research is to simulate the initial diagnosis of pulmonary TB using just the patient's physical examination, anamnesis, and demographic information. In order to improve model performance, a variety of classification strategies were tested, comparing individual classifiers such as C4.5, Naive Bayes, Backpropagation, and SVM with an ensemble approach. Using data from TB patients' medical records from Jakarta Respiratory Center, it was demonstrated that the ensemble approach outperformed individual classifiers in terms of accuracy.. In the Paper [8] the author predicts the Detection of Tuberculosis Bacilli Using Deep Learning discusses the importance of early tuberculosis (TB) detection for successful treatment and prevention of spread, focusing on automated detection using deep learning methods In order to alleviate the laborious human detection procedure, the study suggests a patch-wise detection technique that uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to categorize TB bacilli in sputum smear pictures into positive and negative patches. Convolution layers, max pooling, dropout layers, and fully connected layers are all part of the CNN model architecture for classification. By using SGD optimization to train the model on a dataset with high values for accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and F1 score, the efficacy of automated TB diagnosis in comparison to manual approaches is demonstrated.In Paper [9] the author provides "A Comprehensive Analysis of Computer-Aided Tuberculosis Detection" offers a synopsis of the importance of computer-aided diagnostic technologies in effectively identifying tuberculosis (TB), particularly in areas with

restricted healthcare resources. It emphasizes the potential of these approaches above conventional diagnostic processes by highlighting the application of artificial intelligence, deep learning techniques like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and ensemble learning for tuberculosis diagnosis. The paper shows many research using deep learning for tuberculosis detection, exhibiting encouraging findings in terms of accuracy and efficiency. It also examines the difficulties in detecting tuberculosis and the significance of early diagnosis.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Materials and Procedure

The article outlines a method for identifying tuberculosis (TB) in chest X-ray images using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and the Lime library for explainability. The many steps in the detection process, include dataset splitting, explainability, CNN architecture, modeling, evaluation, lung segmentation, and data preparation. The 700 TB Images and 3500 normal photos in the dataset utilized in this study each as shown in the Sample below in Figure 2, also include 512 × 512 pixels and three RGB channels. Interpreting and displaying the data, putting the CNN architecture into practice, and assessing how well it works.
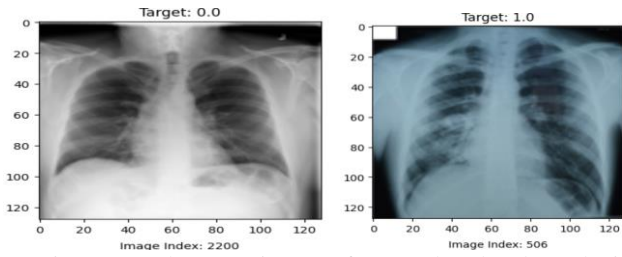

Fig 2. Sample X-ray image of Normal and Tuberculosis

We employed a large dataset of X-ray scans of the chest that included both individuals with TB and those without it. This dataset supports the robustness and generalizability of our strategy by guaranteeing variety and precise labeling. The photos were standardized to a fixed size and we performed necessary preprocessing steps like noise reduction and normalization before training the model. This improved the consistency and quality of the input data. Given their effectiveness in image classification tasks, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were considered acceptable for the deep learning architecture. Considerations for CNN variations included ResNet, Dense Net, or bespoke architectures, which were adapted to the specifics and demands of the TB detection job. All the above information in the given paragraph is Pictorially represented in Figure 3.
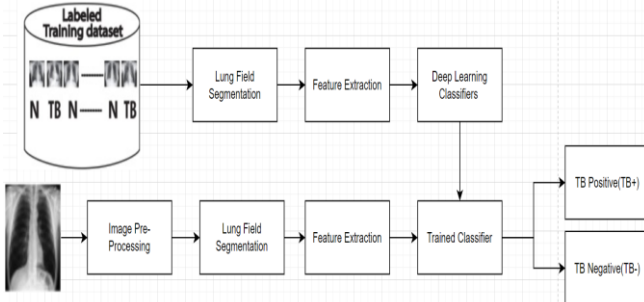

Fig 3. Workflow of the Model

Then, using optimization methods like Adam or SGD and carefully calibrating learning rates and batch sizes, the chosen model trained the pre-processed dataset. We employed methods such as early halting to reduce overfitting and enhance model generalization. With this approach, we want to create a reliable system for detecting TB that can diagnose patients by properly interpreting chest X-ray pictures.

B. Comprehensive Data Augmentation and Strategic Data Segmentation:

We increased the diversity of our training dataset as shown in Figure 4 by using a variety of ways to enrich the original chest X-ray pictures as part of our data augmentation strategy. Key enhancement techniques included translation, flipping, scaling, rotation, and brightness modifications. The model can identify features from various angles thanks to rotation, and it can also detect differences in the mirror image when flipping, both of which strengthen its resistance to orientation fluctuations that are frequently observed in medical imaging.
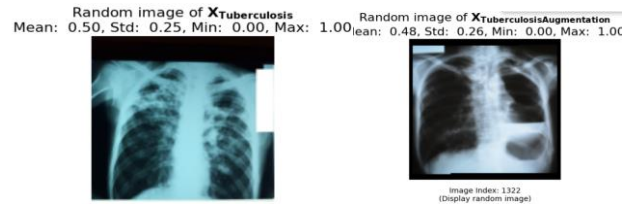

Fig 4. Sample X-ray images of Normal And Augmented Tuberculosis Respectively

The model may more effectively generalize to various clinical circumstances by simulating differences in patient location and picture capture using scaling and translation augmentations. Furthermore, brightness changes replicate changes in illumination, strengthening the model's resistance to fluctuations in picture quality we have Deployed them using a Graphical Representation as shown in Figure 5 which represents the distribution graphs of tuberculosis original vs tuberculosis+ Augmentation Data Sets.
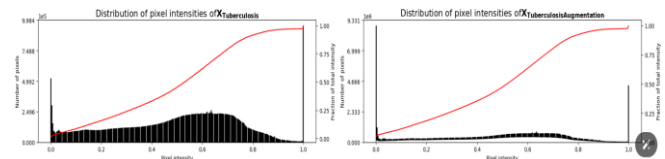

Fig 5. Comparison Distribution of Tuberculosis Original Dataset vs Tuberculosis + Augmentation

Most importantly, to provide variation to the augmented pictures, we made sure that the augmentation parameters were randomly assigned throughout the training. Better generalization to unknown variations in the input data is encouraged by this randomization, which keeps the model from learning certain patterns linked to particular augmentation modifications. By using this thorough data augmentation method, we hope to improve our tuberculosis detection model's robustness and performance on a variety of chest X-ray pictures that are seen in clinical settings.

C. Deep Learning Classifiers

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs): CNNs are a type of artificial neural network that are highly effective for image classification tasks because, as Figure 6 illustrates, they are specifically designed for processing and assessing visual input. Accurately identifying TB in chest X-ray (CXR) images depends on their capacity to identify complex patterns and features from images.

a. Tuberculosis (TB) Detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

1. Layers that use convolution: These layers use filters to take features out of the input chest X-ray (CXR) picture. The CXR image is filtered as part of a convolution process, and the dot product between the filter and the image patch it covers is calculated. As a result, a feature map is generated that highlights the features that the filter is supposed to find.

2. Layers for pooling: The feature maps created the convolutional layers have fewer spatial dimensions thanks to these layers. To accomplish this, the feature maps are downscaled, which lowers the amount of memory used, computational complexity, and overfitting. There are several kinds of pooling layers, including sum, average, and max pooling.
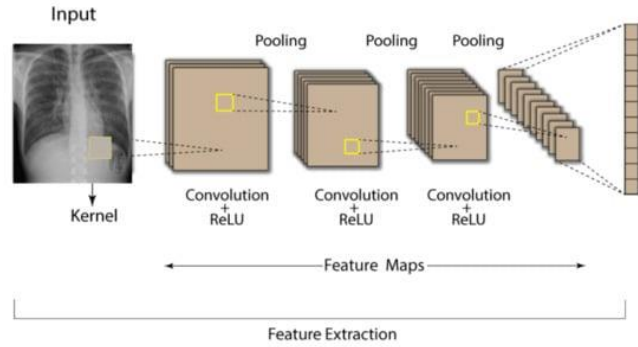
Fig 6. CNN for the Input X-ray Images

3. Dropout Layer: During training, a predetermined percentage of neurons are randomly removed from this layer to prevent overfitting. This helps to improve the model's capacity for generalization by ensuring that it does not rely excessively on any one neuron.

4. The flattened layer uses the multi-dimensional feature maps produced by the convolutional and pooling layers to produce a one-dimensional array that can be input into a fully connected (dense) layer. Fully Connected (Dense) Layers: The ultimate classification work is carried out by these layers. They generate the output probabilities for each class using the flattened feature vector as input.

5. Layers of Output: These layers generate the CNN's final output. When tuberculosis (TB) is detected, the output layer generates a binary output that indicates whether TB is present or not

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

A. Data Splitting

The dataset is split into training, validation, and test sets in an 80:10:10 ratio with the purpose of using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to identify tuberculosis (TB). This approach not only trains the model fast and accurately, but also allows one to assess its performance. The training set, which comprises 80% of the whole dataset, is used to train the model. At this point, the model begins to identify the underlying traits and trends in the data, which allows it to provide accurate projections.

The validation set, which comprises 10% of the whole dataset, is used to modify the model's performance. Changing the model's architecture and hyperparameters is necessary to improve accuracy and generalization. Lastly, the test set, which makes up 10% of the entire dataset, is used to evaluate the model's performance. It is necessary to assess the model's accuracy, precision, recall, and other relevant metrics in order to identify how well it can generalize to fresh, untested data. This step is crucial to ensuring the model's robustness and dependability since it provides an unbiased assessment of the model's performance on actual data. To sum up, partitioning datasets is a crucial step in the machine-learning process that enables precise and successful model evaluation and training. The dataset, which is organized into training, validation, and test sets, enables the development of highly accurate and dependable diagnostics of tuberculosis (TB) in chest X-ray (CXR) image models. It is also widely applicable.

B. Data Modelling

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are used to model tuberculosis detection. The CNN model is trained using a training dataset to familiarize it with the intricate patterns and features included in the Chest X-ray (CXR) images. The model's accuracy and generalization abilities are then enhanced by adjusting its architecture and hyperparameters, utilizing the validation dataset to fine-tune its performance. The outcomes are displayed in Figure 7.
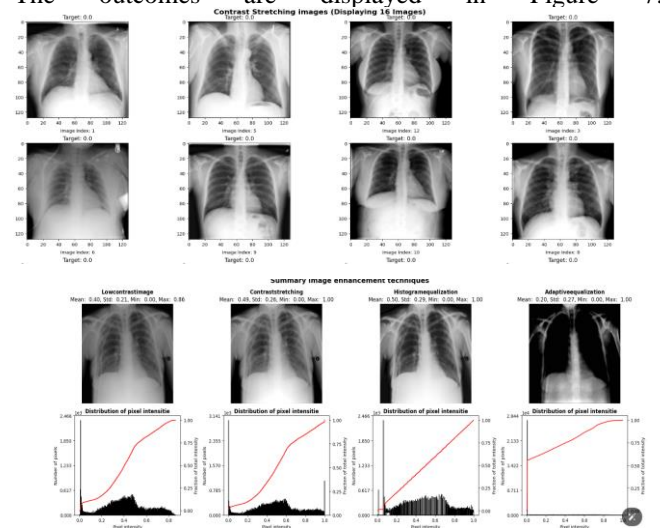
Fig 7. Enhancement Technique's

Lastly, the test dataset is to evaluate the model's accuracy to determine how well it can predict fresh, unobserved data. This stage is essential because it guarantees that the CNN model is strong, dependable, and able to identify tuberculosis accurately and efficiently in CXR pictures.

C. Data Pre-processing

The techniques used for data preparation improve the Convolutional Neural Network's (CNN) capacity to identify TB from chest X-ray pictures. To address the class imbalance, the preprocessing steps involved resizing the images to a standard size of 224x224 pixels, normalizing the images for better learning, segmenting the lung region using a pre-trained U-Net model for focused analysis, and allocating class weights to balance the dataset during training. All of these techniques attempted to enhance the quality of the data, lessen the effects of class imbalance, and maximize the CNN model's ability to correctly identify TB from chest X-ray pictures.

D. Evaluation Metrics

1. Training set performance: To make sure the model is learning efficiently this requires evaluating its performance on the training dataset. To make sure the model's predictions are realistic and consistent with the predicted results, this is accomplished by tracking training loss and accuracy over time and displaying the predictions on the training data. To verify that the model is accurately detecting tuberculosis in the X-ray pictures, would include examining the model's predictions on the training dataset.

2. Test set performance: This entails gauging the model's accuracy and capacity for generalization by analysing its performance on the test dataset. The test dataset needs to be representative of the whole population of interest and ought to be separate from the training dataset. To make sure the model can correctly detect tuberculosis in fresh, unseen data, evaluating the model on a different set of X-ray pictures that were not utilized in the training process would be necessary in the case of tuberculosis detection. 3

3. Confusion matrix: The confusion matrix is a useful tool for summarizing the model's performance in terms of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. This data may be used to construct a number of performance metrics, such as F1 score, accuracy, precision, and recall. Regarding the identification of TB, data about the number of true positives (cases of tuberculosis correctly identified), false positives (normal cases mistakenly identified as tuberculosis), true negatives (normal cases correctly identified), and false negatives (cases of tuberculosis incorrectly identified as normal) would be obtained from a confusion matrix.

4. ROC: The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve is used to evaluate the model's sensitivity and specificity. The ROC curve shows the relationship between the model's sensitivity (true positive rate) and specificity (1 - false positive rate) at various thresholds. This makes it feasible to assess the model's performance in terms of its specificity and sensitivity, two important aspects to take into account when applying it to medical applications. The ROC curve would shed light on the model's capacity to reliably identify tuberculosis (sensitivity) while reducing false positives (specificity) in the setting of tuberculosis detection.

E. Lung Segmentation

Lung segmentation is a crucial initial step in applying Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) on chest X-ray images to diagnose tuberculosis (TB). Isolating the lung area is necessary to increase the model's capacity to detect tuberculosis. This approach is challenging due to the complexity of the lung and the inclusion of other organs in the image. By concentrating on the lungs, the model can detect problems more accurately and minimize false positives or negatives Lung segmentation makes use of techniques including watershed segmentation, region growth, and thresholding as shown in Figure 8. To segment the lungs successfully, watershed segmentation considers the picture as a topographic surface, region growth grows from a seed point, and thresholding establishes a threshold for pixel intensity.
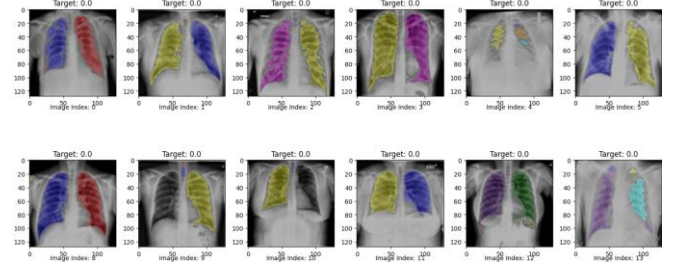

Fig 8. Lungs Segmentation Representation

F. Explainability

In order to understand how the model makes decisions when detecting tuberculosis (TB) using CNNs and chest X-ray images, explainability is crucial. The Lime Library clarifies the decision-making process of the model and aids in the explanation of its predictions by highlighting the important regions of the photos. For precise diagnosis and treatment in medical applications, this is very helpful. Any machine learning model, including CNNs, can have its predictions explained by the Lime library by approximating the model's behaviour locally and describing the prediction in terms of the features that are most significant for that instance. This approach makes the model's decision-making process easier to understand and more transparent.

V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The study's use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and chest X-ray (CXR) pictures to identify tuberculosis (TB) resulted in an impressive 0.99 accuracy rate. The promise of CNNs in medical image processing is shown by their excellent accuracy, especially when it comes to identifying tuberculosis.

The dataset comprised 700 TB images and 3500 normal images, with a 3-channel RGB format and a size of 512x512 pixels. Addressing the class imbalance was crucial, which was effectively managed through data augmentation
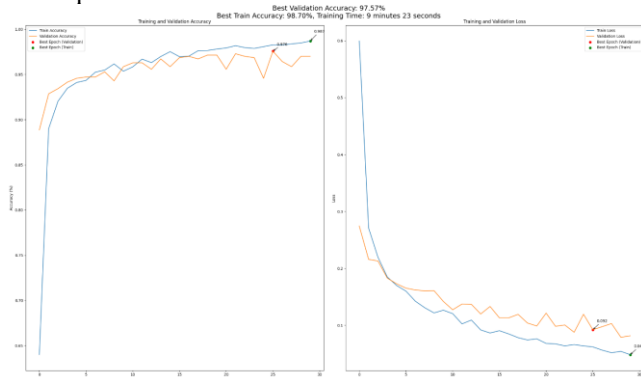
techniques.

Fig 9. Graphical Representation of Training and Validation Accuracy and Loss

In Generally for normal Models of machine learning there could be x features based on what the output label has predicted but coming to the deep learning classifiers have image data sets based on the output label extracted on their own so the features have been predicted based on the image extraction during this the output of predicted label could be loss form the actual one that is been shown in Figure 9 for the images of features.

Preparation, targeting, data augmentation, transformation, and picture improvement were the preprocessing procedures. In order to improve feature extraction and model performance, image enhancing techniques such contrast stretching, histogram equalization, and adaptive histogram equalization were used.
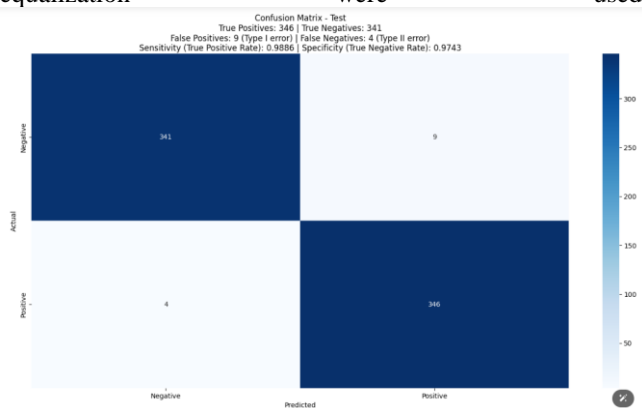

Fig 10. Confusion Matrix

The convolutional, pooling, dropout, flatten, fully connected (dense), and output layers were among the fundamental layers of the CNN design. To maximize model performance, a number of hyperparameters were carefully adjusted, including padding, kernel size, stride, and activation functions (such as sigmoid and ReLU). Training was conducted on the preprocessed dataset, with a rigorous evaluation process to ensure robustness.
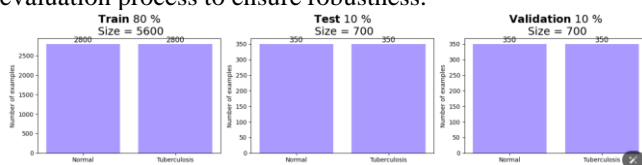

Fig 11. Data Splitting

As seen in Figure 11, the dataset was divided into training, validation, and testing sets using an 80:10:10 ratio. This made it easier to evaluate the model thoroughly. ROC-AUC, F1-score, accuracy, precision, recall, and other performance indicators were calculated. Figure 10 offers a confusion matrix that helps to clarify the model's advantages and disadvantages by offering information on true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives.
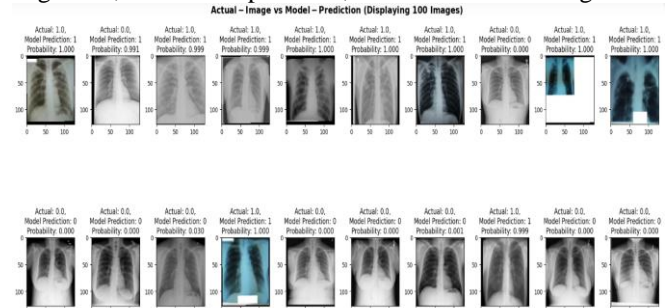

Fig 12. Lungs Internal Structure

Exploring the impact of different image input sizes on model performance revealed valuable insights into optimal image resolutions for TB detection. In Figure 13 we can see Additionally, incorporating lung segmentation and explainability using the LIME library enhanced interpretability, crucial for gaining trust in the model predictions and aiding medical professionals in decision-making.
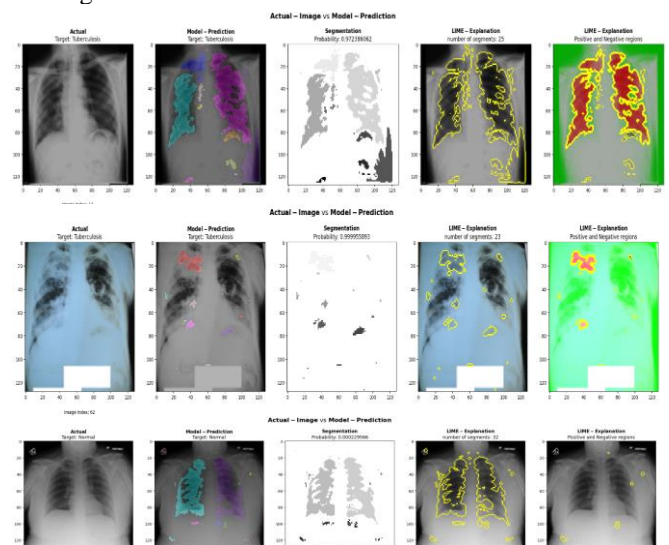

Fig 13. Actual Vs Model Prediction

The comprehensive evaluation and analysis of state-of-the-art deep learning techniques for TB identification from chest X-ray pictures provided insights into the development of these approaches over time. Moving from conventional machine-learning strategies to cutting-edge deep-learning architectures, the study highlighted the challenges and possibilities in creating reliable, therapeutically useful deep-learning models for tuberculosis diagnosis.

VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The study in the attached file successfully built a system for diagnosing tuberculosis (TB) using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and images from chest X-rays (CXRs). The

system exhibited the potential of CNNs in medical image processing, achieving an amazing accuracy of 0.99. The dataset, which included 3500 normal photos and 700 TB images, was successfully managed using data augmentation approaches to resolve the imbalance in class. Improved feature extraction and model performance can be attributed to the pretreatment stages, which include picture-enhancing methods. With meticulously adjusted hyperparameters, the CNN architecture was enhanced for tuberculosis identification. Using ROC-AUC, a confusion matrix, and performance indicators, the model's performance was carefully assessed. Using the LIME library, lung segmentation and explainability improved interpretability even further, supporting medical professionals' decision-making. The research can also be expanded to incorporate more medical imaging modalities, such as CT and MRI scans, to detect tuberculosis. The model's performance and predictability may both be enhanced by expanding the usage of explainability tools like Lime, which offer further insights model's decision-making process.

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