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ABSTRACT

Keywords: Skin diseases, early detection, dermoscopic images, medical image analysis, artificial intelligence, automatic diagnosis system.

In this work, we proposed a groundbreaking approach to address the challenges posed by conventional methods in diagnosing skin issues, particularly in dermoscopic image analysis. Skin problems affect millions worldwide, impacting their well-being and incurring significant medical expenses. Timely diagnosis is essential for effective treatment, yet existing techniques are often limited due to the diverse visual characteristics and overlapping symptoms of various skin conditions. To tackle this issue, we introduce a novel methodology that combines dermoscopic images with artificial intelligence to develop an autonomous diagnosis system capable of identifying multiple types of skin lesions. Early detection is key to preventing the progression of skin conditions, and our approach aims to provide a more accurate and efficient means of diagnosis.Utilizing deep learning techniques integrated with a computer-aided diagnosis system, our research seeks to revolutionize the recognition of skin problems. Actinic keratoses, Benign keratosis, Melanocytic nevi, Basal cell carcinoma, Dermatofibroma, Melanoma, and Vascular skin lesions are among the targeted illnesses. By leveraging advanced technology, such as imaging devices and routine skin examinations, we aim to enhance early detection efforts and improve overall health outcomes.The proposed methodology addresses the shortcomings of traditional diagnostic procedures, offering a promising solution for early diagnosis and intervention. With an impressive accuracy rate of 89%, our research demonstrates the effectiveness of our approach in accurately identifying and classifying various skin lesions. This breakthrough has the potential to significantly impact dermatological diagnostics, paving the way for improved patient care and outcomes in dermatology.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1Introduction:

Detecting and classifying skin diseases accurately and at an early stage are pivotal in healthcare. Skin conditions, affecting millions globally, not only impact individual health but also pose economic burdens on governments if left untreated. Melanoma, a type of skin cancer, underscores this concern, with significant mortality rates reported by the American Cancer Society in 2021. In 2022, an estimated 99,780 new cases were projected, with a predicted death toll of 7,650 individuals. Early detection and classification are imperative for timely treatment, emphasizing the critical role of diagnostic accuracy in managing skin diseases.

Moreover, certain skin ailments can lead to substantial impairment, disfigurement, and psychological distress due to symptoms like itching or pain. The resulting skin damage may further undermine an individual's self-esteem and overall well-being. While some attempt to manage these conditions independently, conventional treatments may prove ineffective, exacerbating the disease inadvertently. Additionally, individuals may underestimate the severity of their condition, leading to delayed medical intervention and further complications.

The traditional method of detecting skin illnesses mostly uses dermoscopic image analysis, which has a number of drawbacks. Dermoscopic diagnosis requires specialized equipment and training, which may not be universally accessible. Moreover, interpreting dermoscopic images can be complex due to the diverse visual characteristics exhibited by different skin diseases. Inexperienced dermatologists may struggle to identify subtle differences between lesions without magnification and specialized equipment, further complicating the diagnostic process.Recent technological advancements have paved the way for computer-aided diagnosis (CAD) systems for skin diseases, offering promising solutions to conventional limitations. These systems utilize artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms to analyze dermoscopic images, automatically detect and classify various skin lesions, and assist dermatologists in making accurate diagnoses. By leveraging machine learning techniques, CAD systems continuously improve diagnostic accuracy through the analysis of large datasets of annotated dermoscopic images.

One of the primary advantages of CAD systems lies in their ability to standardize the diagnostic process across different healthcare settings and expertise levels. Unlike conventional methods reliant on individual dermatologists' skills and experience, CAD systems offer a consistent and objective approach to diagnosis. This uniformity is particularly valuable in regions with limited access to dermatological expertise, where CAD systems can serve as essential tools for primary care physicians and healthcare providers, enabling timely and accurate diagnoses.CAD systems also enhance diagnostic efficiency by automating repetitive tasks and reducing the time required for image analysis. This efficiency translates into improved patient outcomes by enabling faster diagnosis and treatment initiation. Additionally, CAD systems provide decision support to dermatologists by offering differential diagnoses and suggesting treatment options based on image analysis.Despite their promise, CAD systems face several challenges. These include the need for large and diverse datasets to train AI algorithms, ensuring system robustness and generalizability across different populations and skin types, and addressing concerns regarding patient privacy and data security. Moreover, integrating CAD systems into existing clinical workflows and gaining acceptance from healthcare professionals require collaboration and careful consideration.

When compared to conventional methods, deep learning techniques—in particular, convolutional neural networks (CNNs)—have shown greater performance in illness diagnosis. Consequently, this work suggests a multi-modality data fusion based computer-aided detection (CAD) system for skin disease identification. The system uses artificial intelligence (AI) approaches to correctly combine and categorise information in order to diagnose dermoscopic picturesTo provide dependable, accurate, and timely detection of skin illnesses, multi-CNN models will be used for feature extraction from dermoscopic pictures, followed by classification using several machine learning methods.

For efficient healthcare treatment, skin illnesses must be accurately classified and detected as early as possible. CAD systems offer promising solutions to the limitations of conventional diagnosis, providing standardized, efficient, and objective diagnostic capabilities. Despite facing challenges, CAD systems hold immense potential to revolutionize skin disease diagnosis, improving patient outcomes and advancing healthcare practices.

1.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The project aims to develop a robust and accurate computer-aided diagnosis system for skin diseases utilizing machine learning and deep learning techniques. Leveraging dermoscopic images, the system seeks to accurately identify and classify various skin disorders, including common conditions and rare diseases. The primary objective is to improve diagnostic accuracy and efficiency, enabling timely intervention and treatment planning. The system will be evaluated across diverse datasets and disease categories to ensure reliability and generalizability. Ultimately, this research addresses the critical need for automated skin disease detection tools, empowering healthcare professionals with enhanced diagnostic capabilities for improved patient care.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the project "Early Detection of Skin Diseases Using Machine Learning and Deep Learning" are:

- To develop and train machine learning and deep learning models to accurately detect various skin diseases at an early stage.
- Utilizing dermoscopic images and clinical data to enhance the diagnostic capabilities of the models, ensuring comprehensive coverage of skin disorders.
- Investigate and compare different machine learning and deep learning techniques, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and ensemble methods, to identify the most effective approach for early detection.
- Conduct thorough validation experiments to assess the performance and generalizability of the developed models across diverse populations and skin types.
- Collaborate with dermatologists and medical experts to integrate the developed models into clinical workflows and facilitate early diagnosis and treatment planning for improved patient outcomes.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Innovating Dermatological Diagnostics: Chen's Closed-Loop Skin Disease Recognition

Chen's groundbreaking research in dermatological diagnostics introduces a closed-loop framework that merges self-learning mechanisms with extensive data exploration. This innovative approach harnesses AI techniques, particularly focusing on LeNet-5, AlexNet, and VGG16 architectures. Notably, Chen's framework prioritizes continual self-improvement and adaptability, crucial traits in the dynamic field of dermatology. Through iterative learning processes and feedback loops, the framework not only enhances diagnostic accuracy but also ensures responsiveness to evolving skin conditions. The experimental validation of Chen's model highlights its effectiveness in delivering precise diagnoses across various skin diseases. Rigorous testing demonstrates the framework's reliability and practicality, instilling confidence in its potential application in clinical settings. Chen's research represents a pivotal contribution with significant implications for dermatological diagnostics. By leveraging AI and closed-loop methodologies, this framework has the potential to revolutionize skin disease diagnosis, eventually resulting in better patient outcomes and more effective healthcare delivery.

2. Advancing Skin Lesion Classification: Kawahara's Multi-Resolution-Tract CNN

Kawahara's research introduces a pioneering Multi-Resolution-Tract Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), blending hybrid pre-trained and skin-lesion trained layers. Multi-trained skin categorization is used into this innovative method, utilising a mixed approach to skin texture analysis. The results of Kawahara's study unveil a substantial improvement compared to existing techniques, showcasing the efficacy of the integrated approach. By integrating multiple layers and hybrid analysis, the model's comprehension of skin lesions is refined, underscoring the effectiveness of this comprehensive methodology.Kawahara's work represents a significant stride in skin lesion classification, promising enhanced diagnostic accuracy. By leveraging a Multi-Resolution-Tract CNN and hybrid analysis, The study advances the ongoing development of medical image analysis techniques. The incorporation of several methods and multi-trained layers not only elevates the model's performance but also highlights the potential for further advancements in skin disease diagnosis and treatment. Kawahara's innovative approach marks a noteworthy milestone in the field, paving the way for improved healthcare outcomes and refined diagnostic processes in dermatology.

3. Advancing Dermatological Diagnosis: Shanthi et al.'s CNN Approach

Shanthi et al.'s groundbreaking study introduces an innovative approach to classifying dermatological conditions using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). Their study aims to differentiate between four distinct categories of skin conditions: acne, keratosis, urticaria, and eczema herpeticum. Employing the well-established AlexNet CNN model, their study achieves remarkable accuracy values of 85.7%, 92.3%, 93.3%, and 92.8% for each targeted skin disease, respectively.

The significance of Shanthi et al.'s work extends beyond the achieved accuracy, as it addresses the inherent challenges in dermatological diagnosis. By shedding light on the complexities arising from similarities across various skin lesions, the study emphasizes the potential for misclassification in traditional diagnostic methods. Through the integration of CNN technology, the research aims to enhance the precision of skin disease classification, offering a promising avenue for improved diagnostic outcomes in dermatology.This pioneering study represents a crucial step forward in leveraging advanced neural network architectures for the accurate and automated classification of diverse dermatological conditions. By harnessing the power of CNNs, Shanthi et al. pave the way for more effective diagnostic approaches, ultimately benefiting both patients and healthcare providers in the field of dermatology.

4. Advancing Dermatological Diagnosis: Wei et al.'s Integrated Framework

The study by Wei et al. offers a solid foundation for combining image processing and machine learning methods to recognise skin disorders across many classes. To ensure that the analysis is based on accurate and pertinent data, they strategically apply a median filter in the first stages of their technique to remove noise. A Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) is another tool the authors use for picture segmentation, which furthers our understanding of dermatological traits.

A pivotal aspect of their methodology is the adoption of Support Vector Machines (SVM) for classification. Leveraging machine learning, the model achieves notable accuracies and demonstrating the framework's effectiveness in identifying and categorizing distinct skin diseases. Wei et al.'s study underscores the potential synergy between image processing and machine learning in dermatological diagnostics. By amalgamating sophisticated techniques, their work significantly contributes to enhancing the accuracy and effectiveness of skin disease diagnosis recognition. It provides a valuable foundation for future advancements in the field, ultimately enhancing diagnostic accuracy and patient care in dermatology.

5. Exploring CNN Architectures for Skin Lesion Classification: Kousis et al.'s Comprehensive Investigation

In their noteworthy research, Kousis et al. conducted an extensive exploration of skin lesion classification through the training and testing of 11 Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architectures. Focusing on seven distinct skin lesion classifications, their meticulous investigation aimed to identify the most effective CNN model for accurate and robust classification.

The standout performer in their comprehensive analysis was DenseNet169, which demonstrated exceptional accuracy at 92.25%. This notable finding underscores the efficacy of DenseNet169 in surpassing its counterparts in accurately classifying diverse skin lesions. Kousis et al.'s research not only provides valuable insights into the comparative performance of different CNN architectures but also emphasizes the potential of DenseNet169 as a promising candidate for advancing the field of skin lesion classification.By shedding light on the strengths and weaknesses of various CNN models, Kousis et al.'s study offers valuable guidance for researchers and practitioners in dermatology. Their comprehensive investigation paves the way for further refinement and optimization of CNN-based approaches, ultimately enhancing diagnostic accuracy and patient care in skin lesion classification.

6. Advancing Skin Lesion Classification: Gouda et al.'s ESRGAN-Based Preprocessing

Gouda et al. introduced a novel methodology for skin lesion classification, incorporating Enhanced Super-Resolution Generative Adversarial Networks (ESRGAN) for preprocessing ISIC 2018 images. Their approach aimed to enhance image quality before employing ResNet50, InceptionV3, and InceptionResnet deep learning models for classification. The study systematically evaluated multiple deep learning models, demonstrating varying accuracy rates. This nuanced approach highlighted the adaptability of different models in accurately classifying skin lesions based on preprocessed images. The work by Gouda et al. emphasises the value of preprocessing methods and demonstrates how several deep learning architectures may be used to achieve optimal accuracy rates for the classification of skin lesions. This work represents a pivotal contribution to dermatological diagnostics, offering an integrated and advanced framework for improved skin lesion classification outcomes.

7. Revolutionizing Dermatological Diagnosis: Bajwa et al.'s Comprehensive CAD System

Bajwa et al. introduced a groundbreaking Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD) system for dermatological diagnostics, leveraging deep learning networks for enhanced accuracy and efficiency. Their system seamlessly integrated powerful architectures including NASNet, DenseNet-161, ResNet-152, SE-ResNeXt-101, and others, using the power of sophisticated neural networks.Their CAD system underwent comprehensive evaluation on DermNet and ISIC datasets, yielding remarkable results with an average accuracy of 92.4% for DermNet and an impressive 93% for ISIC in detecting various skin diseases. This achievement underscores the robustness of their approach and its potential to significantly contribute to dermatological diagnostics.

Bajwa et al.'s work represents a pivotal advancement in leveraging deep learning networks for accurate and automated detection of skin diseases, laying the foundation for enhanced clinical decision support systems in dermatology. Their comprehensive CAD system marks a significant step forward in revolutionizing dermatological diagnosis and improving patient care.

2.1 EXISTING SYSTEM:

Various methodologies are essential for the early diagnosis of skin conditions, encompassing dermoscopy, total body photography, artificial intelligence (AI), teledermatology, reflectance confocal microscopy, mole mapping, skin biopsy, and mobile apps. Dermoscopy employs handheld devices to examine skin lesions, while total body photography captures high-resolution images for longitudinal monitoring. AI and machine learning algorithms analyze skin images, discerning patterns associated with different conditions. Teledermatology facilitates remote consultations, and reflectance confocal microscopy offers real-time, high-resolution cellular-level imaging. Mole mapping systematically tracks individual moles for changes over time, and skin biopsy remains a gold standard for diagnosis. Mobile apps equipped with AI algorithms enable users to analyze skin lesions conveniently. By integrating these approaches, a comprehensive and accurate early detection strategy is established. However, consultation with healthcare professionals is paramount for proper diagnosis and treatment, ensuring that technology-enhanced methods complement clinical expertise for optimal patient care and outcomes.

2.2 DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM:

- Advanced techniques like reflectance confocal microscopy and teledermatology may require specialized equipment or expertise, limiting their accessibility to certain healthcare settings or geographic regions.
- Some methods, such as reflectance confocal microscopy and total body photography, can be expensive, making them less accessible to individuals with limited financial resources or in healthcare systems with budget constraints.
- Interpretation of results from dermoscopy and reflectance confocal microscopy often necessitates specialized training and expertise, leading to potential variability in accuracy among healthcare providers.
- AI and machine learning algorithms used in mobile apps for skin lesion analysis may still produce false positives or negatives, leading to unnecessary anxiety or missed diagnoses if not validated properly.
- Skin biopsy, while considered a gold standard for diagnosis, is an invasive procedure that carries risks such as infection, scarring, and discomfort for the patient.
- Some methodologies, like total body photography and mole mapping, require regular and time-consuming appointments for monitoring, which may not be feasible for all patients due to time constraints or inconvenience.
- Mobile apps equipped with AI algorithms for skin lesion analysis may lack regulatory oversight, potentially leading to inaccurate or unreliable results without proper validation or quality control measures.

CHAPTER – 3

PROPOSED SYSTEM

3.1 INTRODUCTION TO PROPOSED SYSTEM:

The recommended app improves skin condition diagnostics by concentrating on the user's needs. Users may easily photograph their skin using the camera on their device and provide crucial demographic information such as age and gender. Anatomical sites and symptoms mentioned help to enrich the diagnostic profile. The app's major feature is the diagnostic function, which can be accessed with a single click.When the data is uploaded, individuals are first classified as having healthy or abnormal skin conditions. If an abnormality is discovered, users can do a more complete analysis by switching to the detailed diagnostic window for further evaluation. If the condition does not fit into one of the preset categories, the model will classify it as "Unknown."

This combination of visual information with demographic and symptom details ensures a full evaluation, which aids in the early detection and management of problems. By simplifying the diagnosis procedure and utilizing technology, the app enhances access to dermatological treatment. The user-friendly interface encourages people to take charge of their skin health, resulting in better dermatological outcomes and overall patient wellness.In summary, the app offers a user-friendly and comprehensive solution for early detection and diagnosis of skin diseases. The objective is to improve patient outcomes by improving access to dermatological treatment and enabling timely intervention via the use of technology and user input. The program makes it possible to diagnose skin diseases conveniently using mobile technology, doing away with the need for specialist equipment or doctor consultations. Users can reduce travel and waiting room time by simply taking images of their skin and providing the required information without leaving their homes.

Through tracking changes in skin over time, the software helps users identify skin illnesses early and encourages prompt medical attention when irregularities are discovered. The software allows for a comprehensive evaluation of skin conditions, leading to accurate diagnosis, by including demographic data, anatomical location information, and reported symptoms. By actively participating in the diagnostic process and receiving timely feedback on any skin issues, users can take control of the health of their skin.Early identification via prompt intervention and treatment can prevent the development of skin illnesses and improve patient outcomes. This is made possible by the application. The approach increases access to skin disease diagnostics for a greater number of individuals by offering a more cost-effective substitute for standard dermatological sessions.

3.1.1ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

With the use of mobile technology, the app provides easy access to skin condition diagnosis without the need for specialist equipment or doctor consultations.

It is convenient for users to take pictures of their skin and submit pertinent data from the comfort of their own homes, which reduces the need for travel and waiting room time.Early diagnosis of skin illnesses is facilitated by the app, which enables users to track changes in their skin and promptly seek medical attention if any anomalies are discovered.With the combination of demographic information, anatomical site details, and reported symptoms, the app facilitates a comprehensive evaluation of skin disorders and allows for more accurate diagnosis.By actively participating in the diagnostic process and receiving timely feedback on any skin issues, users are empowered to take control of their skin health.Early detection of skin disorders through the usage of the app allows for timely intervention and treatment, which improves patient outcomes by avoiding the disease's progression.The approach makes skin disease diagnostics more accessible to a wider range of individuals by offering a less costly alternative to conventional dermatological sessions.

3.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

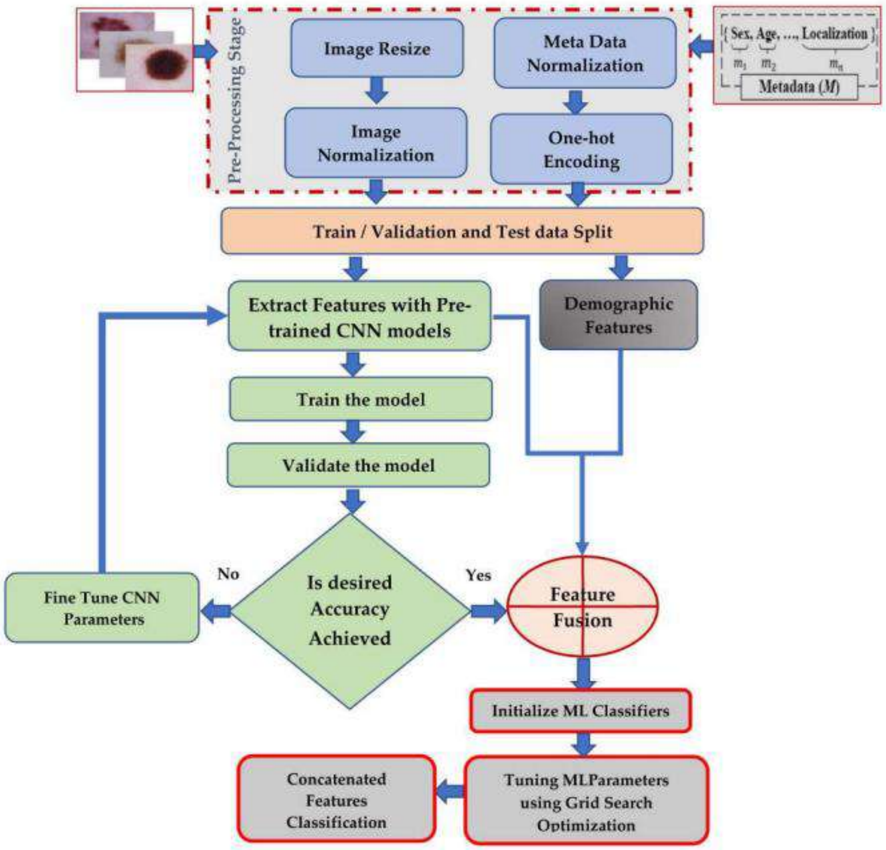
This graphic illustrates the use of deep learning and machine learning techniques in an early skin disease detection system. People may help diagnose and treat a variety of skin conditions more quickly by following this scheme.Enhancing patient outcomes, improving healthcare delivery, and lessening the burden of skin problems on individuals and society are generally the goals of placing a high priority on early diagnosis of skin illnesses. Early detection programs may significantly improve public health and well-being when healthcare practitioners, academics, politicians, and technology developers collaborate.

3.3 DATASET USED

Dermatology and machine learning research have long acknowledged the utility of the HAM 10000 dataset, commonly known as "Human Against Machine with 10000 training images," in the classification of skin lesions.This dataset, which consists of 10,015 dermatoscopic pictures of pigmented skin lesions, is essential for the development and validation of deep learning and machine learning algorithms that try to automate the diagnosis and detection of skin lesions. It is the perfect resource for teaching algorithms to identify different kinds of skin illnesses since it provides a wide range of photos displaying different skin disorders. Experts in dermatology and machine learning place a high importance on the HAM10000 dataset because it makes a substantial contribution to the creation of trustworthy systems for the early diagnosis and identification of skin conditions. By assembling a set of dermatoscopic pictures of common pigmented skin lesions from several sources, the dataset overcomes the drawbacks caused by the lack of uniformity of existing datasets. HAM10000 is a publicly available dataset that contains 10,015 dermatoscopic pictures for academic machine learning training. It is available through the ISIC repository, making study and assessment against human knowledge easier. With its seven types of skin cancer, it offers a strong basis for comparative analysis and machine learning methods that complement human diagnostic skills.

1. Nevi melanocytic
2. Cancer of the melanoma
3. Lesions resembling benign keratosis
4. Cancer of the basal cell
5. Keratases of Actinic
6. Lesions in the arteries
7. Inflammatory fibroma

In this project, my goal is to use a Convolutional Neural Network with Keras and TensorFlow as the foundation to differentiate between seven different types of skin cancer. Afterwards, I will examine the outcomes to determine the usefulness of the model.



. Fig 1 block diagram of proposed work.

3.3.1 PICTURE PREPARATION :

The objective of this study is to reduce pre-processing time and enhance CNN's ability to generalize successfully. We used just two popular pre-processing methods—image scaling and normalization—during the deep learning model training in order to accomplish this. Because the dataset included photographs of different sizes, there were noticeable variations in size and intensity, necessitating image scaling. Furthermore, image normalization was essential because skin lesion images could come from different sources of acquisition, which could introduce unwanted artifacts like noise at the pixel level, variations in picture quality, bright text, or symbols, which could lead to significant differences in pixel intensity between images. Preparing the data was therefore essential. Additionally, we normalized the contrasts in training photographs during the training phase to lessen this problem because skin images frequently show variances in contrast. To ensure that all picture intensity values fell between -1 and 1, all image intensity values were thus normalized by dividing the value of each pixel by 255.

3.3.2 EXTRACTION OF FEATURES :

To extract features, six CNN models were used: Xception, ResNet50, DenseNet201, InceptionV3, VGG19, and InceptionResnet. The retrieved features were a low-dimensional vector, which greatly reduced the model's training time as compared to retraining the model after fine-tuning. Deep learning methods need the extraction of deep features during the training phase and performance evaluation during the testing phase when it comes to diagnosing fresh pictures. The main advantage of deep learning models is that they have several layers for feature extraction. One of the main characteristics of deep learning models is that the first convolutional layer extracts geometric features, the second layer detects edges, the third layer extracts color features, the fourth layer extracts texture features, and so on. In CNN models, feature extraction consists of convolutional layer and stacked pooling layer pairings. The convolution layer transforms data using the convolution technique, as its name suggests. This may be thought of as a collection of digital filters, with the pooling layer serving as both a layer for dimension reduction and a threshold. The vector length is N 2048, where N is the number of the training picture, and the number of features retrieved from the CNN models is 2048.

	Pixel 0000	Pixel 0001	Pixel 0002	Pixel 0003	Pixel 0004	Pixel 0005	Pixel 0006	Pixel 0007	Pixel 0008
10010	183	165	181	182	165	180	184	166	182
10011	2	3	1	38	33	32	121	104	103
10012	132	118	118	167	149	149	175	156	160
10013	160	124	146	164	131	152	167	127	146
10014	175	142	121	181	150	134	181	150	133

Table 1 - feature extraction from pixels

3.3.3 PRE-PROCESSING OF METADATA :

Any missing data from the clinical information is eliminated by this process. Since a large number of demographic features are categorical variables with a finite number that are stated as "strings" or "categories," one-hot encoding is used to convert these categorical variables into a format for categorical data. Each level of a category characteristic creates a new variable. Binary variables are linked to each category and can have values of either 0 or 1. As an illustration, the gender type is transformed into two new categories (male and female). In this case, a number of 1 indicates that certain category is present, whereas a value of 0 shows its absence. In addition, numerical characteristics of the population, including age, were standardized.

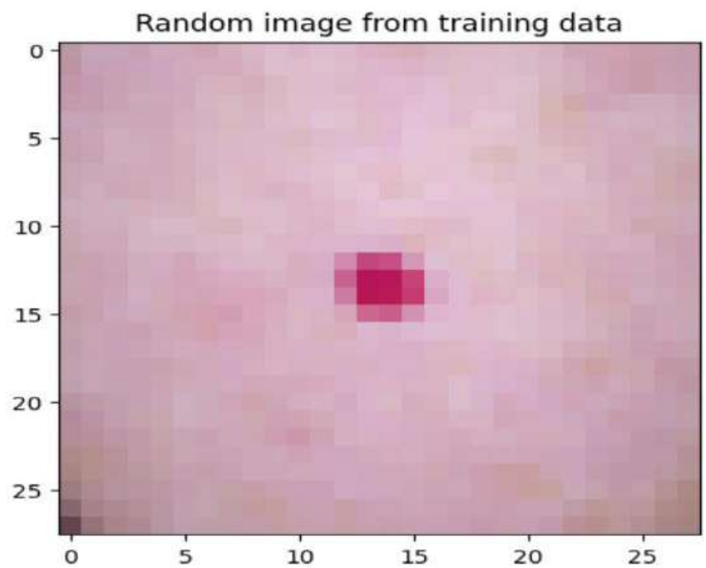


Figure 2 training data

3.3.4 ATTRIBUTE JOINING:

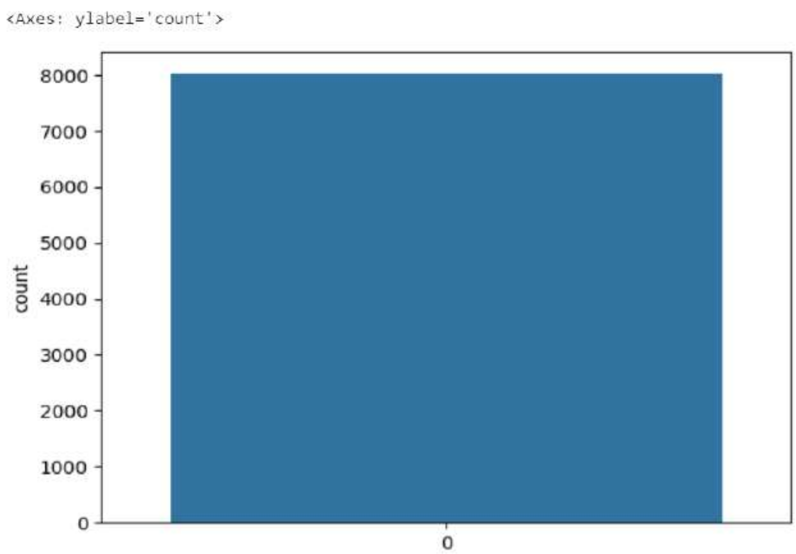
This stage is in charge of combining the information and picture properties into a single feature vector. The processed photos of skin diseases were then input into CNN models, which used convolutional, pooling, and auxiliary layers to extract detailed information. Following that, 2048 deep features were created and saved as 6509 x 64 feature vectors. The total amount of demographic characteristics is equivalent to 6509 times five. The final feature vector has 65 vectors with 6509 dimensions per. Following one-hot encoding of the demographic characteristics, the composite vector will include 6509 x 85 features in total.

3.3.5 CLASSIFICATION OF SKIN LESIONS:

In this procedure, several machine learning classifiers are fed with the combined features that were derived from the skin lesion photos in order to classify the images. These classifiers distinguish between different kinds of skin lesions using the characteristics that have been retrieved. The classifiers are trained to recognize characteristic patterns and characteristics linked to various kinds of skin lesions by use of labeled data.The ability of the classifiers to accurately classify newly acquired pictures of skin lesions into distinct groups following training aids in the diagnosis and classification of skin conditions. This technique improves healthcare outcomes and increases the efficacy of diagnosis by precisely and automatically classifying skin lesions.

3.3.6 PREPROCESSING AND DATA COLLECTION:

The first step in developing a trustworthy skin condition detection system is gathering a large dataset with a variety of skin photos, including samples of healthy skin and skin illness cases. After that, pre-processing methods including augmentation, normalization, and resizing are used to standardize the photos. This ensures uniformity and consistency of the dataset, which in turn enhances the performance and generalizability of the diagnostic systemThe model may be trained on a wide range of skin disorders and variations thanks to augmentation techniques, which increase dataset variety and improve the model's efficacy in illness identification and classification.



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CHAPTER- 4

METHODOLOGY

4.1 Model Selection:

When it comes to classifying skin diseases from images, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) stand out as the most suitable option due to their effectiveness in capturing spatial hierarchies. It's advisable to utilize pre-trained CNN models like VGG, ResNet, or Inception, as they have undergone training on extensive image datasets such as ImageNet. This prior training enables them to acquire generic features that can be applied to the skin disease dataset. By fine-tuning these pre-trained models on the skin disease dataset using transfer learning, significant performance enhancements can be achieved. Transfer learning utilizes the learned representations from the larger dataset to adapt to the specific characteristics of skin disease images. This strategy not only reduces the necessity for abundant training data but also expedites the training process while improving the model's accuracy and its ability to generalize.

4.1.1. Model Training:

There are three sets of the dataset: test, validation, and training. Using the training data, models are trained to maximise their specificity, sensitivity, and accuracy. Robust model performance on unknown data is ensured by preventing overfitting with techniques such as regularisation and cross-validation.

4.1.2 Model Evaluation:

Following the training phase on the training data, the models undergo evaluation on the validation set to gauge their performance and pinpoint areas for enhancement. This evaluation process entails fine-tuning hyperparameters like learning rates or dropout rates, and possibly modifying the model architecture by adding or removing layers. Diverse performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC curves are calculated to thoroughly assess the models' proficiency in accurately classifying skin diseases. Through analysis of these metrics, informed adjustments can be made to optimize model performance and guarantee its appropriateness for real-world application in clinical environments.

4.1.3 Deployment:

Once the trained model demonstrates satisfactory performance, it is deployed into a production environment where it can be utilized for real-world applications. This deployment involves setting up the infrastructure to host the model, ensuring scalability, reliability, and security. Additionally, a user interface, either as a mobile application or as an online version, is developed to facilitate interaction with the system. This interface allows users, such as dermatologists or patients, to input skin images and receive predictions regarding the presence of skin diseases. Moreover, APIs are implemented to enable seamless integration of the model with other systems or platforms, facilitating interoperability and expanding the system's functionality and accessibility. Overall, these steps ensure the successful deployment and utilization of the trained model in practical healthcare settings.

4.1.4 Continuous Monitoring and Improvement:

To ensure continuous performance, real-time monitoring mechanisms are implemented for the deployed model. Feedback from users and domain experts is collected to pinpoint areas for improvement. Additionally, the model is periodically retrained with new data to adapt to changing patterns and trends in skin diseases, maintaining its effectiveness over time.

4.1.5 Privacy and Ethical Considerations:

The system must adhere to privacy regulations like GDPR or HIPAA, particularly when handling sensitive medical data. Measures are implemented to secure data and protect patient privacy, including encryption, access controls, and anonymization techniques. Transparency is ensured by providing clear information on how the system operates and the limitations of its predictions, empowering users to make informed decisions about their data.

4.2 Collaboration with Healthcare Professionals:

To verify system functionality and smoothly incorporate it into clinical processes, dermatologists and other healthcare professionals must work together. The purpose of this validation procedure is to guarantee the correctness and dependability of the system in actual healthcare settings through thorough testing and assessment by subject matter experts. In order to maximise the system's usefulness and efficacy, feedback from these experts aids in identifying any areas that require modification or development. The system may be customised to match the unique demands and specifications of dermatological practice by collaborating closely with medical experts, thereby improving patient care and results.

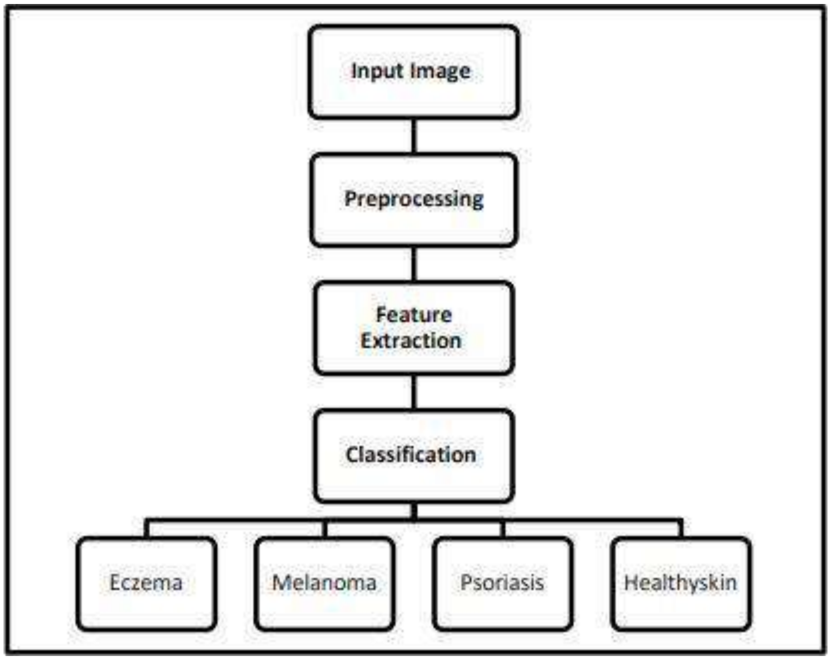

Fig 4 Data flow of the model

4.3 MODELS USED :

In machine learning applications focused on image categorization, Transfer Learning (TR) is a common strategy. This involves leveraging knowledge from a well-performing CNN model trained in a different domain. The model's weights are derived from extensive, labeled datasets such as ImageNet. Once trained, these weights can be applied to a specific dataset in a new domain. TR serves as a method for feature retrieval, where we utilize the pre-trained CNN for extracting features. To achieve this, we discard the final fully connected layer and utilize the remaining CNN layers for feature extraction. The pre-trained CNN models were originally trained on the ImageNet dataset, comprising 1000 classes. The initial layers of each CNN model extract basic features applicable to various applications. However, the final fully connected layers are designed for classifying the 1000 ImageNet classes. To adapt these architectures for our task, we remove their final fully connected layers and replace them with a new fully connected layer, customized for our specific case study. This new layer is followed by a softmax classification layer. Consequently, these modified deep architectures are tailored for the detection of multiple skin disorders.

4.3.1 Convolution Deep Learning Model for Feature Extraction Process

Images of skin lesions are fed into a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), which is used to extract characteristics. The CNN develops hierarchical representations of the input pictures using a number of convolutional layers, identifying spatial patterns and attributes associated with skin conditions. After learning these characteristics, skin problem diagnoses can be made by categorization or further analysis.

4.3.2 VGG19

This model has nineteen layers. It has three fully connected layers that were trained on ImageNet and sixteen convolutional layers. It starts with several non-linear layers and proceeds to several 3 × 3 convolutional filters with a stride of 1. To achieve high accuracy in picture classification, five MaxPool layers and one SoftMax layer are implemented to minimise the size of the features. Block 6's final three thick layers measure 4096, 4096, and 1000, in that order. The provided photos are categorised by VGG into 1000 distinct categories. The dimension of fc8 is set to seven, and this research has seven output classes.

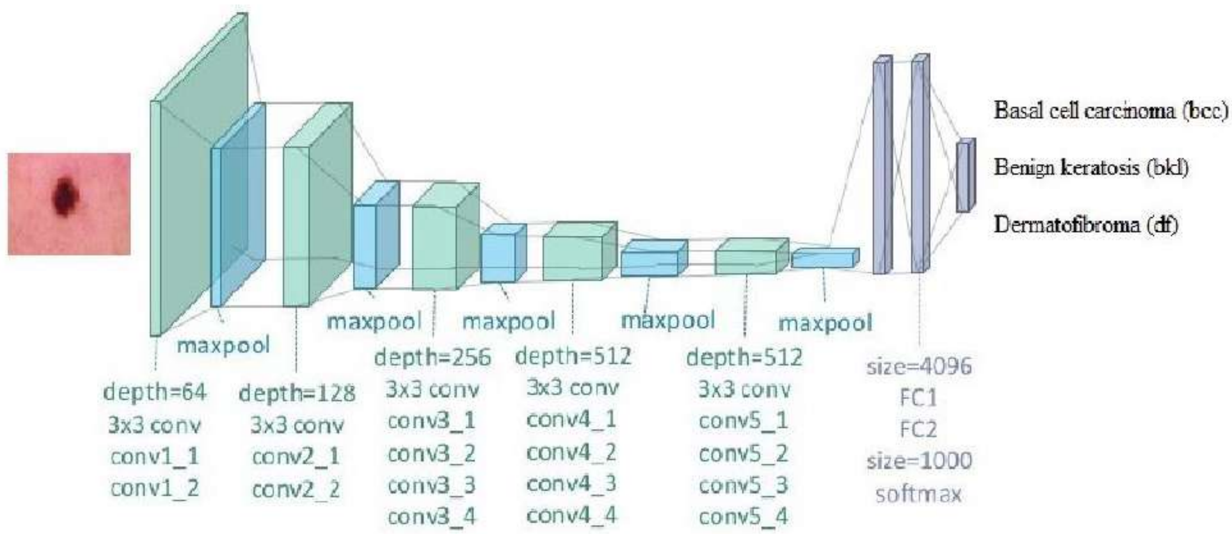

Figure 5 VGG19 architecture.

4.3.3 InceptionV3

By highlighting the significance of memory management and the computational power of the model, this model is used to improve computing resources. As a result, computations are completed more quickly and with fewer parameters. 48 layers, including skipped connections, make up the architecture of the model, which was trained on millions of photos, covering 1000 classes. To decrease the feature dimensions, the process is repeated using max-pooling.

4.3.4 ResNet50

The current common CNN model employs a residual structure, which enhances training effectiveness and facilitates smoother gradient flow. It's designed to handle input images with dimensions of 224 × 224 × 3 for height, width, and channels, respectively. The ResNet50 model is organized into four stages, with initial convolution and max-pooling utilizing kernel sizes of 7x7 and 3x3, respectively. Stage 1 of the network begins with three Residual blocks, each consisting of three layers. The convolution operation within these blocks employs kernels of sizes 64, 64, and 128. On the other hand, the denseNet201 model employs dense connections, replacing direct connections between hidden layers. This design facilitates the reuse of network features and maximizes information transmission across layers. The network accepts input of size 224 × 224 and processes it through convolution and max-pooling layers. It then proceeds through four dense blocks interspersed with three transition blocks, ultimately outputting feature maps of size 14 × 14.

4.3.5 Xception

The Xception model is predicated on the separability of cross-channel and spatial correlation. Better performance is achieved with the same parameter values. The standard Inception modules are replaced with the depthwise separable convolutions used in the Xception architecture, which extends the Inception design. The input data is not divided into many compressed chunks; rather, each output channel's spatial correlations are mapped separately, and then a 1 x 1 depthwise convolution is performed to capture cross-channel correlation.

4.3.6 Inception-ResNet

The Inception-ResNet model merges the inception structure with residual connections, aiming to overcome the degradation problem by utilizing convolution filters of multiple sizes trained on extensive image datasets. All layers preceding the fully connected (FC) layer encompass the core elements of the Inception-ResnetV2 architecture. In this architecture, the kernel size of the Conv (convolutional layer), Pool (pooling layer), or FC represents the patch size, while the stride denotes the interval between two procedures set to a value of 2 in the experiment. Softmax functions as the network classification method, while Filter Concat is a module facilitating the connection of multiple Conv layers. The Inception-ResNetV2 model integrates three primary inception modules: InceptionResNet-A, Inception-ResNet-B, and Inception-ResNet-C. These modules aim to reduce the number of parameters in smaller Conv layers while generating distinctive features. Each module incorporates its own Conv and pooling layers.

Model	Number of Parameters	Number of Layers	Input Image Size	Kernel Size
Xception	30,375,912	71	71×71	3×3
Resnet50	27,857,668	50	71×71	7×7
DenseNet201	22,331,392	121	71×71	5×5
InceptionV3	21,817,127	48	75×75	3×3
VGG19	20,027,975	19	75×75	3×3
InceptionResNetV2	54,347,495	164	71×71	3×3

Table 2 - features of the experiment-specific DL model designs.

Hyper-Parameters	Value
Number of epoch	100
Batch size	64
Pooling	Global average pooling
Optimizer	Adam
Initial learning rate	1×10^{-4}
Dropout	0.5
Patience	10
Loss function	Categorical-cross entrop

Table 3 - Hyperparameter values utilised in CNN model designs.

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4.4 WORKING OF CODE:

The 14 stages listed below are what we used to develop and assess the model in this kernel:

Step 1: Bringing in Key Libraries

[1]:
```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
```

[2]:
```
!wget --header="Host: storage.googleapis.com" --header="User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) Appl
```

Step 2: Adding labels and loading data

[3]:
```
!unzip hmnist_28_28_RGB.csv.zip
```

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Archive:  hmnist_28_28_RGB.csv.zip
  End-of-central-directory signature not found.  Either this file is not
  a zipfile, or it constitutes one disk of a multi-part archive.  In the
  latter case the central directory and zipfile comment will be found on
  the last disk(s) of this archive.
unzip:  cannot find zipfile directory in one of hmnist_28_28_RGB.csv.zip or
        hmnist_28_28_RGB.csv.zip.zip, and cannot find hmnist_28_28_RGB.csv.zip.ZIP, period.
```

[4]:
```
#Dataset used: https://www.kaggle.com/kmader/skin-cancer-mnist-ham10000
path='/kaggle/input/skin-cancer-mnist-ham10000/hmnist_28_28_RGB.csv'
```

[5]:
```
df=pd.read_csv(path)
```

Step 3: Train Test Split

```
[7]:
fractions=np.array([0.8,0.2])
df=df.sample(frac=1)
train_set, test_set = np.array_split(
    df, (fractions[:-1].cumsum() * len(df)).astype(int))
```

```
[8]:
print(len(train_set))
```

```
8012
```

```
[9]:
print(len(test_set))
```

```
2003
```

```
[10]:
df.label.unique()
```

```
[10]: array([4, 2, 1, 6, 3, 5, 0])
```

```
[11]:
# reference: https://www.kaggle.com/kmader/skin-cancer-mnist-ham10000/discussion/183083
classes={0:('akiec', 'actinic keratoses and intraepithelial carcinomae'),
         1:('bcc' , 'basal cell carcinoma'),
         2:('bkl', 'benign keratosis-like lesions'),
         3:('df', 'dermatofibroma'),
         4:('nv', ' melanocytic nevi'),
         5:('vasc', ' pyogenic granulomas and hemorrhage'),
         6:('mel', 'melanoma'),}
```

```
[12]:
y_train=train_set['label']
x_train=train_set.drop(columns=['label'])
y_test=test_set['label']
x_test=test_set.drop(columns=['label'])

columns=list(x_train)
```

Step 4: Exploratory data analysis (EDA)

[17]:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import random
num=random.randint(0,8000)
x_train=np.array(x_train, dtype=np.uint8).reshape(-1,28,28,3)

plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28,28,3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()
num=random.randint(0,8000)
plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28,28,3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()

num=random.randint(0,8000)
plt.imshow(x_train[num].reshape(28,28,3))
plt.title("Random image from training data")
plt.show()
```

Step 5: Model Building (CNN)

[18]:

```
from tensorflow.keras.models import Sequential
from tensorflow.keras.layers import Conv2D, Flatten, Dense, MaxPool2D
import tensorflow as tf
```

[19]:

```
#https://keras.io/api/models/sequential/
#https://keras.io/api/layers/core_layers/dense/
#https://keras.io/api/layers/merging_layers/add/
%time

model = Sequential()
model.add(Conv2D(16, kernel_size = (3,3), input_shape = (28, 28, 3), activation = 'relu', padding = 'same'))
model.add(MaxPool2D(pool_size = (2,2)))
model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())

model.add(Conv2D(32, kernel_size = (3,3), activation = 'relu'))
model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel_size = (3,3), activation = 'relu'))

model.add(MaxPool2D(pool_size = (2,2)))

model.add(tf.keras.layers.BatchNormalization())

model.add(Conv2D(128, kernel_size = (3,3), activation = 'relu'))
```

Step 6: Setting Optimizer & Annealing

[20]:

```
#reference: https://www.kaggle.com/dhruv1234/ham10000-skin-disease-classification
callback = tf.keras.callbacks.ModelCheckpoint(filepath='best_model.h5',
                                              monitor='val_acc',
                                              mode='max',
                                              verbose=1,
                                              save_best_only=True)
```

[21]:

```
%time
optimizer=tf.keras.optimizers.Adam(lr=0.001)

model.compile(loss = 'sparse_categorical_crossentropy',
              optimizer =optimizer,
              metrics = ['accuracy'])
```

```
CPU times: user 4 µs, sys: 1 µs, total: 5 µs
Wall time: 8.58 µs
```

Step 7: Fitting the model

```
from datetime import datetime
start_time = datetime.now()

history = model.fit(x_train,
                    y_train,
                    validation_split=0.2,
                    batch_size = 128,
                    epochs = 100,
                    shuffle=True,
                    callbacks=[callback])

end_time = datetime.now()
print('Duration: {}'.format(end_time - start_time))
```

Step 8: Model Evaluation

```
#plot of accuracy vs epoch
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'])
plt.title('model accuracy')
plt.ylabel('accuracy')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
plt.legend(['train', 'val'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```

```
#plot of loss vs epoch
plt.plot(history.history['loss'])
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'])
plt.title('model loss')
plt.ylabel('loss')
plt.xlabel('epoch')
plt.legend(['train', 'val'], loc='upper left')
plt.show()
```

CHAPTER – 5

SOFTWARE ENVIRONMENT

5.1 PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES:

The software environment described above facilitates developers in implementing various machine learning and deep learning techniques for analyzing dermoscopic images to detect potential skin conditions. Python, with its rich libraries and frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, and scikit-learn, offers essential resources for constructing and training AI models specifically designed for image classification tasks. Developers can utilize deep learning frameworks such as TensorFlow and PyTorch to create and train convolutional neural networks (CNNs), which are adept at extracting pertinent features from images and making precise predictions. These models can be trained on extensive datasets of dermoscopic images, enabling them to learn intricate patterns and characteristics associated with different skin diseases.

Moreover, scikit-learn presents a variety of traditional machine learning algorithms that can complement deep learning methods or be employed in situations where deep learning might not be feasible due to data constraints or computational limitations. Algorithms like support vector machines (SVMs) or random forests offered by scikit-learn offer alternative approaches for classifying skin diseases based on features extracted from images. Python emerges as the preferred language for AI development owing to its comprehensive libraries and frameworks, which furnish indispensable tools for constructing and training AI models.

5.2 Deep Learning Frameworks:

TensorFlow and PyTorch are leading deep learning frameworks known for their user-friendly APIs and efficient implementations of neural network algorithms. TensorFlow, developed by Google, offers a comprehensive ecosystem with tools like TensorFlow Keras for simplified model construction. PyTorch, maintained by Facebook, features a dynamic computational graph system, enabling intuitive debugging and customization. Both frameworks empower developers to create sophisticated neural network models for various applications, including skin disease detection. They are essential resources in the fields of machine learning and artificial intelligence due to their resilience and adaptability.

5.3 Data Preprocessing Tools :

We preprocessed picture data using libraries like scikit-image and OpenCV, which is an essential step in getting the input data ready for deep learning models. Resizing, cropping, and colour space conversion are just a few of the many image manipulation features offered by the well-known computer vision library OpenCV. It can handle enormous amounts of skin image data since it provides effective implementations of these techniques. Scikit-image, on the other hand, provides a number of algorithms for image processing jobs such morphological operations, edge detection, and filtering. By working together, these libraries allow us to improve and standardise the quality of the input photos, which in turn improves the resilience and performance of our system for detecting skin diseases.

5.4 Development Environments:

To make the process of developing and testing our deep learning models for skin disease identification easier, we employed integrated development environments (IDEs) including PyCharm, Jupyter Notebook, and Visual Studio Code. With the help of these IDEs' intuitive user interfaces and support for interactive coding, we can create and run code snippets quickly and effectively. Specifically designed for data exploration and experimentation, Jupyter Notebook offers a notebook-style interface that integrates text, code, and visualisations into a single document. With robust capabilities like code autocompletion, debugging tools, and version control integration, PyCharm and Visual Studio Code improve productivity and code quality all the way through the development process.

5.5 Version Control Systems:

In our project, we relied on essential platforms like Git and GitHub to manage our codebase and facilitate collaboration among team members. Git served as our version control system, enabling us to track changes in the code, manage different branches for feature development, and revert to previous versions if needed. GitHub, on the other hand, provided a centralized repository for storing our code and coordinating our efforts. Through GitHub, we could easily share our work, review each other's code, and manage tasks using its issue tracking and project management features. These platforms played a crucial role in promoting transparency, collaboration, and efficiency throughout the development lifecycle of our project.

5.6 Cloud Computing Services:

Our AI models were trained and deployed by using scalable infrastructure through the use of cloud platforms such as Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), and Amazon Web Services (AWS). These platforms provided a wide range of services tailored to our needs, including data storage, computation, and deployment capabilities. With AWS, we could access powerful instances for training our models and deploy them using services like Amazon SageMaker. Similarly, GCP offered convenient tools like Google Colab for collaborative development and managed services like AI Platform for model deployment. Azure provided seamless integration with our existing Microsoft ecosystem, along with robust machine learning services like Azure Machine Learning. Leveraging these cloud platforms, we could efficiently manage our resources and focus on developing and deploying our skin disease detection system.

5.7 Python libraries and frameworks used:

- PyTorch
- Scikit-learn.
- Tensorflow
- OpenCV.
- Flask
- Django .
- Pandas.
- numpy

CHAPTER - 6

RESULTS

Ten thousand photos made up the study's input dataset. Without Metadata, the HAM10000 Dataset In the first experiment, pictures of skin lesions were classified using six pre-trained models.

To differentiate between various kinds of skin lesions, three machine-learning classification methods were used to the characteristics gathered from the previously trained CNN models.

We employed a mix of machine learning classifiers and pre-trained deep learning classifiers to identify skin lesions autonomously in order to further increase the generalisation capacity and accuracy of the deep models.

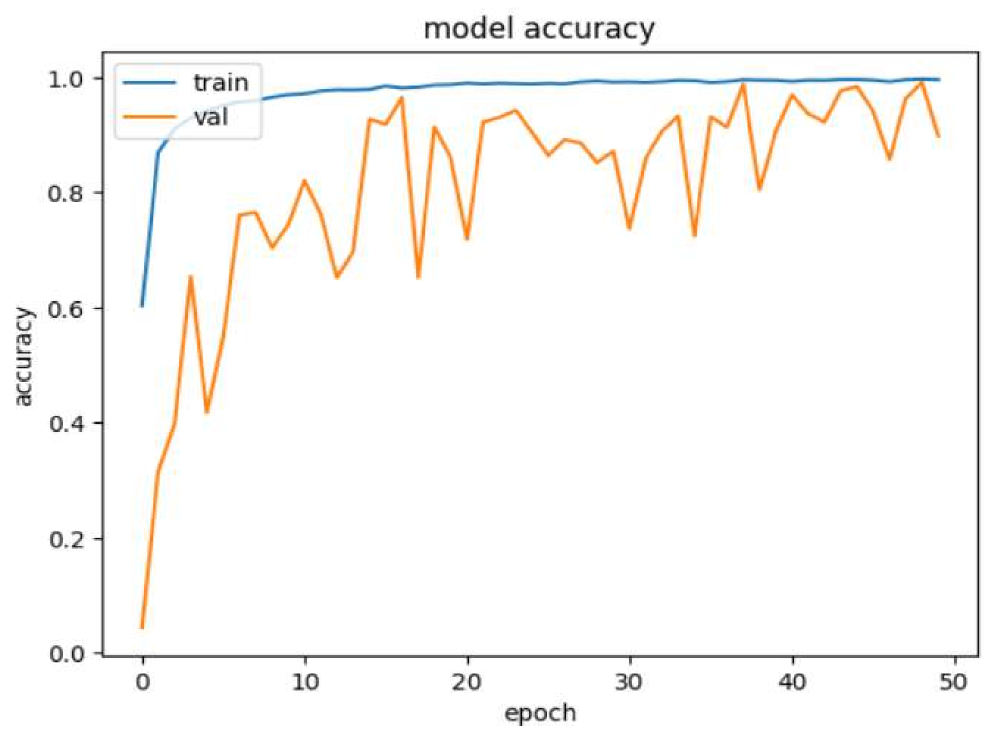


Figure 6 graph of model accuracy

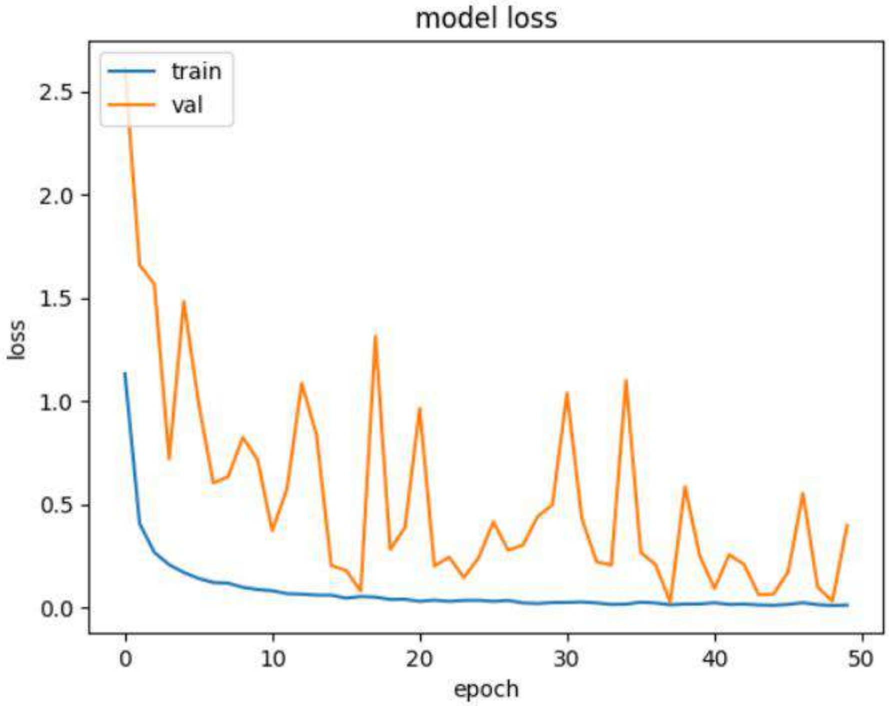


Figure 7 graph of model loss

The model is trained with 10000 images dataset. So we can give any type of input data so that it analyzes and gives the output data. We used 235 epoches in this training model.

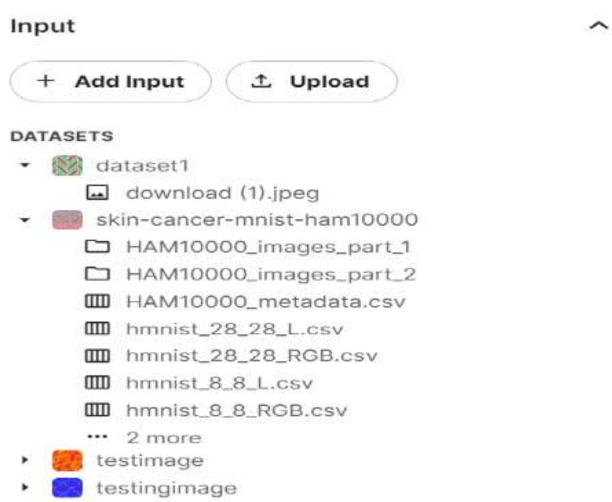


Figure 8 – input

data given

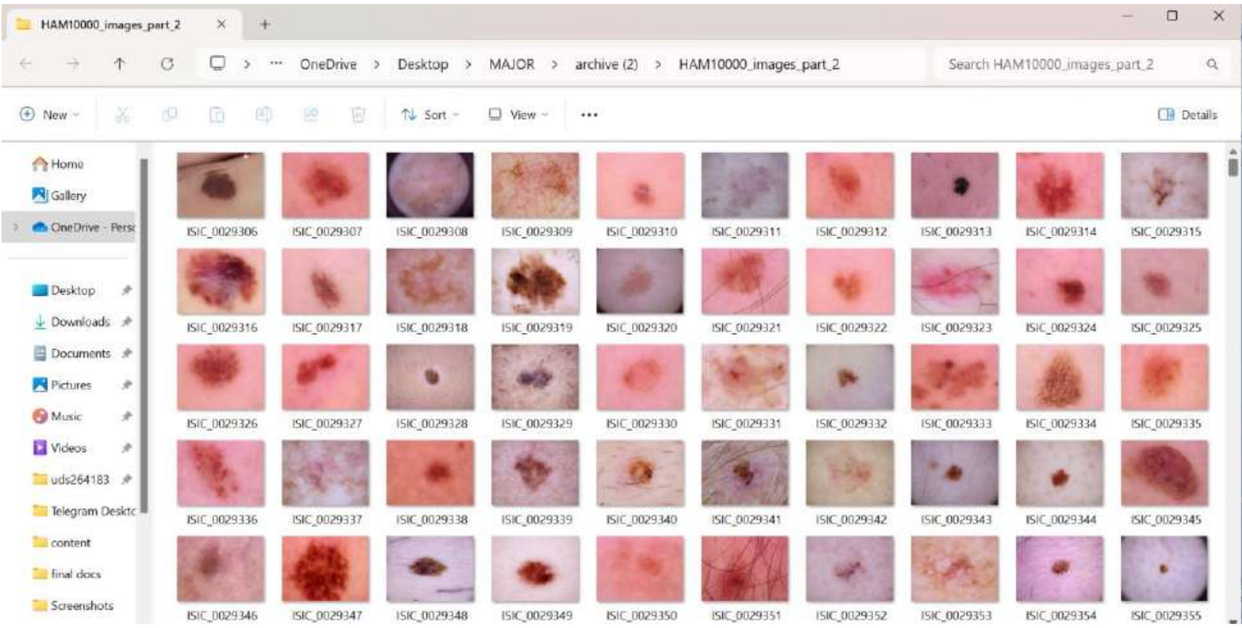
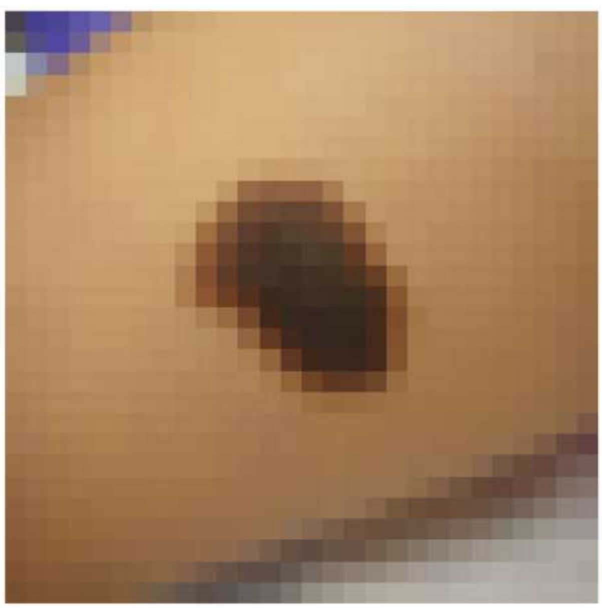


Figure 9 –dataset

The output of the data is given that the disease is melanocytic nevi. skin cancer that is the most dangerous kind.



```
1/1 [==============================] - 0s 256ms/step
[9.9774752e-07 2.5873394e-05 2.7182725e-06 2.6452935e-07 9.9984705e-01
 5.7340538e-05 6.5804539e-05]
('nv', ' melanocytic nevi')
```

Figure 10 output of the model

MODEL	ACCURACY %	TRAINING TIME(s)	TESTING TIME (s)
Xception	86.15%	428.1210	20.1327
Resnet50	82.54%	362.0571	18.1278
Densenet201	89.76%	419.1042	25.1821
Inception V3	84.15%	380.3406	11.1272
VGG19	88.12%	401.1733	15.1716
InceptionResnet	83.08%	366.2091	10.0132

Table 4 - Accuracy of the models

DenseNet201 is the best model for the VASC class; just five photos were incorrectly categorised out of 92 total images. With only five incorrectly categorised photos out of 145, DenseNet201 is the best model for the akeic classDenseNet201 and ResNet50 are the most effective modes for class BKL; together, they can accurately identify 278 pictures. With 37 out of 40 photos properly categorised, the VGG 19 model is the best at classifying DF images. Once more, DenseNet201 is the most accurate model for classifying the MEL class; it can accurately identify 2013 from a set of 2027 photos. The best model for class NV is VGG19, which can accurately categorise 320 out of 353 pictures. Ultimately, the models Resnet50, Xception, and VGG 19 are the most effective in classifying the VASC class.

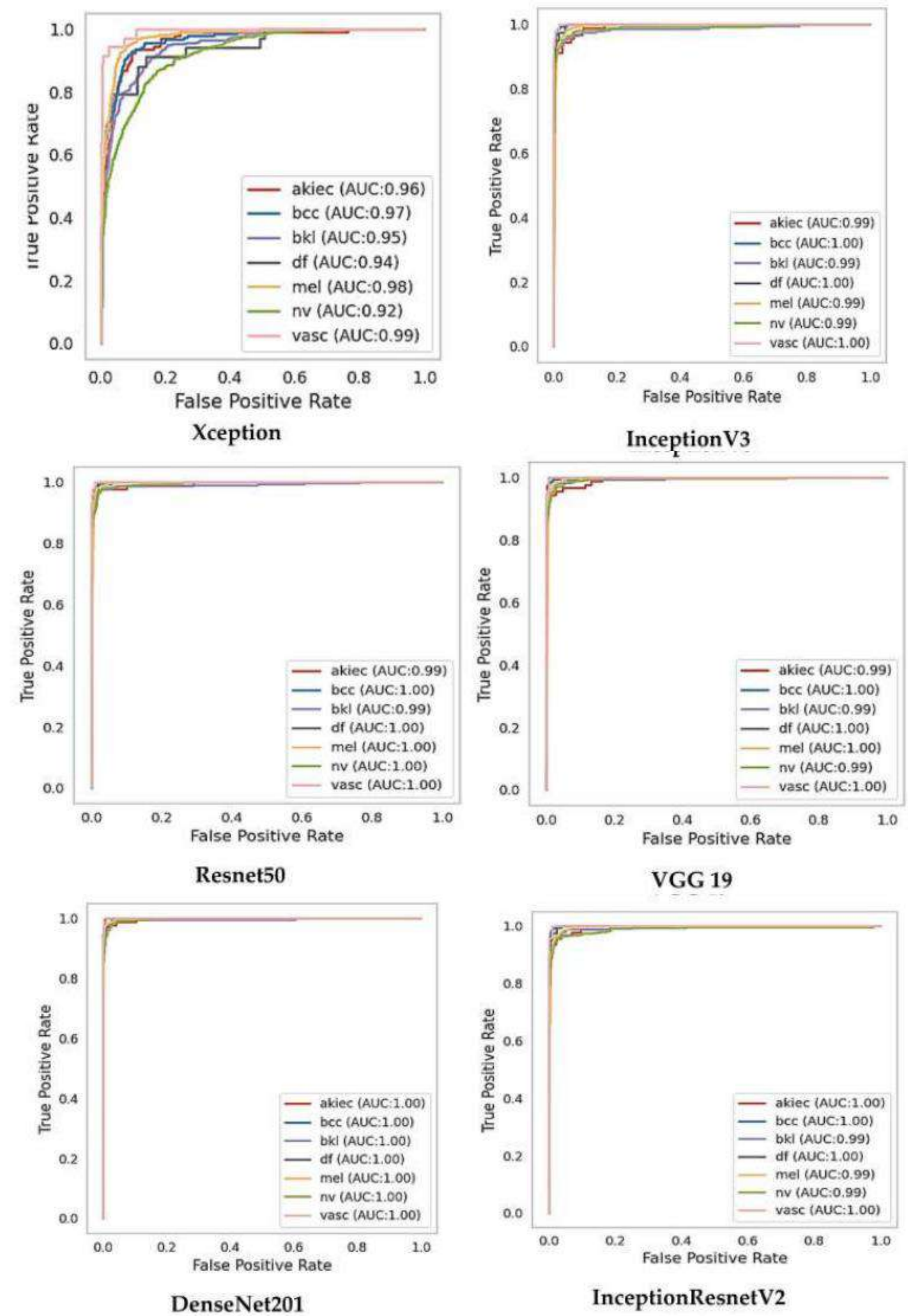


Figure 10 The deep learning classifiers' ROC curves.

We computed the True Positive Rate (TPR) vs. False Positive Rate (FPR) receiver operator characteristic (ROC) curve for the classifier that only employs deep image information, as indicated in Figure. We used class-wise boxplots to display the area Under the Curve (AUC) values for each skin lesion in the HAM10000 dataset.

With an AUC of 1 for every class of skin illness, Figure 10 demonstrates that the DensNet201 is the optimal model to produce the ROC curve for all classes of skin disease. With an AUC of less than 1 for every kind of skin condition, the Xception model is the poorest.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

Finally, our findings highlight the critical need for creative approaches to reduce the prevalence of skin disorders worldwide. We want to address this pressing need by creating a computer-aided diagnostic system based on deep learning and machine learning specifically designed for dermoscopic image interpretation. Although our preliminary results are promising, more research is obviously necessary to increase the system's applicability to a wider range of skin conditions and classifications. Furthermore, the lack of dimensionality reduction tactics found indicates a potential area for development, highlighting the need for improved feature selection techniques. Moving forward, our research trajectory will focus on the exploration of advanced deep-learning techniques to bolster classification accuracy and validate our system's effectiveness across diverse skin conditions using standardized benchmark datasets. Ultimately, our overarching goal remains unwavering: to furnish healthcare with reliable and efficient diagnostic tools that significantly enhance patient outcomes and healthcare efficacy.

CHAPTER 8

FURTHER ENHANCEMENT

Looking into the future, using machine learning and deep learning in practice in dermatology holds immense potential for revolutionizing the field. Further developments in these technologies are probably going to result in the creation of ever more advanced computer-aided diagnostic systems are capable of accurately identifying a broader range of skin diseases with unprecedented precision. As deep learning architectures evolve and become increasingly powerful, researchers can leverage these advancements to unravel complex patterns and correlations within dermatological data, resulting in better patient outcomes, tailored treatment plans, and earlier diagnosis in the end.

Furthermore, the integration of deep learning-based diagnostic tools with other emerging technologies such as telemedicine and wearable devices opens up new avenues for remote monitoring and management of skin conditions. By leveraging these synergies, healthcare providers can offer more accessible and cost-effective dermatological care, especially in underprivileged communities where it could be difficult to get specialists. Overall, future of dermatology appears promising, with deep learning and machine learning poised to play a pivotal role in advancing diagnostic capabilities, enhancing patient care, and shaping the landscape of dermatological healthcare delivery.

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