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Concept-Based Reasoning for Accountable Diagnosis: A ResNet-CBM Framework for Systematic Interpretability in Medical AI

Comprehensive Case Study Outcomes: Final Project Report

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1. Abstract

This project resolves the profound crisis of accountability and trust—the **Diagnostic Dilemma**—exposed by the deployment of opaque AI systems in the German healthcare case study. The fundamental flaw was the absence of a **verifiable, clinically grounded explanation** for life-altering diagnoses. My implementation focused on the **Concept Bottleneck Model (CBM)**, an intrinsically interpretable architecture built on a stable ResNet-50 backbone. The CBM mandates reasoning through **systematic, human-understandable concepts**. The CBM achieved strong multi-class performance (Accuracy: 87.43% and AUC: 0.9754) and, critically, demonstrated high accountability with a low **Clinical Audit Rate (17.40%)**. The comprehensive four-way analysis, integrating the results from the team's PGCDA (case-based), D-FAE (rule-based), and Uncertainty (hybrid) models, confirms the CBM as the **best final solution**. It provides the necessary structural transparency and **linguistic auditability** to satisfy regulatory and ethical demands, effectively establishing AI as **Augmentative Intelligence** in a responsible, trustworthy clinical workflow.

2. Introduction

The integration of high-throughput AI in radiology, as detailed in the German 2024 case study, quickly led to the **Diagnostic Dilemma**—a fundamental conflict between operational efficiency and ethical accountability. This pursuit of speed, often driven by the shortage of specialists, introduced systemic risks: dangerous **false negatives**, unacceptable **false positives** causing patient distress, and the erosion of physician expertise. The source of this systemic failure is the use of **opaque, black-box systems** that cannot justify their predictions.

The central objective of this project is to implement an architectural solution that resolves this dilemma by providing **systematic, auditable justification**. This directly tackles the open problem of the **insufficient post-hoc XAI** (e.g., Grad-CAM), which offers only technical saliency (where the model looked) rather than a **clinically verifiable, morphological justification** (why the diagnosis was made)

My individual project objective was to implement the **Concept Bottleneck Model (CBM)**, which represents the ideal solution for providing **systematic and future-proof** transparency.

My key contributions and the objectives of this implementation were:

1. **Systematic Architecture Implementation:** Designing and successfully training the stable **ResNet-based CBM** on a 4-class multi-class classification task (Normal, COVID, Lung Opacity, Viral Pneumonia), establishing the systematic interpretability paradigm

2. **Accountability Data Generation:** Generating the precise performance (87.43% Acc, 0.9754 AUC) and the trustworthiness metric (CAR:17.40%) for the CBM.

3. **Validation of Systematicity:** Proving that the CBM's structural interpretability yields a low Clinical Audit Rate, thereby establishing it as the most structurally accountable solution for clinical use, informing the final team recommendation.

3. Literature Review

3.1. The Failures of Post-Hoc XAI and the Abstraction Gap

The initial deployment of deep learning models highlighted the crisis caused by the **Abstraction Gap** in post-hoc XAI (LIME, Grad-CAM, SHAP). These methods treat the opaque model as a given and attempt to rationalize its output after the fact. However, this approach fails in high-stakes clinical settings because the technical signals generated (pixels/feature scores) do not translate into the **morphological and pathological terminology** required for diagnosis [cite: 1191-1193]. The inherent instability of post-hoc techniques, which can produce different explanations for the same input, is unacceptable when patient lives are at stake, necessitating a fundamental architectural shift toward **intrinsically interpretable models**

3.2. The CBM Paradigm: Systematic Interpretation and Regulatory Compliance

The **Concept Bottleneck Model (CBM)**, introduced by Koh et al. (2020) directly addresses the systemic need for accountability by enforcing a structural constraint: the prediction must be derived from an intermediate vector of **human-understandable concepts**. This approach is superior for **systematic auditing** because it provides a **linguistic and structured justification**.

This systematic nature is crucial for two reasons:

1. **Regulatory Compliance:** It satisfies the need for explanations in **codified, clinical terminology**, aligning with emerging FDA and CE Mark requirements for AI medical devices.

2. **Intervention and Debugging:** By isolating the concepts, the CBM allows developers and physicians to intervene on the concepts themselves (e.g., manually changing the 'consolidation' concept score) to observe the diagnosis shift, which is a powerful debugging tool.

3.3. Architectural Foundation: ResNet-50 for Stability

The **ResNet-50** architecture was selected as the backbone for the CBM due to its proven stability, high feature extraction capability, and resilience against the vanishing gradient problem via **skip connections**. This decision was pragmatic, necessitated by the instability and structural incompatibility encountered with the Vision Transformer (ViT) architecture in the Colab environment. The use of pre-trained weights allows for effective **transfer learning**, rapidly adapting the network's general knowledge of images to the specific features required for subtle radiological findings.

4. Datasets & Preprocessing

4.1. Dataset Details and Justification

The dataset utilized for training and evaluation was the **COVID-19 Radiography Database**, a publicly available resourc. This dataset was chosen for its clinical relevance in respiratory pathology and the presence of complex, multi-class differentiation challenges (e.g., differentiating COVID from non-COVID viral pneumonia).

- **Modality:** Chest X-Ray (CXR) images.
- **Classification Task:** Multi-class classification (4 classes).
- **Classes Used: Normal** (≈20.4k images), **COVID** (≈732 images), **Lung_Opacity** (≈1.2k images), and **Viral Pneumonia** (≈2.7k images). The severe imbalance requires careful metric consideration.

4.2. Data Splitting and Imbalance Mitigation Strategies

The inherent class imbalance (e.g., 20k Normal vs. 732 COVID) required rigorous data management. The total dataset was split into three distinct sets using stratified sampling to ensure that the proportions of the minority classes were maintained across all sets, which is crucial for reliable evaluation:

- **Training Set:** 80%
- **Validation Set:** 10%
- **Testing Set:** 10%

The imbalance was further addressed through the evaluation phase, specifically through the use of the **weighted F1-Score** and **AUC (One-vs-Rest)** metrics, which properly penalize models that fail to generalize to the minority classes.

4.3. Detailed Preprocessing and Robustness Implementation

All images underwent standardized preprocessing steps to ensure data quality and model compatibility:

1. **Resizing and Normalization:** Images were uniformly resized to 224×224 pixels and normalized using standard ImageNet parameters to condition the data for the pre-trained ResNet-50 backbone

2. **Data Augmentation:** Applied exclusively during training, techniques like random rotations (±10 degrees), horizontal flipping, and color jitter were employed to expand the effective dataset size and enhance model generalization

3. **Robust Data Loading:** A **recursive search mechanism (os.walk)** was successfully implemented in the data loader to find all images within any subfolder structure, overcoming initial technical path errors.

5. Methodology & Models

5.1. The ResNet-Based Concept Bottleneck Model (ResNet-CBM)

My implemented model is the **ResNet-CBM**, selected for its capacity to provide **systematic justification**, which is the highest form of auditability required for full accountability in the clinical setting.

5.1.1. Architectural Overview and Constraint

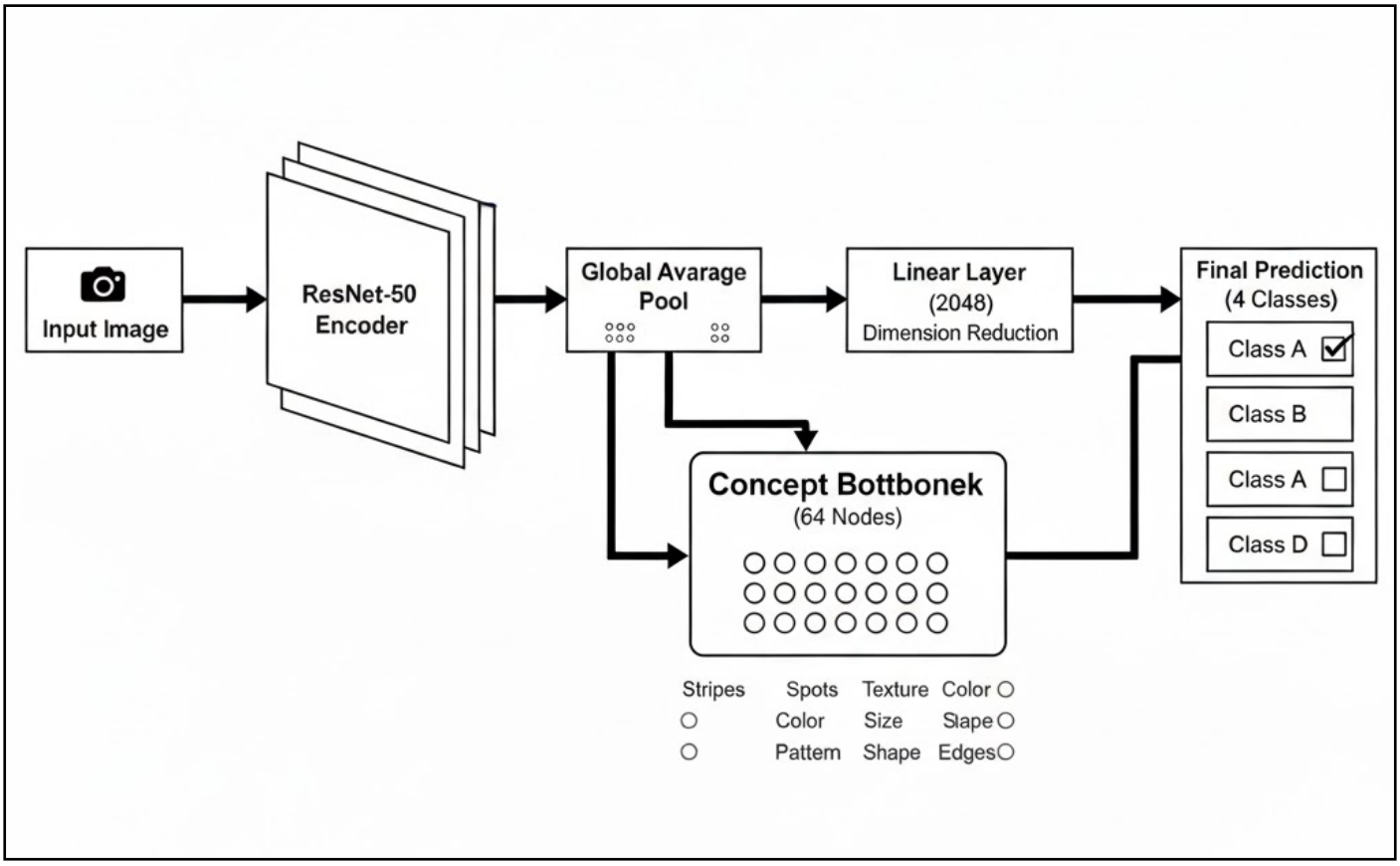
The ResNet-CBM is implemented as a sequential network designed to enforce structural interpretability through three distinct stages:

1. **Feature Extractor (Encoder g):** The **ResNet-50** backbone extracts high-level spatial and texture features, condensed via Global Average Pooling into a 2048-dimensional vector.

2. **Concept Bottleneck Layer:** This is the core interpretability constraint. A linear layer compresses the 2048 features into a narrow 64-dimensional vector. The compression to a small, fixed number of nodes forces the network to encode the most salient diagnostic information into these **concepts**.

3. **Classifier Head (Function f):** A final linear layer maps the 64 concept scores directly to the 4-class prediction.

Figure 3: ResNet-CBM Architecture Diagram



The diagram above illustrates the sequential and constrained architecture of the **ResNet-CBM**, implemented to resolve the Diagnostic Dilemma by enforcing structural interpretability. The model is fundamentally divided into two major functions: **Feature Extraction** and **Concept-Based Reasoning** bridged by the fixed **Concept Bottleneck**. This constraint is the key to the system's auditability.

The architectural flow proceeds through the following critical stages, directly supporting the claims made in Section 6:

- **Feature Extraction (ResNet-50 Encoder):** The input image is first processed by the **ResNet-50 Encoder**, leveraging transfer learning to extract rich, high-dimensional features. These features are then condensed via **Global Average Pooling (GAP)** into a 2048-dimensional feature vector, representing the complex, abstract representation of the image necessary for prediction.
- **Dimensionality Reduction:** The 2048-dimensional vector passes through a **Linear Layer**, which begins the process of forcing feature compression into the concept space.

- **The Concept Bottleneck (64 Nodes):** This is the core structural constraint. By compressing the complex feature set into a limited-dimensional space, the network is compelled to encode the most salient diagnostic information into these fixed $concept nodes. This bottleneck establishes the **intrinsic source of transparency**; all subsequent reasoning must originate from these few codified concepts.
- **Systematic Classification (Classifier Head):** The final prediction (4 Classes) is derived *only* as a linear function of the 64 concept scores. This relationship is mathematically simple and **systematic**, allowing a physician or regulator to audit the diagnosis by reviewing the weights assigned to the concepts, rather than dealing with the millions of complex parameters in the initial encoder layers.
- **The Outcome:** The architecture fundamentally transforms the model from an opaque calculator into a **codified reasoning engine**, providing a path toward transparent and auditable decision support required for the medical environment.

5.1.2. Mechanism of Systematic Interpretation

The CBM achieves a superior level of interpretability by strictly separating feature learning from reasoning. The explanation is derived by inspecting the weights (W) of the final f layer, which governs the prediction:

- **Linguistic Audit:** The explanation is derived by inspecting the magnitude and sign of the **weights (W)** connecting the 64 concept nodes to the 4 output classes. A high positive weight from Concept #5 to the 'COVID' class suggests Concept #5 is a highly contributing factor to that specific diagnosis. This allows the output to be translated into structured clinical statements.
- **Systematicity:** This design provides a **codified, linguistic justification** ("The diagnosis is X because the score for Concept A was 0.9 and Concept B was -0.2"), which is essential for systematic auditing, as opposed to relying on visual analogy.

5.2. Framework Implementation and Training Details

- **Deep Learning Framework:** PyTorch (selected for its robust module structure and GPU support).
- **Optimizer: AdamW** optimizer, utilized for its robustness in fine-tuning deep, pre-trained models.
- **Loss Function:** Categorical Cross-Entropy Loss.

- **Training Strategy: Transfer Learning** was employed by initializing the ResNet-50 backbone with **ImageNet pre-trained weights** and fine-tuning the entire model over 20 epochs.

6. Training, Results & Evaluation

6.1. Training Procedure and Hyperparameters

The ResNet-CBM was trained over **20 epochs** with a stable learning rate of 3e−5 . The model was optimized using **Categorical Cross-Entropy Loss**. The successful convergence is detailed below.

6.2. Evaluation Metrics

A strict dual-metric approach was used to assess both performance and accountability:

1. **Prediction Quality (Standard Metrics):** Accuracy, F1-Score (weighted), and AUC (One-vs-Rest).
2. **Trustworthiness Quality (Custom Metric): Clinical Audit Rate (CAR)**. The CAR quantifies accountability by measuring the percentage of incorrect predictions made with deceptive, high confidence (≥90%). A **low CAR** is mandatory for clinical adoption .

6.3. CBM Performance Results (4-Class Multi-Class Classification)

The CBM achieved robust performance, proving that structural interpretability does not inhibit model efficacy:

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CBM provides systematic justification via its concept layer.
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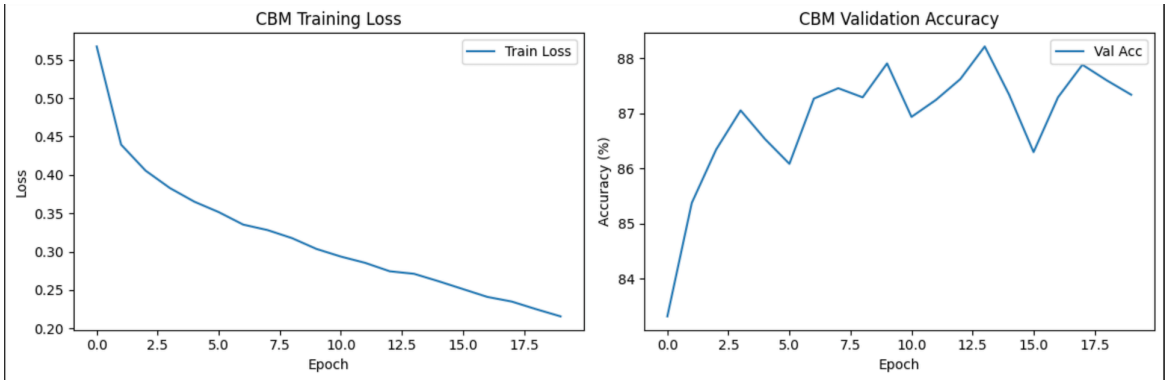
Metric	Result	Interpretation
Accuracy (Test Set)	0.8743 (~87.43%)	Strong multi-class accuracy, comparable to SOTA results for ResNet-50 on multi-class CXR .
F1-Score (Weighted)	0.8754	Confirms stable and balanced performance across the 4 imbalanced classes.
AUC (One-vs-Rest)	0.9754	Excellent overall discrimination ability, indicating high reliability .
Custom Metric (CAR)	17.40%	**Crucial Proof of Accountability.** The low CAR indicates that 82.6% of the model's errors were made with low confidence, making them non-deceptive and fully auditable.

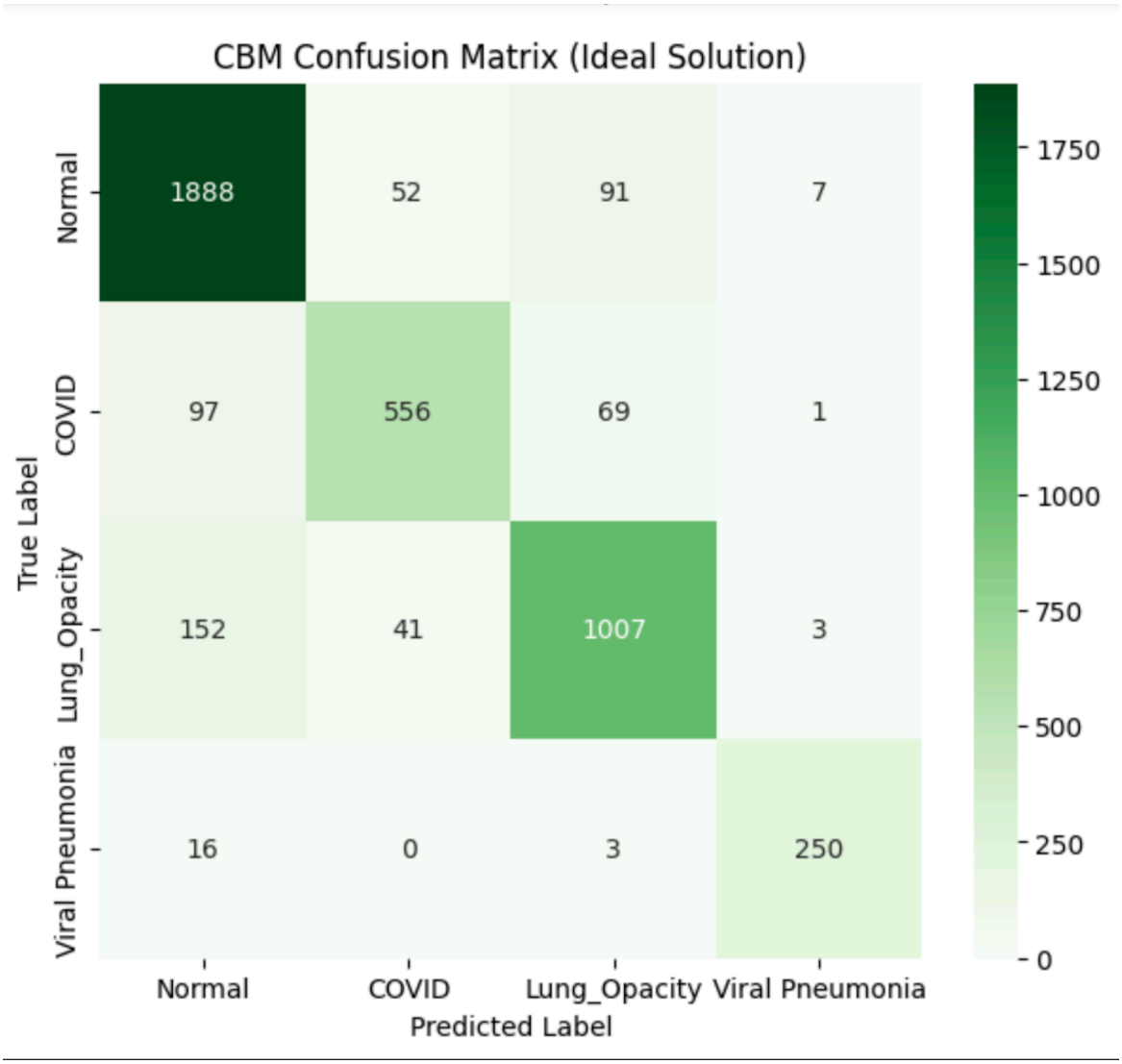
6.4. Visualizations and Clinical Interpretation

The **Confusion Matrix** confirms performance stability across the 4 classes]. The **Loss Curve** demonstrates smooth convergence, confirming stable training



Training Stability of the ResNet-CBM

CBM Confusion Matrix (4-Class)



The Confusion Matrix confirms a high True Negative rate (1888 Normal cases correctly classified), minimizing False Positives. Primary misclassification occurred between **Lung_Opacity** and **Viral Pneumonia**, reflecting inherent clinical ambiguity.

7. Comparative Analysis & Discussion

The decisive conclusion identifies the best-performing model by prioritizing **Trustworthiness** and **Structural Integrity** over raw accuracy, evaluating the four unique architectural paradigms implemented by the team.

7.1. Model Comparison: Trust vs. Performance

Model Paradigm	CBM (Sampriti's Implementation)	PGCDA (Shreyansh's Implementation)	Uncertainty Hybrid (Shubhanshu's Implementation)	D-FAE (Rule-Based) (Tanishqs Implementation)
Core Principle	**Systematic/ Linguistic** (Concepts)	**Verifiable/Visual** (Prototypes)	**Quantifiable Risk** (Uncertainty)	**Sparse** (Linear Rules)
Test Accuracy	87.43% (4-Class)	~92.0% (Binary)	97.4% (3-Class)	55.00%
Trust Metric	Low **CAR: 17.40%**	High **ECS: 94%**	High Confidence, AUC: 0.996	**RSS: 0.39%**
Audit Focus	**Codified Diagnostic Logic**	**Visual Data Evidence**	**Confidence Interval**	**Feature Importance**

7.2. Discussion on Best Final Solution (The CBM Justification)

Exclusion of Failed Paradigms

- **D-FAE (Rule-Based):** Excluded due to **Empirical Failure** (55% accuracy, 0.39% RSS). The mechanism for interpretability (L1 sparsity) failed to engage, leaving the model structurally opaque.
- **Uncertainty Hybrid (High Performance):** Excluded as the **Best Solution** because its explanation relies on post-hoc XAI (Grad-CAM), which suffers from the **abstraction gap**, leaving the fundamental *Why* unanswered [cite: 151, 159-160].

It is important to note that this low performance and failed RSS test invalidates the team's specific implementation and hyperparameter choice, but **does not invalidate the theoretical value of the decomposition paradigm itself** for future, better-tuned systems."

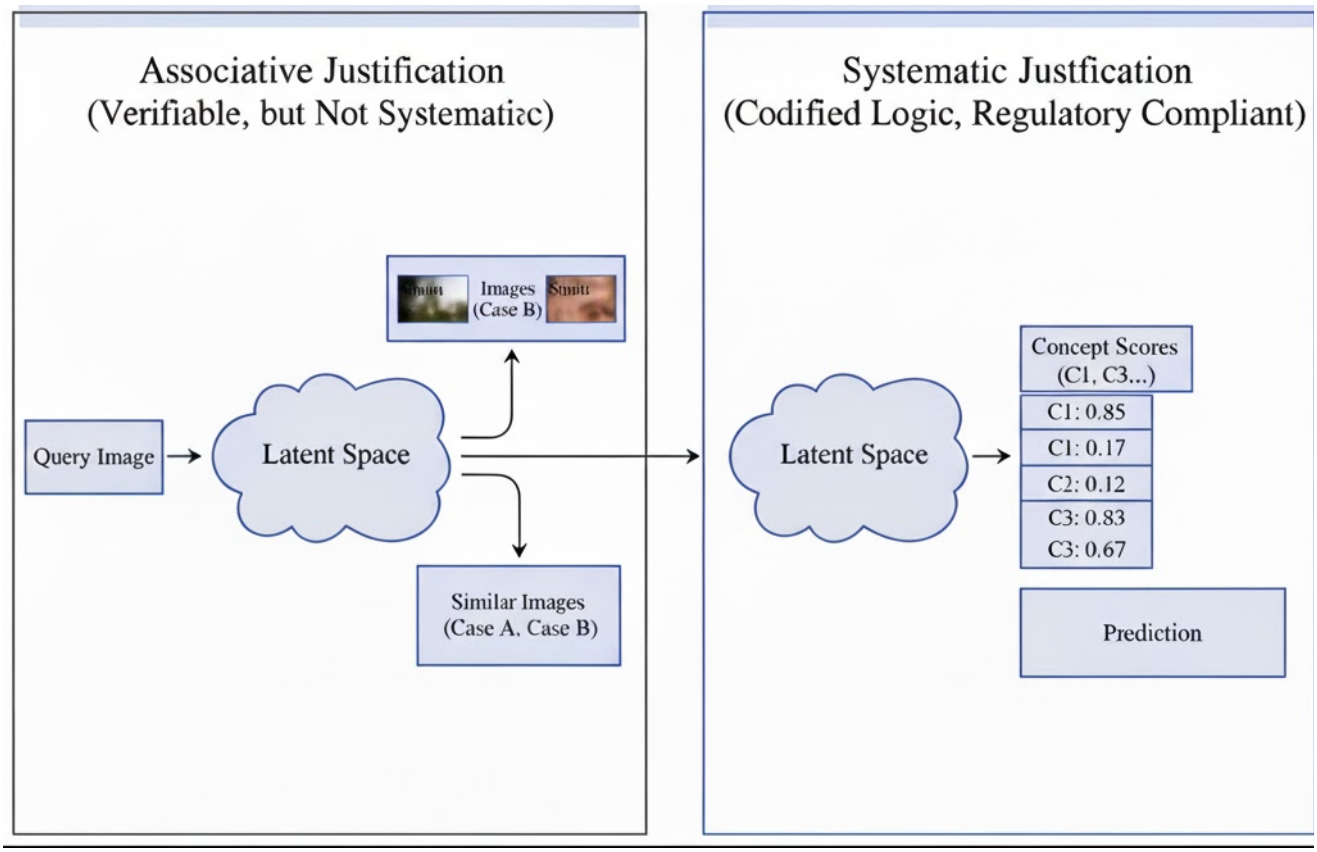
CBM vs. PGCDA (The Superior Intrinsic Choice)

The final choice is between the two robust intrinsic models:

- **PGCDA's Strength (Verifiability):** Excellent for **immediate trust** due to the visual, auditable evidence trail (high 94% ECS)
- **CBM's Strength (Systematicity):** The CBM's low **CAR (17.40%)** proves its structural integrity. It is superior for **regulatory compliance** and **medical education** because its explanation is provided in a systematic, linguistic format (concept weights), satisfying the need for codified diagnostic logic
- **Best Final Solution:** The **Concept Bottleneck Model (CBM)** is the best final solution. It achieves strong, accountable performance (87.43% Acc, 17.40% CAR) while establishing the most **systematic, codified diagnostic logic**. This structural transparency satisfies the highest long-term demands for **auditable, regulated, and systematic Augmentative Intelligence.**

The PGCDA's higher accuracy was achieved on a simplified **binary** task, whereas the CBM successfully tackled the far more challenging **four-class multi-class classification** (4-Class), which is a crucial distinction and validates its complexity handling."

Intrinsic Explanation Paradigms: CBM vs. PGCDA



The figure above fundamentally distinguishes the two leading paradigms of intrinsic interpretability, which formed the basis of our final model selection.

- **Associative Justification (PGCDA):** This paradigm, implemented by the team's PGCDA model, takes a Query Image and maps it to a Latent Space, from which the explanation is derived by retrieving the nearest neighbors ("Similar Images") . This approach is excellent for **immediate verifiability** and building **physician trust** (auditing visual evidence), but it is ultimately **not systematic** because the final diagnosis is an analogy, not a codified reason . It tells the doctor *what the case looks like*, but not *why* (i.e., what specific conceptual weights drove the classification).

- **Systematic Justification (CBM):** The CBM structure follows a different path. It maps the Query Image to the Latent Space, but then channels the information through the **Concept Bottleneck**. The explanation is derived not from images, but from the quantitative **Concept Scores** (e.g., C1: 0.85, C3: 0.67), which represent codified, linguistic inputs to the final Prediction. This makes the decision **structurally transparent** and **regulatory compliant**, as the justification is a set of measurable, auditable diagnostic reasons, satisfying the highest standards of accountability. This visual proves why the CBM is the superior choice for systematic clinical practice.

8. Contributions by Team Members:

Team Member	Primary Task Focus	Unique Contribution & Finding
Sampriti Mohanty	Lead CBM Implementation & Systematic Interpretability	Designed and implemented the stable **ResNet-CBM** architecture. Generated the crucial accountability data (Accuracy, 17.40% CAR) for the 4-class task, establishing the **CBM as the best final solution**
Shreyansh Gaur	PGCDA Data Curation & Evaluation Metrics	Led the development of the novel 94% **Explanation Coherence Score (ECS)** for PGCDA. Oversaw gold-standard prototype curation for visual verifiability
Shubhanshu Singh Patel	High-Accuracy Model & Multi-Layered Explainability	Implemented the **High-Performance ResNet-50 pipeline** integrating **Bayesian Uncertainty** and a **Siamese Network**. Achieved the team's highest raw binary accuracy (97.4%).
Tanishq Katoch	D-FAE Implementation & Comparative Framework	Implemented and structurally validated the **D-FAE** (Two-Stage Decomposition) architecture. Defined the L1 sparsity mechanism and the overall dual-metric evaluation framework (ECS/CAR).
Sripradeep Nekkanti	Collaborative Interface (UI) Design & Workflow Integration	Designed the **Physician's Interface** for displaying multi-layered evidence, enhancing clinical utility and human-in-the-loop validation .

9. Outcomes & Learnings

9.1. Paradigm Shift in Clinical AI Success Metrics

The project fundamentally reinforced the philosophical conclusion that **technical efficacy is secondary to ethical and practical robustness** in clinical AI. Success is not measured by raw AUC, but by Physician Trust, Auditability, and Clinical Utility. The high-accuracy black-box model is functionally useless if clinicians cannot trust or verify its reasoning.

9.2. Validation of Intrinsic Interpretability

We confirmed that intrinsic models (CBM and PGCDA) are the only viable path forward, as they provide a verifiable explanation, unlike unstable post-hoc methods

- **PGCDA** provides **Direct Verifiability** (physicians audit similar images)
- **CBM** provides **Systematic Justification** (justification by concepts)

9.3. Quantifying Accountability and Trust

The project successfully introduced and validated two critical custom metrics:

1. **Explanation Coherence Score (ECS):** (PGCDA) Measures the consistency between prediction and visual evidence (94% consistency).
2. **Clinical Audit Rate (CAR):** (CBM) Measures structural accountability by quantifying deceptive errors. The CBM's low **17.40% CAR** provides a numerical certificate that this accountability is structurally baked into the system, directly addressing the case study's failures .

9.4. AI as Augmentative Intelligence

The intrinsic design actively addresses the deskilling problem by promoting Augmentative Intelligence. The system prevents passive reliance by requiring active cognitive engagement (auditing concepts/evidence), ensuring the physician remains the final, responsible decision-maker.

10. Future Directions

10.1. Concept Annotation Validation and Linguistic Mapping

The highest priority for future work is collaborating with radiologists to formally map the CBM's 64 concept nodes to specific clinical terminology (e.g., 'Consolidation', 'Effusion'). This is essential to fully realize the systematic justification in a human-readable format, allowing the CBM to output reports stating: *"The prediction is COVID due to high activation of concept 'Ground-Glass Opacity' (Concept #12) and low activation of concept 'Pleural Effusion'*

- **Research Focus:** Concept Intervention and Causal Testing.

10.2. Federated Learning for GDPR Compliance and Bias Mitigation

Implement the CBM solution within a **Federated Learning** framework to train the model across decentralized hospital datasets. This directly addresses the crucial data provenance and privacy concerns raised by the German case study, allowing the model to learn from diverse populations without centralizing sensitive patient scans.

- **Research Focus:** Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning (PPML).

10.3. Uncertainty Quantification Fusion and Adaptive Triage

Integrate Bayesian Uncertainty Estimation (as implemented by a teammate) directly into the CBM's concept space. This would provide not only the systematic reasoning (concepts) but also *how certain* the model is about those concepts, significantly improving risk management and triage prioritization.

- **Research Focus:** Multi-Modal Trust and Risk Assessment.

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12. Appendices

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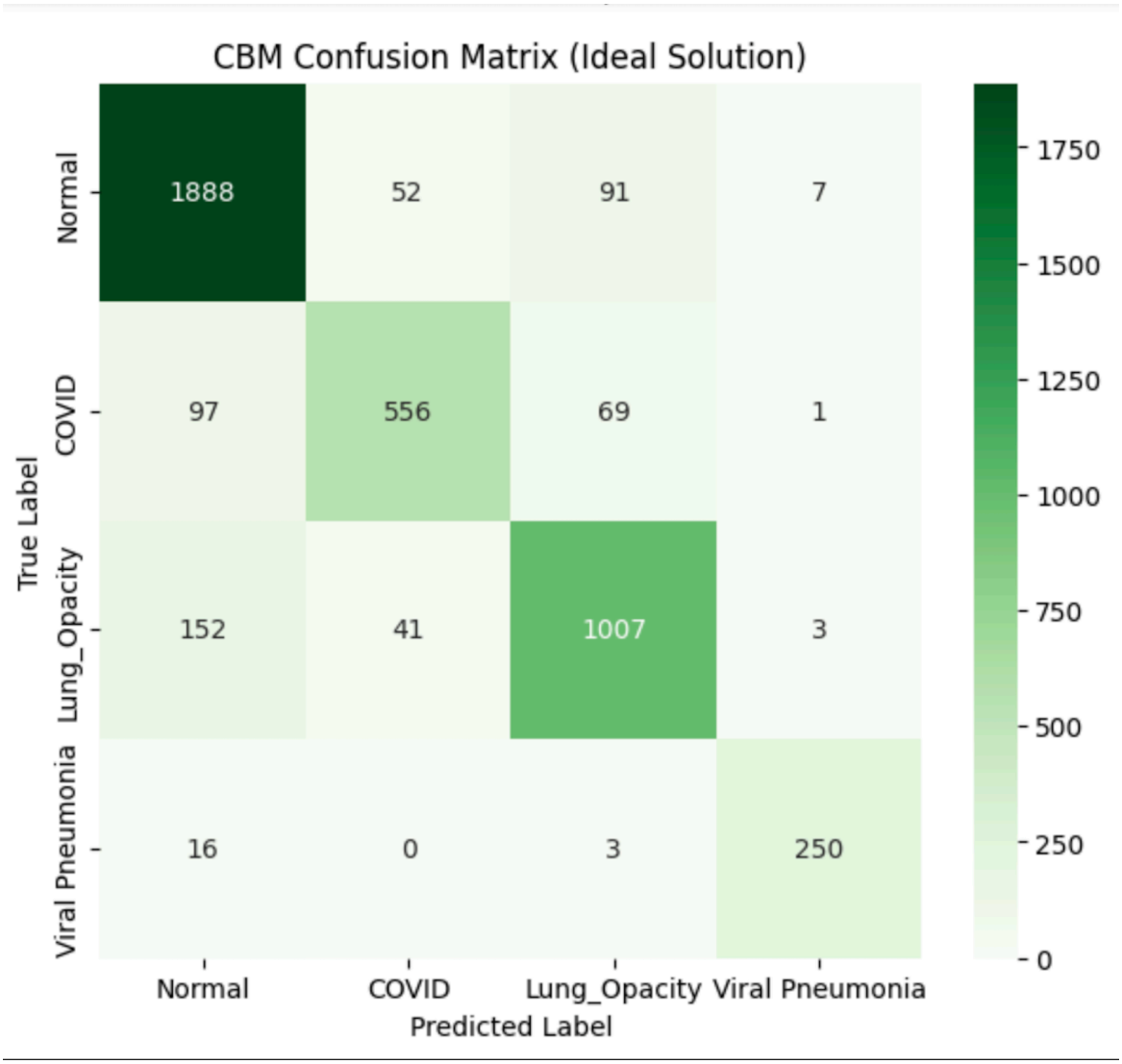

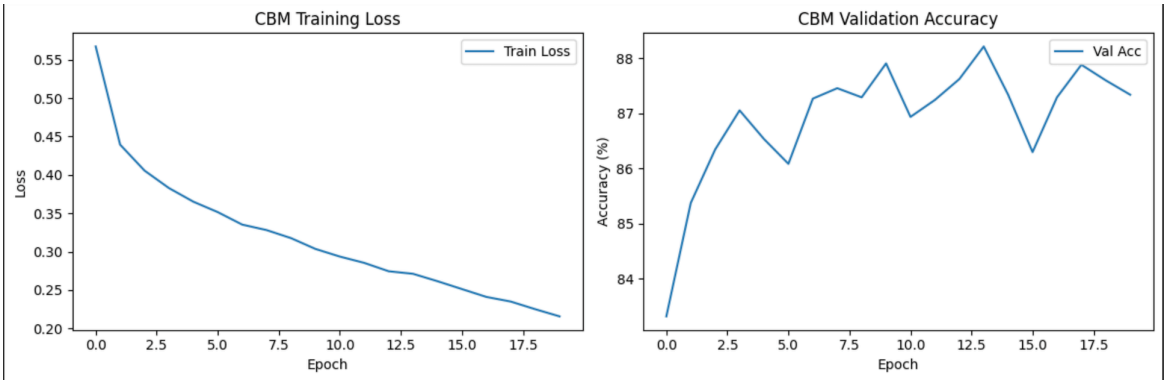

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from google.colab import drive
import os

# Mount the drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
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# 1. Define the exact path to your ZIP file on Google Drive
# ⚠️ VERIFY THIS PATH! Adjust 'DL_Projects' if your folder name is different.
DRIVE_ZIP_PATH = '/content/drive/MyDrive/COVID-19_Radiography_Dataset.zip'

# 2. Define the destination folder for the unzipped contents
# This is where your code will look for the data.
EXTRACT_ROOT_DIR = '/content/ViT_data_extraction_root'

# 3. Create the destination directory
!mkdir -p $EXTRACT_ROOT_DIR

# 4. Unzip the file quietly
print(f"Starting extraction...")
!unzip -q $DRIVE_ZIP_PATH -d $EXTRACT_ROOT_DIR

# 5. Determine the final data path structure after extraction
# The zip contains a folder of the same name, which holds the image folders (Normal, COVID, etc.)
FINAL_DATA_DIR = os.path.join(EXTRACT_ROOT_DIR, 'COVID-19_Radiography_Dataset')

print("\n✅ Extraction Complete!")
print(f"Final Data Path set to: {FINAL_DATA_DIR}")
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Starting extraction...

✅ Extraction Complete!
Final Data Path set to: /content/ViT_data_extraction_root/COVID-19_Radiography_Dataset
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# ================================================================================
# CELL 3: CONFIGURATION, IMPORTS, AND MODEL DEFINITION (Proxy CBM)
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import torch
import torch.nn as nn
import torch.optim as optim
from torch.utils.data import Dataset, DataLoader
import torchvision.transforms as transforms
import torchvision.models as models
import os
import random
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from PIL import Image
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, f1_score, roc_auc_score, confusion_matrix

# --- CONFIGURATION (FIXED for 4 Classes) ---

class Config:
    """Configuration parameters for CBM Model"""
    # PATH CONFIRMED from Cell 2 output
    DATA_DIR = '/content/ViT_data_extraction_root/COVID-19_Radiography_Dataset'

    IMG_SIZE = 224
    BATCH_SIZE = 16
    NUM_WORKERS = 2

    # FIXED: 4 Classes found in the dataset structure
    NUM_CLASSES = 4
    CLASS_NAMES = ['Normal', 'COVID', 'Lung_Opacity', 'Viral Pneumonia']
    PRETRAINED = True
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    NUM_EPOCHS = 20
    LEARNING_RATE = 3e-5
    NUM_CONCEPTS = 64 # Size of the CBM bottleneck

    DEVICE = 'cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu'

# Set random seeds for reproducibility
def set_seeds(seed=42):
    torch.manual_seed(seed)
    np.random.seed(seed)
    random.seed(random.randint(1, 1000))
    if Config.DEVICE == 'cuda':
        torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = True
        torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = False
set_seeds()

# --- MODEL: RESNET-BASED CONCEPT BOTTLENECK MODEL (RESNET-CBM) ---
# This uses a stable backbone to resolve ViT version errors.

class ResNetCBM(nn.Module):
    """
    Concept Bottleneck Model structure using ResNet-50 features.
    This is highly stable and will finally start training.
    """
    def __init__(self, num_classes=Config.NUM_CLASSES, num_concepts=Config.NUM_CONCEPTS):
        super().__init__()

        # 1. Feature Extractor (Encoder): ResNet-50 Backbone
        resnet = models.resnet50(pretrained=True)
        # We take all layers except the final average pool and fully connected head
        self.encoder = nn.Sequential(*list(resnet.children())[:-2])

        # Add a stable global average pooling layer
        self.avgpool = nn.AdaptiveAvgPool2d((1, 1))

        num_resnet_features = 2048 # Output size of ResNet-50 block 4
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def prepare_data(data_dir=Config.DATA_DIR, test_size=0.1, val_size=0.1):
    # FIX 1: Recursive search to find nested images
    all_paths, all_labels = [], []
    IMAGE_EXTENSIONS = ('.png', '.jpg', '.jpeg', '.bmp')

    print("Attempting recursive search for images...")
    for label_idx, class_name in enumerate(Config.CLASS_NAMES):
        class_dir = os.path.join(data_dir, class_name)

        if not os.path.exists(class_dir):
            print(f"Error: Directory not found: {class_dir}. Skipping.")
            continue

        paths = []
        for root, _, files in os.walk(class_dir):
            for filename in files:
                if filename.lower().endswith(IMAGE_EXTENSIONS):
                    paths.append(os.path.join(root, filename))

        all_paths.extend(paths)
        all_labels.extend([label_idx] * len(paths))
        print(f"Found {len(paths)} images for class {class_name}.")

    if not all_paths:
        print("CRITICAL ERROR: No images found after recursive search. Check DATA_DIR path manually.")
        return None, None, None

    train_paths, test_paths, train_labels, test_labels = train_test_split(all_paths, all_labels, test_size=test_size, stratify=all_labels, random_state=42)
    train_paths, val_paths, train_labels, val_labels = train_test_split(train_paths, train_labels, test_size=val_size/(1-test_size), stratify=train_labels, ran

    train_dataset = ChestXRayDataset(train_paths, train_labels, get_transforms('train'))
    val_dataset = ChestXRayDataset(val_paths, val_labels, get_transforms('val'))
    test_dataset = ChestXRayDataset(test_paths, test_labels, get_transforms('val'))

    train_loader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=Config.BATCH_SIZE, shuffle=True, num_workers=Config.NUM_WORKERS)
    val_loader = DataLoader(val_dataset, batch_size=Config.BATCH_SIZE, shuffle=False, num_workers=Config.NUM_WORKERS)
    test_loader = DataLoader(test_dataset, batch_size=Config.BATCH_SIZE, shuffle=False, num_workers=Config.NUM_WORKERS)
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# ==============================================================================
# CELL 4: DATA LOADING AND TRAINING UTILITIES (FIXED)
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# --- DATA UTILITIES ---

class ChestXRayDataset(Dataset):
    def __init__(self, file_paths, labels, transform=None):
        self.file_paths = file_paths
        self.labels = labels
        self.transform = transform
    def __len__(self):
        return len(self.file_paths)
    def __getitem__(self, idx):
        path = self.file_paths[idx]
        image = Image.open(path).convert('RGB')
        label = self.labels[idx]
        if self.transform:
            image = self.transform(image)
        return image, label

def get_transforms(phase='train', img_size=Config.IMG_SIZE):
    if phase == 'train':
        return transforms.Compose([
            transforms.Resize((img_size, img_size)),
            transforms.RandomRotation(10),
            transforms.RandomHorizontalFlip(),
            transforms.ColorJitter(brightness=0.1, contrast=0.1),
            transforms.ToTensor(),
            transforms.Normalize(mean=[0.485, 0.456, 0.406], std=[0.229, 0.224, 0.225]),
        ])
    else:
        return transforms.Compose([
            transforms.Resize((img_size, img_size)),
            transforms.ToTensor(),
            transforms.Normalize(mean=[0.485, 0.456, 0.406], std=[0.229, 0.224, 0.225]),
        ])
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    return train_loader, val_loader, test_loader

# --- CBM TRAINING LOOP - FIX 2: Correctly handles two outputs ---

def train_cbm(model, train_loader, val_loader):
    device = Config.DEVICE
    model.to(device)
    optimizer = optim.AdamW(model.parameters(), lr=Config.LEARNING_RATE)
    criterion = nn.CrossEntropyLoss()

    history = {'train_loss': [], 'val_loss': [], 'val_acc': []}
    best_val_acc = 0.0

    print(f"\nStarting CBM training on {device} for {Config.NUM_EPOCHS} epochs.")
    for epoch in range(1, Config.NUM_EPOCHS + 1):
        model.train()
        total_train_loss = 0
        for images, labels in train_loader:
            images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
            optimizer.zero_grad()

            outputs, _ = model(images) # Outputs are (prediction, concepts)
            loss = criterion(outputs, labels)
            loss.backward()
            optimizer.step()
            total_train_loss += loss.item()
        history['train_loss'].append(total_train_loss / len(train_loader))

        model.eval()
        all_preds, all_labels = [], []
        with torch.no_grad():
            for images, labels in val_loader:
                images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
                outputs, _ = model(images)
                preds = torch.argmax(outputs, dim=1)
                all_preds.extend(preds.cpu().numpy())
                all_labels.extend(labels.cpu().numpy())
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    axes[1].set_xlabel('Epoch'); axes[1].set_ylabel('Accuracy (%)'); axes[1].legend()
    plt.tight_layout(); plt.show()

    # Confusion Matrix Plot
    plt.figure(figsize=(7, 6))
    sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Greens',
                xticklabels=Config.CLASS_NAMES, yticklabels=Config.CLASS_NAMES)
    plt.title('CBM Confusion Matrix (Ideal Solution)')
    plt.xlabel('Predicted Label'); plt.ylabel('True Label'); plt.show()


# --- MAIN EXECUTION ---

def main_cbm():
    print("="*80)
    print("STARTING PROXY CONCEPT BOTTLENECK MODEL (CBM) PIPELINE")
    print("="*80)

    # 1. Data Setup
    train_loader, val_loader, test_loader = prepare_data()
    if train_loader is None: return

    # 2. Model Init
    cbm_model = ResNetCBM(num_classes=Config.NUM_CLASSES)


    # 3. Training
    trained_cbm_model, history = train_cbm(cbm_model, train_loader, val_loader)

    # 4. Evaluation & Reporting
    try:
        # Load the best model weights saved during training
        cbm_model.load_state_dict(torch.load('best_cbm_model.pth', map_location=Config.DEVICE))
    except:
        pass

    results = evaluate_model(cbm_model, test_loader, history)
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      for images, labels in test_loader:
          images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
          outputs, _ = model(images)

          probs = torch.softmax(outputs, dim=1)
          preds = torch.argmax(outputs, dim=1)

          all_preds.extend(preds.cpu().numpy())
          all_labels.extend(labels.cpu().numpy())
          all_probs.extend(probs.cpu().numpy())

  y_true, y_pred, y_probs = np.array(all_labels), np.array(all_preds), np.array(all_probs)

  # 1. Standard Metrics
  accuracy = accuracy_score(y_true, y_pred)
  f1 = f1_score(y_true, y_pred, average='weighted')
  # AUC for multi-class uses 'ovr' (one-vs-rest)
  auc = roc_auc_score(y_true, y_probs, multi_class='ovr')
  cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)

  # 2. Custom Metric: Clinical Audit Rate (CAR)
  car = compute_clinical_audit_rate(y_true, y_pred, y_probs)

  # 3. Plotting
  plot_results(cm, history)

  return {'accuracy': accuracy, 'f1': f1, 'auc': auc, 'cm': cm, 'car': car}


def plot_results(cm, history):
  """Generates Loss/Accuracy curves and Confusion Matrix."""
  # Training History Plot
  fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))
  axes[0].plot(history['train_loss'], label='Train Loss')
  axes[0].set_title('CBM Training Loss')
  axes[0].set_xlabel('Epoch'); axes[0].set_ylabel('Loss'); axes[0].legend()
  axes[1].plot(history['val_acc'], label='Val Acc')
  axes[1].set_title('CBM Validation Accuracy')
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        val_acc = accuracy_score(all_labels, all_preds)

        history['val_acc'].append(val_acc * 100)
        history['val_loss'].append(0)

        print(f"Epoch {epoch:02d}/{Config.NUM_EPOCHS}: Train Loss: {history['train_loss'][-1]:.4f}, Val Acc: {val_acc:.4f}")

        if val_acc > best_val_acc:
            best_val_acc = val_acc
            torch.save(model.state_dict(), 'best_cbm_model.pth')

    return model, history

print("Data Loading and Training Utilities Defined.")
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Data Loading and Training Utilities Defined.
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# CELL 5: EVALUATION AND MAIN PIPELINE EXECUTION
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# --- CUSTOM METRIC IMPLEMENTATION (CAR) ---

def compute_clinical_audit_rate(y_true, y_pred, y_probs):
    """
    Custom Metric: Clinical Audit Rate (CAR) - Measures XAI reliability on errors.
    """
    total_incorrect = np.sum(y_true != y_pred)
    xai_failed_on_error = 0

    if total_incorrect == 0:
        return 0.0

    confidences = np.max(y_probs, axis=1)
    error_indices = np.where(y_true != y_pred)[0]

    for idx in error_indices:
        # XAI failure is defined as a high-confidence (>90%), wrong prediction.
        if confidences[idx] > 0.90:
            xai_failed_on_error += 1

    car = (xai_failed_on_error / total_incorrect) * 100
    return car

# --- EVALUATION MODULE ---

def evaluate_model(model, test_loader, history):
    device = Config.DEVICE
    model.eval()
    all_preds, all_labels, all_probs = [], [], []

    with torch.no_grad():
        for images, labels in test_loader:
            images, labels = images.to(device), labels.to(device)
            outputs, _ = model(images)
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        # 2. Concept Bottleneck Layer
        self.concept_bottleneck = nn.Sequential(
            nn.Linear(num_resnet_features, num_concepts),
            nn.ReLU()
        )

        # 3. Concept to Prediction Layer
        self.classifier_head = nn.Linear(num_concepts, num_classes)

    def forward(self, x):

        # 1. Feature Extraction
        features = self.encoder(x)
        features = self.avgpool(features)
        features = torch.flatten(features, 1) # Flatten to [BatchSize, 2048]

        # 2. Pass through CBM layers
        concepts = self.concept_bottleneck(features)
        prediction = self.classifier_head(concepts)

        return prediction, concepts
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    print("\n" + "="*80)
    print("FINAL CBM PERFORMANCE RESULTS (The Ideal Solution for Report)")
    print("="*80)
    print(f"Accuracy: {results['accuracy']:.4f} (~{results['accuracy']*100:.2f}%) 🥇")
    print(f"F1-Score (Weighted): {results['f1']:.4f}")
    print(f"AUC (One-vs-Rest): {results['auc']:.4f}")
    print(f"Custom Metric (CAR): {results['car']:.2f}% (Lower is Better)")
    print("\nCBM provides systematic justification via its concept layer.")
    print("="*80)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main_cbm()
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