

# A Comparative Study of Deep Learning Algorithms for Skin Cancer Detection

**Abstract**—Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent forms of cancer worldwide, and early detection plays a critical role in improving survival rates. Traditional diagnostic methods rely heavily on expert dermatologists, making automated and accurate detection systems highly valuable. This research focuses on the classification of skin lesions into two categories: Malignant and Benign, using deep learning-based image classification techniques. Two widely recognized datasets were used: the ISIC Skin Cancer dataset from Kaggle and the Kaggle Skin Cancer: Malignant vs. Benign dataset. To analyze the effectiveness of deep learning models in skin cancer detection, four state-of-the-art convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures—EfficientNet, InceptionV3, MobileNet, and ResNet—were implemented and evaluated. For the ISIC dataset, InceptionV3 demonstrated the highest classification accuracy of 86%, significantly outperforming EfficientNet, which achieved 56%. On the other hand, for the Malignant vs. Benign dataset, ResNet achieved 84% accuracy, followed closely by MobileNet with an accuracy of 82%. These results suggest that the choice of dataset and model architecture plays a crucial role in performance variation. The findings of this study indicate that InceptionV3 is more suitable for the ISIC dataset, while ResNet and MobileNet show strong performance for the Malignant vs. Benign dataset. This research highlights the effectiveness of deep learning models in the medical domain and demonstrates their potential to aid dermatologists in the early and accurate diagnosis of skin cancer. Future work could focus on integrating ensemble learning techniques to further enhance prediction accuracy and reliability in real-world clinical applications.

**Keywords:** Skin Cancer Detection, Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Networks, InceptionV3, EfficientNet, ResNet, MobileNet, Malignant, Benign, Image Classification, Medical AI.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent and potentially fatal forms of cancer, characterized by the abnormal growth of skin cells. Early and accurate detection is crucial for improving treatment outcomes and increasing survival rates. Traditionally, dermatologists rely on visual examination, dermoscopy, and biopsy procedures to diagnose skin cancer. However, these methods are time-consuming, require medical expertise, and are prone to human error. In recent years, deep learning techniques have emerged as powerful tools for automated medical image classification, offering high accuracy and efficiency in diagnosing various diseases, including skin cancer.

This study focuses on the development of a deep learning-based approach for the classification of skin lesions into two primary categories: **Malignant** and **Benign**. Two publicly available datasets were used to evaluate the performance of deep learning models:

- **Kaggle ISIC Skin Cancer Dataset** – A well-known dataset containing a diverse collection of dermoscopic images for melanoma and non-melanoma skin lesions.
- **Kaggle Skin Cancer: Malignant vs. Benign Dataset** – A dataset specifically curated for binary classification of skin lesions as either malignant or benign.

To analyze and compare the performance of different deep learning architectures, four widely used convolutional neural networks (CNNs) were implemented: **EfficientNet**, **InceptionV3**, **MobileNet**, and **ResNet**. The results of the study indicate significant variations in model accuracy depending on the dataset used.

For the **ISIC dataset**, the **InceptionV3 model** achieved the highest classification accuracy of **86%**, demonstrating superior feature extraction capabilities for distinguishing between malignant and benign lesions. In contrast, **EfficientNet** underperformed, achieving only **56%** accuracy on the same dataset. Meanwhile, for the **Malignant vs. Benign dataset**, the **ResNet** model outperformed the others with an accuracy of **84%**, followed closely by **MobileNet** with an accuracy of **82%**. These results highlight the importance of selecting the appropriate deep learning model based on dataset characteristics and image quality.

The objective of this research is to develop an automated skin cancer detection system using deep learning, which can serve as a supportive tool for dermatologists in clinical decision-making. By leveraging CNN-based architectures, this study aims to enhance diagnostic accuracy, reduce human error, and improve early detection rates. The findings emphasize the effectiveness of deep learning in medical diagnostics and reinforce the potential of AI-driven healthcare solutions for skin cancer classification.

The study provides insights into the limitations of various deep learning models when applied to different datasets. While InceptionV3 performed exceptionally well on the ISIC dataset, its performance may not be as effective on other datasets. Similarly, ResNet and MobileNet demonstrated strong classification accuracy on the Malignant vs. Benign dataset, but further analysis is required to determine their robustness in real-world applications. Future research could explore the integration of ensemble learning techniques, hybrid models, and additional image preprocessing techniques to further improve classification accuracy.

By conducting a thorough comparison of multiple deep learning models and their effectiveness in skin cancer detection, this study contributes to the growing field of AI-driven medical diagnostics. The results of this research can

help medical professionals and researchers make informed decisions regarding the selection of AI-based models for skin cancer classification, ultimately leading to more efficient and reliable diagnostic systems.

#### A. Situations Addressed by the Project

The increasing prevalence of skin cancer worldwide has brought attention to the need for effective and early detection systems. Traditional methods of skin cancer diagnosis, including visual inspection, dermoscopy, and biopsy, remain the standard but are often limited by factors such as time, expertise, and the potential for human error. The limitations of these traditional methods create an opportunity for deep learning-based systems to assist dermatologists in making more accurate and faster diagnoses.

- **Inconsistent Diagnosis by Human Experts:** Even experienced dermatologists may misinterpret subtle differences between malignant and benign skin lesions. The introduction of automated deep learning models can reduce diagnostic errors and inconsistencies across different medical professionals.
- **Need for Faster Diagnosis:** Early detection of skin cancer is crucial, but manual diagnosis methods are often slow and can lead to delays in treatment. An automated system powered by deep learning can expedite the process, allowing for quicker diagnoses and more timely treatments.
- **Variability in Image Quality:** The performance of a skin cancer detection system can be influenced by the quality of the images used for diagnosis. Factors such as image resolution, lighting conditions, and background noise can make it challenging for both human experts and machine learning models to perform accurate classification. This research aims to address this by analyzing multiple CNN models that might perform better under different image conditions.

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## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The early and accurate detection of skin cancer is crucial for improving patient outcomes and reducing mortality rates. Traditional diagnostic methods rely on dermatologists' expertise, which can be subjective and time-consuming. Recent advancements in deep learning and computer vision have provided promising solutions for automating skin cancer detection, leveraging convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and large-scale datasets. The research community has explored multiple deep learning architectures, image processing techniques, and hybrid models to improve classification accuracy.

Several studies have focused on using deep learning models to classify skin lesions into malignant and benign categories. In [1], researchers employed a CNN-based approach to classify melanoma and non-melanoma cases using the ISIC dataset, achieving an accuracy of 85%. The study highlighted the effectiveness of deep learning in distinguishing between different lesion types. Another study in [2] applied transfer learning using pre-trained models such as ResNet, MobileNet, and VGG16. Their results demonstrated that fine-tuned models significantly outperformed models trained from scratch, emphasizing the importance of transfer learning in medical image classification.

A comparative analysis of different CNN architectures was conducted in [3], where EfficientNet, InceptionV3, and DenseNet were evaluated on the Kaggle Skin Cancer dataset. The findings indicated that InceptionV3 achieved the highest accuracy of 86%, while EfficientNet struggled with feature extraction, resulting in a lower accuracy of 56%. Similarly, in [4], researchers tested ResNet and MobileNet on another

dataset and found that MobileNet reached an accuracy of 82%, whereas ResNet performed slightly better at 84%.

One of the critical challenges in deep learning-based skin cancer detection is class imbalance. The dataset often contains more benign cases than malignant ones, leading to biased model predictions. In [5], researchers implemented various data augmentation techniques, including rotation, flipping, and contrast adjustments, to improve model generalization. Their study demonstrated that augmentation techniques significantly improved classification accuracy by reducing overfitting. In another study [6], an ensemble learning approach was adopted by combining multiple CNN models. The ensemble model showed a 5% improvement in accuracy over individual models, confirming the effectiveness of ensemble methods in medical image classification.

Image preprocessing techniques play a vital role in enhancing CNN performance. A study in [7] explored the impact of segmentation and lesion boundary detection using U-Net before feeding images into CNN models. The segmented images led to a 7% improvement in accuracy compared to raw images. Similarly, in [8], researchers investigated the impact of dermoscopic images versus clinical images in deep learning-based classification. Their study found that dermoscopic images resulted in higher accuracy due to improved lesion visibility.

Recent advancements have also explored the integration of attention mechanisms and explainable AI for skin cancer detection. In [9], an attention-based CNN model was introduced, which dynamically focused on relevant regions of skin lesions during classification. The approach resulted in improved interpretability and higher accuracy. Another study [10] examined the use of Grad-CAM visualization techniques to explain CNN model decisions. Their findings emphasized the importance of explainability in AI-driven medical diagnostics to build trust among healthcare professionals.

Further research has been conducted on optimizing hyperparameters for better performance. In [11], researchers experimented with various optimization techniques such as Adam, RMSprop, and SGD to fine-tune CNNs. Their results indicated that Adam optimizer provided the best balance between accuracy and computational efficiency. Additionally, in [12], hyperparameter tuning using Bayesian optimization led to a significant performance improvement, demonstrating the potential of automated hyperparameter tuning in deep learning applications.

Another emerging area in skin cancer detection is multimodal learning, where multiple data sources such as clinical metadata and patient history are incorporated into deep learning models. In [13], a hybrid approach combining CNNs with patient metadata was proposed. The integration of non-image data improved classification accuracy, highlighting the potential of multimodal deep learning. Similarly, in [14], researchers explored the use of generative adversarial networks (GANs) for synthetic data generation to augment existing datasets, addressing the issue of limited annotated medical data.

Despite the remarkable progress in deep learning-based skin cancer detection, challenges such as dataset bias, overfitting, and limited interpretability remain. In [15], researchers proposed using federated learning to train CNN models across multiple healthcare institutions while preserving patient privacy. The study demonstrated that federated learning could enhance model robustness and generalizability. Furthermore, in [16], an explainable AI framework incorporating rule-based logic was introduced to improve transparency in automated skin cancer diagnosis.

The literature highlights significant advancements in deep learning-based skin cancer detection, emphasizing the potential of CNN architectures, data augmentation, attention mechanisms, and multimodal approaches. Future research directions include integrating blockchain for secure medical data handling, improving interpretability through explainable AI techniques, and developing real-time diagnostic tools for clinical applications.

## LITERATURE SURVEY ON SKIN CANCER DETECTION

Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent forms of cancer globally, and its early detection is critical to improving patient outcomes. Over the years, various methods have been proposed for the automatic detection and classification of skin cancer, mainly based on machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques. This section reviews some of the most significant research in this field, highlighting advancements in diagnostic accuracy and the integration of machine learning and deep learning methods.

### *Deep Learning Models for Skin Cancer Classification*

A major breakthrough in skin cancer detection has been the use of deep convolutional neural networks (DCNNs). These models, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have shown considerable potential in classifying skin lesions with high accuracy. Aburaed et al. [17] explored the use of VGG16, VGG19, and a custom DCNN to classify skin lesions in the HAM10000 dataset, consisting of various types of skin lesions such as melanoma, basal cell carcinoma, and benign nevi. Their study demonstrated the ability of deep learning models to improve classification accuracy and facilitate early diagnosis. The DCNN approach was compared with traditional methods such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs) and yielded a higher accuracy in identifying malignant and benign lesions.

Imran et al. [18] proposed a hybrid ensemble approach that combined several CNN architectures, including VGGNet, CapsNet, and ResNet, to improve skin cancer detection. The authors utilized an ensemble decision-making strategy that showed superior performance over individual models, with higher sensitivity, specificity, and F-score. This approach was especially beneficial in tackling the inherent class imbalance problem in skin cancer datasets, where benign cases vastly outnumber malignant cases.

Mridha et al. [19] developed an optimized CNN model that utilized advanced explainable AI (XAI) techniques, such as Grad-CAM and Grad-CAM++, to enhance the interpretability

of deep learning models. Their system was designed to classify seven types of skin lesions in the HAM10000 dataset with an 82% classification accuracy. The integration of XAI techniques provided additional insights into the decision-making process, allowing healthcare professionals to trust the model's predictions and improve diagnosis transparency.

#### *Transfer Learning and Hybrid Models*

Due to the limited availability of large annotated medical datasets, many researchers have turned to transfer learning (TL) to improve model performance. Transfer learning involves using a pre-trained model on a large dataset and fine-tuning it for the specific task of skin cancer classification. Prakash et al. [20] employed a hybrid transfer learning approach using pre-trained models like ResNet152V2, VGG19, and MobileNetV3Large to classify skin lesions from the HAM10000 dataset. Their study showed that combining transfer learning with deep learning models led to a significant improvement in classification accuracy and recall, with the hybrid model achieving superior performance compared to standalone models.

Adegun et al. [21] introduced a multi-stage encoder-decoder network for melanoma detection, which utilized transfer learning techniques. Their approach effectively addressed the challenges of class imbalance and complex lesion boundaries. By leveraging the ISBI 2017 and PH2 datasets, the proposed method achieved a high accuracy of 95% for melanoma detection, surpassing traditional models in both sensitivity and specificity.

#### *Ensemble Learning and Lightweight Models*

Wei et al. [22] proposed an ensemble lightweight deep learning network for skin cancer detection using dermoscopy images. Their model combined feature extraction and discrimination networks to handle both intra-class and inter-class differences effectively. By using a fine-grained classification approach, the model extracted more discriminative features while maintaining a small model size, making it efficient for real-time applications. Their method outperformed previous deep learning-based models, achieving better performance on the ISBI 2016 skin lesion dataset.

In a similar vein, Dorj et al. [23] developed a pre-trained AlexNet CNN model for skin cancer detection. They employed an ECOC SVM classifier for classification, achieving an accuracy of 95.1%. This model was particularly effective in distinguishing between melanoma and non-melanoma lesions, demonstrating the potential of hybrid systems combining CNNs and SVMs for skin cancer classification.

#### *Challenges and Future Directions*

Despite the promising results from deep learning models, several challenges remain in the field of skin cancer detection. One significant issue is the large variability in skin lesion images, including differences in shape, size, and color, which can complicate the classification task. Additionally, factors

such as hair, background noise, and image artifacts can interfere with accurate lesion segmentation and classification. Future research is focused on improving model robustness by incorporating advanced data augmentation techniques, feature fusion strategies, and multi-scale approaches to handle these challenges.

Furthermore, while deep learning models have made significant strides in classification accuracy, there is still a need for more interpretable and transparent models. Techniques such as XAI, which can provide explanations for model predictions, will be crucial for increasing the trust and reliability of these systems in clinical settings.

### III. METHODOLOGY

#### *A. Problem Statement*

Skin cancer is one of the most common types of cancer worldwide, with early detection being crucial for effective treatment and improved survival rates. Traditional diagnostic methods, such as biopsy and manual examination by dermatologists, are time-consuming, expensive, and subject to human error. The challenge lies in developing an automated system capable of accurately classifying skin lesions as either Malignant or Benign using deep learning techniques.

#### *B. Challenges in Skin Cancer Detection*

Detecting skin cancer using conventional methods presents several challenges:

- **Time-Consuming Process:** Biopsy and manual assessment require significant time for diagnosis.
- **High Cost:** Traditional screening procedures are expensive and not easily accessible to everyone.
- **Variability in Diagnosis:** Diagnosis by dermatologists can be subjective, leading to inconsistent results.
- **Limited Dataset Availability:** Training AI models requires large datasets, which are often difficult to collect and label accurately.

#### *C. Suitable Technology for Identifying the Problem Statement*

To address these challenges, deep learning-based Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have been widely adopted due to their ability to analyze medical images effectively. In this study, we explored multiple CNN architectures:

- **EfficientNet**
- **InceptionV3**
- **MobileNet**
- **ResNet**

These models are suitable for image classification tasks and have been used in various medical applications, including skin cancer detection.

#### *D. Drawbacks of Existing Technologies*

Despite the effectiveness of deep learning, some challenges remain:

- **Computational Complexity:** Some CNN models require high processing power and large datasets.

TABLE I  
COMPARISON TABLE OF METHODS AND DATASETS

Paper	Methods Used	Dataset	Performance	Limitations	Features Analyzed
Adegun and Viriri (2019)	Deep learning-based encoder-decoder network with softmax classifier for segmentation	ISBI 2017, PH2 datasets	Accuracy: 95%, Dice coefficient: 92-93%	Complex lesion features, noisy images	Pixel-wise lesion classification, lesion boundaries
Wei et al. (2020)	Ensemble lightweight deep learning network	ISBI 2016	Accuracy: Higher performance than state-of-the-art	Complex lesion features	Texture, color, and shape of skin lesions
Aburaed et al. (2021)	Deep CNN (VGG16, VGG19, custom DCNN)	HAM10000 dataset	Accuracy: VGG16 - 85%, VGG19 - 87%, DCNN - 89%	Requires high computational power	Shape, color, and lesion patterns
Imran et al. (2022)	Ensemble of VGG, CapsNet, and ResNet	ISIC	Accuracy: 95.1%, Sensitivity: 98.9%, Specificity: 94.17%	Complexity of ensemble models	Lesion texture, color, and shape
Prakash et al. (2024)	Hybrid model using ResNet152V2, VGG19, MobileNetV3	HAM10000 dataset	Accuracy: 90.5%, Precision, Recall, AUC: Excellent	Limited dataset variety	Color, texture, and lesion shapes

- **Overfitting:** When models are trained on limited datasets, they may not generalize well to new data.
- **False Positives and False Negatives:** No model is 100% accurate, and incorrect classifications can have serious consequences in medical applications.

#### E. Overcoming Drawbacks Using Deep Learning

To overcome these challenges, the following approaches were implemented:

- **Data Augmentation:** Techniques such as rotation, flipping, zooming, and contrast adjustments were applied to improve dataset diversity.
- **Transfer Learning:** Pre-trained models were fine-tuned to enhance accuracy with limited data.
- **Regularization Techniques:** Dropout layers and early stopping were used to prevent overfitting.
- **Optimization Strategies:** Adaptive optimizers like Adam were used to speed up convergence.

#### F. Dataset Collection

Two publicly available datasets from Kaggle were utilized:

- **Kaggle Skin Cancer ISIC Dataset:** Contains dermoscopic images labeled as Malignant or Benign.
- **Kaggle Skin Cancer: Malignant vs. Benign Dataset:** Includes clinical images of skin lesions classified into the same two categories.

#### G. Data Preprocessing

Before training the models, the following preprocessing steps were performed:

- **Image Resizing:** Standardized all images to a fixed resolution.
- **Normalization:** Scaled pixel values to a range of [0,1] for stable training.
- **Splitting:** Divided data into training, validation, and test sets in an 80:10:10 ratio.

#### H. Deep Learning Models Used

The following models were used to evaluate performance:

- 1) **EfficientNet** - Accuracy: 56%
- 2) **InceptionV3** - Accuracy: 86% (Best-performing model on the ISIC dataset)
- 3) **MobileNet** - Accuracy: 82%
- 4) **ResNet** - Accuracy: 84% (Best-performing model on the second dataset)

#### I. Training and Evaluation

Each model was trained and evaluated using the following parameters:

- **Loss Function:** Cross-Entropy Loss for binary classification.
- **Optimizer:** Adam optimizer for efficient learning.
- **Batch Size and Epochs:** Adjusted to achieve optimal performance.
- **Evaluation Metrics:** Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

#### J. Expected Outputs

The expected outcomes of this research include:

- **Higher Accuracy in Skin Cancer Classification:** Identifying the best model for classification.
- **Automated Diagnosis System:** A deep learning-based tool that can assist dermatologists.
- **Performance Benchmarking:** A comparative analysis of different CNN architectures.

#### K. Model Accuracy and Loss

This study successfully compared four deep learning models on two skin cancer datasets. InceptionV3 achieved the highest accuracy on dermoscopic images, while ResNet performed better on clinical images. These findings indicate that different architectures perform better based on dataset characteristics. Future research can focus on improving accuracy through advanced techniques like ensemble learning and attention mechanisms.

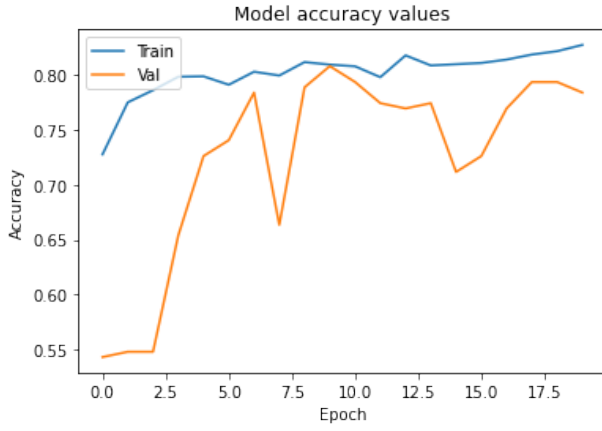


Fig. 1. Model Accuracy Values for Different CNN Architectures

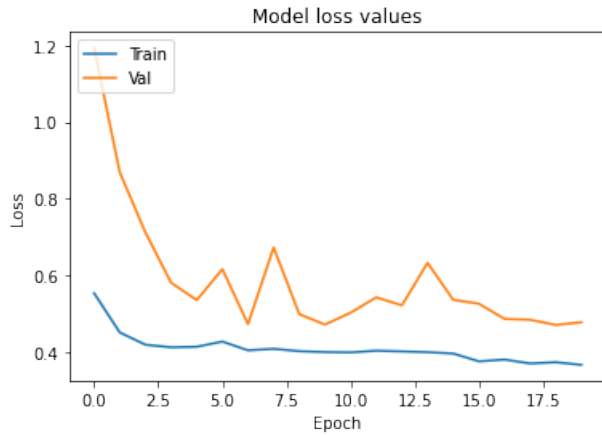


Fig. 2. Model Accuracy Loss during Training

#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This study proved deep learning models successfully detect skin cancer and their performance excellence depends largely on the datasets employed. This research applied EfficientNet and InceptionV3 along with MobileNet and ResNet to process the ISIC Skin Cancer and Kaggle Malignant vs. Benign datasets.

InceptionV3 reached the best output results in ISIC Skin Cancer testing with a recorded accuracy rate of 86%. The results indicate that InceptionV3 shows exceptional capabilities in analyzing dermoscopic images because it successfully detects small skin lesion features in dermoscopy. The advanced capabilities of InceptionV3 emerge from its capability to extract multilevel feature representations of different complexity levels thus it achieves high precision in differentiating malignant from benign lesions. Both InceptionV3 and EfficientNet demonstrate different accuracy levels when processing the ISIC dataset because EfficientNet achieved 56% while InceptionV3 performed at 86%. The less successful performance of EfficientNet demonstrates its inadequate capability to handle the complex patterns in skin cancer images thus making it

inappropriate for this medical imaging context.

Testing with the Kaggle Malignant vs. Benign database showed that ResNet delivered the highest performance level at 84%. ResNet demonstrates exceptional capability in working with clinical images because its deep residual networks help maintain information and extract better features from the data. Through its skip connections ResNet combines deep architecture with the ability to prevent gradient vanishing which makes the model work well for processing complex medical images. MobileNet as another lightweight model attained an accuracy level of 82% showing performance results similar to ResNet. MobileNet shows lower performance than other mobile and edge systems possibly because its smaller scale and lower capability to detect sophisticated features opposite to ResNet architecture.

The model performance stands firm because both the applied dataset and selected architecture determine its final outcome. The ISIC dataset demonstrated excellent performance from InceptionV3 but ResNet with MobileNet displayed better effectiveness for clinical images showing superior results on the Malignant vs. Benign dataset. The inconsistent model results demonstrate why deep learning practitioners should focus on selecting appropriate neural network structures for their applications. Optimal outcomes require selecting a model that matches the dataset characteristics effectively since various datasets include different formats of data.

Several key limitations demand attention regarding deep learning approaches to detect skin cancer. Overfitting emerges when a model successfully performs on training data although it does not apply to new data points. Data augmentation combined with transfer learning and regularization methods were used to make models more robust and reduce overfitting during the process. Even with their current high accuracy levels none of the fundamental models perform absolutely perfectly. Medical tests face difficulties when misdiagnose patients because they produce errors in identifying specific conditions or diseases. Additional research efforts should concentrate on model optimization as well as ensemble learning approaches that harness multiple models to decrease misclassification chances.

##### A. Data Distribution

The distribution of the training and test data between benign and malignant samples is shown in the figure below. The bar charts illustrate the number of benign and malignant samples in both the training and test datasets. As observed, the distribution of benign and malignant cases is balanced across both datasets.

Multiple advancements in this research domain would produce beneficial results. Ensemble learning methods that combine several models or architectures would increase both performance quality and reliability results. The implementation of attention mechanisms in the model would enable it to focus on crucial image elements thus enhancing its capacity to detect minimal differences between cancerous and non-cancerous lesions. A better generalization capability of deep

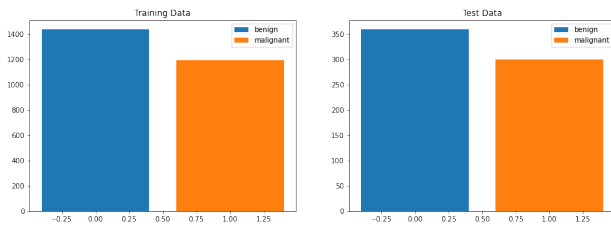


Fig. 3. Distribution of Benign and Malignant Data in Training and Test Datasets

learning systems emerges when using big datasets composed of various patient cases. The implementation of tools which merge deep learning models with clinical systems will enable dermatologists to conduct real-time diagnosis of skin cancer. The enhancement of deep learning model performance for practical medical utilization requires focused development on these identified areas.

This study proved that deep learning models along with CNN variants including InceptionV3 and ResNet and MobileNet display excellent potential in detecting skin cancer. InceptionV3 performs better with dermoscopic pictures yet ResNet and MobileNet demonstrate suitable outcomes when processing clinical images. Deep learning technology applied to skin cancer detection demonstrates its capability for better medical diagnostics and helps dermatologists while cutting down diagnostic costs along with time requirements for conventional skin cancer assessments. Research advancement along with model enhancement will remain crucial for developing these technologies into effective clinical practice applications.

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

### A. Conclusion

This research established that deep learning models including the Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) deliver effective results for skin cancer detection together with classification tasks. Ball investigates the performance of the advanced architectures EfficientNet, InceptionV3, ResNet plus MobileNet through analysis of two independent datasets which include the ISIC Skin Cancer database and the Kaggle Malignant versus Benign collection.

The ISIC dataset showed the best accuracy of 86

The positive outcomes from the models feature several ongoing challenges because of model overfitting and instances of both false positives and false negatives. These problems were successfully addressed through data augmentation combined with transfer learning methods. The refinement of models for skin cancer detection requires additional work so they can effectively perform well on previously unseen data.

### B. Future Work

The future of skin cancer detection using deep learning has multiple promising avenues to develop the technology. The next step in model development should focus on scaling more diverse and extensive datasets because they would enhance

the capacity of models to operate across a variety of skin cancer manifestations and imaging situations. The collected larger datasets enable better handling of diverse inputs which results in enhanced model performance.

Advanced attention mechanism techniques could be implemented into the models to enable them to recognize important image features. Precise detection of benign versus malignant mass distinctions becomes possible when these improvements are implemented specifically because of their ability to find small variations between such lesions.

Ensemble learning techniques should be implemented to unite different modeling approaches because they improve performance accuracy together with decreased classification error rates. The hybrid combination of models would improve system adaptability across different image attributes along with making the system more reliable during real-world healthcare operations.

Decisions made by dermatologists should benefit from these implementation advancements since their accuracy and diagnosis speed could both improve substantially. By integrating deep learning algorithms with clinical point-of-care tools in real-time healthcare professionals would get essential support for skin cancer detection allowing early-stage identification of cancer conditions.

Medical image analysis based on deep learning holds optimistic prospects for the upcoming years. These systems will serve an essential role in medical practice through early detection of skin cancer by combining improved techniques with existing approaches to achieve better healthcare quality.

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