

Introduction to Breast Cancer Detection

Invasive Ductal Carcinoma is the most common subtype of all breast cancers and affects the milk duct cells

Pathologist focus on the images which include IDC whether benign or malignant to determine the aggressiveness of the cancer (risk of spreading)

Our objective is to use the histology images to predict whether IDC is benign or malignant using a Convolutional Neural Network in Tensorflow & Keras and understand how it could be used to improve treatment

Data Acquisition & Exploration

Dataset was downloaded from Kaggle.com - IDC Dataset

- Consists of 162 whole mount slide images of breast cancer histology specimens scanned at 40x.
- From that, 277,524 patches of size 50 x 50 were extracted (198,738 IDC negative and 78,786 IDC positive)

Each patient has both non-IDC and IDC images which are separated into sub-folders (0, 1)

File name format: uxXyYclassC.png — > example -- 10253idx5 x1351 y1101 class 0.png

'U' is the 'Patient ID' (10253idx5)

'X' is the x-coordinate of where this patch was cropped

'Y' is the y-coordinate of where this patch was cropped

C indicates the class where 0 is non-IDC and 1 is IDC





Data Cleaning & Preprocessing

Using the files names;

- 1. Split the images into "Training" (80%) and "Testing" (20%) datasets,
- 2. Label each image data as 0: benign or, 1: malignant
- 3. Using Numpy transform images into array
- 4. Normalize the array by dividing by 255

Model Creation, Training & Testing

Training:

Sequential Class Model

3 layers of Conv2D & MaxPooling2D

Activation Relu

Flatten 3D features into 1D feature vectors

Activation changed to Softmax for the output

Testing:

Binary Cross Entropy vs Sparse Categorical Cross Entropy

'Adam' optimizer used

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output	Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None,	48, 48, 32)	896
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None,	24, 24, 32)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None,	22, 22, 64)	18496
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2	(None,	11, 11, 64)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None,	9, 9, 128)	73856
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2	(None,	4, 4, 128)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None,	2048)	0
dense (Dense)	(None,	64)	131136
dense 1 (Dense)	(None,	2)	130

Total params: 224,514 Trainable params: 224,514 Non-trainable params: 0

Model Development

 Using over or under sampling to try and balance the dataset between non-IDC and IDC

2. Use scikit-learn library for further preprocessing of the images as arrays

 Weighting the results towards false positives due to the application of the model in cancer treatment

Summary

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women, and invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC) is the most common form of breast cancer.

Accurately identifying and categorizing breast cancer subtypes is an important clinical task, and automated methods can be used to save time and reduce error.

The accuracy would likely be increased through balancing the dataset and implementing further preprocessing of the images as arrays