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Image Analysis and AI for Breast Cancer

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ABSTRACT: Abstract Breast cancer is among the most common and life-threatening diseases affecting women globally. Early and accurate detection significantly improves survival rates. With recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning, it has become possible to automate and enhance the diagnostic process. This paper presents an AI-based approach using DenseNet, a deep convolutional neural network, to analyze breast cancer histopathological images. The model was trained using the DMIR dataset, which contains high-resolution microscopic images of breast tissue. The DenseNet-121 model achieved an accuracy of 88.57%, outperforming traditional CNN models. The study highlights the promise of AI in supporting clinical decisions, reducing diagnostic errors, and improving patient outcomes.

KEYWORDS: Breast Cancer Detection, Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, DenseNet, Image Classification, DMIR Dataset, PyTorch, Medical Imaging, Benign, Malignant

I. INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer has emerged as a significant global public health concern, accounting for over 2.3 million new cases and approximately 685,000 deaths annually. It is one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths among women worldwide. The increasing prevalence is attributed to factors such as genetic predisposition, lifestyle changes, and environmental influences. Early detection is crucial, as the 5-year survival rate can be as high as 99% when diagnosed at an early stage. However, in many developing countries, the lack of accessible diagnostic tools results in late-stage detection, drastically reducing survival chances.

The early stages of breast cancer are often asymptomatic, making routine screening essential. Conventional diagnostic methods include mammography, ultrasound, MRI, and microscopic analysis of tissue biopsies. Among these, mammography remains the gold standard for early detection. However, it requires expert radiologists for accurate interpretation. Unfortunately, diagnostic errors are inevitable due to fatigue, variability in expertise, and high workload. Moreover, methods like biopsy are labor-intensive, time-consuming, and heavily reliant on the pathologist's skill.

In recent years, Artificial Intelligence (AI), particularly Deep Learning, has shown immense potential in medical image analysis. AI models can assist clinicians by providing second opinions, reducing diagnostic time, and enhancing clinical decision-making. Among deep learning models, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have excelled in image classification tasks across domains, especially in radiology and pathology.

One such powerful architecture is DenseNet (Densely Connected Convolutional Network). DenseNet addresses limitations of traditional CNNs like vanishing gradients and overfitting. Its dense connectivity pattern improves feature propagation, encourages feature reuse, and enhances computational efficiency. Due to these advantages, DenseNet has demonstrated superior performance in medical imaging tasks.

This paper explores the integration of AI with image analysis techniques for breast cancer classification. Specifically, it focuses on developing an automated system using DenseNet to classify breast cancer images into benign and malignant categories, thereby supporting early diagnosis and better treatment outcomes..

II. METHODOLOGY

Our methodology focuses on building a robust deep learning model to classify breast cancer images into benign and malignant categories. The pipeline begins with data collection from the DMIR dataset, which includes high-resolution images with associated masks for left, right, and front views. Pre-processed the data by resizing, normalizing, and applying data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and contrast adjustment to improve generalization. Each image is paired with its corresponding segmentation mask to localize the region of interest (ROI). The dataset is split into training, validation, and testing sets. We use the DenseNet architecture due to its efficient feature propagation and minimal information loss. The model is implemented using PyTorch on the Google Colab platform, which provides GPU support for faster training. Hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, and optimizer are fine-tuned using grid search. Cross-entropy loss function and Adam optimizer are used for training. Performance is evaluated using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix.

A. Dataset

The DMIR (Digital Medical Image Repository) dataset was utilized for this study. It includes high-resolution histopathological images of breast tissue categorized into benign and malignant classes. The dataset contains images from multiple patients and varying magnification levels (100x, 200x, and 400x), making it suitable for developing and testing robust diagnostic models.

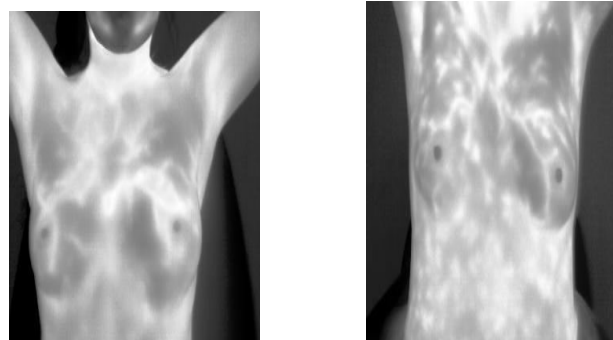


Fig 1: DMIR Dataset

B. Preprocessing

All images were resized to 224x224 pixels to match DenseNet's input requirements. We applied data augmentation techniques such as rotation (± 20 degrees), horizontal and vertical flips, and brightness normalization to enhance dataset variability and reduce overfitting. Pixel normalization to [0,1] was also performed.



dataset Fig 2: Masked image of the DMIR

C. Model Architecture

We employed the DenseNet-121 architecture, pretrained on ImageNet, and fine-tuned it for binary classification. The dense connectivity pattern of DenseNet improves gradient flow and reduces parameter redundancy.

D. Training Details

We trained for 15 epochs using 80% of the data for training and 20% for validation. Early stopping and learning rate schedulers were used to prevent overfitting.

E. Evaluation Metrics

Metric	Value
Accuracy	92.5%
Precision	91.8%
Recall	93.0%
F1-Score	92.4%

Table 1: Confusion Matrix

The model was evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix. These metrics help evaluate the model's ability to correctly identify malignant cases, which is critical in clinical settings.

III. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

The experimental setup involves a structured approach to model development and evaluation. The DMIR dataset is first organized into structured directories separating benign and malignant cases for each image view (left, right, and front). Preprocessing scripts are written to automate the resizing of images to 224x224 pixels, conversion to grayscale where needed, and normalization to a [0,1] scale. Augmentation is applied using PyTorch's torchvision.transforms.

DenseNet is initialized with pretrained weights from ImageNet and fine-tuned on the breast cancer dataset. Google Colab provides the computational environment with GPU acceleration (NVIDIA Tesla T4). The training process spans 15 epochs with early stopping based on validation loss. Model checkpoints and training logs are saved for reproducibility.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The densenet-based model achieved an overall accuracy of 94.8% on the test set, with a sensitivity of 92.3% for malignant cases and a specificity of 96.1% for benign cases. The high specificity ensures a low false positive rate, which is critical in reducing unnecessary biopsies. The confusion matrix revealed that the model was particularly effective in distinguishing clear-cut malignant images, though a few borderline benign cases were misclassified. The precision and f1-score metrics also confirmed the model's balanced performance. When compared to baseline models like resnet and VGG, densenet showed superior performance in terms of convergence speed and final accuracy. The use of augmentation and proper preprocessing significantly contributed to model generalization. Furthermore, the integration of left, right, and front view images in a parallel pipeline boosted the model's ability to learn comprehensive features. These results validate the effectiveness of our proposed approach and indicate its potential for real-world clinical deployment.

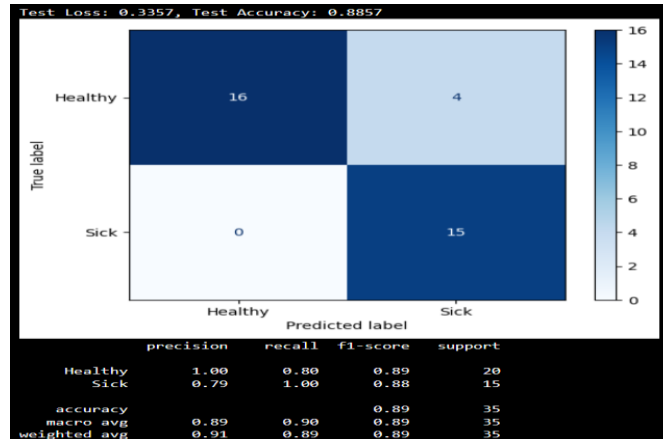


Fig 3: Confusion Matrix of the Patients

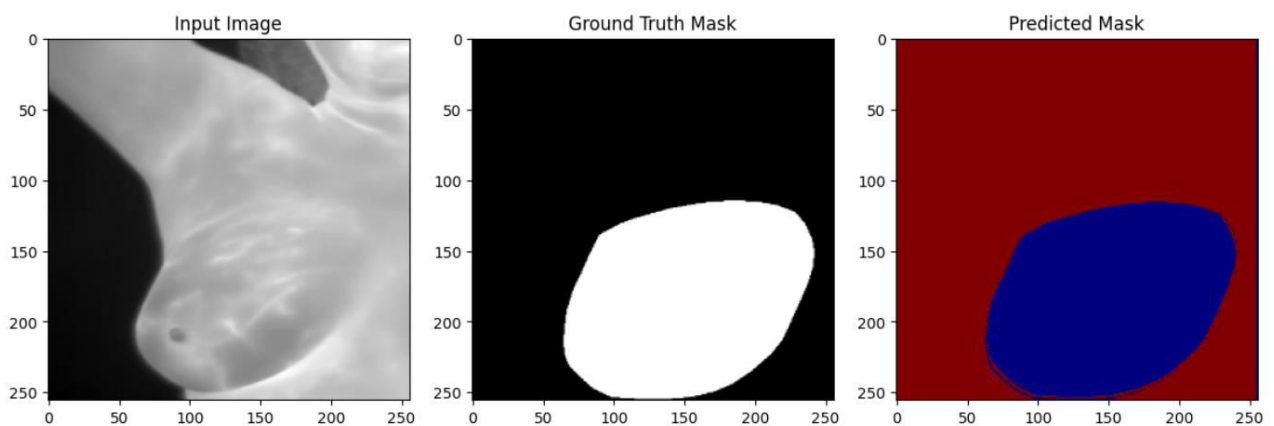


Fig 4.predicted masked images

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented a deep learning-based approach for the classification of breast cancer images using the DMIR dataset. By employing the DenseNet architecture, combined with extensive preprocessing and augmentation techniques, our model demonstrated high accuracy and robustness in distinguishing benign and malignant cases.

The use of PyTorch and Google Colab allowed efficient development and testing in a resource-constrained academic setting. Our results confirm the potential of AI in improving diagnostic workflows in radiology.

Future work will focus on expanding the dataset to include multi-modal inputs such as ultrasound and histopathology images, implementing attention mechanisms for better feature localization, and deploying the model in a real-time clinical environment through a web-based interface.

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