

# COVID 19 Detection Using Deep Learning Techniques

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**Abstract**— It is always desirable to detect an epidemic/pandemic in a timely and accurate manner in order to prevent its spread. There can be several approaches to detecting any illness, including deep learning models. Transparency/interpretability of a deep learning model's reasoning process in relation to health science, on the other hand, is a must. As a result, we provide Gen-ProtoPNet, an interpretable deep learning model. The distance function L2 and prototypes of spacial dimension  $1 \times 1$  are used in the last two models. In our approach, we employ an extended version of the distance function L2 that allows us to categorise an input using prototypes of any sort of spatial dimension, such as square and rectangular dimensions.

## Domain – Deep Learning

### I. INTRODUCTION

The global pandemic of Covid-19 and its variations, such as B.1.1.7, B.1.351, and P.1, is currently ongoing [18]. Efforts to manage and limit the illness have taken several forms. The virus is being detected as part of these efforts. Many methods for detecting Covid-19 from medical photos have been proposed, see e [4], [12], [22], [23], [25], [36], [37], [40], [58]. The interpretability of these models' predictions is lacking, yet the interpretability of models connected to public health is critical. The goal of this project is to develop an interpretable approach for picture classification so that we can understand why an image is categorised as it is. In this paper, we describe the generalised prototype component network (Gen-ProtoPNet), an interpretable deep learning model, and test it on a dataset of three different classes of X-rays (see Section).

For example, most of the X-ray images have some part black as a background, see Figure 2. Therefore, the use of

prototypical parts of spacial dimensions  $1 \times 1$  can give good

similarity scores between patches of an input image and patches of images from wrong classes, because all the images have some part black. Another example, images of birds from different sea bird species can share same background on most part of the images. So, the use of prototypes of spacial dimension  $1 \times 1$  can wrongly give high similarity score between patches of a test image and patches of images form wrong classes, because mostly such images have water as a background.

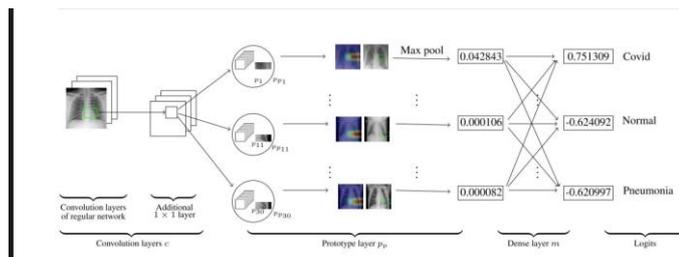
Second, photographs of items from entirely distinct classes have no tiny patches in common, thus image classification may be done only on the basis of the backdrop in the photos rather than recognising the objects themselves. Any patch of photographs of sea birds, for example, is unlike any patch of images of jungle birds. As a result, instead of recognising the birds themselves, the prototype sections of the spacial dimensions  $1 \times 1$  may discern a sea bird image from a jungle bird image based on the background in the photographs.

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## II. PROPOSED SYSTEM:

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### B. Methodology:

VGG-16, VGG-19 [44], ResNet-34, ResNet-152 [17], DenseNet-121, or DenseNet-161 [20] (initialised with filters pretrained on ImageNet [9]) are the models we use to build our model. These models are referred to as baseline or basic models.

In Figure 3, we can see that the model is made up of the convolution layers of any of the three base models, followed by an extra 11 layer (we call these convolution layers c, and their parameters are all the same).

The patch p1 is the part of the original image, that is enclosed in a rectangle with green boundaries. Similarly, the patches

p11 and p30 are parts of the original images given in the same row in the Figure 3. For the output  $z = c(x)$  of a test image  $x$ , the  $r$ -th prototypical unit  $p_r$  in  $pp$  calculates (with the generalized version of L2) distances between the prototypical part  $p_r$  and each patch of  $z$ . These distances are inverted into similarity scores which results in an activation map of similarity scores. More the activation value, stronger the presence of a prototype in the image  $x$ . This activation map preserves the spatial relation of the convolutional output, and can be upsampled to the size of the input image to produce a heat map that identifies which part of the input image is most similar to the learned prototype [7]. These regions are enclosed in the green rectangles on the source images. The activation map is max-pooled to reduce to a single similarity score, that is, there is only one similarity score for each prototype. In the fully connected layer  $m$ , the similarity scores produced with global max-pooling are multiplied with the matrix  $w_m$  to get the logits, then these logits give prediction after normalization with softmax.

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### A. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION AND GEN-PROTOPNET TRAINING

The generalisation of the distance function L2 (Euclidean distance) using the basic model VGG-16 is described in this section.

We also provide the mathematical formulation and training processes of our generalised distance function method.

The normal convolution layers whose output channels have a spatial dimension of  $7 \times 7$  are used to build Gen-ProtoPNet (see Section V). Assume that  $x$  is an input picture. Let  $z (= c(x))$  have the shape  $(D, 7, 7)$ , with  $D$  denoting the depth of  $c(x)$ . Consider the shape's prototype  $p$ .  $(D, h, w)$ . Let  $(i, j)$  and  $(l, m)$  pixels of the  $k$ th tensor of  $z$  and  $p$ , respectively, be  $z_{ijk}$  and  $p_{lmk}$ .

By convolving  $p$  over  $z$  with stride, we get  $z_p$  size

equal to 1. Then  $z_p$  is a tensor of the shape  $(D, 8-h, 8-w)$ .

Therefore, each feature map of  $z_p$  has  $(8-h)(8-w)$  pixels.

For  $0 \leq i \leq 7-h, 0 \leq j \leq 7-w$  and  $0 \leq k \leq D-1; (i, j)$

pixel  $(z_p)_{ijk}$  of the  $k$ th feature map of  $z_p$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & z_{ijk} + \dots + z_{i(j+w-1)k} \\
 & k^{(w-1)} \\
 & k \\
 & + z_{(i+1)jk} + \dots + z_{(i+1)(j+w-1)k} \\
 & + \dots \\
 & + z_{(i+h-1)jk} + \dots + z_{(i+h-1)(j+w-1)k} \\
 & \dots \\
 & (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $z$  be obtained from the Hadamard multiplication of feature maps of  $z$  with themselves. Let  $Z$  be obtained from  $z$  by convolving (over  $z$ ) all  $1$ 's filter of the shape of prototypes with stride size equal to 1. Note that,  $Z$  is the sum of the patches of  $z$  of the shape  $h \times w$  over all feature maps.

Therefore, the shape of  $Z$

is  $(8 - h) \times (8 - w)$ , and  $(i, j)$

pixel  $Z$

is

$ij$  of  $Z$

is given by:

$D$

$X-1$

$k=0$

$z$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2 \\
 & ijk + z \\
 & 2 \\
 & i(j+1)k + \dots + z \\
 & 2 \\
 & i(j+w-1)k \\
 & + z \\
 & 2 \\
 & (i+1)jk + z \\
 & 2 \\
 & (i+1)(j+1)k + \dots + z \\
 & 2 \\
 & (i+1)(j+w-1)k \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that,  $z$  has  $(8 - h)(8 - w)$  patches of the spacial dimension  $h \times w$ . Hence, the distance  $d_2(Z_{ij}, p)$  between  $(i, j)$  patch  $Z_{ij}$  (say) of  $z$  and a prototype  $p$  is given by:  $d_2(Z_{ij}, p) = \sum_{k=0}^{X-1} \sum_{l=0}^{h-1} \sum_{m=0}^{w-1} |z_{(i+1)l(m+1)k} - p_{(1+l)(1+m)k}|^2$ . (3) The equations 1 and 2 give the values of  $(z_{ij})_{ijk}$  and  $Z_{ij}$ . Thus,  $(z_{ij})_{ijk} = \sum_{l=0}^{h-1} \sum_{m=0}^{w-1} z_{(i+1)l(m+1)k}$  and  $Z_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} \sum_{l=0}^{h-1} \sum_{m=0}^{w-1} z_{(i+1)l(m+1)k}$ . Therefore, by equation 3,  $d_2(Z_{ij}, p) = \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} \sum_{l=0}^{h-1} \sum_{m=0}^{w-1} |z_{(i+1)l(m+1)k} - p_{(1+l)(1+m)k}|^2$ . If the spacial dimension of a prototype  $p$  is  $1 \times 1$  then  $h = w = 1$  and  $d_2(Z_{ij}, p) = \sum_{k=0}^{D-1} |z_{ijk} - p_{1k}|^2$ , which is the square of L2 distance between a patch of  $z$  and the prototype  $p$ , where  $p_{1k} = p_k$ . Therefore, if the spacial dimensions of  $p$  are not equal to  $1 \times 1$  then  $d_2$  is a generalization of the distance function L2. The distance function L2 is used in both ProtoPNet and NP-ProtoPNet to find distances of prototypes (spacial dimension  $1 \times 1$ ) and the patches of images. The prototypical unit  $pp$  calculates:  $pp(z) = \max_{0 \leq i \leq 7-h, 0 \leq j \leq 7-w} \log d_2(Z_{ij}, p) + 1$ . Alternatively,  $pp(z) = \max_{Z \in \text{patches}(z)} \log_{x0012} d_2(Z, p) + 1$ .

(4) The equation 4 tells us that if  $Z$  is similar to  $p$  then  $d_2(Z, p)$  is smaller. The following three steps are performed to train our algorithm.

1) STOCHASTIC GRADIENT DESCENT (SGD) OF EVERY LAYER BEFORE DENSE LAYER At this stage of learning, Gen-ProtoPNet aim to learns important features of the image while salient parts cluster near their respective classes. To attain this aim, Gen-ProtoPNet collectively using SGD. Let  $X = \{x_1 \dots x_n\}$  be a

set of image and  $Y = \{y_1 \dots y_n\}$  is a set of corresponding labels, and  $D = \{(x_r, y_r) : x_r \in X, y_r \in Y\}$ . Our goal is to solve the following optimization problem:  $\min P_{conv} \sum_{r=1}^n \text{CrSEnt}(h \circ \text{pp} \circ c(x_r), y_r) + \lambda_1 \text{ClstCt} + \lambda_2 \text{SepCt}$ , (5) where  $\text{ClstCt}$  and  $\text{SepCt}$  are as follows:  $\text{ClstCt} = \sum_{r=1}^n \min_{s:ps \in \text{Pyr}} \sum_{k \in \text{patches}(c(x_r))} d_2(Z, ps)$ ;  $(\text{SepCt} = - \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s:ps \in \text{Pyr}} \min_{k \in \text{patches}(c(x_r))} d_2(Z, ps)$ . (7) The decrease in cluster cost clusters prototypical parts around their correct class, see equation 6, whereas the decrease in separation cost attempts to separate prototypical parts from their incorrect class [7], see equation 7. The decrease in the cross entropy gives better classifications, see equation 5. The coefficients  $\lambda_1$  is set equal to 0.8 and the coefficient  $\lambda_2$  belongs to the interval (0.08, 0.8). Let  $\text{Pr}$  be the set of prototypical parts of the images that belong to  $r$ -th class. For a class  $r$ , we put  $w_{t(r,s)} = 1$  for all  $s$  with  $ps \in \text{Pr}$  and  $w_{t(r,s)} = -0.5$  for all  $s$  with  $ps \notin \text{Pr}$ . Since similarity scores are nonnegative, in this way Gen-ProtoPNet learns a meaningful latent space [7].

2) PUSH OF PROTOTYPICAL PARTS To see which part of the training images are used as prototypes, Gen-ProtoPNet projects every prototype  $ps$  onto the patch of the output  $c(x)$  that has smallest distance from  $ps$ , and  $x$  belong to class of  $ps$  [7]. That is, for every prototype  $ps$  of class  $r$ , Gen-ProtoPNet perform the following update:  $ps \leftarrow \min_{k \in \text{patches}(c(x_k))} \forall k \text{ s.t. } y_k=r \} d_2(Z, ps)$ .

3) OPTIMIZATION OF THE LAST LAYER To rely only on positive connections between prototypes and logits. We aim to make negative connection  $w_{t(r,s)}$  to 0 for all  $s$  with  $ps \notin \text{Pr}$ . We perform this process after fixing all the parameters of convolution layers and prototype layer, and aim to optimize [7]:  $\min P_{conv} \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \text{CrSEnt}(h \circ \text{pp} \circ c(x_k), y_k) + \lambda \sum_{r=1}^n \sum_{s:ps \in \text{Pr}} |w_{t(r,s)}|$ .

**B. SELECTION OF AN IMAGE PATCH AS A PROTOTYPE** Suppose  $x$  is the source image of a prototype  $pr$ . The patch of  $x$  that is most activated by the prototype  $pr$  is used for the visualization of  $pr$ . Its activation value must be at least 92nd percentile of all the activation values (before max-pooling) of  $\text{ppr}$  [7].

## VI. EXPLANATION OF THE REASONING PROCESS OF GEN-PROTOPNET WITH AN EXAMPLE

We constructed our model over six baseline models. We trained and tested our model for 500 epochs. The model VGG-16 is used as a baseline model to run the experiments explained in this example. However, the measures of the performance of the model with the other baseline model are given in the Table 1. In the Figure 4, the test image in the first

column is a member of the Covid class. In next column, each image is the test image with a rectangle (at a certain place) on it. The rectangles have green boundaries. The pixels enclosed by such a rectangle on an image in the second column correspond to the pixels on the original image in the fourth column and same

of Covid class. Since Covid is a first class these weight are entries of first row of  $w_{tm}$ . The multiplication of the first row of the weight matrix  $w_{tm}$  with  $S$  gives logit for the Covid class. Similarly, logit for Normal and Pneumonia classes can be obtained by multiplying second and third row of the weight matrix  $w_{tm}$  with the matrix  $S$ , respectively. Hence, the logits for the first, second and third classes are 0.752591, -0.627040 and -0.623544, respectively. The matrix  $S$  and

**VII. THE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTION WITH CONFUSION MATRICES** The comparison of the performance of Gen-ProtoPNet with NP-ProtoPNet, ProtoPNet and the base models is made with some metrics, such as: accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score. The confusion matrices are also used to outline the performance of Gen-ProtoPNet. A confusion matrix is an array that is used to describe the performance of a classification model on a set of test data for which the true values are known [54]. True positive (TP) is the number of items correctly labeled as belonging to the positive class, that is, the items are predicted to belong to a class when they actually belong to that class. True negative (TN) is the number of items for which the model correctly predict the negative classes, that is, the items are predicted to not belonging to a class when they actually belong to other classes, see [55]. Note that, in non-binary classifications, TP and TN are the diagonal entries of the confusion matrix. False positive (FP) is the number of items incorrectly predicted as belonging to the positive class. False negative (FN) is the number of items incorrectly predicted as not belonging to the positive class, see [52]. The metrics accuracy, precision and recall in terms of the above positives and negatives are:  $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$  Total Cases,  $\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$  and  $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ , respectively. F1-score is the harmonic mean of precision and recall, that is,  $F1\text{-score} = 2 \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$ , see [53]. In figures 5-10, the confusion matrices give visualization of the performance of Gen-ProtoPNet with the six baselines. Let  $H$  be any of the following six confusion matrices. Suppose  $(r,s)$  entry of the confusion matrix  $H$  is given by  $H[r][s]$ . Therefore, TP for the first class (Covid) are  $H[0][0]$ , and TN are  $H[1][1] + H[2][2]$ . In addition, FP and FN for the first class are  $H[0][1] + H[0][2]$  and  $H[1][0] + H[2][0]$  respectively. Next, we describe the confusion matrix (given in Figure 5) for Gen-ProtoPNet when constructed over baseline VGG-16. Total correct predictions made by Gen-ProtoPNet with baseline VGG-16 are 749 (=242 + 119 + 388), see Figure 5. Total number of test images are 872, see Section V. Thus, the accuracy is 85.89%. The above

definitions and Figure 5 give us the precision, recall and  
FIGURE 5. Gen-ProtoPNet with base VGG-16. F

### III. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

VIII. COMPARISON OF THE PERFORMANCE OF GEN-PROTOPNET WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF NP-PROTOPNET, PROTOPNET AND THE BASELINES The convolution layers of several neural networks can be used to build the models Gen-ProtoPNet, NP-ProtoPNet and ProtoPNet. As stated in Section V, we trained and tested Gen-ProtoPNet with the baseline models over the datasets of the X-rays [13], [24]. Also, NP-ProtoPNet and ProtoPNet were examined over the same datasets and with the same base models. We trained and tested all models that are compared in Table 1 for 500 epochs. The measures of the performances of the models (GenProtoPNet, NP-ProtoPNet and ProtoPNet with the six base models) in the metrics can be found in Table 1. Also, the measures of the performance the base models themselves are given in Table 1. We explain the Table 1 with an account of the performance of each of these models with base model VGG-16. However, the measures of the performance of these models with the other five base models are also given in Table 1. In the second column of the Table 1, the spacial dimensions of prototypes corresponding to each base model are given. For example, when Gen-ProtoPNet is constructed over the base model VGG-16, and prototypes have spacial dimension 4 × 6 then the accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score of Gen-ProtoPNet are 85.89, 0.99, 0.98 and 0.98, respectively. Similarly, the measures of the performances of the models NP-ProtoPNet and ProtoPNet with baseline model VGG-16 in the metrics accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score are 84.63, 0.97, 0.99, 0.97, and 79.93, 0.87, 0.92, 0.89, respectively. Also, the measures of the performances of VGG-16 itself (Base only) in the metrics accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score are 82.45, 0.97, 0.98 and 0.97, respectively. The performance of Gen-ProtoPNet is improved over ProtoPNet with all the base models. Also, the performance of Gen-ProtoPNet is better than the performance of NP-ProtoPNet with some baseline models, and in two cases its performance is better than the performance of the baseline models themselves.

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IX. GRAPHICAL COMPARISON OF THE ACCURACIES OF THE MODELS In this section, a graphical comparison of the accuracies of Gen-ProtoPNet with the other models is provided over 100 epochs. In the figures 11-16, the curves of colors purple, yellow, blue and brown sketch the accuracies of GenProtoPNet, NP-ProtoPNet, ProtoPNet and the baselines. For example, in Figure 11, the accuracies of Gen-ProtoPNet, NP-ProtoPNet and ProtoPNet with the base model VGG-16, and the base model VGG-16 itself are depicted. The performance in accuracy of Gen-ProtoPNet is the highest with the baseline model VGG-16 and second highest for the remaining base models except VGG-19. Therefore, the curve depicting the accuracy for Gen-ProtoPNet is the highest for base model VGG-16 and second highest for the other base models.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In the light of the rapidly growing COVID-19 pandemic, the need for an expeditious diagnosis of COVID-19 infection became essential. The immediate diagnosis will allow the initiation of the isolation process and adequate treatment as well. While the standard test used for the diagnosis of COVID-19 disease (RT-PCR) is usually time consuming (6 hours up to days in some centers) the need for a highly sensitive test became essential. Many studies have illustrated the utility of chest CT scan in the diagnoses of COVID-19. This paper evaluates the value of classical Deep learning techniques and the convolutional neural networks in aiding physicians to further classify patients into either COVID-19 positive or negative according to their chest CT findings, and thus facilitating their work.

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