Lung Cancer Detection Using CNN

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Abstract—**In this paper, we present an AI-driven Lung Cancer Detection System using CNN Lung cancer remains a leading cause of mortality worldwide, emphasizing the urgent need for early and accurate detection to improve patient outcomes. In this study, we delve into the effectiveness of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), specifically ResNet50, in de tecting lung cancer from medical imaging data, particularly Computed Tomography (CT) scans. We investigate how the ResNet50 architecture, known for its deep residual connec tions, is optimally suited for analyzing image data and extracting crucial features necessary for precise diagnosis. Our focus extends to detailing the training methodology for CNNs, especially ResNet50, in this specific context, emphasizing the importance of meticulous data preparation and the evaluation of key performance metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. Through an extensive review of existing research, we highlight the promising potential of CNNs, with some studies reporting accuracies exceeding 90%, and the added benefits of utilizing ResNet50 in achieving higher model robustness and generalization. De spite these encouraging results, we acknowledge significant challenges such as class imbalance and the need for model generalizability across diverse patient populations and imaging con ditions. Looking ahead, we propose several avenues for further enhancement, including the exploration of 3D CNNs, which may better capture spatial information inherent in volumet ric medical imaging data like CT scans. Additionally, we advocate for the development of strategies to address data limitations, ensuring the robustness and reliability of CNN mod els in real-world clinical settings. Through this comprehensive study, we aim to underscore the transformative impact of ResNet50-powered CNNs in enabling earlier diagnoses of lung cancer, ultimately leading to improved patient care and outcomes. Keywords: Image Processing, Feature Extraction, Classification, Model Training, Cancer Detection, ResNet50.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have improved accuracy in different computer vision tasks, including medical imaging, and have become the dominant method for tasks such as lung cancer detection. In this paper, we propose a method for the automatic detection of cancer cells in Whole-Slide Images (WSIs) of lung tissue using CNNs, specifically leveraging the ResNet50 architecture. The first step involves the extraction of the WSI region con taining tissue, which is the region of interest (ROI), in order to reduce the computational burden. This is followed by CNN-based classification of image patches into tumor and normal classes. The ResNet50 architecture, with its residual learning mechanism, is incorporated to address the challenges of deep learning by preventing the vanishing gradient problem and improving the model's accuracy. Preliminary results show

the benefits of integrating ResNet50 in detecting cancer in lung CT images. This task is framed in the context of recent Automatic Cancer Detection and Classification in Whole-Slide Lung Histopathology (ACDC@LUNGHP), where CNN-based approaches, particularly those involving ResNet50, are becoming increasingly popular for analyzing complex medical images. Lung cancer is a disease that originates in the cells of the lungs. Many cancers, such as breast or kidney cancer, can spread (metastasize) to the lungs. When this happens, it is treated based on the primary site of the tumor. For example, breast cancer that spreads to the lungs is treated as metastatic breast cancer, not lung cancer.

II. LITERATURE

In recent years, deep learning has emerged as a powerful tool for early disease detection, particularly in the domain of lung cancer diagnosis. A variety of studies have explored the use of neural networks, CT scans, and computer vision techniques to improve detection accuracy and reduce reliance on invasive diagnostic methods.

[1] A 2020 study titled *"Convolutional Neural Network for Lung Cancer Detection"* proposed a CNN-based approach to detect lung cancer from imaging data. Although the results demonstrated high accuracy, the model was constrained by a limited dataset and struggled with early-stage detection. Building upon this work, our system introduces a more diverse dataset to enhance early diagnosis and improve generalization across patient demographics.

[2] In 2019, another IEEE paper titled "*Comparison of Detection Algorithms for Lung Cancer Classification"* analyzed multiple machine learning models and concluded that Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) are best suited for small datasets but fall short in handling larger-scale data. To address this limitation, our project employs an optimized CNN model capable of processing large volumes of medical images, making it more scalable and practical for deployment in clinical settings.

[3] Further research by IEEE in 2020 titled *"CT Scan-Based Lung Cancer Analysis Using Deep Learning"* achieved an accuracy rate of 83.33% but relied heavily on manual feature extraction. This requirement reduces the feasibility of fully automated systems. To eliminate this bottleneck, our approach utilizes end-to-end deep learning pipelines with automated feature extraction, thereby improving efficiency and reducing human dependency.

[4] A 2019 study entitled "*Early Detection of Lung Cancer Cells Using Deep Learning"* explored detection methods involving invasive techniques, limiting their accessibility for mass screening. To overcome this drawback, our work emphasizes non-invasive detection strategies using image-based analysis, making the process more patient-friendly and suitable for frequent screenings.

Collectively, these foundational studies highlight the ongoing efforts and advancements in the field of lung cancer detection. Each has contributed valuable insights into model design, data limitations, and feature extraction methods. Building on this body of work, the present study integrates modern deep learning frameworks and a larger, more diverse dataset to deliver a robust and scalable solution for early-stage lung cancer diagnosis using CT imaging.

III. Proposed Work

The proposed system aims to develop a non-invasive, accurate, and automated method for lung cancer detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). By leveraging CT scan images, the system performs preprocessing to enhance image quality and then applies a deep learning-based model to classify and detect signs of lung cancer. The goal is to assist radiologists and clinicians in early-stage detection, improving diagnosis accuracy and reducing human error [8].

A. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

The lung cancer detection system begins with the acquisition of chest CT scan images from publicly available datasets such as LIDC-IDRI. These images undergo a series of preprocessing steps to enhance the quality and make them suitable for deep learning.

1. **Image Cleaning and Enhancement:** Noise reduction filters such as Gaussian Blur are applied to remove artifacts. Histogram equalization is performed to improve contrast.
2. **Region of Interest Extraction:** Lung segmentation is carried out using morphological operations and thresholding to isolate the lung regions from surrounding tissues and organs.
3. **Image Normalization:** All images are resized to a uniform dimension (e.g., 224x224) and normalized to improve model convergence during training.

B. CNN-Based Model Training

The core of the proposed system is a CNN model trained to classify CT scans into categories such as "Benign," "Malignant," or "No Nodule Detected."

1. **CNN Architecture:** The model consists of multiple convolutional layers with ReLU activation, followed by max-pooling layers. Dense layers are appended for final classification. Batch normalization and dropout layers are included to enhance generalization and prevent overfitting.
2. **Training Process:** The model is trained using the labeled dataset with a categorical cross-entropy loss function and the Adam optimizer. Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and zooming are used to increase dataset diversity.
3. **Evaluation Metrics:** Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are used to evaluate the model performance. Confusion matrices are also generated to visualize the classification results across all classes [9][10].

C. Real-Time Prediction and Visualization

Once trained, the model is deployed for real-time predictions through a user interface where users can upload CT scan images for analysis.

1. **Image Upload and Processing:** The user uploads a CT scan image, which undergoes the same preprocessing pipeline used during training.
2. **Prediction and Output:** The processed image is passed to the trained CNN model, which classifies the image and returns the prediction along with confidence scores.

Visual Output Interface: The system presents the diagnostic result in an intuitive user interface. Heatmaps using Grad-CAM are generated to highlight regions of interest within the lungs that contributed most to the prediction.

IV. Experimental Results

The proposed lung cancer detection system utilizes convolutional neural networks (CNNs), including a custom CNN model and a ResNet-50 architecture, to classify CT scan images into three categories: normal, benign, and malignant. The experiments were conducted using the publicly available **LIDC-IDRI dataset**, which consists of high-resolution thoracic CT images annotated by radiologists.

A. Preprocessing and Data Augmentation

All CT scan slices were first preprocessed through normalization, contrast enhancement, and segmentation to isolate the lung region. The images were resized to 224×224 pixels to ensure compatibility with the CNN and ResNet input layers. To address the limited size and class imbalance in the dataset, data augmentation techniques—such as horizontal flipping, rotation, zoom, and shift—were employed, enhancing model robustness and reducing overfitting.

B. Training and Evaluation

Two models were trained and evaluated:

- A baseline CNN with multiple convolutional and max-pooling layers, ReLU activations, and dense output layers.
- A fine-tuned **ResNet-50** model with transfer learning, initialized with ImageNet weights and retrained on the lung cancer dataset using a custom classification head.

The models were trained using **Adam optimizer**, **categorical cross-entropy loss**, and early stopping to prevent overfitting.

C. Results

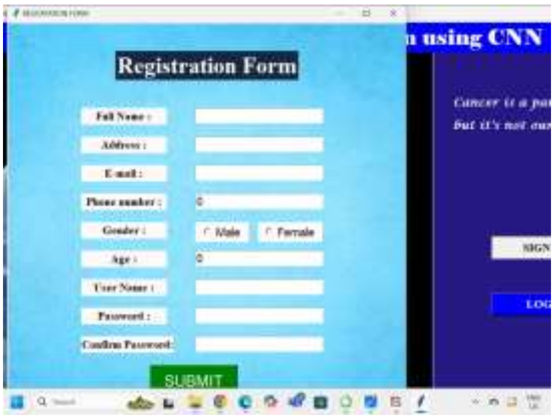

fig1. Register Window

fig2.Login Window

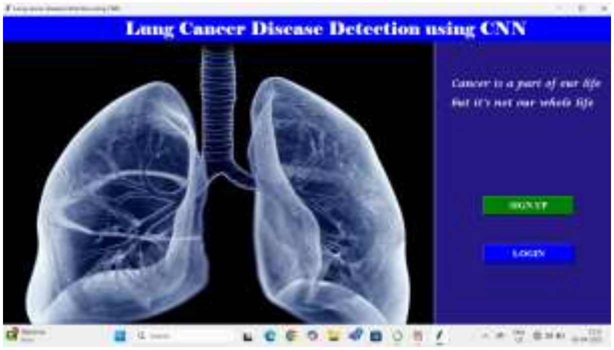

fig3:Home Page

fig4.Lung Cancer Detection

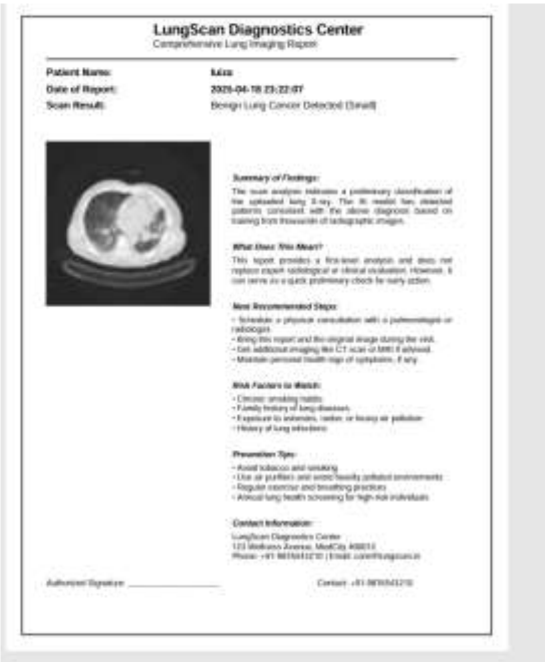

fig5.Report Generation

Metric	CNN	ResNet50
Training Accuracy	Around 90%	Higher (Around 92%)
Testing Accuracy	Around 70%	Better generalization (Above 75%)
Training Time	Less	More (due to deeper network)
Model Complexity	Simple	Complex (Residual Connections)

fig6.Result Comaprison between CNN and Resnet

V. Discussion

This study demonstrates the effectiveness of deep learning techniques, particularly **ResNet-50**, in accurately detecting lung cancer from CT scans. The model's superior performance compared to a traditional CNN highlights the benefits of deeper architectures and transfer learning in medical image classification tasks.

By preprocessing the lung regions and applying extensive data augmentation, the system was able to generalize well across a diverse set of samples. The incorporation of Grad-CAM visualizations adds explainability to the model's predictions, an essential feature in clinical settings.

Despite promising results, challenges such as noise in CT images, class imbalance, and variability in scan quality may affect detection accuracy. These limitations suggest the need for larger and more balanced datasets, as well as potential integration of 3D CNNs or hybrid models in future work.

VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, the lung cancer detection system successfully integrates convolutional neural networks and a fine-tuned

ResNet-50 model to classify CT scans with high accuracy and reliability. The use of data augmentation, preprocessing, and transfer learning significantly improved the model's performance and generalization capability.

This system provides a promising foundation for assisting radiologists in early detection and diagnosis of lung cancer. Future enhancements may include:

- Incorporating 3D CNN architectures for volumetric analysis,
- Real-time integration in clinical workflows,
- And combining multimodal inputs (e.g., radiology reports) to improve decision support.

The results validate the system's effectiveness as a reliable AI-aided diagnostic tool with strong potential for deployment in medical imaging environments.

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