

# SKIN CANCER DETECTION USING DEEP LEARNING

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**Abstract** – Cancer has been described as the most serious problem affecting public health because it causes so many deaths each year. Skin cancer, which arises in the uppermost layer of the skin, is one of the most prevalent types of cancer. Previously, various imaging modalities and protein sequences were utilized in conjunction with machine-learning methods to detect skin cancer. The disadvantage of the AI approaches is that they require human-designed highlights, which is an exceptionally relentless and time-taking action. By enabling automatic feature extraction, deep learning partially addressed this issue. Using the ISIC public dataset, convolution-based deep neural networks were used in this study to detect skin cancer. In visual imaging tasks, CNNs have provided the highest accuracy. The CNN order model will be created in Python utilizing Keras and Tensorflow in the backend. By using a variety of layers to train the network, including but not limited to Convolutional layers, Dropout layers, Pooling layers, and Dense layers, the model is developed and tested with various network architectures. For early convergence, the model will also employ Transfer Learning methods.

**Key Words:** Neural networks, Skin cancer, Deep learning, Convolution neural network, CNN, Melanoma.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most common types of cancer in this decade is skin cancer. Since the skin is the largest organ in the body, it makes sense that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in humans. It typically falls into two main categories: skin cancer, both melanoma and nonmelanoma. Melanoma is a dangerous, uncommon, and fatal form of skin cancer. Nodular melanoma, superficial spreading melanoma, acral lentiginous, and lentigo maligna are among the various types of melanoma skin cancer. Basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), and sebaceous gland carcinoma (SGC) are examples of nonmelanoma cancers that account for the majority of cases. Profound learning has altered the whole scene of AI in late many years. It is thought to be the most advanced subfield of machine learning that deals with algorithms for artificial neural networks. The structure and function of the human brain serve as models for these algorithms. Bioinformatics, speech recognition, and pattern recognition are just a few of the many applications of deep learning. This paper centers around the

introduction of a complete, methodical writing survey of old-style approaches of profound learning, for example, convolutional brain organizations (CNN).

## 2. RELATED WORKS

[1] **AUTHOR:** Catarina Barata and Jorge S. Marques [Barata2019]

They discovered that skin lesions are organized in a hierarchical way, which is considered by dermatologists when diagnosing them. However, automatic systems do not make use of this information, performing the diagnosis in a one-vs.-all approaches, where all types of lesions are considered. In the survey, they proposed to mimic the medical strategy and train a deep-learning architecture to perform a hierarchical diagnosis. Their results highlight the benefits of addressing the classification of dermoscopy images in a structured way. Additionally, they provide an extensive evaluation of criteria that must be considered in the development of diagnostic systems based on deep learning.

[2] **AUTHOR:** Yanosik Kim, Insung Hwang and Nam Ik Cho [Kim2017]

Presented two convolutional neural networks (CNN) and their training strategies for skin detection. The first CNN, consisting of 20 convolution layers with 3×3 filters, is a kind of VGG network. The second is composed of 20 networking network (NiN) layers which can be considered a modification of the inception structure. When training these networks for human skin detection, we consider patch-based and whole image-based training. The first method focuses on local features such as skin colour and texture, and the second on human-related shape features as well as colour and texture. Experiments show that the proposed CNNs yield better performance than the conventional methods and then the existing deep learning-based method. Also, it is found that the NiN structure generally shows higher accuracy than the VGG-based structure. The experiments also show that the whole image-based training that learns the shape features yields

better accuracy than the patch-based learning that focuses on local colour and texture only.

### 3. EXISTING SYSTEM:

Frequent use of biopsies is also not encouraged by dermatologists. According to International Skin Imaging Collaboration, the number of unnecessary culture tests which are being performed vastly varies depending upon various parameters which include clinical setup, expertise of the dermatologist, and the technology applied. Computer procedures and advancements in machine learning not only aid the dermatologists in early detection of melanoma but also avoid heavy expenses of melanoma detection and unnecessary biopsies.

#### DISADVANTAGES:

- More expensive method to detect melanoma.
- There have been more challenges during the design of classification approaches.

### 4. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The impression of skin infection is achieved through two stages. Stage I includes the assortment and pre-processing of the dataset and the preparation stage and the testing period of the grew Profound CNN model. Implementation in real-time and GUI visualization of results is part of Phase II. Since one of the variables that decide the precision of the forecast is the data set, we joined somewhere around six distinct data sets which are gathered by various doctors/specialists/clinical understudies/pathologists/contests. Additionally, for each picture in the data set, the manual division and the clinical conclusion of the skin sore as well as the ID of other significant dermoscopic standards are accessible. The evaluation of the symmetry of the lesion as well as the identification of various colours and distinct structures, such as the pigment network, dots, globules, streaks, regression areas, and blue-whitish veil, are among the dermoscopic criteria. Images from the International Skin Imaging Collaboration (ISIC) 2018 Challenge, HAM10000, Benign vs. Malignant, and PH2 are included in the datasets. The training and testing sets of the dataset were divided 8:2 into each other. A portion of the pre-processing process involves rescaling and labelling each image in the dataset. Mark '0' is appointed for the harmless class and '1' is relegated for the dangerous class.

#### 4.1 Phase I - Training and testing of model:

The proposed deep convolutional neural network received the training set's pre-processed images. A series of convolution, pooling, and ReLU layers were used to extract features from the image. There are 5 hidden layers in the proposed neural network. The features are extracted one at a time and transferred to the subsequent layer as the input image moves through these layers. After the image is max pooled, it is convolved once more, and average pooling is done. At the end, there are two thick layers. By reducing the number of model parameters, the global average pooling layer reduces overfitting. The thick layers are the completely associated layer that orders the pictures into harmless and threatening classes.

The testing period of the model incorporates embedding the test information, preprocessing it and taking care of it to the prepared CNN model. The test picture goes through each layer, looking for the presence of potential elements of infection friendship. In the event that it is discovered, the system will issue an output stating that it is malignant using the knowledge it has gained during the training phase. If not, the system issues an affirmative output.

#### 4.2 Phase II – Real-Time Implementation with GUI:

The presentation of a connection point gives the model to everybody in an exceptionally charming manner. It contained an advanced helping site that empowered the live transferring of the picture by the individual/patient himself. The picture that should be transferred could be taken from any wellspring of imaging gadget zeroing in on the fix/sore over the skin, considering that the arrangement of the picture should be in .jpeg design. The image that has been uploaded is first directed into the model, where it undergoes pre-processing before entering the CNN architecture. The expertise acquired by the framework during the preparation eliminates runs the outcomes. The obtained result then appears on the GUI, where it reads as follows: There are no signs of cancer in the uploaded image. Nothing to Fear! in the event that the image is anticipated to be benign and "The uploaded image shows some signs of cancer! You are encouraged to visit a specialist.' on account of the picture is anticipated as harmful. Website Front-end Bootstrap, a CSS framework that makes Python website creation simpler, was used to create the graphical user interface.

### 4.3 Results with test images of datasets:

Results with test pictures of datasets: The framework was assessed by taking care of in the pictures converged from various datasets. The system makes a good first distinction between cancer that spreads or is malignant and cancer that does not. The network predicts the input image as either benign or malignant in both cases.



Fig.1 Actual: Benign, Predicted: Benign      Fig.2 Actual: Malignant, Predicted: Malignant

### 5. CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK (CNN)

The CNN classification model will be developed in Python using Keras and TensorFlow. CNNs are a class of deep neural networks that are generalized versions of multi-layer perceptrons. In this project, we will develop a CNN classification model using Python, utilizing Keras and Tensorflow as the backend frameworks. Convolutional layers, Dropout layers, Pooling layers, and Dense layers will all be used in the model's construction and evaluation with various network architectures. Additionally, in order to facilitate early convergence, Transfer Learning methods will be utilized. We will use a skin cancer-focused dataset from the archives of the International Skin Imaging Collaboration (ISIC) challenge to train and test the model. One of the most prevalent types of cancer in today's world is skin cancer, particularly melanoma. Nonmelanoma skin cancer includes subtypes such as basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), and sebaceous gland carcinoma (SGC). Melanoma is a rare and dangerous form of skin cancer. With its artificial neural network algorithms based on the structure and function of the human brain, deep learning, a powerful subfield of

machine learning, has revolutionized the field. Profound learning methods track down applications in assorted areas, including discourse acknowledgment, design acknowledgment, and bioinformatics.

#### 5.1 EFFICIENTNET ALGORITHM

When convolutional brain networks are created, they are done as such at a proper asset cost. These organizations are increased later to accomplish better exactnesses when more assets are free. By adding more layers to the original ResNet 18 model, it can be scaled up to a ResNet 200 model. Generally speaking, this scaling procedure has given better correctnesses on most benchmarking datasets. However, the customary methods of model scaling are exceptionally arbitrary. A few models are scaled profundity-wise, and some are scaled widthwise. A few models essentially take pictures of a bigger goal to obtain improved results. This procedure of haphazardly scaling models requires manual tuning and numerous individual hours, frequently bringing about practically zero improvements in execution. The creators of the EfficientNet proposed increasing CNN models to get better precision and productivity in a significantly more upright manner. EfficientNet scales models in a straightforward but efficient manner by employing the compound coefficient method. Compound scaling uniformly scales each dimension with a specific fixed set of scaling coefficients, as opposed to scaling up width, depth, or resolution at random. Utilizing the scaling technique and AutoML, the creators of effective created seven models of different aspects, which outperformed the cutting-edge exactness of most convolutional brain organizations, and with much-improved productivity. The baseline network that was created through the neural architecture search using the AutoML MNAS framework serves as the foundation for EfficientNet. The network is fine-tuned to achieve maximum accuracy, but it also suffers a penalty if it uses a lot of computational power. It is likewise punished for slow deduction time when the organization gets some margin to make expectations. The architecture employs a mobile inverted bottleneck convolution that is comparable to MobileNet V2, but the increase in FLOPS makes it much larger. This benchmark model is increased to get the group of EfficientNets.

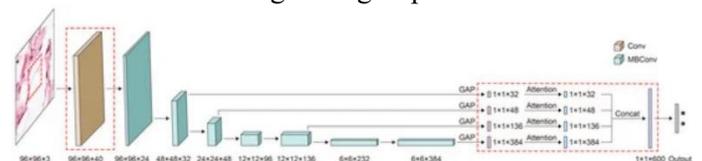


Fig. 3 Architecture of EfficientNet

### 5.2 NEED FOR THIS ALGORITHM:

- The Efficient Net models achieve both higher accuracy and better efficiency over existing CNNs, reducing parameter size and FLOPS by an order of magnitude.
- Models such as Efficient Net are particularly useful for using deep learning on the edge, as it reduces compute cost, battery usage, and also training and inference speeds.

### 6. WORKING OF CNN

The question which arises here is how does CNN understand translation invariance? Is it the magic of Machine Learning? Yet again, it comes down to mathematics again. The following operations are the various layers/steps of the CNN:

- Convolution
- Pooling
- Flattening
- Full Connection

#### 6.1 CONVOLUTION:

The first operation, Convolution, extract important features from the image. It is a mathematical operation which clearly requires two inputs, an image matrix and a filter or kernel. The filter is traversed through the image and multiplied with the pixel values to obtain a feature map. Convolution does lose information, but the point here is to reduce the size and learn the integral information. Performing convolution with different kinds of filters can assist in image sharpening, edge detection, blurring and other image processing operations.

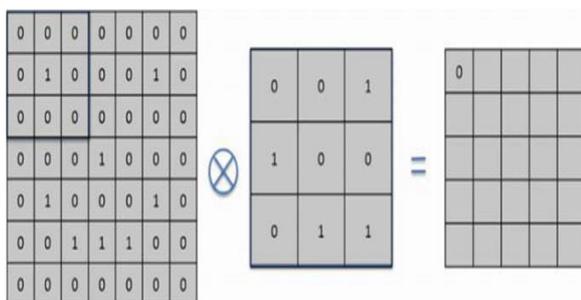


Fig. 4 Convolution operation

#### 6.2 POOLING

The pooling operation helps in decreasing the number of parameters when the image is very large in size. Subsampling, also called Spatial Pooling curtails the

dimensionality of each feature map but retains significant information.

Pooling is basically divided into three types:

- Max Pooling (mostly used)
- Sum Pooling
- Average Pooling

Max pooling is a sample-based discretization process. It is done by applying an  $N \times N$  max filter over the image, which selects the highest pixel value in each stride and builds the feature map. Similarly, in average and sum pooling, the average and sum of pixel values are taken into the feature map.

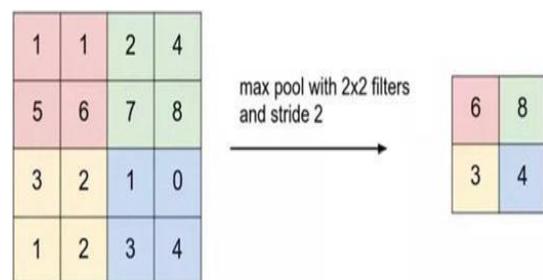


Fig. 5 Max pooling operation

#### 6.3 FLATTENING

To feed our feature maps into the artificial neural network, we need a single-column vector of the image pixels. As the name suggests, we flatten our feature maps into columns like vectors.

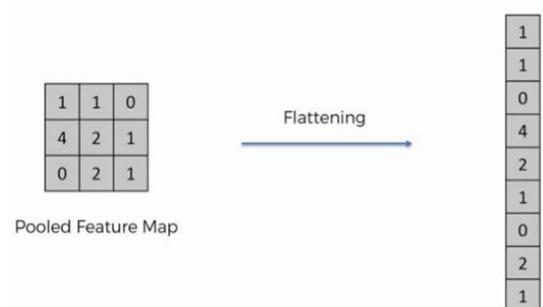


Fig. 6 Flattening operation

#### 6.4 FULL CONNECTION

The full connection layer takes the input from the preceding convolution/pooling layer and produces an N-dimensional vector where N is the number of classes to be classified. Thus, the layer determines the features most correlating to a particular class based on the probabilities of the neurons.

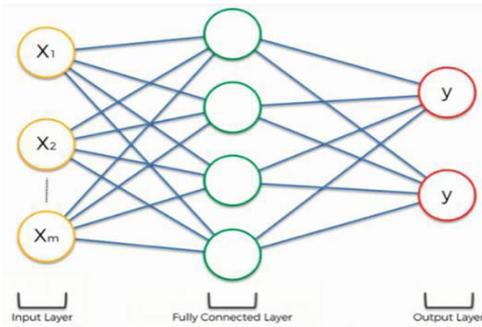


Fig. 7 Full connection layer

## 7. SKIN LESION CLASSIFICATION USING CNN

According to previous research in this area, CNN clearly outperforms professional dermatologists when it comes to skin lesion classification. In point of fact, professional dermatologists have also performed better than CNN in some instances.

There are two ways that CNN can classify skin lesions. In the first instance, the images are extracted using a CNN, and another classifier is used to classify the images. For the other case, CNN is utilized to perform start-to-finish gaining which can be additionally separated into gaining without any preparation or gaining from the pre-prepared model. To prepare CNN without any preparation, many pictures are expected to handle the overfitting issue. CNN cannot be trained from scratch because there are not enough images of skin lesions for the training. Preparing from a pre-prepared model is a superior methodology which is by and large alluded to as Move Learning (TL). TL assists the model with learning great even with less information and acquaints speculation property with the prepared model.

## 8. DATASETS

The ISIC document is an assortment of different skin sores datasets. The International Skin Imaging Collaboration first made the ISIC dataset available at the 2016 International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI) Challenge, which was dubbed ISIC 2016. The archive of ISIC2016 can be broken down into two parts: testing and training. There are 379 dermoscopic images in the testing subset of ISIC, while there are 900 images in the training subset. It contains images from two categories: benign nevi and malignant melanomas. Roughly 30.3% of the dataset's pictures are of melanoma sores and the excess pictures have a place with the harmless nevi class. Each year, ISIC adds more images to its archive and issues a design challenge for the creation of an automated skin

cancer diagnosis system. The ISIC, or International Skin Imaging Consortium: The Melanoma Project is a collaboration between academia and industry to make it easier to use digital skin imaging to reduce the number of people dying from skin cancer. ISIC began organizing global challenges for skin lesion analysis in the diagnosis and detection of melanoma in 2015.

A new dataset was made by joining both the datasets of ISIC 2018 and ISIC 2019. In addition to removing additional noise from the dataset, the seven most common types of skin lesions were retained. This empowered the models to learn all the more proficiently because of the overflow of tests now accessible per class.

## 9. METHODOLOGY AND MODULE DESCRIPTION:

### 9.1 IMAGE DATABASE:

The images on the ISIC website are used to download the database. The data set incorporated the ISBI-2016 test which has RGB dermoscopic pictures alongside their marks and division ground bits of insight.

### 9.2 IMAGE PREPROCESSING PIPELINE:

The presence of hairs is irrelevant to our objective, which is the classification of skin cancer classes, because the images in the dataset are of pigmented skin lesions. Noise is exacerbated by the fur in the image. CNN should discover that the erratic strands spread across the skin injury picture are immaterial to our assignment. Additionally, there is a possibility that the CNN model will discover correlations between the target (a type of skin cancer) and the noise. In the event that we don't eliminate this commotion from the picture, CNN should find out about disregarding the clamor by slope plummet across a huge dataset of pictures. By enhancing the images, we were able to expand the dataset. Since neural nets require a huge amount of labeled data for training, the size of the dataset has typically been a problem in the medical field. Naming the clinical pictures is costly and requires a certified clinical expert for the undertaking. In contrast to other fields where data labeling can be done by non-experts, this one is unique. The significance of data enhancement in skin lesion analysis has already been established.

### 9.3 EFFICIENTNET MODEL ALGORITHM:

The goal of developing the architectures in the EfficientNet family was to find a suitable strategy for scaling CNNs in order to improve accuracy and efficiency. CNNs are able to capture features that are richer and more complex when the depth of the network is scaled up. However, the vanishing gradient problem makes network training more difficult. By increasing the width of the network, more fine-grained features can be captured. High-level features, on the other hand, cannot be captured by wide or shallow networks. At last, higher-goal pictures permit CNNs to catch better-grained designs. On the dataset, the eight EfficientNet models (EfficientNets B0-B7) were put through their paces in our experiments.

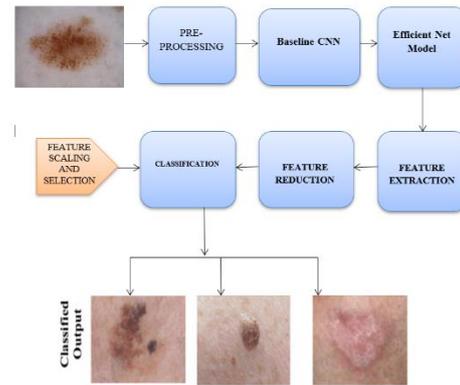


Fig. 8 Modules Flow Chart  
 OUTPUT SCREENS

### 9.4 CLASSIFICATION:

In the final step, we fine-tuned the Convolutional Neural Networks and applied transfer learning to pre-trained Image Net weights to train the EfficientNets B0-B7 on the dataset. The utilization of goal scaling, information expansion, commotion evacuation, effective exchange learning of Picture Net weight, and adjusting all added to the high-order results. Lastly, Confusion Matrices demonstrated that some skin cancer subgroups performed better than others in terms of generalization. It suggests that the use of tailored models for any particular kind of cancer still needs to be improved.

### 9.5 SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

The stage of the project where the theoretical design becomes a functional system is called implementation. In this way, it tends to be viewed as the most basic stage in accomplishing a fruitful new framework and in giving the client, certainty that the new framework will work and be compelling. The execution stage includes cautious preparation, examination of the current framework and its imperatives on execution, planning of strategies to accomplish changeover and assessment of changeover techniques. The process of putting a new system design into action is known as implementation. In order to install a candidate system, this phase focuses on user training, site preparation, and file conversion. Keeping the organization's operations unaffected during the conversion is the most important consideration here.



Fig. 9 Home Page



Fig. 10 Login page for users

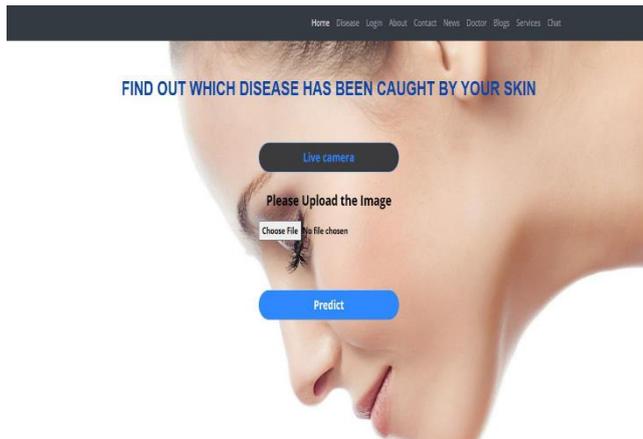


Fig. 11 Image Processing page (with Live Camera & Image Upload option)

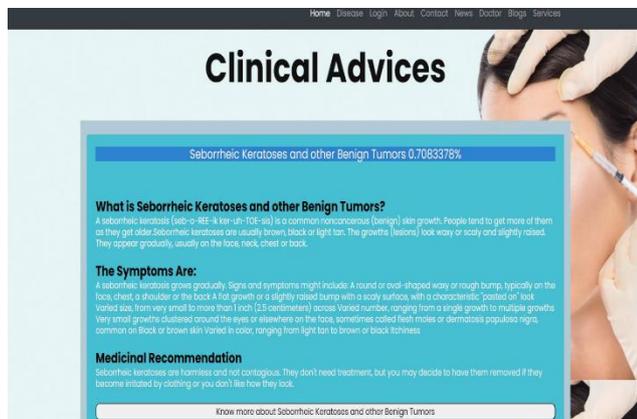


Fig. 12 Clinical Advices page based on results tails

## 10. CONCLUSIONS

Using deep learning CNN, the project aims to create a reliable and effective method for skin cancer detection. The necessary hardware and software components have been identified after a thorough analysis of the system requirements. The framework configuration has been founded on a complex profound learning CNN design, with cautious thought given to picture pre-processing and highlight extraction. By and large, this venture documentation gives an exhaustive manual for the improvement of a skin disease recognition framework utilizing profound learning CNN. By providing prompt and accurate skin cancer diagnosis, the system has the potential to significantly alter the healthcare industry and improve patient outcomes.

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