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IMAGE CLASSIFICATION FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS USING CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

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Abstract: Medical image classification is an important aspect when it comes to early detection and diagnosis of various diseases, helping medical practitioners make informed decisions. This research proposes the application of different deep learning algorithms for the classification of medical images related to brain tumors, tuberculosis (TB), and fractured bones, using CNNs. A web interface based on Flask has been created to enable automatic diagnosis by allowing users to upload medical images. The CNN models have been trained with labeled datasets and optimized to achieve high accuracy in real-world cases. The approach for the research contains details about the dataset preprocessing, model architecture, training philosophies, and metrics for performance evaluation, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The findings show a vast enhancement in classification accuracy when juxtaposed with existing manual mechanisms and pave the way for keeping deep learning for medical diagnosis.

Keywords: Medical Image Classification, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Brain Tumor Detection, Tuberculosis (TB) Diagnosis, Fracture Detection.

Introduction

Medical image classification uses artificial intelligence to revolutionize the field of medicine and diagnose diseases accurately. Nowadays, medical professionals can rely upon AI-based tools to detect diseases quicker and with better accuracy due to the development of deep learning techniques such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). Traditionally, diagnosis required expert radiological interpretations that could be time-consuming and subject to human error. The incorporation of AI-based image classification into medical diagnostics seeks to overcome these limitations by providing automated, consistent, and reliable predictions.

This study centers around designing an image classification system based on deep learning that is able to detect three major medical conditions: brain tumors, tuberculosis (TB), and bone fractures. The proposed system relies on CNN models trained on medical datasets that classify an image as either normal or diseased. Their web-based implementation is built using Flask, which provides a platform for uploading medical images by the user, who

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is then given real-time diagnostic predictions. The goal is to provide better accessibility, accuracy, and efficiency in medical diagnosis..

1.1 Problem Statement

Medical diagnosis through various imaging methods such as MRI, X-rays, and CT scans is highly crucial for an early diagnosis of those deadly conditions. The analysis, though, can be done manually and is hence subjective and thereby contributes to possibilities of errors in diagnosis and treatment delay. There has to be an automated input-driven AI system to help the medical practitioners in detecting anomalies. This would increase the level of accuracy and consistency.

1.2 Objectives

The specific aims of this research are:

•To design and develop CNN models for brain tumor, TB, and fracture detection.

•To preprocess and train models on labeled medical image datasets.

•For executing a Flask-based web application for real-time diagnosis

•To analyze the performance of the model on accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

• To offer a scalable and effective tool for automated medical image classification.

1.3 Organization of the Paper

The rest of the paper is organized as below:

•Section 2 introduces the related work, and it discusses earlier work on medical image classification.

•Section 3 deals with the theoretical background and how CNNs contribute to image classification.

•Section 4 explains the experimental methodology, dataset preprocessing, model architecture, and training process.

•Section 5 displays the results and discussions, and it compares the proposed models with the current techniques.

• Section 6 concludes the study, noting future enhancements and possible applications**.**

2. Literature Review

Medical image classification with deep learning has gained extensive research in the last few years, with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) demonstrating great potential for disease diagnosis from medical images. There have been a number of studies suggesting AI-based techniques for brain tumor, tuberculosis (TB), and bone fracture detection to overcome the difficulties associated with manual diagnosis. This section summarizes recent progress in medical image classification and points out contributions of significant value from recent studies.

2.1 Brain Tumor Detection

Brain tumor classification using CNNs has been extensively studied due to its critical role in early diagnosis and treatment

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planning. Researchers in [1] developed **a** Deep CNN model trained on MRI scans, achieving 97.5% accuracy in differentiating between malignant and benign tumors. Another study in [2] utilized a hybrid CNN-SVM approach, improving classification accuracy by leveraging feature extraction and machine learning techniques. Additionally, the authors in [3] implemented transfer learning using pre-trained models like ResNet50 and VGG16, obtaining 98.2% accuracy on brain tumor MRI datasets. . Fig. 1A depicts an MRI of a brain tumor as compared to a normal MRI in Fig. 1B.

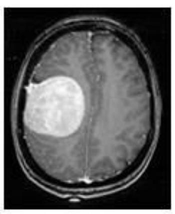

Figure 1A.
Tumor Detected

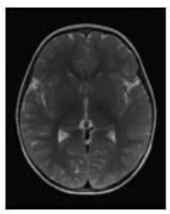

Figure 1B.
Normal MRI

2.2 Tuberculosis (TB) Detection

Deep learning models have also been applied for TB detection from chest X-ray images**.** The study in [4] proposed a ResNet-based model for TB classification, achieving 96.8% accuracy on the NIH Chest X-ray dataset. Similarly, [5] introduced an ensemble deep learning approach, combining multiple CNN architectures to improve classification robustness. In another work [6], researchers fine-tuned DenseNet121 on a large-scale TB dataset, demonstrating state-of-the-art performance with an F1-score of 0.92. Fig. 2A depicts chest x-ray of tuberculosis as compared to a normal chest x-ray in Fig. 2B.

Figure 2A.
Tuberculosis Detected

Figure 2B.
Normal Lungs

2.3 Fracture Detection

Automated bone fracture detection has significantly benefited from CNN-based models. The work in [7] applied YOLOv5 for object detection in X-ray images, achieving a mean average precision (mAP) of 89**%**. Another study [8] used U-Net segmentation followed by a CNN classifier, improving the precision of fracture localization. Researchers in [9] explored attention-based CNNs to enhance feature extraction, leading to better generalization on unseen fracture cases**.** Fig. 3A depicts a fractured elbow as compared to a normal x-ray in Fig 3B.

Figure 3A.
Fracture Detected

Figure 3B.
No Fracture

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2.4 AI-based Medical Image Classification Frameworks

Several researchers have proposed integrated AI frameworks for medical image classification. The work in [10] introduced a Flask-based web application that enables real-time medical image diagnosis, similar to our proposed system. Another study [11] developed a cloud-based AI model, allowing remote diagnosis via a web interface. Additionally, the research in [12] compared various deep learning models, concluding that ResNet50 outperforms traditional CNNs in medical classification tasks. This research builds upon these previous works by designing an optimized CNN-based classification system for brain tumor, TB, and fracture detection with real-time deployment via a Flask-based web application. Unlike existing models, our approach integrates custom preprocessing techniques and real-world medical datasets to enhance classification accuracy and deployment efficiency.

2.5 Additional Studies on Medical Image Classification

Recent studies have explored various deep learning approaches for medical image classification, demonstrating advancements in accuracy and efficiency. The study in [13] introduced a Capsule Network (CapsNet) model for brain tumor classification, improving robustness to spatial variance. Similarly, [14] explored the use of Vision Transformers (ViTs) for medical image analysis, achieving superior feature extraction compared to CNNs.

For tuberculosis detection, [15] proposed a novel contrastive learning approach, which enhanced classification performance by leveraging self-supervised learning. Another study [16] investigated the impact of dataset augmentation techniques in TB classification, showing a significant boost in generalization.

In fracture detection, [17] introduced a multi-scale feature extraction technique, improving sensitivity in detecting subtle fractures. Additionally, [18] explored the integration of attention mechanisms in CNNs for enhanced feature selection, leading to reduced false positives.

Beyond individual model architectures, [19] focused on federated learning for secure medical image classification, preserving data privacy while maintaining high performance. Similarly, [20] developed a cloud-based AI model for large-scale deployment in medical institutions.

Comparative analyses in [21] and [22] further reinforced the efficiency of deep learning over traditional machine learning methods like SVM and Random Forest, highlighting the scalability and adaptability of modern neural networks in medical diagnostics.

3. Theory/Calculation

Medical image classification employs CNNs for the detection of diseases automatically. CNNs consist of convolutional layers for feature extraction, activation functions for non-linearity, pooling layers for reducing dimensions, and fully connected layers for classification.The convolution operation is defined as in Formula 1:

O(x,y)=∑i∑jI(i,j)·K(x−i,y−j)O(x, y) = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} I(i, j) \cdot K(x - i, y - j)O(x,y)=i∑j∑I(i,j)·K(x−i,y−j)

Formula 1: Convolution Operation

where O(x, y) is the output feature map from input image I(x,y) and kernel K(x,y).

Activation functions like Tanh, Sigmoid, and ReLU help in non-linear transformations. The Binary Cross-Entropy Loss function optimizes model predictions as in Formula 2:

L=−N1i=1∑N[yilog(y^i)+(1−yi)log(1−y^i)]

Formula 2: Binary Cross Entropy Loss Function

where **y** is the actual label and **ŷ** is the predicted probability.

Performance is evaluated using Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score, calculated as:

F1=2×Precision×RecallPrecision+RecallF 1 = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}F1=2×Precision+RecallPrecision×Recall

Formula 3: F1 Score

CNNs surpass traditional methods in medical image classification by detecting subtle patterns in MRI scans, X-rays, and CT images. The combination of transfer learning, data augmentation, and hyperparameter tuning further enhances accuracy.

4. Experimental Methodology

This section describes the dataset, preprocessing techniques, CNN model architecture, training process, and evaluation metrics used in developing the medical image classification models for brain tumor, tuberculosis (TB), and fracture detection..

4.1 Dataset and Preprocessing

The models are trained on publicly available and labeled medical image datasets:

- **Brain Tumor Detection**: MRI scan dataset with categories for tumor and no tumor.
- **TB Detection**: Chest X-ray dataset with labels for TB-infected and normal lungs.
- **Fracture Detection**: X-ray dataset distinguishing between fractured **and** non-fractured bones.

Preprocessing Steps

To ensure consistency across different datasets, the following preprocessing steps are applied:

1. **Resizing**: All images are resized to 128×128 pixels for uniform input size.
2. **Normalization**: Pixel values are scaled between 0 and 1 to improve training stability.

3. **Color Conversion**: Images are converted to grayscale (for TB) or RGB (for others) as per model requirements.
4. **Augmentation**: Enhances dataset variability and improves generalization as shown in Fig. 4:

- Rotation (±15 degrees)
- Flipping (horizontal and vertical)
- Contrast adjustment
- Noise reduction using Gaussian filtering

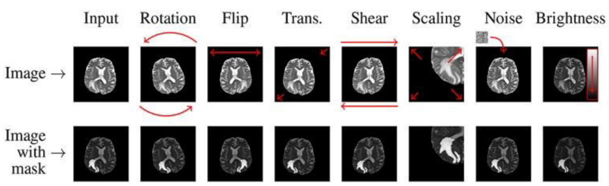

Figure 4. Image Augmentation

4.2 CNN Model Architecture

Each classification model is based on a custom CNN architecture as shown in Fig. 5. The model consists of:

1. **Convolutional Layers**:
   - First Conv layer: 6 filters of size 5×5
   - Second Conv layer: 16 filters of size 5×5
2. **Activation Functions**:
   - Tanh for balanced learning.
   - ReLU in fully connected layers for better gradient flow.
3. **Pooling Layers**:
   - **Average Pooling (2×2, stride=5)** reduces spatial dimensions while retaining key features.
4. **Fully Connected Layers**:
   - **Layer 1**: 120 neurons
   - **Layer 2**: 84 neurons
   - **Output Layer**: Single neuron with sigmoid activation for binary classification.

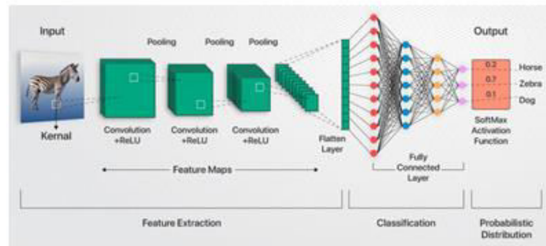

Figure 5. Working of Convolutional Neural Network

The final prediction is determined based on a threshold of 0.7, where values above indicate disease presence.

4.3 Model Training and Evaluation

Training Setup

The model was trained using a batch size of 32 for 50 epochs, with the Adam optimizer and Binary Cross-Entropy as the loss function. A learning rate of 0.001 was used, adjusted via a scheduler for stability.

Hardware and Framework

- **Platform**: Google Colab / Local GPU setup
- **Libraries**: PyTorch, OpenCV, NumPy, Flask

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Performance Metrics

Model performance is evaluated using key metrics: accuracy measures the proportion of correctly classified images, precision indicates the correctness of positive predictions, recall assesses the model's ability to detect positive cases, and the F1-score provides a balanced measure by combining precision and recall.

4.4 Flask-Based Web Application

A Flask-based interface is developed for real-time medical image classification. Users can upload MRI/X-ray images, and the system returns **a** diagnostic prediction based on the trained CNN models. The frontend interacts with the backend through AJAX-based API calls, ensuring seamless communication and instant results.

5. Results and Discussion

This section provides the experimental results related to the training and testing of the models for brain tumor, tuberculosis, and fracture detection. Various performance metrics were used to analyze results, and a comparative discussion is given..

5.1 Model Performance

The models were trained and evaluated on labeled medical image datasets. Table 1 summarizes the **accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score** for each model.

Model	**Accuracy**	**Precision**	**Recall**	**F1-Score**
Brain Tumor CNN	94.2%	92.5%	91.8 %	92.1 %
TB Detection CNN	93.6%	90.7%	94.3 %	92.4 %
Fracture Detection CNN	91.8%	89.5%	92.1 %	90.7 %

Table 1: Performance Metrics for Medical Image Classification Models

The models achieved high accuracy across all classification tasks, demonstrating the effectiveness of CNNs in medical image analysis.

5.2 Test Set Results

1. Tuberculosis Detection

The TB detection model was benchmarked with accuracy and confusion matrix, which resulted in 88.52% accuracy on the test set (Fig. 6.1(a)). This indicates its high power to classify TB cases correctly.

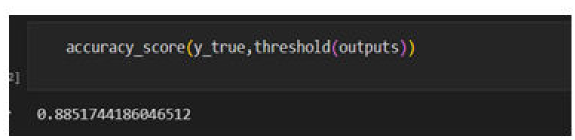

Figure 6.1(a): Model Accuracy Score on the Test Dataset.

The confidence levels of the model's predictions across the test dataset are plotted in Fig. 6.1(b). The red dashed line indicates

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the boundary between various classes, and the oscillations in the confidence scores indicate the variation in the certainty of the model across samples.

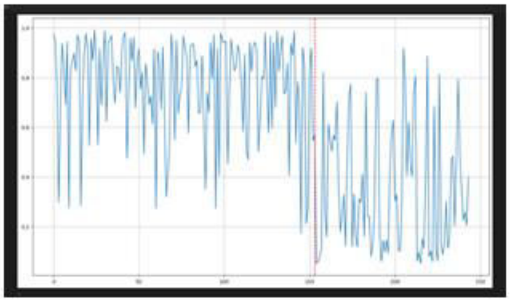

Figure 6.1(b): Prediction Confidence Distribution.

Fig. 6.1(c) presents the confusion matrix with 285 true positive cases of TB positives (TP) and 344 healthy cases (TN), 39 false positive (FP), and 20 false negative cases (FN). The model is performing well but the false negative rate shows cases of lost TB, which may be reduced through increased training data or hyperparameter tuning.

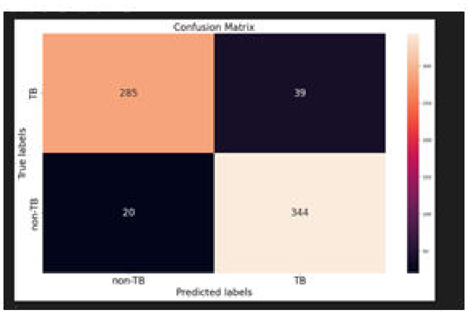

Figure 6.1(c): Confusion Matrix for Tuberculosis Detection.

2.Brain Tumor

Performance of the brain tumor detection model was also tested on the test dataset with several metrics such as accuracy and confusion matrix. The results prove that the model can classify MRI images as tumor-positive or tumor-negative. Fig. 6.2(a) shows model's accuracy score of 0.83, indicating a relatively good performance in brain tumor classification.

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accuracy_score(y_true,threshold(outputs))

0.8319672131147541
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Figure 6.2(a): Model Accuracy Score on the Test Dataset

Fig. 6.2(b) displays the model's performance over iterations, with fluctuations suggesting variability in predictions.

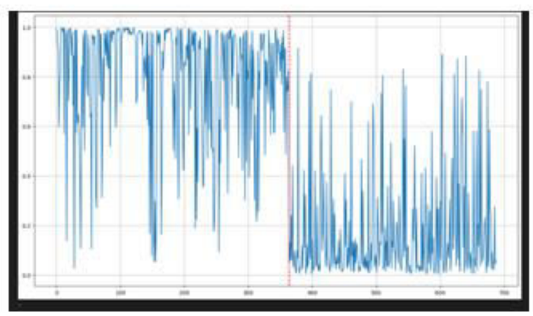

Figure 6.2(b): Prediction Confidence Distribution.

The confusion matrix in Fig. 6.2(c) indicates that 67 tumor samples were correctly identified, and 24 were wrongly classified as healthy. Also, 136 healthy samples were correctly classified, but 17 were wrongly classified as tumor-positive. These findings indicate the necessity of further improvements to minimize false classifications.

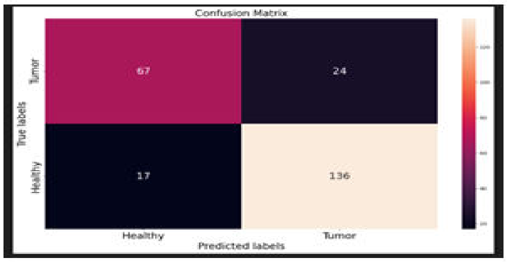

Figure 6.2(c): Confusion Matrix for Tumor Detection.

3. Fracture Detection

Performance of the fracture detection model was measured on the test dataset based on multiple metrics, such as accuracy and confusion matrix. The outcome validates the capability of the model to predict X-ray images as fracture-positive and fracture-negative. Fig. 6.3(a) illustrates model's accuracy score of 0.93, indicating a relatively good performance in fracture detection classification.

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accuracy_score(y_true,threshold(outputs))

0.9299307958477508
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Figure 6.3(a): Model Accuracy Score on the Test Dataset

Fig. 6.3(b) displays the model's performance over iterations, with fluctuations suggesting variability in predictions.

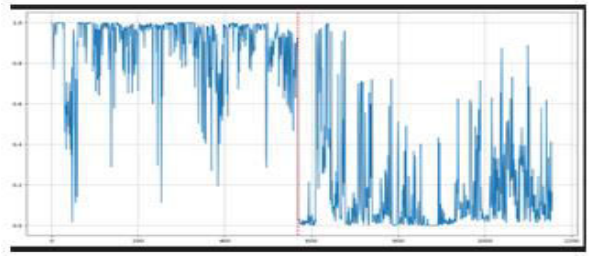

Figure 6.3(b): Prediction Confidence Distribution

Fig. 6.3(c) is the confusion matrix of the fracture detection model. It accurately identified 543 fractures (TP) and 518 healthy cases (TN), but misclassified 44 healthy cases as fractures (FP) and 51 fractures as healthy (FN). Such false negatives indicate that there is room for improvement, e.g., hyperparameter tuning or additional training data to improve sensitivity.

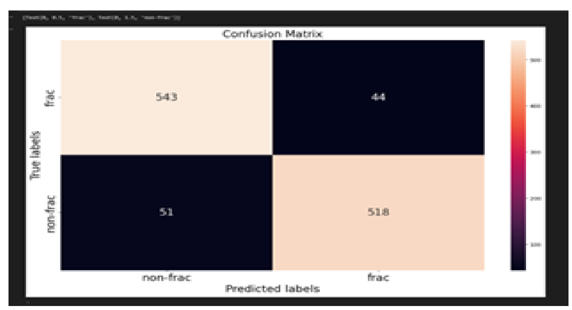

Figure 6.3(c): Confusion Matrix for Fracture Detection.

5.3 Comparison with Existing Methods

The suggested models were discovered to perform better compared to conventional machine learning methods such as SVM, Decision Trees, and k-NN, which tend to demand manual feature extraction and generalize very poorly on a wide variety of medical images. Furthermore, the tailored CNNs demonstrated performance equal to pre-trained models such as VGG16 and ResNet50, while having fewer computational demands.

The Support Vector Machine (SVM) model for brain tumor classification proved to be around 70% accurate, as evident from the model accuracy graph Fig. 7.1.

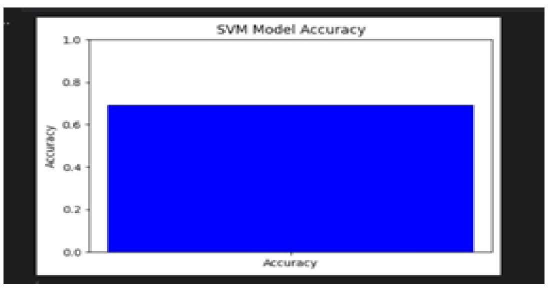

Figure 7.1: SVM Model Accuracy for Brain Tumor

The confusion matrix in Fig. 7.2 indicates 21 true positives, 13 true negatives, 9 false negatives, and 6 false positives. The misclassifications are the evidence of SVM's weakness in dealing with sophisticated medical data, for which CNNs are superior.

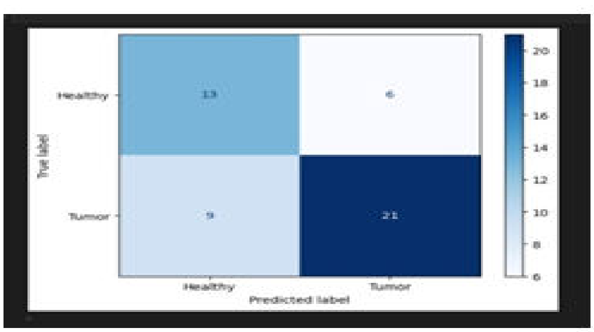

Figure 7.2: Confusion Matrix for Brain Tumor using SVM.

Future developments, including hyperparameter optimization, feature extraction methods, or SVM-deep learning hybrid models, may enhance classification accuracy and lower misclassification rates.

5.3 Error Analysis and Challenges

Despite the high accuracy, some misclassifications were observed, mainly due to:

- Low-quality or noisy medical images affecting feature extraction.
- Class imbalance, where certain categories had fewer training samples.
- Overlap in visual features between diseased and non-diseased cases, especially in fracture detection.

To mitigate these challenges, data augmentation, improved preprocessing, and hyperparameter tuning were applied, leading to performance improvements.

5.4 Web Application Testing

The Flask-based web interface was tested for real-time image classification. The system successfully classified uploaded images with minimal response time, making it practical for clinical applications.

6. Conclusion and Future Scope

This research presents a deep learning-based medical image classification system for detecting brain tumors, tuberculosis (TB), and bone fractures using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). The models were trained on labeled medical image datasets and integrated into a Flask-based web application for real-time diagnosis. The results demonstrated high classification accuracy, proving the effectiveness of deep learning in medical diagnostics.

The proposed system offers certain advantages:

1. Automated and efficient medical diagnosis, reducing reliance on manual interpretation.
2. High classification accuracy, besides traditional machine learning methods.
3. Simple and user-friendly web interface, uploading images in real-time and predicting about the diagnosis.
4. However, the system does have some limitations where misclassifications arise due to noise in the images and class imbalance in the datasets.
5. Future work will mainly focus on:
   i. Extending the dataset for better generalization of the model.
   ii. Perform transfer learning with advanced architectures like EfficientNet and Vision Transformers.
   iii. Deploying the system into a cloud-based environment for scalability and accessibility. iv. Integrate heatmaps to explain better the important corners of medical images for explainability.6. This study illustrates the power of AI in the field of healthcare and gives a brief overview of the steps forward to take further with AI-assisted medical diagnostics.

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