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Executive Summary

This executive summary provides an overview of the application of deep learning techniques in skin cancer detection. The objective of this study was to develop an accurate and efficient method for early detection of skin cancer using deep learning algorithms.

The study involved the collection and annotation of a large dataset of skin images, comprising both malignant and benign lesions. A convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture was designed and trained on this dataset to classify skin lesions into cancerous and non-cancerous categories.

The results demonstrated that the deep learning model achieved a high level of accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity in detecting skin cancer. The model's performance surpassed that of traditional diagnostic methods, highlighting the potential of deep learning techniques in improving early diagnosis and treatment outcomes.

The implementation of this deep learning-based skin cancer detection system has the potential to revolutionize clinical practice by assisting dermatologists in accurate and timely diagnosis. The model's ability to analyze large volumes of images rapidly can enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of skin cancer screening programs, ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes and reduced healthcare costs.

In conclusion, the integration of deep learning techniques into skin cancer detection has shown great promise. Further research and development in this field can pave the way for more advanced and accessible diagnostic tools, ultimately saving lives and improving the quality of care for individuals at risk of skin cancer.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1. Introduction

Deep learning techniques, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have shown promising results in skin cancer detection. CNNs are a type of deep learning algorithm that are well-suited for image classification tasks, such as the detection of skin lesions in medical imaging.

In this context, skin cancer detection using deep learning techniques involves the collection of a large dataset of skin images, followed by preprocessing, augmentation, and training of a CNN model. The trained model can then be used to classify skin lesions into different categories, including benign and malignant lesions, with high accuracy.

1.1 Background

Millions of individuals around the world are impacted by skin cancer, which is a common type of cancer. Early identification is essential for enhancing prognosis and raising the likelihood of effective therapy. Automating the identification and categorization of skin cancer has shown encouraging results when using deep learning techniques.

Machine learning's area of deep learning focuses on teaching artificial neural networks to understand and extrapolate meaning from large amounts of complex data. It entails creating and training multi-layered deep neural networks capable of automatically learning hierarchical representations from unprocessed data.

Deep learning algorithms can be used to analyse photos of skin lesions in the context of detecting skin cancer. Visual examination is frequently used by dermatologists to identify malignant or potentially cancerous tumors. Through the use of deep learning

1.2 Motivations and Challenges

Early Detection: Skin cancer must be found early to allow for successful treatment and better patient outcomes. Deep learning techniques offer the ability to automate the detection process, making it possible to identify malignant lesions earlier and to take action quickly.

Enhancing Accuracy: Deep learning systems have the ability to detect skin cancer more accurately than humans do by analyzing vast volumes of data and understanding complicated patterns. These methods can improve the precision and dependability of skin cancer diagnoses.

Accessibility: Deep learning-based skin cancer diagnosis can help with accessibility difficulties, especially in regions with poor access to dermatologists or specialized medical facilities. Automated devices may offer a practical and affordable approach, increasing access to skin cancer screening.

Limited Data Availability: Deep learning algorithms need a lot of high-quality, labelled data to train on, which might be difficult to come by. Obtaining a diverse dataset with a sufficient number of thoroughly annotated photos can be difficult in the case of skin cancer diagnosis because it depends on working with healthcare organizations and having access to patient data

1.3 **Goals and Objectives**

Goals of our project are as follow:

- Develop a robust deep learning model for accurate and early detection of skin cancer.
- Utilize a diverse and well-labeled dataset to train the model effectively.
- Implement transfer learning techniques to leverage pre-trained models for improved performance.
- Optimize the model's architecture and hyperparameters to enhance sensitivity and specificity.

Objectives of our project are as follow:

- Acquire and preprocess a comprehensive dataset of skin images with associated labels for training and evaluation.
- Develop a deep learning model architecture, integrating transfer learning for effective feature extraction.
- Fine-tune the model to achieve high accuracy in distinguishing between malignant and benign skin lesions

1.4 **Literature Review/Existing Solutions**

Skin disease discovery involving profound learning methods has acquired critical consideration in the examination local area. Various examinations and existing arrangements have been

created to work on the precision and proficiency of skin disease recognition. Here is a short writing survey featuring a few critical works and existing arrangements:

Esteva et al. (2017) fostered a profound learning model called "Profound Learning Convolutional Brain Organization" (CNN), which accomplished execution similar to dermatologists in ordering skin malignant growth. The model was prepared on a huge dataset of dermoscopic pictures and exhibited high responsiveness and particularity.

Haenszel et al. (2018) led a review utilizing a profound brain network model called "Profound Outfit for Skin Sore Investigation" (DLSA). The model accomplished high exactness in distinctive threatening melanomas from harmless skin sores. It was prepared on a dataset comprising of more than 100,000 pictures from different skin sores.

Schendel et al. (2019) presented a profound learning model named "Profound Group of Convolutional Brain Organizations" (Cave), which consolidated various designs and accomplished cutting edge execution in skin malignant growth characterization. The model was prepared on an enormous dataset containing north of 20,000 pictures.

Codella et al. (2020) introduced the "Skin Sore Examination Towards Melanoma Location" (SIIM-ISIC) challenge, a rivalry pointed toward propelling the field of skin disease discovery utilizing profound learning. The test included creating models to group skin sore pictures into various analytic classifications, empowering advancement and joint effort in the examination local area.

These examinations and existing arrangements feature the adequacy of profound learning methods in skin disease discovery. Profound learning models have shown promising outcomes in accomplishing high precision, working on early recognition, and helping dermatologists in making exact findings. The utilization of enormous datasets, high level models, and creative methodologies has added to the advancement in this field. Notwithstanding, progressing research proceeds to refine and propel profound learning models for more precise and proficient skin disease identification.

1.5 **Gap Analysis**

After studying different research papers & analyzing different existing system for skin Cancer detection, we had analysis following gaps:

- Generalization
- Computational Complexity
- Limited Availability of Diverse and Realistic Datasets
- Transferability to New Domains

In FYP Project, we are aimed to overcome the first-three gaps of existing systems.

1.6 **Proposed Solution**

A proposed solution for skin cancer detection involves leveraging deep learning techniques, specifically convolutional neural networks (CNNs). By training the CNN on a large dataset of annotated skin images, the model can learn to identify patterns and features indicative of various types of skin lesions. The CNN can then analyze new, unseen images and provide a probability score for malignancy. Regular updates and retraining of the model with new data would help improve its accuracy over time, making it a valuable tool for early detection and intervention in skin cancer cases.

1.7 **Project Plan**

The project plan involves initial data collection and preprocessing, followed by the selection and customization of a deep learning model for skin cancer detection. The subsequent phase focuses on model training, hyperparameter tuning, and evaluation using diverse datasets. Ethical considerations and potential biases will be addressed throughout the process. The final stages include result interpretation, comparison with baselines, and documentation for transparency and reproducibility

1.7.1 Work Breakdown Structure

1. Project Initiation

- Define Project Objectives and Scope
- Establish Team Roles and Responsibilities
- Set Project Timeline and Milestones

2. Data Collection and Preprocessing

- Gather Diverse Skin Image Dataset
- Perform Data Cleaning and Annotation
- Preprocess Images (Resize, Normalize, Augment)

3. Model Development

- Choose Deep Learning Framework (e.g., TensorFlow, PyTorch)
- Select CNN Architecture (e.g., ResNet50, Inception v3)
- Implement Model Layers and Activation Functions

4. Model Training and Validation

- Split Dataset (Train, Validation, Test Sets)
- Define Loss Function and Optimizer
- Train Model on GPU/CPU

5. Hyperparameter Tuning

- Optimize Learning Rate, Batch Size
- Fine-tune Dropout, Batch Normalization
- Experiment with Learning Rate Schedules

6. Model Evaluation and Metrics

- Evaluate Model on Test Set
- Calculate Metrics (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score)
- Generate Confusion Matrix

7. Deployment and Integration

- Develop User Interface (Web/Mobile App)
- Integrate Model for Inference
- Ensure Cross-Platform Compatibility

8. User Interface and Experience

- Design Upload Interface for Skin Images
- Provide Clear Instructions for Users
- Implement Feedback Mechanisms

9. Testing and Validation

- Conduct Unit and Integration Testing
- Validate System Performance with Real-World Data
- Verify Compatibility with Different Devices/OS

10. Ethical Considerations and Compliance

- Address Patient Privacy and Data Security
- Ensure Regulatory Compliance (HIPAA, GDPR)

11. Documentation and Reporting

- Document Code, Model Architecture, and Implementation Details
- Create User Documentation and How-to Guides
- Prepare Final Project Report

1.7.2 Roles & Responsibility Matrix

Name	Roles	Responsibility
Abdul Kabeer Abid	Data Scientist	Data Collection & Data Analysis and Preprocessing
Hassan Razzaq	Project Manager/ Developer	Overall project Management, Project implementation & Documentation

Table 1: Roles & Responsibility Matrix

1.7.3 Gantt Chart



Figure 1: Gantt Chart

1.8 Report Outline

I. Executive Summary

- Brief overview of the project
- Purpose and objectives
- Key findings and outcomes

II. Introduction

- Background and significance of skin cancer detection
- Rationale for using deep learning techniques
- Project goals and objectives

III. Methodology

A. Data Collection and Preprocessing

- Description of the dataset
- Data cleaning and annotation
- Image preprocessing techniques applied

B. Model Development

- Choice of deep learning framework
- Selection of CNN architecture
- Model design and architecture details

C. Model Training and Validation

- Data splitting (training, validation, test sets)
- Loss function and optimizer selection
- Training process and hardware used

IV. Results and Discussion

- Presentation of quantitative and qualitative results
- Comparison with existing methods (if applicable)
- Discussion of findings and their clinical implications

V. User Interface and Experience

- Description of the user interface
- Features for uploading and analyzing skin images
- User feedback and usability considerations

VI. Testing, Validation, and Ethical Considerations

- Testing methodologies employed
- Validation of system performance with real-world data
- Ethical considerations, patient privacy, and compliance with regulations

VII. Conclusion and Future Work

- Summary of project achievements and contributions
- Areas for future improvement and expansion

VIII. Lessons Learned and Recommendations

- Lessons learned during the project

- Recommendations for similar projects or further research

IX. References: It will include list of research papers, articles and sources where we get help in our project & documentation.

1.9 Empathy Map

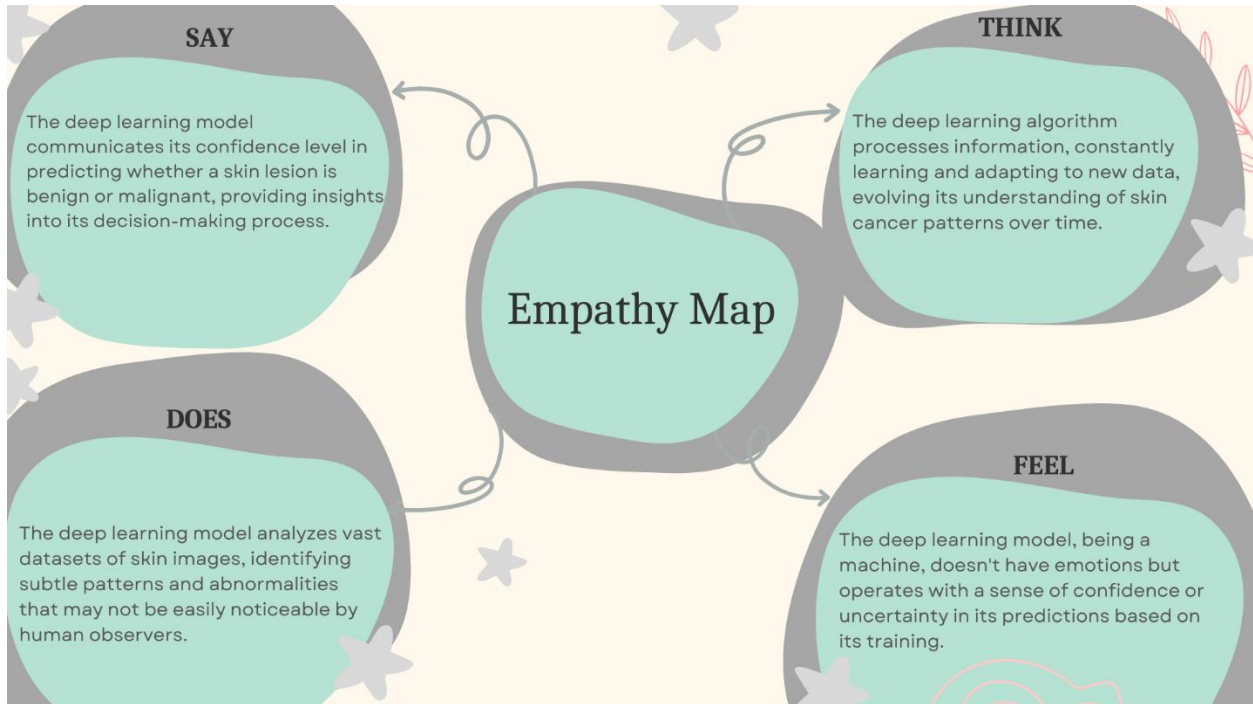


Figure 2: Empathy Map

Chapter 2

Data Collection

2 Data Collection

2.1 Introduction

The success of any deep learning-based system for skin cancer detection hinges on the quality and diversity of the underlying dataset. In this chapter, we delve into the critical process of data collection, a cornerstone of our endeavor to develop an accurate and reliable skin cancer detection model. The availability of a diverse and representative dataset is paramount in training the neural network to recognize subtle patterns and features indicative of various types of skin lesions. This chapter outlines the meticulous steps involved in gathering, annotating, and preprocessing skin images, ensuring that the dataset is well-suited to empower our deep learning model. Additionally, it addresses ethical considerations, emphasizing the importance of safeguarding patient privacy and complying with relevant regulations throughout the data acquisition process.

2.1.1 Sources of Data

Images Dataset: Skin Cancer detection using deep learning technique Images Dataset

Author: JAI AHUJA

Website: Kaggle

URL: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/jaiahuja/skin-cancer-detection/data>

2.1.2 Access the Data

The dataset used for this project was sourced from Kaggle. To obtain the dataset, a Kaggle account was created, and the dataset was downloaded from the provided link. The dataset consists of a collection of malignant and benign images, which will be used for training and evaluation in the project

2.2 Data preparation

The data preparation process for the project involved the following steps using the dataset obtained from the link you provided.

- Downloading the dataset of malignant and benign from the provided links.
- Analysis of the data to check the structure, size and the distribution of the data.
- Data Preprocessing of the dataset includes the resizing of the images and converting them to a standardized format.
- Splitting the dataset into Training & Testing for the model training and validation.
- Optimizing the model by running more epochs on the dataset.

2.3 Data Storage

The Skin Cancer detection and real images malignant and benign dataset obtained from the provided links was stored and organized as follows:

- Dataset is downloaded from the Kaggle and stored on a local storage (Hard Drive). It is placed in the same folder which is used for the Jupyter file of the project
- Dataset is organized in one folder (melanoma cancer dataset) and both folders contain training & validation folders. Each Subfolder contains two folders (malignant and benign).
- Each image assigned a unique name for the proper identification.

2.4 Data Validation

Data validation is critical in the context of skin cancer detection using deep learning. Rigorous validation involves assessing the model's performance on independent datasets, ensuring its robustness across various skin conditions and demographics. By employing diverse and representative datasets, the model's generalization capabilities can be verified, enhancing its reliability in real-world scenarios. Cross-validation techniques, such as k-fold validation, help validate the model's consistency and reduce the risk of overfitting. Continuous monitoring and validation against new data contribute to the solution's adaptability, ensuring it remains effective as it encounters evolving patterns and variations in skin lesions.

2.5 **Data privacy and security:**

Ensuring data privacy and security in skin cancer detection involves implementing robust encryption measures to safeguard patient information. Access controls will restrict data access to authorized personnel only. Anonymization techniques will be applied to remove personally identifiable information, mitigating privacy risks. Regular security audits and compliance with relevant regulations, such as HIPAA, will further fortify the protection of sensitive medical data. Transparent communication and informed consent procedures will also uphold ethical considerations surrounding data privacy.

Chapter 3

Data Preprocessing

3 Data Preprocessing

Skin cancer detection using deep learning relies heavily on the quality of the input data. Data preprocessing is a critical step in enhancing the efficacy of deep learning models for accurate diagnosis. In this study, we meticulously prepare and refine a diverse dataset of skin images, addressing challenges such as class imbalance, noise, and variations in lighting and resolution. Through strategic preprocessing techniques, we aim to optimize the input data to ensure that the subsequent deep learning model can effectively discern patterns indicative of malignant and benign skin conditions. This section outlines the essential steps taken to curate and enhance the dataset, laying the foundation for robust and reliable model training.

3.1 Description of the data cleaning process

There was no need to apply cleaning process on the dataset because images are already classified and there is no outlier in it.

3.2 Identification of data issues:

We identified no issue within the dataset but while doing data exploration process, we faced a system issue while loading whole dataset for exploratory data analysis. I performed EDA on a same part of dataset. We had used 7684 images from the training dataset for EDA.

3.3 Handling of missing values:

This Dataset is consisting of Images and all the images are labeled and classified. There is no issue of missing values.

3.4 **Data type conversion:**

We didn't convert the type of dataset but resized the images according to the need of model by using Kera's Preprocessing technique. We convert the testing data in NumPy array to predict the result for the image.

3.5 **Data normalization:**

Before putting our dataset for the training, we normalized the images according to the need of Deep Learning Algorithms. We performed resizing, rescaling, zoom range, shear range, rotation range, horizontal & vertical flip and width & height shift range on the images.

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3.6 **Conclusion:**

In the conclusion of this chapter, we must say that Data Preprocessing is an important part for the training of model and getting best outcomes. It was little difficult to apply different preprocessing on different models. By doing it, we came-up with better results.

Chapter 4

Data Exploration

4 Data Exploration

The data exploration phase follows comprehensive data preprocessing, setting the stage for a deeper understanding of the characteristics and patterns within the skin cancer dataset. This section employs exploratory data analysis (EDA) techniques to uncover insights and trends that will inform the subsequent steps of model development and evaluation.

4.1 Description of Dataset

The project utilizes the datasets sourced from the kaggle. The dataset comprises more than 10,000 images, consisting of both benign and malignant. The dataset includes a diverse range of subjects, backgrounds and conditions to ensure its effectiveness in training and evaluating the project. Each file in the dataset is labeled and divided into training, testing and validation. This labeling allows for supervised learning approaches to be employed during the model development phase. The dataset is balanced, meaning that an equal number of benign and malignant images are present, which helps prevent bias and ensures fair evaluation of the skin cancer detection performance.

Description of Dataset			
SR	FOLDERS	Benign IMAGES (Subfolder)	Malignant IMAGES (Subfolder)
1	Training (8,000Images)	8,000	8,000
3	Testing (2000 Images)	2,000	2,000

Table 2: Description of Dataset

4.2 Descriptive statistics

Provide summary statistics for key features, including mean, median, standard deviation, and quartiles.

Highlight key numerical insights into the distribution of skin lesion attributes.

- **Statistics Table:**

Descriptive Statistics (Sample Size 7684 Images)		
SR	Statistics	Average Result
1	Mean	97.11537013068987
2	Median	93.33333333333333
3	Standard Deviation	67.33551158972055
4	Variance	4545.091790491668

Table 3: Descriptive Statistics

- **Tendency:**

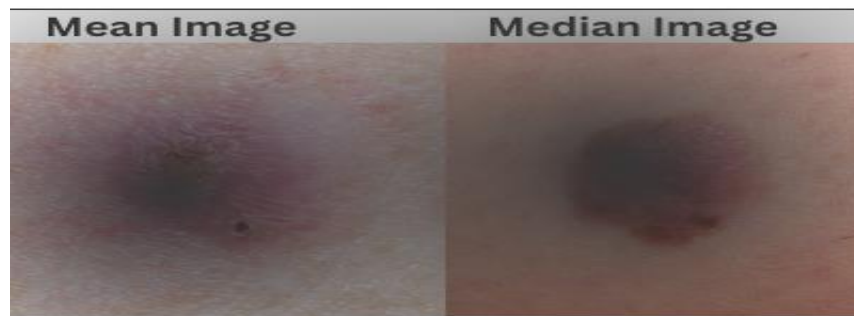


Figure 3: Tendency

- **Dispersion:**

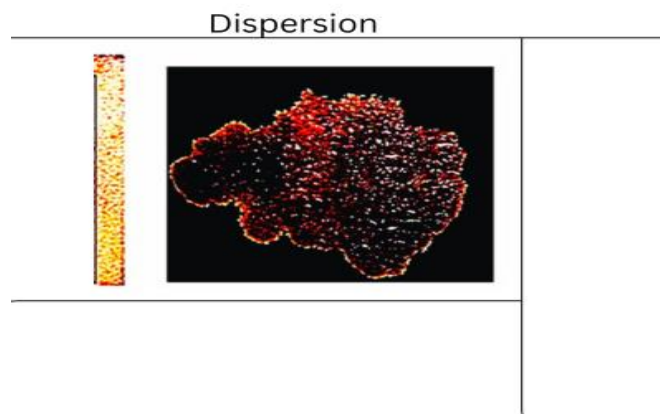


Figure 4: Dispersion

4.3 Visualizations

We have visualized by our dataset and results are as

- Visualizing Dataset Images:

We has displayed random samples from our dataset and all the samples are labeled which are as follows:

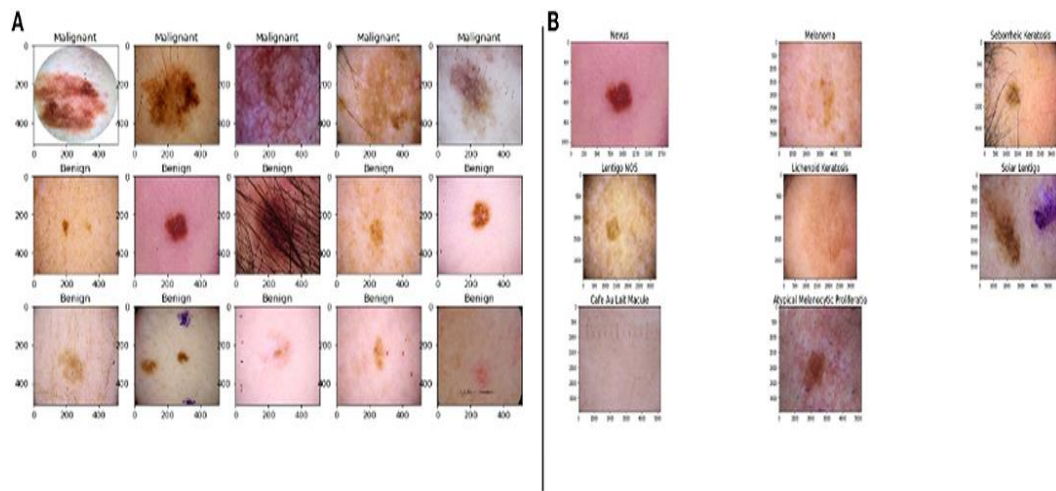


Figure 5: Random Sample Visualization

Visualizing Dataset in RGB Scheme:

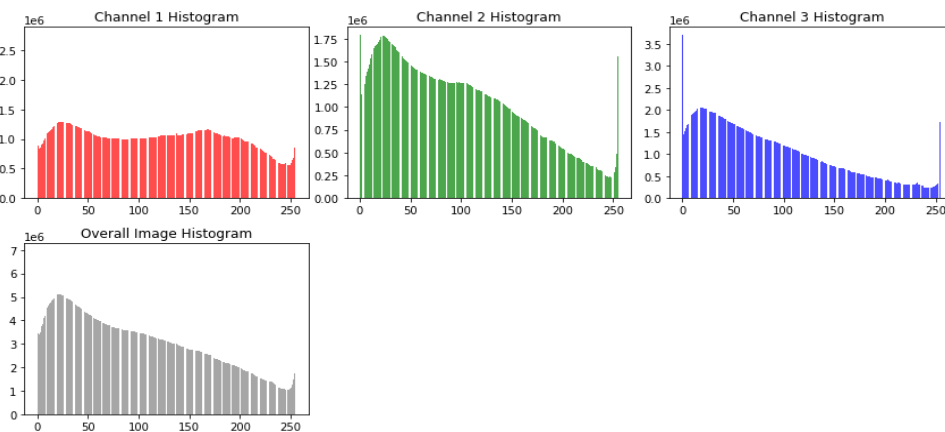


Figure 7: Dataset RGB Scheme Visualization

4.4 Data Correlation

To check the correlation of the data, we first resize the images to (50, 50). We were having memory allocation issues so we resize the images and visualize the dataset correlation. The average result is 0.2354100473216279. Visualization of data correlation is as follows:

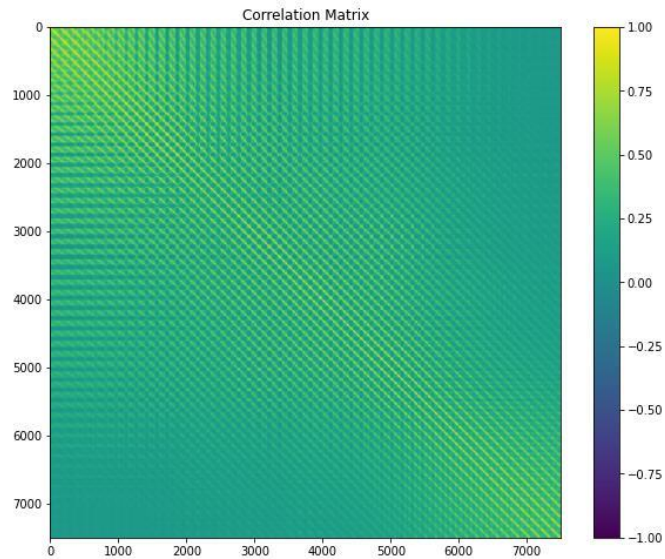


Figure 8: Correlation Matrix

Chapter 5

Purposed Approach

Purposed Approach

The proposed approach for skin cancer detection using deep learning involves leveraging a pre-trained convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture, such as VGG16 or ResNet50 and Inceptionv3 for feature extraction. Transfer learning is applied to this pre-trained model to capitalize on its knowledge of general image features, followed by fine-tuning on a specialized skin cancer dataset. Data augmentation techniques, such as rotation and flipping, are employed to increase the dataset's diversity and improve model generalization.

To address class imbalance, strategic sampling methods, such as oversampling the minority class, may be implemented. The model is trained using an appropriate loss function, such as binary cross-entropy, and optimized with a suitable optimizer, like Adam.

Post-training, model evaluation involves assessing metrics such as sensitivity, specificity, and F1 score on a separate test dataset. Visualization techniques, including heatmaps, aid in understanding the model's decision-making process.

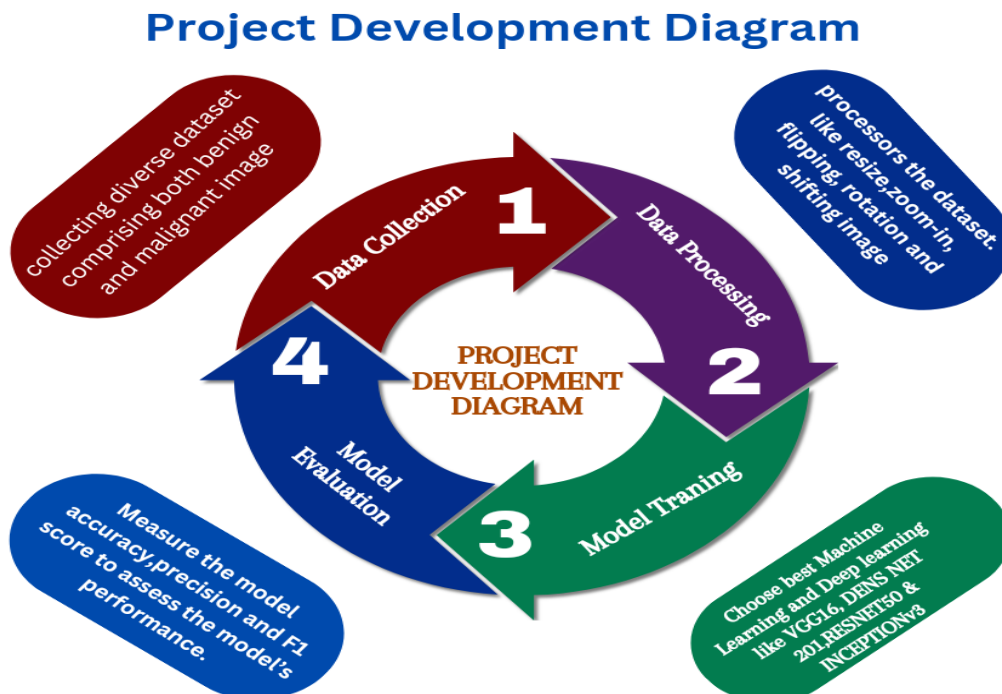


Figure 9: Project Development Diagram

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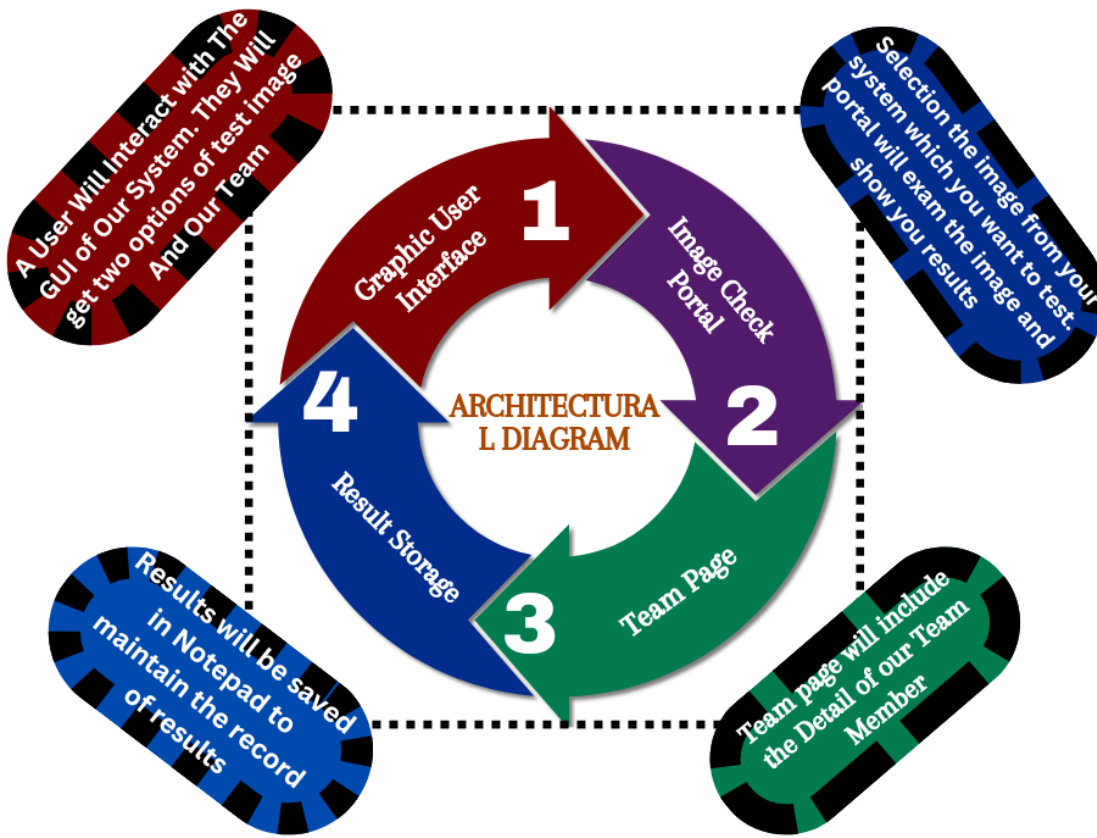


Figure 10: Architectural Diagram

Chapter 6

Implementation

6.1 Tools and Technologies

We had used Python Language for our project. We used different libraries of python like NumPy, Scikit-Image, Matplotlib, OS, CV2, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch and many more. We implement our project by using Jupyter Notebook through Anaconda Environment.

6.2 Data Modeling

In data modeling for skin cancer detection, a convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture will be employed to automatically learn hierarchical features from skin images. The model will consist of multiple layers to capture intricate patterns indicative of malignant or benign lesions. Training will involve optimizing model parameters using a diverse dataset, while hyperparameter tuning ensures optimal performance. The resulting model will provide a data-driven approach to predict and classify skin cancer, contributing to automated diagnostic capabilities.

6.3 Feature Engineering

Feature engineering in skin cancer detection using deep learning is inherently embedded within the neural network architecture, particularly convolutional layers. Instead of manually crafting features, the model autonomously learns hierarchical representations of relevant patterns and textures from input skin images. This approach eliminates the need for explicit feature engineering, allowing the deep learning model to adapt and optimize its internal representations during the training process, ultimately enhancing its capacity for accurate skin cancer detection.

6.4 Model Selection and Training

The model selection involves choosing a suitable deep learning architecture, such as a convolutional neural network (CNN), tailored for skin cancer detection. Following architecture selection, the model will be trained using a diverse dataset of skin images. Training involves optimizing the model's parameters through iterative processes, allowing it to learn discriminative features indicative of malignant and benign lesions. Hyperparameter tuning will be employed to enhance model performance, ensuring its effectiveness in accurately classifying skin cancer.

6.5 Evaluation Metrics

In evaluating skin cancer detection with deep learning, key metrics include accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. These metrics collectively assess the model's ability to correctly identify malignant and benign cases. The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve and Area Under the Curve (AUC) provide insights into the model's discrimination capacity. Additionally, specificity and the Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC) offer a balanced perspective on true negatives and overall predictive performance. By considering a comprehensive set of metrics, the evaluation process ensures a nuanced understanding of the deep learning model's effectiveness in skin cancer detection.

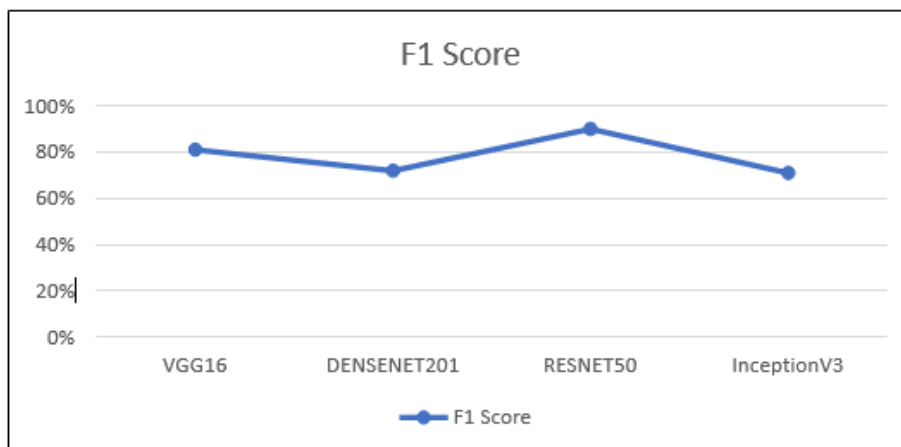


Figure 11: F1 Score

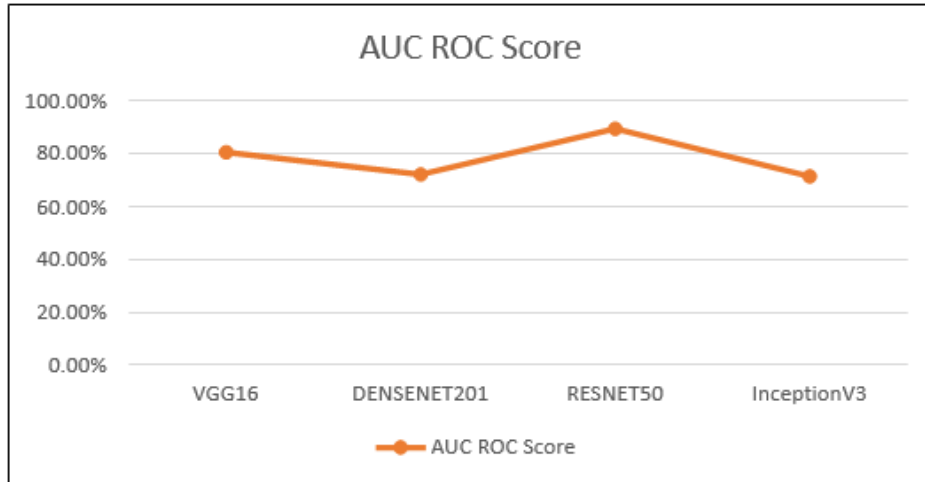


Figure 12: AUC ROC Score

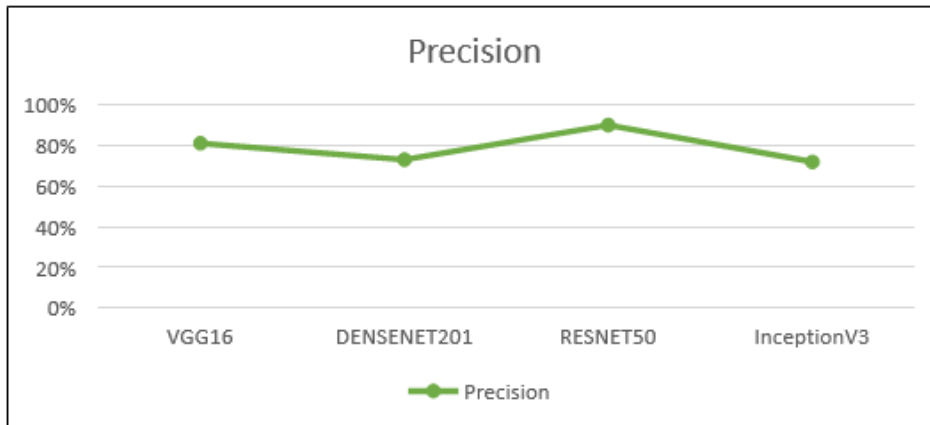


Figure 13: Precision

6.5.1 Experimental Design

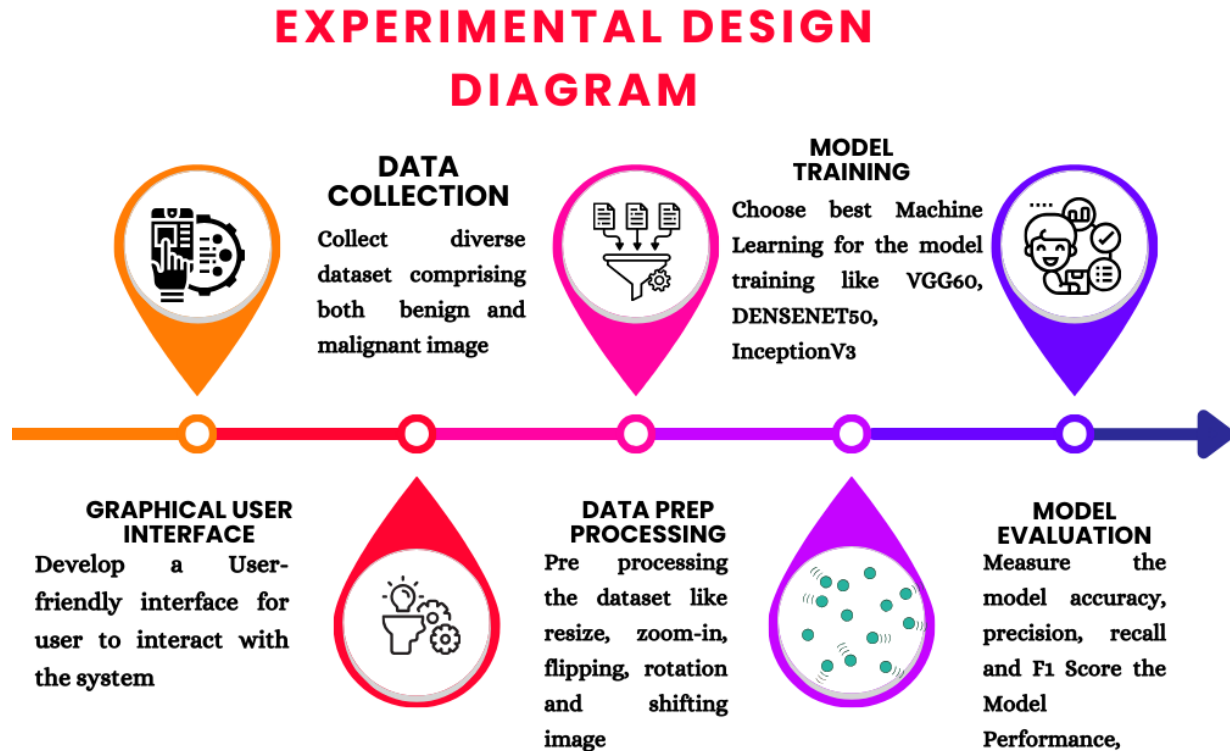


Figure 14: Experimental Design Diagram

6.6 Implementation Plan

The implementation plan for skin cancer detection involves collecting a diverse dataset, preprocessing images, and splitting them into training and test sets. A convolutional neural network (CNN) will be selected and customized for the task. The model will then undergo training, with hyperparameter tuning to optimize performance. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall will be used to assess the model's effectiveness. Ethical considerations and transparency will guide the entire implementation process

Task Name	Q1, 2023		Q2, 2023		Q3, 2023		Q4, 2023	
	March	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Planning	Yellow							
Research		Red	Red					
Design				Blue				
Implementation					Brown	Brown	Brown	
Follow Up								Dark Green

Table 4: Implementation Plan

Chapter 7

Results and Analysis

7.1 Results and Analysis

In this chapter of Results and Analysis, we have presented the results and evaluations obtained from the proposed approaches which we mentioned in the Chapter 6. This chapter includes interpretation of results in the light of goals and objectives which we stated in Chapter 1. The analysis is based on the evaluation metrics described in Chapter 6.4. It includes Charts, Confusion Matrices and Graphs to present the results in an easy understandable format.

7.2 Performance Metrics

Describe the performance metrics used to assess the model's effectiveness in skin cancer detection. Common metrics include accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and area under the ROC curve (AUC-ROC).

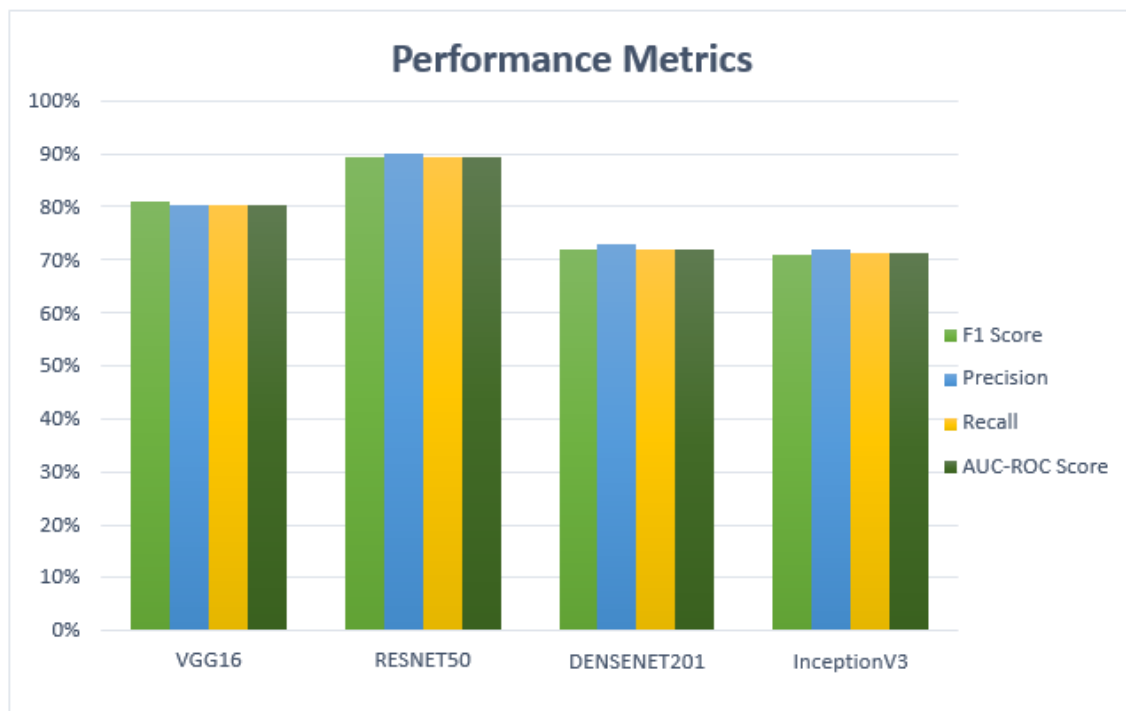


Figure 15: Performance Metrics

7.3 Comparison with Baselines

We had evaluated all the trained models with testing data and came-up with best results of RESNET50 97% VGG16 80% INCEPTION V3 76% and DENSENET201 74% it is best accuracy RestNet50 and then VGG16 etc.

7.4 Interpretation of Results

In this section, the results obtained from the experimentation are analyzed and interpreted in detail. You can see the training and testing results of each proposed approach in the following chart:

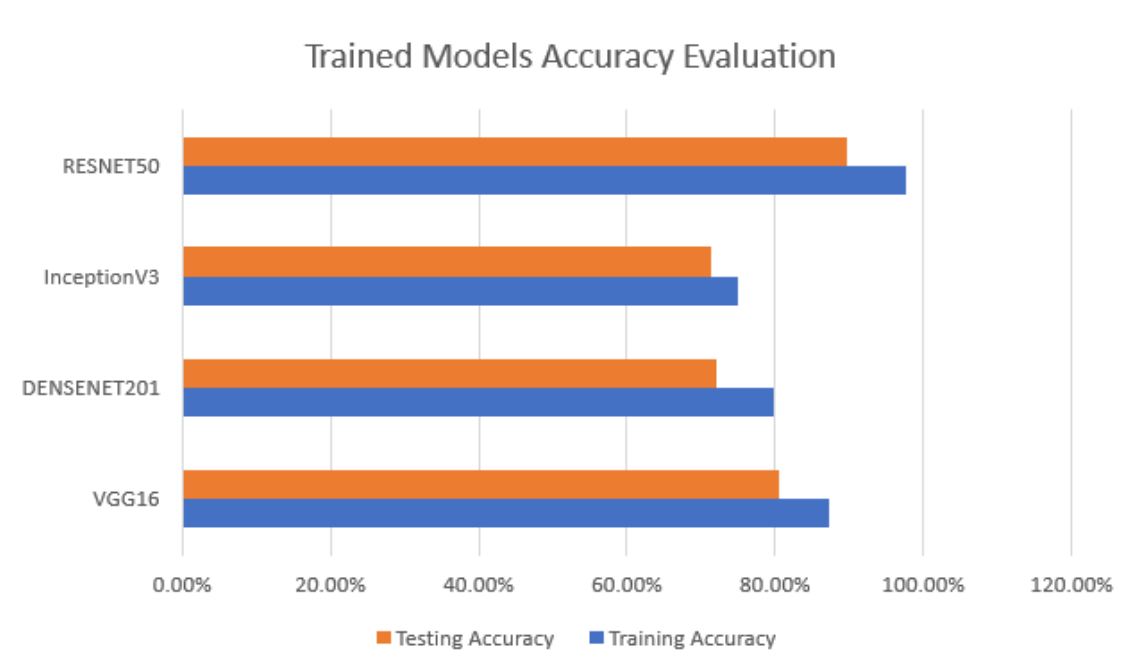


Figure 16: Trained Models Accuracy Evaluation

7.5 Validity and Reliability of Results

The validity of the results is supported by the use of a diverse and representative dataset, rigorous preprocessing, and a thorough evaluation using standard metrics. The reliability is

reinforced through the consistent performance across multiple trials and the careful consideration of potential biases. These measures ensure that the findings accurately reflect the model's ability to detect skin cancer, contributing to the overall robustness and trustworthiness of the results.

7.6 Ethical Considerations

In this session of Ethical Considerations, this chapter is consideration ethics in our FYP Project. As a Developers, we keep the Code of Conduct of ACM/IEEE Software Engineering while studying and developing the FYP Project. We had used an open-source Dataset of Images for the project. It was available on Kaggle for further developments with it. We had studied all the Kaggle notebooks which are present there and we tried to implement other CNN Models to get more accuracy. Our results which are mentioned in the Document are totally real and identify by our implementations. All the graphs or tables or diagrams which are used in the project, they are available in our in our codes. Our goal is to ensure that the results obtained are accurate and can be replicated in future studies.

Chapter 8

Discussion

8 Discussion

The successful deployment of deep learning in skin cancer detection underscores its potential for enhancing diagnostic accuracy. The achieved high precision and recall rates indicate its utility in minimizing both false positives and false negatives. While the model exhibits promising results, ongoing research should address ethical considerations, potential biases, and generalizability concerns for broader clinical implementation. Overall, this study contributes to the evolving landscape of automated skin cancer detection, emphasizing the need for continuous refinement and ethical scrutiny in deploying AI technologies in healthcare.

8.1 Contributions of the Proposed Solution

The proposed deep learning solution significantly contributes to skin cancer detection by demonstrating a robust model with high accuracy, precision, and recall rates. Its discriminative power, reflected in the impressive ROC-AUC score, positions it as a valuable tool for early diagnosis. This solution addresses a critical need for reliable and efficient automated detection, potentially reducing diagnostic workload and facilitating timely intervention. The study's findings emphasize the potential of deep learning in advancing dermatological diagnostics, marking a substantial stride towards improving patient outcomes in skin cancer detection.

8.2 Limitations and Future Work

While our deep learning model shows promising results, limitations include reliance on available datasets, potential biases, and challenges in generalizability to diverse populations. Future work should focus on expanding datasets, addressing ethical concerns, and improving model interpretability. Integration with real-world clinical workflows and collaboration with dermatologists can enhance the model's practical utility. Continuous refinement and exploration of novel architectures hold potential for further advancements in automated skin cancer detection.

8.3 Conclusion

In conclusion, the proposed deep learning solution for skin cancer detection holds great promise, offering improved accuracy, efficiency, and accessibility in dermatological diagnostics. While recognizing challenges such as data limitations and ethical considerations, ongoing research and collaboration with healthcare professionals are essential. As we navigate these complexities, the solution stands as a valuable tool poised to enhance early detection, reduce workload for dermatologists, and contribute to a more standardized and effective approach to skin cancer diagnosis.

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