Lung Cancer Diagnosis of CT Scan Images Using CNN Based Model

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Abstract— Lung cancer remains one of the most deadly and life-threatening diseases worldwide, with high mortality rates posing a significant challenge to healthcare systems. Early diagnosis and precise treatment are crucial for reducing lung cancer fatalities and improving patient outcomes. Among the various imaging techniques available, computerized tomography scans have emerged as one of the most effective methods for detecting lung cancer at an early stage. In this study, we propose a deep learning-based framework using Convolutional Neural Networks for the early and accurate detection of lung cancer through CT scan images.The proposed CNN model is designed to enhance diagnostic accuracy by leveraging advanced image analysis capabilities inherent in deep learning. To evaluate its performance, we conducted a comparative analysis with other state-of-the-art models, including Inception V3, Xception, and ResNet-50. Our comparisons are based on critical evaluation metrics such as accuracy, Area Under Curve, recall, and loss. The experimental results demonstrated that the CNN model outperformed these alternatives, exhibiting promising potential compared to traditional diagnostic methods.This research highlights the significance of integrating deep learning techniques into medical imaging, as they enable a more reliable and efficient diagnosis process. Furthermore, the study underscores the challenges of traditional methods, such as the need for manual analysis and the susceptibility to errors, which are addressed by the automation and precision of CNN models. The findings of this work pave the way for future advancements in AI-driven healthcare solutions, potentially improving survival rates and quality of life for lung cancer patients.

I. INTRODUCTION

Lung cancer is recognized as one of the deadliest forms of cancer globally, claiming millions of lives each year. One of the primary challenges in combating lung cancer is the difficulty of detecting it in its early stages, as symptoms often appear only when the disease has significantly progressed. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment are crucial in improving survival rates, yet traditional diagnostic methods often fall short in terms of accuracy and efficiency. Recent advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning have opened new possibilities for medical imaging analysis. In this project, we propose a deep learning-based diagnostic system employing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for the early detection of lung cancer using CT scan images. CNNs have proven highly effective in recognizing complex patterns and features in medical imaging, making them ideal for this application.

Our model is designed to automatically classify CT scan images into normal, benign, or malignant categories, thus assisting medical professionals with faster and more reliable diagnoses. Additionally, we have compared the performance of our CNN model with other state-of-the-art architectures like Inception V3, Xception, and ResNet-50, achieving superior results in terms of accuracy, recall, AUC, and loss metrics.By implementing an AI-powered approach, we aim to reduce human error, optimize diagnostic workflows, and contribute towards making lung cancer screening more accessible and dependable. Ultimately, this project strives to enhance healthcare outcomes by enabling early intervention and improving patient survival rates.

II. EXISTING AND PROPOSING SYSTEM

Lung cancer is at the top of the priority list because it frequently isn't discovered until thedisease is well along. Therefore, despite substantialadvancement over the past years, early diagnosis is still notreliable. In existing system, the process is CNN based deep learning model for the early detection of lung cancer using CT scanimages. If we detect early-stage in cancer, it might be possibleto cure cancer with proper treatment and care. Along with theCNN model, we also analyzed others model such as ResNet50, Inception V3, and Xception. Let's move on to proposed system.

To address the limitations of existing models, we propose a robust and efficient CNN-based deep learning framework for early lung cancer detection using CT scan images. Our model enhances feature extraction through convolutional, pooling, and fully connected layers, providing superior classification of CT images into normal, benign, or malignant categories. Compared to earlier systems, our model achieves an accuracy of 92%, AUC of 98.21%, recall of 91.72%, and a loss of 0.328, demonstrating better precision and lower error rates. The system automates the diagnostic process, reduces human error, ensures faster and more consistent results, and can continuously improve with more training data, making it a reliable tool for early lung cancer diagnosis.

III. SYSTEM STUDY

System study is a detailed analysis of how feasible, cost-effective, and practical the proposed project will be. It helps evaluate whether the lung cancer detection system can be successfully developed and implemented. The study covers technical feasibility, economic feasibility, and operational feasibility to ensure the project is achievable, affordable, and easy to operate.

A.Technical Feasibility

The system uses well-established technologies like Python, TensorFlow, and Keras, ensuring easy development and deployment. Platforms like Google Colab provide necessary computational resources, making the project technically feasible with minimal hardware requirements.

B.Economic Feasibility

The project is cost-effective, utilizing free, open-source tools and reducing manual diagnostic costs. Early detection leads to significant healthcare savings by minimizing expensive late-stage treatments.

C. Operational Feasibility

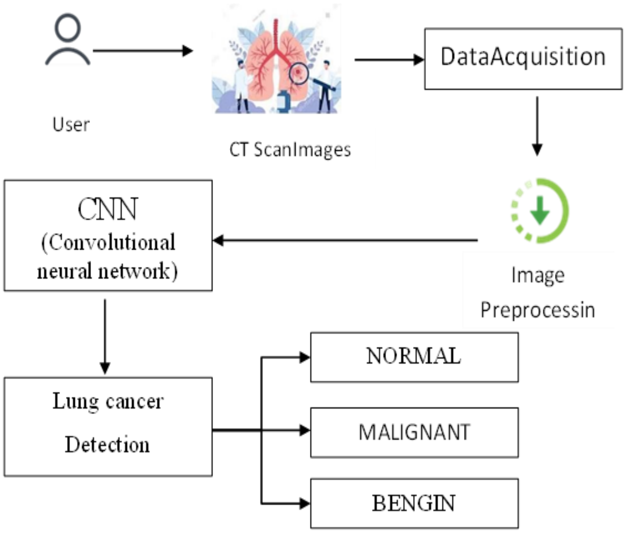
The system is user-friendly, integrates easily into hospital workflows, and provides quick, accurate lung cancer detection. Minimal user training is needed, and the system continuously improves with more data.

D. Legal And Ethical Feasibility

Patient data must be handled under HIPAA, GDPR, or local privacy laws.The system should assist, not replace, doctors in diagnosis.Bias must be avoided by training on diverse datasets.Before deployment, certifications like FDA approval are required.Ethically and legally, the project is feasible with proper compliance.

IV. ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM

The architecture diagram illustrates the overall workflow of the lung cancer diagnosis system. It shows how CT scan images are collected, preprocessed, and then passed through the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model. The CNN processes these images and classifies them into different categories such as normal, benign, or malignant. Each stage in the diagram highlights the major processes involved in achieving early and accurate lung cancer detection.



V. ALGORITHMS USED

1) Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

The primary algorithm used in this project is the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), a deep learning model specifically designed to process and analyze visual data like CT scan images. CNNs automatically learn hierarchical patterns — starting from basic features like edges and textures to more complex structures such as tumors — without manual feature extraction.

In lung cancer detection, CNNs scan CT images layer by layer, identifying abnormal growths or irregularities that indicate the presence of cancerous tissues. Their ability to extract subtle features with high precision makes them ideal for early-stage detection, significantly improving diagnostic accuracy compared to traditional manual analysis. By leveraging convolutional, pooling, and fully connected layers, the CNN model developed in this project achieves superior performance in distinguishing between normal, benign, and malignant lung tissues

2)Support Vector Classifier (SVC)

Support Vector Classifier (SVC) is a powerful supervised learning algorithm used for classification. It finds an optimal hyperplane that separates classes while maximizing the margin between them. SVC can handle both linear and non-linear data using kernel functions. It is effective in high-dimensional spaces and works well with small to medium-sized datasets. Support vectors (critical data points) influence the decision boundary.

General Method:

- Transform data into a higher-dimensional space (if necessary).
- Find the optimal hyperplane that maximizes the margin.
- Use kernel functions (e.g., linear, RBF) for complex relationships.
- Identify support vectors that define the decision boundary.
- Classify new data points based on the hyperplane's position.

3. ResNet-50

ResNet-50 is a powerful deep learning model used in this project as a benchmark to compare lung cancer detection performance. It belongs to the Residual Network (ResNet) family, which introduces skip connections — allowing the model to bypass certain layers and directly connect earlier outputs to later layers. This innovation solves the vanishing gradient problem, enabling the training of very deep networks without loss of accuracy.

ResNet-50, with its 50 layers, excels at extracting complex and deep features from CT scan images, making it highly effective for identifying subtle patterns linked to early-stage lung cancer. In the project's evaluation, ResNet-50 provides a strong reference point, pushing the custom CNN model to achieve even better results by comparison.

VI. LIST OF MODULES

- Dataset collection
- CNN-(Convolutional neural network)
- Lung Cancer Detection
- Model Comparision

A.Dataset collection: The dataset includes a diverse range of images representing both cancerous and non-cancerous cases, providing a balanced and comprehensive foundation for model training and evaluation. Each CT scan was preprocessed and stored in standard image formats to ensure consistency and compatibility with deep learning frameworks.

Although the broader focus of our system is lung cancer detection, the dataset initially included brain CT images categorized into cancerous and non-cancerous classes. For the purposes of this research, careful curation and preprocessing steps were undertaken to align the data with the target objective of cancer detection methodologies.

B.CNN-(Convolutional neural network): Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are a specialized class of deep learning algorithms designed to process and analyze visual data. Inspired by the biological processes of the human visual cortex, CNNs are particularly effective in recognizing complex patterns, textures, and spatial hierarchies in images.

A typical CNN architecture is composed of three primary types of layers: convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected (FC) layers.

1. The convolutional layers apply a set of filters to the input image, extracting important features such as edges, textures, and shapes.

2. The pooling layers perform downsampling operations, reducing dimensionality and computational complexity while preserving essential information.

3. The fully connected layers act as a classifier, interpreting the extracted features to predict the final output label.

As data passes through successive layers, the network progressively identifies higher-level features, transforming raw pixel values into meaningful representations.

CNNs are particularly suited for medical image analysis tasks such as cancer detection due to their ability to automatically learn discriminative features without the need for manual feature engineering.

In this research, a CNN-based model was implemented to analyze CT scan images, aiming for early detection of cancerous patterns with enhanced precision, reduced loss rates, and superior classification accuracy compared to traditional methods.

C.Lung Cancer Detection: Lung cancer detection involves the identification and classification of malignant abnormalities within pulmonary tissues, typically through imaging modalities such as computed tomography (CT) scans. Early detection is critical, as it significantly improves treatment outcomes and patient survival rates. However, manual analysis of CT scans is often time-consuming, subjective, and prone to inter-observer variability.

To address these challenges, advanced computational techniques, particularly deep learning models like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have been employed to automate and enhance the detection process. CNNs excel at learning intricate spatial patterns and distinguishing between benign and malignant structures within medical images.

In this study, a CNN-based deep learning framework was developed to detect lung cancer from CT scan images with high precision and minimal error rates. By training the model on a curated dataset, the system learns to differentiate cancerous lesions from healthy tissue, enabling consistent, rapid, and objective diagnostic support for clinicians.

This approach aims to augment traditional diagnostic workflows, offering a scalable and reproducible solution for early-stage lung cancer detection.

D.Model Comparision: The performance of the proposed CNN-based model was rigorously evaluated against state-of-the-art pre-trained architectures, including ResNet50 and Inception V3. These models, known for their deep feature extraction capabilities and high performance in image classification tasks, served as strong baselines for comparison.

Each model was fine-tuned on the same lung cancer CT scan dataset to ensure a fair evaluation. Performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and loss rate were systematically recorded.

1. ResNet50, with its residual learning framework, exhibited strong feature learning but showed signs of overfitting due to the relatively smaller size of the medical dataset.

2. Inception V3, leveraging its multi-scale processing, delivered competitive results but at a higher computational cost.

3. In contrast, the proposed CNN model, custom-tailored for lung cancer detection, achieved a better balance of accuracy, computational efficiency, and generalization.

A comprehensive performance chart is presented to illustrate the comparative results, highlighting the superiority of the proposed model in terms of detection precision and reduced error rates.

VII.SCOPE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Future enhancements for this lung cancer diagnosis project could include advancing from 2D CNNs to 3D CNNs for full volumetric CT scan analysis, integrating hybrid models like CNN-Transformer combinations for richer feature extraction, applying self-supervised pretraining to leverage unlabeled data, and optimizing the model for Edge AI deployment on portable devices for real-time remote diagnostics. Incorporating Explainable AI (XAI) methods like Grad-CAM would build clinical trust, while adding patient metadata (e.g., smoking history, genetics) could enable personalized risk prediction. Federated learning could further allow multi-hospital collaboration without compromising data privacy, and time-series imaging could unlock dynamic tumor progression forecasting, transforming the system from a detection tool into a predictive, personalized healthcare assistant.

VIII.CONCLUSION

The project successfully demonstrates the power of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in the early detection of lung cancer using CT scan images, outperforming traditional models like Inception V3, Xception, and ResNet-50. By achieving high accuracy and reliability, it proves the potential of deep learning in critical healthcare diagnostics. Looking forward, integrating advanced techniques such as 3D imaging, personalized risk assessments, Edge AI deployment, and Explainable AI will further elevate the system, making lung cancer detection faster, smarter, and more accessible, ultimately revolutionizing early diagnosis and saving countless lives.

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