



SKIN CANCER DETECTION USING MACHINE LEARNING AND IMAGE PROCESSING

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Abstract: Skin cancer is considered as one of the most dangerous types of cancer and there is a drastic increase in the rate of deaths due to the lack of knowledge on the symptoms and its prevention. In this paper, a dataset which includes two types of cancerous lesion images i.e., melanoma and nevus and also non-cancerous lesion images are collected. Then these images are put through pre-processing and segmentation. These processed images are then classified as melanoma, nevus or non-cancerous by using three types of deep learning algorithms i.e., CNN (Convolutional Neural Network), RNN (Recurrent Neural Network) and LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) and their accuracy is compared.

Index Terms -Melanoma, Nevus, Convolutional Neural Network, Recurrent Neural Network, Long Short-Term Memory

I. INTRODUCTION

Human cancer is a complex disease caused primarily by genetic instability and accumulation of multiple molecular alternations. Cancer is often diagnosed and treated too late, when the cancer cells have already invaded into other parts of the body. Due to these problems cancer has overtaken as the leading cause of death for any age group all over the world. Skin cancer is a condition in which there is an abnormal growth of melanocytic cells in the skin. Skin cancer is often recognized by a lesion in the skin. There are several types of skin cancer and in those the most dangerous type is Melanoma. If these types can be identified and treated at its premature stage then the survival rates of patients can be increased. THUS, early detection at premature stage is necessary so that one can prevent the spreading of this type of cancer.

In this paper, we introduce a hybrid method for skin cancer detection that can be used to examine any suspicious skin lesion. Here, a dataset is trained using image processing steps and these images are tested using different deep learning algorithms. Initially, a dataset which consists of images of two types of cancer i.e., melanoma and nevus and also non-cancerous lesion of skin image is collected from Kaggle and the images are pre-processed. The pre-processing of the images is done by using OTSU thresholding algorithm. Then the pre-processed image data is subjected to segmentation process by using K-means clustering algorithm to get the region of interest. This segmented dataset is then tested using different types of deep learning algorithms like CNN (Convolutional Neural Network), RNN (Recurrent Neural Network) and LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) Neural Network and the output is predicted whether the image falls under any of the two types of cancerous lesion or non-cancerous lesion using these three deep learning algorithms.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

A. Vijayalakshmi MM, "Melanoma Skin Cancer Detection using Image Processing and Machine Learning", International Journal of Trend in Scientific Research and Development, volume:3, Issue:4, May-June 2019. The paper focuses on the prediction of whether the skin lesion comes under the type malignant or non-malignant. To do so, some pre-processing steps were carried out which followed hair removal, shadow removal, glare removal and also segmentation. SVM (Support Vector Machine) which is a deep learning algorithm is used for the classification. The dataset used were from ISIC (International Skin Image Collaboration). The accuracy obtained by using this method was observed as 96.06% which is a good accuracy compared to other algorithms.

B. Ahmed Wasif Reza, Samia Islam “Skin Cancer Detection Using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)”, Research Gate, Conference paper: 2019 In this paper, the collected dataset images consist of two types of cancer i.e., benign and malignant. The images are firstly preprocessed and then by using CNN based approach the dataset is classified to predict whether the image is benign or malignant lesion. For this model the dataset was collected from Kaggle. Here the accuracy of the model obtained was 83% which puts CNN model at a disadvantage compared to SVM.

C. Praveen Banasode, “A Melanoma Skin Cancer Detection Using Machine Learning Technique: Support Vector Machine” IOP Conference Series: Materials Science and Engineering, 2021 Here, the dataset has been taken from ISIC (International Skin Image Collaboration). The paper focuses on detecting melanoma type skin cancer. They have used preprocessing on the dataset image using bin ary thresholding and the image is undergone through feature extraction. The deep learning algorithm used here is Support Vector Machine (SVM) for predicting the final output and the accuracy obtained during the process is 96.9%.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Step I Collecting the dataset: A dataset which include images of two type of skin cancer i.e., melanoma and nevus and also non-cancerous images are collected from Kaggle.

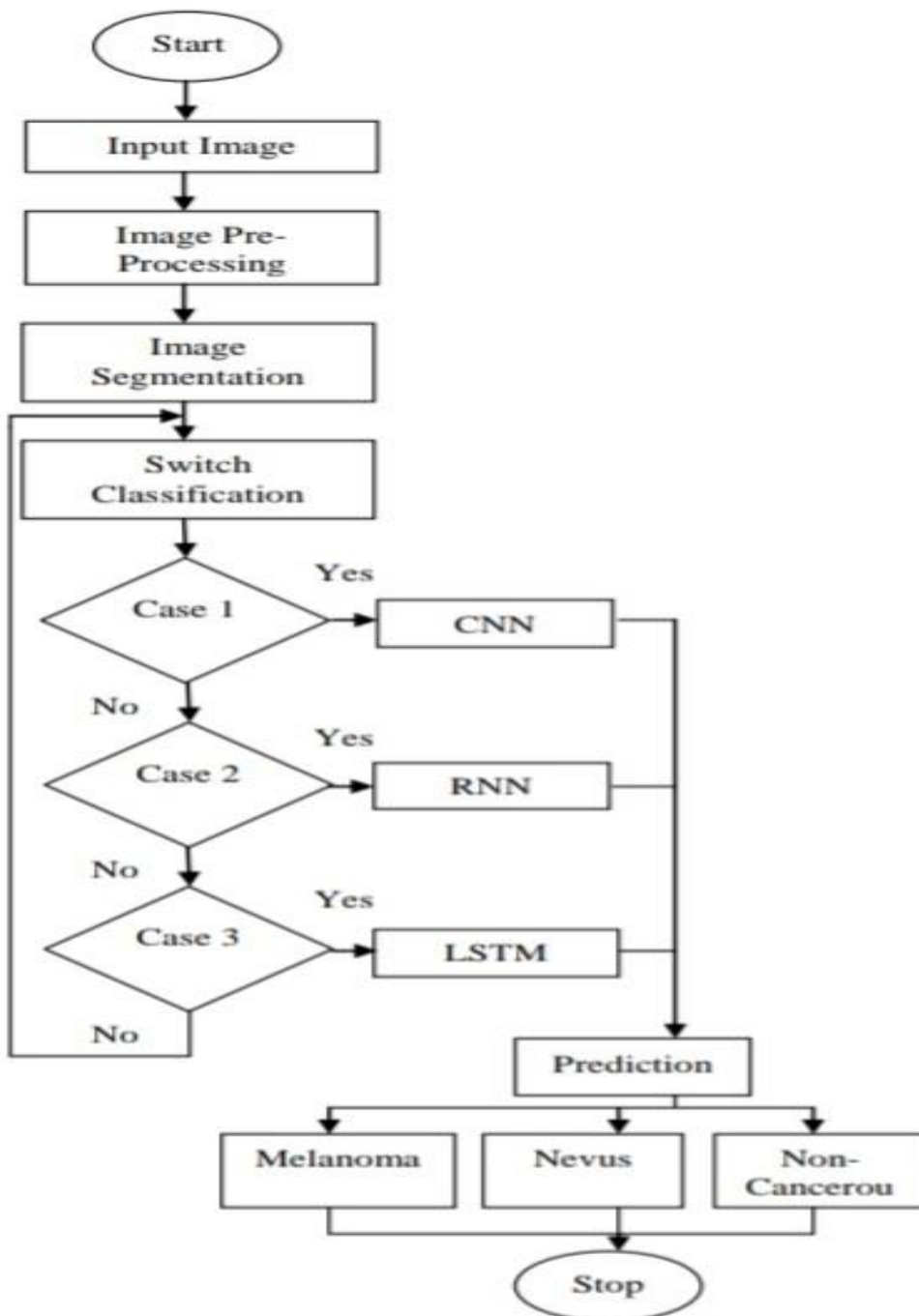


Fig1. Flowchart of the model

B. Step II: Image Processing In the next step the images in the dataset are put through image processing steps. Firstly, the images are preprocessed. For this step Otsu binary thresholding algorithm is used. The Otsu binary thresholding algorithm will replace the image pixel into white in those regions where saturation is greater than T and into black in the opposite case, where T is the value of threshold. Here the area of the skin where the lesion is present is taken as foreground and the area where skin is present is taken as background.

The next step of image processing is the segmentation. Here we have done segmentation by using K-means clustering algorithm. K-means clustering is an unsupervised algorithm which is used to segment the interest area from the background. In this case the clustering is done on the basis of color. The lesion is taken as one cluster and the skin region is taken as another cluster. Thus, we will obtain the region of interest i.e., only the lesion part of the image.

C. Step III: Machine Learning Algorithm After obtaining the region of interest of the image the processed images are ready to go through classification to predict the output. Thus, for the prediction we use three deep learning algorithms i.e., CNN, RNN and LSTM. Based on the accuracy parameter of each algorithm, the algorithm will predict whether the input image is non-cancerous or it will come under melanoma or nevus type of skin cancer. For all the tree algorithm based on its accuracy the best among the three is identified.

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

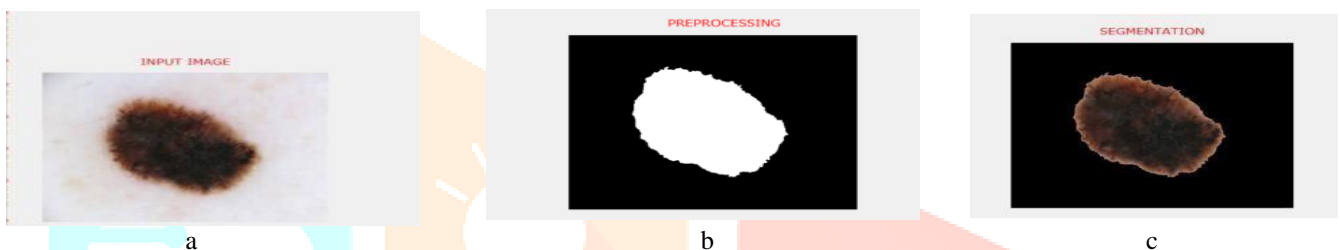


Fig2. (a) Input image, (b) Pre-processed image, (c) Segmented image

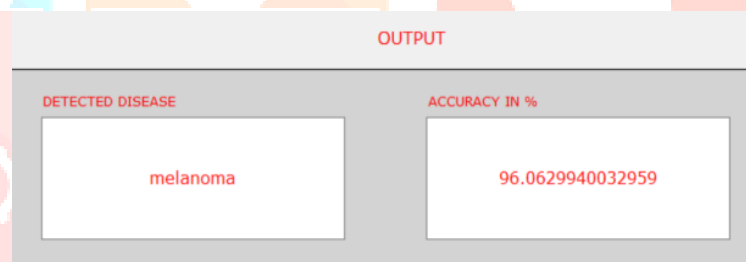


Fig3. Predicted output and its accuracy for CNN

Here the input image is going through pre-processing and segmentation steps. In pre-processing Otsu binary thresholding algorithm is used where the background is converted into black and the foreground where the lesion is present is converted into white. Then by using K-means clustering algorithm in segmentation, the region of interest i.e., the skin lesion part is extracted. Then by using deep learning algorithm like CNN, RNN and LSTM the output is predicted.

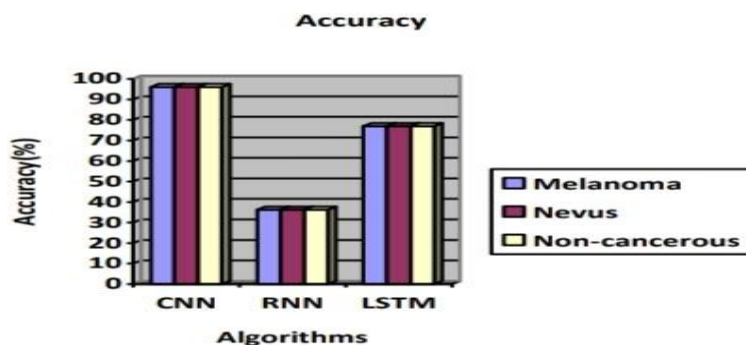


Fig4. Accuracy Graph

V. CONCLUSION

The image after going through pre-processing and segmentation the output is predicted using CNN, RNN and LSTM on whether the input image is melanoma, nevus or non-cancerous. By using CNN, we obtained accuracy of 96.06%, by using RNN the accuracy obtained is 36.28% and for LSTM the total accuracy obtained is 76.99%. Here by using CNN algorithm we obtained the best accuracy and by far RNN algorithm gives the least accuracy.

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