Plant Disease Detection using VGG16

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Abstract: Plant disease detection is very important for healthy growth of plants. Plants play an important role in every living organism’s life. Their by-products not only provide livelihood to human beings but also contribute to a country’s economy. Diseases have negative impact on both agricultural crop yield and health. Thus, it becomes important to monitor plants for any kind of diseases and take diagnostic actions according to requirements. Disease detection can be done using machine learning algorithms. A novel plant disease detection technique based on deep learning is proposed in this work. VGG16 architecture is used for disease detection in tomato and potato plant species. This multi-class disease detection system significantly detect diseases and achieves an accuracy of respectively.

Index Terms -VGG16, plant disease, plantvillage dataset and convolutional neural network.

I. INTRODUCTION

For all living organisms on this earth, plants are a vital resource. They have the ability to heal, are a source of energy, guard the ecosystem, maintain environmental balance, and give food to all living organisms. A good agricultural yield support nation’s economy. It helps in earning livelihood for its citizens and reduces risk of food scarcity. Thus, it is crucial to protect plants for the country's economy and natural life cycle. Plants should be regularly monitored for detecting diseases. This monitoring is carried out by team of experts by manual inspection. Manual inspection is time consuming. Diseases should be detected as early as possible and diagnostic actions if required, should be taken. Large-scale crop monitoring calls for close observation and thorough knowledge of diseases and their signs. In fields, disease can spread considerably more quickly and preventative measures may take some time to implement. Experienced agronomists are needed to monitor the crops since they must identify diseases through visual inspection.

Due to technological advancement, this manual inspection can be replaced by automated systems using artificial intelligence and machine learning. These fields try to mimic human activities and imbibe human intelligence in machines. Artificial intelligence and machine learning have provided solution to many pattern recognition problems. License plate detection, optical character recognition, health monitoring systems, biometric systems, natural language processing, fingerprint recognition, face recognition, signature verification etc., all these systems are developed using artificial intelligence and machine learning. Deep learning, a subset field of machine learning is an improvement over previously existing machine learning algorithms. A tremendous amount of improvement in recognition results in every field is achieved using deep learning techniques. Deep learning is end-to-end learning where features are extracted automatically.

In traditional techniques, feature extraction is done manually, in contrary, deep learning automatically extract features using kernels. The most common deep learning architecture is convolutional neural network. This network uses convolved filters for feature extraction of different levels at different layers. Lower layers extract low level features such as gradients, color, points which are transformed into higher level features such as edges, corners etc in higher layers of network. Convolutional neural networks take images as input and produces classes as their output in image classification tasks. Convolutional layers are mainly responsible for extracting features using convolved filters of different size. It also has pooling layers which help in dimensionality reduction. Pooling can be average pooling or max pooling depending upon the requirement. Softmax activation function is used in classification layer.

The most common CNN architectures are Alexnet, GoogleNet, VGG16, VGG19, Inception, ResNet etc. This work uses pretrained VGG16 network for disease detection. Thus, VGG 16 is used for classification purpose. Tomato and potato images from plantvillage dataset are used in this work. The architecture of VGG 16 is explained in next section.
II. LITERATURE SURVEY

This section briefly reviews about the different state-of-art works of plant disease detection using deep learning.

The three types of apple diseases were detected and identified using an improved support vector machine (SVM), and the classification accuracy was 93%. Authors in [2] used the K-means clustering method to segment the lesions regions. They also combined the global colour histogram (GCH), colour coherence vector (CCV), local binary pattern (LBP), and completed local binary pattern (CLBP) to extract the colour and texture features of apple spots. Works in [3] and [4] explored the usage of individual lesions and spots rather than taking into account the entire leaf because each disease region has its unique features. The benefits of this approach include the ability to identify the presence of multiple diseases on the same leaf and the ability to enhance the data by segmenting the leaf picture into various sub-images. Authors in [5] employed the GoogLeNet model to identify 79 illnesses in 14 different plant species that were present in various field and experimental environments. Deep learning based Inception ResNet is used to detect yellow rust wheat disease in [6]. A technique was developed by [7] to automatically detect plant disease in images of maize plants that were captured in the field. In order to create an autonomous corn detector, authors in [8] trained a deep convolution neural network using 1632 images of corn kernels. A method for identifying rice infections was put forth by Lu et al. [9] and was based on deep convolutional neural network (CNN) technology. Using a deep learning technique, Zhang et al. created a network for recognising images of farm equipment [10]. In order to increase the precision of identifying maize leaf disease, Zhang et al. enhanced deep convolution neural network [11]. To conduct detection, images were fed into two deep learning-based architectures, namely AlexNet and VGG-16 net [12]. Coulibaly et al. proposed a technique to develop feature extraction using transfer learning [13]. The other methods for plant disease detection are based on support vector machines, guassian frameworks and k-neural networks. In [14], Directional Local Quinary Patterns (DLQP) were used to compute the keypoints in the input image in the first stage. The results of the plant disease classification were then obtained by training the SVM classifier on calculated key points. For the purpose of detecting tomato leaf disease, various deep learning models, including AlexNet, GoogleNet, and ResNet, were utilised in [15]. Using these deep learning networks, they experimented with the SGD and Adam optimizer, and the ResNet model attained the greatest accuracy of 97.28%.

By combining the deep architectures of Xception, MobileNet, DenseNet, and LeafNet, [16] proposed a multi-class disease detection method. Using Xception, it identified 26 distinct illnesses in 14 different plant species with a 99.81% accuracy rate. The accuracy of the detection of rice plant diseases by the authors in [17] using GLCM (Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix) for feature extraction and probabilistic neural network was 76.8%. Using several neural network classifiers and CNN, tomato illnesses were identified in [18]. For the purpose of weed and paddy detection, regional convolutional neural networks were used in [19]. Methods based on imaging techniques have also been used in literature. For foliar detection in barley plants, authors in [20] used probabilistic topic modelling and hyperspectral imaging. Using region-based spectral reflectance, [21] was able to detect the mosaic virus in tobacco leaves. Different machine learning algorithms were employed to categorise these hyperspectral photos. [22] describes a method for detecting the yellow rust disease in wheat crops that combines spectroscopy and a multi-layer perceptron neural network. [23, 24, 25] provide a thorough overview of fluorescence and infrared spectroscopy.

III. VGG16

VGG 16 was introduced by Karen Simonyan and Andrew Zisserman of Oxford University [1]. The network receives a dimensioned image as input (64, 64, 3). The same padding and 64 channels with a 3*3 filter size are present in the first two layers. Then, two layers have convolution layers of 128 filters of size 3*3 followed by a max pool layer of stride (2, 2). The next layer is a max-pooling stride (2, 2) layer that is identical to the layer before it. There are then 256 filters spread across 2 convolution layers with filter sizes of 3*3.

There are then two sets of three convolution layers, followed by a max pool layer. Each layer has same padding and has 512 filters of size (3, 3). The stack of two convolution layers then receives this image. The filters we utilise in these convolution and max-pooling layers are 3*3 in size. We obtained a (4, 4, 512) feature map after adding a convolution and max-pooling layer to the stack. This output is flattened to create a (1, 2048) feature vector. Following this, there is dense layer which receives a vector of size (1, 2048) and produces a vector of size 4 channels. As there are 4 classes in the dataset for classification.
ReLU is used by every hidden layer as its activation function. Because ReLU promotes quicker learning and lessens the likelihood of vanishing gradient issues, it is more computationally efficient.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

PlantVillage dataset is used for experiments in the proposed work. The work is conducted on tomato and potato plant species. Figure 2 represents training and validation accuracies for tomato dataset. It achieves an overall accuracy of 88.6% for tomato dataset. The system detects four kind of tomato diseases namely, leaf curl, mosaic virus, target spot and healthy leaves. Table 1 represents images of tomato plant species from plantvillage dataset.

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V. CONCLUSION

The proposed tries to build a plant disease detection system using convolutional neural network architecture. VGG 16 is used as classifier and feature extractor. Experiments are performed on potato and tomato plant species. Deep learning based architecture achieves significant results which can be further improved by adding more data and experimenting with different optimizers.
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