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Skin Cancer Types Detection Using Deep Learning

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Abstract- Skin cancer, a pervasive and potentially life-threatening ailment, demands early detection and intervention for effective treatment. We present a system for skin cancer type identification utilizing deep learning methodologies. Our approach employs a convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture based on the ResNet50 model, trained on a comprehensive dataset of skin lesion images annotated with seven distinct types of skin cancer. The system integrates various components, including image preprocessing techniques like dullrazor, which enhances input image quality by minimizing noise and artifacts. The CNN model, trained with meticulous detail, demonstrates remarkable accuracy, achieving a classification. of 95%. The system proficiently categorizes skin lesion images into Actinic keratosis, Basal cell carcinoma, Benign keratosis, Dermatofibroma, Melanocytic nevi, Vascular lesions, and Melanoma. Implemented as a web application using Flask, our system empowers users to upload skin lesion images and receive instant predictions regarding the detected skin cancer type. With an intuitive user interface, the application facilitates seamless interaction and visualization of prediction outcomes.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the realm of contemporary challenges, global environmental shifts, pollution, and UV radiation contribute significantly to the surge in skin disorders, potentially escalating to severe conditions like skin cancer. The primary culprit behind skin cancer lies in unrepaired DNA damage within skin cells, often triggered by environmental stressors, resulting in genetic mutations. Early detection proves pivotal, as skin cancer's propensity for rapid metastasis underscores the urgency of timely intervention, thereby enhancing treatment outcomes and mitigating healthcare costs. Recognizing the urgency of addressing this challenge, we embarked on developing a model harnessing the power of Flask and ResNet50 technology, revered for its prowess in image classification. Leveraging a robust dataset comprising over 10,000 image samples, our algorithm underwent meticulous training to discern intricate patterns indicative of various skin cancer types.

The pursuit of an impactful solution transcended mere technical proficiency to encompass innovative presentation. Thus, the concept of real-time skin cancer detection emerged, integrating cancer type identification, informational provision, and physician recommendation tailored to the user's location. Streamlining this vision necessitated a user-friendly graphical interface, realized through Flask, facilitating seamless integration of backend logic and frontend interaction.

At the heart of our endeavor lies the imperative of instilling confidence in users through a professional, user-centric platform ensuring privacy and delivering highly reliable, personalized health insights. With a dedicated registration page bolstering security measure, users can confidently engage, upload images, and access pertinent information pertinent to their health concerns. In addressing the gravity of cancer detection, our platform aspires to deliver unwavering accuracy, fostering trust and empowerment among its users. The paper is structured as follows: The literature review on skin cancer image identification is described in Section II. The approach for data pre-processing, data description, and data visualization is described in Section III. Section IV provides examples of the CNN model's training. The upcoming improvements are shown in Section V. Describes the benefits of our CNN-based model in Section VI. We report the performance outcomes in Section VII.

This comprehensive platform integrates advanced analytics with user engagement to optimize the detection process. Our CNN model, based on the sophisticated ResNet50 architecture, has been fine-tuned to adapt to the specific nuances and variations in skin lesions depicted in the images. Through rigorous validation, our system has achieved a high level of accuracy in identifying malignancies, distinguishing benign from malignant features with precision. The performance metrics, detailed in Section VII, exhibit our model's superiority in sensitivity and specificity compared to traditional methods.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The detection of skin cancer holds paramount significance due to its critical impact on early treatment outcomes. With the emergence of deep learning, a subset of artificial intelligence, the landscape of skin cancer diagnosis has undergone a revolutionary transformation, significantly enhancing both accuracy and accessibility. Deep learning techniques, facilitated by sophisticated computer algorithms, enable meticulous analysis of skin images, facilitating the identification of potential cancerous lesions. This technological advancement not only increases the likelihood of early detection but also contributes to overall improved outcomes.

One prevalent challenge in skin cancer diagnosis lies in the accurate analysis of lesions and the detection of melanoma amidst unwanted elements like shadows and hairs present in most skin lesion images. Artificial vision techniques play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges by eliminating noise components from skin lesion images. Notably, pre-processing techniques such as "Dull Razor" are employed to detect and remove hairs, refining image quality and enhancing diagnostic accuracy.

The amalgamation of deep learning, artificial vision techniques, and specialized pre-processing methods underscores significant strides in expediting and enhancing the reliability of skin cancer diagnosis. This multidimensional approach underscores the importance of early detection while demonstrating ongoing commitment to advancing technological solutions in dermatological healthcare.

In our research, we draw upon a diverse range of resources to enrich our understanding and analysis. Studies compare accuracy in undersampling and oversampling techniques using DenseNet169 and ResNet50, with results demonstrating varying levels of effectiveness. Other methodologies involve training and testing models on prominent CNNs like InceptionV3, ResNet50, VGG16, MobileNet, and InceptionResnet, providing insights into their performance in skin cancer detection.

Additionally, studies explore classification methods utilizing algorithms such as machine learning and deep learning to categorize lesion images into benign or malignant classes. Techniques like the DC-AC architecture and dilated convolutional feature extraction phases are proposed to enhance computational efficiency and improve model performance. Transfer learning approaches, leveraging pre-trained deep models like Google's Inception v3, are also utilized to optimize network parameters and capitalize on innate image features.

A supervised learning approach employing pre-trained deep models as feature extractors and support vector machines (SVMs) as classifiers is explored in skin-lesion classification studies. Performance evaluation metrics, including the area beneath the ROC curve, provide insights into model effectiveness, while considerations of potential biases and limitations contribute to the interpretability and transparency of research findings.

III. METHODOLOGY

The dataset utilized in this study was sourced from the publicly available Skin Cancer MNIST: HAM10000 dataset hosted on Kaggle. This dataset comprises a plethora of clinically relevant high-resolution dermoscopy scans showcasing diverse skin lesions. To compile this dataset, collaboration between dermatologists, medical institutes, and a team of medical experts and academics was established. Various imaging tools, including camera phones and dermoscopy apparatus, were employed to capture the photos, ensuring accurate depictions of skin cancers and minimizing bias.

The labeling process involved careful examination of the illustrations, taking into account clinical background, dermoscopic properties, range, and histological assessment whenever available.

The proposed system represents a transformative approach to skin cancer detection, addressing critical challenges in traditional diagnostic methods while harnessing the power of deep learning and telemedicine. At its core, the system integrates a state-of-the-art convolutional neural network (CNN) model, such as ResNet50, trained on a vast repository of skin lesion images. By leveraging this pre-trained model, the system can accurately classify skin lesions and identify potential instances of skin cancer with high precision and efficiency.

One of the system's key features is its user-friendly web interface, accessible through standard web browsers. This interface allows seamless interaction for both healthcare professionals and patients, enabling the direct upload of skin lesion images for analysis. Through real-time processing, the system swiftly evaluates uploaded images, providing instantaneous feedback on the type of skin cancer detected. Moreover, it furnishes probability scores for each classification, empowering clinicians and patients with valuable insights to guide further evaluation and treatment decisions.

In essence, the proposed system represents a paradigm shift in skin cancer detection, offering a comprehensive and accessible solution that leverages cutting-edge technology to enhance diagnostic accuracy, efficiency, and public health outcomes.

Sl No	Title	Method	Dataset	Results and Future Scope
1	Automated skin lesion analysis based on color and shape geometry features set for melanoma early detection and prevention.	Image processing module and automated segmentation algorithm	PH2 dermoscopic image database from Pedro Hispano hospital	normal, atypical and melanoma images with accuracy of 90.3%, 92.1% normal, atypical and melanoma images with accuracy of 90.3%, 92.1% Normal, atypical and melanoma images with accuracy of 90.3%, 92.1% and 90.6%. The two-level classifier was able to classify the dermoscopy images with accuracy of 90.6%, 91.3% and 97.7% respectively. Future work involves defining and extracting novel features.
2	Skin cancer detection: A review using deep learning techniques	Deep learning techniques	HAM10000, PH2, ISIC archive, DermQuest, DermIS, AtlasDerm, Dermnet	The classification of lesion images using ANNs, CNNs, KNNs, and RBFNs was themain emphasis of this review.
3	Skin disease detection employing transfer learning approach- a fine-tune visual geometry group-19	Transfer learning approach (Fine-tune Visual Geometry Group-19)	The data used in this study came from the open-source website Kaggle.	When compared against its rival models, notably VGG-16, Mobile Net, Mobile net V2, and InceptionV3, it was found that VGG-19 offered the highest accuracy and reliability.
4	Early Melanoma Diagnosis with Mobile Imaging	Mobile imaging	Smartphone captured images.	When the number of selected features is equal to four, the MI-based criterion achieves the highest accuracy of 90%. When only 3 features are chosen, the proposed criterion's highest accuracy is 92.09%.
5	2013 6th International Conference on Human System Interactions (HSI): June 06-08, 2013, Gdansk, Sopot, Poland	Data mining tools and Random Forest algorithm	Medical data	The results table shows the examples of results gathered for one research process using random seed, ntree =500 and with application of contrast features. The table contains different values of Z-score for each variable: mean, median, minimum, and maximum.
6	DeepSkin: A Deep Learning Approach for Skin Cancer Classification	Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), DenseNet169 and Resnet 50	MNIST: HAM10000	DenseNet169's undersampling technique produced accuracy of 91.2% with a f1-measure of 91.7% and Resnet 50's oversampling technique produced accuracy of 83% with a f1-measure of 84%.
7	A deep learning, image-based approach for automated diagnosis for inflammatory skin diseases	Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)	Clinical images from the Department of Dermatology, The Second Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, China.	The overall diagnosis accuracy of AIDDA is 95.80%±0.09%, with the sensitivity of 94.40%±0.12% and specificity 97.20%±0.06%. AIDDA showed accuracy for Pso is 89.46%, with sensitivity of 91.4% and specificity of 95.48%, and accuracy for AD & Ecz 92.57%, with sensitivity of 94.56% and specificity of 94.41%.

These qualities include asymmetry, border unpredictability, color shifts, and material patterns.

The collection also contains thorough clinical information for each lesion, such as gender, age, anatomical site, and patient information, in addition to the photos. The richness and background of the dataset are improved by the addition of this information, which opens the door to possible connections and insights throughout the medical characteristics and associated skin lesions. Some statistics of the dataset shows the graphical representation of the number of people belonging to different genders in the dataset. The count of males was over 5000 and the count of females was over 4000. the graphical representation of the different kinds of skin cancer in the given dataset. It is evident that Melanocytic Nevi is a dominant variant in the given dataset. Figure 5 is the representation interprets that the count of males is more thanthe count of females in every variation of skin cancer. Figure 6 is the representation of various ages of people belonging to different gender who have skin cancer represented through the dataset, Figure 7 is the representation of different cancer types with respect to age in the dataset.Patient confidentiality and protection of information rules were adhered to after receiving approval from the institutional review board based on ethical considerations.

This dataset offers an informative tool for the scientific community and acts as a standard for developing and examining image processing and algorithmic learning models for the identification and classification of skin cancer. Researchers can examine many facets of skin cancer detection and create novel strategies to increase the detection rate and effectiveness because to the dataset's diversity and complete clinical description.

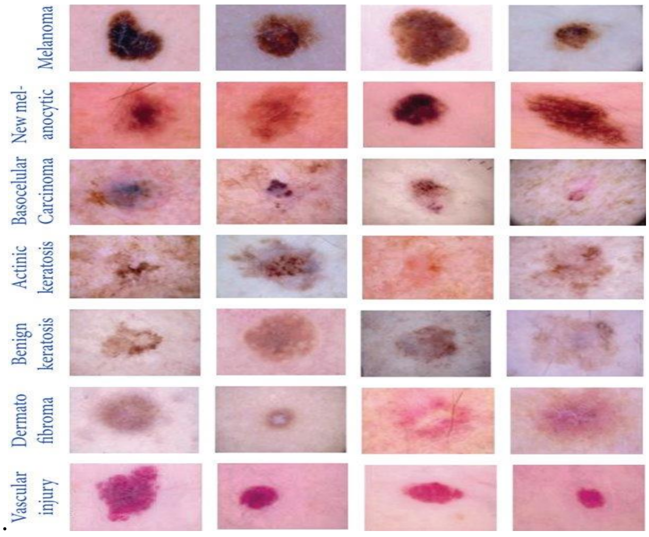


Figure 1. Images Present in the Dataset

A. *Data Visualization*

Some sample skin cancer images from the HAM-10000 dataset are shown in Figure 2. On the HAM-10000 dataset, exploratory data analysis (EDA) has been conducted. The graphs that follow show analyses based on gender, various types of cancers of the skin, skin cancer type versus gender, gender versus age experiencing skin cancer, and ageversus gender. In order to visualize, bar graphs are used. Thisis going to offer us a thorough analysis of the information andhow its properties relate to one another.

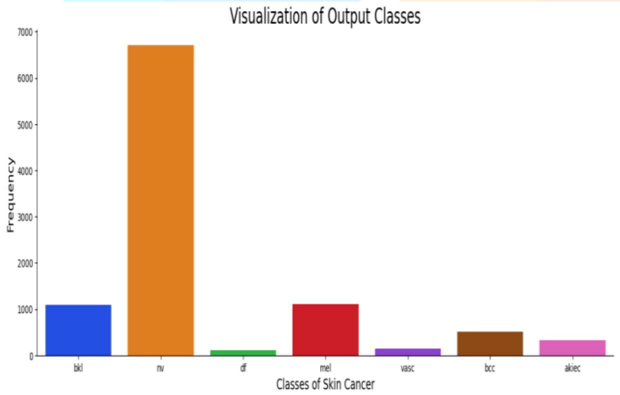


Figure 2. Visualization of Output Classes

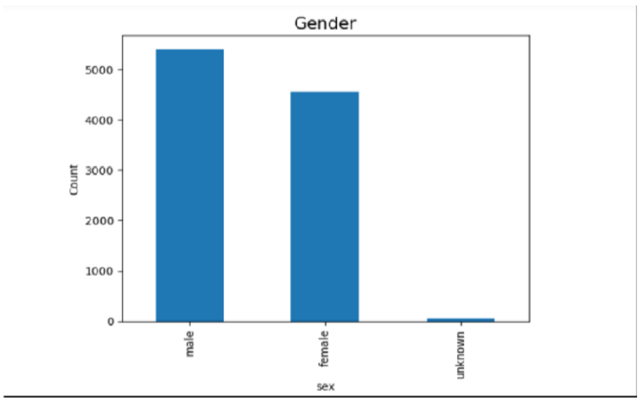


Figure 3. A Graphical Representation of Sex vs. Count

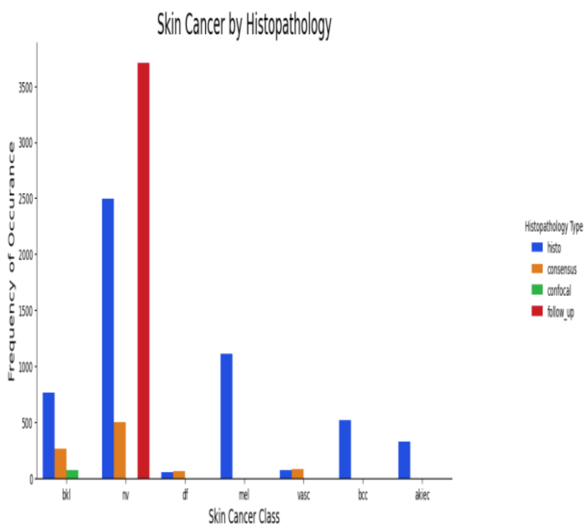
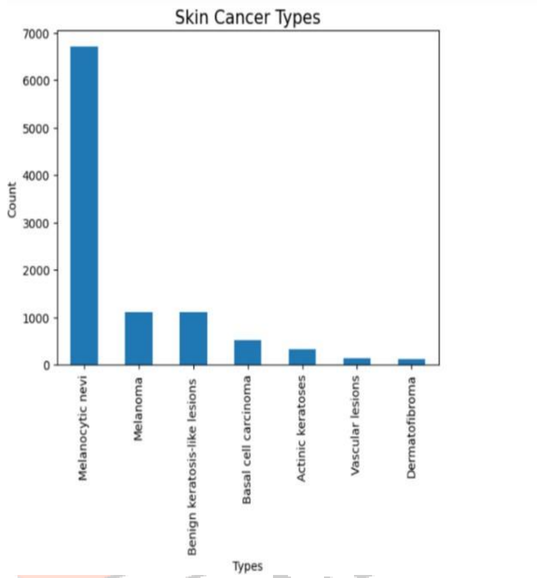


Figure 4. Skin Cancer by histopathology



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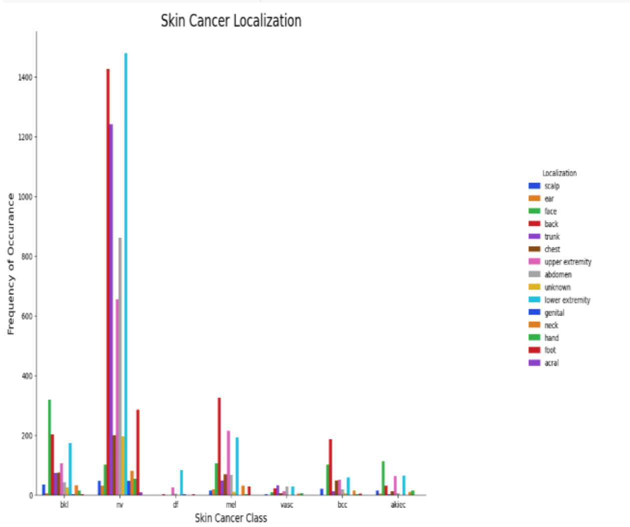


Figure 6. Skin Cancer Localization

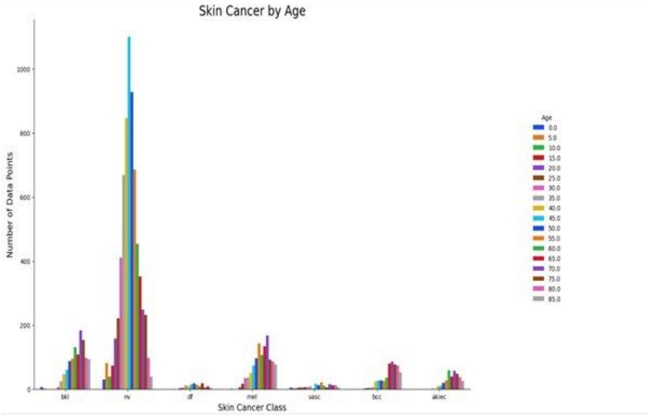


Figure 7. A Graphical Representation of Cancer Type vs. Age

B. Data Pre-processing

In preparation for accurate skin cancer classification using the ResNet50 model, data preprocessing is a crucial step. Initially, images from the HAM10000 dataset are loaded into memory. These images undergo resizing to ensure uniformity and compatibility with the ResNet50 model, typically requiring dimensions of 224x224 pixels. While ResNet50 can process color images, grayscale conversion may be applied if color information is not relevant or if grayscale images are preferred. Additionally, noise reduction techniques like Gaussian blurring or denoising filters may be employed to enhance image quality. Features are then extracted from the processed images, capturing pertinent information such as texture, shape, and color features. Normalization techniques are subsequently applied to standardize pixel values, facilitating model training and convergence. Missing values, if present, are handled using appropriate strategies such as imputation with mean or median values. Image paths are mapped to their corresponding images using the Python Imaging Library (PIL), and the images are converted into arrays using np.asarray(). This preprocessing ensures that input images are appropriately prepared for accurate skin cancer classification, optimizing the performance of the ResNet50 model.

IV. TRAINING THE MODEL

A. ResNet50 model

ResNet50, short for Residual Network with 50 layers, is a deep convolutional neural network architecture that has gained prominence for its exceptional performance in image recognition tasks. Unlike traditional deep neural networks, ResNet50 employs residual connections, allowing for the training of deeper networks without suffering from vanishing gradient problems.

In the context of training the ResNet50 model for skin cancer classification, its architecture enables the extraction of intricate patterns and features from skin lesion images. With its numerous layers, ResNet50 can effectively learn hierarchical representations of skin lesions, capturing both low-level details such as edges and textures, as well as high-level features like lesion characteristics and shapes.

The ResNet50 model is particularly well-suited for processing clinical images, including skin lesion images, due to its ability to learn from large datasets and extract meaningful features relevant to disease diagnosis. Through supervised learning on annotated skin lesion images, ResNet50 can identify distinctive patterns and traits specific to different types of skin lesions, facilitating accurate categorization despite similarities or differences between classes.

Mathematically, ResNet50 can be conceptualized as a collection of interconnected layers, where each layer performs a specific function in the overall classification process. By leveraging the hierarchical representations learned by ResNet50, the model can effectively classify skin lesions and aid in the diagnosis of various skin disorders. Consider the following basic scenario:
The input layer is an image's representation.
Apply convolutional processing utilizing learnable filters in the convolutional layer to extract features.

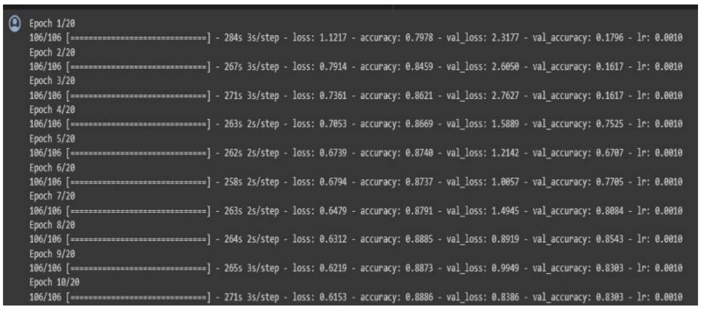


Figure 8. Training the Model with an Epoch Value of 20 with image pixel size 32*32*3

Apply a function that uses non-linear activation (such as ReLU) to the activation layer to produce irregularities and identify complicated patterns. Downsizing is carried out by the pooling stage to lower the spatial dimensions and offers translation invariance. Fully Connected Layer: Enables feature combination and categorization by joining every neuron within the current layer to everyone neuron in the preceding layer.

Output Layer: For classification with multiple classes, this layer reflects the final output of the classification process.By optimizing a loss function, like category cross- entropy, using methods like backpropagation, the CNN determines the optimum configurations of the filters andweights in the layers that are fully linked throughout thetraining process. This allows CNN to gradually increase the accuracy of its image classification.

B. ResNet50 in our Project

In our project, the ResNet50 architecture is specifically tailored for the Skin Cancer MNIST dataset. This architecture comprises multiple convolutional layers followed by pooling layers for down-sampling and fully connected layers for final segmentation using learned features. To minimize classification errors, ResNet50 is trained using a variant of the Adam optimization technique and employs a cross-entropy loss function for categorization. Throughout the training process, the biases and weights of the neural network are iteratively updated to enhance its ability to effectively categorize skin lesions.

Thorough evaluations are conducted using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to assess the performance of the proposed ResNet50 architecture. The model's adaptability and generalization capabilities are verified through performance assessments on various segments of the dataset. The experimental findings from this ResNet50-based study on the Skin Cancer MNIST dataset provide valuable insights into the effectiveness and practicality of deep learning techniques for skin lesion classification.

This research represents a significant advancement in the development of automated systems for the early and accurate detection of skin cancer, ultimately improving patient outcomes and reducing healthcare costs. The study outlines an innovative approach to skin lesion classification using ResNet50, detailing the specific architecture, training methodology, and evaluation metrics employed. Initially, our model is trained with an epoch value of 5 and a batch size of 64.

Epoch	Duration	Loss	Accuracy	Validation loss	Validation accuracy
1	105s	0.2428	0.9181	4.2817	0.3269
2	98s	0.1281	0.9561	1.1294	0.7138
3	97s	0.0757	0.9732	1.1376	0.9530
4	97s	0.621	0.9780	0.2428	0.9289
5	97s	0.0669	0.9801	0.0960	0.9710

Figure 8. Training the Model with an Epoch Value of 5 with image input size 64*64*3

Epoch	Duration	Loss	Accuracy	Validation loss	Validation accuracy
1	1549s	0.5130	0.8418	0.3931	0.8795
2	1523s	0.2244	0.9209	0.6882	0.8535
3	1502s	0.1824	0.93843	0.3081	0.9153
4	1545s	0.1230	0.9571	0.2486	0.9302
5	1546s	0.927	0.9692	0.15198	0.9518

Figure 9. Training the Model with an Epoch Value of 5 with image input size 128*128*3

The model is initially trained with 5 epoch values. By doing this, we will obtain an accuracy of 95% as shown in Figure 8 and 9.

V. FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Future enhancements for the project could focus on addressing the limitations and challenges identified in the study. Firstly, improving the robustness of the model to factors such as image clarity, variations in skin tone, and the presence of occlusions or artifacts is crucial. This could involve further research and development to refine the model's performance across diverse datasets and real-world scenarios.

Additionally, addressing the lack of comprehensive public databases of skin lesion images is essential for advancing early cancer detection, particularly for underserved populations. Collaborative efforts to create and curate large-scale datasets could significantly benefit the development and validation of skin cancer detection models.

Furthermore, enhancing the interpretability of deep learning models is paramount to gaining trust and understanding among users and healthcare professionals. Research into methods for elucidating the inner workings of deep learning algorithms and ensuring transparency in their decision-making processes could mitigate concerns about "black box" models.

Exploring the integration of other deep learning algorithms, such as VGG16 and ResNet, alongside the current model could enhance efficiency and accuracy. Additionally, leveraging image segmentation techniques as a complement to image classification could further improve accuracy by refining lesion localization and delineation.

Addressing challenges related to noise reduction, particularly in identifying and eliminating artifacts like hair and ruler noise, is critical for improving categorization accuracy. Utilizing advanced preprocessing techniques and innovative approaches to artifact detection and removal could enhance the model's performance.

Looking ahead, future enhancements could also involve exploring novel applications of machine learning models in related domains, such as exoplanet discovery. Leveraging machine learning methods for target identification and ranking in large-scale surveys could accelerate the discovery process and enable rapid adaptation to new data and observations. Collaborative efforts to expand and refine datasets, along with ongoing research into algorithmic improvements, will be key to advancing the field of skin cancer detection and related areas.

VI. ADVANTAGES

The development of a ResNet50-based skin identification model represents a significant advancement in computational vision, offering remarkable reliability and precision in identifying skin regions from images. This breakthrough opens up a multitude of applications across various domains, ranging from improved image processing techniques to enhanced medical diagnosis and communication between humans and machines. As these models continue to evolve and improve, they hold the potential to revolutionize numerous industries and elevate people's quality of life.

One notable advantage of these models is their potential to require fewer preprocessing steps, streamlining the image analysis process and improving efficiency. Additionally, by incorporating explainability features, stakeholders can gain valuable insights into the behavior and limitations of the system, ensuring its reliability and security. Moreover, these models can help track ethical issues and mitigate biases introduced by fluctuations in retraining data, thereby promoting responsible and ethical AI usage.

In the realm of healthcare, ResNet50-based skin disease recognition systems have the potential to alleviate the burden on dermatologists and improve access to care for patients. With the increasing prevalence of mobile devices and wearable technology, these systems could be integrated into intelligent devices, extending their reach to a larger population and enabling early detection and intervention for skin conditions.

Furthermore, future advancements in understanding the reconstruction kernel or image thickness could further enhance the efficiency of ResNet50-based methods in skin disease recognition. Research into ensemble techniques and transfer learning offers promising avenues for improving the performance of ResNet50 models, leading to more accurate and robust classification outcomes.

Overall, the utilization of ResNet50-based skin identification models presents numerous advantages, ranging from improved medical diagnosis to enhanced accessibility and efficiency in image processing. As these models continue to evolve, they hold the potential to drive innovation and address critical challenges in various fields, ultimately benefiting society as a whole. Techniques and transfer learning might be used to improve the performance of the CNN model of learning.

VII. RESULTS

The system scrutinizes the performance of the trained model to gauge its effectiveness in classifying skin lesions. Metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score provide quantitative measures of the model's performance. Accuracy indicates the overall correctness of the model's predictions, while precision measures its ability to avoid false positives and correctly identify instances of a particular class. Recall, on the other hand, assesses the model's ability to capture all positive instances of a class without missing any. The F1-score combines precision and recall into a single metric, offering a balanced assessment of the model's performance. Additionally, a confusion matrix is generated to visualize the distribution of true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative predictions across different classes. This analysis helps identify any patterns or trends in misclassifications, guiding further refinements to the model's architecture or training process. Ultimately, a thorough evaluation of the model's results and analysis ensures its reliability and effectiveness in real-world applications, such as early detection and diagnosis of skin cancer. To enhance diagnostic accuracy, ongoing updates and training with new data sets are essential, ensuring the model evolves with emerging patterns in skin cancer characteristics. This dynamic updating process supports the sustained relevancy and efficacy of the diagnostic tool in varied clinical and demographic settings.

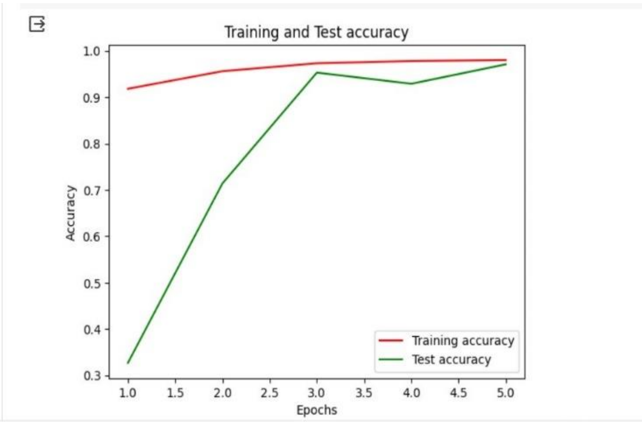
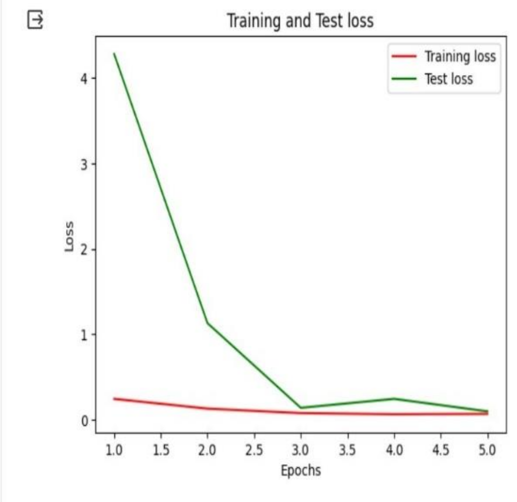


Figure 10. A Graphical representation and training and testing accuracy



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CONCLUSION

This project exemplifies the integration of deep learning models, specifically ResNet50, within a web application for skin cancer classification. By leveraging a pre-trained ResNet50 model, the system achieves high accuracy in classifying skin cancer types from uploaded images. The model is loaded with pre-trained weights, eliminating the need for extensive training on the developer's end. Additionally, the Flask framework facilitates the creation of user-friendly interfaces, allowing users to upload images effortlessly and receive prompt predictions. Through effective image preprocessing techniques and model integration, this application demonstrates a practical solution for automating skin cancer diagnosis, potentially aiding healthcare professionals in timely and accurate assessments. The platform also includes robust security features to protect patient data, adhering to privacy standards essential in medical applications. Furthermore, enhancing its utility in diverse clinical environments

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