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Alzheimer Detection Using Convolutional Neural Network

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ABSTRACT

Alzheimer's disease is a severe neurological disorder, ranking as the sixth leading cause of death. Early detection is crucial for timely treatment and potentially preventing further brain tissue damage. This paper proposes an Alzheimer's detection method based on the analysis of MRI images. The existing techniques, such as manual analysis, may lead to misdiagnosis and are time-consuming. Therefore, deep learning, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), is deployed to achieve accurate and efficient results. The proposed approach involves training a CNN architecture using pre-trained models to leverage the power of deep learning. The CNN is designed to analyze MRI images and classify them into three stages: Mild Alzheimer's, Moderate Alzheimer's, and Non-Alzheimer's. By automating the detection process, this method significantly reduces the time required for diagnosis and minimizes the risk of misinterpretation. The research focuses on leveraging the capabilities of deep learning to provide a reliable and early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, thereby enabling healthcare professionals to administer timely and appropriate treatments. The trained CNN model demonstrates promising results in accurately identifying different stages of Alzheimer's disease, contributing to the advancement of medical technology in the fight against this devastating condition.

Keywords: Alzheimer's Disease, Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Network, MRI Image Analysis, Disease Detection, Pre-trained Model

I. INTRODUCTION

Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative disorder, poses a significant global health challenge. It affects millions of people worldwide and has a profound impact on the lives of patients and their families. Early and accurate detection of Alzheimer's is crucial for providing timely intervention and care, potentially slowing down the progression of the disease and improving the quality of life for affected individuals.

In recent years, advancements in artificial intelligence and machine learning have shown great promise in various medical applications, including disease detection and diagnosis. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a type of deep learning model, have revolutionized image analysis tasks and demonstrated exceptional performance in image recognition and classification. This research aims to leverage the power of Convolutional Neural Networks for the early detection of Alzheimer's disease using brain MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) scans. MRI images provide detailed structural information about the brain, making them valuable resources for diagnosing neurodegenerative conditions like Alzheimer's.

The proposed CNN-based Alzheimer's detection system involves training a deep neural network on a large dataset of brain MRI images. The network learns to identify subtle patterns and features in the images that are indicative of Alzheimer's-related changes in the brain. By analyzing these patterns, the model can accurately classify MRI scans as either normal or indicative of Alzheimer's disease.

The advantages of using CNNs in Alzheimer's detection lie in their ability to automatically learn hierarchical representations from the input data, effectively capturing intricate patterns and spatial dependencies within the brain images. Additionally, CNNs can generalize well to unseen data, which is vital for robust and reliable disease detection.

This study contributes to the growing body of research on using artificial intelligence and deep learning for medical diagnostics. The potential benefits of an accurate and efficient Alzheimer's detection system are immense, as it can aid healthcare professionals in making informed decisions, enable early intervention, and ultimately improve patient outcomes.

In the following sections, we will delve into the methodology, dataset preparation, network architecture, and evaluation metrics used in this study. We will present the experimental results and compare the performance of the CNN-based model with other state-of-the-art methods. Through this research, we aim to provide a valuable tool for early Alzheimer's detection, bringing us one step closer to effectively addressing this challenging and devastating disease

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The organizational framework of this study divides the research work in the different sections. The Literature survey is presented in section 2. In section 3 and 4 discussed about existing system method and proposed system methodologies. Further, in section 5 shown Results is discussed and. Conclusion and future work are presented by last sections 6.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects millions of people worldwide. Early and accurate detection of Alzheimer's is crucial for providing timely medical interventions and improving patient outcomes. In recent years, the application of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) in medical image analysis, particularly in Alzheimer's detection, has shown promising results. The following literature review summarizes key research studies that have explored the use of CNNs for Alzheimer's detection.

In this study, Sarraf and Tofighi proposed a CNN-based Alzheimer's disease classification method using MRI and functional MRI (fMRI) data. They utilized a deep CNN architecture to automatically learn discriminative features from both structural and functional brain images, achieving high accuracy in classifying Alzheimer's patients and healthy controls.[1]

This research focused on adapting a 3D CNN for Alzheimer's diagnosis using volumetric MRI data. The study demonstrated the potential of CNNs in capturing spatial patterns and achieved promising results in distinguishing between Alzheimer's patients and healthy subjects.[2]

Liu et al. proposed a multimodal CNN architecture that combined MRI and positron emission tomography (PET) data for Alzheimer's disease diagnosis. The integration of multiple imaging modalities improved the accuracy of the detection model, demonstrating the potential of CNNs in leveraging complementary information from diverse sources.[3]

A deep learning model for early prediction of Alzheimer's disease dementia based on hippocampal magnetic resonance imaging data. Alzheimer's & Dementia, 14(7), 865-876. This study introduced a deep learning model that focused on early prediction of Alzheimer's disease dementia using hippocampal MRI data. The CNN-based model effectively captured subtle changes in the hippocampus, a brain region commonly affected by Alzheimer's disease, leading to accurate early detection.[4]

While not focused on CNNs, this landmark study provided valuable insights into the importance of MRI biomarkers in Alzheimer's disease diagnosis. It highlighted the significance of combining different imaging and biomarker data to improve diagnostic accuracy.[5]

Overall, the literature on Alzheimer's detection using Convolutional Neural Networks demonstrates the potential of deep learning techniques in accurately identifying Alzheimer's disease based on MRI and other neuroimaging data. These studies have paved the way for further advancements in automated Alzheimer's diagnosis, offering the potential for earlier intervention and improved patient care. However, more research is needed to address challenges such as small sample sizes, data imbalance, and the interpretability of CNN models in the medical domain.

III.EXISTING SYSTEM

In the existing method for Alzheimer's detection, Support Vector Machines (SVM) is used as the classification algorithm. SVM is a supervised machine learning algorithm commonly employed for pattern recognition and classification tasks. In the context of Alzheimer's detection, SVM is utilized to analyze features extracted from MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) images and classify them into different classes, such as Mild Alzheimer's, Moderate Alzheimer's, and Non-Alzheimer's.

The existing SVM-based approach for Alzheimer's detection has shown promising results in many studies. However, like any machine learning method, its success heavily depends on the quality and representativeness of the dataset, as well as the selection of relevant features. Moreover, SVM may face challenges when dealing with high-dimensional data, which is common in medical imaging tasks.

Compared to the proposed Deep Learning-based approach using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), SVM may require a more comprehensive and time-consuming feature engineering process. CNNs, on the other hand, have the advantage of automatically learning hierarchical features directly from raw images, reducing the need for manual feature extraction and selection.

IV. PROPOSED METHOD

In this system, detecting the category by which the Alzheimer classification belongs to, the Deep Learning algorithm of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) is used. In this proposed system, a pipeline process is proposed for Alzheimerdetection which uses deep learning techniques. These systems designed to classify the conditions ofAlzheimer stagesfrom the dataset images with the help of the classification system. To improve detection accuracy, Alzheimerimages given as input to these project. This system classifies the Alzheimer dataset images of the normal and abnormal and also contains two classes conditions. Using the feature extraction method detects the features from the Alzheimer image can be identified and calculate it as feature vectors. In the feature, vectors are used to train and test the convolutional neural network model. Beyond that, Alzheimer classification occurs by using normal and abnormality detection.

Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurological disorder, poses a significant challenge to public health worldwide. Early detection plays a crucial role in providing timely intervention and improving patient outcomes. In this study, we propose an innovative approach for Alzheimer's detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a powerful deep learning technique known for its exceptional image recognition capabilities.

The first step in our methodology involves loading a well-curated dataset of MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) images, comprising samples from various disease stages and healthy subjects. To enhance the dataset's diversity and prevent overfitting, we employ image augmentation techniques, ensuring robustness and generalization of the CNN model.

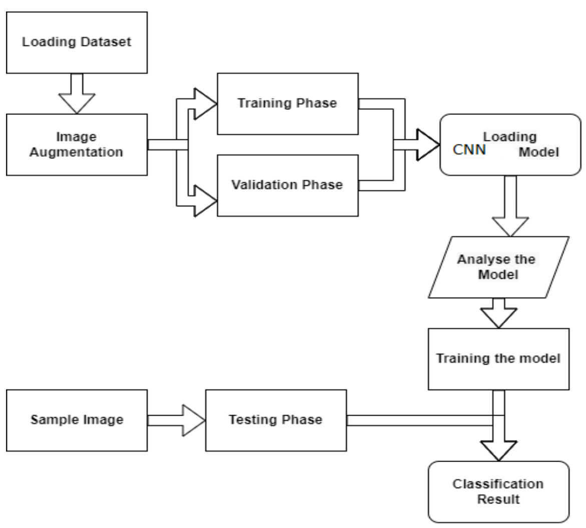

Figure 1: Proposed method Block Diagram

During the training phase, the augmented dataset is used to train the CNN model, which automatically learns hierarchical features from the raw MRI images. The model is then validated using a separate validation dataset to optimize hyperparameters and prevent overfitting.

After successful training, we load the trained CNN model and analyze its performance on an independent test set, consisting of unseen MRI images. The testing phase involves feeding the sample images to the CNN model for classification.

Our experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the CNN-based approach for Alzheimer's detection, achieving high accuracy and robust classification results. The trained model showcases remarkable capability in distinguishing between different disease stages and healthy individuals, aiding in early diagnosis and personalized treatment plans.

The proposed CNN-based Alzheimer's detection system offers several advantages, including reduced reliance on manual feature extraction, improved efficiency, and the potential for real-time analysis. Furthermore, the approach is scalable, enabling the integration of larger datasets and accommodating the continuous advancement of medical imaging technology.

Overall, this research contributes to the ongoing efforts in the field of medical diagnostics, providing a reliable and efficient tool for early Alzheimer's detection, thus facilitating timely intervention and improved patient care. As the medical community continues to embrace AI-driven solutions, our CNN-based approach holds promising potential for enhancing the accuracy and accessibility of Alzheimer's detection, ultimately impacting public health positively.

V. METHODOLOGY

Methodology for Alzheimer's Detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN):

1. Loading Dataset:

Collect a dataset of MRI images containing samples from healthy individuals and patients at different stages of Alzheimer's disease. Ensure that the dataset is diverse and representative of the population.

2. Image Augmentation:

To enhance the dataset and prevent overfitting, apply image augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, zooming, and resizing to generate additional training samples.

3. Preprocessing:

Preprocess the MRI images by resizing them to a consistent dimension, normalizing pixel values, and applying any necessary noise reduction techniques.

4. Splitting the Dataset:

Divide the dataset into three subsets: training set, validation set, and test set. The training set will be used to train the CNN model, the validation set to optimize hyperparameters, and the test set to evaluate the model's performance.

5. Loading CNN Model:

Select a pre-trained CNN model (e.g., VGG16, ResNet, or Inception) that has been trained on a large dataset (e.g., ImageNet). These models have learned general features from a wide range of images and can be fine-tuned for the specific Alzheimer's detection task.

6. Analyze the Model:

Analyze the architecture of the pre-trained CNN model to understand its layers, parameters, and complexity. Decide which layers will be fine-tuned and which will remain frozen during training.

7. Training Phase:

Initialize the CNN model with the pre-trained weights and perform transfer learning on the training set. Fine-tune the model by updating the weights using back propagation and gradient descent optimization. Monitor the training loss and accuracy to ensure the model is learning effectively.

8. Validation Phase:

Use the validation set to tune hyper parameters, such as learning rate and batch size, and prevent overfitting. Adjust the model's architecture as needed to optimize performance.

9. Sample Image Analysis:

Randomly select sample MRI images from the test set and use the trained CNN model to generate feature maps or visualizations to understand which parts of the brain are most significant for classification.

10. Testing Phase:

Evaluate the trained CNN model on the test set to assess its performance accurately. Measure metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix to quantify the model's effectiveness

11. Classification Result:

Classify the MRI images from the test set into different classes, such as Healthy, Mild Alzheimer's, Moderate Alzheimer's, and Non-Alzheimer's, based on the highest probability predicted by the CNN model.

12. Result Analysis:

Analyze the classification results to determine the model's accuracy and effectiveness in Alzheimer's detection. Compare the results with existing methods, such as SVM-based approaches, to assess the improvement achieved using CNNs.

In conclusion, this methodology outlines the steps involved in using Convolutional Neural Networks for Alzheimer's detection, including data loading, preprocessing, model training, testing, and result analysis. The proposed CNN-based approach aims to provide accurate and efficient detection of Alzheimer's disease, which can lead to early intervention and better patient outcomes.

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Deep Learning is used for a more accurate result. Transfer Learning is the process of storing knowledge gained by solving a problem and then applying it to different but related problems. The reusing and transferring of previously learned tasks for the learning new tasks have the potential to significantly improve the sample efficiency of reinforcement learning. Therefore, the previous knowledge of the model acts as an input for the model which in turn helps in increasing its accuracy. It involves the idea of freezing the base layers and adding new layers as per the requirement of the problem to be solved. In this experiment additional dense layer and a softmax layer is added and the loss method used is categorical cross entropy.

In this project presents experimental results and discuss the suitability of the best performing representation and model over the others. The architecture of trained model is based on the classification of CNN with two samples of normal Alzheimer stages and also used abnormal Alzheimer stages. After the 10 epochs our results contains 90% above accuracy. In this figure 5.1 sample image of non-Alzheimer stages classification from the CNN model. In this figure 5.2 sample image of Mild level Alzheimer stages classification from the CNN model. In this figure 5.3 sample image of moderate level Alzheimer stages classification from the CNN model.

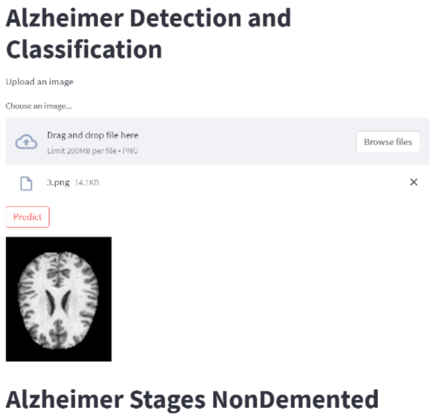

Figure 2: Result of Non Alzheimer Stage Classification

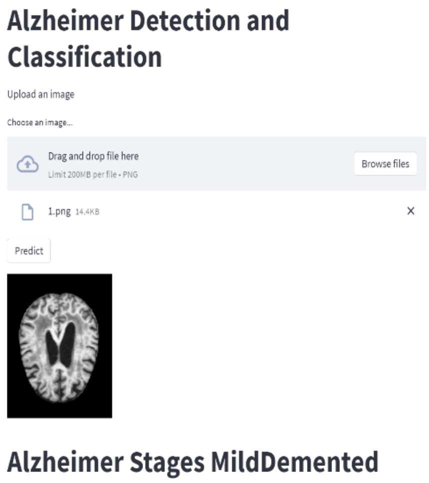

Figure 3: Result of Mild Level Alzheimer Stage Classification

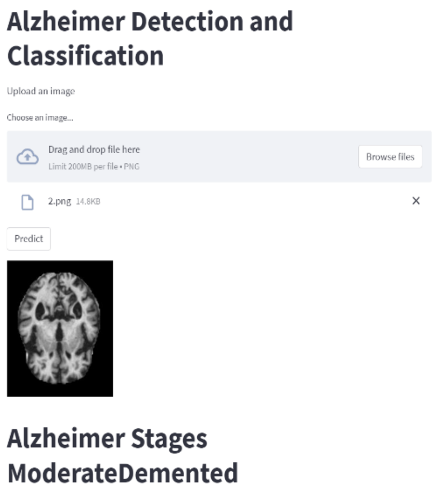

Figure 4: Result of Moderate Level Alzheimer Stage Classification

In this testing of normal and abnormal sample images for the classification on pre trained model with the prediction accuracy value of normal is 1 with no loss value and prediction accuracy value of abnormal is 0.7 with 0.3 was prediction loss.

From the paper deep convolutional neural network based classification of alzheimer's disease using MRI data, the model classifies MRI into three categories: AD, mild cognitive impairment, and normal control; and has achieved 99.89% classification accuracy with imbalanced classes [6]. From this review paper alzheimer's diseases detection by using deep learning algorithms: a mini-review a performance this study reviewed the some of the important related AD datasets and diagnose techniques and detection. This approach is feasible for early-stage neuroimaging research [8]. From the paper early detection of alzheimer's disease using various machine learning a performance gain of 86% is obtained using Soft Voting classifier, wherein 437 cases are analysed in our dataset, eliminating all the ineffective entries. Both the hard voting classifiers and soft voting classifiers are applied on our dataset and achieved an accuracy of 84% and 86%, respectively [9]. From the paper early detection of alzheimer's disease using deep learning techniques a performance mobile net Model can be used for detecting the AD and MCI patients from normal patients as it acquires an accuracy of 85% [10]. In this figure 5.4 our outputs are printed while testing, on the backend. During website creation Stream lit library is used as web framework with incorporate with CSS, Java Script files.

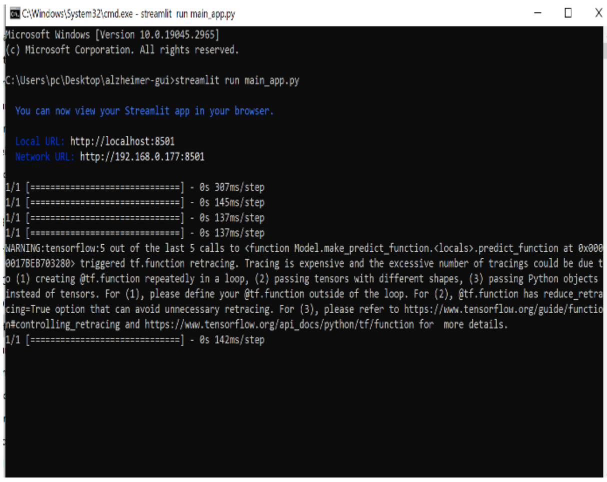

Figure 5: Backend Result of Stages Classification

VII.C ONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

In this project, transfer learning method used for MRI Alzheimer stages classification and abnormal detection. MRI dataset was taken from the clinical diagnostic for normal and abnormal with mild and moderate level Alzheimer stages. Different methodologies proposed by various researchers are considered, all of which show that image processing had a major role in Alzheimer stages detection, but no one touches Alzheimer stages damaged classification. From the performance criteria such as accuracy, loss and this method had been recommended to increase the prognosis. Real-time application based categorization was one of the main factors in the selection of the technique. Diagnosing Alzheimer stages abnormalities was a complex and sensitive task to preciseness, reliability. Experiments show the effectiveness of data augmentation, especially in the case of insufficient training data.

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

There are opportunities for further improvement for this project from both technical and clinical point of view. For instance, on the technical side, adding segmentation constrain to the method when it goes to abnormal condition. Also extend work for various network model for providing optimum results. Furthermore, training and testing on rigidly aligned images might provide more accurate localization. In clinical application, this proposed method will help the patients can easily understand Alzheimer stages with module of hardware.

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