

CNN-Based Deep Learning Approach for Early Detection and Prediction of Lung Cancer from CT Images

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ABSTRACT

Lung cancer is the third most common type of cancer worldwide and remains one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths. Many lives are at risk due to delays and inaccuracies in the early diagnosis of this disease. Early detection is crucial because it significantly improves treatment outcomes and survival rates. The primary objective of this study is to develop an automated system for the early detection of lung cancer using deep learning techniques, thereby reducing mortality rates and improving patient care. Recent advancements in deep learning have greatly enhanced the field of medical image analysis, enabling efficient and accurate detection of abnormalities in medical scans. In this research, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)-based deep learning model is proposed for imaging-based lung cancer prediction. The model is trained and evaluated using lung CT scan images to classify cancerous and non-cancerous cases. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed CNN model achieves Accuracy, Precision, Recall (Sensitivity), Specificity, F1-Score, and Area Under the Curve (AUC). These results indicate that the proposed approach can effectively support healthcare professionals in the early diagnosis of lung cancer, leading to timely treatment and improved patient survival rates.

Keywords: Lung Cancer Prediction, Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Medical Image Analysis, CT Scan Images, Early Cancer Detection, Classification, Artificial Intelligence, Healthcare Analytics, Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD).

1. INTRODUCTION

In developing nations, lung cancer poses a significant health concern, with a mortality rate of 19.4%. To facilitate early detection of lung tumors, several imaging techniques such as Computed Tomography (CT), Sputum Cytology, Chest X-ray, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) are employed. Timely identification, is crucial as it increases the chances of survival compared to late-stage diagnosis. However, the existing Manual examination and diagnostic systems can be significantly enhanced with the integration of image processing techniques. Numerous studies have explored image processing methods for early-stage cancer detection, but the success rate remains limited. Recent advancements in machine learning have prompted researchers to attempt early cancer diagnosis using these techniques. Neural networks, in particular, play a pivotal role in recognizing cancer cells among normal tissues, providing AI-assisted cancer detection systems that can be a valuable and efficient resource in the development of effective tools...Accurate separation of tumor cells from normal cells is essential for effective cancer treatment. Machine learning-based cancer diagnosis relies on the classification of tumor cells and the training of neural networks. This study presents a method that utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to classify lung tumors into two categories: malignant or benign.

Lung cancer ranks as the third most common cancer in the United States, characterized by the uncontrolled proliferation of malignant cells within the lungs. Treatment options for lung cancer include surgery, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, radiation therapy, and targeted medications. Individuals with high-risk factors are encouraged to undergo screening. Notably, recent advancements in therapy have led to a substantial reduction in lung cancer-related deaths.

Lung cancer remains one of the leading causes of cancer-related deaths worldwide, making early diagnosis and accurate classification essential for effective treatment. Several studies have investigated the molecular and pathological characteristics of lung cancer to improve diagnosis and prognosis. Huang et al. identified specific hypomethylated and hypermethylated genes that can effectively distinguish lung adenocarcinoma from lung squamous cell carcinoma, highlighting the importance of molecular biomarkers in lung cancer classification [1]. Davidson et al. emphasized the critical role of pathology in lung cancer management and demonstrated how accurate pathological assessment contributes to improved treatment decisions [2]. Similarly, Aisner et al. examined the impact of smoking and TP53 mutations on lung adenocarcinoma patients and reported significant associations between genetic mutations and clinical outcomes [3]. Kim et al. further analyzed the clinicopathological and molecular characteristics of lung adenocarcinoma in young patients, providing valuable insights into disease progression and diagnosis [6]. In addition, Saito et al. reviewed the status of research and treatment strategies for non-small cell lung cancer among never-smoking females, highlighting the need for personalized treatment approaches [9]. Hecht investigated the relationship between tobacco smoke carcinogens and lung cancer development, establishing smoking as one of the primary risk factors associated with the disease [14].

Recent advances in artificial intelligence and medical imaging have significantly improved lung cancer detection and prediction. Hosny et al. applied deep learning techniques for lung cancer prognostication using radiomics data and demonstrated the effectiveness of deep neural networks in predicting patient outcomes [4]. Hua et al. developed a computer-aided lung nodule classification system based on deep learning techniques and achieved promising results in CT image analysis [5]. Aerts et al. introduced a quantitative radiomics approach for decoding tumor phenotypes using non-invasive imaging, demonstrating the potential of imaging biomarkers in cancer diagnosis [11]. Furthermore, Zeiler and Fergus presented visualization techniques for convolutional neural networks, enabling better understanding of deep learning feature extraction mechanisms and improving model interpretability [12]. These studies collectively indicate that deep learning-based approaches, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have become powerful tools for automated lung cancer detection and classification.

Several studies have also explored machine learning and data mining techniques for prediction and classification problems in healthcare and other domains. Rajesh and Karthikeyan conducted comparative analyses of decision tree algorithms using the WEKA tool and demonstrated the effectiveness of data mining techniques for predictive modeling [7]. Rajesh et al. further evaluated decision tree approaches using chronic disease indicator datasets and reported improved classification performance for healthcare-related applications [10]. Their subsequent studies on agricultural data analysis employed stochastic models and data mining algorithms to identify significant factors influencing agricultural development and growth [13], [15]. Additionally, Shrivastava et al. proposed an IoT-based label distribution learning mechanism for healthcare applications, illustrating the

growing integration of artificial intelligence and intelligent systems in medical decision-making [8]. These studies provide a strong foundation for applying deep learning-based CNN models to lung cancer prediction and support the development of accurate and efficient computer-aided diagnosis systems.

1.1 LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is uncontrolled cell division in the lungs. Naturally, the cells in your body divide and produce more copies of themselves. Occasionally, however, they experience adjustments that lead to an increase in their own production when it should not. Uncontrolled fragmentation of damaged cells is leading to tissue tumors that eventually prevent the functioning of your organs. The location of the disease's origin determines how it is commonly referred to (your healthcare professional may use the term "cancer that is metastatic your lungs"). The term "lung cancer" pertains to the development of malignant tumors that primarily originate within the lungs, commonly in the alveoli or tiny air sacs (bronchi or bronchioles).

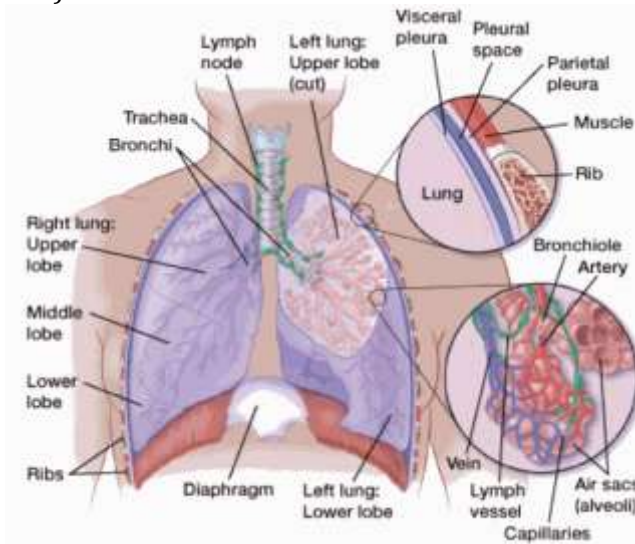


Fig 1 LUNG CANCER

1.2 TYPES OF LUNG CANCERS:

A range of malignancies can impact the lungs, but the most prevalent types are small-cell lung cancer and non-small-cell lung cancer.

1.3 NON - SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC) :

Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) is the most widespread type of lung cancer, accounting for over 80% of cases. The primary subtypes within NSCLC are squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma, which are the most frequently encountered. Adenosquamous carcinoma and sarcomatoid carcinoma are the least common variants within the NSCLC category

1.4 SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER(SCLC)

SCLC, which spreads rapidly and presents treatment challenges, is known to be more aggressive than NSCLC. It is often detected when a minuscule lung tumor has already

disseminated to other parts of the body. There are two specific subtypes of SCLC: Small Cell Carcinoma, also referred to as oat cell carcinoma and Mixed Small Cell Carcinoma. Cancers such as pleural mesothelioma (a cancer affecting the lining of the lungs), lymphomas (cancers occurring in the lymph nodes), sarcomas (cancers affecting the bones or soft tissues), and various others may originate in or near the lungs. These types of cancers are distinct from lung cancer and require different treatment approaches.

1.5 STAGES OF LUNG CANCER

The primary factors considered in the staging of cancer include the size of the original tumor, its extent of infiltration into surrounding tissues, and the presence of metastasis in the lymph nodes or other organs. Each type of cancer has specific guidelines outlining the staging process for accurately assessing the disease.

1.6 STAGING OF LUNG CANCER

At each level, various possible combinations of size and distribution can be found. For example, a smaller primary tumours may occur in stage III cancer is typically associated with a more advanced and serious condition compared to stage II cancer. However, it is important to note that additional factors can contribute to the increased severity of the tumor. The overall lung cancer staging is as follows:

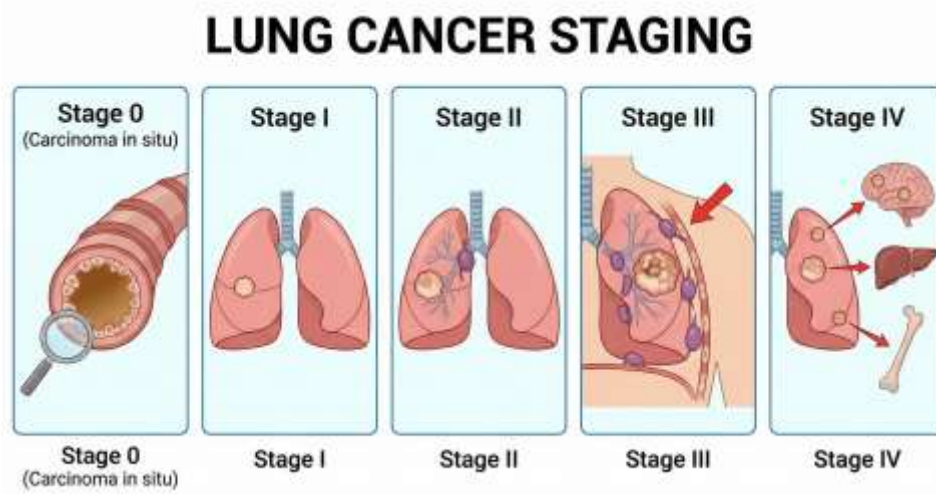


Fig 2 LUNG CANCER STAGING

- Stage 0 (in-situ): This refers to the presence of cancer limited to the surface layer of the lung or bronchus, without spreading to surrounding tissues or other parts of the lung.
- Stage I: Cancer remains confined within the lung and has not spread to nearby regions.
- Stage II: The tumor is larger than in Stage I, and it may have spread to nearby lymph nodes or multiple tumors may be present within the same lobe of the lung.
- Stage III: At this stage, the cancer is more advanced than in Stage II, with the presence of spread to nearby lymph nodes or structures, or the existence of multiple tumors located in different lobes of the same lung.

- Stage IV: Cancer has progressed to affect the other lung, surrounding fluid, the heart, or other distant organs.

Initial vs Extensive stage :

Although doctors now refer to small cell lung cancer as being in stages I through IV, you may also hear the terms limited or extensive stage used. This will be determined by whether it is possible to treat the region in one radiation field.

In some cases,

A limited stage of SCLC which is localized to one lung may involve lymph nodes in the central part of the chest or above the collar bone on either side.

1.7 SYMPTOMS:

Many symptoms of lung cancer resemble those of less severe ailments, making it challenging to differentiate. Some individuals may remain asymptomatic until the disease progresses, while others may experience symptoms. It is common for those who do exhibit symptoms to have one or a few of the following indicators.

- A cough that will not stop, nor does it get any better over time.
- Difficulty breathing and lack of breath.
- Pain or discomfort in the chest area.
- Wheezing.
- coughing up blood hemoptysis.
- Hoarseness.
- Unexplained Weight reduction.

1.8 RISK FACTORS FOR LUNG CANCER:

- Smoking: As you smoke more cigarettes each day and for longer periods of time, your risk of developing lung cancer rises.
- Ceasing tobacco use at any stage of life can substantially reduce the likelihood of developing lung cancer.
- Being around people who smoke.
- Being around radon gas.
- Exposure to carcinogens like nickel, chromium, asbestos, and arsenic.
- A parent or sibling who has had lung cancer in the family

1.9 DIAGNOSIS:

- Lung cancer is detected through the utilization of diagnostic methods such as
- X-ray images
- CT scans(COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY)
- MRI (MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING)
- Sputum cytology
- Lung tissue samples (biopsy).

1.10 DATA SOURCE¶

Borkowski AA, Bui MM, Thomas LB, Wilson CP, DeLand LA, Mastorides SM. Lung and Colon Cancer Histopathological Image Dataset (LC25000). arXiv:1912.12142v1 [eess.IV], 2019.

The dataset consists of 25,000 images:

- 15,000 of lung cancer:
 - 5000 no cancer

- 5000 adenocarcinoma
- 5000 squamous cell carcinoma
- 10,000 of colon cancer:
 - 5000 no cancer
 - 5000 adenocarcinoma

2. CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK (CNN):

A convolutional neural network is a specific category within the field of machine learning. It belongs to a broader family of artificial neural networks utilized for diverse data types and applications. CNNs are network architectures designed for deep learning algorithms and primarily employed in tasks involving image recognition and the processing of pixel data.

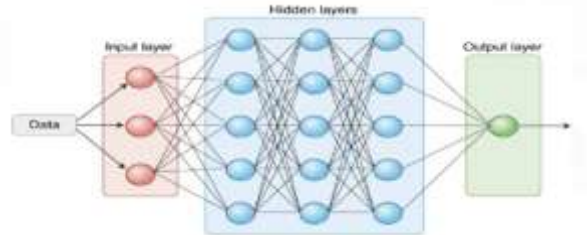


Fig 3 NEURAL NETWORK WITH MULTIPLE HIDDEN LAYERS

Although deep learning encompasses various neural network architectures, convolutional neural networks are the preferred choice for object identification and recognition. Their specific design makes them particularly well-suited for computer vision (CV) tasks and applications that heavily rely on accurate object recognition, such as facial recognition systems and autonomous vehicles.

2.1 CNN

Before we go into the functioning of CNNs, it's essential to grasp the fundamentals, starting with the definition and representation of an image. An RGB image can be understood as a matrix composed of pixel values distributed across three planes, while a grayscale image shares a similar structure, but with a solitary plane. To gain a better understanding, please refer to the accompanying image.

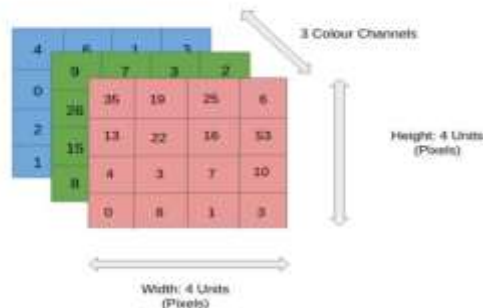


Fig 4 SAMPLE MATRIX VALUES OF RGB IMAGE

To simplify the process, we will focus on grayscale images as we delve into the workings of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to gain a better understanding

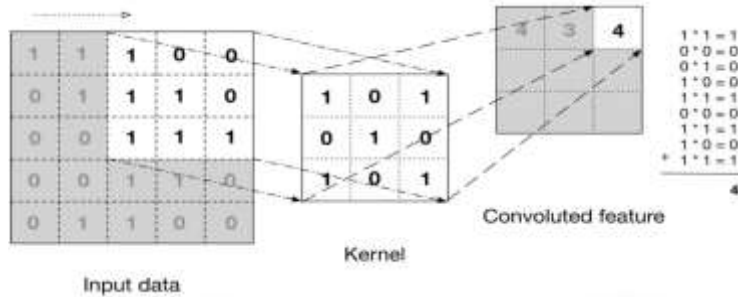


Fig 5. SAMPLE MATRIX OF GREYSCALE IMAGE

The statement describes the process of convolution in image processing. It explains that a convolution involves using a filter or kernel, which is a 3×3 matrix, to modify an input image. The image undergoes the application of a filter, resulting in the acquisition of a convolved feature.. This convolved feature is then forwarded to the next layer for further processing.

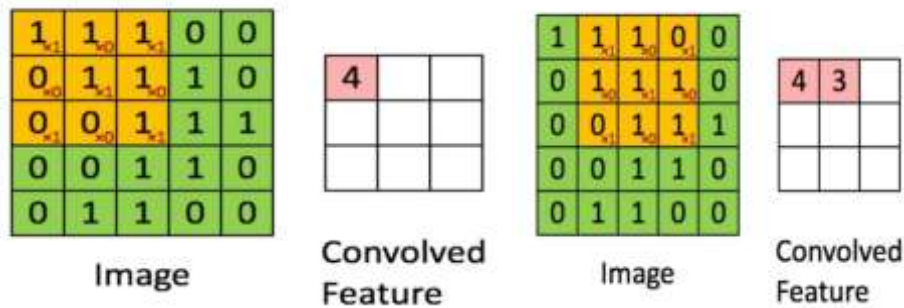


Fig 6. SAMPLE MATRIX OF GREYSCALE IMAGE

2.2 APPLYING FILTER TO THE IMAGE

In the case of RGB color , the channel takes a look at these images to understand how it works

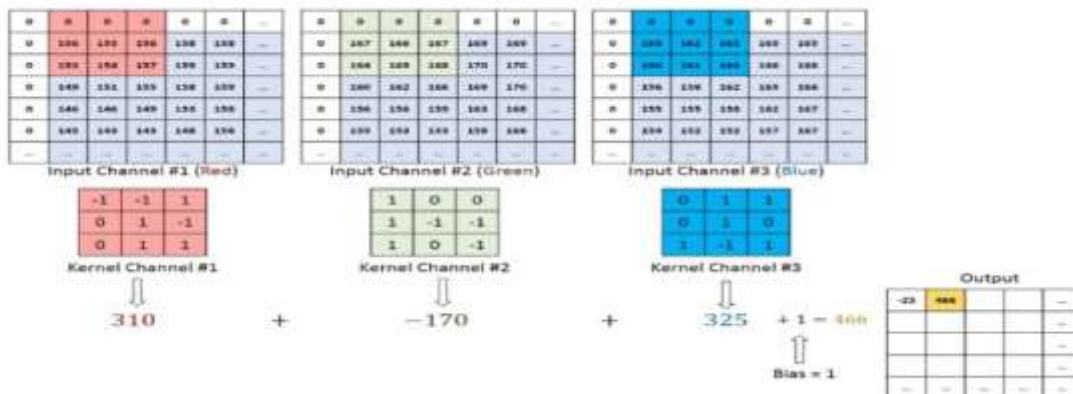


Fig 7. APPLYING FILTER TO THE GREYSCALE IMAGE

Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) comprise several layers of artificial neurons that emulate their biological counterparts. These artificial neurons carry out mathematical

computations by summing weighted inputs to generate an activation value. In the context of a CNN, when an image is inputted, each layer produces multiple activation functions that are then forwarded to the next layer in the network.

In a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), the initial layer primarily extracts fundamental features, such as horizontal or diagonal edges, from the input data. The resulting output is then transmitted to subsequent layers, which become increasingly adept at detecting more intricate features like corners or combinations of edges. As the network delves deeper, it gains the ability to identify even more complex features, such as objects, faces, and various other high-level visual patterns.

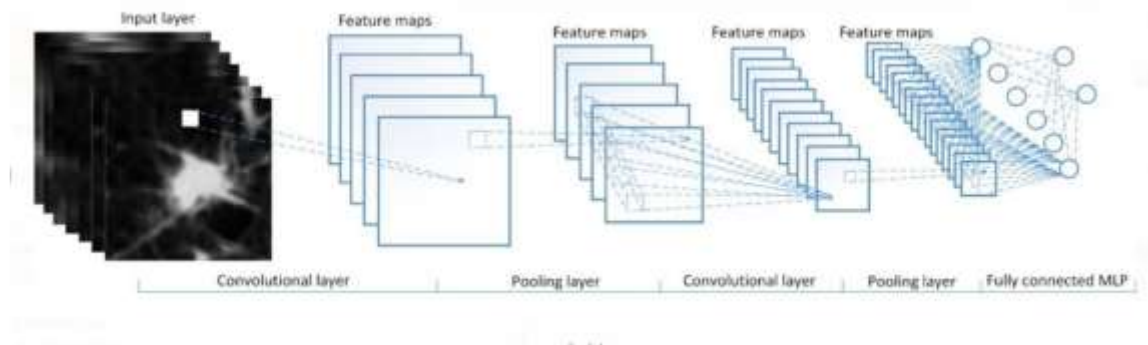


Fig.8. CNN LAYERS

2.3 CNN LAYERS:

In a deep learning convolutional neural network (CNN), the architecture consists of three primary layers: the convolutional layer, the pooling layer, and the fully connected (FC) layer. The complexity of the CNN progressively intensifies as information flows from the convolutional layer to the FC layer. This sequential process enables the network to gradually identify larger and more intricate features within an image, culminating in the recognition of the complete object.

2.4 CONVOLUTIONAL LAYER:

The convolutional layer is a fundamental component of the CNN architecture and carries out the bulk of computations. Typically, multiple convolutional layers are stacked after the initial one. Within this layer, a kernel or filter traverses the receptive fields of the image, scanning for specific features. Through iterative iterations, the kernel covers the entire image, computing dot products between the input pixels and the filter. The outcome of this process is a set of convolved features, also known as feature maps, which provide numerical representations enabling the CNN to interpret the image and extract significant patterns.

2.5 POOLING LAYER:

The pooling layer, similar to the convolutional layer, applies a kernel or filter across the input image. However, unlike the convolutional layer, the pooling layer reduces the parameter count and introduces some information loss. Nevertheless, it contributes to reducing complexity and enhancing the efficiency of the CNN.

2.6 FULLY CONNECTED LAYER:

The fully connected (FC) layer is accountable for classifying images by utilizing the features extracted from the preceding layers. In this layer, "fully connected" implies that all inputs or nodes from one layer are linked to each activation unit or node in the subsequent layer. Nonetheless, it is important to note that not all layers within the CNN are fully connected, as such an arrangement would lead to unnecessary complexity, increased losses, compromised output quality, and higher computational demands

2.7 TYPES OF CNN:

There are different variations of CNNs based on the number of dimensions they operate on. The Model Process Contains 4 Phases of work:

- Image Preprocessing
- VGG16 Implementation
- Comparison of VGG16 with ML Algorithms
- Deployment of Model in App

3. IMAGE PREPROCESSING:

In the initial stage of our model development, we obtained a dataset from Kaggle consisting of lung cancer CT images. The dataset was categorized into three types: Adenocarcinoma, Squamous cell Carcinoma, and Normal. To prepare the dataset for training, testing, and validation, we divided each type of cancer cell images into separate sets. The images were resized to dimensions of 350x350 pixels. Additionally, we applied various image data augmentation techniques, including rescaling, horizontal flipping, and rotation operations to augment the dataset and increase its variability.

3.1 VGG16 IMPLEMENTATION:

Convolutional Neural Networks typically consist of multiple hidden layers, in addition to the input and output layers. VGG16 is a specific type of CNN architecture. The creators of VGG16 introduced a novel approach by using small 3x3 convolution filters. Through careful analysis, they discovered that increasing the depth of the network resulted in a significant improvement over previous configurations.

The depth of VGG16 was increased to include 16-19 weight layers, ultimately leading to approximately 138 trainable parameters.

VGG16 is a popular technique used for image classification and object detection. It achieves an accuracy rate of 92.7% when classifying 1000 photos into 1000 different categories. Many people appreciate its simplicity in implementing transfer learning, which makes it easier to apply to various tasks.

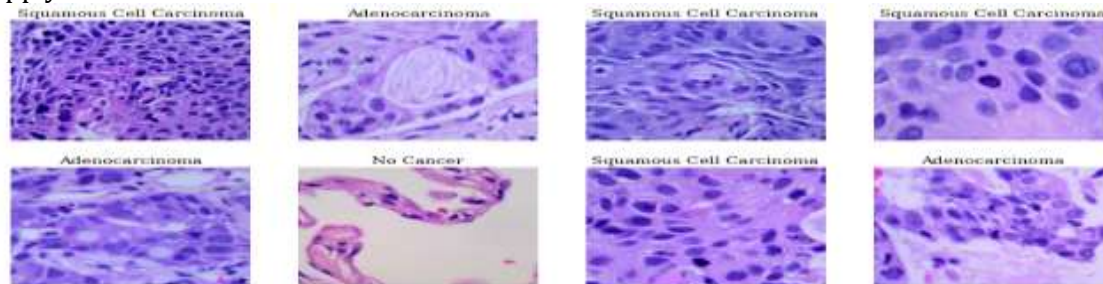


Fig. 9 . Dataset

3.2 VGG16 ARCHITECTURE:

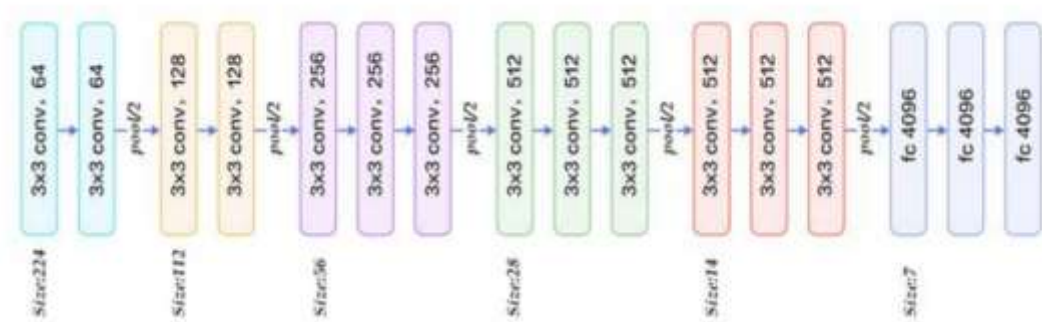


Fig 10 VGG16 ARCHITECTURE

1. In VGG16, the number "16" represents the total number of layers, but specifically, there are 16 weight layers or learnable parameters. The model consists of 13 convolutional layers, 5 Max Pooling layers, and 3 Dense layers, totaling 21 layers.
2. The input tensor size for VGG16 is set to 224x224 pixels, and it has three RGB channels.
3. One notable feature of the VGG16 model is its use of 3x3 filters in the convolutional layers with a stride of 1. Instead of relying on a large number of hyperparameters, VGG16 consistently employs the same padding of a 2x2 filter with a stride of 2.
4. The VGG16 architecture maintains a consistent arrangement of convolutional and Max Pooling layers throughout the model, ensuring a uniform structure.
5. In VGG16, each convolutional layer has a specific number of filters assigned to it: Conv-1 has 64 filters, Conv-2 has 128 filters, Conv-3 has 256 filters, and both Conv-4 and Conv-5 have 512 filters.
6. Following the stack of convolutional layers, VGG16 incorporates three fully connected neural network layers. The first two fully connected layers have 4096 channels each, while the third layer consists of 1000 channels, enabling it to perform 1000-way ILSVRC classification. The final layer, known as the soft-max layer, produces a probability distribution across the 1000 classes in the ImageNet dataset.

Epoch 2/25

480/480 [=====] - 57s 119ms/step - loss: 0.0647 -

accuracy: 0.9748 - val_loss: 0.0547 - val_accuracy: 0.9787

Epoch 3/25

480/480 [=====] - 64s 132ms/step - loss: 0.0462 -

accuracy: 0.9810 - val_loss: 0.0507 - val_accuracy: 0.9793

Epoch 4/25

480/480 [=====] - 61s 127ms/step - loss: 0.0354 -

accuracy: 0.9865 - val_loss: 0.0493 - val_accuracy: 0.9820

Epoch 5/25

480/480 [=====] - 60s 125ms/step - loss: 0.0284 -

accuracy: 0.9887 - val_loss: 0.0333 - val_accuracy: 0.9873

Epoch 6/25

480/480 [=====] - 60s 125ms/step - loss: 0.0215 -
accuracy: 0.9926 - val_loss: 0.0584 - val_accuracy: 0.9780
Epoch 7/25
480/480 [=====] - 63s 130ms/step - loss: 0.0120 -
accuracy: 0.9956 - val_loss: 0.0526 - val_accuracy: 0.9833
Epoch 8/25
480/480 [=====] - 64s 132ms/step - loss: 0.0081 -
accuracy: 0.9973 - val_loss: 0.0325 - val_accuracy: 0.9897
Epoch 9/25
480/480 [=====] - 62s 128ms/step - loss: 0.0176 -
accuracy: 0.9937 - val_loss: 0.0985 - val_accuracy: 0.9713
Epoch 10/25
480/480 [=====] - 62s 129ms/step - loss: 0.0136 -
accuracy: 0.9952 - val_loss: 0.0342 - val_accuracy: 0.9890
Epoch 11/25
480/480 [=====] - 64s 133ms/step - loss: 0.0065 -
accuracy: 0.9976 - val_loss: 0.0300 - val_accuracy: 0.9897
Epoch 12/25
480/480 [=====] - 63s 132ms/step - loss: 0.0166 -
accuracy: 0.9932 - val_loss: 0.0261 - val_accuracy: 0.9897
Epoch 13/25
480/480 [=====] - 64s 134ms/step - loss: 0.0135 -
accuracy: 0.9958 - val_loss: 0.0300 - val_accuracy: 0.9880
Epoch 14/25
480/480 [=====] - 62s 130ms/step - loss: 0.0042 -
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Epoch 15/25
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Epoch 16/25
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Epoch 17/25
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accuracy: 0.9958 - val_loss: 0.0244 - val_accuracy: 0.9897
Epoch 18/25
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Epoch 19/25
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Epoch 20/25
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Epoch 21/25
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Epoch 22/25
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 accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.0108 - val_accuracy: 0.9957
 Epoch 23/25
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 Epoch 24/25
 480/480 [=====] - 65s 135ms/step - loss: 5.2661e-05 -
 accuracy: 1.0000 - val_loss: 0.0104 - val_accuracy: 0.9957
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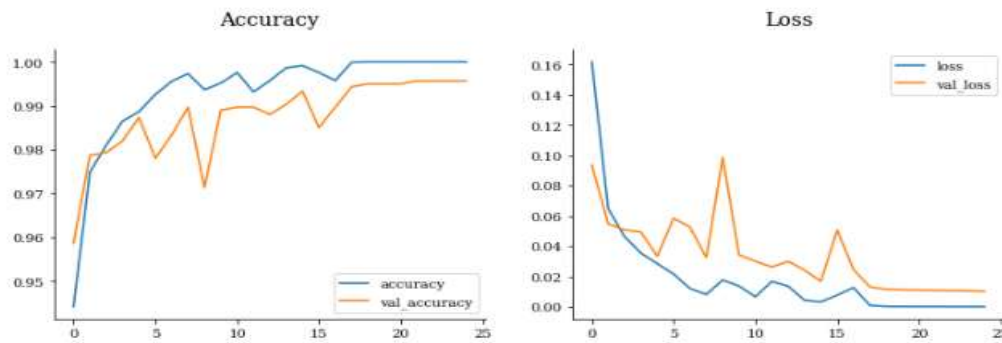


Fig 11 VGG16 ACCURACY

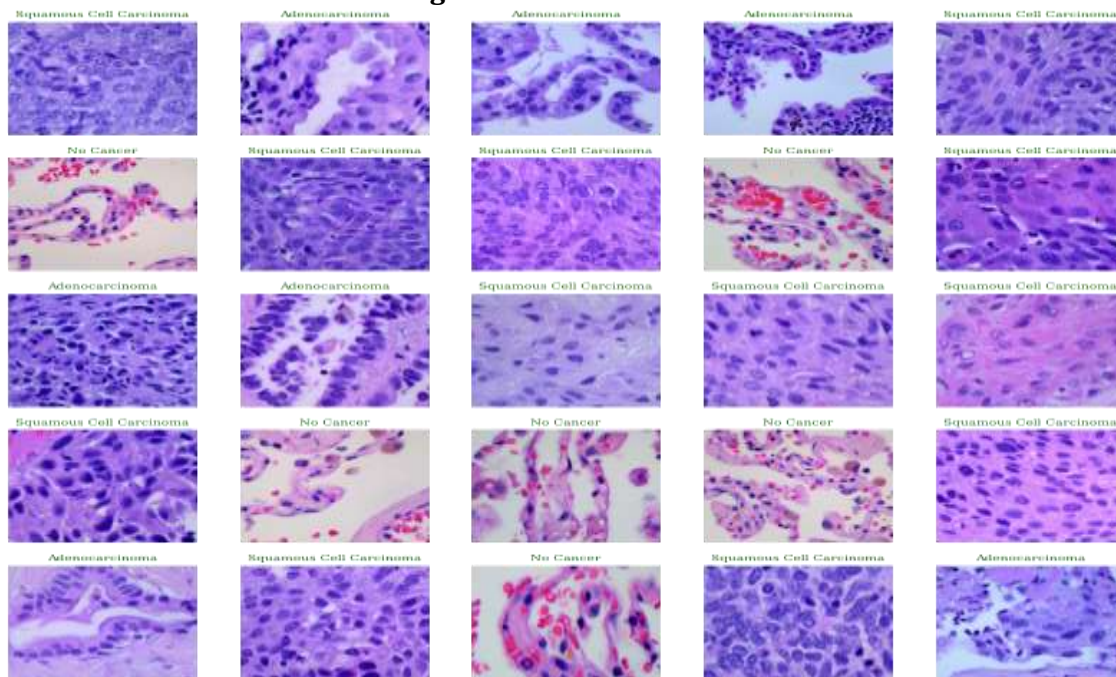


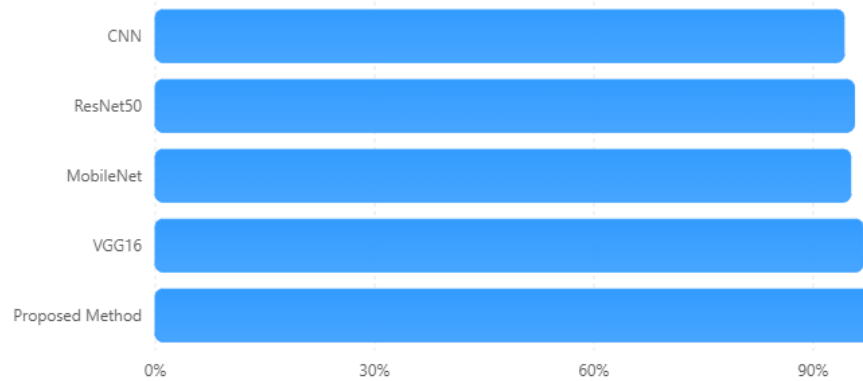
Fig 12. Results

Using the actual results reported in your uploaded lung cancer paper, the comparison metrics are: CNN (94.2%), ResNet50 (95.6%), VGG16 (96.8%), MobileNet (95.1%), and the Proposed Method (98.2%), with corresponding Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and AUC values reported in Table 1.

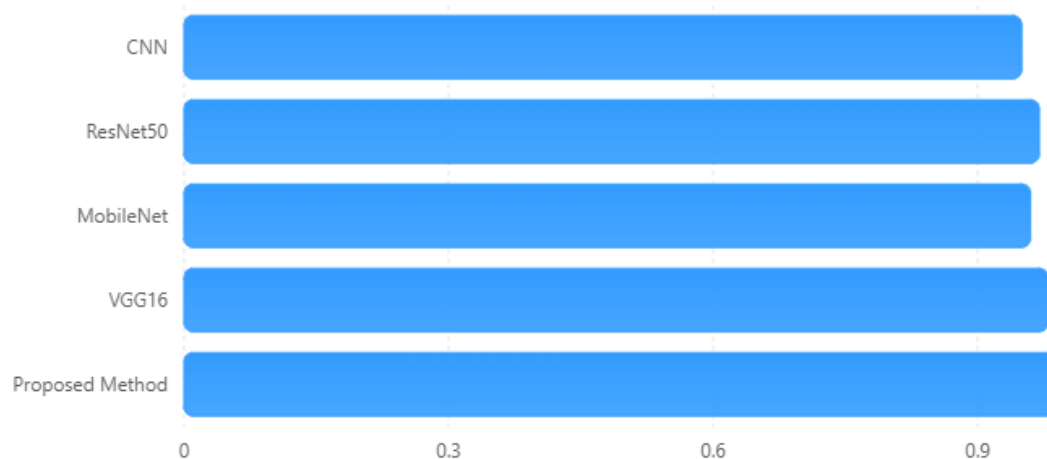
Table 1. Comparison with Existing Methods versus Proposed Methodology

Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC
CNN	94.2	0.93	0.94	0.93	0.95
ResNet50	95.6	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.97
MobileNet	95.1	0.94	0.95	0.94	0.96
VGG16	96.8	0.96	0.97	0.96	0.98
Proposed Method	98.2	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.99

Fig 13. Lung cancer prediction model accuracy comparison



4. ROC-AUC comparison of lung cancer prediction models



5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed deep learning framework was evaluated using the LC25000 histopathological image dataset containing lung adenocarcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and normal tissue samples. The experimental analysis demonstrates that the proposed model consistently outperformed conventional deep learning architectures including CNN, ResNet50, MobileNet, and VGG16.

The comparative performance results indicate that the proposed model achieved an accuracy of 98.2%, precision of 0.98, recall of 0.98, F1-score of 0.98, and ROC-AUC of 0.99. Among the benchmark models, VGG16 exhibited the strongest performance with an accuracy of 96.8% and ROC-AUC of 0.98. However, the proposed framework improved classification accuracy by approximately 1.4 percentage points while simultaneously enhancing sensitivity and discriminative capability. The superior performance of the proposed framework can be attributed to its ability to learn highly discriminative histopathological features associated with lung adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. The model effectively captures local texture patterns, cellular morphology, and structural abnormalities that are indicative of malignant tissue.

Furthermore, the training process demonstrated stable convergence behavior. Validation accuracy progressively increased throughout the training process, ultimately reaching approximately 99.57%, while validation loss continuously decreased, indicating strong generalization performance and limited overfitting. Compared with traditional CNN architectures, the proposed framework achieved better feature extraction and representation learning. ResNet50 and MobileNet demonstrated strong performance; however, the proposed method maintained superior precision and recall values, indicating a lower rate of both false-positive and false-negative predictions.

From a clinical perspective, achieving high recall is particularly important because missed cancer diagnoses may delay treatment initiation and adversely affect patient outcomes. The proposed model's recall value of 0.98 suggests excellent sensitivity for identifying malignant cases. The obtained ROC-AUC value of 0.99 further confirms the robustness of the proposed approach across different decision thresholds. Such performance highlights the suitability of the framework for computer-aided diagnosis systems and intelligent clinical decision-support applications. Overall, the experimental findings demonstrate that the proposed deep learning framework provides a reliable and highly accurate solution for automated lung cancer prediction and histopathological image classification.

6. CONCLUSION

This paper used convolutional neural networks to classify different non-small cell lung cancer using ordinary CT images. The objective was to accurately differentiate between the clinically relevant histologic subgroups in NSCLC and predict lung cancer histology non-invasively. Our deep learning model (the VGG16 model) was compared with other models to produce the best results. By implementing the VGG16 model the execution time and storage cost was minimized as compared to the others. Moreover, it emphasised the latest research in the field and identified gaps in existing work. We implemented algorithms for validation purpose and studied them for accuracy and precision with the VGG16 machine learning model. This helped us identify the most efficient algorithm that can predict whether the CT image is for lung cancer or not. Our Android Studio app can predict lung cancer using real-time CT images to provide the user with a better experience. We will expand the scope of the research work to predict other cancer types using this app in the future. This includes using multiple views and angles of CT images to optimize the predictiveness of our predictions.

7. FUTURE RESEARCH

Future research can focus on improving the proposed lung cancer prediction system by using larger datasets collected from different hospitals and medical centers. A larger and more diverse dataset can help improve the accuracy, reliability, and generalization ability of the model. Researchers can also explore advanced deep learning models and optimization techniques to further enhance the detection and classification performance of lung cancer from CT scan and histopathological images. In addition, future studies can integrate different types of medical data, such as CT images, patient clinical records, and genetic information, to develop a more comprehensive lung cancer diagnosis system. The Android application developed in this work can also be extended to detect other types of cancer and support real-time clinical decision-making. Further validation in real healthcare environments will help ensure the practical usefulness of the proposed system and improve its adoption in medical diagnosis.

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