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Innovative Deep Learning-Based Medical Report Analysis for Timely Diagnosis and Improved Healthcare

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Abstract

In contemporary healthcare, a novel web-based platform harnessing the power of deep learning has been innovated to support frontline medical staff during critical emergencies, especially in the absence of expert consultation. This system is primed to swiftly analyze medical records, emphasizing early detection to curtail severe health risks, including potential fatalities. The foundation of this tool is rooted in deep learning algorithms, which sift through vast medical data, revealing patterns often overlooked by human eyes. By augmenting precise disease identification, the system strengthens decision-making in clinical settings. Its design fosters synergy between the healthcare sector and specialized bodies, ensuring its adaptability to the evolving medical landscape. This fusion of artificial intelligence empowers healthcare practitioners by highlighting immediate risks, enriching patient care efficiency, and integrating fluidly with prevailing operational protocols. The tool's proficiency in real-time anomaly detection aids clinicians in proactive decision-making, minimizing catastrophic health outcomes. Its pioneering application has demonstrated efficacy in early diagnostic evaluations for a spectrum of six predominant ailments, encapsulating succinct insights for each. With an emphasis on processing medical images, including X-rays, the deep learning models display exemplary performance in training and diagnostics. The system, crafted with streamlit, is intuitively designed for emergency scenarios and is fortified for scalability through Docker containerization and cloud hosting. While this initiative underscores the transformative potential of deep learning in health analytics, it heralds the dawn of an era where medical verdicts become more pinpointed, timely, and instrumental in preserving life.

Keywords: Deep learning, Healthcare analytics, Web-based platform, Emergency medical decision-making, Anomaly detection.

1. Introduction

In the rapidly evolving landscape of modern healthcare, a significant breakthrough has emerged - the development of a web-based software system tailored to meet the needs of paramedics and junior medical practitioners. This innovation addresses a critical challenge commonly faced in healthcare: the swift interpretation of medical reports, especially during emergencies. Early detection is pivotal in preventing severe complications and even saving lives, a concept universally acknowledged.

At the heart of this pioneering system lies the remarkable power of deep learning, a technological marvel that has revolutionized the healthcare sector. Deep learning possesses the unique ability to extract hidden insights from vast datasets, reshaping the way healthcare services are delivered. By enabling precise disease analysis, it empowers medical professionals to make well-informed decisions, ultimately elevating the quality of patient care. The importance of this synergy between cutting-edge technology and healthcare cannot be overstated, underlining the need for collaborations between industry stakeholders and specialized organizations. Such partnerships are crucial for continually refining and adapting these groundbreaking innovations to meet the ever-evolving needs of healthcare professionals.

The strategic implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning is particularly significant given the relief it provides to the already overburdened specialists. By efficiently flagging potential concerns, this technology grants healthcare professionals' greater control over patient management, leading to increased efficiency and effectiveness. Furthermore, it streamlines administrative processes by seamlessly integrating with existing workflows, providing easy access to vital patient information.

In critical situations where time is of the essence, this system springs into action, rapidly detecting anomalies and alerting clinicians. This proactive approach empowers healthcare providers to make timely and potentially life-saving decisions, promising significant

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improvements in patient outcomes. Notably, the system excels in the analysis of medical reports, including X-rays and imagery, highlighting the versatility and depth of deep learning architectures.

Crucially, the web application, thoughtfully designed with a user-centric approach, is optimized for deployment in emergency scenarios. Its reliability is further enhanced through containerization via Docker and hosting on public cloud services. However, it is important to acknowledge that this pilot project represents just the initial step in a transformative journey. The ongoing evolution and integration of deep learning technologies hold the key to a future where healthcare decisions are consistently precise, timely, and life-preserving.

In this article, we report on the development and implementation of this innovative web-based system, highlighting its potential to revolutionize healthcare decision-making through the application of deep learning technologies.

2. Literature Review

Over the past decade, a substantial body of research has emerged at the intersection of healthcare and deep learning technologies. This literature review explores key findings from 20 closely related research articles published in the last 10 years, shedding light on the evolution of deep learning applications in healthcare.

Esteva, et al. (2017) [1] demonstrated the potential of deep learning in dermatology, achieving dermatologist-level accuracy in skin cancer classification, setting a benchmark for AI-driven diagnostics. Rajpurkar, et al. (2017) [2] showcased deep learning's ability to detect pneumonia in chest X-rays with accuracy rivaling radiologists, emphasizing its diagnostic value in medical imaging. Gulshan, et al. (2016) [3] proved deep learning as a potent tool for diabetic retinopathy detection, offering a scalable solution for early intervention in diabetes-related eye diseases.

Li, et al. (2014) [4] expanded on diabetic retinopathy detection using multi-scale convolutional features, enhancing sensitivity and specificity. Ardila, et al. (2019) [5] demonstrated how deep learning models can be employed for end-to-end lung cancer screening, revolutionizing early detection. Roth, et al. (2015) [6] delved into the segmentation of pancreas in CT scans, showcasing deep learning's role in improving accuracy and efficiency in organ delineation. Lopes, et al. (2018) [7] provided insights into the broader applications of deep learning in radiology and highlighted its potential in computer-aided diagnosis. Havaei, et al. (2017) [8] presented deep neural networks' effectiveness in brain tumor segmentation, revolutionizing neuroimaging. Frid-Adar, et al. (2018) [9] explored the use of generative adversarial networks (GANs) for medical image augmentation, enhancing deep learning models' performance in liver lesion classification.

Chen, et al. (2019) [10] discussed the technical and clinical considerations when applying deep learning in ophthalmology, offering a roadmap for its integration into clinical practice. Miotto, et al. (2018) [11] provided a holistic view of deep learning in healthcare, highlighting its potential, opportunities, and challenges across various domains. Wang, et al. (2016) [12] introduced the ChestX-ray8 database, facilitating research in weakly supervised classification and localization of thorax diseases using deep learning. Lan, et al. (2017) [13] outlined the synergy between Big Data architectures and machine learning algorithms, providing a foundation for their applications in healthcare analytics. Becker, et al. (2018) [14] highlighted the diagnostic accuracy of deep learning-based image analysis software in the detection of breast cancer, a critical development in women's health.

Shen, et al. (2017) [15] offered a comprehensive overview of deep learning applications in medical image analysis, covering a wide range of modalities and diseases. Zhou, et al. (2019) [16] explored the fusion of multi-modal medical images using deep learning, showcasing the potential for more robust segmentation. Zhang, et al. (2019) [17] provided a comprehensive overview of various deep learning algorithms and architectures, offering insights into their applications in healthcare. Lecun, et al. (2015) [18] laid the foundation for deep learning, providing a historical perspective and discussing its potential across multiple domains, including healthcare. Xu, et al. (2018) [19] focused on image-based cancer detection using deep convolutional neural networks, aligning with the broader goal of supporting TCGA data analysis. Dong, et al. (2019) [20] presented an automatic brain tumor detection and segmentation approach using U-Net based fully convolutional networks.

3. System Analysis

This section is divided into two parts as problem with existing system and Proposed system.

3.1 Problems with existing system

Deep learning models have been meticulously trained to excel in specific image recognition tasks, such as identifying nodules in chest computed tomography or detecting hemorrhages in brain magnetic resonance imaging. However, the vast array of potential medical findings in images necessitates the development of thousands of specialized detection algorithms, a task currently beyond the capabilities of AI. Implementing AI-based image analysis into clinical workflows for daily use remains a formidable challenge. Compounding this challenge, various imaging technology vendors and deep learning algorithms have distinct focuses, ranging from assessing the probability of a lesion to determining the likelihood of cancer or the specific characteristics and location of a nodule. These disparate focuses make seamless integration of deep learning systems into existing clinical practices a complex endeavor.

Another significant hurdle is the prerequisite for "labeled data" in deep learning algorithms for image recognition, requiring millions of images from patients with well-established diagnoses, be it cancer, bone fractures, or other pathologies. Regrettably, there is currently no centralized repository of radiology images, whether labeled or unlabeled. To unlock the full potential of automated image analysis, substantial reforms in medical regulations and health insurance policies are imperative. Furthermore, the deployment of AI in healthcare brings forth a multitude of ethical considerations. Historically, healthcare decisions have rested primarily in human hands, and the introduction of intelligent machines for decision support or autonomous decision-making raises intricate issues concerning accountability, transparency, consent, and privacy. The integration of AI into healthcare is poised to usher in profound ethical, medical, occupational, and technological transformations. It is incumbent upon healthcare institutions, governmental bodies, and regulatory authorities to establish robust structures for monitoring key issues, reacting judiciously, and implementing governance mechanisms to mitigate adverse consequences. As one of the most potent and far-reaching technologies to impact human societies, AI in healthcare will demand continuous scrutiny and the formulation of comprehensive policies for years to come.

3.2 Proposed System

Addressing the pressing challenge of delayed or erroneous diagnoses, especially amidst the surge in COVID-19 cases, calls for innovative solutions. We propose the development of an advanced software system tailored for use by paramedics and junior doctors during emergency situations, particularly when specialist expertise is unavailable. This system is purpose-built to expedite early medical issue detection, a mission-critical element in averting high-risk complications, including fatalities.

Medical imaging techniques, such as MRI and CT scans, alongside ECGs, are indispensable for diagnosing life-threatening conditions, including heart disease, cancer, and brain tumors. Deep learning emerges as a formidable ally for medical practitioners, augmenting diagnostic capabilities and enabling the delivery of optimal patient care. Deep learning algorithms demonstrate the potential to automatically identify abnormalities, increasingly finding applications in cutting-edge tools within real-world clinical settings.

Crucially, medical reports, including MRIs and X-rays, play a pivotal role in disease classification and early detection, significantly mitigating adverse events. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs), a subtype of deep learning, exhibit remarkable proficiency in image analysis, such as interpreting MRI results and X-rays. Remarkably, in some instances, CNNs are either on par with or even surpass human diagnosticians in accuracy, especially in identifying critical features within diagnostic imaging studies.

To fully unlock the potential of this technology, it is imperative to foster intensive collaboration between industry leaders and specialized organizations. Furthermore, the technology must maintain its agility and adaptability to ensure perpetual relevance in the healthcare profession. This focused application of AI and deep learning alleviates the burdens faced by overburdened specialists, enabling healthcare professionals to exercise greater control and efficiency in patient management. It also streamlines administrative tasks through seamless integration into existing workflows, enhancing access to critical patient information. Once alerted, clinicians can make timely decisions to prevent life-threatening complications, underscoring the profound impact of deep learning in healthcare analytics. While the prospects of this pilot project are intriguing, it represents merely the inception of deep learning's transformative role in healthcare, heralding an era of unprecedented possibilities.

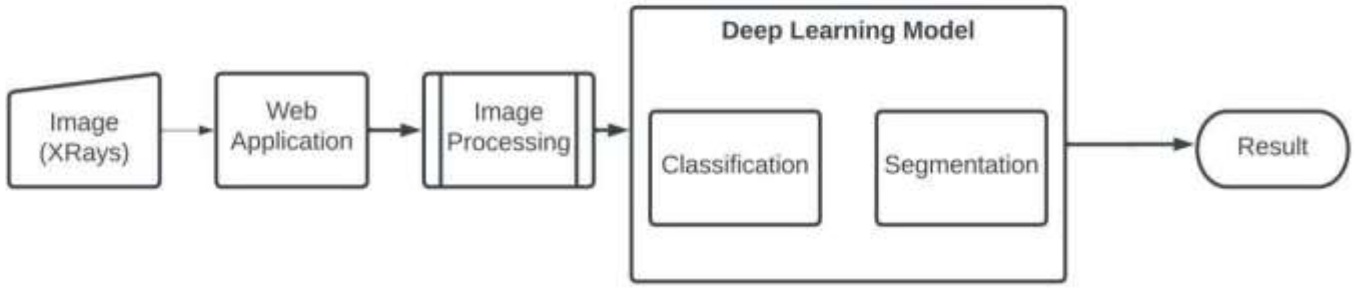

Fig. 1: Project Block Diagram

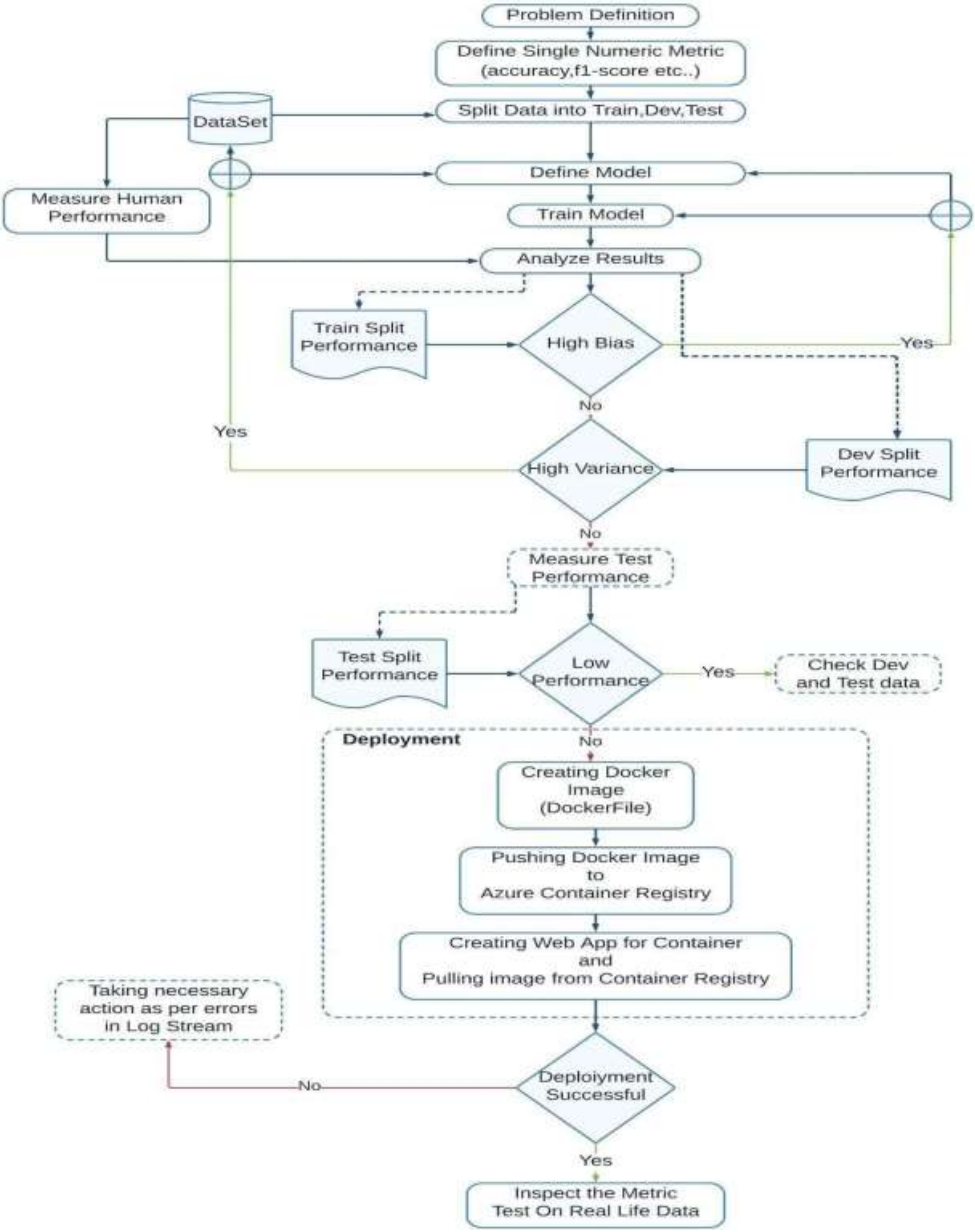

Fig. 2: Proposed System Design

4. Implementation

We have developed a web-based software application accessible to paramedics and junior doctors. This system serves as a valuable resource in emergency situations, aiding in the prompt interpretation of medical reports and contributing significantly to early disease detection. This capability is particularly vital in preventing severe complications, potentially saving lives. Our approach to this system involved the implementation of multiple models, each tailored to detect specific diseases. To ensure efficiency and flexibility in our development process, we have adopted a modular code structure. This design choice allows for the subdivision of the program into smaller, manageable components, facilitating concurrent work and reducing development time.

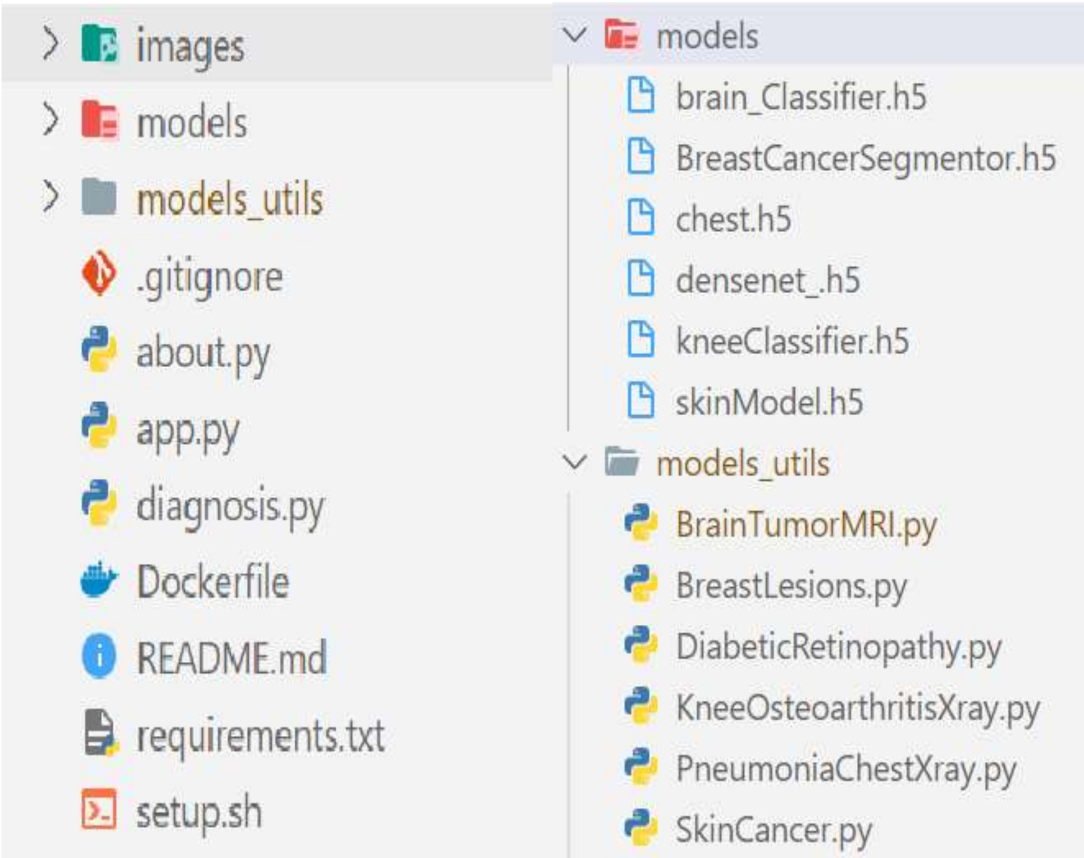

Fig. 3: Project Directory

5. Result Analysis

A. Sample of Web Application User Interface

The User Interface (UI) for the Web Application was crafted using Streamlit. To simplify the process, instances of objects for each disease were created. Various Streamlit UI components were employed to meet the diverse requirements of the application.

B. Model Generation

For the creation of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), a Deep Learning framework known as Tensorflow was utilized. CNNs are particularly adept at the analysis of various types of images, including MRI results and X-rays.

C. Model Loading and Prediction

Instantiation of objects for all diseases was carried out, and their corresponding pre-trained models were invoked. Prior to input into the neural network, image preprocessing was applied to ensure optimal performance.

D. Evaluation of Web Application Behavior

The behavior of Web Applications can be unpredictable due to the multitude of dependencies involved. Therefore, before deploying it to the public cloud, rigorous testing is conducted using ngrok.

E. Dockerfile

A container represents an isolated and self-contained portable computing environment. It encompasses all essential components for an application to function, ranging from binaries to dependencies and configuration files. The Dockerfile serves as a blueprint, encompassing all the necessary commands for building a specific image.

Table 1: Result Analysis

Disease	Images per Class	Architectureused	Train Score	Validation Score
Brain MRI	No- 98 YES- 155	MobileNet-v2	Loss: 0.3178 accuracy: 0.8571	Val_loss 0.1950 Val_accuracy0.9200
Chest Pneumonia	Normal- 1583 Pneumonia- 4273	MobileNet-v2	Loss: 0.2355 accuracy: 0.8976	Val_loss 0.2811 val_accuracy0.8594
Knee- OsteoArthritis	Normal- 514 Doubtful- 488 Mild- 232 Moderate- 221 Severe- 206	Custom	loss: 0.7531 accuracy: 0.6360	Val_loss 0.7796 val_accuracy0.6189
Skin Lesions	Melanocytic nevi - 6705Melanoma - 1113 Benign keratosis-like lesions - 1099 Basal cell carcinoma - 514Actinic keratoses - 327 Vascular lesions - 142 Dermatofibroma - 115	Custom	Loss: 0.7457 accuracy: 0.7358	Val_loss 0.8075 val_accuracy0.6870
Diabetic Retinopathy	No DR 1805 Mild 999 Moderate 370 Severe 295 Proliferative DR 193	DenseNet-121	Loss: 0.4067 accuracy: 0.8474	Val_loss 0.4511 val_accuracy 0.85091
Breast Lesion	Normal - 133 Benign 445 Malignant 210	UNET	Loss 0.0067	Val_loss 0.0193

6. Testing

The primary purpose of testing is to identify and rectify errors within a program or software. Contrary to the misconception that a working program or software is devoid of errors, every such system invariably contains errors. Therefore, testing involves the deliberate execution of programs with the objective of discovering and addressing these errors. Consequently, a test can be deemed successful when it successfully uncovers errors. Testing constitutes an ongoing activity that spans various stages of system development, commencing with the specification of requirements, and is not confined solely to the post-development phase.

In the context of testing a Deep Learning Project, several critical considerations come into play:

Examination of the model's general logic, although this may not be feasible in the case of deep neural networks. If not applicable, the process should proceed to the subsequent step.

Manual testing to assess the model's performance using a selection of random data points.

Evaluation of the accuracy achieved by the machine learning model.

Ensuring that the incurred loss aligns with the acceptable parameters for the given task.

If these initial assessments yield reasonable outcomes, the next step involves conducting unit tests to evaluate the model's performance with real data.

Testing can be categorized into two general types:

A. Pre-train tests: These tests are conducted at an early stage and are designed to identify and address bugs before the model is executed. They do not necessitate training parameters to be initialized.

B. Post-train tests

In the realm of machine learning model development, rigorous testing procedures are indispensable to ensure the robustness and reliability of the trained models. These tests serve as a litmus test, scrutinizing the model's performance and delving into the underlying logic to identify and rectify any potential bugs. We categorize these tests into three distinct types, each shedding light on different aspects of the program's behavior:

1. Invariance Tests: Invariance tests serve as a benchmark to assess the model's resilience to variations in input data. By manipulating input examples and observing the resultant predictions, we gain insights into the model's consistency. For instance, when applying a pattern recognition model to different photos of red apples, we anticipate minimal fluctuations in the outcomes.

2. Directional Expectation Tests: Unlike invariance tests, directional expectation tests focus on evaluating the model's response to input perturbations. These tests are particularly valuable in scenarios where alterations in input variables are expected to induce specific changes in model behavior. For example, when constructing a regression model to estimate house prices with square meters as a parameter, we aim to confirm that an increase in living space correlates with a rise in price.

3. Minimum Functionality Tests: In the spirit of traditional unit tests, minimum functionality tests enable the isolation and assessment of individual program components. This approach ensures that each module functions correctly in isolation. For instance, the model is evaluated on specific cases drawn from the dataset.

In tandem with these tests, the model development process incorporates additional quality assurance measures:

- Unit Tests: These tests rigorously validate the correctness of individual disease models. Modules are systematically examined from the bottom up, commencing with the smallest and most fundamental components and progressively assessing each module.
- Regression Tests: Designed to detect any regression or unexpected changes in the model's behavior, these tests are crucial in safeguarding against previously identified bugs.
- Integration Tests: To ascertain the seamless interaction of different components within the machine learning pipeline, integration tests are conducted. These tests evaluate both external and internal interfaces, confirming that the modules align with the designated design specifications without compromising performance.

Moreover, to ensure the web application's functionality and compatibility with the diverse web ecosystem, ngrok—an adaptable cross-platform application—facilitates the exposure of a locally-hosted web server to the broader internet. This eliminates the need for a public IP or domain on the local machine, enhancing accessibility and minimizing deployment complexities. While alternative methods like Reverse SSH Tunneling exist, they entail more intricate setup procedures and the hosting of remote servers.

Given the multifaceted nature of web applications and their extensive dependencies, employing ngrok for preliminary testing prior to deployment on public cloud platforms is imperative. It serves as a pivotal quality assurance step in the development lifecycle, contributing to the creation of robust and reliable machine learning models and web applications.Code

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!unzip /content/drive/MyDrive/DR_DETECT/ngrok-stable-linux-amd64.zip
!./ngrok authtoken <private token> get_ipython().system_raw('/content/drive/MyDrive/DR_DETECT/ngrok http 8501 &')
!curl -s http://localhost:4040/api/tunnels | python3 -c \
'import sys, json; print("Execute the next cell and the go to the following URL: "
+json.load(sys.stdin)["tunnels"][0]["public_url"])'
!streamlit run ./app.py
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7. Screen Shots

The website has been deployed on two public clouds:
Azure: https://drdetect.azurewebsites.net/
Heroku : https://drdetect.herokuapp.com/
The sidebar consists of Drow Down.
Drop Down consisting of
About page : containsAbstract
Diagnosis page : it contains the dropdown for every disease
Contributors list with roll numbers
A github repository of the project is attached. https://github.com/MSufiyanAG/dr_detect

The Application contains a brief Description discussing the Symptoms, causes and preventiontechniques along with a Youtube Video explaining about the diseases with their respective models.

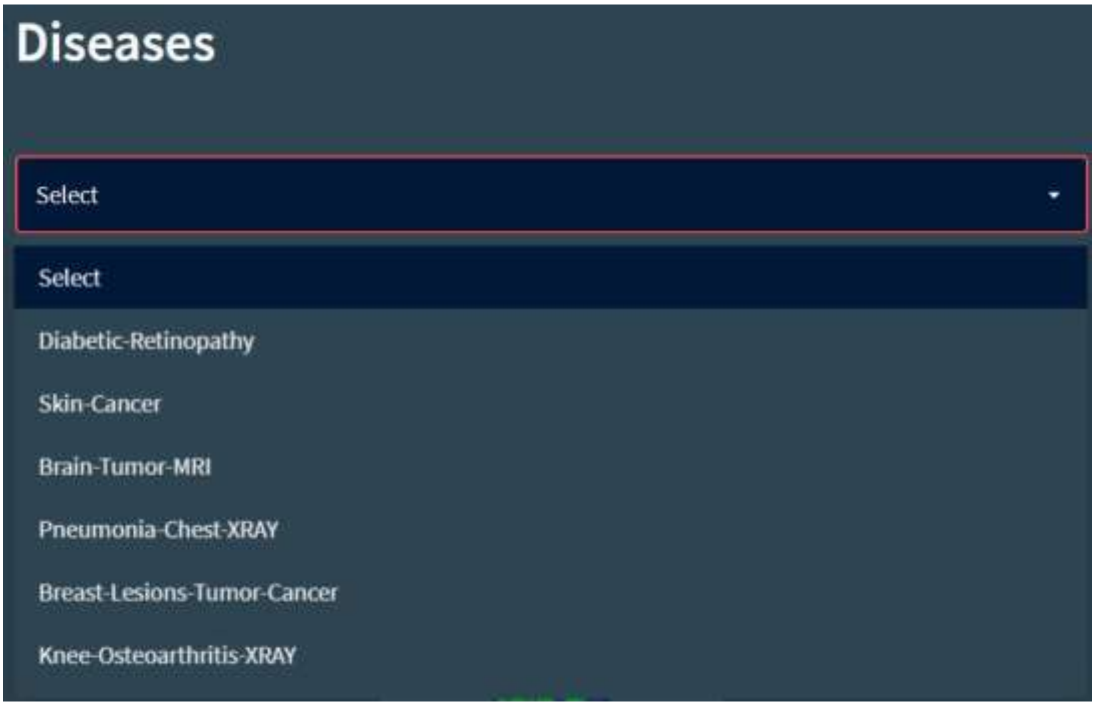

Fig. 4: List of Diseases

Fig. 5: Textual Explanation

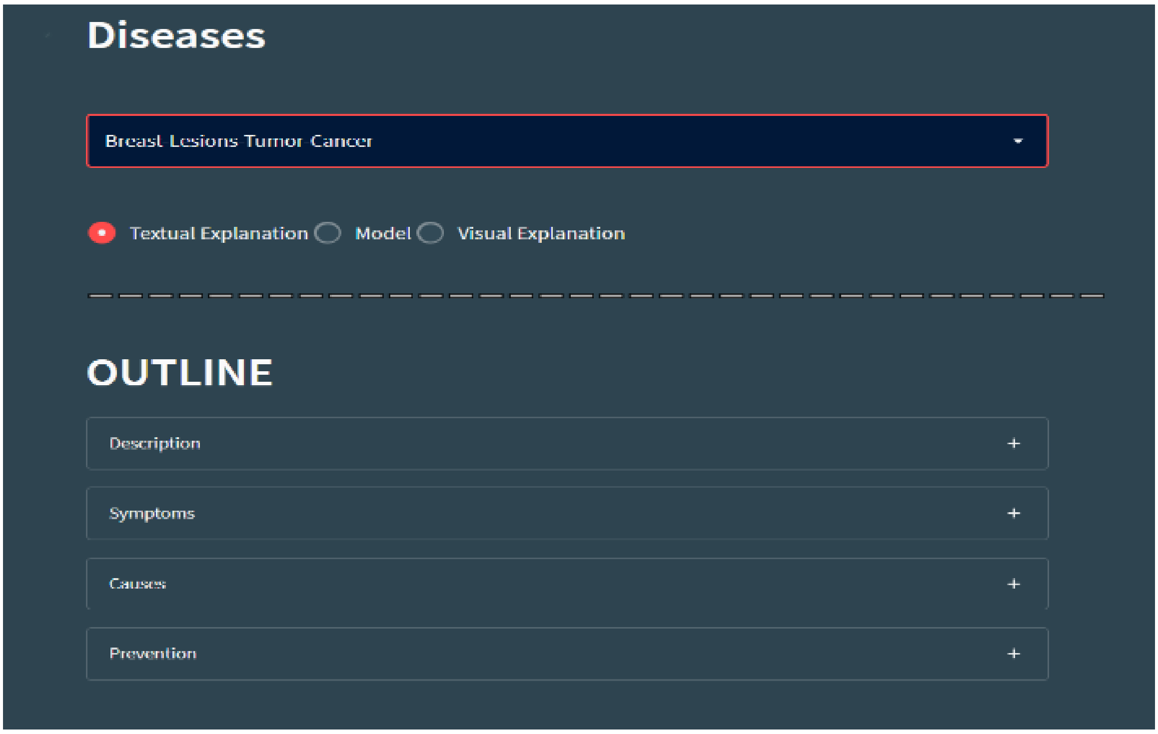

Fig. 6: Visual Explanation

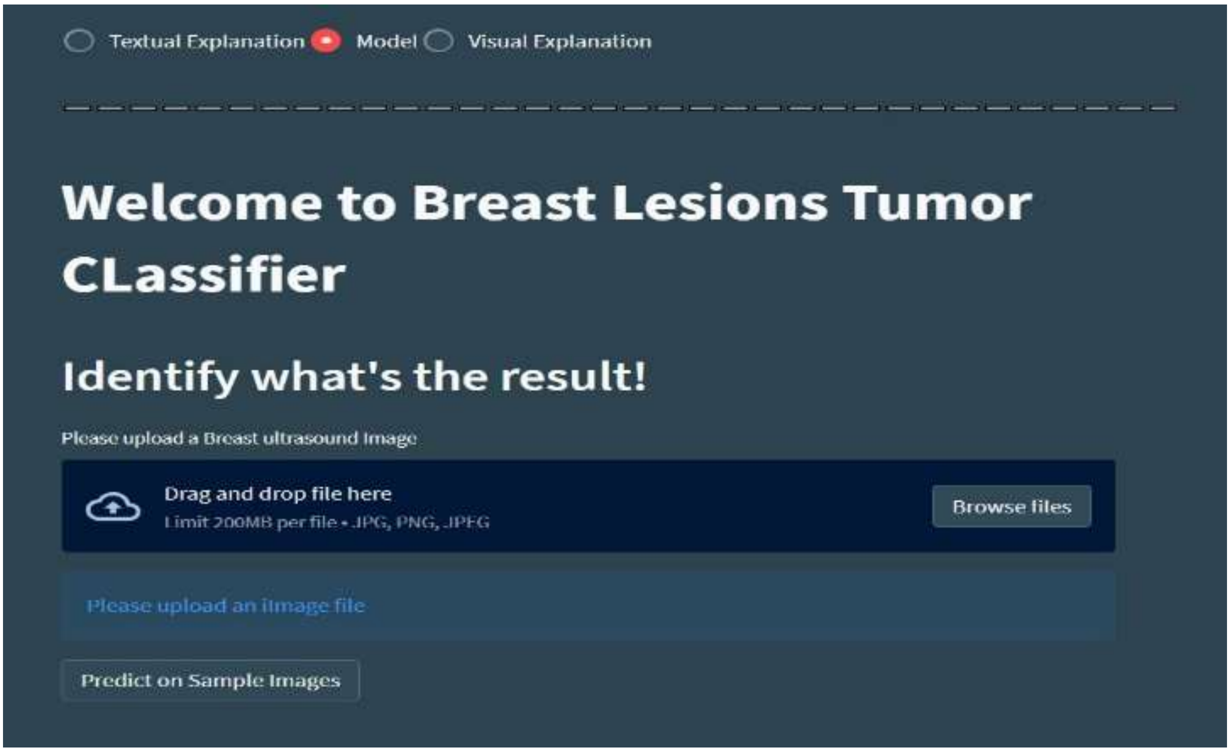

Fig. 7: Model Prediction

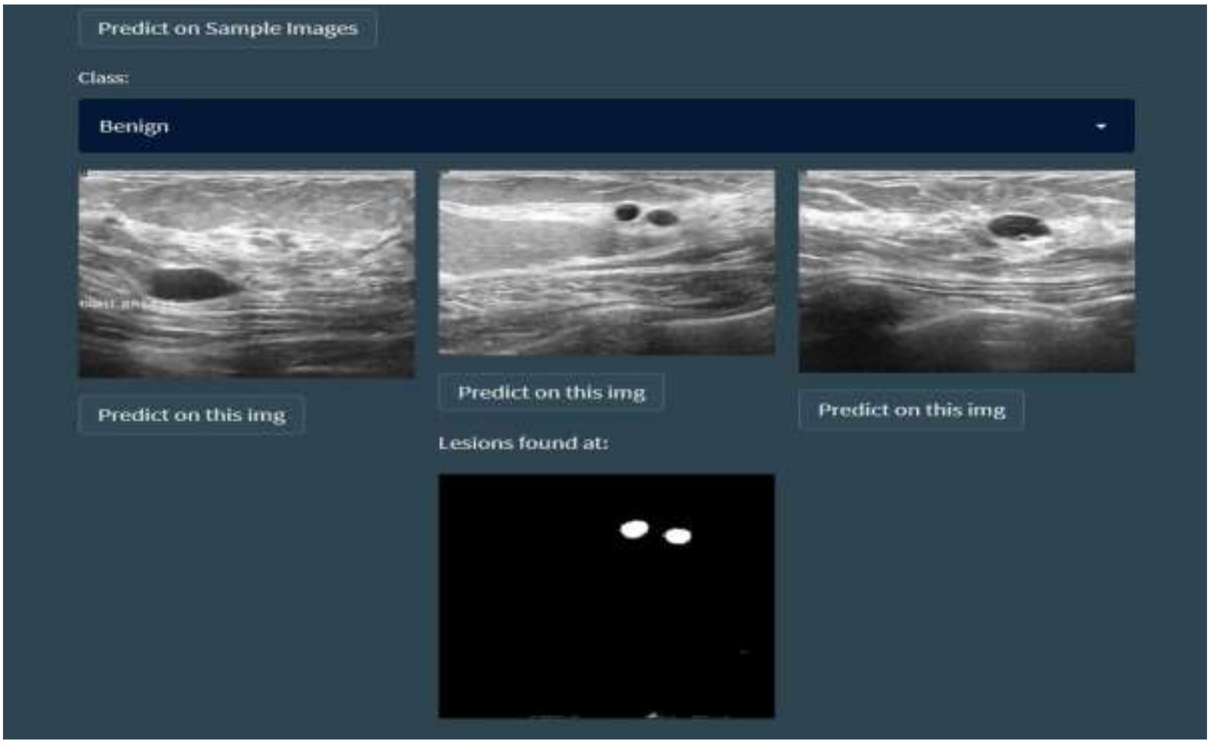

Fig. 8: Sample Prediction

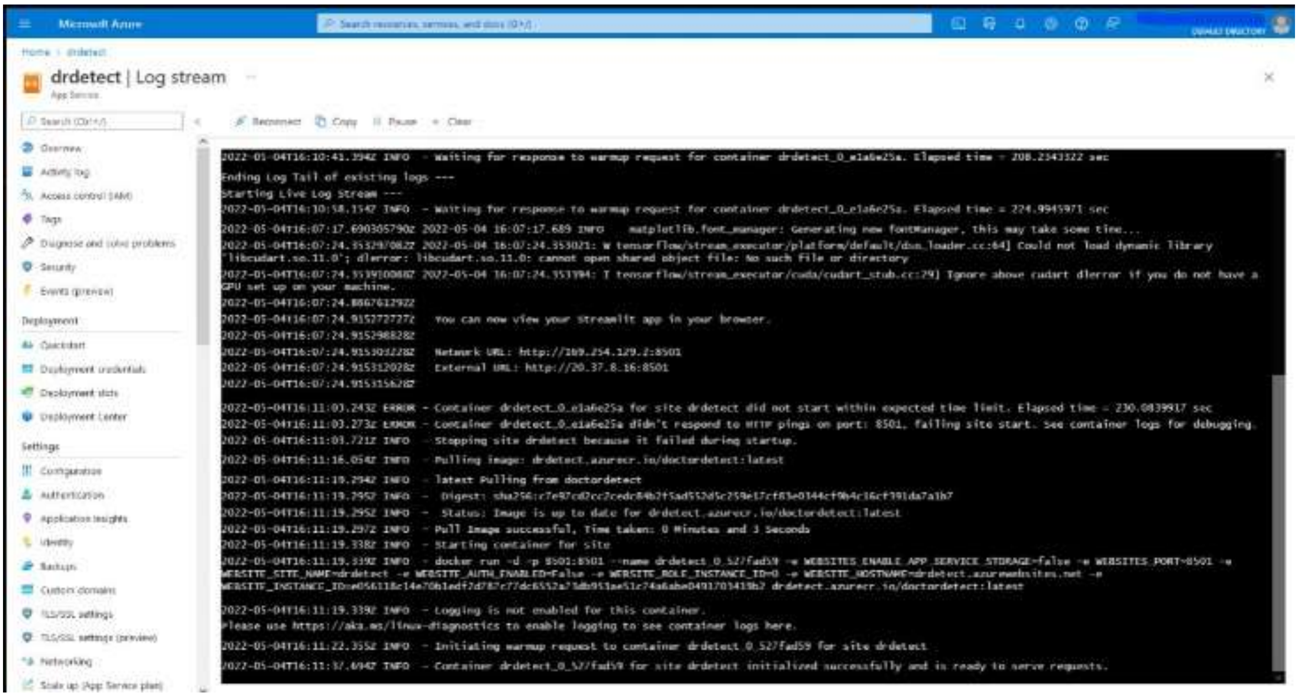

Fig. 9: Azure Webapp Log Stream

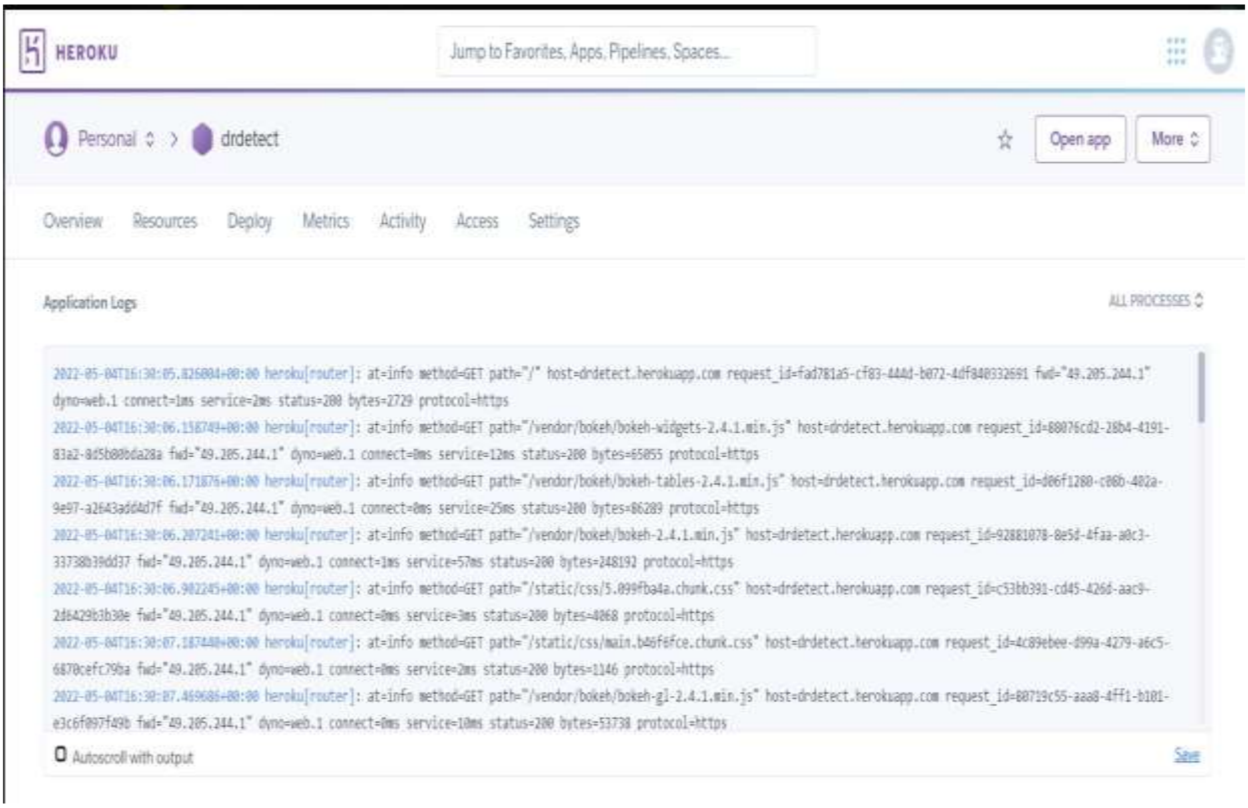

Fig. 10 : Heroku Webapp Log Stream

8. Future Prospects

1. A Severity-Based Appointment System:

a) The implementation of such an application could assist the reception team in allocating appointments based on the seriousness of patients' conditions.

b) This approach ensures that there are no delays in providing access to healthcare services.

2. Hospital Collaborations:

a) Collaborating with hospitals is essential to gather extensive annotated data, which can significantly enhance the accuracy of our models.

b) This collaboration facilitates the development of more precise models, with valuable guidance from healthcare experts.

3. Integration of Academia and Industry:

a) The future of healthcare technology hinges on dedicating time and resources to research and development efforts.

b) This initiative encourages researchers to form partnerships with organizations, fostering the widespread application of research findings.

4. Development of an API for Trained Models:

a) Establishing an API for trained models serves as an incentive for individual developers to actively contribute to open-source software projects.

b) Smaller teams can leverage this API to access and interface with trained models and external software components as needed, promoting flexibility and innovation.

9. Conclusion

A web-based software system has been developed, accessible to paramedics and junior doctors, filling a critical gap in emergency situations when specialists are unavailable. This system plays a pivotal role in the early detection of medical issues, which is imperative in preventing high-risk complications, including potential fatalities.

Deep learning is proving to be an invaluable tool for medical professionals and researchers, enabling them to unearth hidden insights within vast datasets, ultimately enhancing the healthcare industry. Deep learning's application in healthcare empowers doctors to accurately analyze diseases, leading to improved treatment decisions and, consequently, better overall medical care.

The success of this technology hinges on robust collaboration with both industry stakeholders and specialized organizations. It must remain adaptable and agile to consistently meet the evolving needs of the healthcare profession. This targeted form of AI and deep learning is designed to assist overwhelmed specialists by flagging concerning elements, enabling healthcare professionals to efficiently manage patients. Furthermore, it streamlines administrative tasks by seamlessly integrating into existing workflows and enhancing access to pertinent patient information.

Upon receiving alerts, clinicians can promptly make informed decisions, mitigating potentially life-threatening complications. The implementation includes an early diagnosis report analysis for six major diseases, each accompanied by a concise overview. Deep learning architectures were employed to train, identify, and diagnose medical reports, including X-rays and imagery.

The resultant web application, designed with emergency scenarios in mind, has been containerized using Docker and deployed on public cloud services. While this pilot project is captivating, it signifies just the initial phase of deep learning's pivotal role in revolutionizing healthcare analytics.

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