

SKIN CANCER DETECTION USING AI & ML

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Abstract—This study presents an AI and machine learning–based approach for early detection of skin cancer using dermoscopic images. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are employed to automatically extract features and classify lesions as benign or malignant. The model is trained on labeled datasets, improving accuracy through data augmentation and preprocessing techniques. Performance is evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. The proposed system aims to assist dermatologists by providing fast, reliable predictions and reducing diagnostic errors. Early detection through this method can significantly improve patient outcomes and enable accessible, cost-effective screening in remote or underserved areas.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Skin cancer is one of the most common types of cancer worldwide, and its early detection is crucial for effective treatment and improved survival rates. Traditional diagnostic methods rely heavily on visual examination and biopsy, which can be time-consuming, subjective, and dependent on the expertise of dermatologists. With the rapid advancement of technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have emerged as powerful tools in the field of medical diagnosis, offering automated and accurate solutions for disease detection.

In recent years, the use of AI and ML techniques, particularly deep learning models such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), has shown significant promise in analyzing dermoscopic images of skin lesions. These models are capable of learning complex patterns and features from large datasets, enabling them to distinguish between benign and malignant skin conditions with high accuracy. By leveraging image processing and data-driven algorithms, AI-based systems can assist

healthcare professionals in making faster and more reliable decisions. Moreover, such intelligent systems can help reduce human error, provide consistent results, and increase accessibility to diagnostic services, especially in remote or underserved areas where specialist care is limited. This integration of AI and ML into skin cancer detection not only enhances diagnostic efficiency but also has the potential to save lives through early intervention.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Skin cancer is a rapidly increasing global health concern, and its early detection remains a significant challenge in the medical field. Traditional diagnostic methods, such as visual inspection and biopsy, are often time-consuming, expensive, and highly dependent on the expertise of dermatologists. In many cases, early-stage skin cancer symptoms are subtle and can be misdiagnosed, leading to delayed treatment and reduced survival rates. Additionally, there is a shortage of skilled dermatologists, particularly in rural and underserved regions, which further limits timely diagnosis and care.

Although advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) have shown promising results in medical imaging, there are still several issues that need to be addressed. These include the availability of high-quality labeled datasets, variations in image quality, and the challenge of developing models that can generalize well across diverse populations and skin types. Furthermore, concerns related to model accuracy, reliability, and ethical considerations also pose barriers to widespread adoption.

Therefore, there is a need to develop an efficient, accurate, and accessible AI-based system for early skin cancer detection that can support medical professionals and improve patient outcomes.

III. PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed model uses a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to detect skin cancer from dermoscopic images. It involves data collection, preprocessing, and augmentation to improve image quality and diversity. The CNN extracts features and classifies lesions as benign or malignant. Transfer learning is applied for better accuracy. The model is trained and evaluated using standard metrics. Finally, it is deployed as a user-friendly application to assist dermatologists and enable early, accessible skin cancer detection.

Here is a **proposed model for Skin Cancer Detection using AI & ML** in points :

1. **Data Collection and Dataset Preparation**

The proposed model begins with collecting a large dataset of dermoscopic skin images from publicly available sources such as ISIC. The dataset includes both benign and malignant cases. Proper labeling is ensured to train the model effectively. Diversity in skin types, lighting conditions, and lesion types is maintained for better generalization.

2. **Image Preprocessing and improvement**

Preprocessing is applied to improve image quality and consistency. Techniques such as resizing, noise removal, normalization, and contrast enhancement are used. Hair removal algorithms and artifact reduction methods help in focusing only on the lesion area.

3. **Data Augmentation With Technique**

To overcome the limitation of small

datasets, augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, zooming, and cropping are applied. This increases dataset size and helps prevent overfitting, improving model robustness.

4. **Feature Extraction using CNN**

A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is used to automatically extract important features from the images. Layers such as convolution, pooling, and activation functions identify patterns like color, texture, and shape of skin lesions.

5. **Model Architecture Design**

A deep learning architecture is designed, which may include pre-trained models like ResNet, VGG, or MobileNet for better performance. Transfer learning is used to reduce training time and improve accuracy with limited data.

6. **Training and Validation**

The dataset is split into training and validation sets. The model is trained using optimization algorithms like Adam and loss functions such as cross-entropy. Validation helps monitor performance and prevent overfitting.

7. **Performance Evaluation Analysis**

The model is evaluated using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC. Confusion matrix analysis is used to understand classification performance between benign and malignant cases.

8. **Deployment and User Interface**

Finally, the trained model is deployed as a web or mobile application. Users can upload skin images and receive predictions instantly. This system assists dermatologists and provides accessible screening for early detection, especially in remote areas.

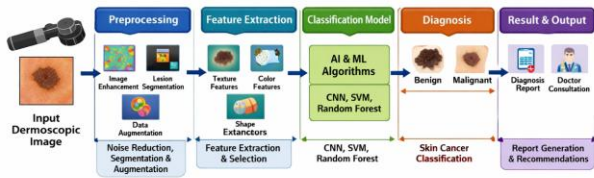


Fig.1.Proposed Model

IV.TECH STACK

1.Programming Languages & Frameworks

Python is the primary language due to its rich ecosystem for AI and machine learning. Frameworks like TensorFlow and PyTorch enable building deep learning models, while libraries such as NumPy and pandas support data processing. OpenCV is widely used for image handling. These tools collectively provide flexibility, scalability, and strong community support for medical imaging applications.

2.Data Collection & Annotation Tools

High-quality datasets are crucial for skin cancer detection. Dermoscopic image datasets like ISIC are commonly used. Annotation tools such as Labelbox and CVAT help experts label lesions accurately. Proper labeling ensures supervised learning models perform well. Data diversity, including different skin tones and lesion types, improves model generalization and reduces bias.

3.Image Preprocessing Techniques

Preprocessing improves image quality and model performance. Techniques include resizing, normalization, noise reduction, and hair removal from dermoscopic images. Data augmentation methods such as rotation, flipping, and zooming increase dataset variability. These steps help models learn robust features and prevent overfitting, especially when limited medical data is available.

4.Deep Learning Models

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are the backbone of skin cancer detection systems. Architectures like ResNet, VGG, and EfficientNet are commonly used. Transfer learning allows leveraging pre-trained models for better accuracy with smaller datasets. These models automatically extract features from images and classify lesions as benign or malignant effectively.

5.Model Training & Evaluation

Training involves feeding labeled images into models and optimizing parameters using techniques like backpropagation and gradient descent. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC are critical. Cross-validation ensures reliability. Proper evaluation helps in identifying false negatives, which are crucial to minimize in cancer detection.

6.Deployment & Integration

After training, models are deployed using cloud platforms like AWS, Google Cloud, or Azure. APIs enable integration into mobile or web applications for real-time diagnosis. Edge deployment on smartphones is also emerging. Scalability, latency, and data privacy must be considered while integrating AI systems into healthcare environments.

7.Security, Ethics & Compliance

Handling medical data requires strict adherence to privacy regulations like HIPAA or GDPR. Ensuring data security, encryption, and anonymization is essential. Ethical considerations include avoiding bias and ensuring fairness across skin tones.

Transparent AI models and explainability techniques help build trust among healthcare professionals and patients.

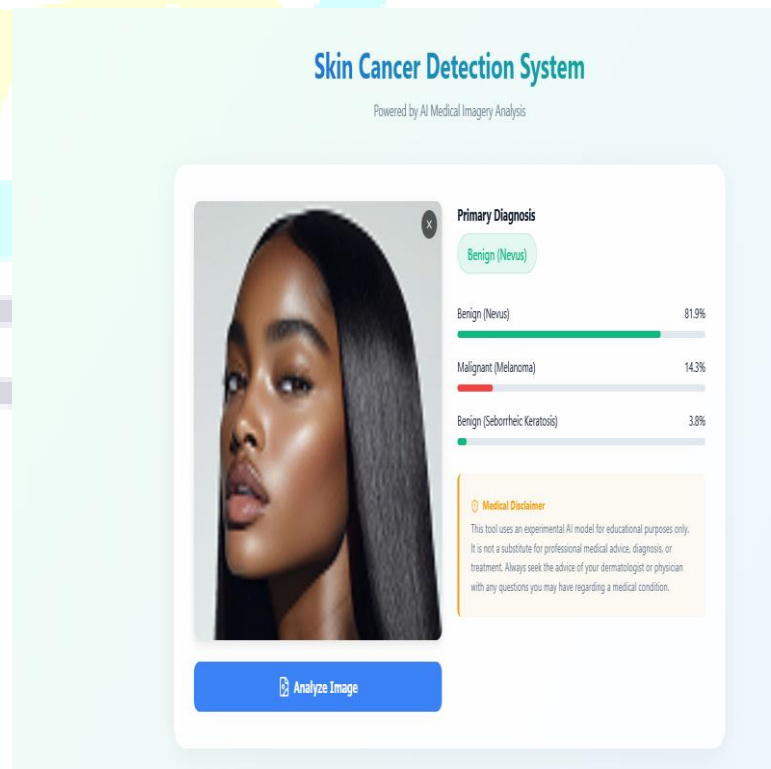


Fig 2.Skin Cancer Detection Dashboard

V.RESULTS

AI and ML-based skin cancer detection systems have shown highly promising results in recent years. Deep learning models, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), can achieve accuracy levels comparable to dermatologists in classifying skin lesions. These systems effectively differentiate between benign and malignant tumors using dermoscopic images. Studies report accuracy rates above 85–95%, with strong sensitivity in detecting melanoma early.

AI models also reduce diagnostic time and assist clinicians in decision-making, improving overall efficiency in healthcare. They enable early detection, which significantly increases survival rates. Additionally, AI systems can be integrated into mobile apps, allowing remote screening and accessibility in underserved areas.

However, results depend heavily on data quality and diversity. Models trained on limited datasets may show bias across different skin tones. Continuous improvement, validation, and clinical testing are essential to ensure reliability, safety, and widespread adoption in real-world medical practice.

VI.CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the integration of artificial intelligence and machine learning in skin cancer detection represents a major advancement in modern healthcare. These technologies enable early and accurate diagnosis by analyzing medical images with high precision, often matching or exceeding human expertise in certain cases. AI-driven systems improve efficiency, reduce diagnostic errors, and support doctors in making better clinical decisions.

Moreover, the accessibility of AI through mobile and web applications allows wider reach, especially in remote or underserved regions where dermatological expertise may be limited. This can lead to earlier detection and better patient outcomes. However, challenges such as data bias, privacy concerns, and the need for extensive clinical validation must be addressed carefully.

Overall, AI and ML have the potential to revolutionize skin cancer detection, but their successful implementation requires continuous improvement, ethical considerations, and collaboration between technology experts and

healthcare professionals to ensure safe, reliable, and effective use.

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