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Training of U-Net on Chest X-Rays to Segment Lungs and Detect Tuberculosis

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Abstract: Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacterium (Mycobacterium tuberculosis), which primarily affects the lungs. Tuberculosis is indeed curable and preventable. Tuberculosis spreads through the air from person to person. When people with lung tuberculosis cough, sneeze or spit, the TB germs are expelled into the air. In order to get infected, a person only has to breathe a few of these bacteria. Roughly onequarter of the world's population is infected with tuberculosis (TB), which means they have been infected by TB germs but are not (yet) unwell with the disease and cannot spread it. Therefore, taking this disease as our problem statement, we aimed to train a U NET, a convoluted neural network specifically used for image recognition and tasks involving processing pixel data. This neural network was specifically developed for biomedical image segmentation. In this study, we propose a method to train a U-NET on datasets which include 26 thousand of healthy and TB-affected lung X-Ray images. We then process them to first segment the lungs separately from the X-Ray by removing the unwanted data present in the picture like background and background noise. We later use augmentation to add more data to the model. Proceeding further, test data and training data are formed to train the model to detect abnormalities in the given lung X-Ray by comparing them to the preset parameters of a healthy lung CXR.

Keywords: U-NET, Augmentation, CXR, Test and Training Data, Parameters

I. INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by a bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The bacteria usually attack the lungs (lower part of the lungs), but TB bacteria can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine, and brain. The word "tuberculosis" comes from a Latin word for "nodule" or something that sticks out.

If we're infected, develop symptoms and are contagious, we have active tuberculosis or tuberculosis disease (TB disease).

The three stages of TB are:

- Primary infection.
- Latent TB infection.
- Active TB disease.

This project addresses the strategy for training a U-NET on datasets containing healthy and TB-affected lungs We next process them to isolate the lungs from the X-Ray by eliminating the unnecessary data from the image such as background and background noise. Later on, we will perform augmentation to add more data to the model. Following that, test and training data are developed in order to train the model to detect irregularities in the particular lung X-Ray by comparing them to the preset parameters of a healthy lung. CXR. This method would be promising and feasible for a Detection system to locate tuberculosis nodules in an affected person's lungs.

1.1 Objectives

Basic Objective of this project is to segment lungs from the given chest X-Ray in the dataset. By enhancing the image using augmentations, we can add more data to the model and work with that data to create a training and testing Dataset. Thus by doingthat we can count the total number of parameters to analyze a given chest X-Ray to predict its nature (whether is affected by TB or not). Later we can run the model over and over to increase the prediction

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accuracy by increasing the epoch rate. By doing this process we point out the differences between a normal X-Ray and a tuberculosis X-Ray and point out those spots on a different color

1.2 Scope

This work can be further developed to improve the accuracy of the detection of tuberculosis using chest X-Ray. Augmentation is a huge sector with a huge set of modifications so there are a lot of permutations which a person can exploit to create a better algorithm and model for the detection of TB. Early warning and prediction about the disease can be an added result that would be beneficial for the surgeons as well asthe pulmonologists.

1.3 Applications

The project can be used by pulmonologists and surgeons to arrive at a better prediction and improved accuracy of Tuberculosis Detection from a basic Chest X-Ray. With continued usage of the model and more inputs of patient data, this project will be able to give more promising results, with better accuracy. It also proves to be a cost-effective, efficient and easily utilisable solution

II. DESIGN / IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 Design Approach

A. Training data for Segmentation and Segmentation.

Image segmentation is a technique for breaking up a digital image into smaller groupings called image segments, which reduces the complexity of the image and makes each segment more easily processed or analyzed. Technically, segmentation is the process of giving labels to pixels in a picture in order to distinguish between objects, persons, or other significant aspects. Object detection is a frequent use of picture segmentation. It is usual practice to initially apply an image segmentation method to discover things of interest in the picture before processing the complete image. In this case, the patient's lung is the object of interest, hence we are going to segment the lungs alone from the whole x-ray. The object detector may then work with a bounding box that the segmentation algorithm has previously established. By stopping the detector from analyzing the full picture, accuracy is increased and inference time is decreased.

Dataset	No. of CXRimages & masks	Train set/fold	Validationset/fold	Test set/fold
Kaggle lung x-ray &	704	451	112	141
masks dataset				

Table 2.1.1.a: Details Of Training, Validation And Test Set For U-Net SegmentationModels

B. Augmentation.

This study applied an augmentation technique based on basic image manipulation. To expand the ROI dataset and increase the robustness of the model, all ROIs were segmented manually, despite the potential lack of objectivity; it was necessary to perform image data augmentation in case of overfitting during the training process.

It is reported that data augmentation can improve the classification accuracy of deep learning algorithms by augmenting the existing data rather than collecting new data. Data augmentation can significantly increase the diversity of data available for training models. Image augmentation is crucial when the dataset is imbalanced. In this study, the number of normal images was 3,500 which is 5 times larger than TB- infected images. Therefore, it was important to augment TB-infected images four times to make the database balance. Some of the deep learning frameworks have data augmentation facilities built-in with the algorithms, however, in this study, two different image augmentation techniques (rotation, and translation) were utilized to generate TB training images.

The rotation operation used for image augmentation can be done by rotating the images in the clockwise and counter clockwise directions Image translation can be done by translating the image in either horizontal (width shift) or vertical direction (height shift) or in both directions. In this work, the original image was clockwise and counter clockwise rotated with an angle of 5 and 10 degrees and horizontally and vertically translated by 10% and 15%.

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C. U-NET Model

The original U-net consists of a contracting path and an expanding path. The contracting path consists of the repeated application of two 3x3 convolutions (unpadded convolutions), each followed by a ReLU and a 2x2 max pooling operation with stride 2 for down sampling. The expanding path consists of an up sampling of the feature map followed by a 2x2 convolution ("up-convolution") that halves the number of feature channels, a concatenation with the correspondingly cropped feature map from the contracting path, and two 3x3 convolutions, each followed by a ReLU. Total 23 convolutional layers are used in the network



Fig 2.1.3.a: U-Net model architecture for lung segmentation

D. Block Diagram



2.2 Proposed System

Computer-assisted automated diagnostic tools may be more dependable in clinical applications if the accuracy of TB diagnosis from chest radiographs can be improved through the use of a robust and adaptable technique. Using other deep learning algorithms, altering the already effective techniques, or merging many effective algorithms into an ensemble model can all increase classification accuracy. Typically, CNN was used for entire X-ray images to identify lung diseases. Even though TB only manifests in the lung region, the X-ray scans show the lungs as well as other parts of the thorax. As a result, concentrating on the lung area of the X-ray pictures during training and classification may greatly enhance the performance of TB detection. This paper focuses on the detection of TB using the transfer learning-based technique of CNNs on the original and segmented lungs in X-ray images. CNN-based visualization techniques are also

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2.3 Overview of Software

Python is considered for the implementation of tuberculosis detection in Chest X-Ray because of its varied applications and toolbox specifications. Python also has various built-in functions for technical computing, graphics, and animations. This high- performing language is thus considered for the analysis of the project. Tuberculosis prediction plays a vital role in medical sciences as this determines the state of thehuman lung. Chest X-Rays of both normal and affected patients are considered as the required inputs and the region with respective error is given as the output by the system. The mentioned procedures are then performed and the final output is observed through plots and models available in the Visual Studio Code environment.

2.4 Software Requirement

The library functions and the required inbuilt methods required for this analysis is mentioned below under the respective titles.

A. ToolBox Details.

Fig 2.4.1.a: Toolbox Details

TensorFlow

TensorFlow is an open-source library developed by Google primarily for deep learning applications. It also supports traditional machine learning. TensorFlow was originally developed for large numerical computations without keeping deep learning in mind

NumPy.

NumPy aims to provide an array object that is up to 50x faster than traditional Python lists. The array object in NumPy is called ndarray, itprovides a lot of supporting functions that make working with ndarray very easy. Arrays are very frequently used in data science, where speed and resources are very important.

Skimage

Scikit-image is an open-source image processing library for the Python programming language. It includes algorithms for segmentation, geometric transformations, color space manipulation, analysis, filtering, morphology, feature detection, and more.

Matplotlib

Matplotlib is a plotting library for the Python programming language and its numerical mathematics extension NumPy. It provides an object-oriented API for embedding plots into applications using general-purpose GUI toolkits like Tkinter, wxPython, Qt, or GTK

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Pandas

pandas is a software library written for the Python programming language for data manipulation and analysis. In particular, it offers data structures and operations for manipulating numerical tables and time series

B. Built-in Method Details

S.NO	FUNCTIONS	PYTHON CODE	REMARKS	
1	montage	from skimage. util import	displays all frames of a multiframe image array I . By	
		montage as montage2d	default, the montage function arranges the imagesso that	
			they roughly form a square.	
2	imread_raw	from skimage.io importimread asreads the image from the file specified by filenar		
		imread_raw	inferring the format of the file from its contents.	
3	resize	from skimage.transform import	Resizes the image to a common size to maintain	
		resize	uniformity	
4	np.stack	img_vol = np.stack(img_vol,0)	The stack() function is used to join a sequence of arrays	
		seg_vol = np.stack(seg_vol,0)	along a new axis.	
5	glob	cxr_paths = glob(os.path.join('.',	Glod is used to return allfile paths that match a specific	
		'Montgomery', 'MontgomerySet',	pattern.	
		'*', '*.png'))		
6	imshow	ax_mask.imshow(m_img[:,:,0	imshow(BW) displays the binary image BW in a figure	
], cmap = 'bone')		
7	concatenate	from keras.layers import Conv2D,	obtaining a new string that contains both of the original	
		Activation, Input, UpSampling2D,	strings. In Python, there are a few ways to concatenate	
		concatenate,BatchNormalization	or combine strings.	
8	binary_crossen	from keras.losses import	Used as a loss function for binary classification model.	
	tropy	binary_crossentropy	The binary_crossentropy function computes the cross-	
			entropy loss betweentrue labels and predicted labels	
9	train_test_split	from sklearn.model_selection	The train_test_split() method is used to split our data into	
		import train_test_split	train and test sets. First, we need to divide our data into	
			features (X) and labels (y).	
10	gen_augmente	def gen_augmented_pairs(in_vol,	Creates augmentation andadds more data into the picture	
	d_pairs	in_seg, batch_size = 16):	to continue image processing	
11	label2rgb	def label2rgb(in_vol, in_seg,	Used to convert images intoRGB colored images	
		$batch_size = 16$):		

Fig 2.4.2.a: Inbuilt Command Analysis





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III. RESULT AND ANALYSIS / TESTING

3.1 Visual Studio Code Python Implementation

Overview	
Here we use the montgomery dataset for Tuberculosis	
 Organize the Training Data for Segmentation Build Augmentation Pipeline and Generators Build the U-Net Model Train the Model S. Adapt model for full images Apply to RSNA Data 	
<pre>! pip install tensorflow * []</pre>	Python
	嘻 🎝 🗘 🖯 … 🍵
▷ ` 1 ! pip install scikit-image ♥	
[] + Code + Markdown	Python Python
<pre>import numpy as np # linear algebra import tensorflow as tf # for tensorflow based registration</pre>	
import matplotlib.pyplot as pit [32] ✓ 0.3s	Python
<pre>cxr_paths = glob(os.path.join('.', 'Montgomery', 'MontgomerySet', '*', '*.png')) cxr_images = [(c_path,</pre>	', os.path.basename(c_path)), ', os.path.basename(c_path))]
√ 1.8s	Python
CXR Images 138 .\Montgomery\MontgomerySet\CXR_png\MCUCXR_0001_0.png ('.\\Montgomery\\MontgomerySet\\CXR_png\\MCUCXR_0001_0.png', ['Montgomery\\MontgomerySet\\ManualMask\\leftMask\\MCUCXR_ 'Montgomery\\MontgomerySet\\ManualMask\\rightMask\\MCUCXR_0001_0.png'])	0001_0.png',
cxr_images 🖗	Python
<pre>from:skimage.io-import-imread-as-imread_raw @ om skimage.transform import resize import warnings from tqdm import tqdm warnings.filterwarnings('ignore', category=UserWarning, module='skimage') OUT_DTM = (512, 512) def imread(in_path, apply_clahe = False): img_data = imread_raw(in_path) n_img = (255*resize(img_data, OUT_DIM, mode = 'constant')).clip(0,255).astype(np.uint8) if apply_clahe: clahe_tool = createCLAHE(cliptimit=2.0, tileGridSize=(16,16)) n_img = clahe_tool.apply(n_img) return np.expand_dims(n_img, -1)</pre>	
√ 0.1s	Python Python





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× *	•	<pre>from keras.models import Model from keras import layers def unet(vol_size, enc_nf, dec_nf, full_size=True, edge_crop=48): """ unet network for voxelmorph Argss: vol_size: volume size. e.g. (256, 256, 256) enc_nf: encoder filters. right now it needs to be to 1x4. e.g. [16,32,32,32] TODO: make this flexible. dec_nf: encoder filters. right now it's forced to be 1x7. e.g. [32,32,32,32,8,8,3] TODO: make this flexible. full_size """ </pre>	
		<pre># inputs raw_src = Input(shape=vol_size + (1,), name = 'ImageInput') src = layers.GaussianNoise(0.25)(raw_src) enc_model = unet_enc(vol_size, enc_nf) # run the same encoder on the source and the target and concatenate the output at each level x_in, x0, x1, x2, x3 = [s_enc for s_enc in enc_model(src)]</pre>	
		<pre>x = c2(x3, dec_nf[0]) x = tySampling2D()(x) x = concatenate([x, x2]) x = c2(x, dec_nf[1]) x = UpSampling2D()(x) x = concatenate([x, x1]) x = c2(x, dec_nf[2]) x = upSampling2D()(x) x = concatenate([x, x0]) x = c2(x, dec_nf[3]) x = c2(x, dec_nf[4]) x = upSampling2D()(x) x = concatenate([x, x_in]) x = c2(x, dec_nf[5]) # transform the results into a flow. y_seg = Conv2D(1, kernel_size=3, padding='same', name='lungs', activation='sigmoid')(x) y_seg = layers.Cropping2D((edge_crop, edge_crop))(y_seg) y_seg = layers.Cropping2D((edge_crop, edge_crop))(y_seg) # prepare model model = Model(inputs=[raw_src], outputs=[y_seg]) return model</pre>	
~	0.4s		Python
9	# 1 n a F v	<pre># use the predefined depths f _enc=[16,32,32,32] ff_dec=[32,32,32,32,16,16,2] net = unet(OUT_DIM, nf_enc, nf_dec) # ensure the model roughly works a= net.predict([np.zeros((1,)+OUT_DIM+(1,))]) print(a.shape) net.summary() 0.5s</pre>	Python





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Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
ImageInput (InputLayer)	[(None, 512, 512, 1)]	0	[]
gaussian_noise_1 (GaussianNois e)	(None, 512, 512, 1)	0	['ImageInput[0][0]']
UnetEncoder (Functional)	<pre>[(None, 512, 512, 8), (None, 256, 256, 1 6), (None, 128, 128, 3 2), (None, 64, 64, 32) , (None, 32, 32, 32)]</pre>	24388	['gaussian_noise_1[0][0]']
conv2d_16 (Conv2D)	(None, 32, 32, 32)	9248	['UnetEncoder[0][4]']
leaky_re_lu_16 (LeakyReLU) Total params: 99,589 Trainable params: 99,587 Non-trainable params: 2	(None, 32, 32, 32)	0	['conv2d_16[0][0]']
<pre>from keras.optimizers import Adam import keras.backend as K</pre>			
<pre>use_dice = True def dice_coef(y_true, y_pred, smooth=1): intersection = K.sum(y_true * y_pred, axis=[1,2,3]) union = K.sum(y_true, axis=[1,2,3]) + K.sum(y_pred, axis=[1,2,3]) return K.mean((2. * intersection + smooth) / (union + smooth), axis=0) def dice_p_bce(in_gt, in_pred): return dice_bce_param*binary_crossentropy(in_gt, in_pred) - dice_coef(in_gt, in_pred) def true_positive_rate(y_true, y_pred): return K.sum(K.flatten(y_true)*K.flatten(K.round(y_pred)))/K.sum(y_true) net.compile(optimizer=Adam(lr=lr), loss=[dice_p_bce], metrics = [true_positive_rate, 'binary_accuracy']) / 045 / 045 // 045 // 045 // 045 // 045 // 045 /// 045 // 045</pre>			
✓ 0.4s c:\Users\siddhu\AppOata\Local\Programs\Python\Pyth denecated.use`learning rate`instead	on310\lib\site-packages\keras\o	otimizers\optimize	Python r_v2\adam.py:114: UserWarning: The `lr` argument is





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Fig.3.1.1a Running of Python Code in VScode





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3.2 MATLAB Output Screenshots



Fig 3.2.a: Comparison of a Normal CXR and a TB lung CX

IV. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

4.1 Conclusion

This work presents a transfer learning approach with deep Convolutional Neural Networks for the automatic detection of tuberculosis from the chest radiographs. The performance of the U-Net model was evaluated for the classification of TB and normal CXR images. The classification accuracy, precision and recall for the detection of TB were found to be 87.07% without segmentation 96.9% with segmentation respectively. It was also shown that image segmentation can significantly improve classification accuracy. The visualization output confirms that lung segmentation helps in taking decisions from the lung region unlike the original x-rays where decision can be taken based on features outside the lung region. Therefore, segmentation of lungs is very crucial for computer aided diagnosis using radiographs. This state-of-the-art performance can be a very useful and fast diagnostic tool, which can save significant number of people who died every year due to delayed or improper diagnosis.

4.2 Future Scope

To remove unwanted noise from an image, median filtering technique can done at the starting stage. For the next stage we can combine two segmentation methods like watershed model and gray level thresholding model, and a fused image is generated which yields a highly accurate result . Features like area, major axis, minor axis, eccentricity, mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis are extracted from ROI of fused image. This is further classified using KNN, SMO and Simple linear regression classifiers. The efficiency of classifiers shows that watershed segmentation and gray level threshold with KNN produces better result with an efficiency of 98% for detecting tuberculosis in lung image. In future, various feature extraction/feature selection methods can be applied for tuberculosis segmentation classification

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