

An Improve Method for Plant Leaf Disease Detection and Classification using Deep Learning

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Abstract: *In countries like India, whose important occupation is agriculture, face a huge loss when the crops get affected by any type of disease. These diseases attack the crops in various stages and can destroy the entire production. Since most diseases are transmitted from one crop to another there is an essential requirement to detect the type of disease in the early stage so that farmers can take the required action to “save the crops” and production. Early disease detection is one of the essential activities for enhancing agricultural productivity. Diseases spread very quickly in the parts of the leaves that affect the growth of the plants. Early detection is a challenging task as the symptoms are mild for accurate identification. This research paper presents an enhanced CNN based MCC-ECNN model with fine-tuned hyper-parameters and various batch sizes for accurate plant leaf disease classification.*

Keywords: Image classification, Plant Disease Detection, image Segmentation, deep learning, CNN

I. INTRODUCTION

The mother of all countries is agriculture. The goal of agricultural research is to increase product quality and quantity while spending less money and making more money. Plant diseases may cause the quality of agricultural goods to decline. Pathogens, such as fungus, bacteria, and viruses, are what cause these diseases. As a result, it is important to identify and categorise plant diseases as early as possible. Farmers need professionals to check them constantly, but this might be excessively expensive and time-consuming. Numerous solutions have been developed, depending on the applications, to overcome or at least mitigate the issues by utilising image processing and some automatic categorization techniques.

II. RELATED WORK

Plant diseases and pests are important factors determining the yield and quality of plants. Hence it is very essential to detect plant diseases for early treatment thereby reducing its impact on productivity. In recent years, deep learning has made breakthroughs for sustainable agriculture by means of precision farming, crop protection, water management and much more. This paper presents a detailed survey of existing literature on classification and prediction of plant disease using Machine Learning and Deep Learning techniques. Sladojevic S et al. (2016) jointly developed a deep CNN model and a CaffeNet architecture for plant leaf disease classification. The CaffeNet is a transfer learning model which that is a modified version of the Alexnet architecture. The author used thirteen classes of plant leaf images. To reduce the overfitting, the images are augmented into 40000 images out of 30880 images that were used for training and 2589 images for validation. The model finally achieved 96.3 percent accuracy after fine-tuning. Mohanty et al. (2016) make use of the plant village dataset which consists of 38 classes of images and the images are both colored and grayscale. The author used both images for training and testing. They tried both the scratch and transfer learning models. AlexNet and GoogLeNet are the pre-trained architectures that were used to classify plant leaf diseases. The highest accuracy achieved was 99.34% through the transfer learning of GoogleNet on colored images with an 80-20 training-test distribution. Lu et al. (2017) proposed an AlexNet scratch CNN architecture for the classification of rice diseases. They captured 500 images in rice fields to build their own dataset for training and testing purposes. In the deep model, 10 cross-fold validation were used and the model achieved 95.4 % accuracy. Ferentinos et al. (2018) proposed a pre-trained model of CNN architectures like AlexNet, AlexNetOWTbn, GoogleNet, Overfeat, and VGG that are

implemented in this work. They took nearly 59 distinct classes of plant leaf images. The author eliminated the segmentation process in the CNN model. Among the pre-trained model, the VGG network has achieved the highest accuracy of 99.53%. Kaushik M et al. (2020) proposed the Resnet50 architecture for identifying tomato leaf diseases. The author used the augmentation process to increase the size of the available data set four times (from a set of 9801 images to 39204 images. The tuned model achieves 97% accuracy for the augmented dataset.

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed work utilizes deep CNN with eight layers to characterise various diseases in tomato, apple, peach, and maize leaves. Fig 1 displays the workflow of the proposed model.

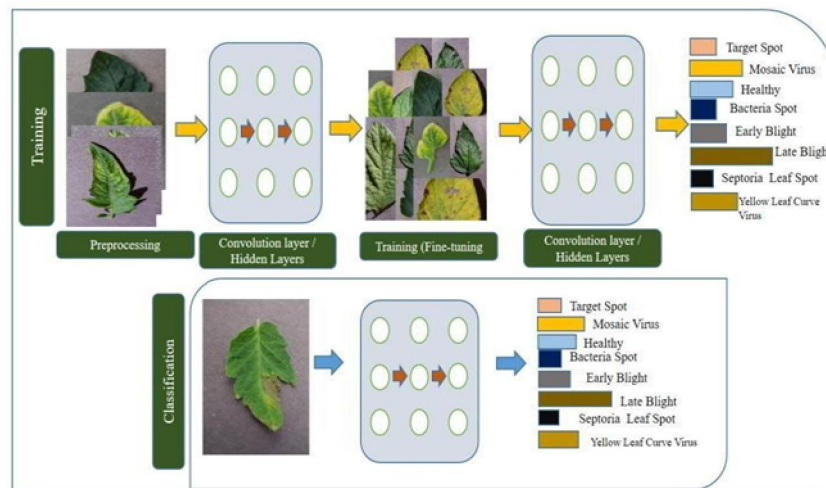


Figure 1 :Flow diagram of MCC-ECNN model

The MCC-ECNN has three main stages:

Pre-processing

This step involves the selection of the dataset. Manually, the datasets are separated based on the stages of the diseases. The diseases are divided into three stages: early, mild, and severe. One of the most vital elements of any deep learning application is to train the dataset using the model. In the proposed work, images are taken from the plant village dataset. It consists of 13257 images of tomato leaves, 3150 images of maize leaves, 1056 images of peach leaves, and 2183 images of apple leaves, including both healthy and non-healthy leaves. The dataset is initially divided into a ratio of 80:20 or 70:30 for the training phase and the test phase to improve the results. The accuracy of the network depends on the size and proportion of the data taken for training and testing. Overfitting of data results in high test dataset errors, and underfitting leads to both high training and test errors. In the proposed method, the dataset is divided into 80:20. All the images are resized to 256 x 256 as a pre-processing step to reduce the time complexity of the training phase.

MCC-ECNN Model

The MCC-ECNN model consists of eight layers, including the convolutional layers, pooling layers, dense layers, and flattens layers. The most critical layer of Deep CNN is the convolution layer; the main working process of this layer is to extract the feature information from the input images. In the first convolution layer, 224 x 224 x 3 (width x height x color) as the dimensioned input images are given. The filter size of this layer is 32 x 3 x 3, and the activation function is ReLU. The output of the first layer is 224 x 224 x 3 after generating the convolution function.

The output of the first convolution layer was given as an input to the pooling layer. It performs the down-sampling operation along with the spatial dimensions and reduces the number of parameters. The max pooling was used in the proposed MCC-ECNN model and it achieves better performance when For image identification and classification applications, CNNs are frequently utilised. For illustration, CNN's[16].

compared with min pooling and average pooling. Batch normalization helps to learn faster and achieve higher overall accuracy. Both the ReLU activation function and batch normalization are applied in all experiments. One important feature of ReLU is that it eliminates negative values in the given input by replacing them with zero. This model uses

binary cross-entropy rather than categorical cross-entropy. Dropout is a technique that is used to reduce overfitting in the model during the training set. The softmax function is used in the final layer of the deep learning-based classifier. The complete layered architecture of the MCC-ECNN model was shown in Fig. 2

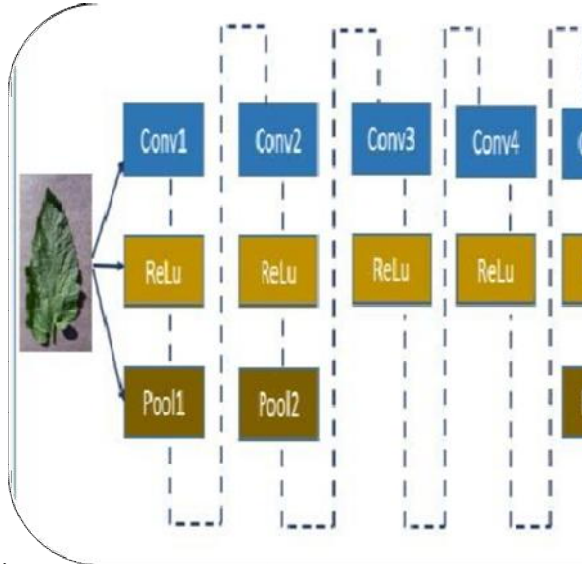


Fig 2: Architecture of MCC- ECNN Architecture

Model Testing

In this phase, the validation dataset is utilized to estimate the classifier's performance. Fine-tuning helps to improve the accuracy of classification by making small modifications in hyper-parameters and by increasing the number of layers and batch size. The algorithmic steps of MCC-ECNN are summarized in Algorithm.

Algorithm: MCC-ECNN Net Architecture

Input: Plant village Dataset

Output: Classification of plant leaf disease

Begin

Phase 1: Preprocessing

1. Read the dataset

2. Pre-process the data

Divide the stages of diseases Resize the image

3. Splitting the dataset with the appropriate proportion for training and testing

Phase 2: Train the Model

4. Train the MCC-ECNN model

5. Tune the hyper parameters

- Batch Size

- Number of images

Phase 3: Test the Model

6. Test the MCC-ECNN model with the test dataset

7. Classify the disease.

End

IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The experimental results of our MCC-ECNN model for the plant village dataset are shown in Table 1. It lists the classification accuracy of each of the twenty diseases and healthy leaves. The dataset contains more than 1000 images under each disease class with a maximum limit of 1246 images.

Table 1: Classification Accuracy of Various Tomato Leaf Diseases using MCC-ECNN model

No. of Images	Bacterial Spot	Early Blight	Late Blight	Septoria Spot	Target Spot	Yellow Curl virus	Mosaic virus
400	72.49	68.24	63.29	60.35	40.86	78.97	61
728	84.86	91.59	82.29	75.86	80.75	96.76	91.4
953	90.26	94.86	93.12	85.45	91.5	85.82	78.65
1246	99.94	98.69	98.71	98.46	98.4	99.91	99.74

The graphical demonstration of the accuracy of the model is depicted in Fig 3

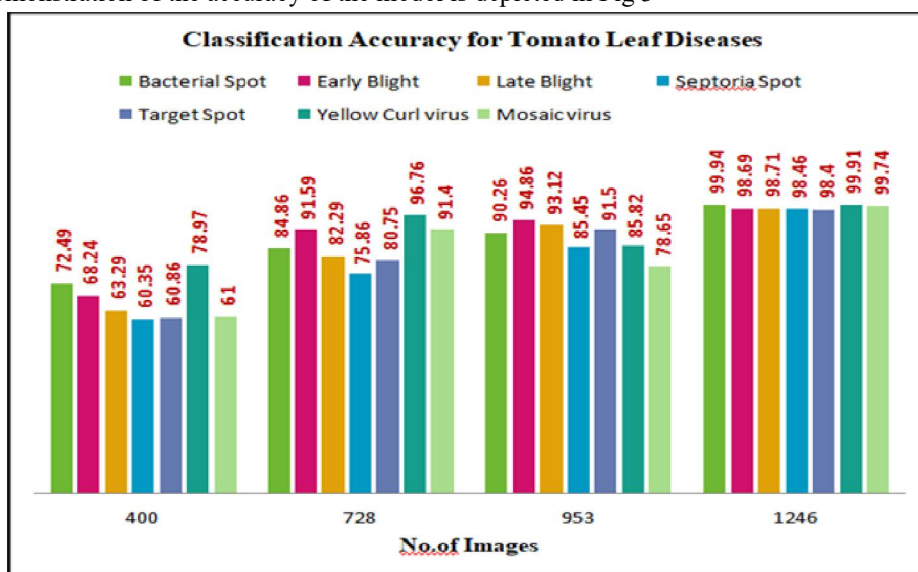


Fig. 3: The classification accuracy for Tomato leaf using MCC- ECNN Model

Table 4.2 presents the influence of the classification accuracy of various images. It is obvious from Table 3.3 that accuracy increases with increase in the number of images of maize leaves. For larger dataset, the accuracy has increased up to 96.45%.

Table 2: Classification Accuracy of Various Maize Leaf Diseases using MCC-ECNN Model

No. of Images	Northern Leaf Blight	Brown Spot	Round Spot
200	62.94	68.24	63.29
400	74.52	78.23	76.12
600	83.75	84.91	83.08
850	95.17	96.45	94.65

The graphical illustration of the accuracy of the model is depicted in Fig 4.

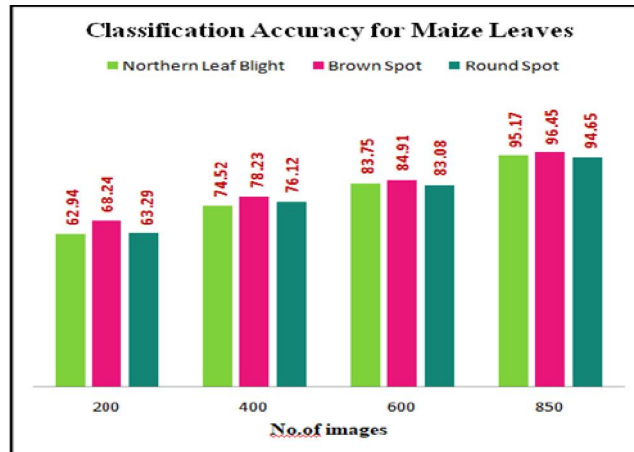


Fig. 4: The Classification Accuracy for Maize Leaf using MCC- ECNN Model

Table 3 presents the influence of batch size on classification accuracy. It is obvious from Table 3 that accuracy increases with minibatch size. It is also worth noting that there is not much increase in accuracy for batch sizes 16, 32 and 64. There is a steep rise in accuracy from batch size 2 to 8.

Table 3: Classification Accuracy for Various Batch Sizes for Tomato Leaves.

Batch size	Bacterial Spot	Early Blight	Late Blight	Septoria Spot	Target Spot	Yellow curl virus	Mosaic virus
2	72.49	68.24	63.29	68.11	73.58	69.95	81
8	91.97	70.14	93.1	93.78	88.48	97.82	98.21
16	95.39	97.55	94.57	95.95	91.91	98.84	98.91
32	98.7	98.41	97.96	98.16	95.8	99.5	98.24
64	99.05	99	98.25	98.73	98.78	99.12	99.74

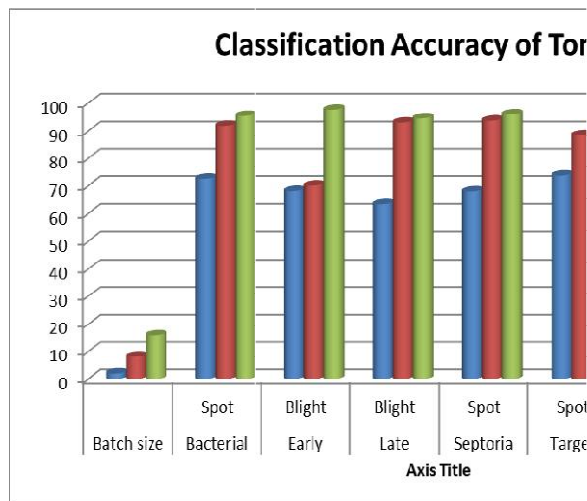


Fig 5: Analysis of Classification Accuracy for various batch sizes (Tomato Leaves)

Table 3 presents the influence of batch size on the classification accuracy of maize leaves. Table 3 demonstrates that accuracy increases with minibatch size. It is also worth noting that there is not much increase in accuracy for batch sizes 32 and 64 for Brown spot and Round spot leaf images.

Table 4: Classification Accuracy for Various Batch Sizes for Maize Leaves

Batch size	Northern Leaf Blight	Brown Spot	Round Spot
2	69.27	67.87	65.45
8	89.62	70.53	87.76
16	90.46	92.47	90.35
32	93.65	94.01	93.43
64	95.31	94.56	94.86

The graphical representation of Table 4 is presented in Fig 6

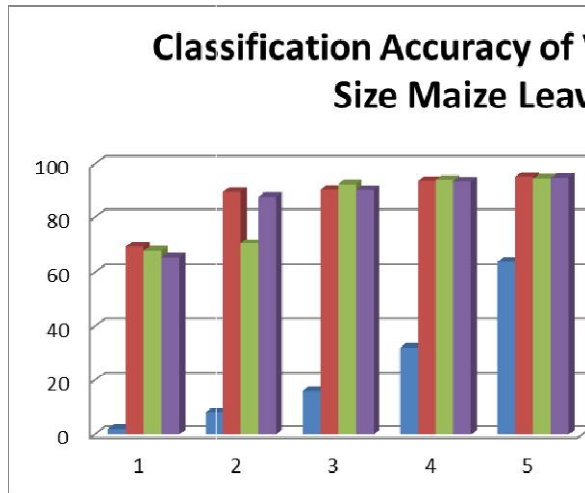


Fig 6: Analysis of Classification Accuracy for various batch sizes (Maize Leaves)

Table 4 presents the influence of batch size on the classification accuracy of apple and peach leaves. Table 4 demonstrates that accuracy increases with minibatch size. It is also worth noting that higher accuracy is achieved for batch size 64.

V. CONCLUSION

Using a plant village dataset, an MCC-ECNN model was used to classify diseases affecting tomato, maize, apple and peach leaves using in this study. The model uses five layers to create the model to classify the disease. The model achieved 99.18% for tomato leaves, 84.41% for apple leave, 87.12% for peach leaves, and 94.91% for maize leaves, according to the results. Classification accuracy is evaluated with 20,877 images of healthy and unhealthy tomato, apple, peach, and maize leaves..

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