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Abstract

The COVID-19 virus has affected the world so severely that it is difficult for the top people in the world to escape it. Even nations with the best health care facilities struggle to keep up with the rising illnesses and fatalities. Humans who have this illness die as a result of significant damage to their lungs and respiratory systems.

Coronavirus virus 2019 (COVID-19) is a brand new infection with no automatic model to correctly identify it from photos. It has spread around the world. With the help of chest computed tomography (CT), we hope to examine the ability of deep learning to diagnose COVID-19 infection. The suggested method could aid radiologists in making more accurate diagnoses and managing COVID-19 more effectively.

The suggested effort in this thesis involved the analysis of computed tomography (CT) images of the lung to categorize the infected and non-infected. To identify COVID-19 from regular CT scans, convolutional neural networks (CNN) layers were pre-trained on the global COVID-19 dataset. Global accuracy has been tested for performance on test photos.

The non-COVID-19 classification has the highest accuracy of 99.99 percent when raw CT images are utilized as inputs to the assessed models. Our findings support CNN's very accurate prediction of COVID-19 on chest CT scans.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Meaning
ANN	Artificial Neural Network
AUC	Area under the ROC Curve
CNN	Convolutional Neural Network
Colab	Google Colaboratory
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease 2019 caused by SARS-CoV-2
CG	Computed Tomography
DM	Data Mining
FN	False Negative
FP	False Positive
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
KNN	K-Nearest Neighbor
MN	Multi-layer perceptron
NN	Neural Network
NNs	Neural Networks
NetLogo	Portable Network Graphic
ReLU	Rectified Linear Units
RF	Random Forest Algorithm
ROC	Receiver Operating Characteristic curve
ROI	Region of Interest
SGDM	Stochastic Gradient Descent with Momentum
SVM	Support Vector Machine
TN	True Negative
TP	True Positive

Chapter One

Introduction

Chapter One**Introduction****1.1 Introduction**

People currently suffer from a wide range of diseases as a result of their lifestyle choices and their surroundings. As a result, detecting disease at an early stage is critical. The most difficult step, however, is determining the right diagnosis of disease. Data mining plays a critical role in disease detection [1].

A new coronavirus disease, COVID-19, appeared in December 2019 in Wuhan, China, and shortly after it had a big influence on the world. Millions of cases have been verified thus far and hundreds of fatalities worldwide. As a result, prompt and precise identification of COVID-19 is crucial for managing the preventing the disease's spread and lowering its fatality [2].

The World Health Organization named the global illness coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic on March 11, 2020. Covid-19 illness has so far been linked to more than 10 million confirmed cases, more than 100 thousand fatalities worldwide (mortality rate: 1.1%), and more than 1 million persons who have recovered. A prompt diagnosis is essential for halting the disease's progress, improving the efficacy of medical intervention, and subsequently raising the likelihood of survival without the need for intensive and sub-intensive care. Because hospitals only have a limited supply of equipment for critical care, this is an important topic [3].

Data mining is regarded as an emerging technology that has made a radical change in the information world. The term Data Mining (often called knowledge discovery) refers to the method of analyzing data from different

perspectives and summarizing it into valuable information employing several analytical tools and techniques, which in turn may be useful to increase the performance of a system. Technically, data mining is the method of finding correlations or patterns among dozens of fields in large relational databases. Data mining techniques such as classification and prediction, clustering, association rule mining, and various mining methods can be useful to apply to medical data [1][2]

Classification is a process that divides the dataset into specified sections and then classifies the data which is a two-phase process: in the first phase, it develops a model based on educational datasets of databases and then creates an educational dataset including records, samples, examples, and things with a collection of attributes and aspects. Each sample has a specific class label. In the second phase, the developed model in the previous phase is used to classify new samples [3][4]

Classification algorithms can be either supervised or unsupervised based on the learning mechanism. Supervised learning is implemented by a set of labels defined before the training set. The function is mapped for new unseen data to predict the labels [5][6]

Medical data mining is the process of finding a useful pattern that helps in medical diagnosis. In the medical domain, the popularity of data mining is increasing constantly as it helps explore the unknown patterns and improves prediction models which help in medical decision making. Data classification is one of the tasks in data mining [7][8]

Feature selection is the process of identifying and removing as much of the irrelevant and redundant information as possible. In the database, not all attributes available are useful [9][10]

Without prior knowledge, it is difficult to determine which features are useful. As a result, a large number of features are usually introduced to the

data set, which include relevant, irrelevant, and redundant features. However, irrelevant and redundant features are not useful for classification, and they may even reduce the classification performance due to the large search space known as “the curse of dimensionality”.

This thesis proposes a diagnosis of Covid using data mining techniques.

1.2 Related Work

This section reviews some of the previous studies and explains the different techniques that are used to diagnose covid disease.

Carvalho et al. (2020) [10] a trainable resource extractor employing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and several classifiers was presented as a solution for diagnosing COVID. First, histogram equalization and Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization were used to enhance the photos quality (CLAHE). After then, ROCs were used to harvest resources, 2 of which had COVID and 1 did not. After the data has been retrieved, COVID and Non-COVID categorization is done using a variety of classifiers. The findings reveal a kappa index of 0.85, an accuracy of 0.85, a recall of 0.85, and a precision of 0.85.

Carvalho et al. (2020) [10], Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for feature extraction in computed tomography (CT) scans and Boost classification were suggested in a publication for the diagnosis of COVID. (Boost or the extreme gradient boost is a machine learning algorithm that is used for the implementation of gradient boosting decision trees.) A CNN is used in the approach to extract features from ROCs, 2 of which include COVID and 1 of which do not. The outcomes revealed an accuracy of 0.85, recall of 0.85, precision of 0.85, F1 score of 0.85, AUC of 0.85, and a kappa index of 0.85.

- Alakus and Turkoglu (2020) [12], suggested a model to generate clinical prediction models that calculate which patients are most likely to get a COVID-19 disease using deep learning and laboratory data. Models were evaluated using 18 laboratory results from 600 patients, and 10 fold cross-validation and train-test split techniques were used to verify them. The experimental findings showed that COVID19 illness is detected by predictive models with 86.66 %, 91.89 % F1-score, 86.75 % precision, 99.42 % recall, and 62.50 % AUC.
- (Villavicencio et al., 2021) [13], utilizing the COVID-19 symptoms and presence dataset from Kaggle, built a model to assess and predict the presence of COVID-19 using a variety of supervised machine learning methods. Waikato Environment for Knowledge Analysis (WEKA) machine learning software was used to apply the Decision Tree, Random Forest, Support Vector Machine, K-Nearest Neighbors, and Naive Bayes algorithms. Using 10-fold cross-validation, the performance of each model was assessed and contrasted in accordance with the key accuracy metrics. The outcomes demonstrated that Support Vector Machine using Pearson VII (The Pearson VII function was a popular function during the 1980s and 1990s for describing peak shapes from conventional X-ray powder diffraction patterns, though it has since been surpassed in popularity by the pseudo-Voigt peak-shape function) universal kernel outperforms other algorithms by achieving 98.81% accuracy and a 98.81% precision rate.
- (Dutta et al., 2021) [14], offered three distinct supervised machine learning models for COVID-19 diagnosis. For categorizing the COVID-19 datasets, they have examined the classification outcomes of several strategies, including the bagging algorithm, k-nearest neighbor, and random forest. They used symptoms from an Indian Covid-19 tracker for categorization purposes even though India has advanced to the second

stage. Different performance metrics were used to assess each technique's performance. The classification findings demonstrate that the random forest, which used an accuracy of 85.71 % and an F1 score of 0.833%, had better results.

□ (Kugunavar □ Prabhakar, 2021) [15], suggested a straightforward CNN framework for binary classifying COVID-19 CT images. With an F1-score of 93%, they obtained an accuracy of 93%. Thus, it was clear that CNNs are highly valuable for the effective diagnosis and prognosis of COVID-19 with the availability of better medical picture datasets.

□ (Wang et al., 2021)[16], suggested employing a convolutional neural network a deep learning technique (CNN), the specificity and sensitivity of the internal validation were 0.88 and 0.87, respectively, yielding a total accuracy of 89.5 percent. An overall accuracy of 79.3 percent, a specificity of 0.83, and a sensitivity of 0.67 were shown in the external testing dataset. Furthermore, 46 of 54 COVID-19 photos were correctly predicted by the algorithm to be COVID-19 positive, with an accuracy of 85.2%, even though the first two nucleic acid test results were negative.

1.3 Problem Statement

The emerging coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was and still is a dilemma, due to its different behavior according to the nature of the body of each infected person and his/her immunity. This is in addition to the overlap of the symptoms of COVID-19 disease with the symptoms of other diseases. Therefore, the correct diagnosis of this disease is one of the most important stages of its treatment, which is the problem of this thesis.

1.4 Aim of the Thesis

This work aims to design and implement a diagnostic model for the emerging coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This model can accurately classify if the patients have the COVID-19 disease or not based on the CT scan images dataset using CNN algorithm.

1.5 Outline of Thesis

The other chapters in this thesis are as follows□

Chapter Two □ Theoretical Background

This chapter gives the background and review of diagnosis Covid-19, feature selection techniques, and classification techniques.

Chapter Three □ The Proposed Model

This chapter describes the proposed diagnosis Covid-19 with its design and implementation.

Chapter Four □ Results and Discussion

This chapter explains the results and evaluations that have been getting from the proposed diagnosis.

Chapter Five □ Conclusions and Suggestions for Future work

This chapter presents the conclusions of this work. Furthermore, it provides suggestions for future work.