

Deep Learning Algorithms for Breast Cancer Image Classification

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Abstract - Breast Cancer is one of the most major reasons for death among ladies between the age of 30 to 45. The early detection method to identify the breast cancer is mammography. Many research has been done on the diagnosis and detection of breast cancer using various image processing and classification techniques[1]. Since the cause of breast cancer stays unclear, prevention becomes difficult. Thus, early detection of cancer in breast is the only way to cure breast cancer. Using CAD (Computer Aided Diagnosis) on mammographic image is the most appropriate and easiest way to diagnosis for breast cancer. Accurate discovery can effectively reduce the death rate. Masses and micro calcifications clusters are an important early symptoms of possible breast cancers. They can help predict breast cancer at it's early state. CAD is being utilized and requested by radiologist that help them in making an perfect diagnosis and helps to improve outcome predictions. The involvement of digital image classification allows the doctor and the physicians a second opinion, and it saves the doctors' and physicians'time. Importance given on the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) method for breast image classification. Along with the CNN method with the conventional Neural Network (NN), Logic Based classifiers such as the Random Forest (RF) algorithm, Support Vector Machines (SVM), Bayesian methods, and a few of the semisupervised and unsupervised methods which have been used for breast image classification[2].

1. INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide; according to the World Health Organization. Different types of cancer can be created in human body; among them breast cancer creates a serious health issues. Due to the structure of the human body, women are more in danger to breast cancer than men. There are different reasons for breast cancer, age, family history, breast density, obesity, and alcohol intake are reasons for breast cancer. Statistics says that the growth rate of breast cancer increases drastically. Figure 1 shows the number of females newly facing Breast Cancer as well as the number of females dying from the year 2007 in Australia. This is the situation of Australia (population 20–25 million), but it can be used as a figure of the Breast Cancer situation of the whole world.

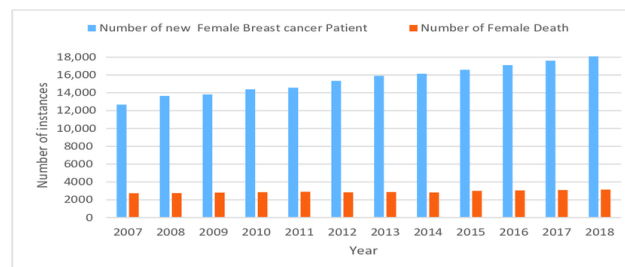


Figure 1. New cases of breast cancer for women and number of women dying in the last twelve years.

Early diagnosis is the first step in proper treatment of any disease. Nowadays it is immediate need for best pre-screening tool to spot the abnormality of the mammogram images in the earlier stage itself to identify the breast cancer. Manual investigation of this kind of images largely depends on the expertise of the doctors and physicians. As humans are error prone, so even a specialist can give wrong information about the diagnostic images. Computer Aided Diagnosis (CAD) techniques are largely utilized for biomedical image analysis such as cancer identification and classification. The use of CAD allows the patient and doctor to take a second opinion.

Breast cancer tumors can be categorized into two broad categories:

- (i) **Benign (Noncancerous):** Benign cases are considered as noncancerous, that is, non-life-threatening. But on a few occasions it could turn into a cancer status. An immune system known as "sac" normally segregates benign tumors from other cells and can be easily removed from the body[1].
- (ii) **Malignant (Cancerous):** Malignant cancer starts from an abnormal cell growth and might rapidly spread or attack nearby tissue. Normally the nuclei of the malignant tissue are much bigger than in normal tissue, which can be life-threatening in future stages. Cancer is always a life-threatening disease. Proper treatment of cancer saves people's lives. Identification of the normal, benign, and malignant tissues is a very important step for further treatment of cancer. For the identification of benign and malignant conditions, imaging of the targeted area of the body helps the doctor and the physician in further diagnosis.

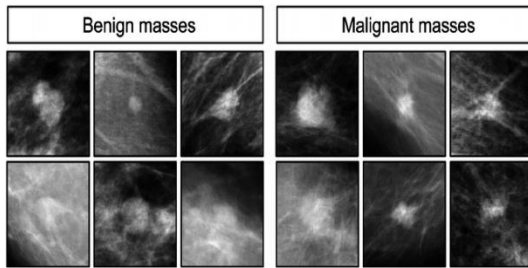


Figure 2. The left side represents the Benign and right side Malignant images

2. Breast Image Classification

Various algorithms and investigation methods have been used by researchers to investigate breast images from different perspectives depending on the demand of the disease, the status of the disease, and the quality of the images. Among the different tasks, for breast image classification, machine learning (ML) and the Artificial Intelligence (AI) are heavily utilized. A general breast image classifier consists of four stages:

- (i) Selection of a breast database
- (ii) Feature extraction and selection
- (iii) Classifier model
- (iv) Performance measuring parameter
- (v) Classifier output.

2.1. Available Breast Image Databases.

Doctors and physicians are heavily reliant on the ultrasound, MRI, X-ray, and so forth images to find the breast cancer present status. However, to ease the doctors' work, some research groups are investigating how to use computers more reliably for breast cancer diagnostics. To make a reliable decision about the cancer outcome, researchers always base their investigation on some well-established image database. Various organizations have introduced sets of images databases which are available to researchers for further investigation.

The MIAS, DDSM, and Inbreast databases contain mammogram images. According to the Springer (<http://www.springer.com>), Elsevier (<https://www.elsevier.com>), and IEEE (<http://www.ieeeexplore.ieee.org>) web sites, researchers have mostly utilized the MIAS and DDSM databases for the breast image classification research[1].

2.2. Feature Extraction and Selection.

Feature extraction is a very vital process for the overall system performance in the classification of micro calcifications. The features extracted are distinguished according to the extraction method and the image characteristics. The features which are implemented here is texture features and statistical measures like Mean, Standard deviation, Variance, Smoothness, Skewness, Uniformity, Entropy and kurtosis[1].

Features which are extracted for classification do not always carry the same importance. Some features may even contribute to degrading the classifier performance. Prioritization of the feature set can reduce the classifier model complexity and so it can reduce the computational time. Feature set selection and prioritization can be classified into three broad categories:

- (i) **Filter:** the filter method selects features without evaluating any classifier algorithm.
- (ii) **Wrapper:** the wrapper method selects the feature set based on the evaluation performance of a particular classifier.
- (iii) **Embedded:** the embedded method takes advantage of the filter and wrapper methods for classifier construction.

2.3. Classifier Model.

Based on the learning point of view, breast image classification techniques can be categorized into the following three classes [6]:

- (i) Supervised
- (ii) Unsupervised
- (iii) Semisupervised.

These three classes can be split into Deep Neural Network (DNN) and conventional classifier (without DNN)

2.4. Performance Measuring Parameter.

A Confusion Matrix is a two-dimensional table which is used to give a visual perception of classification experiments [7]. The (i,j)th position of the confusion table indicates the number of times that the ith object is classified as the jth object.

Hypothesized class

		Hypothesized class	
		Benign	Malignant
True Class	Benign	True positive (A)	False negative (B)
	Malignant	False positive (C)	True negative (D)

Figure 3: Confusion Matrix.

The diagonal of this matrix indicates the number of times the objects are correctly classified. Figure 3 shows a graphical representation of a Confusion Matrix for the binary classification case.

Among the different classification performance properties, this matrix will provide following parameters:

- (i) Recall is defined as $Recall = TP / (TP + FN)$.
- (ii) Precision is defined as $Precision = TP / (TP + FP)$.
- (iii) Specificity is defined as $Specificity = TN / (TN + FP)$.
- (iv) Accuracy is defined as $ACC = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)$.
- (v) F-1 score is defined as $F1 = (2 \times Recall) / (2 \times Recall + FP + FN)$.
- (vi) Matthew Correlation Coefficient (MCC): MCC is a performance parameter of a binary classifier, in the range $\{-1, +1\}$. If the MCC values trend more towards +1, the classifier gives a more accurate classifier and the opposite condition will occur if the value of the MCC trend towards the -1. MCC can be defined as MCC

$$MCC = \frac{TP \times TN - FP \times FN}{\sqrt{(TP + FP)(TP + FN)(TN + FP)(TN + FN)}}$$

3. CLASSIFIER MODEL ON BREAST IMAGES

In supervised learning, a general suggestion is established based on externally supplied instances to produce future prediction. For the supervised classification task, features are identified or automatically crated from the available dataset and each sample is mapped to a dedicated class. With the help of the features and their levels a hypothesis is created. Based on the hypothesis unknown data are classified [10].

In general, the whole dataset is separated into training and testing parts. To test the data, some time data are also separated into a validation part as well. After the data separation, the most important part is to find out the appropriate features to classify the data with the utmost Accuracy.

3.1 Convolutional Neural Networks

Convolutional neural networks are deep artificial neural networks which comes from the concept of working principles of human brain . We use CNN to classify images. It can be used to identify faces, individual, street signs, tumors, platypuses and many other aspects of visual data. The convolutional layer is the major building block of a CNN. A single-layer perceptron linearly combines the input signal and gives a results based on a threshold function. Based on the working principle and with some advanced mechanism and engineering, NN methods have established a strong footprint in many problem-solving issues.

During the forward pass, each filter is convolved across the width and height of the input volume , computing the dot product, and producing a 2-dimensional activation map of that filter. As a result, the network learns about the filters. The filter activates when they see some specific type of feature at some spatial position in the input. CNN has also fully connected layer that classifies output with one label per node.

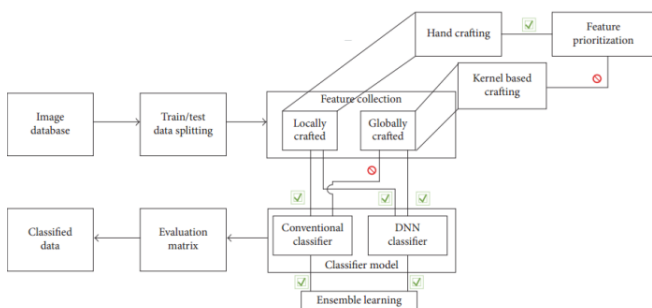


Figure 4: A generalized supervised classifier model

3.2 Deep Neural Network

Deep neural networks follow the structure of a typical artificial neural network with a complex network model. It has ‘n’ hidden layers and processes the data from the previous layer called as the input layer, and after every epoch, error rate of the input data will be gradually reduced by adjusting the weights of every node, back propagating the network and continues till reaches better results. Any number of inputs can be assigned as input nodes in input layer. Normally, number of nodes in DNN will be more than the input layer to increase the learning process

intensively. Number of outputs can be defined individually as unique output nodes in output layer.

3.3. Logic Based Algorithm

Logic Based algorithms allow us to create more than one tree and merge the decisions of those trees for an advanced result; this mechanism is known as an ensemble method.

RF classifier is a new and significant tree-based model which depends upon the integrated on the tree of predictors, so that each tree is dependent on values of arbitrary vector that undergoes sampling independently and with the similar distribution for each tree known as RF. It included integration of separate base classifiers, where all tree is introduced using a random vector sampled in an independent way from the classifier input vector for activating a rapid production of tree. To classify data, the classification individual vote from all trees is integrated with the assistance of the applied rule based model.

3.4. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

Support vector machines (SVMs), first introduced by Vapnik have shown their effectiveness in many pattern recognition problems [15], and they can provide better classification performances than many other classification techniques.

An SVM classifier performs binary classification, i.e., it separates a set of training vectors for two different classes $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_m, y_m)$, where $x_i \in R^d$ denotes vectors in a d-dimensional feature space and $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ is a class label. The SVM model is generated by mapping the input vectors onto a new higher dimensional feature space denoted as $\Phi: R^d \rightarrow H_f$ where $d < f$. Then, an optimal separating hyperplane in the new feature space is constructed by a kernel function $K(x_i, x_j)$, which is the product of input vectors x_i and x_j and where $K(x_i, x_j) = \Phi(x_i) \cdot \Phi(x_j)$ [16].

4.CONCLUSION

In this current era, lots of people are facing many problems with present age diseases. Breast cancer is one of the most common types of dangerous disease increasing over time among different countries. Lack of alertness and post-identification of disease will be the major reason for more death rates. Computer-aided diagnosis will be a correct solution for all kind of peoples to diagnose with exact results.

CAD system will not be a perfect substitute for professional doctors, but this aid will help them a lot, by assisting practitioners, to make a correct decision by studying patient reports. Sometimes, practitioners may do some fault due to lack of practice or poor analysis of reports. So, it will give a better clarity for the current medical environment. It can help the patient to receive the timely feedback about the disease which can improve the patient-management scenario.

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