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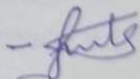
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ABSTRACT

It is estimated that approximately 600 million people will have diabetes by 2040, with one-third expected to have diabetic retinopathy (DR). Diabetic retinopathy is a leading problem throughout the world and many people are losing their vision because of this disease. The disease can get severe if it is not treated properly at its early stages. The damage in the retinal blood vessel eventually blocks the light that passes through the optical nerves which makes the patient with Diabetic Retinopathy blind. Therefore, in our research we wanted to find out a way to overcome this problem, Image will undergo a standard method of applying image processing which include image acquisition, pre-processing, feature extraction followed by exact identification of disease by means of a classifier.

Various classifiers are available in data mining that have been used for classification in different areas. We will use feed forward neural network for classification of the retinal images into category of Diabetic retinopathy. we were able to detect multiple stages of severity for Diabetic Retinopathy. There are other processes present to detect Diabetic Retinopathy and one such process is manual screening, but this requires a skilled ophthalmologist and takes up a huge amount of time.

Thus, our automatic diabetic retinopathy detection technique can be used to replace such manual processes and the ophthalmologist can spend more time taking proper care of the patient or at least decrease the severity of this disease.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AI	Artificial Intelligence
CWS	Cotton Wool Spots
Deep DR	Deep Learning Diabetic Retinopathy
DR	Diabetic Retinopathy
EX	Hard Exudates
GA	Genetic Algorithm
HM	Hemorrhages
MA	Micro aneurysms
ML	Machine Learning
NPDR	Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy
OCT	Optical Coherence Tomography
PDR	Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy
PICO	Patient Intervention Control Outcome
PRIMSA	Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization
RI	Retinal Imaging
SVW	Support Vector Machine

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Blood sugar levels that are abnormal in the human body accumulate in blood vessels as glucose is converted into energy. Diabetic retinopathy (DR) develops when a patient has had diabetes for more than ten years. DR occurs due to high blood pressure and causes damage to the retina, and it damages the retinal vascularization, which may cause blindness and death. Ophthalmologists can only observe retinal vascular swelling by conducting funduscopy tests, but these are time-consuming and expensive. By 2030, there are estimated to be 552 million diabetic patients worldwide, and DR is a leading cause of blindness .

Detecting and treating visual loss early is the key to preventing visual loss. In severe cases, the vessels swell, leak fluid, or block blood vessels, which results in abnormal blood vessel growth and complete blindness. Micro aneurysms, haemorrhages, and exudates are the main symptoms of DR on the retina. A lesion's shape, size, and overall appearance determine its severity. Fundus photography is an ophthalmologic screening method for DR. Preventing diabetes-related blindness is clinically effective and cost-effective with an automated assessment technique.

Ophthalmologists diagnose the presence and the severity of the DR through a visual assessment by direct examination and evaluation of the eyes. Early detection of DR is a rigid quest which can remind the DR patients to seek corresponding treatments in time [5]. For large numbers of diabetic patients globally, this process is expensive and time-consuming. DR severity and early diagnosis of the disease remain a challenge, with statistics among trained ophthalmologists varying substantially. Moreover, 75% of DR patients live in underdeveloped regions where sufficient ophthalmologists

and the infrastructure for detection are unavailable. Global screening activities have been created to counter the proliferation of preventable eye diseases, but DR exists at too large a scale to detect and treat DR efficiently on an individual basis.

DR occurs due to high blood pressure and causes retina damage. It damages retinal vascularization, which may cause blindness and even death. Ophthalmologists can only observe retinal vascular swelling by conducting funduscopy tests, but these are time-consuming and expensive. There is a need to automatically identify DR by examining retinal fundus images. It is reported that deep learning models are a practical approach for DR detection, which can better identify DR compared to ophthalmologists.

The Feed forward neural network (FFNN) is one of the main models of deep learning used to detect, predict, and classify medical images. This study aims to automatically detect DR by implementing the updated activation function of the FFNN model.

1.1 OVERVIEW

Nowadays, many people are suffering from diabetic retinopathy (DR). It is one of the most typical reasons among adults aged 20–74 years for blind registration in the world. When timely treatment is provided to the DR patients, approximately 90% of patients can be saved from visual loss[14]. Retinopathy development depends on how long a person has had diabetes. Today, DR is a leading cause of visual impairment in the United States. In 2005, 5.5 million people had diabetic retinopathy, and 1.2 million people had vision-threatening DR [1]. The prevalence of diabetes in India alone was 11.8%, with 10.7%, 13.1%, 13.2%, and 9.7% in the 50–59 years age group, 60–69 years age group, 70–79 years age group, and ≥80 years

age group, respectively, from 2015 to 2019 (Figure 1.1). In the 70–79 years age group, the prevalence of diabetes was the highest.

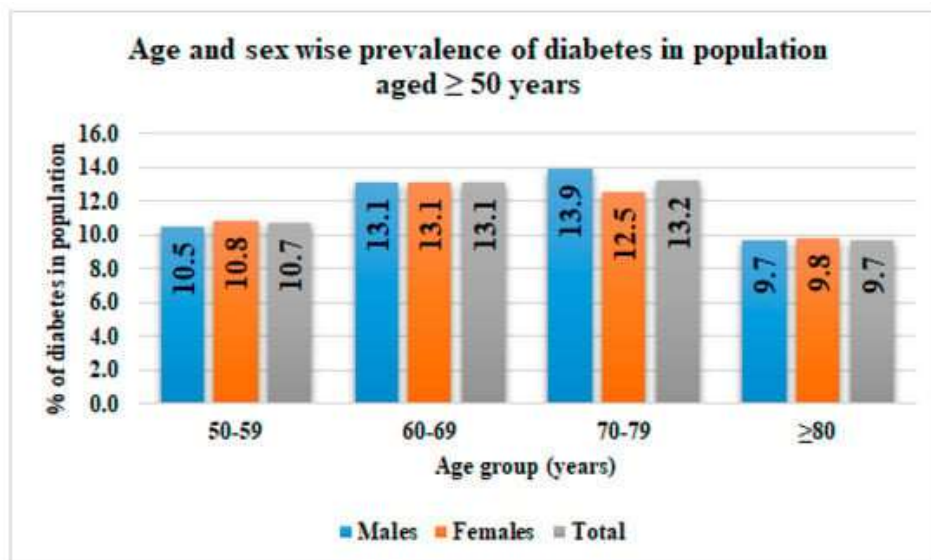


Fig:1.1: Age-wise and sex-wise prevalence of diabetes in the population aged ≥50 years.

This prolonged diabetes leads to diabetic retinopathy. DR affects the vision of 463 million people worldwide and is responsible for 22.27% of global blindness (2019). In India, 16.9% [(Figure 1.2 and Figure 1.3), i.e., around 72.96 million cases in the population, are suffering from DR, as per a survey done from 2015 to 2019. *The Times of India* article dated 14th Nov 2021 reported 77 million DR cases in India. The cases increased mainly due to type 2 diabetes.

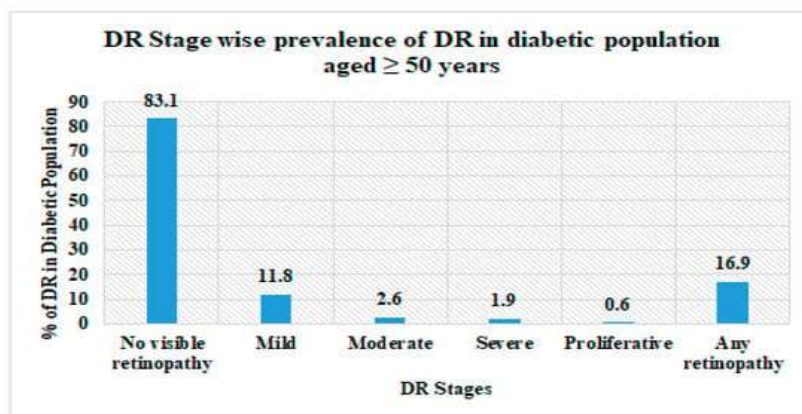


Fig:1.2: DR stage-wise prevalence of DR in the diabetic population.

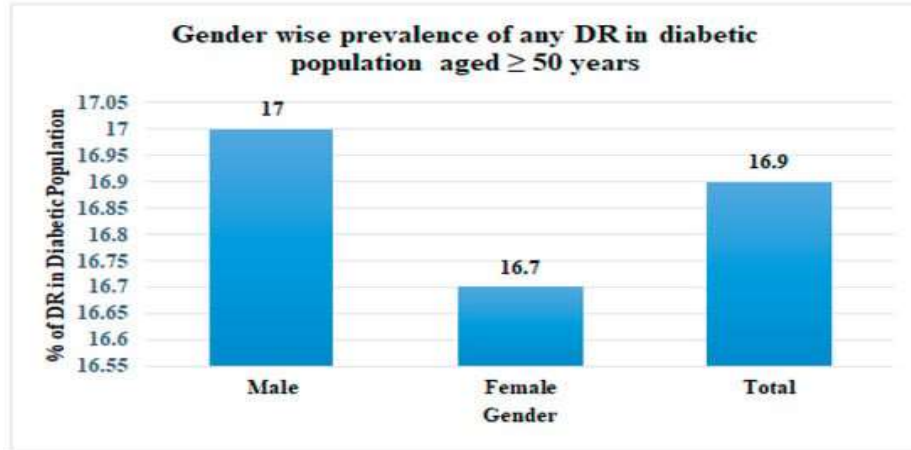


Fig 1.3. Gender-wise prevalence of any DR in the diabetic population aged ≥50 years.

Diabetic retinopathy prevalence was highest in Africa (35.90%) and North American and the Caribbean (33.30%) and was lowest in South and Central America (13.37%). Survey of counties with most people affected by this health issue.

Table 1.1: Rate of diabetic retinopathy prevalence in different countries

Country	Individuals with diabetes in the adult population (Dec 2010) ¹⁹	Diabetic retinopathy		Reference
		Rate	Number	
Afghanistan	1,169,789	10	117,000	cbp/05 ¹⁴
Bahrain	297,348	10	29,735	
Djibouti	50,552	10	5055	
Egypt	8,588,302	20.5	1,760,600	Macky TA ²¹
Iran	5,863,697	37	2,169,575	Javadi MA ²³
Iraq	1,984,915	10	198,500	Al-Till MI ²²
Jordan	622,890	64.1	399,275	
Kuwait	430,782	40	172,300	Al Adsani ¹⁵
Lebanon	348,687	35	122050	Salti HI ²⁵
Libya	5,83,793	30.5	178,050	Kadiki OA ²⁸
Morocco	1,955,658	10	195,550	Khandekar R ¹⁶
Oman	259,353	14.5	37,600	
Pakistan	6,975,526	27.4	1,911,300	Maher PS ²⁴
Palestine	174,945	10	17,500	Elshafei M ¹⁷
Qatar	270,357	23.5	54,100	
Saudi Arabia	3,227,006	30	968,100	Khan AR ¹⁸
Somalia	408,447	10	40,850	El-Mahady EM ²⁶
Syria	3,048,940	10	304,900	
Sudan	4,712,388	17.5	824,675	Ben Abdelaziz A ²⁷
Tunisia	1,240,601	18.3	227,030	Saadi H ¹⁹
UAE	865,838	54.2	469,285	Bamashmus MA ²⁰
Yemen	1,267,153	55	696,935	
Eastern Mediterranean Region	44,346,969	24.6	10,899,965	

The traditional screening of fundus images for diagnosing DR lesions takes time, thereby delaying therapy and reducing the chance of success. Therefore, the screening strategies must be changed to save the time of both doctors and patients by using a computer-aided diagnosis. Automated methods are important medical applications for detecting and classifying the disease type into normal or abnormal ones[3]. It provides collaboration opportunities for CSCW researchers, social scientists, AI researchers, clinicians, and relevant stakeholders in healthcare, to share their perspectives and co-create sociotechnical approaches to tackle timely issues related to AI and automation in healthcare work [11]. Thus, new technologies, such as machine learning, come into play for detecting and classifying DR. The quality, affordability, and accessibility of DR screening in the diabetic population are all crucial parameters in preventing blindness. New technology will ease this issue in terms of cost.

In DR patients, lesions such as microaneurysms, haemorrhages, exudates, and neovascularization (Figure 1.4) may develop. These lesions need to be detected early for proper intervention. Microaneurysms are small swellings that form at the internal wall of a blood vessel, which may burst and leak blood into nearby tissues, whereas hemorrhages are ruptures of capillaries. Exudates can be hard exudates or soft exudates. Hard exudates are yellowish lipids that leak from an abnormal blood vessel, and soft exudates are whitish-grey, also called cotton wool.

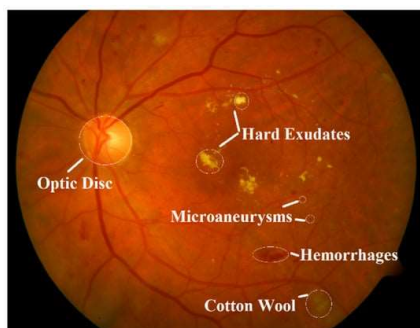


Fig:1.4: Diabetic retinopathy retinal image showing lesions.

- *Microaneurysms* (MA) is the earliest sign of DR that appears as small red round dots on the retina due to the weakness of the vessel's walls. The size is less than 125 μm and there are sharp margins. Michael et al. classified MA into six types, as shown in Fig 4.2 . The types of MA were seen with AOSLO reflectance and conventional fluorescein imaging.

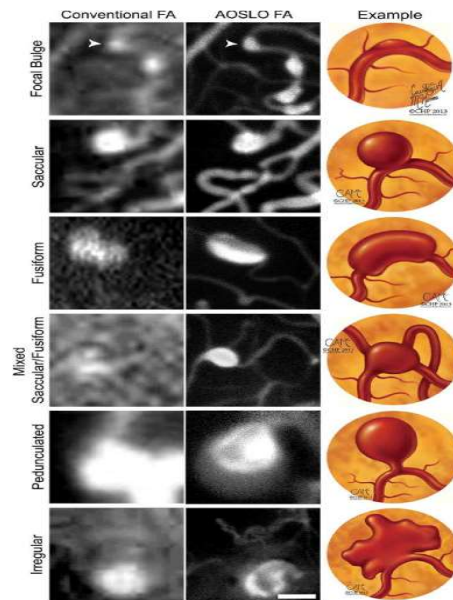


Fig:1.5: The different types of MA .

- *Haemorrhages* (HM) appear as larger spots on the retina, where its size is greater than 125 μm with an irregular margin. There are two types of HM, which are flame (superficial HM) and blot (deeper HM), as shown in Fig 4.2.

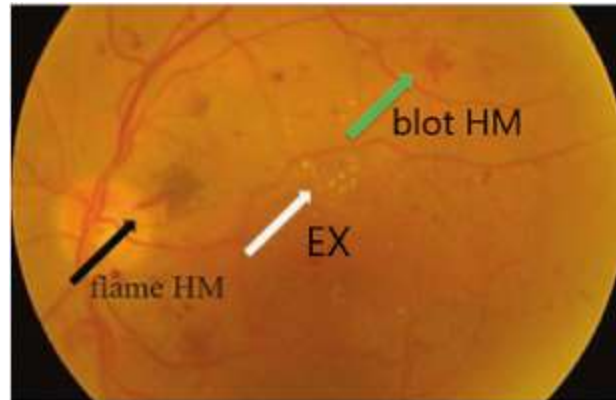


Fig:1.6: The different types of HM .

- *Hard exudates* appear as bright-yellow spots on the retina caused by leakage of plasma. They have sharp margins and can be found in the retina's outer layers.
- *Soft exudates* (also called cotton wool) appear as white spots on the retina caused by the swelling of the nerve fiber. The shape is oval or round.

Red lesions are MA and HM, while bright lesions are soft and hard exudates (EX). There are five stages of DR depending on the presence of these lesions, namely, no DR, mild DR, moderate DR, severe DR and proliferative DR, which are briefly described in Table 2.

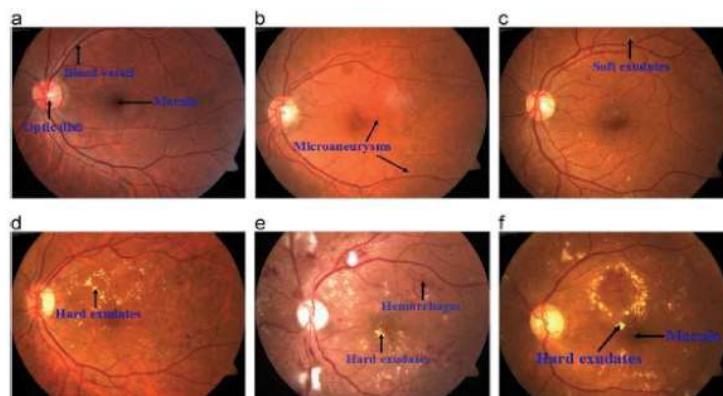


Fig:1.7: The DR stages: (a) normal retinal (b) Mild DR, (c) Moderate DR, (d) Severe DR, (e) Proliferative DR, (f) Macular edema

With the increasing prevalence of diabetes, annual screening for diabetic retinopathy (DR) by expert human grading of retinal images is challenging[15]. Diabetic retinopathy is divided into two types: non-proliferative and proliferative. Non-proliferative DR is divided into three stages: mild, moderate, and severe. Only microaneurysms are present in mild non-proliferative DR, while exudates characterize moderate and severe stages, along with microaneurysms. However, microaneurysms may be present in later stages. During non-proliferative DR, the patient barely experiences any peculiar symptoms. However, their eyesight gradually becomes impaired as the disease progresses to the proliferative stage. It may lead to neovascularization; thus, the patient may lose vision completely. Early diagnosis can minimise the risk of proliferated diabetic retinopathy, which is the advanced level of this disease, and having higher risk of severe impairment[9]. Deep learning enhanced algorithms have the potential to improve the efficiency of DR screening, and thereby to prevent visual loss and blindness from this devastating disease [2]. The proposed approach consists of two steps. In the first stage, pretreatments were performed to remove retinal images from different data sets and standardize them to size. In the second stage, classification was made by Feed forward neural network[19].

Table 1.2: Levels of DR with its associative lesions

DR Severity Level	Lesions
No DR	Absent of lesions
Mild non-proliferative DR	MA only
Moderate non-proliferative DR	More than just MA but less than severe DR

DR Severity Level	Lesions
Severe non-proliferative DR	Any of the following: • • more than 20 intraretinal HM in each of 4 quadrants • • definite venous beading in 2+quadrants • • Prominent intraretinal microvascular abnormalities in 1+ quadrant • • no signs of proliferative DR
Proliferative DR	One or more of the following: vitreous/pre-retinal HM, neovascularization

1.2 KEY FEATURES

- Dual profile model – Two platforms in the same application, one profile for the doctor and the other for patient
- Code generator for patient profile- provides security to the details as the login code for the patient can only be generated by the doctors profile.
- instant detection system - after the right data is fed in the doctor can get instant report of the data without delays.
- accessible - easily accessible by the patient at any times since the reports will be uploaded into the patients platform along with the previous reports.
- reduce cost - due to the one time investment of the software and equipment it makes it cheaper to avail the software thus making it cheaper and allows more people to diagnose themselves at ease.
- stage wise detection - the application can detect diabetic retinopathy in stages thus helping the patient get appropriate treatment as per the stage they are in.
- detailed reports - the reports generated by the software will be extremely accurate with all the desired stats required to diagnose along with the final result and suggestions on the therapy

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 A DEEP LEARNING SYSTEM FOR DETECTING DIABETIC RETINOPATHY ACROSS THE DISEASE SPECTRUM

Authors: Ling Dai, Liang Wu, Huating Li, Chun Cai, Qiang Wu, Hongyu Kong

The development and validation of a deep learning-based DR screening system called DeepDR (Deep-learning Diabetic Retinopathy), which was a transfer learning assisted multi-task network to evaluate retinal image quality, retinal lesions, and DR grades. The system was developed using a real-world DR screening dataset consisting of 666,383 fundus images from 173,346 patients. In addition, we annotated retinal lesions, including microaneurysms, cotton-wool spots (CWS), hard exudates, and hemorrhages on 14,901 images, and used transfer learning to enhance the lesion-aware DR grading performance. The system achieved high sensitivity and accuracy in the whole-process detection of DR from early to late stages.

2.2. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN DIABETIC RETINOPATHY: A NATURAL STEP TO THE FUTURE

Authors: Kumar Padhy, Brijesh Takkar, Rohan Chawla, and Atul Kumar

Use of artificial intelligence in medicine in an evolving technology which holds promise for mass screening and perhaps may even help in establishing an accurate diagnosis. The ability of complex computing is to perform pattern recognition by creating complex relationships based on input data and then comparing it with performance standards is a big step. Diabetic retinopathy is an ever-increasing problem. Early screening and

timely treatment of the same can reduce the burden of sight threatening retinopathy. Any tool which can aid in quick screening of this disorder and minimize requirement of trained human resource for the same would probably be a boon for patients and ophthalmologists. In this review we discuss the current status of use of artificial intelligence in diabetic retinopathy and few other common retinal disorders.

2.3. AUTOMATED DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY: A COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY

Authors: Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan, Hoda Kheradfallah, Arya Sarkar, and Janarthanam Jothi Balaji

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is a leading cause of vision loss in the world. In the past few years, artificial intelligence (AI) based approaches have been used to detect and grade DR. Early detection enables appropriate treatment and thus prevents vision loss. For this purpose, both fundus and optical coherence tomography (OCT) images are used to image the retina. Next, Deep-learning (DL)-/machine-learning (ML)-based approaches make it possible to extract features from the images and to detect the presence of DR, grade its severity and segment associated lesions. This review covers the literature dealing with AI approaches to DR such as ML and DL in classification and segmentation that have been published in the open literature within six years (2016–2021). In addition, a comprehensive list of available DR datasets is reported. This list was constructed using both the PICO (P-Patient, I-Intervention, C-Control, O-Outcome) and Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Review and Meta-analysis (PRISMA) 2009 search strategies. We summarize a total of 114 published articles which conformed to the scope of the review. In addition, a list of 43 major datasets is presented.

2.4. DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTION USING GENETIC ALGORITHM-BASED CNN FEATURES AND ERROR CORRECTION OUTPUT CODE SVM FRAMEWORK CLASSIFICATION MODEL

Authors: Najib Ullah, Muhammad Ismail Mohmand, Kifayat Ullah

Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is a type of eye disease that may be caused in individuals suffering from diabetes which results in vision loss. DR identification and routine diagnosis is a challenging task and may need several screenings. Early identification of DR has the potential to prevent or delay vision loss. For real-time applications, an automated DR identification approach is required to assist and reduce possible human mistakes. In this research work, we propose a deep neural network and genetic algorithm-based feature selection approach. Five advanced convolutional neural network architectures are used to extract features from the fundus images, i.e., AlexNet, NASNet-Large, VGG-19, Inception V3, and ShuffleNet, followed by genetic algorithm for feature selection and ranking features into high rank (optimal) and lower rank (unsatisfactory). The nonoptimal feature attributes from the training and validation feature vectors are then dropped. Support vector machine- (SVM-) based classification model is used to develop diabetic retinopathy recognition model. The model performance is evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. The proposed model is tested on three different datasets: the Kaggle dataset, a self-generated custom dataset, and an enhanced custom dataset with 97.9%, 94.76%, and 96.4% accuracy, respectively.

2.5. DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTION USING DEEP LEARNING

Authors: Anumol Sajan, Anamika K

This project successfully detects diabetes by using deep learning on fundus images and it can be used as one of the methods to detect diabetes in the future. CNNs promise to leverage the large amounts of images that have been massaged for physician interpreted screening and learn from raw pixels. The high variance and low bias of these models could allow CNNs to diagnose a wider range of nondiabetic diseases as well. Visualizations of the features learned by CNNs reveal that the signals used for classification reside in a portion of the image clearly visible by the observer. Moderate and severe diabetic retinal images contain macroscopic features at a scale that current CNN architectures CNN for training accuracy as well as validation accuracy. For future work model can train with system, with more number of processed data for getting higher accuracy result. Diabetic retinopathy remains a major cause of visual impairment and blindness, just as diabetic nephropathy is a major cause of renal failure, owing to the growing burden of type 2 diabetes. Over one-third of the world's 285 million people with diabetes are estimated to have diabetic retinopathy, and one-third of these (approximately 3.2 million) have vision-threatening retinopathy.

2.6. A SURVEY ON DEEP-LEARNING-BASED DIABETIC RETINOPATHY CLASSIFICATION

Authors: Anila Sebastian, Conceptualization, Data curation, Formal analysis, Methodology, Validation, Visualization.

The number of people who suffer from diabetes in the world has been considerably increasing recently. It affects people of all ages. People who have had diabetes for a long time are affected by a condition called Diabetic Retinopathy (DR), which damages the eyes. Automatic detection using new technologies for early detection can help avoid complications such as the loss of vision. Currently, with the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

techniques, especially Deep Learning (DL), DL-based methods are widely preferred for developing DR detection systems. For this purpose, this study surveyed the existing literature on diabetic retinopathy diagnoses from fundus images using deep learning and provides a brief description of the current DL techniques that are used by researchers in this field. After that, this study lists some of the commonly used datasets. This is followed by a performance comparison of these reviewed methods with respect to some commonly used metrics in computer vision tasks.

2.7. A LITERATURE REVIEW OF EARLY-STAGE DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTION USING DEEP LEARNING AND EVOLUTIONARY COMPUTING TECHNIQUES

Authors: Sachin Bhandari, Sunil Pathak & Sonal Amit Jain

Soft computing approaches are contributing to various areas of real-world problems. These techniques are being used in optimization problems, feature selection, classification as well as rule-based learning. In this paper, we proposed to investigate the potential and different available techniques of soft computing for recognizing diabetic retinopathy (DR). DR is one of the critical diseases, which leads to permanent sight loss. Hence, exposure to DR at an early stage can help to save eyesight. Therefore, we need to identify the accurate and efficient technique for identifying the early-stage DR. In this context we have reviewed recent literature and development of DR detection techniques, dataset used, and feature selection techniques. According to findings most of the recent works are focused on the grading of the sternness level of DR, by using the fundus images. The ultimate aim is to estimate the severity of DR on a grading scale. According to the findings particle swarm optimization (PSO), genetic algorithm (GA), fuzzy logic and neural network-based techniques are the most used techniques for automated DR grading. There are different combinations have been used with the PSO and fuzzy, PSO and neural network, GA and fuzzy, and GA

and neural network for better feature extraction, feature optimization, and feature learning process. Additionally, deep learning-based techniques are much more popular due to their capability to deal with a large amount of data and obtain better grading accuracy. Thus it is suggested to use the deep learning techniques for better yield of the DR detection problem.

2.8 DEEP LEARNING FOR DIABETIC RETINOPATHY ASSESSMENTS: A LITERATURE REVIEW

Authors: Ayoub Skouta, Abdelali Elmoufidi, Ouail Ouchetto

Diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy and neuropathy in patients with type 1 diabetes (T1D) are microvascular complications that can adversely impact disease prognosis and incur greater healthcare costs. Early identification of patients at risk of these microvascular complications using predictive models through machine learning (ML) can be helpful in T1D management. The objective of current review was to systematically identify and summarize published predictive models that used ML to assess the risk of diabetic nephropathy, retinopathy and neuropathy in T1D patients. Diabetic nephropathy or kidney disease is reflected through albuminuria and declining glomerular filtration rate (GFR) . Its prevalence in T1D patients is around 15–40% . Certain ethnic groups including South Asians, Hispanic Americans, and African Americans are more likely to develop macroalbuminuria and African Americans and South Asians are at a higher risk of progressing rapidly to more advanced stages of chronic kidney disease (CKD) . Having microalbuminuria or macroalbuminuria is associated with higher costs of between \$3,580–\$12,830 and significantly more healthcare resource utilization (HRU) compared with normo-albuminuria.

2.9 A SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW OF PREDICTING DIABETIC RETINOPATHY, NEPHROPATHY AND NEUROPATHY IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES USING MACHINE LEARNING

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Diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy and neuropathy in patients with type 1 diabetes (T1D) are microvascular complications that can adversely impact disease prognosis and incur greater healthcare costs. Early identification of patients at risk of these microvascular complications using predictive models through machine learning (ML) can be helpful in T1D management. The objective of current review was to systematically identify and summarize published predictive models that used ML to assess the risk of diabetic nephropathy, retinopathy and neuropathy in T1D patients. A total of 3,769 hits were found from all sources combined, duplicates were removed, titles and abstracts were screened, 61 studies underwent full-text review and a total of six studies met the eligibility criteria. Among them, four studies had developed risk models using data obtained from T1D patients alone, whereas two used data from both T1D and type 2 diabetes (T2D) patients. There was only one study that evaluated all three types of microvascular complications while the other five focused on one individual complication, i.e., either diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy or neuropathy. Overall, very few studies reported predictive models for diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy and neuropathy using ML specifically for T1D patients. Future research that utilizes contemporary clinical data from T1D patients to predict the three types of microvascular complications is needed.

2.10 A SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW ON DIABETIC RETINOPATHY USING AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE APPROACH

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Diabetic retinopathy occurs due to long-term diabetes with changing blood glucose levels and has become the most common cause of vision loss worldwide. It has become a severe problem among the working-age group that needs to be solved early to avoid vision loss in the future. Artificial intelligence-based technologies have been utilized to detect and grade diabetic retinopathy at the initial level. Early detection allows for proper treatment and, as a result, eyesight complications can be avoided. The in-depth analysis now details the various methods for diagnosing diabetic retinopathy using blood vessels, microaneurysms, exudates, macula, optic discs, and hemorrhages. In most trials, fundus images of the retina are used, which are taken using a fundus camera. This survey discusses the basics of diabetes, its prevalence, complications, and artificial intelligence approaches to deal with the early detection and classification of diabetic retinopathy. The research also discusses artificial intelligence-based techniques such as machine learning and deep learning. New research fields such as transfer learning using generative adversarial networks, domain adaptation, multitask learning, and explainable artificial intelligence in diabetic retinopathy are also considered. A list of existing datasets, screening systems, performance measurements, biomarkers in diabetic retinopathy, potential issues, and challenges faced in ophthalmology, followed by the future scope conclusion, is discussed. To the author, no other literature has analyzed recent state-of-the-art techniques considering the PRISMA approach and artificial intelligence as the core.

CHAPTER 3

AIM AND SCOPE OF THE PRESENT INVESTIGATION

3.1. AIM

The objective of this project is to develop a system catering to both doctors and patients. On the doctor's side, the system will assist in identifying diabetic retinopathy and determining its stages. Meanwhile, the patient's side will display their medical records, enabling early detection of eye-related issues and diabetic retinopathy, facilitating prompt treatment to minimize damage caused by the disease.

This approach aims to overcome limitations associated with manual assessment, such as subjectivity, variability among different observers, and the need for specialized expertise. By automating the detection process, the system can provide timely and objective assessments, enabling early intervention and treatment to prevent vision loss and other complications associated with diabetic retinopathy. Ultimately, the aim is to deploy this technology in clinical settings to assist healthcare professionals in screening large populations for diabetic retinopathy, facilitating early diagnosis, personalized treatment plans, and improved patient outcomes.

3.2. SCOPE

The goal of for this system is to segment the image to simplify and change the representation of an image into something that is more meaningful and easier to analyze. Image segmentation is the process of partitioning an image into multiple Segments. Retinal imaging is a common clinical procedure used to record a Visualization of the retina. The Segmentation of blood vessels in retinal images is used for the early diagnosis of retinal diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and glaucoma. Retinal

vasculature extraction helps in diagnosing the early detection of Diabetic retinopathy to prevent blindness.

The scope of diabetic retinopathy detection using deep learning involves leveraging advanced machine learning algorithms to analyze retinal images and detect signs of diabetic retinopathy. This includes:

- **Data Collection and Preprocessing:** Gathering a large dataset of retinal images, annotating them with diabetic retinopathy severity levels, and preprocessing the images to enhance quality and remove noise.
- **Model Development:** Designing and training deep learning models, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), to automatically detect and classify diabetic retinopathy in retinal images. This involves optimizing model architecture, hyperparameters, and training methodologies.
- **Validation and Evaluation:** Validating the performance of the deep learning models using separate validation datasets and evaluating their accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and other relevant metrics. This may involve cross-validation techniques and independent testing on unseen data.
- **Integration and Deployment:** Integrating the trained models into a software system or platform accessible to healthcare professionals. This system should be user-friendly, scalable, and capable of processing new retinal images in real-time for timely diagnosis.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Continuously refining the deep learning models based on feedback, new data, and advances in technology to improve their accuracy, robustness, generalizability and to evaluate performance of deep learning in detecting vision-threatening DR[16]. Overall, the scope includes all stages of the development pipeline, from data collection and preprocessing to model development, validation, integration, and ongoing improvement, with the aim of creating an effective tool for diabetic retinopathy detection in clinical settings.

CHAPTER 4

METHODOLOGY AND ALGORITHM

4.1. EXISTING METHODOLOGY

In previous work an automatic detection of diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma through image processing and feature extraction of the entire fundus image and classification using data mining techniques. Automatic diagnosis of eye abnormalities (Diabetic retinopathy) wherein the image is primarily preprocessed and statistical, GLCM based and histogram based measurements are calculated. The measured data are given to a SVM classifier. The classifier categorizes the fundus image to the disease category to which it belongs as DR. But it's not efficient to classify the images. The retinal fundus image is used to measure the thickness of the retinal nerve fiber layer (RNFL) to diagnose glaucoma. It is one of the noninvasive techniques most used by ophthalmologists. Its major advantage is that images can be taken easily for either healthy and non-healthy retinas, it is also portable and not difficult to use for any health professionals.

4.2 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

In this project a medical image classification model for retinal fundus images is proposed to identify the diabetic retinopathy. This work specifically places focus on the feature relevance and classification techniques to accurately categorize the disease associated with the retina based on the features extracted from retinal images through image processing techniques. Feed forward neural network classifier is trained through features extraction to classify the retinal images for identifying diabetic. In the proposed system glaucoma is identified using Cup to Disc ratio. CDR is calculated as follows, $[CDR = \text{area Cup} / \text{area Disc}]$ if the

CDR $\geq$ 0.6 it is DR, otherwise it is not. According to this, and as it was studied along the literature review, in order to do the automatic DR detection, the rest step is to obtain the segmentation of the disc and the cup. The result of the proposed optimized schemes shows that for different the datasets different in amount data displays the dominance than existing schemes. The numerical analysis of different training accuracy and data loss is presented for validating the proposed work[7].

4.2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSED METHOD

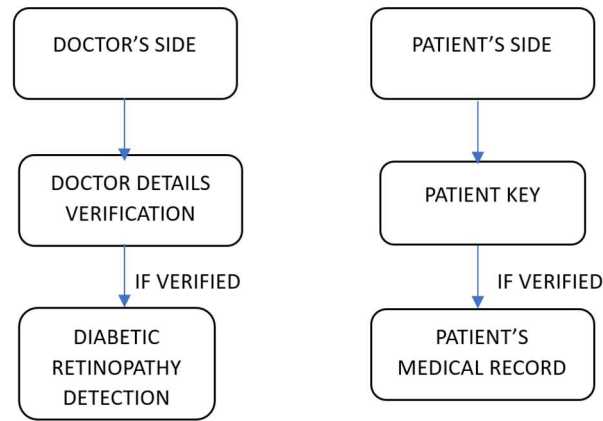


Fig:4.1: Block diagram of the system

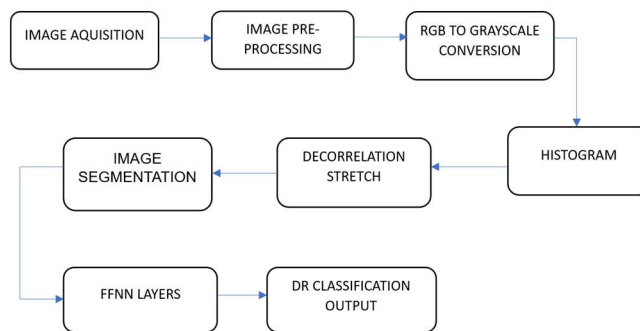


Fig:4.2: Block diagram of diabetic retinopathy detection

4.3 EXPLANATION OF BLOCK DIAGRAM

MODULE LIST

- Image acquisition
 - Image pre-processing
 - Rgb to grayscale conversion
 - Histogram
 - Decorrelation stretch
 - Image segmentation
 - Disease identification
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- **IMAGE ACQUISITION**

Acquiring the image ie image acquisition is the first step in this procedure. In this, the user is required to capture the image of the diseased area in such a way that the acquired image has minimum possible noise. The captured image is then fed to our software which will perform image processing technique and identify some useful features.

- **IMAGE PRE-PROCESSING**

The aim of pre-processing an image is to convert the image into a more suitable and usable form. Pre-processing suppresses the unwanted noise and distortions, enhances colours along with other image features. This helps in further processing steps. Image pre- processing method can also be for various plots. Neighbouring pixels of a single object in an image has essentially the same or similar brightness. This allows the system to recognize the object and separate it. Image is subjected to orientation

correction, resize, noise removal, greyscale conversion, colour enhancement so as to segment it properly.

- **RGB TO GRAYSCALE CONVERSION**

The RGB colour model mainly consists of three major colours: Red, Green and Blue. These three colours can be added together in various ways with varying intensity to produce a broad array of different colours. The name of the model is RGB because it takes the first letters of the three primary basic colours used in the model.

Grayscale or greyscale image consists of such a scenario in which each pixel instead of representing the colour itself, represents only the amount of light it carries. In other words, each pixel carries the intensity profile or intensity information. It is an example of a monochrome image. Monochrome images carry only a single colour and the various shades of the same colour. Both grayscale and black and white are monochrome images and are made up of varying shades of gray. These shades vary greatly from black at its weakest intensity all the way to white at the highest intensity.

- **HISTOGRAM**

Histograms or histogram plots are made via dividing the amount of information in an image into equal-sized groups. For each class, the numbers of points from the data set that fall into each class are enumerated. Vertical axis gives Frequency or the count or the number of objects that fall in a specific category. Horizontal axis in image histograms tells about the pixels and pixel. Histogram plotting is a very common and important tool in image processing. It tells about intensity distribution of pixels in images. It tells about how many pixels lie in a given intensity region. In MATLAB,

histogram can be plotted by first taking the grayscale of an image. The grayscale converts an RGB image into an image with only pixel intensity distribution. Then after this, histograms can be plotted.

- **DECORRELATION STRETCH**

Decorrelation stretching is used to enhance the colours of an image. More generally, Decorrelation is used to get rid of or reduce significantly the auto correlation between signals. It can also remove cross correlation between many signals. It is widely used in linear filtering. Majority of the decorrelation techniques are linear in nature. But non- linear decorrelation algorithms also exist. As far as image processing is concerned, images with a high amount of band-band correlation needs to be spaced and separated. This is done by stretching the band separation.

The numbers of colour bands are usually limited to three. But decorrelation stretch can be applied to this as well. It does not matter how many bands exist within an image. The originals colour bands offer a very small range of values. By using stretching, we can map the existing range of colour values to a new set of values with wider range. In MATLAB, decorrelation stretch can be performed by using `decorrstretch` function.

- **IMAGE SEGMENTATION**

In a computer system, image segmentation is used to segment a digital image into various segments. The ultimate goal of image segmentation is to convert the image into a form which clearly identifies and marks the region of interest. As far as disease detection is concerned, segmentation defines the boundaries and region of affected part of the body. It clearly identifies

the affected region. The framework is validated on a publicly available benchmark dataset with comparisons against five state-of-the-art segmentation methods including two deep learning based approaches to substantiate its effectiveness[13].

The image is converted into a binary image i.e black and white. The black region is the normal fundus or the unaffected region. The white region is the area of interest. It depicts the affected or diseased region. More precisely, the purpose of segmentation is to assign a value or a tag to each pixel in a digital image. All the pixels with the similar tag or value shares similar properties and attributes and features with the rest of them. The consequence or outcome of segmentation is a group of sections or chunks in the image that altogether form the entire image. Similar regions in the segmented image share similar attributed within them. These features can be colour, shape, size, edges, textures etc. Different regions have different attributes in the segmented image.

- **DISEASE IDENTIFICATION**

After we are done with image segmentation, next comes detecting the disease. After segmentation, we will analyze the segmented image for either the shape or colour or size or texture. This image is then compared to that of the healthy database. The database has the features of the healthy fundus. These features include the colour of the healthy fundus, its texture, shape and size. If the features do not match the ones present in the database, then the image is deemed to have disease. The results demonstrate that the proposed approach could improve the performance for both DR severity diagnosis and DR related feature detection when comparing with the traditional deep learning-based methods[18].

4.4 SOFTWARE USED IN PROPOSED METHOD

MATLAB is a proprietary multi-paradigm programming language and numeric computing environment developed by MathWorks. MATLAB allows matrix manipulations, plotting of functions and data, implementation of algorithms, creation of user interfaces, and interfacing with programs written in other languages. MATLAB is an elite dialect for specialized figuring. It incorporates calculation, perception, and programming in a simple to- utilize condition where issues and arrangements are communicated in commonplace numerical documentation.

Common place uses incorporate

- Math and calculation
 - Algorithm improvement
 - Data obtaining
 - Modeling, re enhancement, and prototyping
 - Data investigation, investigation, and representation
 - Scientific and building illustrations
 - Application improvement, including graphical UI building
- MATLAB is an intelligent framework whose fundamental information component is an exhibit that does not require dimensioning. This enables you to explain numerous specialized figuring issues, particularly those with grid and vector definitions, in a small amount of the time it would take to compose a program in a scalar non interactive dialect, for example, C or Fortran.

MATLAB has developed over a time of years with contribution from numerous clients. In college conditions, it is the standard instructional device for starting what's more, best in class courses in arithmetic, building, and science. In industry, MATLAB is the device of decision for high-efficiency research, improvement, and investigation.

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The MATLAB framework comprises of five fundamental parts:

- **Improvement Environment.** This is the arrangement of apparatuses and offices that assistance you utilize MATLAB capacities and records. A considerable lot of these instruments are graphical UIs. It incorporates the MATLAB work area and Command Window, a charge history, an editorial

manager and debugger, and programs for review help, the workspace, records, what's more, the inquiry way.

- **The MATLAB Mathematical Function Library.** This is a huge gathering of computational calculations going from basic capacities, similar to total, sine, cosine, and complex number- crunching, to more advanced capacities like network backwards, framework eigen values, Bessel capacities, and quick Fourier changes.
- **The MATLAB Language.** This is an abnormal state framework/exhibit dialect with control stream proclamations, capacities, information structures, input/output, and protest situated programming highlights. It permits both "programming in the little" to quickly make snappy discard projects, and "programming in the huge" to make substantial and complex application programs.

4.5 DEEP LEARNING

Deep learning (DL) is a branch of machine learning that allow an algorithm to program itself by learning from a large set of examples that demonstrate the desired behavior, removing the need to specify rules explicitly [4]. DL applications to medical image analysis include the classification, segmentation, detection, retrieval, and registration of the images. The recent development in the field of AI and especially Deep learning provides ambitious solutions that can be exploited to predict, forecast and diagnose several diseases in their early phases [7].

Recently, DL has been widely used in DR detection and classification. It can successfully learn the features of input data even when many heterogeneous sources integrated. There are many DL-based methods such as restricted Boltzmann Machines, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), auto encoder, and sparse coding . Recent object

detectors like FPN and RetinaNet usually involve extra stages against the task of image classification to handle the objects with various scales.(2) Object detection not only needs to recognize the category of the object instances but also spatially locate them[6]. The performance of these methods increases when the number of training data increases due to the increase in the learned features unlike machine learning methods. Also, DL methods did not require hand-crafted feature extraction. Table 3 summarizes these differences between DL and machine learning methods.

Table 4.1: The differences between DL and machine learning methods.

Empty Cell	DL	Machine learning
Hand-crafted feature extraction	Not required	Required
Training data	Required large data	Not required large data

CNNs are more widely used more than the other methods in medical image analysis , and it is highly effective diagnosis and treatment decision-making[10] .

There are three main layers in the CNN architecture, which are convolution layers (CONV), pooling layers, and fully connected layers (FC). The number of layers, size, and the number of filters of the CNN vary according to the author's vision. Each layer in CNN architecture plays a specific role. In the CONV layers, different filters convolve an image to extract the features. Typically, pooling layer follows the CONV layer to reduce the dimensions of feature maps. There are many strategies for pooling but average

pooling and max pooling are adopted most . A FC layers are a compact feature to describe the whole input image. The transfer learning strategies of pretrained models include finetuning last FC layer or finetuning multiple layers or training all layers of pretrained model. By clustering features at high response locations on the attention maps, we discover meaningful clusters which contain potential lesions in diabetic retinopathy [17].

Generally, the process used to detect and to classify DR images using DL begins by collecting the dataset and by applying the needed preprocess to improve and enhance the images. The algorithm comprises four stages: pre-processing, segmentation and classification[8].Then, this is fed to the DL method to extract the features and to classify the images, as shown in Fig. 4.1. These steps are explained in the following sections.

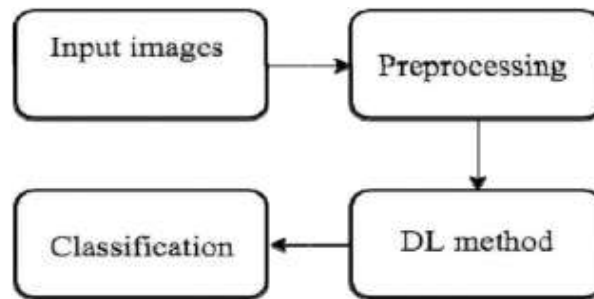


Fig:4.3: The process of classifying the DR images using DL.

4.6 FEED FORWARD NEURAL NETWORK(FFNN)

A feedforward neural network, also known as a multilayer perceptron (MLP), is a type of artificial neural network where connections between the nodes do not form a cycle. The training and cross validation rates by the MLP NN are 100% for detection of normal and abnormal retinal images[12]. In a feedforward neural network, information flows in one direction: from the input nodes, through one or more hidden layers, to the output nodes. Here's how it works:

Input Layer: The input layer consists of nodes that receive the initial input data. Each node represents a feature or attribute of the input data.

Hidden Layers: Between the input and output layers, there may be one or more hidden layers. Each hidden layer consists of nodes (neurons) that perform computations on the input data. The term "hidden" refers to the fact that these layers are not directly connected to the input or output of the network.

Output Layer: The output layer consists of nodes that produce the final output of the network. The number of nodes in the output layer depends on the nature of the problem being solved. For example, in a binary classification problem, there might be one output node representing each class.

In a feedforward neural network, information flows from the input layer, through the hidden layers, to the output layer without any feedback loops or connections that create cycles. Each connection between nodes is associated with a weight, which determines the strength of the connection. During the training process, the weights of the connections are adjusted based on the difference between the network's predicted output and the true output (i.e., the error). This adjustment is typically done using optimization algorithms such as gradient descent and backpropagation. Feedforward neural networks are widely used in various applications, including pattern recognition, classification, regression, and function approximation, due to their flexibility and ability to approximate complex nonlinear relationships between input and output data[20].

CHAPTER 5

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

5.1 RESULTS

The initial page begins with a dialogue box that consists of two profiles. One being the profile meant for the doctor and the other one meant for the the patient. The user interface is a very simple button based page that allows the user to go into any one of the two buttons to get started depending on their use of the application.



Fig: 5.1: Front-end of the system

If The doctor profile is trying to login, he/she needs to go through a process of verification in the application to prove that they are certified doctors thus reducing the risk of unnecessary use of the application and also allows the application to be more secure and accessible only to the right users. The doctor profile moves to a verification page with consist of various details of the doctor that needs to be filled in ranging from the name, contact details, address details to the certification of specialisation along with the name of the institution or the hospital that provided the certification, this can then be verified by the hospital which takes about a day or two days time then the doctor can move into the interface where he or she has to generate a code that can be used by the patient to login into thier profile in the software.

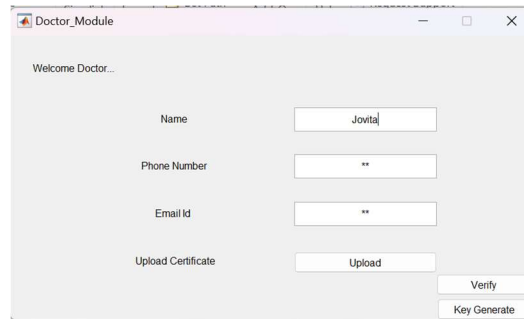


Fig:5.2: Doctor verification page

The end interface is a data receiving interface which takes in the data from the equipment, analyses it and gives out an output within few seconds denoting all the major details about diabetic retinopathy, what stage the patient is in, he details about the cure and a final detailed report of the patient. The input data required for this is a set of images taken with a special equipment that is used for analysis for the treatment. The quick output of the application helps the doctor give the results sooner and start the treatment process at the earliest.

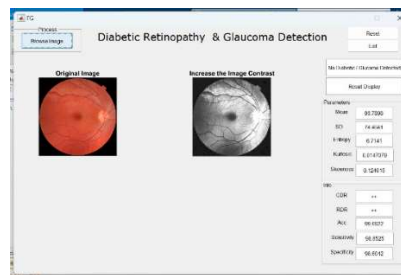


Fig: 5.3: Dectection of retina with no DR

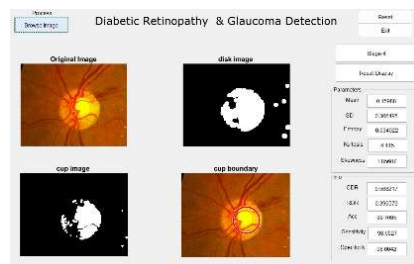


Fig: 5.4: Dectection of retina with DR

The application then moves onto the patients profile, the doctor receives a code before entering the interface which can be shared privately to the patient who needs to use the patient profile to login into thier interface.



Fig: 5.5: Patient key/code generation

The patients details are also filled in by the doctor in the doctors interface along with the reports thus allowing there to be more accurate information and allows the doctor to get a better understanding about the patient. Once the patient enters the code they then move onto the page which shows all the reports from the beginning to the end which can be seen by the patient and used accordingly to buy the appropriate medicines or avail the right treatment. This option of having the history of reports allows the doctors and the patients to keep track of their progress and do the needful to get the right treatment to eradicate the decease once and for all.

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Fig: 5.6: Patient Medical records

Thus this is a comprehensive application that helps the users get the right treatment and have all the informations at one platform along with the reports and details and also have the computer generate the results which allows there to be more accurate output with all the nessesary variables which help the doctor diagnose and treat the patient in the most efficient manner. It is crucial to consider such medical settings and develop the right softwares for them to be more time efficient, accurate and effective thus saving more lives.

5.2 DISCUSSION

Detecting diabetic retinopathy through deep learning is a promising avenue in healthcare. Diabetic retinopathy, a common complication of diabetes, can lead to vision impairment or even blindness if not detected and treated early. Deep learning, with its ability to analyze large amounts of medical data, offers a potential solution to improve the accuracy and efficiency of diabetic retinopathy detection.

One of the key advantages of using deep learning for diabetic retinopathy detection is its ability to learn intricate patterns and features from medical images such as retinal scans. Feed forward Neural Networks (FFNNs), a type of deep learning model, have shown remarkable performance in image classification tasks, including the detection of diabetic retinopathy lesions such as microaneurysms, hemorrhages, exudates, and neovascularization.

Furthermore, collaboration between clinicians, data scientists, and policymakers is essential to develop and validate deep learning algorithms for diabetic retinopathy detection effectively. With further research, validation, and integration into clinical practice, deep learning has the potential to revolutionize the early detection and management of diabetic retinopathy, ultimately improving patient outcomes and reducing the burden on healthcare system

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

6.1 SUMMARY

A system for diabetic retinopathy detection typically involves a combination of image processing, machine learning, and medical expertise to analyze retinal images for signs of diabetic retinopathy, a complication of diabetes that affects the eyes. This system uses FFNN or feed forward neural network to classify the images in stages of diabetic retinopathy. It is a process which involves data acquisition, preprocessing, model architecture, training, validation/testing, deployment, integration with clinical workflow, and continual improvement. The accurate result is obtained by reviewing the level of entropy, skewness, kurtosis, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity etc.

6.2 STANDARDS

Standards of these system aspects to ensure the effectiveness, reliability, and safety of the detection system. Some key standards are ensuring high-quality, well put together images of different stages of diabetic retinopathy are collected which is high of quality and reliable. A suitable algorithm should be chosen which fulfills all parameters and uses appropriate techniques. eg. Feed forward neural network (FFNN). Proper performance analysis must be done like cross-evaluation and proper testing and reading values of sensitivity, specificity, accuracy. Must conduct studies with the health care professionals to ensure that the results obtained by the system are accurate to make sure the decision-making process of the system can be trusted. Must adhere to regulatory requirements for medical devices, including FDA regulations (e.g., 510(k) premarket notification) or European CE marking and ensure compliance with international standards such as ISO 13485 for

quality management systems and ISO 14971 for risk management in medical devices. The current lawful structure for e-health protection in India is regulated by the IT Act, 2000 and the SPDI Rules, 2011. They provide certain safeguard in relation to gathering, disclosure and transfer of confidential personal details like an individual's medical history.

6.3 CONSTRAINTS

This system is very useful in medical field and can save the DR detection time of doctors and can give easy access to the patients for their records. Yet, Validating deep learning-based diabetic retinopathy detection models in clinical settings and obtaining regulatory approval (e.g., FDA clearance) are time-consuming and resource-intensive processes. Meeting regulatory requirements adds complexity and constraints to the deployment of detection systems in clinical practice. Training deep learning models for diabetic retinopathy detection requires significant computational resources, including GPUs or TPUs and large-scale computing infrastructure. Limited access to such resources can hinder the development and optimization of detection models. datasets for diabetic retinopathy detection may be limited in size, especially those containing diverse images representing various stages of the disease. This constraint can affect the performance and generalizability of deep learning models.

6.4 TRADE OFFs

Accuracy vs. Interpretability: Deep learning models can achieve high accuracy in diabetic retinopathy detection, but they often lack interpretability. Balancing the need for accurate predictions with the ability to explain and understand the model's decisions is a significant trade-off,

especially in medical settings where interpretability is crucial for trust and acceptance.

Data Availability vs. Model Performance: Deep learning models require large amounts of annotated data for training. While access to extensive datasets can enhance model performance, obtaining labeled data, particularly for rare or severe cases of diabetic retinopathy, can be challenging.

Clinical Validation vs. Model Deployment: Deep learning models for diabetic retinopathy detection must undergo rigorous clinical validation to ensure their effectiveness and safety before deployment in real-world clinical settings. However, the validation process can be time-consuming and resource-intensive.

Privacy and Security vs. Data Sharing: Medical image datasets used for training deep learning models may contain sensitive patient information, raising concerns about privacy and security. Balancing the need for data sharing to improve model performance with the protection of patient privacy.

Ethical Considerations vs. Clinical Utility: Deep learning models for diabetic retinopathy detection must adhere to ethical principles such as patient consent, fairness, and transparency. Balancing ethical considerations with the clinical utility and potential benefits of deploying detection systems is essential for responsible implementation in healthcare settings.

6.5 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the proposed application offers a streamlined solution for the diagnosis and treatment of diabetic retinopathy. With a user-friendly interface catering to both doctors and patients, it ensures accessibility and security while maximizing efficiency and accuracy in medical processes.

For doctors, a thorough verification process ensures that only certified professionals gain access to the application, safeguarding against misuse. The interface allows for easy generation of patient codes, facilitating secure access to medical records. Through the input of relevant data and analysis of retinal images, the application swiftly provides detailed reports, enabling prompt diagnosis and treatment initiation.

Patients benefit from the seamless interface, accessing their medical records and reports with the provided code. This empowers them to make informed decisions about their health and treatment options, while also facilitating better communication and collaboration with healthcare providers.

The comprehensive nature of the application, integrating patient details, medical history, and computer-generated results, enhances the diagnostic and treatment process. By centralizing information and automating analysis, it improves efficiency and accuracy, ultimately contributing to better patient outcomes and potentially saving lives. In essence, the development of such tailored software solutions for medical settings is paramount, as they not only optimize time management and accuracy but also ensure the effective delivery of healthcare services, thereby benefiting both patients and healthcare providers alike.

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