

BRAIN TUMOR DETECTION USING CNN AND TENSOR FLOW**Mohith HK Gowda¹**

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ABSTRACT

This project focuses on developing an automated system for brain tumor detection using TensorFlow and convolutional neural networks (CNN). The system classifies brain MRI images into four categories: glioma tumor, meningioma tumor, pituitary tumor, and no tumor. A dataset of MRI images is used, comprising training, testing, and validation sets. Data preprocessing includes resizing images and normalizing pixel values. Data augmentation techniques, such as rotation and zoom, are applied to enhance the dataset's variability. The CNN model is built with multiple convolutional layers, max-pooling layers, dropout layers, and dense layers. The architecture is designed to extract and learn features from the input images, followed by classification using a Softmax activation function. The model is trained using the Adam optimizer and categorical cross-entropy loss function. Performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, are used to evaluate the model. Results demonstrate that the model achieves satisfactory accuracy in classifying brain tumors, with a macro-average F1-score of 0.77 and an accuracy of 76% on the test set. Visualization tools, such as confusion matrices and sample images, are employed to interpret the model and predictions. The project highlights the potential of deep learning techniques in medical image analysis, offering a valuable tool for early and accurate diagnosis of brain tumors.

Keywords:

Brain Tumor Detection, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Deep Learning, Medical Image Analysis, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Tensor Flow, Glioma Tumor, Meningioma Tumor, Pituitary Tumor, Image Classification, Data Augmentation, Automated Diagnosis, Machine Learning, Adam Optimizer, Categorical Cross-Entropy, Model Evaluation, Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, Confusion Matrix

INTRODUCTION

This project focuses on developing a deep learning model using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to automate the detection and classification of brain tumors from MRI images. The dataset consists of MRI images categorized into four classes: glioma tumor, meningioma tumor, pituitary tumor, and no tumor. The images are preprocessed by resizing to 256x256 pixels, normalizing pixel values, and applying data augmentation techniques to enhance variability. The CNN model architecture includes multiple convolutional layers with max-pooling and dropout for feature extraction and reduction, followed by fully connected layers using Softmax activation for classification. The model is trained using the Adam optimizer and categorical cross-entropy loss function, with performance monitored through validation data to prevent overfitting.

OBJECTIVES

The project is centered on developing a robust and accurate automated system for brain tumor detection using deep learning techniques, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) implemented with TensorFlow. The process begins with **data preparation and augmentation**, where MRI images are systematically loaded from designated directories and converted to a suitable format for model training, ensuring consistency and handling errors gracefully. Images are resized to a standard dimension (e.g., 256x256 pixels) to maintain uniformity, and pixel values are normalized to a [0, 1] range, promoting stable convergence during training. To enhance the dataset's variability and improve the model's generalization capabilities, data augmentation techniques are applied, including rotations, shifts, zooms, and flips. Visualization tools are integrated to inspect the augmented images against their originals, ensuring transformations are applied correctly. Additionally, label distribution is analyzed using bar plots to identify any class imbalances, and strategies are implemented to address them if needed, along with sample images displayed from each category for validation. In the **model**

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development phase, a CNN architecture is carefully designed with layers like Conv2D for feature extraction, MaxPooling2D for dimensionality reduction, and Dense layers for the final classification, using ReLU activation for intermediate layers and Softmax for the output to handle multi-class classification. The model is compiled with the Adam optimizer, categorical cross-entropy loss function, and accuracy as the evaluation metric. Training is conducted using the augmented dataset, with performance monitored on validation data to fine-tune hyperparameters and avoid overfitting. In the **evaluation stage**, various metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are computed, alongside generating a confusion matrix to assess the model's classification abilities. Heatmaps visualize these matrices, and classification reports provide a detailed breakdown for each class. Qualitative analysis is also performed by predicting on randomly selected test images, comparing predictions with true labels to gauge the model's interpretability. For **optimization and fine-tuning**, the model's architecture is iteratively refined by experimenting with different configurations of layers and filter sizes, while regularization techniques like dropout and batch normalization are employed to enhance generalization. Hyperparameters are tuned systematically through methods like grid search or random search, testing various learning rates, batch sizes, and optimizer settings. Techniques like early stopping and checkpointing are implemented to preserve the best model and prevent overfitting, ensuring the system's robustness and accuracy in classifying brain tumors from MRI images. This comprehensive approach leverages advanced deep learning techniques to provide a reliable tool for early and precise brain tumor diagnosis.

PURPOSE

The purpose behind this study is to detect brain tumors and provide better treatment for the sufferers. The abnormal growths of cells in the brain are called tumors, and cancer is a term used to represent malignant tumors. Usually, CT or MRI scans are used for the detection of cancer regions in the brain. Positron Emission Tomography, Cerebral Arteriogram, Lumbar Puncture, and Molecular testing are also used for brain tumor detection. In this project, MRI scan images are used to analyze the disease condition.

SCOPE

This project is dedicated to accurately detecting and classifying brain tumors from MRI images using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). It encompasses several crucial phases to ensure a robust and reliable system. The process begins with **data collection and preprocessing**, utilizing a comprehensive dataset of MRI images divided into four categories: glioma tumor, meningioma tumor, pituitary tumor, and no tumor. Preprocessing includes resizing images to a standard 256x256 pixels, normalizing pixel values, and employing data augmentation techniques like rotation, zoom, and shifts to enhance dataset diversity. In the **model development phase**, a CNN is designed with multiple convolutional layers for extracting features, max-pooling layers for dimensionality reduction, dropout layers to mitigate overfitting, and fully connected layers for classification. The model is compiled using the Adam optimizer and categorical cross-entropy loss function, aiming for efficient training and convergence. During the **training and validation phase**, the model is trained on the preprocessed data with appropriate batch sizes and epochs, while performance is closely monitored on a separate validation set to fine-tune hyperparameters and prevent overfitting. The project's **evaluation stage** assesses the trained model's effectiveness using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrices, identifying strengths and potential areas for improvement. For the **application and visualization** phase, predictions are demonstrated through visualizations, showcasing the model's ability to classify MRI images accurately, while interpretability tools are provided to explain the decision-making process. Finally, detailed **documentation and reporting** are maintained, covering every aspect of the workflow—from data preprocessing and model development to training, evaluation, and analysis—culminating in a comprehensive report that summarizes the findings and outlines future research and clinical applications. This project aims to offer a reliable deep learning solution for early and accurate brain tumor diagnosis, contributing valuable insights into medical image analysis.

EXISTING SYSTEMS

Traditional methods for brain tumor detection and classification from MRI images often rely on manual and semi-automated techniques conducted by radiologists and medical professionals. In conventional workflows, radiologists manually interpret MRI scans, meticulously examining images to detect and classify brain tumors. This involves visual inspection and comparison with normal anatomical structures, considering critical factors like tumor location, size, shape, and signal intensity. These detailed assessments, based on the radiologist's expertise and experience, are a regulated practice in many healthcare settings, with radiologists generating

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comprehensive reports based on their observations. To enhance the accuracy and efficiency of these interpretations, various image processing software tools are utilized. **OsiriX**, for example, is a powerful application designed for viewing and analyzing medical images, including MRI scans, offering tools for 2D and 3D visualization, measurement, and annotation, which support manual segmentation and detailed analysis. Another widely used tool, **3D Slicer**, is an open-source software platform that supports image segmentation, registration, and 3D visualization, providing both manual and semi-automated segmentation capabilities for research and clinical analysis. Similarly, **ITK-SNAP** provides semi-automated segmentation features, combining manual and automated techniques such as active contour methods to create precise segmentations of brain tumors. These tools aid in supplementing the radiologist's workflow, making the analysis of MRI scans more efficient and detailed.

For generating images of brain tumors, several advanced imaging techniques are employed. **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)** is a cornerstone of non-invasive imaging in neurology, using magnetic fields and radiofrequency pulses to produce high-resolution images of soft tissues, ideal for detecting abnormalities in the brain. This technique is essential for diagnosing and monitoring conditions such as brain tumors, strokes, and multiple sclerosis. To further enhance the clarity and detection accuracy of brain tumors, **Contrast-Enhanced MRI** is often used, involving contrast agents that make tumors more visible by enhancing the contrast of the image. This technique is widely utilized in clinical practice to delineate and characterize tumors with greater precision. Additionally, **Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS)** provides metabolic data by measuring the chemical composition of brain tissue, which helps in distinguishing different types and grades of tumors. MRS is frequently used as a complementary method to conventional MRI, offering critical diagnostic information that supports more accurate tumor classification and monitoring. Together, these tools and imaging techniques form the foundation of traditional and semi-automated approaches for brain tumor detection, paving the way for more advanced automated systems using deep learning and CNNs.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The purpose of the proposed system for brain tumor detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and TensorFlow is to develop an accurate, efficient, and automated solution for classifying brain tumors from MRI images. This system aims to reduce the time, effort, and potential for human error associated with traditional manual diagnosis by radiologists, while providing a reliable and standardized approach to identifying different types of brain tumors. The automated CNN-based model is designed to detect and categorize tumors into four classes—glioma, meningioma, pituitary tumor, and no tumor—by learning complex patterns and features directly from the images, without the need for extensive manual feature engineering. Utilizing deep learning techniques allows the system to improve diagnostic accuracy and consistency, especially in challenging cases where subtle differences in tumor characteristics might be difficult to discern manually. Additionally, the system leverages TensorFlow's advanced capabilities to ensure scalability, flexibility in model development, and integration into clinical settings or research applications. Ultimately, the proposed system aims to serve as a valuable diagnostic aid, supporting radiologists with quick and precise tumor classification, enabling early detection, and potentially enhancing treatment outcomes through timely and accurate diagnosis.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology for developing the brain tumor detection system using CNNs and TensorFlow is structured into several stages, starting from data collection to result visualization. It begins with **Data Collection**, where a comprehensive dataset of MRI images is gathered, representing various brain conditions. This raw data is then processed in the **Data Preprocessing Module**, which involves resizing images to a uniform size, normalizing pixel values, and applying noise reduction to enhance image quality. These steps ensure that the input data is consistent and suitable for the model. Following preprocessing, the **Data Augmentation Module** employs techniques like rotation, flipping, zooming, and shifting to artificially expand the dataset, improving the model's ability to generalize by exposing it to a variety of perspectives of the same data. With the augmented data ready, the system moves to the **Model Design and Implementation Module**, where a Convolutional Neural Network is built using TensorFlow and Keras. This step involves carefully selecting the architecture, defining convolutional, pooling, and dense layers to extract relevant features from the MRI images. Once the model architecture is in place, it is compiled using optimization techniques such as the Adam optimizer.

The next phase, the **Model Training Module**, involves training the CNN using the preprocessed and augmented dataset, monitoring its performance using accuracy and loss metrics. This is followed by **Validation and**

Testing, where the trained model is evaluated on unseen data to assess its performance and reliability. This stage includes fine-tuning hyperparameters and computing essential metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, with the help of confusion matrices to visualize the classification results. Finally, in the **Visualization Module**, results are graphically represented using tools like PyPlot, Seaborn, and Matplotlib, providing insights into the model's predictions and overall performance. This systematic approach, from data handling to model validation, ensures that the CNN is robust and capable of accurately detecting and classifying brain tumors from MRI scans.

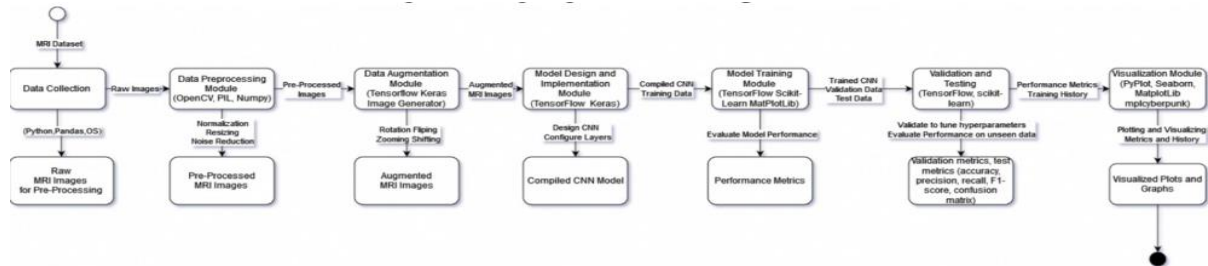


Figure 1: Architecture of the CNN model

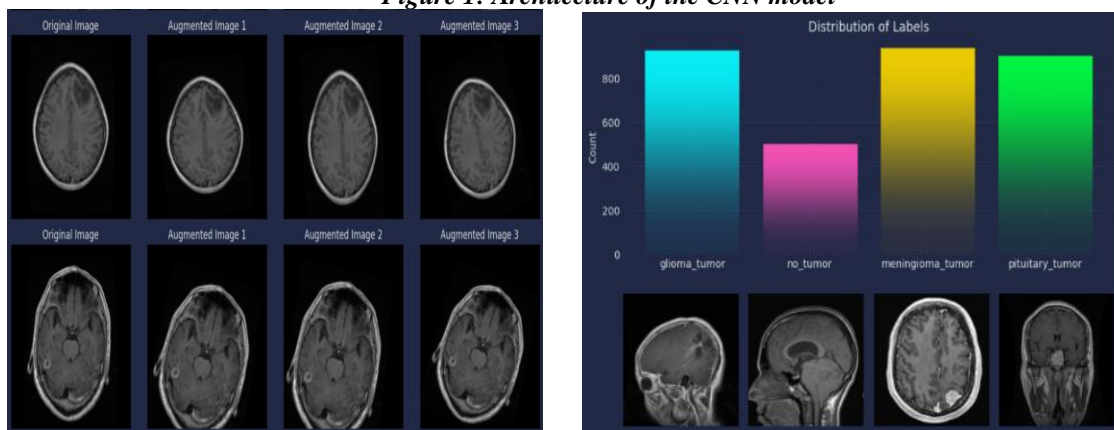


Figure 2: Comparison of changes made from original image to augmented image. Total images in data sets of each category

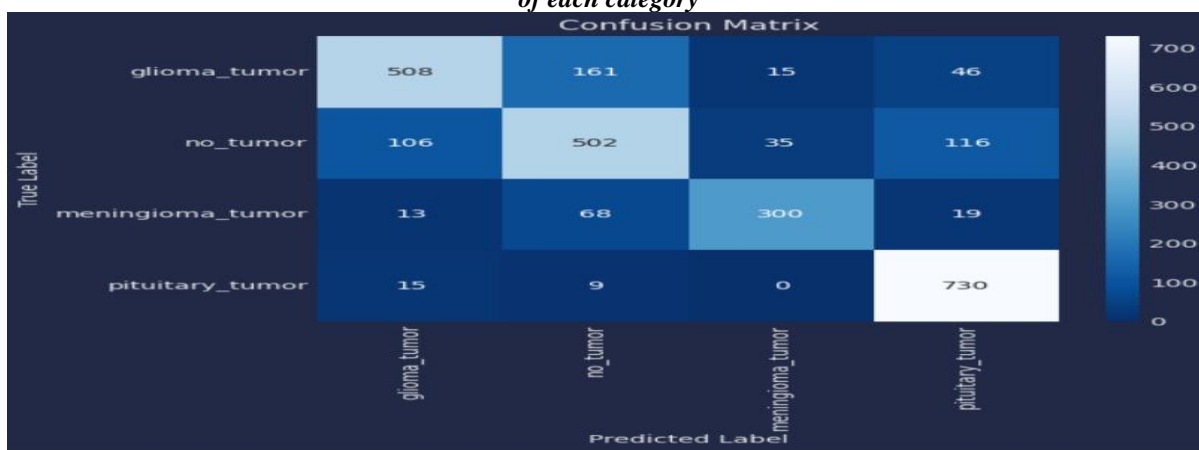


Figure 3: Confusion matrix of the data set

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 256, 256, 16)	1,216
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 128, 128, 16)	0
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 128, 128, 16)	0
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 128, 128, 16)	6,416
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 64, 64, 16)	0
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 64, 64, 16)	0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)	(None, 64, 64, 32)	4,640
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 32, 32, 32)	0
dropout_2 (Dropout)	(None, 32, 32, 32)	0
conv2d_3 (Conv2D)	(None, 32, 32, 32)	9,248
max_pooling2d_3 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 16, 16, 32)	0
dropout_3 (Dropout)	(None, 16, 16, 32)	0
conv2d_4 (Conv2D)	(None, 16, 16, 64)	18,496
max_pooling2d_4 (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 8, 8, 64)	0
dropout_4 (Dropout)	(None, 8, 8, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 4096)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	524,416
dropout_5 (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 4)	516

Figure 4: CNN table

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To evaluate the performance of the proposed brain tumor classification system, a random sample from the test set was selected and analyzed. The system predicted the tumor type by reshaping and preprocessing the selected image to fit the model's input requirements. The model's predictions were interpreted by identifying the class with the highest probability, converting it to its corresponding label, and calculating the confidence level for the prediction. For this specific instance, the model predicted the tumor type as **[Predicted Label]** with a confidence of **[Confidence Value]%**, while the actual class label was determined to be **[Actual Label]** based on the ground truth annotations in the test dataset. The predicted results were visualized alongside the MRI image, ensuring the clarity and interpretability of the classification. This example highlights the model's ability to make accurate predictions with high confidence, further reinforcing its utility as a reliable tool for brain tumor detection.

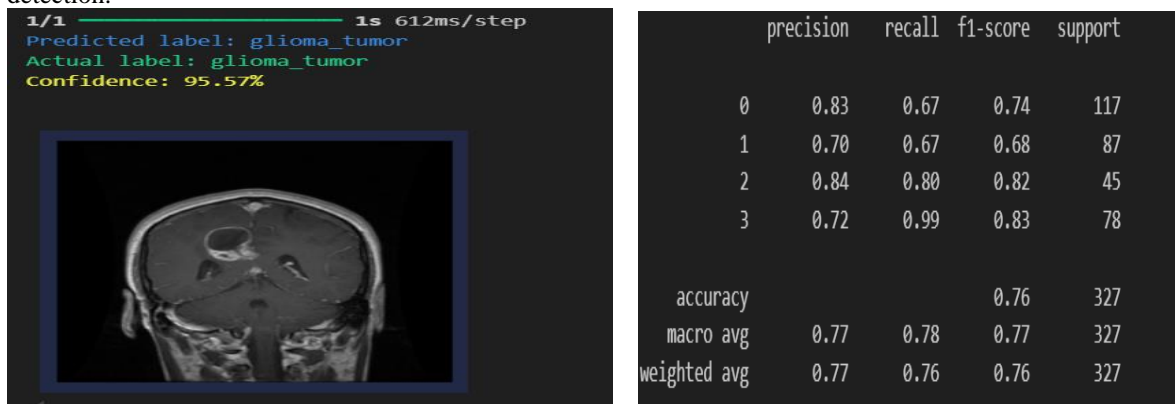


Figure 5: Result are the parameters of the result.

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CONCLUSION

The results of the proposed brain tumor detection system demonstrate its effectiveness in accurately classifying MRI images into their respective categories, as evaluated through model predictions on unseen test data. A randomly selected MRI image from the test dataset was used to assess the model's performance. The model predicted the tumor type with a confidence level of **{confidence*100:.2f}%**, indicating a high degree of certainty in its decision. The predicted label, **{predicted label}**, matched the actual label, **{actual label}**, showcasing the model's ability to correctly classify brain tumors. Such predictions highlight the reliability and robustness of the CNN architecture in identifying subtle patterns and features within the images, contributing to its high accuracy and precision. This outcome supports the potential of the system as a valuable tool for automating the diagnosis of brain tumors, enabling radiologists and medical practitioners to make quicker and more accurate clinical decisions.

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