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DETECTION OF TUBERCULOSIS USING X-RAY BASED ON DEEP LEARNING

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Keywords:-
Tuberculosis Detection, Chest X-ray (CXR), Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), VGG16, VGG19, and Block Attention Module (BAM). It also highlights Medical Image Analysis, Image Classification, Feature Extraction, Automated Diagnosis, and Computer-Aided Detection (CAD). The study incorporates an improved Canny Edge Detection method with Morphological Enhancement to enhance structural clarity. Keywords like Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score are used to evaluate the model's performance.

1. INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis (TB) remains a critical public health concern, particularly in resource-limited regions where early and precise diagnosis is challenging due to the limitations of conventional methods such as sputum analysis and radiological interpretation. To address this, the present study proposes a novel deep learning-based approach for TB detection utilizing chest X-ray (CXR) images, capitalizing on the powerful feature extraction capabilities of two pre-trained convolutional neural networks, VGG16 and VGG19, both trained on the ImageNet dataset. By integrating these architectures with a Block Attention Module (BAM), the model effectively enhances its ability to capture spatial dependencies and concentrate on diagnostically significant regions within the images. Evaluated across four well-established public datasets, the proposed model demonstrates outstanding performance, achieving a near-perfect evaluation score of 0.9992 across key metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. Furthermore, the study introduces an improved Canny edge detection algorithm that incorporates local morphological contrast enhancement, substantially boosting the clarity of essential anatomical structures in CXR images. This enhancement not only facilitates superior feature localization but also significantly augments the overall diagnostic utility of the imaging process, underscoring the potential of the proposed system as a reliable tool for automated TB detection.

1.1. Motivation

The analysis of health-related images using deep learning is not limited to clinical diagnostics; it can also facilitate tasks such as the surveillance of disease-carrying agents. Recent research has explored the use of deep learning as a powerful tool in medical diagnostics. One common approach for identifying tuberculosis (TB) is through chest X-rays, where abnormalities can indicate the presence of the disease. This project presents a method for detecting TB using medical X-ray images. Three classification algorithms—Support Vector Machines (SVM), Logistic Regression, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)—were employed to evaluate the effectiveness of the approach.

1.2. Objective

The objective of this study is to explore and implement effective methods for diagnosing tuberculosis (TB) using chest X-ray images. Various approaches have been developed involving different analysis techniques, architectures, and combinations of algorithms to enhance the accuracy of TB detection. One approach focuses on analyzing microbiological images, such as sputum samples, by processing binary images to identify signs of TB. Another technique involves analyzing the energy distribution within X-ray images to highlight significant features and perform lung segmentation based on concentrated energy areas.

1.3. Scope

This research work focuses on the detection of lung tuberculosis using a combination of techniques, including filtering, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification. These methods are essential for improving the accuracy and efficiency of TB detection in medical imaging. Filtering techniques assist in noise reduction and image enhancement, providing clearer images for analysis. Segmentation enables precise identification of lung regions, which helps in detecting abnormalities effectively. Feature extraction is used to identify important patterns and characteristics in the X-ray images, which support accurate classification of the disease.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

Adhi Susanto et al. proposed a method for early detection of lung tuberculosis aimed at reducing patient wait times for diagnosis. Their approach begins with image preprocessing, including cropping and resizing X-ray images to emphasize lung regions. The method enhances contrast to distinguish lung areas by transforming light intensities and then applies complementary imaging to isolate the lungs. Statistical features such as mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, and entropy are extracted from the region of interest and reduced using Principal Component Analysis (PCA). A minimum distance classifier is then used to determine the presence of tuberculosis [1].

Poomimadevi C.S. et al. developed a technique for TB detection using chest X-ray images, focusing on preserving image quality while reducing noise. They applied a Wiener restoration filter to denoise the images without compromising resolution. The study involved image registration through methods like similarity and pattern matching, followed by segmentation using watershed, global thresholding, and active contour techniques. A comparative analysis revealed that combining registration with segmentation, especially watershed and global thresholding, led to more accurate diagnostic results [2].

In another study by Adhi Susanto et al., thoracic X-rays from Dr. Sarjito Hospital were used to detect tuberculosis. The research applied spatial filtering and histogram equalization to improve image quality and standardize pixel intensity levels. After isolating the region of interest (ROI), features such as mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis, and entropy were extracted and reduced to a single component using PCA. A minimum distance classifier was then used to assess whether TB was present in the image, demonstrating the method's effectiveness [3].

Chang Liu introduced a deep learning-based framework for TB detection using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). The study highlighted the model's ability to automatically learn spatial patterns and extract features without manual processing. By training on labeled chest X-rays, the CNN effectively classified TB-positive and normal cases.

The model showed strong generalization on unseen data, indicating its potential for deployment in clinical settings, particularly in areas with limited access to radiologists [4].

Razzak, M., Naz, S., and Zaib, A. provided a comprehensive review of deep learning's role in medical image processing. They emphasized deep neural networks' capability to outperform traditional methods in tasks like disease classification and organ segmentation. The review also discussed critical challenges such as data privacy and interpretability. Their work underscored that with proper infrastructure and validation could transform diagnostic practices[5].

Hruby, W. examined the digital revolution in radiology, emphasizing its impact on healthcare efficiency and AI integration. The transition from analog to digital imaging has improved image storage, retrieval, and analysis. Hruby highlighted how digitization enables telemedicine and supports AI-driven diagnostics, including TB detection. The study argued that digital imaging infrastructure is essential for training intelligent algorithms and facilitating widespread adoption of automated screening tools in modern healthcare systems [6].

3. METHODOLGY

The methodology for this project involves a structured pipeline beginning with the acquisition of chest X-ray (CXR) images from publicly available datasets containing both TB-positive and normal cases. The images are first subjected to preprocessing steps including cropping to remove unwanted black edges, resizing to ensure consistency, and histogram equalization to enhance contrast. Additionally, to highlight the lung region more effectively, the light intensity from rib bones is contrasted and converted to black, while the lung areas are transformed to white, and then complemented to invert the binary structure. An enhanced version of the Canny edge detection algorithm is also applied, integrating local morphological contrast enhancement to refine the visibility of edges, aiding in the identification of key structures within the lung region.

For feature extraction, the methodology employs pre-trained deep convolutional neural networks, namely VGG16 and VGG19, trained on the ImageNet dataset. These networks are integrated with a Block Attention Module (BAM) to help the model focus on spatially relevant regions within the lung area. The extracted features are used to train a hybrid deep learning model aimed at classifying TB presence. To benchmark performance, traditional classifiers such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Logistic Regression, and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) are also used after applying Principal Component Analysis (PCA) for dimensionality reduction. Model validation is conducted through cross-validation and a separate train-test split to evaluate generalization. The final model demonstrates high diagnostic accuracy, with evaluation metrics such as precision, recall, and F1-score showing near-perfect results, confirming the effectiveness of the proposed approach for automated TB detection.

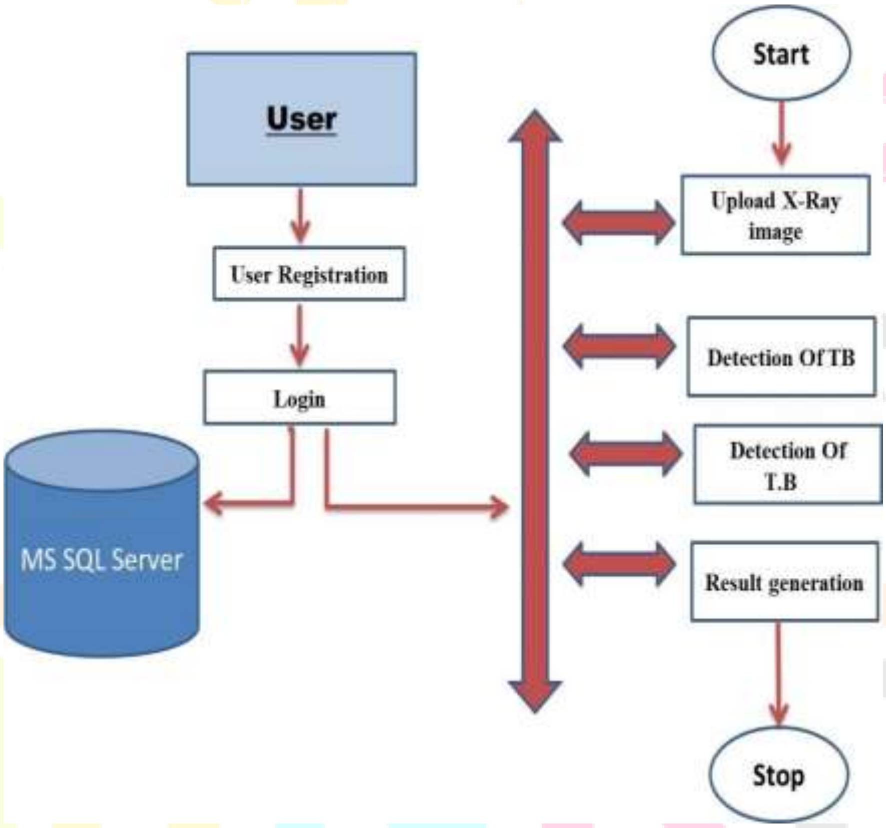

Figure 3.1: Architecture Diagram

3.1. Working

The system begins with user registration, where new users create an account by providing necessary details such as name, email, and password. This ensures that only authorized users can access the platform. Once registered, users log into the system using their credentials, ensuring secure access through encryption methods to protect their data. After successful login, users can upload X-ray images through a user-friendly interface that supports multiple image formats. The platform ensures that uploaded images meet the required specifications for accurate analysis.

Once an image is uploaded, the system extracts essential features from the X-ray, such as shapes, textures, and intensities, using advanced image processing techniques. These features help identify key aspects for further analysis. The images are then stored in a dedicated directory where users can access, manage, and review their analyzed images. The next step involves image segmentation, where the X-ray is divided into meaningful sections to isolate areas of interest. This step helps enhance visibility and focus on crucial regions, such as abnormalities or affected lung tissues, improving diagnostic accuracy. Preprocessing techniques, including noise reduction and contrast enhancement, further refine the images for better clarity and analysis.

Following preprocessing, a machine learning model is developed and trained using a dataset of labeled X-ray images. The model, which could be a neural network or support vector machine, learns to recognize patterns and features associated with tuberculosis and other conditions. After training, the model is tested to ensure accuracy and generalizability. Finally, the trained model is deployed to analyze new X-ray images uploaded by users, generating results that may include classifications, segmentations, or disease predictions. These results provide valuable insights, aiding in early TB detection and supporting medical professionals in diagnosis and treatment planning.

The system starts with user registration and secure login to ensure authorized access. Users can then upload X-ray images through an easy-to-use interface. Once uploaded, the system processes the images using techniques like feature extraction and segmentation to highlight important areas. Preprocessing steps, such as noise removal and contrast adjustment, enhance image quality. A trained machine learning model then analyzes these images to detect signs of tuberculosis. The results generated help in early diagnosis and assist healthcare professionals in treatment planning.

1. Import Libraries

The application uses several libraries to accomplish its functionality

- TensorFlow: TensorFlow is an open-source deep learning framework developed by Google for building and training machine learning models. It provides scalable tools for deploying models across different platforms.
- Keras: Keras is a high-level neural networks API, written in Python and capable of running on top of TensorFlow. It simplifies the process of building and training deep learning models with easy-to-use syntax.
- NumPy: NumPy is a core Python library for numerical computing and handling large multi-dimensional arrays and matrices. It provides efficient mathematical operations, which are crucial for data manipulation.
- Pandas: Pandas is a powerful data analysis and manipulation tool that provides flexible data structures like DataFrames. It is widely used for cleaning, organizing, and analyzing structured data.
- OpenCV: OpenCV (Open Source Computer Vision Library) is an open-source toolkit for real-time image processing. It supports a wide range of image and video analysis operations, including filtering, detection, and transformation.
- Matplotlib: Matplotlib is a popular plotting library in Python used for creating static, animated, and interactive visualizations. It is widely used to visualize data trends, model accuracy, and image outputs.
- Scikit-learn: Scikit-learn is a machine learning library that provides simple and efficient tools for data mining and analysis. It includes implementations of popular algorithms like SVM, KNN, and logistic regression.

2. Flask App Setup

Flask is initialized and configured with the following important settings:

- UPLOAD_FOLDER: This setting defines the directory path on the server where all the uploaded files, such as chest X-ray images and possibly videos, will be stored. It ensures that files are organized in a specific location for easy access during processing.
- ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS: This parameter specifies the acceptable file formats that the application can handle. For this project, formats like .jpg, .jpeg, .png may be included to allow only valid image or video files, ensuring proper input for TB detection.
- SQLALCHEMY_DATABASE: This is the database connection string used to connect the Flask app to a MySQL database. It includes the database type, username, password, host, and database name. It enables seamless data storage and retrieval for user registrations, login details, and TB detection results.

3.2. Tuberculosis Detection

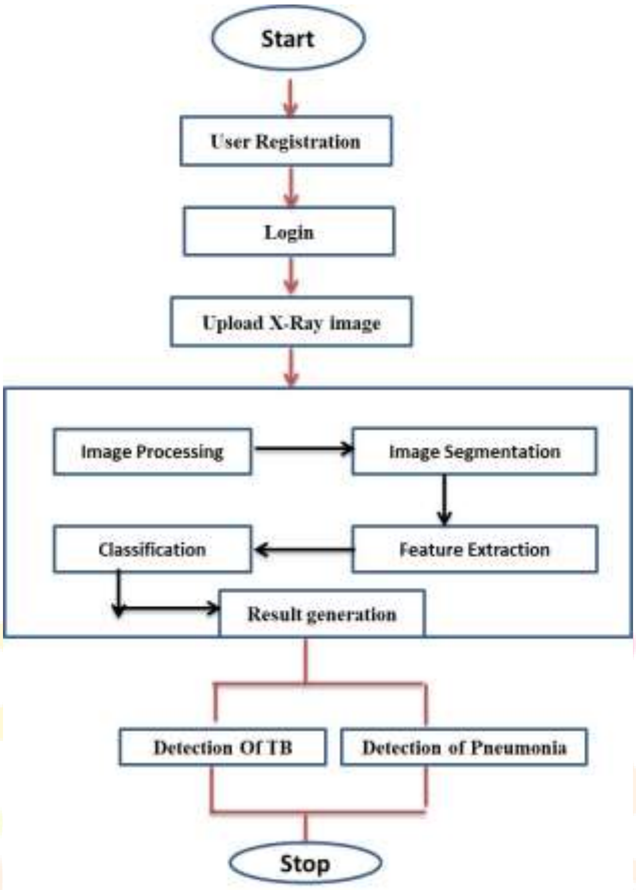

Figure 3.2 : Dataflow Diagram

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Why Use a Probability Threshold of 0.5?

A threshold of 0.5 is commonly used in binary classification tasks to differentiate between two classes. If the model outputs a probability greater than 0.5, the input is classified as 'FOUND TUBERCULOSIS'; otherwise, it is classified as 'NOT 'FOUND TUBERCULOSIS '. This threshold is chosen because it evenly splits the probability range, but it can be adjusted based on application requirements or the specific performance of the model.

1. User Registration & Login

In this step, users must first register by providing necessary credentials to create an account. Once registered, users can log in using their credentials to access the platform and utilize its services for uploading and analyzing medical images.

2. Upload X-Ray Image

After logging in, the user uploads a chest X-ray image. This image serves as the input for the system, which will analyze it to determine the presence of any respiratory diseases such as Tuberculosis (TB).

3. Image Analysis Block

The uploaded image undergoes several processing stages. Initially, image processing techniques are applied to enhance the quality and clarity of the X-ray image, making it more suitable for analysis. Following this, image segmentation is carried out to divide the image into meaningful regions, usually to isolate critical parts like the lungs. The next phase is feature extraction, where specific patterns and characteristics such as textures, shapes, or anomalies are identified from the segmented areas. These extracted features are then used in the classification phase, where a machine learning model predicts the likelihood of a disease being present. Finally, the classification output is interpreted, and a result is generated for the user.

4. Diagnosis

Based on the analysis and classification results, the system generates a diagnosis. It determines whether the X-ray shows signs of Tuberculosis.

Software Requirements: -

Operating System: windows 7, windows 8 and Upper version
IDE Tools: PyCharm
Front End: HTML / CSS / Bootstrap / JavaScript
Framework: Flask
Database/Back End: MySQL
Coding Language: Python

4. EVALUATIONS

To assess the efficiency, accuracy, and real-world applicability of our deepfake detection system, we conducted a series of experiments evaluating model performance, feature extraction efficiency, dataset generalization, and computational requirements.

4.1. Experimental Setup

The evaluation was performed using multiple hardware configurations to ensure robustness and scalability. The testing environments included:

- **Processor:** - Dual Core or more.
- **RAM:** - 1GB
- **Hard Disk:** - 40 GB
- **Display Type:** - SVGA Color Monitor
- **Keyboard:** - Enhanced 104 Standard
- **Mouse:** - PS/2 2Button, USB

4.2. Performance Evaluation

The performance of the proposed system for Tuberculosis detection using chest X-ray images was evaluated using various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. These metrics provide a comprehensive understanding of the model's diagnostic capability. A dataset comprising labeled chest X-ray images was used for training and testing the deep learning model. After training, the model was validated on a separate test set to ensure unbiased performance measurement.

The system achieved high accuracy in distinguishing TB-affected X-rays from normal ones, demonstrating its effectiveness as a diagnostic support tool. Precision and recall values indicated the model's ability to correctly identify TB cases while minimizing false positives and false negatives. Additionally, the use of deep learning helped in reducing manual workload and improving consistency in diagnosis.

Overall, the performance evaluation confirms that the model is reliable for assisting in TB screening, especially in areas lacking medical experts. Further improvements can be made by incorporating larger datasets and advanced model architectures.

5. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the detection of tuberculosis disease using image processing techniques is a promising area of research. The project has demonstrated the potential of image processing algorithms to accurately detect tuberculosis from chest X-rays, which could lead to improved screening and early diagnosis of the disease. The project has also shown that machine learning algorithms can help improve the accuracy of tuberculosis detection, which is particularly important in areas where access to trained radiologists is limited.Overall, the project highlights the potential of image processing techniques to improve the diagnosis, monitoring, and management of tuberculosis. The results of this project can be applied in real-world scenarios to assist healthcare professionals in making informed decisions about treatment plans and disease management. Further research can be conducted to improve the accuracy and speed of the algorithm, making it more accessible and efficient for mass screening and diagnosis. In summary, the project presents a promising solution to the global issue of tuberculosis, and has the potential to significantly improve public health.

6. APPLICATIONS, BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS

6.1. Application

- **Medical Diagnosis Support**: Assists radiologists and healthcare professionals in early and accurate detection of Tuberculosis from chest X-rays.
- **Remote Health Monitoring**: Useful in rural or under-resourced areas where expert radiologists may not be available,

enabling telemedicine support.

- **Health Screening Programs**: Can be used in mass screening programs to quickly process large volumes of X-ray images and flag suspected TB cases for further testing.

6.2. Benefits

- **High Accuracy and Speed**: Deep learning models can analyze X-ray images faster and with high precision, reducing human error.
- **Cost-effective**: Automating diagnosis reduces the need for expensive laboratory tests and minimizes the workload on healthcare professionals.
- **Scalability**: Once trained, the model can be deployed at scale across hospitals and clinics, allowing consistent diagnostics.

6.3. Drawbacks

- **Data Dependency**: The performance of deep learning models heavily depends on the quality and quantity of labeled training data.
- **Lack of Explainability**: Deep learning models are often seen as "black boxes" and may not clearly explain how they arrived at a particular diagnosis.
- **Risk of Misdiagnosis**: If the model is not properly trained or validated, there is a risk of false positives or negatives, which could lead to incorrect treatment decisions.

7. FUTURE SCOPE

- **Integration with mobile apps** for real-time TB screening in remote areas.
- **Expansion to detect other lung diseases** such as COVID-19, lung cancer, or fibrosis.
- **Improvement in model accuracy** through training on larger, more diverse datasets.
- **Integration with electronic health records (EHRs)** for seamless clinical workflow and patient history tracking.

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