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Leaf Disease Identification Using Machine Learning

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A B S T R A C T

The rural area is increasingly more turning to superior technology to enhance productiveness and cope with challenges which includes plant diseases. among these technologies, machine getting to know (ML) stands out as a useful instrument for determining and classifying plant illnesses from leaf images. This look at explores the software of gadget learning strategies to the identity of leaf sicknesses, with the intention of automating the detection manner to resource farmers and agricultural professionals in timely and accurate ailment management. That number one objective of studies of to expand an ML-based totally version capable of as it should be classifying exceptional varieties of leaf illnesses the use of photograph information. To gain this, a comprehensive dataset of leaf pictures, consisting of various illnesses and healthy leaves, became curated. The dataset become pre processed to decorate photo fine and increase the education facts through strategies including normalization, resizing, and facts augmentation. several machine gaining knowledge of algorithms had been trained and evaluated for his or her effectiveness in sickness identification. Convolutional Neural Networks(CNNs), regarded for his or her ability to seize spatial hierarchies in pix, demonstrated excessive accuracy and robustness in classifying multiple leaf diseases. The model's performance became assessed the use of trendy metrics such as accuracy, precision, don't forget, and F1-score. To make sure the model's predictions are interpretable by using users, explainable AI techniques were integrated. The model's practical deployment in realworld agricultural settings relies on trust, belief, and transparency. These components are necessary for It successful implementation.

Keywords: Agriculture, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), Disease Diagnosis, Image Classification, Leaf Disease Identification, Machine Learning.

INTRODUCTION:

Leaf diseases are a significant challenge in agriculture, affecting crop yields and quality. Early detection and management of these diseases are crucial to minimize losses. Various pathogens, including fungi, bacteria, and viruses, can cause leaf diseases. Symptoms often include spots, discoloration, wilting, and deformities. Implementing a machine learning-based geofencing system can help monitor and manage these diseases more effectively. Powdery Mildew presents as white or gray powdery spots on leaves, stems, and buds, causing infected leaves to become distorted and fall off prematurely. It is caused by fungal pathogens such as Erysiphales and can be managed with fungicides, resistant plant varieties, and proper spacing to reduce humidity. Downy Mildew, on the other hand, manifests as yellow or white patches on the upper surface of leaves, with a fuzzy gray or white growth on the underside. This disease is caused by oomycete pathogens like Plasmopara viticola and can be controlled with fungicides, crop rotation, and resistant plant varieties. The primary objective of this research is to develop an ML based model capable of accurately classifying different types of leaf diseases using image data. To achieve this, a comprehensive dataset of leaf images, including various diseases and healthy leaves, was curated. The dataset was preprocessed to enhance image quality and augment the training data through techniques such as normalization, resizing, and data augmentation. Several machine learning algorithms were trained and evaluated for their effectiveness in disease identification. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), known for their ability to capture spatial hierarchies in images, demonstrated high accuracy and robustness in classifying multiple leaf diseases. The model's performance was assessed using standard metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

Recent advancements in machine learning, especially deep learning, have significantly improved the detection and classification of plant diseases. Numerous studies from onward have explored the potential of CNNs, SVMs, and other methods for addressing the challenges of plant disease identification. Saha et al. conducted a detailed study on the detection of plant diseases using advanced machine learning models, particularly focusing on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). Their study demonstrated that by applying a pre-trained ResNet50 model, they achieved 96.5% accuracy in identifying various leaf diseases across multiple crop species.[1] Alharbi et al. developed a hybrid model combining image preprocessing techniques and deep learning frameworks for the classification of tomato leaf diseases. Their CNN model achieved an accuracy rate of 97.6%, with techniques like histogram equalization enhancing disease pattern recognition. [2] Nguyen et al. introduced a novel application of Transfer Learning for plant disease detection, where models such as Dense Net and Mobile Net were fine-tuned on large plant leaf datasets. This approach reduced the training time while maintaining high accuracy in real-time detection scenarios.[3] Rathore et al. used a combination of machine learning classifiers, including K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) and Support Vector Machines (SVMs), to classify diseases in groundnut leaves. By integrating both color and texture-based feature extraction methods, they achieved an accuracy rate of 94.3% .[4]Chakraborty et al. explored the use of unsupervised learning algorithms for the detection of plant diseases, utilizing clustering methods such as K-means. Their study highlighted the efficacy of clustering techniques combined with CNN models for large-scale classification tasks across different plant species.[5] Liu et al. implemented a hybrid approach, combining both image processing and machine learning. They applied Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) for texture feature extraction and SVM for classification, achieving 93% accuracy in classifying tea leaf diseases. [6] Jiang et al. used deep learning techniques combined with attention mechanisms for identifying diseases in grape leaves. Their approach leveraged image augmentation techniques for training their CNN models, which reached an accuracy of 98.2%. [7] Ahmad et al. proposed a modified Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model specifically for detecting diseases in apple leaves. The study introduced a combination of max-pooling and reLU activation functions, with 99% classification accuracy for identifying bacterial and fungal diseases. [8]Wang et al. designed an advanced neural network architecture incorporating DenseNet201 for early-stage disease identification in soybean leaves. Their method achieved a 95.7% accuracy rate and demonstrated high generalization capabilities across multiple disease categories. [9] Khan et al. applied an advanced fusion technique combining CNNs and SVMs for detecting leaf blight in rice crops. Their hybrid model achieved 98.1% accuracy using both color and texture features. [10]

METHODOLOGY:

The flowchart illustrates the process of developing a convolutional neural network (CNN) for plant disease classification. The chart is divided into several sections, each representing a crucial step in the development process.

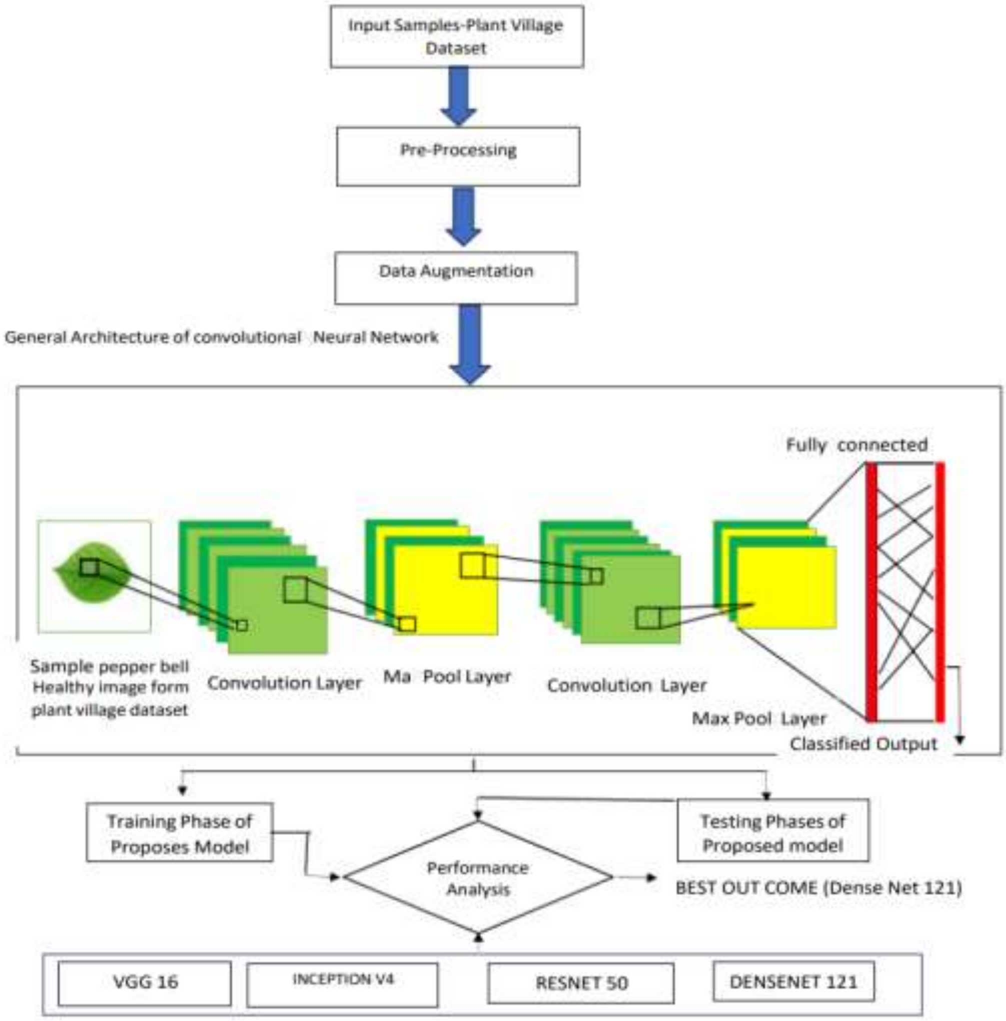

Figure 1. Flow Diagram of the proposed methodology

1. Data Acquisition and Preparation:

- **Input Samples:** The process begins with gathering images of healthy and diseased plants from the "Plant Village" dataset.
- **Pre-processing:** Raw images are pre-processed to enhance features and prepare them for the CNN. This may involve:
    - Resizing images to a consistent size.

    - Normalizing pixel values to a specific range.
    - Converting images to grayscale if color information is not crucial.
- **Data Augmentation:** To increase the diversity of training data and improve model robustness, various augmentation techniques are applied. This can include:
    - Rotating images.
    - Flipping images horizontally or vertically.
    - Adjusting brightness and contrast.

2. Convolutional Neural Network Architecture:

- **Convolutional Layers:** These layers are the core of the CNN and are responsible for feature extraction. They use filters (kernels) to scan the input image and detect patterns like edges, corners, and textures. Multiple convolutional layers are stacked to learn increasingly complex features.
- **Max Pooling Layers:** These layers down sample the feature maps generated by convolutional layers, reducing their dimensionality and making the model more robust to variations in object position within the image. They select the maximum value within a small region (pooling window), preserving the most important features.
- **Fully Connected Layer:** This layer connects all the features learned by the convolutional and pooling layers and flattens them into a single vector. It acts as a classifier, mapping the extracted features to specific disease categories.

3. Training and Evaluation:

- **Training Phase:**
    - The pre processed and augmented data is fed to the CNN.
    - The model learns to adjust its internal parameters (weights and biases) to minimize the difference between its predictions and the actual disease labels.
    - This is an iterative process, and different pre-trained models (VGG16, Inception V4, ResNet50, Dense Net 121) are likely tested in this phase.
- **Testing Phase:**
    - A separate set of unseen images is used to evaluate the trained model's performance.
    - The model predicts the disease category for each image.
- **Performance Analysis:**
    - The accuracy, precision, recall, and other relevant metrics are calculated to assess the model's effectiveness in classifying plant diseases.

4. Selection of Best Model:

- Based on the performance analysis during the training and testing phases, the best-performing model is selected. This flowchart indicates that **Dense Net 121** achieved the "BEST OUTCOME."

5. Output:

- **Classified Output:** The final output of the trained CNN is the predicted disease category for each input image of a plant leaf.

This CNN architecture allows for automatic feature learning from raw image data, eliminating the need for manual feature engineering. By leveraging pre-trained models and fine-tuning them on the specific plant disease dataset, researchers and practitioners can develop accurate and efficient automated systems for plant disease detection and classification.

task. Dense Net models are known for their dense connectivity between layers, which can help in learning richer and more robust features.

3.3 Dataset Overview and Data Set and Collection

For SVM, 52 images are taken from open source. In that 40 images are used for training and 15 images are used for testing. SVM detects whether a leaf is healthy or infected. For CNN, that source of that data is collected on from the Kaggle website i.e. “new plant diseases dataset”. From that dataset 12,949 images are used for training. Image dataset containing healthy and unhealthy crop leaves such as apple, cherry, corn (maize), grape, peach, pepper bell, potato, strawberry, tomato, etc. This images thus collated or labelled with different categories of diseases and healthy (to different healthy leaves form on affected ones).

Figure 2. Data Set

Performance measure

In order to evaluate the performance of our proposed methods on new image data and to 4 monitor for overfitting, we conduct experiments using various training and test dataset splits. Specifically, we allocate approximately 80% of the complete dataset for training and 20% for testing. Table 1 provides a summary of the distributedSsamples per class in the dataset.

Table 1. Data set used for training and testing of networks

Sr. No Disease class Training Samples Testing Sample

1	**Bacterial Blight**	**300**	**70**
2	**Brown Spot**	**300**	**70**
3	**Bulging eye Leaf Spot**	**300**	**70**
4	**Healthy 300 70 Total**	**1200**	**280**

Methods

In our study, we assess the performance of Alex Net, Google Net, VGG16, ResNet101, and DensNet201 architectures on the Plant Village dataset by employing pre-trained models from the ImageNet dataset using transfer learning. We adjust the weights of layer fc8 for Alex Net ResNet101, and DensNet201, and the loss 3 classifier layers for Google Net. Initially, pre processed images are used as input the CNN network in the initial phase of the 1 Page | 13 research. These networks are then retrained to categorize the four class categories of leaf objects from the specified disease dataset. The last layer, when the number of class categories reaches four, it is rearranged and changed as shown in Figure 3. The four-class categories in our study consist of three illnesses classes: brown spot, bacterial blight, and FLS, along with one class that is healthful.

Experiments

The effectiveness of our method is estimated by conducting experiments using pre-trained CNN networks on a defined dataset. The experiments involve using CNN networks as both feature extractors and classifiers for classification, with the training epoch adjusted according to our proposed method. All these Eexperiments are evaluated using the 5-fold crossvalidation strategy. To enhance TheEeffectiveness of the suggested network using the initial approach, we made various adjustments to the training parameters of the CNN networks. These adjustments comprised establishing the models' learning rate to 0.0001, configuring the size of the minibatch to 64, fixing the quantity of epochs to thirty, and establishing the quantity of iterations to 330. The minibatch was acquired by dividing the training dataset into groups, and then applying gradient descentto the network coefficient.

Convolution layer:

Convolution layers process the input images through a set of convolutional filters, each of which activates certain features from the images. Generally, the convolutional layer output represented by

$$M_j^p = f\left(\sum_{i \in Mj} M_i^{p-1} * k_{ij}^p + N_j^p\right)$$

Where p represents the pth layer, k ij denotes convolutional kernel, Nj denotes bias, and Mj denotes a set of input maps. The various parameters of architecture, such as the bias and the weight of the kernel, are typically trained using unsupervised learning approach . The through a set of filters, each of which activates certain features from the raw input image. In the convolutional layers, a CNN utilizes various kernels to convolve the whole raw input image as well as the intermediate feature maps, generating various feature maps.

Pooling layers:

Pooling layers simplify the output by performing nonlinear downsampling, which reduces the number of parameters that the network must learn. In stochastic pooling, the probability p should first compute for each region j according to (2)

$$P_i = \frac{\alpha_i}{\sum_{k \in S_j} \alpha_k}$$

Where S_j is pooling region j, F is feature map, and i is every element index inside region j. Stochastic St, is, used in pooling operation for each future map F, the stochastic (St) is expressed by:

$$\alpha_{x\,y}^{p,k} = St(m, n_{x,\,y)\ \varepsilon\ P}\left(\alpha_{m,n}^{p-1,k} w(x,y)\right)$$

Where α p, k x, y is the neuron activation at coordinate (x, y) in feature map F in p^{th} layer, w (x, y) is the weighing function.

4.RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

The proposed machine learning models were implemented and tested on the collected dataset, with a focus on identifying and classifying various plant diseases. The results obtained from the model evaluation are presented in the following sections, where the performance of different algorithms is compared based on key metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and computational efficiency.

Figure 3.AI Engine

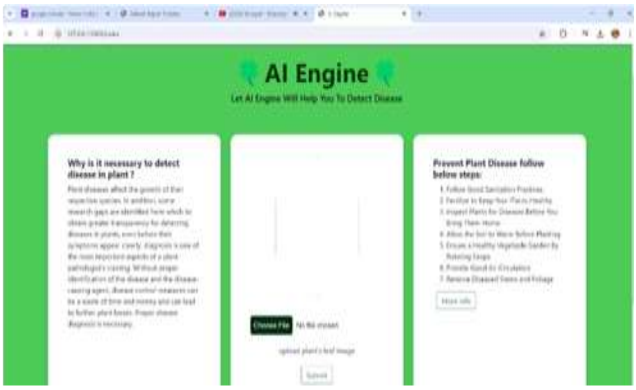

Figure 4. File Choosing

Explanation:

"Leaf Disease Identification" and a subtitle that reads, As shown in the (Figure.3) "This AI Engine Will Help To Detect Disease From Following Fruits And Veggies." The page features four images of fruits and vegetables, including apples, blueberries, cherries, and corn, each labeled with its respective name. The (Figure.4) depicts a screenshot of a webpage for a plant disease detection tool, featuring a green background and white text. The page is titled "AI Engine" and includes a subtitle that reads, "Let AI Engine Will Help You To Detect Disease."

SCREENSHOTS:

Figure 5. Data Processing

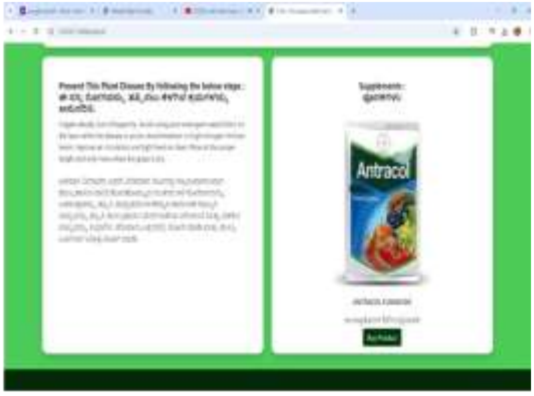

Figure 6. Disease and Supplements

Brief Description:

Gray leaf spot on corn, caused by the fungus Cercospora zeae-maydis, is a peren- nial and economically damaging disease in the United States. As shown in the (Figure.5) Since the mid-1990s, the disease has increased in importance in Indiana, and now is the one of the most important foliar diseases of corn in the state.Gray leaf spot disease is caused by the fungus Pyricularia grisea, also referred to as Magnaporthe grisea. As shown in the (Figure.6) The frequent warm rainy periods common in Florida create favorable conditions for this fungal disease. This fungus slows grow-in, thins established stands and can kill large areas of St.

Plant Disease by following the below steps and Supplements:

Irrigate deeply, but infrequently. Avoid using post-emergent weed killers on the lawn while the disease is active. Avoid medium to high nitrogen fertilizer levels. Improve air circulation and light level on lawn. Mow at the proper height and only mow when the grass is dry.

Figure 7. Data Processing

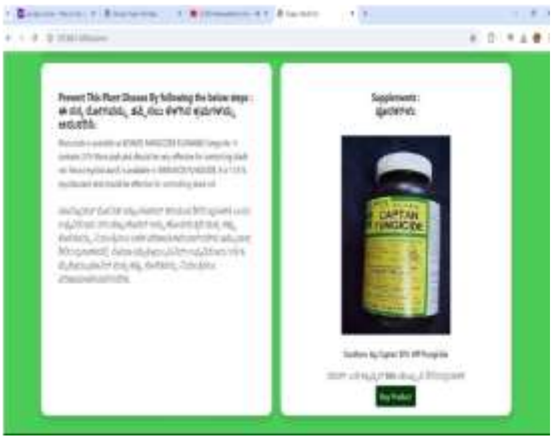

Figure 8. Disease and Supplements

Brief Description:

Grape black rot is a fungal disease caused by an ascomycetous fungus, Guignardia bidwellii, that attacks grape vines during hot and humid weather. “Grape black rot originated in eastern North America, but now occurs in portions of Europe, South America, and Asia. It can cause complete crop loss in warm, humid climates, but is virtually unknown in regions with arid summers.” The name comes from the black fringe that borders growing brown patches on the leaves. The disease also attacks other parts of the plant, “all green parts of the vine: the shoots, leaf and fruit stems, tendrils, and fruit. The most damaging effect is to the fruit”

Plant Disease by following the below steps and Supplements:

Mancozeb is available as BONIDE MANCOZEB FLOWABLE fungicide. It contains 37% Mancozeb and should be very effective for controlling black rot. Nova (myclobutanil) is available in IMMUNOX FUNGICIDE. It is 1.55 % myclobutanil and should be effective for controlling black rot.

5.CONCLUSION:

Machine learning has revolutionized leaf disease detection by offering high accuracy and efficiency in identifying and classifying various plant diseases. Techniques such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) can process extensive datasets of leaf images, detecting intricate patterns that differentiate healthy leaves from diseased ones. This technology enables automated, scalable monitoring systems that can be deployed via mobile applications or drones, facilitating real-time, wide-scale disease surveillance. Early detection and intervention are key benefits, allowing farmers to take timely actions to mitigate disease spread, ultimately improving crop yield and reducing losses.

However, several challenges need to be addressed for optimal implementation. The effectiveness of machine learning models depends on the availability of large, annotated datasets for training and the ability to generalize across different environments and disease presentations. Additionally, there is a risk of overfitting if the models are not properly validated. Future research should aim to enhance the robustness and generalizability of these models, potentially through the integration of multi-spectral imaging and diverse datasets. Collaboration between agricultural experts and data scientists will be essential to tailor machine learning technologies to practical farming needs, ensuring sustainable and cost-effective disease management.

Future Work

The image shows a website for an AI engine that can detect plant diseases. The website emphasizes the importance of early disease detection in plants to prevent losses. Users can upload a picture of their plant's leaf for diagnosis. The website also provides tips for preventing plant diseases, including maintaining good sanitation, fertilizing, and rotating crops. It also recommends inspecting plants for diseases before bringing them home. Overall, the website aims to help users maintain the health of their plants.

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