



## Plant Disease Detection using Deep Learning

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### ABSTRACT:

In response to the increasing demand for sustaining food supplies amidst growing populations, maintaining plant health is paramount. Detecting diseases in plants, often challenging even for seasoned farmers, has been facilitated by advancements in technologies like Deep Learning and Image Processing. This project introduces a system designed to detect leaf diseases, employing the RESNET9 architecture for enhanced efficiency. Leveraging deep learning techniques, our model achieves a commendable accuracy of 99%, contributing significantly to disease detection in plants. This approach, utilizing RESNET9 and PyTorch, represents a novel contribution to the field, offering improved capabilities in plant disease recognition and mitigation.

Index terms: Deep Learning, Plant leaf disease, Resnet9, Image Processing, PyTorch.

### INTRODUCTION :

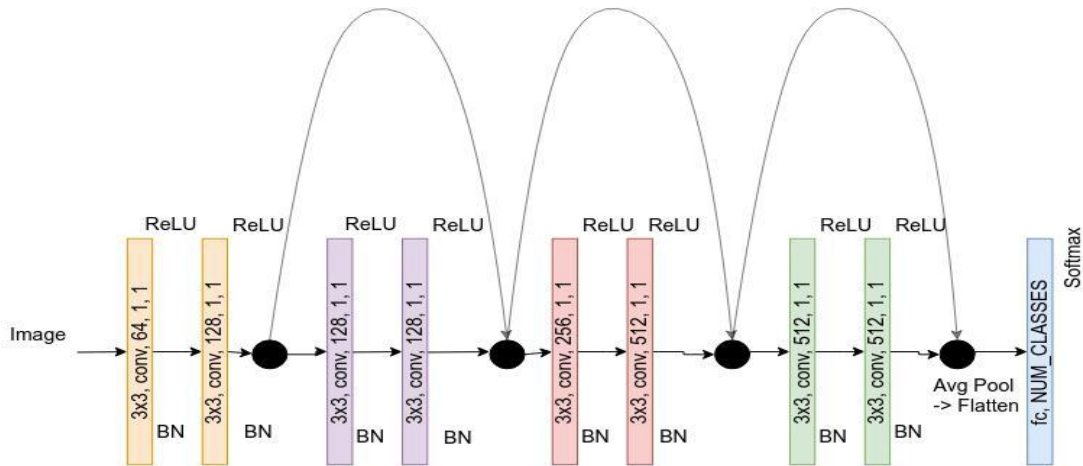
Agriculture is the backbone of India, with plants serving as a vital source for human sustenance. Consequently, safeguarding plant health is imperative for agricultural development. Detecting healthy and diseased plants is crucial, with leaf analysis being a primary method for identifying infections, as many disease symptoms manifest on leaves. Traditional detection methods, reliant on manual observation or basic image processing, are time-consuming and may lack accuracy. However, advancements in deep learning, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have revolutionized automated leaf detection and classification, offering efficiency and precision. In this project, we propose utilizing the ResNet9 architecture, an adaptation of the ResNet50 model, renowned for its deep layers and skip connections facilitating robust feature extraction and learning complex patterns in images. Our aim is to develop a proficient system for identifying and classifying plant leaves using ResNet9. The model will be trained on a diverse dataset comprising labelled images of healthy leaves and those afflicted by various diseases. Employing convolutional neural network architecture, the model may incorporate transfer learning techniques. The dataset will undergo pre-processing, and the model's performance will be assessed using training, validation, and testing sets. The goal is early disease detection in plant leaves to mitigate and prevent infections' spread. The project's objective is to distinguish between healthy and infected leaves using deep learning and image processing techniques. The dataset encompasses images of leaves with diverse diseases and healthy leaf samples to train the system effectively. The resultant system will facilitate the detection of infected leaves, aiding farmers and agricultural practitioners in disease management. The algorithm and methodology employed will be efficient and adaptable for execution on various platforms, including mobile devices. The system will prioritize user-friendliness and accuracy, serving as a versatile tool for plant disease detection in agriculture.

### II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The literature survey offers a comprehensive overview of recent methodologies and advancements in the crucial domain of plant disease detection and classification, primarily leveraging deep learning techniques. Alok Kumar and Ankit Kumar (2023) introduced a sophisticated plant disease detection system utilizing the VGG16 architecture, yielding significant results, particularly in potato and tomato plant species. Md. Tariqul Islam (2020) proposed an image processing-based methodology coupled with CNN models for identifying diseases in key crops like grape, potato, and strawberry, aiming to streamline agricultural practices. Reshmi A.M. and Prameeja Prasadhan (2022) explored automatic leaf disease identification using a CNN algorithm, focusing on feature extraction and classification to facilitate accurate diagnosis and effective remedy implementation. LILI LI, SHUJUAN ZHANG, and BIN WANG (2021) provided a comprehensive review of plant leaf disease recognition using deep learning, emphasizing the importance of diverse datasets, data augmentation, and transfer learning in enhancing classification accuracy. Their analysis highlighted emerging trends such as hyper-spectral imaging for early disease detection. Rinu R. and Manjula S H (2021) leveraged CNN architectures for identifying thirteen distinct plant leaf diseases, achieving an impressive accuracy rate of 94.8% on the Plant Village dataset. Their integration of a user-friendly Graphical User Interface (GUI) enhanced accessibility and usability among farmers and stakeholders. These studies collectively underscore the significant progress made in plant disease detection through deep learning, while also indicating future research directions. The convergence of artificial intelligence and agriculture holds promise for revolutionizing farming practices, mitigating crop losses, and ensuring global food security amidst evolving challenges.

## RESNET 9

ResNet9, a variant of the Residual Network (ResNet) architecture, has emerged as a promising solution for plant leaf disease detection tasks. Despite its smaller scale compared to ResNet50, ResNet9's architecture, comprising nine layers, proves effective in learning intricate features from high-resolution images, thereby facilitating the discernment of subtle signs of plant diseases. In the realm of plant pathology, ResNet9 demonstrates proficiency in capturing nuanced patterns and textures on leaf surfaces, enabling accurate classification of various diseases. Like ResNet50, the residual connections within ResNet9 mitigate the vanishing gradient problem, allowing for effective learning of complex disease symptoms while maintaining computational efficiency.



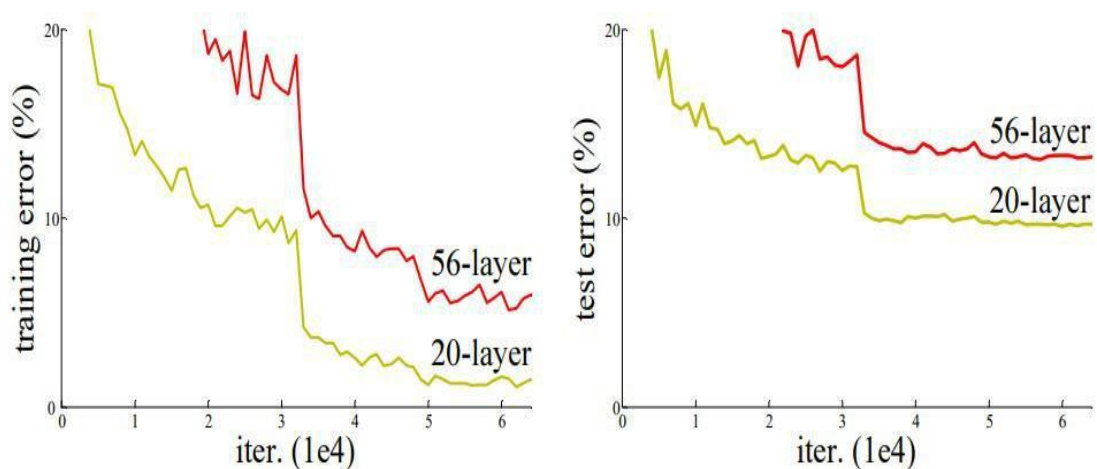
### ResNet 9 Architecture

In practical applications, ResNet9 serves as a foundational architecture for feature extraction and classification in plant leaf disease detection pipelines. Researchers and practitioners fine-tune pre-trained ResNet9 models on domain-specific datasets of plant leaf images to leverage learned representations for accurate disease identification and classification across different plant species.

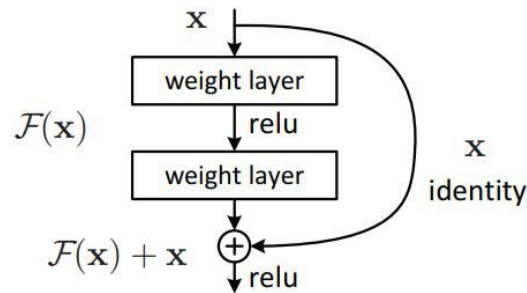
Furthermore, ResNet9's transfer learning capabilities enable efficient adaptation to new disease classes or emerging pathogens, enhancing its versatility for agricultural applications. With its commendable performance and scalability, ResNet9 contributes significantly to automating plant disease diagnosis, thereby advancing crop health management and agricultural sustainability.

#### Below are the benefits of using ResNet:

- a) **Problems with Plain Network:** Conventional deep learning networks typically consist of convolutional layers interconnected with fully connected layers for classification, without skipping or altering connections. However, in deeper networks, the issue of vanishing or exploding gradients may arise. This problem occurs when gradients become extremely small or large during training, hindering effective learning.



- b) **Skipping Connection in ResNet:** ResNet addresses the vanishing/exploding gradient issue by introducing skipping connections. These connections allow the raw input  $x$  to bypass several weight layers and directly reach subsequent layers. By doing so, ResNet mitigates the degradation problem associated with deep networks and facilitates the training of extremely deep models.



#### IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The dataset used for experimentation consists of 54,306 labelled images representing 38 categories of plant types and diseases. Plant types include Apple, Tomato, and Corn, while diseases range from Apple\_scab to Tomato\_Yellow\_Leaf\_Curl\_Virus. Categories vary in size, with the largest containing 2,527 images and the smallest 2,270. This diverse dataset offers ample variation for training machine learning models to detect and classify plant leaf diseases.

[8] :	no. of images
Strawberry__healthy	1824
Grape__Black_rot	1888
Potato__Early_blight	1939
Blueberry__healthy	1816
Corn_(maize)__healthy	1859
Tomato__Target_Spot	1827
Peach__healthy	1728
Potato__Late_blight	1939
Tomato__Late_blight	1851
Tomato__Tomato_mosaic_virus	1790
Pepper,_bell__healthy	1988
Orange__Haunglongbing_(Citrus_greening)	2010
Tomato__Leaf_Mold	1882
Grape__Leaf_blight_(Isariopsis_Leaf_Spot)	1722
Cherry_(including_sour)__Powdery_mildew	1683
Apple__Cedar_apple_rust	1760
Tomato__Bacterial_spot	1702
Grape__healthy	1692
Tomato__Early_blight	1920
Corn_(maize)__Common_rust_	1907
Grape__Esca_(Black_Measles)	1920
Raspberry__healthy	1781
Tomato__healthy	1926
Cherry_(including_sour)__healthy	1826
Tomato__Tomato_Yellow_Leaf_Curl_Virus	1961
Apple__Apple_scab	2016
Corn_(maize)__Northern_Leaf_Blight	1908
Tomato__Spider_mites Two-spotted_spider_mite	1741
Peach__Bacterial_spot	1838
Pepper,_bell__Bacterial_spot	1913
Tomato__Septoria_leaf_spot	1745
Squash__Powdery_mildew	1736
Corn_(maize)__Cercospora_leaf_spot Gray_leaf_spot	1642
Apple__Black_rot	1987
Apple__healthy	2008
Strawberry__Leaf_scorch	1774
Potato__healthy	1824
Soybean__healthy	2022

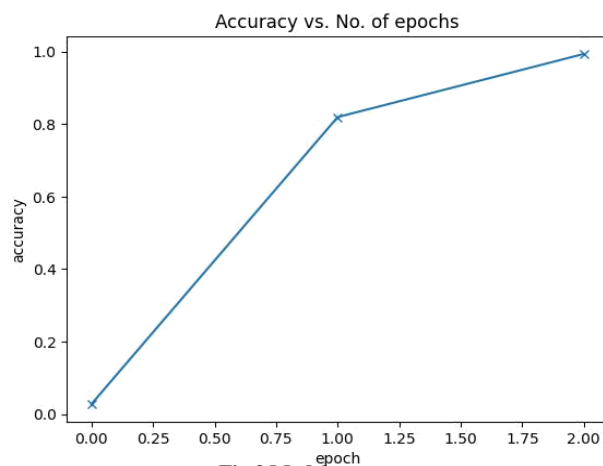
**Fig.1 Dataset Description**

Visualization of the dataset comprises bar charts representing different plant leaf disease categories, such as Apple\_scab, Black\_rot, and Cedar\_apple rust, with bars indicating severity levels. Disease categories exhibit varying numbers of coloured bars, reflecting severity progression. Healthy categories like Apple\_healthy feature a single bar denoting absence of disease. This visualization aids researchers in quickly comprehending disease severity within each category, facilitating targeted algorithm development and evaluation.



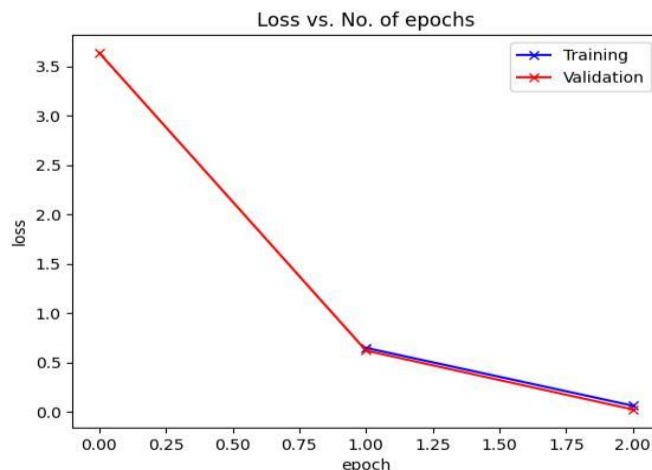
**Fig.2 Data Visualization**

Training and validation accuracies for the Plant Village dataset are presented in Figure 3. These accuracies provide insight into the model's performance during training and validation phases, indicating its ability to learn and generalize from the data.



**Fig.3 Model accuracy**

Training and validation Losses for the Plant Village dataset are presented in Figure 4. These Losses provide insight into the model's performance during training and validation phases.



**Fig.4 Training and validation accuracies**

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## V. CONCLUSION

The implementation of ResNet50 for plant leaf disease detection represents a significant advancement in agricultural technology. Its deep architecture and pre-processing steps ensure accurate classification, enabling early diagnosis and intervention for improved crop yields. Objective evaluation metrics validate its reliability, promising a transformative impact on disease management and food security. Continued refinement and expansion of ResNet50-based solutions holds immense potential for sustainable agricultural practices.

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