

Predicting Breast Cancer by Applying Deep Learning to Mammograms

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ABSTRACT--

Cancer is still a major threat to individuals today because it has the highest mortality rate on the globe. This is due to a lack of early cancer detection. Breast cancer carcinoma is one of the most deadly diseases for women worldwide and the most commonly detected non-skin cancer in women. Diagnostic testing for this life-threatening disease increases the likelihood of a successful treatment significantly. The traditional method of cancer diagnosis relies heavily on the technician's or doctor's ability to detect anomalies in the human body. Breast cancer develops when the cell tissue in the breast begins to divide irregularly and aggressively. Furthermore, the ability to more accurately predict the onset of a malignant infection will help breast cancer patients plan their future course of treatment under the supervision of their doctor. Because of its great heterogeneity and complicated features, breast cancer is particularly difficult to predict. The accuracy of multiple CNN models is investigated in this project, which focuses on the prediction of breast diseases using mammography images. In this project, we explore various CNN models using 3 datasets from various sources and combining them to identify malignancy in mammography scans images. Fine-tuning is performed including ResNet-50, VGG-16, AlexNet, and GoogleNet. Additionally, we are going to build a unique Xception model with 92.8% accuracy to diagnose breast cancer and compare each model for early prediction of abnormality.

Index Terms—

AlexNet, Breast Cancer, Carcinoma, CNN-Convolutional Neural Network, Deep Learning, Diagnosis, DDSM Mammography, GoogleNet, Mammogram, Malignant infection, Machine learning, ResNet-50, Tuning, VGG-16.

I. INTRODUCTION

Malignancy has been defined as a collection of infections, abnormal cell formation, and the possibility of uncontrolled cell division and tissue dissemination. According to the GLOBOCAN project, 14.1 million new cases of

malignant growth occurred worldwide in 2012 alone (excluding skin diseases other than melanoma), accounting for 14.6% of mortality. To be eradicated, malignant development must be identified and diagnosed in its early stages. During the preceding years, an ongoing investigation into the development of cancer was conducted. One of the most critical tasks for the expert is accurate sickness prediction.

Mammogram images allow us to detect cancer in its early stages. Professionals have traditionally done this by physically examining mammography images, but we can now build a model using patient data from the past. Cancer that is detected early can be effectively treated. In this study, we focus on a Computer-Aided Diagnosis and Detection (CAD) framework that uses several Deep Learning (DL) design models to

classify safe and unsafe masses from mammography images and estimate their performance. In this case, Residual Networks, also known as ResNet, VGG, GoogleNet/Inception, and AlexNet, will be used. In addition to these models, we will develop one that uses Xception to predict cancer.

DATASET: The dataset used in this project is a combination of 3 datasets to extract abnormal cell formation and predict breast cancer levels.

1. Datasets from the Digital Database for Screening Mammography were utilized in this project (DDSM). Link:-

<https://wiki.cancerimagingarchive.net/display/Public/CBIS-DDSM#space-menu-link-content>

2. CBIS-DDSM: Breast Cancer Image Dataset Curated Breast Imaging Subset DDSM Dataset (Mammography). Link:-

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/awsaf49/cbis-ddsm-breast-cancer-image-dataset>

3. DDSM Mammography from Kaggle datasets. The dataset contains 55,890 training examples, of which 14% are positive and the remaining 86% are negative.

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https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/skooch/ddsmma_mnography

The dataset is divided into three categories: benign, cancer, and normal.

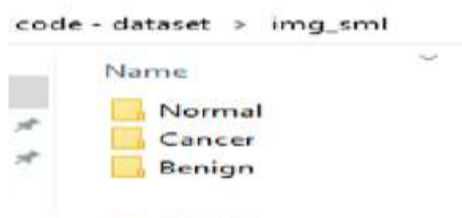


Fig. (A). Dataset Attribute

The first one is normal, which indicates that no more

"working up" is necessary.

The second category is benign; it is in the suspicious stage and pathological results are not required.

The third one is Malignancy; Cancer falls within the last category; pathological evidence supports its presence.

There are 4 different images of angles in the dataset.

- Left CC-Left Crane Caudal.
- Left MLO-Left Mediolateral Oblique.
- Right CC-Right crane caudal.
- Right MLO-Right Mediolateral Oblique.

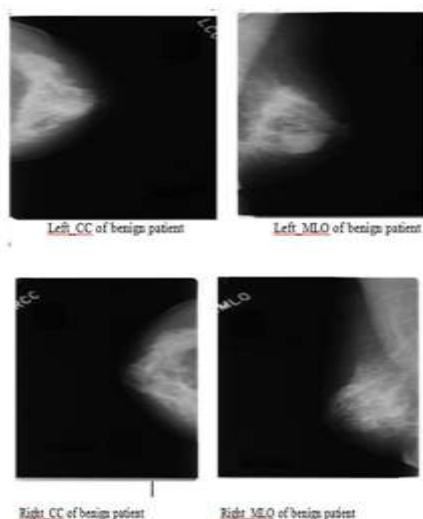


Fig. (B). Scan Images

In addition to these angle images, it includes patient information and masking images. Masking images are used to delineate the necessary portion of the breast from the mammography image. The patient information and masking images are not required for our project. Only the four-angle pictures are needed.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Table 1 provides a summary of the reference papers used for this project. It mentions the author's name as well as the applications. The DDSM dataset was used in the majority of these papers. We can see which methods are used in different papers, as well as their accuracy.

III. EXISTING SYSTEM

Cancer is detected based on the physician's experience by analyzing the mammogram scan report. This method's accuracy is very low, and it takes a long time.

IV. METHODOLOGY

4.1 MODULE DESCRIPTION

In terms of manuscripts, this composition presents a Computer-

Aided Diagnosis and Detection (CAD) framework for organizing normal and dangerous masses for mammogram image tests and evaluating their performance using various Deep Learning (DL) design models. In this case, Residual Networks, also known as ResNet, VGG, GoogLeNet/Inception, and AlexNet, will be used.

Figure (a) shows digitally stored mammogram images from the publicly accessible DDSM database (Digital Database for Screening Mammography). The next step in the project is to pre-

process the mammogram images. During the image preprocessing step, undesirable artifacts such as image explanations, marks, and noise in the image are removed from the mammogram images. The preprocessing step allows the area to be searched for irregularities to

be localized.

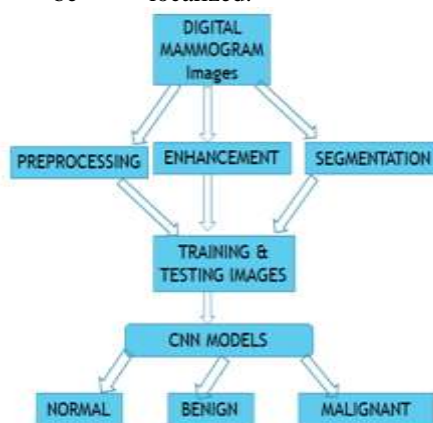
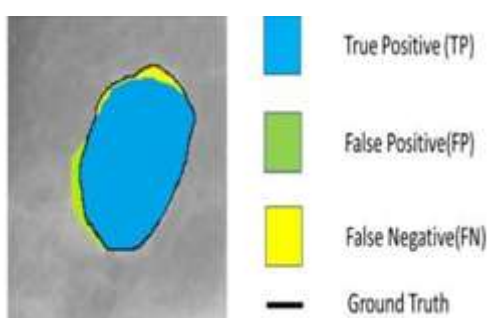


Fig.(C). Pictorial representation of Module Description

Because the fragmentation zone is critical for the mammary gland's abnormal tissue detection and feature extraction processes, it must be extremely precise and concentrated. In this way, it is critical to divide the image into its parts in order to extract an ROI that provides an accurate evaluation.

uation of the normal and abnormal sections of the breast region. The picture segmentation step includes the critical process of separating the breast area from the background and making plans to separate the breast regions from other objects.

Following image segmentation, the image is fed through various CNN models, and their layered parameters are modified. The CNN models will examine the features of mammography images and extract them. The training mammography images, for example, are fed into a ResNet CNN model. After receiving input, this pre-trained model can extract the features of an image.



As a result, we use the transfer learning technique to extract the characteristics from a mammography image. The image phase classification is entirely dependent on other intermediate steps, such as segmenting and extracting features from mammography images. Following training, our model will be fully conversant with photos and their various classes. As a result, they can precisely classify if those photos are their own. If we need to improve the classification accuracy of those models, we can incorporate additional classification methods, such as SVM. Because we are using a transfer learning strategy, we can change the characteristics of CNN models, specifically the characteristics of each layer, to get different results for the CNN models. Then we can evaluate each model's performance, making it easier to conduct a useful comparative study.

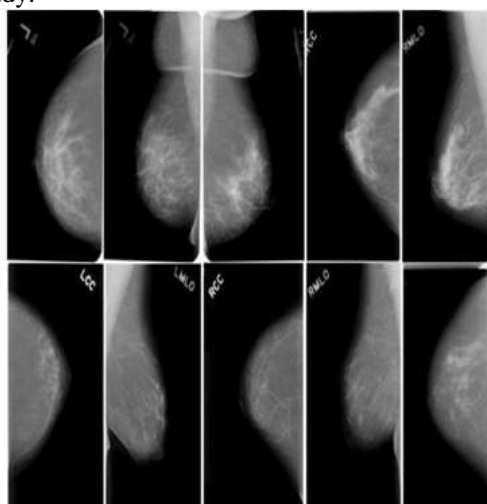


Fig. (D). Scan Images of data set

• PRE-PROCESSING

By extracting the ROIs, the images were pre-processed and converted to 299x299 images.

During the preprocessing step, unwanted objects such as annotations, labels, and background noises are removed from mammograms.

Preprocessing aids in the localization of abnormality detection regions.

• ENHANCEMENT

Image enhancement techniques are used to improve mammogram quality by increasing contrast and readability.

It improves the detection of mammographic lesions with poor visibility and contrast by the system.

Mammogram enhancement's primary goal is to improve image quality on low contrast mammograms.

• SEGMENTATION

This segmented region is essential for feature extraction and detecting abnormal breast tissues, and it must be focused and precise.

As a result, segmentation is critical in order to obtain a ROI that provides a precise measurement of abnormal and normal breast regions.

Beginning with separating the breast region from the background, segmentation progresses to separating the breast regions from other objects.

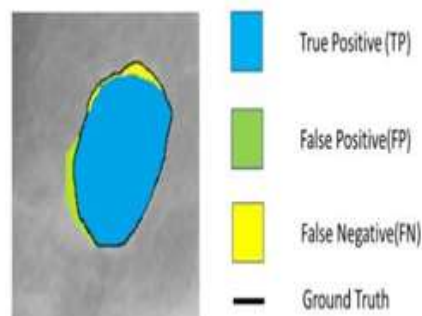


Fig. (E). Segmentation

Despite the presence of breast cancer, a false-negative mammogram appears normal. Overall, screening mammograms miss approximately one out of every eight cases of breast cancer. Women with dense breast tissue are more likely to have false-negative results.

4.2. BASIC CNN MODEL ARCHITECTURE

There has been a significant increase in demand for artificial neural networks, known as DL, in recent years. It is a component of ML that functions similarly to our brain, i.e., DL are made up of neurons that function similarly to our brain, hence the name neural network. These neural networks teach our system to do what humans do naturally. Artificial Neural

Networks (ANN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Autoencoders, and other models are used in deep learning. CNN is a model that arose from these models and has made a significant contribution to computer vision and image analysis.

CNNs are a subset of Deep Neural Networks that can detect and classify features in images; as a result, CNNs are used to analyse visual images. These CNN models have numerous applications, including medical image analysis, image and video analysis, image classification, natural language processing (NLP), and computer vision. The CNN architecture is split into two parts. The first is a convolution tool that will identify and analyse the various features of the image. This is referred to as feature extraction. The second layer is a fully connected layer that processes the convolutional layers' output. The image class is then predicted using the features extracted from the previous convolutional layers.

CNN Architecture layers

CNN has three different types of layers. Convolutional layers are the first, followed by pooling layers and finally by fully connected layers. We can build a CNN architecture by stacking these models. In addition to these layers, two other parameters are critical: dropout layers and activation functions.

1. Convolution Layer

Convolutional layers are the first layers in a CNN model that extract various features from an input image.

In this case, convolution was performed mathematically between the input image and filters of size $M \times M$. As a sliding filter over the input image is used to calculate the dot product between the filters and the input image. The convolution operation is a type of linear operation that involves multiplying two functions to produce a third function that expresses how the shape of one function is modified by the other. For example, multiplying two images that can be represented as matrices yields an output that can be used to extract features from the image.

The input to a CNN is a tensor of the form (number of images) \times (image height) \times (image width) \times (number of images) \times (number of images) \times (number of images) \times (number of input channels). After passing through a convolutional layer, the image is transformed into a feature map.

2. Pooling

A pooling layer follows a convolutional layer in CNN. This pooling layer is used to reduce the size of the convolved feature map in order to reduce computational costs. We can perform these operations by reducing the connection between layers and operating independently on each feature map. There are various pooling techniques available based on different methods. Some pooling techniques

include maximum pooling, average pooling, sum pooling, and so on. The Max pooling technique is named after the largest element extracted from the feature map. The average pooling technique is defined as calculating the average of elements in a predefined size of image section. The Sum pooling technique is used to calculate the sum of the predefined size of image sections. In general, the pooling layer serves as a link between the convolutional layer and the FC layer.

3. Fully connected layer

Fully connected layers are the next layer of CNN. It includes bias and weights in addition to neurons. It is used to connect neurons from two different layers. FC layers are added at the end of CNN, in front of the output layer and from the final few layers. The last layers' input image is flattened and forwarded to the fully connected layers. This flattened vector is then passed through a few more fully connected layers, where some mathematical operations are performed. The classification process then begins.

• CLASSIFICATION

The final step is to determine whether the lesion under observation is normal or cancerous. The classification step is heavily reliant on previous intermediate steps, particularly segmentation and feature extraction. Support vector machine (SVM), artificial neural network (ANN), k-nearest neighbour (KNN), binary decision tree, and simple logistic classifier are all examples of artificial neural networks.

4. The Dropout Layer

When all of the features are connected to the fully connected layer, an error called overfitting of the training dataset may occur. Overfitting occurs when the model learns every single detail of the input. Assume that if four models learn the noise in our image, it will have a negative impact. When we provide new input to the model, it will consider the noise properties and produce an incorrect result. A dropout layer is used in our model to avoid the overfitting problem. While training the models, a few neurons are dropped from the neural network to perform this dropout function. It will shrink the model's size.

5. Activation Function

These functions are important parameters in a CNN. Activation functions are used to learn and approximate complex and continuous relationships between network variables. This activation function will determine which model information should move forward and which information should not at the network's end. When building a CNN model, several activation functions are used. Activation functions include the ReLU, Leaky ReLU, Softmax, Sigmoid, tanH, and Softmax functions. Each of these

activation functions has a distinct purpose. For example, if we need to perform binary classification in our CNN model, we prefer sigmoid and softmax functions, and softmax is used for multi-class classification.

4.3. ARCHITECTURE

We used digitally stored breast mammogram image datasets from the Digital Database for Screening Mammography in figure (b). (DDSM). We divided the images into training and testing image datasets after performing preprocessing tasks such as noise removal, annotation removal, contrast stretch, and adaptive histogram enhancement. We feed the preprocessed training dataset into CNN models such as ResNet, VGG16 and 19, GoogLeNet, and AlexNet. After training these models with training data, the model examines the properties of images and effectively extracts the features. The model can then be tested using the testing image dataset, and each model can be compared.

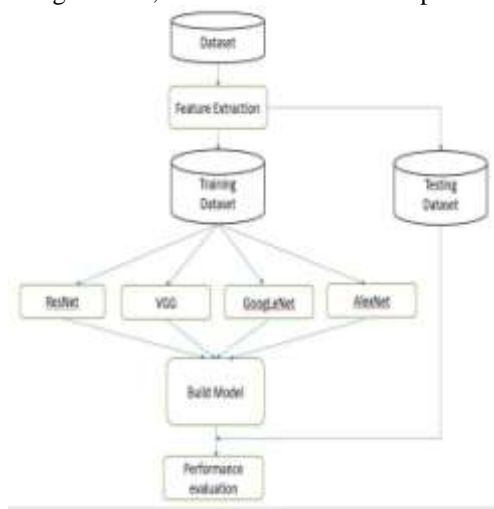


Fig.(F). Architecture diagram

There are two types of users in our project. The first is the developer, who works on the entire project. The developer is in charge of the preprocessing operations. We must perform preprocessing on our mammogram image dataset for this project. Image enhancement and contrast stretch operations are examples of preprocessing tasks. Following these preprocessing operations, developers build the CNN models. AlexNet, ResNet, VGG-16, GoogLeNet, and a customised Xception model are used here. These CNN models can detect and classify images, so by providing pre-

Accuracy:-

The accuracy of a machine learning classification algorithm is one way to determine how frequently the algorithm correctly classifies a data point. Formula:-

processed mammogram images, the model can study the properties of those images. The developer then tests the models with testing images, evaluating each model's performance and accuracy. The user is the second. Users have access to CNN models as well as the evaluation section. A user could be a doctor or a radiographer, for example. These users can directly access the best CNN model after taking the mammogram image. When a user uploads a testing mammogram image to the model, it will classify the image into one of three categories:

normal, malignant, or benign.

The benign result indicates that the patient does not have breast cancer but is at risk of developing it. We can cure it if we get the right treatment. The normal category indicates that the patient has no cancer cells and should not be concerned. Cancer is the final category.

4.4. IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULT

Here to implement this project, python code in Jupyter Notebook platform is used. TensorFlow Keras and some basic packages are used to perform this project.

When compared to other CNN models, the custom-made Xception model provides the highest test accuracy.

S.No:	Model	Test Accuracy
1	Alex Net	82.3%
2	VGG-16	85.5%
3	ResNet	90.2%
4	GoogLeNet	82.8%
5	Xception	92.9%

Table 2. Test Accuracy Table

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{(TP + TN)}{(TP + FP + TN + FN)}$$

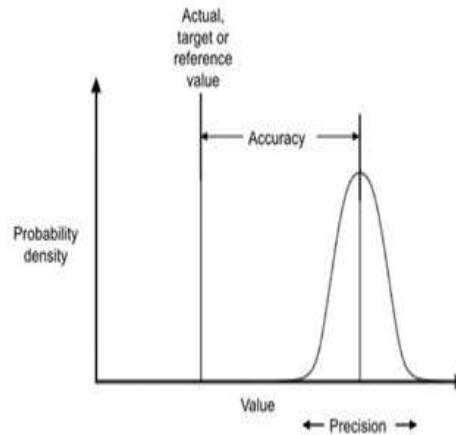


Fig.(G).Accuracy

The number of correctly predicted data points out of all data points is referred to as accuracy. In other words, it is calculated easily by dividing the number of correct predictions by the number of total predictions.

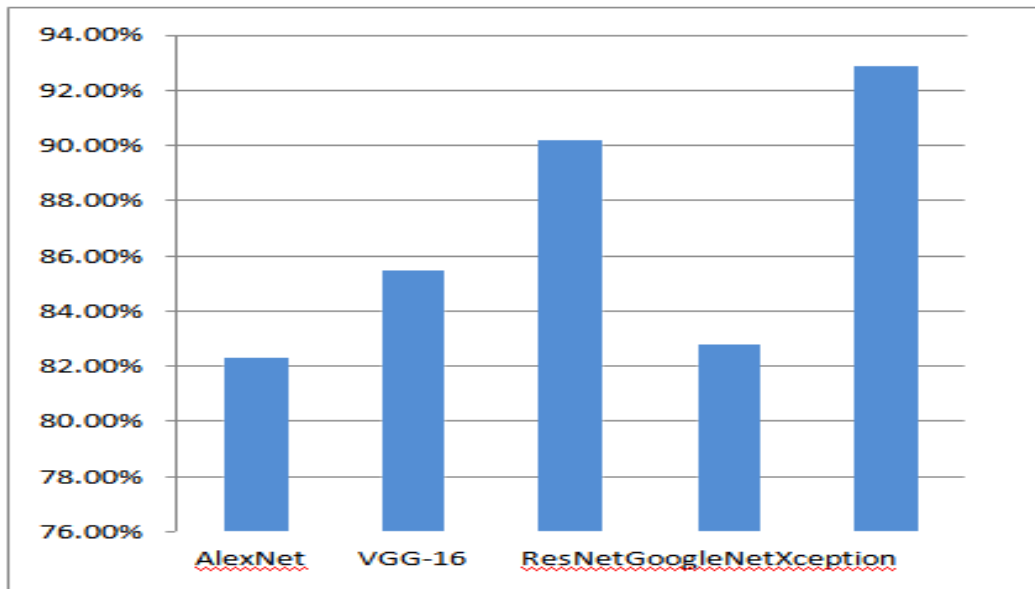


Fig.(H).Graph

According to graph, our customized Xception model is having a higher accuracy of 92.9%. The AlexNet model has the lowest accuracy of 82.3%.

SL No:	Author	Application	Dataset	Methods	Accuracy
1	Farahnaz Sadoughi [4]	Diagnosis of breast cancer	Various medical images	Artificial Intelligence	Ultrasound (95.85%), mammography (93.069%), thermography (100%)
2	Saira Charan [7]	Detection of Breast Cancer	Mammograms - MIAS dataset	Convolutional Neural Network	65%
3	Dina A. Ragab [8]	Breast cancer detection	Digital database for screening mammography (DDSM)	CNN with Support Vector Machines (SVM)	DCNN = 71.01% SVM = 87.2%
4	Li Shen [11]	Breast cancer detection	Digital Database for Screening Mammography (CBIS-DDSM)	Deep learning using an "end-to-end" training Approach	~90%
5	Naser Safdarian [12]	To Detect and Classification of Breast Cancer	Digital database for screening mammography (DDSM)	RBF, PNN, and multi-layer perceptron (MLP), Takagi-Sugeno-Kang (TSK) fuzzy classification, the binary statistic classifier, and KNN clustering algorithm	~97%
6	Z. Yan [16]	To Recognize Body Parts	Dataset contains CT image slices of 12 body organs	Two Stage Convolutional Neural Network	~92.23%
7	Chen Zhang [15]	A model used to perform screening and diagnosis of mammograms.	Mammogram images from DDSM	Here they used a multi-view feature fusion NN model	94%

8	G.V.Tulder[17]	To Classify Lung Texture and Airway Detection	ILD (interstitial lung diseases) CT scans	Convolutional Restricted Boltzmann Machine	~89%
9	M.Anthimopoulos[18]	This model used to Lung Pattern Classification	ILD (interstitial lung diseases) CT scans	Used CNN Architecture	85.5%
10	K. Sirinukunwattana[19]	Detection and Classification of Nuclei	histology images of colorectal adenocarcinomas	Two architectures of CNN	~80.2%
11	A.Payan[20]	Prediction of Alzheimer Disease	MRI Images	CNN with 2D Convolutions and 3D Convolutions	3D-~89.4% 2D-~85.53%
12	E.Hosseini[21]	Alzheimer Disease Diagnosis	MRI Images	DSA-3DCNN	94.8%
13	A.Farooq[22]	Classification of Alzheimer Disease	MRI Images	GoogleNet ResNet-18 ResNet-152	98.88% 98.01% 98.14%
14	J.Ma[23]	This model used to perform Thyroid Nodule Diagnosis	Ultrasound Images	Used a Pre-Trained CNN	~83%
15	W.Sun[24]	Breast Cancer Diagnosis	Mammographic Images with ROIs	CNN using semi-supervised learning	~82.43%
16	H.Pratt[25]	For Diabetic Retinopathy	Kaggle Dataset	CNN	75%
17	Ayelet Akselrod-Ballin	Predicting Breast Cancer	52936 images were collected in 13234 women from the range of 2013 and 2017.	Deep Learning	~91%

Table 1: Relative study table

V. CONCLUSION

In today's world, advanced image preprocessing is extremely important in a variety of fields of innovative work. Advanced Image Processing is used to process computerized images and extract useful qualities from the data, which can then be used to make basic decisions with high precision. These procedures are also being used in the clinical field, specifically in the detection of mammary gland cancer. Breast cancer is one of the leading causes of death among women today, and it is difficult to prevent because the primary causes of hidden breast cancer remain unknown.

However, certain characteristics of breast cancer, such as masses and microcalcifications visible in mammogram images, can be used for early detection and are thus extremely beneficial for ladies who may be at risk of mammary gland cancer. Previously, physicians would analyze mammogram images and draw conclusions based on them, but now, with the help of Deep Learning (DL), we can determine whether it is benign or malignant in a shorter time frame and with greater accuracy. In this study, we used various Deep Learning (DL) architecture models to assess their performance in cancer prediction.

We created a custom model from the various models using the Xception model architecture, and this model outperforms the other CNN models in terms of testing accuracy. The custom-made Xception model gives better test accuracy compared to the other CNN models. This Xception model has a testing accuracy of approximately 92.9%, which is higher than other CNN models.

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