

# PSO Optimized CNN-SVM Architecture for Covid - 19 Classification

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**Abstract**— This paper presents a hybrid model that utilizes PSO particle swarm optimization, Convolution Neural Networks (CNN) and (SVM) Support Vector Machine architecture for recognition of Covid19. The planned model extracts optimized structures with particle swarm optimization then passes to Convolution Neural Network for automatic feature extraction, while the SVM serves as a Multi classifier. The dataset comprises Covid 19, Pneumonia and Normal Chest X-Ray pictures used to hone and evaluate the suggested algorithm. The most distinct traits are automatically extracted by the algorithm from these photographs. Experimental results show that the suggested framework is effective, with an average recognition accuracy of 97.42%. The most successful SVM Kernel was RBF.

**Keywords**- CNN, SVM, PSO, deep learning, Covid, Chest X-Ray)

## I. INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of this investigation is to optimize the features of images using particle swarm optimization and passing these features to CNN for automatic extraction of features and the SVM classifier is regarded known to be among machine learning's most reliable classifiers. This study employs the PSO CNN algorithm in combination with the SVM classifier to classify the disease. Most conventional approaches use different methods for feature extraction and classification, making them unsuitable for real-time applications due to high computational time. The CNN algorithm is dissimilar from traditional machine learning algorithms because it does not require a separate feature extraction operation.

At current, deep learning techniques like Convolution Neural Networks (CNNs) are fast and reliable for image recognition and classification[1-2]. Yet, some photographs with a little more noise in them may cause a neural network to classify them wrongly. This is due to CNN's extensive usage of enhanced training data, which enables the use of changed input images. We tried to address this problem by implementing our model using PSO – CNN-SVM model. The remainder of the essay is explained as follows. Section 2 details the suggested approach. Experimental design and findings are covered in Section 3, performance comparison is covered in Section 4, and the conclusion is covered in Section 5.

## II. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed planning of PSO-CNN-SVM Model is shown in **Fig 3**; it consists of particle swarm optimization technique which optimizes the features with base classifier as random forest. Then the optimized features are passed and given input to the convolution neural network (CNN) for automatic feature extraction. In the approach 3x3 the most recognizable features are extracted from the raw input photos using a kernel or filter. An  $n \times n$  input neuron from the input layer is convolved with a  $m \times m$  filter in the convolution layer, producing an output with the dimensions  $(n-m+1) \times (n-m+1)$ . Each layer's output serves as the following layer's input. Effective sub-regions are calculated from the image using CNN's receptive field feature. The extracted features are then approved for classification to SVM.

Support Vector Machine (SVM) is highly efficient in minimizing generalization error on unseen data; however, it may not perform well on noisy data. Moreover, SVM finds it challenging to learn complex features because of its shallow construction. In this paper, a hybrid CNN-SVM model is presented to address these constraints. The better classification accuracy may be due to the SVM classifier's mapping of the input features to a higher dimensional space. Here, SVM is employed as a Multi class classification and replaces the softmax layer of CNN

### III. DATASET COLLECTION

The dataset used in this work is an open source compiled and taken from various sources like kaggle and github. The images are divided into Covid, Normal, Pneumonia and the splits of the dataset are given in the table 1. The dataset is further categorized into training and testing with 80% for training and 20% for testing purpose.

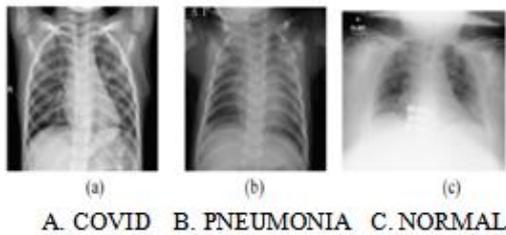


Fig.1 Sample of the labeled X-Rays

**Table 1**  
Dataset

	Training	Testing	Total
<b>Covid-19</b>	796	212	1008
<b>Pneumonia</b>	846	210	1056
<b>Normal</b>	845	200	1045
<b>Total</b>	2487	622	3109

### II. PSO-OPTIMIZATION IN THE PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE

Dr. Kennedy first presented the PSO optimization technique in 1995[3]. A swarm of particles is randomly scattered over the search space at the beginning of the PSO algorithm. Each particle stands for a possible answer to the optimization issue. Each particle's position indicates a potential solution, and its velocity describes its travel in the search space in terms of both its direction and its speed. At respectively iteration, the particles move towards the best position they or their neighbors have visited so far, called the personal best (Pbest) and global best (Gbest), respectively. The movement of each particle is determined by the velocity update equation:

$$v_i(t + 1) = w * v_i(t) + c_1 * r_1 * (Pbest_i - x_i(t)) + c_2 * r_2 * (Gbest - x_i(t)) \quad (1)$$

where  $v_i(t)$  is the velocity of particle  $i$  at time  $t$ ,  $x_i(t)$  is the position of particle  $i$  at time  $t$ ,  $Pbest_i$  is the personal best position of particle  $i$ ,  $Gbest$  is the global best position among all particles,  $w$  is the inertia weight that controls the impact of the previous velocity,  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are the acceleration coefficients that control the influence of  $Pbest$  and  $Gbest$ , respectively, and  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are random numbers uniformly distributed between 0 and 1. The velocity update equation is used to compute the new position of each particle

$$x_i(t + 1) = x_i(t) + v_i(t + 1) \quad (2)$$

After updating the positions of all particles, the fitness function is evaluated for respectively particle, and the personal and global best positions are efficient if necessary. Unless a stopping requirement is satisfied, such as a maximum number of iterations or a suitable fitness value, the procedure is repeated.

PSO algorithm reads the images from the specified directory, resizes them to 32x32 pixels, converts them to numpy arrays, and appends them to the X array. It also assigns labels to the images based on their directories. Then, it shuffles the X array and normalizes its values. PSO algorithm, including the number of particles, dimensions, and options. It creates an instance of the PSO optimizer object and applies it to the cost function,  $f$ , which is defined as  $f\_per\_particle$ . The PSO algorithm is run for 2 iterations to optimize the features. Finally, it selects the optimized features with a value of 1 from the PSO and saves them as  $X\_selected\_features$ . It also saves the labels as  $Y$ . The code displays some information about the dataset, including the total number of images, the total number of features before and after applying PSO, and the classes in the dataset in Fig 2

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Total images found in dataset: 3109
Total features found in image before applying PSO: 1024
Total features found in image after applying PSO: 576
Classes found in dataset: ['Covid19', 'Normal', 'Pneumonia']
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Fig.2. PSO Optimized features

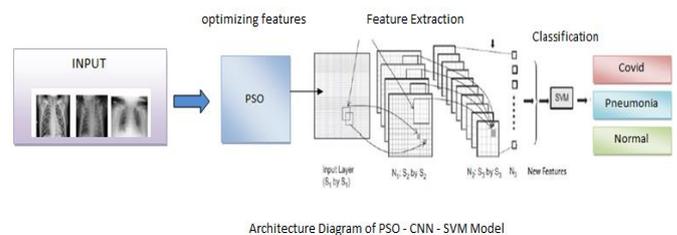


Fig 3. Architecture of the PSO-CNN- SVM Model

#### Algorithm 1. PSO Algorithm

- 1 Initialization
  - 1.1 For each particle  $I$  in a swarm population size  $p$ :
    - 1.1.1 Initialize  $X_i$  randomly
    - 1.1.2 Initialize  $V_i$  randomly
    - 1.1.3 Evaluate the fitness  $f(X_i)$
    - 1.1.4 Initialize  $pbest_i$  with a copy of  $X_i$
  - 1.2 Initialize  $gbest$  with a copy of  $X_i$  with the best fitness
- 2 Repeat until a stopping criterion is satisfied:
  - 2.1 For each particle in  $i$ :
    - 2.1.1 Update  $V_i^t$  and  $X_i^t$  accordingly to Eq (1) ,(2)

- 2.1.2 Evaluate the fitness  $f(X_i^t)$
- 2.1.3  $Pbest_i X_i^t \leftarrow$  if  $f(pbest_i) < f(X_i^t)$
- 2.1.4  $gbest_i X_i^t \leftarrow$  if  $f(gbest_i) < f(X_i^t)$

### II.III CONVOLUTION NEURAL NETWORK IN THE PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE

An input layer, convolution and pooling layers, and a fully connected classification layer make up the CNN architecture. The most crucial component of the CNN architecture is the convolution layer. This layer is made up of kernels or filters that cover the entire input. Each unit in this layer receives input from the layer above it., the last layer is dense with no of classes. The developed CNN for feature extraction has total 141,667 parameters.

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Model: "sequential_1"
Layer (type)                Output Shape                Param #
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conv2d_1 (Conv2D)           (None, 22, 22, 32)         320
max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2 (None, 11, 11, 32)         0
conv2d_2 (Conv2D)           (None, 9, 9, 32)           9248
max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2 (None, 4, 4, 32)           0
Flatten_1 (Flatten)         (None, 512)                 0
dense_1 (Dense)             (None, 256)                 131328
dense_2 (Dense)             (None, 3)                   771
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Total params: 141,667
Trainable params: 141,667
Non-trainable params: 0
    
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Fig: 4 Model Summary of PSO CNN

### II.IV SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE IN THE PROPOSED ARCHITECTURE

After feature extraction and pre-processing, an SVM classifier is used to categorise the images. Using feature vectors that are stored as matrices, the SVM classifier's training procedure is carried out. Using the learned SVM classifier, testing of the images is then done. In contrast, the extracted features are given to the SVM module in the PSO CNN-SVM model for the dataset's training and testing. Both the training and testing data are used, and the results are recorded, to assess the accuracy of the SVM classifier and the PSO-CNN-SVM model. The hybrid model uses an RBF kernel function, and the SVM parameters, including degree and gamma of the kernel function and the shape of the decision function, are carefully determined because they have a big impact on SVM classification. [4]

### III. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND RESULTS

For experiments, Google Colaboratory is used. For up to 8 hours, Colab offers 12GB of RAM with an NVIDIA Tesla K80 GPU. We have used the pyswarms ,swarmpackagepy, sklearn, matplotlib, libraries to implement the proposed model. The proposed model uses the Adam optimizer with loss as

definite cross entropy metrics = correctness. The extracted features from CNN are passed to SVM classifier for classification; we have achieved promising results with an overall correctness of 97.42

### III.I PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The performance of PSO-CNN-SVM Model has been assessed by means of confusion matrix, classification report and correctness vs. loss graphs.

### III.II CONFUSION MATRIX

Confusion Matrix generally has a  $2 \times 2$  matrix to every cell representing the model detection rate as True Positive (TP), True Negative (TN), False Positive (FP), and False Negative (FN).

1. **True Positive (TP):** If the individual is essentially Covid positive and forecast also Covid then it is Called True Positive
2. **True Negative (TN):** If the subject is normal and the outcome is as expected, this is known as a true negative.
3. **False Positive (FP):** When a normal person is identified as having covid, it is referred to as a false positive and it reflects an inaccurate detection.
4. **False Negative (FN):** False Negative is a term used to describe an inaccurate detection when a Covid positive person predicts Normal.

$$\text{Accuracy:} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\text{True Positive} + \text{True Negative}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive} + \text{True Negative} + \text{False Negative}}$$

$$\text{Precision:} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive}}$$

$$\text{Recall:} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\text{True Positive}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative}}$$

$$\text{F1 Score:} \quad (6)$$

$$2x \frac{\text{PRECISION} * \text{RECALL}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

SVM Accuracy on CNN Extracted Features: 97.42765273311898  
 SVM Precision on CNN Extracted Features: 97.42705200649127  
 SVM FSCORE on CNN Extracted Features: 97.44573046913771  
 SVM Recall on CNN Extracted Features: 97.47002546475998

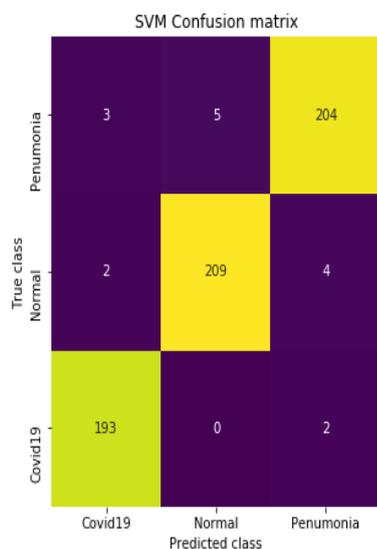


Fig 5. Confusion matrix with Classification Report

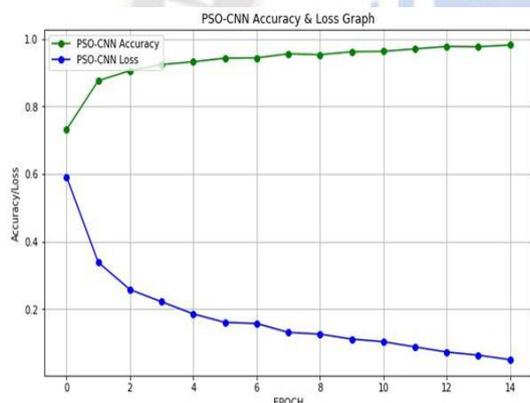


Fig 6. Accuracy vs Epoch Graph

#### IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

This section compares the accuracy with some best models developed previously in multi classification with X-Rays. Though we found many articles on Covid-19. We have chosen only ten articles on 3 class classification with X-Rays. However from the below table we see our model performing better than previously developed models. We also found the scope of improving our model further using tuning the hyper parameters and increasing the dataset

Table 2: Comparison of Deep Learning Models

AUTHOR	MODEL	DATASET	CLASS	ACC
Arman Haghanifar et al [5]	COVID-CXNe	X-RAY	3	87.88
M.k. Pandit et al [6]	VGG-16	X-RAY	3	92.50%
Sarki R et al [7]	CNN	X-RAY	3	93.75%
Emtiaz Hussain et al[8]	CoroDet	X-RAY	3	94.20%
Ahmed s Elkorany[9]	Covidetecti on- Net	X-RAY	3	94.44%
Mahmoud Ragab [10]	CAPSNET	X-RAY	3	95.00%
Tianbowu et al [11]	ULNet	X-RAY	3	95.35%
Anubhav Sharma et al [12]	COVDC-NET	X-RAY	3	96.48 %
Abhijit Bhattacharya et al[13]	VGG-19	X-RAY	3	96.60%
Gaurav Srivastava et al[14]	CoviXNet	X-RAY	3	96.61%
<b>Our proposed Model</b>	<b>PSO-CNN-SVM</b>	<b>X-RAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>97.42 %</b>

#### V. CONCLUSION

The paper presents the hybrid model developed with combination of particle swarm optimization, CNN and SVM (PSO-CNN-SVM) model to optimize the features. The model produced good results of 97.42%. This method can be further improved and achieve better accuracy with larger datasets.

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