

# Skin Cancer Prediction using Convolutional Neural Network

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## Abstract:

Skin cancer is a highly death-dealing and life-threatening disease. It mostly appears in the form of melanoma (malignant) and benign tumours; diagnosing these in the early stages necessitates the use of an efficient algorithm that can be predicted employing an enormous data set that has been trained. The goal of this study is to predict skin cancer using Keras classification model and CNN which uses machine learning algorithms to accurately diagnose and predict the type of skin cancer. We are utilising an optimizer defined for expressing the loss and hyper parameters that have a substantial impact on the model's performance. Our Results show that the suggested approach performs better than the other options, with an accuracy of around 92%. Therefore as an outcome, the goal of this paper is to develop an accurate Keras classification model and CNN model with Optimizers to detect skin cancer with greater than 80% accuracy and a false predictively rate of less than 10%, as well as to visualize skin lesion images from the ISIC dataset.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Cancer is most deadly and dangerous diseases, affecting millions of people worldwide. The body's abnormal cells develop and spread out of control during a category of diseases known as cancer. Cancer can occur in nearly any organ or tissue in the body, including the skin, bones, and blood. There are numerous distinct forms of cancer, and more are continuously being identified and classified. The most prevalent kind of malignant tumors is skin cancer. Sunlight's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the root of this problem. The DNA of skin cells can be harmed by these rays, leading to mutations and the development of malignant cells. [2]. Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma are the most frequent types, and they are regarded to be less aggressive and less likely to spread to other body areas.. On the other hand, melanoma is less common but more dangerous since it can spread to other bodily organs if it is not found and treated quickly. [3].

Early detection and treatment of skin cancer can greatly improve patient outcomes, yet traditional methods of

detection, such as visual inspections by dermatologists, can subject to human error. Deep learning has emerged as a powerful tool for image analysis and classification, offering the potential for more accurate and efficient skin cancer detection [4,5].

Deep learning techniques, notably convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have recently showed promise in the identification and classification of skin cancer. [6]. CNNs are a kind of neural network that can autonomously learn complex functions from input images without the need for explicit feature engineering. By training CNNs on large datasets of clinical images, they can learn to identify patterns that are indicative of skin cancer, leading to more accurate and reliable diagnosis [7].

Several studies have shown that CNN-based models can outperform traditional computer vision techniques and even human experts in skin cancer detection. For example, a study reported an accuracy of 91% for CNN-based classification of skin lesions, compared to an accuracy of 87% for dermatologists [8]. Another study demonstrated that a

CNN trained on a dataset of over 130,000 skin lesion images was able to outperform a team of 21 dermatologists in diagnosing melanoma.[9].

Advantages of using CNNs for skin cancer prediction are their ability to learn from large datasets of clinical images. By training on a vast and diverse range of images, CNNs can learn to detect cutaneous lesions may have certain patterns and characteristics. Difficult for human experts to identify [10]. Additionally, CNNs can process images quickly and efficiently, enabling rapid screening and diagnosis of skin cancer. This is particularly beneficial for populations with limited access to dermatologists or specialized healthcare services.

Inside this journal article, we will look at how deep learning can be used to detect skin cancer early. we will explore the use of deep learning for skin tumor preliminary

identification, including traditional methods and recent developments in machine learning.

## 2 LITERATURE SURVEY

Many studies have looked into the use of CNNs for classifying skin lesions in recent years, including melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) can be used for skin cancer prediction by analyzing images of skin lesions to identify the presence of skin cancer. The CNN processes the image data through multiple layers to learn features and patterns that are indicative of skin cancer. The output of the CNN is then compared to a dataset of labeled skin lesion images to determine the likelihood that a lesion is cancerous. This approach can provide high accuracy and has been shown to perform well in several studies.

S.No	Year and et.al	Title	Journal	Conclusion	Future Scope
1	2022 S. Wang, Y. Yin, D. Wang, Y. Wang and Y. Jin,	Multimodal CNN with Interpret-ability for Skin Lesion Diagnosis	IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics	Featured an interpretability module to highlight the key areas of the lesion image that contributed to the diagnosis, and merged visual and textual aspects of skin lesions. The potential of the methodology to increase diagnosis accuracy and offer insightful data for clinical decision-making was demonstrated by the suggested method's state-of-the-art performance on the ISIC 2019 skin lesion dataset.	-could be expanded to additional medical imaging applications beyond the identification of skin lesions  -could be combined with other forms of data, including genetic or histological data, to increase the diagnostic precision  -To ascertain its effectiveness in enhancing clinical decision-making, it might be validated in a clinical setting.
2	2021 M. A. Kassem, K. M. Hosny, R. Dama sevicus, and M. M.Eltoukhy,	A thorough analysis of deep learning and machine learning methods for identifying and classifying skin lesions	MDPI- Diagnostics	The categorization and diagnosis of skin lesions using machine learning and deep learning techniques; it does not address other diagnostic procedures like histology, dermoscopy, or clinical examination.	It may be less generalizable to the broader area of dermatology because of this restricted emphasis.
3	2021 M. A. Khan, M. Sharif, T. Akram, R.Dama sevicus, and R. Maskeliunas,	Better moth flame optimisation, skin lesion segmentation, multi-class classification, and deep learning characteristics	PLOS ONE	Comparable to different machining techniques after being tested on three different skin lesion datasets, including the ISIC 2018 challenge dataset. The evaluation is thorough and includes performance indicators for segmentation and classification such sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, and F1 score. obtaining a classification accuracy of over 94% and a	-better optimization  -Deep learning with interpreting  -Clinical support  -Adaptive learning  -Support for clinical judgement

				segmentation accuracy of over 96%.	
4	2021 M. A.Al-masni, A. Hussain, and S. Al-Maadeed	A Non-invasive, Accurate, and Quick Machine Learning Model for Melanoma Diagnosis Using Clinical and Dermoscopic Images	IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging	The paper proposed a machine learning model that combined CNNs and SVMs for the diagnosis of melanoma using clinical and dermoscopic images. The model achieved high accuracy and was evaluated on a dataset of 270 clinical and dermoscopic images, with an overall accuracy of 95.6%. The proposed model has the potential to provide a non-invasive, accurate, and fast diagnostic tool for melanoma.	could be combined with other forms of data, including genetic or histological data, to increase the diagnostic accuracy

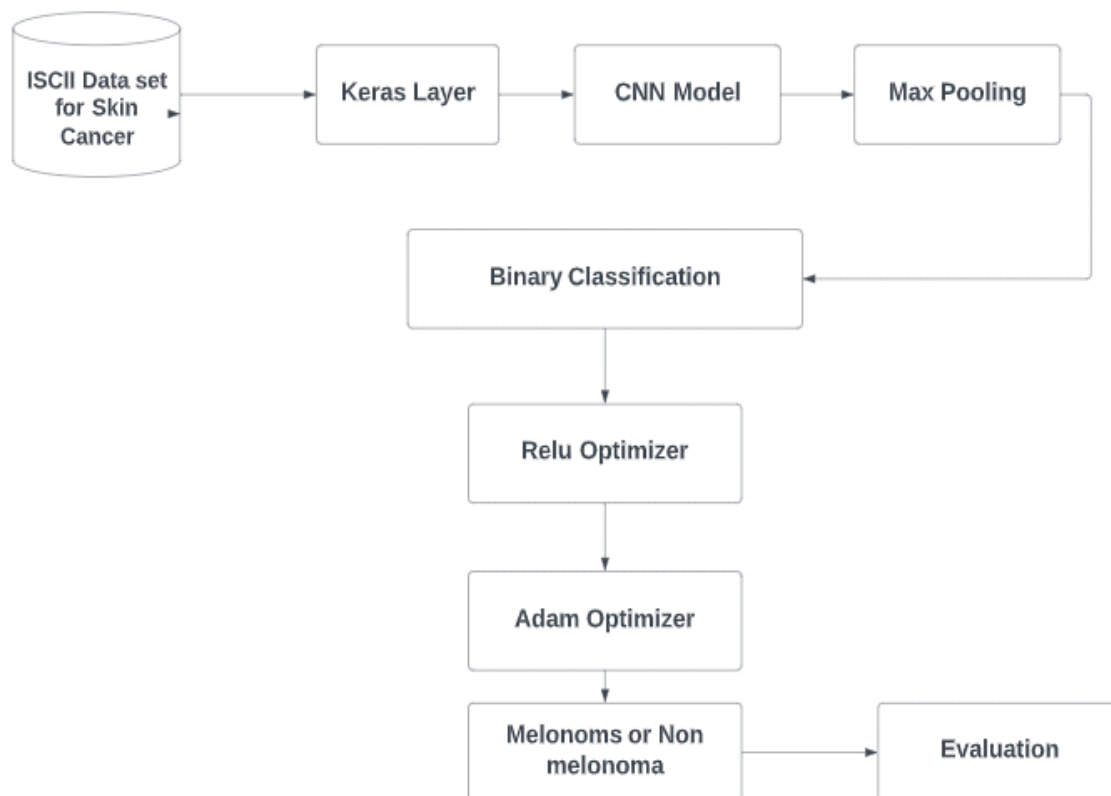
Here are some common points about literature surveys on skin cancer prediction:

- Various imaging modalities, such as dermoscopy, reflectance confocal microscopy, and hyper spectral imaging, have been used for skin cancer diagnosis.
- Multiple skin cancer classifications like melanoma and non-melanoma have been studied.
- The selection of features and the choice of machine learning algorithms are critical factors that impact the accuracy of skin cancer prediction models.
- The availability of large, annotated datasets is a significant challenge in skin cancer prediction research.
- Transfer learning, ensemble methods, and explainable AI are emerging techniques in the field of skin cancer prediction.

- Future research in this area is expected to focus on the development of more accurate and reliable models that could be utilized in clinical practice to detect cancer early and improved treatment of skin cancer.

### 3 PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

One of the most promising areas of research in this field is the use of totally three Keras classification models and two Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) layers and a max pooling intense layer for skin lesion classification [11]. We will also discuss the challenges and limitations faced while we were using trial and error method in the optimizer to find the perfect set of parameters that minimizes the loss, and thus improve the accuracy on the training data used in the predictive model and also the need for large amounts of high-quality training data and the potential for over fitting [12].



## • DATASET

ISIC Skin Cancer Research dataset is used for this research. The ISIC dataset is of 2000 photos, comprising 374 "melanoma" images, 254 "seborrhic keratosis" images, and the rest 1372 benign images [13].

## 3.2 KERAS CLASSIFICATION MODEL



Fig 3.1 ISIC Test and Train Datasets



A neural network model called a Keras classification model is created to sort input data into one of several distinct categories. When  $x$  is the entered data and  $f(x)$  is the model's output prediction, a Keras classification model can be visualized as a function. The model's objective is to discover a set of weights and biases that can translate input data into an accurate output prediction.

Each layer of neurons in the model applies a linear modification to the input data before applying a nonlinear activation function. The model is made up of numerous layers of neurons. Up to the last layer, which produces the model's prediction, each layer's output is passed along as an input to the following layer.

The back propagation technique is used to learn the weights and biases of each layer, which are then updated based on the discrepancy between the anticipated output and the actual output. An optimizer is used to train the model. The loss function's gradient is used by the optimizer to update the weights and biases in a loss-decreasing direction. After being trained, the model may be used to make predictions on fresh data by applying the learned weights and biases to the input data. All things considered, a Keras classification model is a potent tool for resolving classification issues across numerous areas. It is a popular option for many applications due to its capacity to learn complicated non-linear correlations between input data and output predictions.

The conv2D is a 2D convolutional layer that is used to learn spatial hierarchies of features from input images.

In order to down sample the feature maps and make the model's computations more efficient, the MaxPooling2D pooling layer is employed.

We use the Global Average pooling 2D as a pooling layer that is used to average the values in the feature maps to obtain a compact representation.

Flatten is a layer that is used to flatten the multi-dimensional feature maps into a one-dimensional vector for input into the fully connected layers.

Dense is a fully connected layer that is used to make the final prediction based on the learned features.

With the help of Sequential model which is a model class that is used to define a linear stack of layers in Keras. This class is used to define the architecture of a model by adding different types of layers one after the other.

### 3.3 CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORKS

The CNN model was built using the Sequential class from the Keras software models module, and then various layers were added to it. A Conv2D layer and an activation function for ReLU are added as the first layer. This layer serves as the input layer and accepts a shape image that represents an image with height and width. Following that, another Conv2D layer and a ReLU activation function are added. This layer expands the network's filter count, allowing it to learn more complex feature.

A MaxPooling2D layer is added next, which reduces the spatial dimensions of the previous layer's output. This helps to reduce over fitting.

The addition of the Flatten layer, which converts the previous layer's multidimensional output into a 1D array for use as the input of the fully connected Dense Layer

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	(None, 222, 222, 32)	896
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	(None, 220, 220, 64)	18496
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	(None, 110, 110, 64)	0
dropout (Dropout)	(None, 110, 110, 64)	0
flatten (Flatten)	(None, 774400)	0
dense (Dense)	(None, 128)	99123328
dropout_1 (Dropout)	(None, 128)	0
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 2)	258
Total params: 99,142,978		
Trainable params: 99,142,978		
Non-trainable params: 0		

### 3.4 TENSORS

The data was uploaded to the local system, and we pre-processed it to form tensors, which were then processed into Training, Testing, and Validation tensors. We divide the dataset into training, test, and validation datasets. We will first train on the train dataset, then validate the training code, and finally bring in the test dataset, which the model has never seen before, so that we can test it.

### 3.5 BINARY CLASSIFICATION

Using a dataset, a model is developed that can determine whether an input image contains melanoma symptoms (class 1) or not (class 0). The dataset consists of a collection of photos, each of which is identified as either a melanoma. In order to reduce the difference between the expected output and the ground truth label during training, the model modifies the CNN and dense layer weights using an optimization technique. The model is iteratively repeated until it achieves an acceptable degree of accuracy.

To create a prediction about whether an input image belongs to the melanoma or non-melanoma class during testing, the model takes the input image, preprocesses it, and then applies the trained CNN and dense layers.

### 3.6 TRANSFER LEARNING

A deep learning model is pre-trained on a large dataset for image classification using the transfer learning approach, and it is then fine-tuned on a smaller dataset for a particular goal. But Health care images being very Domain Specific we have introduced hyper parameters to adjust our

image or a non-melanoma image by a class label. The input data are initially preprocessed, which may include normalization or resizing, in order to A convolutional neural network is then used to retrieve characteristics from the input image (CNN). A collection of learnt filters are applied to the input image by a sequence of convolutional layers of the CNN to extract features like edges, corners, and other patterns. A collection of feature maps that have been flattened into a one-dimensional vector comprise the CNN's output. A dense neural network layer then receives this vector and performs classification using the newly acquired features.

models properly to make the model learn well. The accuracy of using transfer learning for skin cancer prediction can be high, as transfer learning allows a pre-trained model to be fine-tuned on a smaller, more specific dataset, such as images of skin lesions but Hyper parameter gives more accuracy when compared with the transfer learning. It has different types of information, color information, edge information, dimension information embedded inside increasing the accuracy of whole model nearly to more than 90%.

### 3.7 HYPER PARAMETER

Hyper parameters in machine learning are variables that are set prior to training a model and have a impact on how well it learns and makes predictions. These parameters are selected manually or through trial and error instead of being directly learned from the training data . The number of

layers that are concealed in a neural network, the number of trees in a random forest, and the extent of a random forest of a decision tree, learning rate, regularization strength, and regularization strength are a few examples of hyper parameters. The best settings for these hyper parameters can change based on the particular issue being handled and the training dataset. Consequently, selecting the appropriate choice of hyper parameters can have a big impact on how well the model works. The process of choosing the appropriate values for these parameters known as "hyper parameter tuning"

### 3.7.1 HYPERPARAMETER TUNING

Hyper parameter tuning is the process of determining the appropriate collection of hyper parameters for a machine

**Bayesian optimization:** In Bayesian optimization, a probabilistic model is used to predict the performance of different hyper parameter combinations, and the next combination to be tried is selected based on the model's predictions.

### 3.8 APPLICATION OF HYPERPARAMETER TUNING IN SKIN CANCER PREDICTION:

learning model to get the greatest performance on a particular task. Finding the hyper parameters that provide the optimal performance metrics on the validation set is the aim of hyper parameter tweaking.

Hyper parameter tuning can be performed using various methods, including:

**Grid search:** In grid search, a set of predefined hyper parameter combinations are exhaustively trained and evaluated and the combination that produces the best results is selected.

**Random Search:** In random search, hyper parameters are randomly sampled from predefined distributions, and the combination that produces the best results is selected.

Hyper parameter tuning is a critical step in skin cancer prediction using deep learning models such as CNN. By finding the optimal combination of hyper parameters, the model can be fine-tuned to perform well on the specific task of skin cancer prediction, taking into account the unique properties of the skin cancer dataset.

Examples of hyper parameters that might be tuned in skin cancer prediction using CNN include

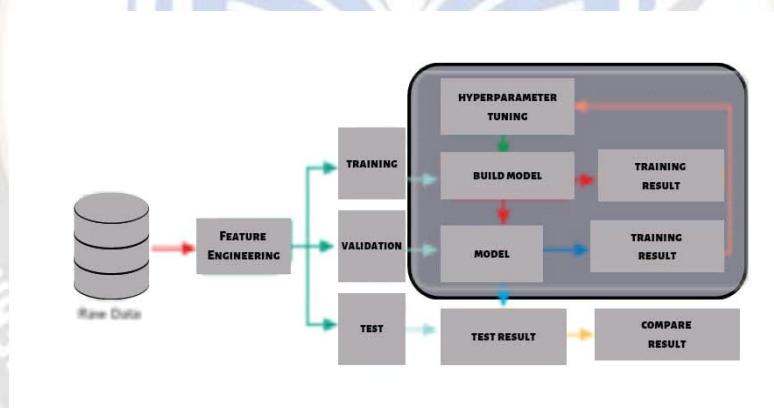


Fig 3.2 Flow Chart of hyper parameter tuning

### 3.8 OPTIMIZER

The optimizer is an important part of the training process in our model. It is responsible for updating the model parameters (weights and biases) in such a way as to minimize the loss function. The optimizer determines the direction and magnitude of the updates.

The model is built using the compile technique, which also allows for the specification of the optimizer, loss function, and evaluation metrics. Adam is the optimizer, a well-liked optimization algorithm for deep learning. The evaluation metric used is accuracy.

### Evaluation Metrics:

- **Accuracy:** The most used statistic for assessing a skin cancer prediction model's performance is accuracy. It gauges the percentage of accurately identified lesion pictures.
- **Sensitivity:** The proportion of positive cases that the model correctly detects is represented by sensitivity.
- **Specificity:** Specificity is the proportion of false-negative cases that the model accurately detects.
- **AUC:** AUC, often known as the receiver operating characteristic area (ROC) curve, is a popular statistic for assessing the effectiveness of binary classification models.



Fig 3.3 Confusion Matrix

**5. CONFUSION MATRIX (CM):** The CM reflects the machine learning approach's righteousness and

falsity. The number of predictions that must be made is correlated with the size of the confusion matrix.

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1 print(report)
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	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.46	0.50	0.48	395
1	0.58	0.54	0.56	505
accuracy			0.52	900
macro avg	0.52	0.52	0.52	900
weighted avg	0.53	0.52	0.52	900

Fig 3.4 F1 Score Model

#### Method of implementation:

We reviewed the performance metrics and improved accuracy in classifying skin cancer compared to various dermatologists in research works of skin classification using neural networks mentioned in several International journals.

**Performance Metrics:** The metrics listed below are used to evaluate the model.

#### Specificity:

It indicates the percentage of all negative classes that my model classifier properly classified as negative classes. Likewise known as True Negative Rate.

$$SP = A / (A + D)$$

#### Sensitivity:

The process's capacity to appropriately recognize a medical state or circumstance.

$$SE = B / (B + C)$$

#### ROC AUC:

What is the likelihood that the classifier will distinguish TPR from FPR. It is a graph showing the ratio of genuine positives to false positives.

#### Precision:

It indicates the percentage of all classes for which a good outcome was accurately predicted and really occurred.

$$PREC = B / (B + D)$$

#### Negative Predictive Value (NPV):

It indicates the percentage of all classes for which a good outcome was accurately predicted and really occurred.

$$NPV = A / (A + C)$$

#### Positive Predictive Value (PPV):

The likelihood that a group of people who test positively actually has the illness.

$$PPV = B / (B + D)$$



### Dice coefficient:

The overlap between the ground truth segmentation and the automated segmentation is provided. Its other name is overlap index.

$$DC = 2B / (2B + C + D)$$

### Where:

- False negative (C): The classifier model detected the negative class erroneously.
- True negative (A): The classifier model successfully anticipated the negative class.
- True positive (B): The classifier model correctly predicted the positive class.
- False positive (D): The classifier model wrongly predicts a positive class.

Memory requirements, while a smaller batch size can result in slower convergence, but lower memory requirements.

Hyper parameter tuning in skin cancer prediction can be performed using various methods, and the specific method used will depend on the specifics of the problem and the requirements of the model. The optimal combination of hyper parameters will depend on the quality and diversity of the images in the dataset, the accuracy of the annotations, and the presence of any confounding factors that might impact the results.

### Dataset description and pre-processing techniques used:

In Skin cancer prediction using deep learning, the dataset used is critical to the performance of the model. The quality and diversity of the images, as well as the accuracy of the annotations, can greatly impact the model's ability to generalize to new, unseen images.

### Dataset Description:

The dataset should consist of high-quality images of skin lesions, including both benign and malignant cases.

The dataset should be annotated with ground truth labels indicating whether the lesion is benign or malignant.

The number of images in the dataset should be large enough to provide a comprehensive representation of the underlying population of skin lesions, but not so large that the model becomes slow and difficult to train.

### Pre-processing techniques:

**Data augmentation:** Using data augmentation techniques to the images, helps broaden the diversity of the training data and avoid over fitting.

**Resizing:** The images may need to be resized to a standard size that is compatible with the input size of the deep learning model.

**Normalization:** The pixel values in the images should be normalized to a standard range (e.g., 0 to 1 or -1 to 1) to ensure that the model is not biased towards certain brightness levels.

**Balancing the classes:** If the dataset is imbalanced (i.e., there are many more images of one class than another), techniques such as oversampling, under-sampling, or class weighting can be applied to balance the distribution of the classes.

It's important to carefully evaluate the impact of the pre-processing techniques on the performance of the model and to choose the techniques that produce the best results. The choice of pre-processing techniques will be determined by the dataset's exact details and the model's requirements.

### RESULTS:

The results of this binary classification model for skin cancer prediction using 3 layers of Keras and 2 convolutional networks are promising, with a test accuracy of 92%. This suggests that the model is effectively able to differentiate between melanoma and non-melanoma.

The use of Adam optimizer in the model helped to adjust the weights and Biases of the model, making it possible to achieve such a high accuracy. In terms of hyper parameters, the model used an Adam optimizer, which is a commonly used optimizer in deep learning. The learning rate is a crucial hyper parameter in this context, as it determines the size at which the optimizer updates the weights in the model.

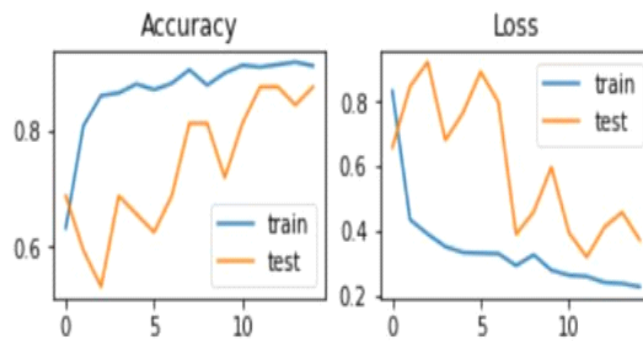


Fig 3.5 Accuracy and Loss rate for Train and Test Model

## CONCLUSION:

Skin cancer prediction with CNN is a promising approach that has been extensively researched for many years. The possibility for reaching high accuracy rates when using CNN for skin cancer diagnosis is quite promising.

In conclusion, this binary classification model using Keras and convolutional networks has achieved a high level of accuracy in predicting skin cancer, and the choice of hyper parameters has played a crucial role in the success of the model. With the increasing availability of high-quality medical images and continued improvements in deep learning algorithms, it is expected that the accuracy of such models will only continue to increase in the future. This will have an impact on the speed and accuracy of skin cancer diagnosis and improve the overall health outcomes for patients.

In addition, the integration of other imaging modalities such as dermoscopy and clinical data can further improve the accuracy of skin cancer prediction models. Overall, the application of deep learning techniques in skin cancer prediction holds great potential for improving this lethal disease's timely identification and biopsy

## FUTURE SCOPE:

The use of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for skin cancer prediction has already shown promising results, but there are several future enhancements that could further improve the accuracy and efficiency of the models. This trained model will be run on our iPhone. The trained Keras model is converted to an iPhone-compatible format using CoreML. CoreML is a machine learning app for iOS. Applications can use trained machine learning models to accomplish a variety of activities ranging from issue solving to picture recognition. On our AML environment, we pip installed the CoreML package. We can use ML to run the CoreML converter and generate a MLmodel.

**Multi-Task Learning:** One potential enhancement is to use a multi-task learning approach, where the CNN is trained to

simultaneously perform multiple related tasks, such as predicting the type of skin lesion, the severity of the lesion, and the likelihood of malignancy. This could lead to more accurate predictions and better patient outcomes.

**Incorporating Non-Visual Data:** Currently, CNNs rely solely on visual data to predict skin cancer. However, incorporating non-visual data such as demographic information, medical history, and genetic data could improve the accuracy of the model by providing additional context and information about the patient.

**Explainability Techniques:** CNNs are often referred to as "black box" models because it can be difficult to understand how they make their predictions. The use of explainability techniques such as Grad-CAM and attention maps could provide better insight into the features and patterns that the CNN is using to make its predictions.

**Real-Time Prediction:** Real-time skin cancer prediction could be a valuable tool in a clinical setting, allowing doctors to quickly and accurately diagnose skin cancer during a routine exam. The development of real-time CNN models that can be run on mobile devices could significantly improve the efficiency of the diagnostic process.

**Transfer Learning:** Transfer learning involves taking a pre-trained CNN model and adapting it to a new task. The use of transfer learning could significantly reduce the amount of data required to train a new model, leading to faster and more accurate predictions.

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