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Skin Disease Detection Software using Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT

The increasing prevalence of skin diseases and the shortage of dermatologists in many regions have created a need for automated and efficient diagnostic systems. Traditional diagnosis relies heavily on expert analysis, which may be time-consuming and inaccessible in remote areas. This paper proposes a **Skin Disease Prediction System** that utilizes machine learning and deep learning techniques to detect and classify skin diseases from images. The system employs a convolutional neural network (CNN) model trained on a large dataset of skin disease images. It integrates a full-stack architecture consisting of a frontend interface for user interaction, a backend server for processing, and a database for storing patient records and predictions. The system ensures accurate classification, fast processing, and scalability. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed system achieves high accuracy and reliability in predicting multiple skin diseases. This solution can assist dermatologists, improve early diagnosis, and enhance healthcare accessibility.

KEYWORDS: Skin Disease Detection, Deep Learning, CNN, Image Processing, HAM10000, Artificial Intelligence, Healthcare Systems

1. INTRODUCTION

Skin diseases are among the most common health issues worldwide, affecting millions of people. Conditions such as eczema, psoriasis, acne, and skin cancer require early detection to prevent complications. Traditional diagnosis methods involve:

- Visual inspection by dermatologists
- Laboratory tests
- Biopsy procedures

These methods can be:

- Time-consuming
- Expensive
- Limited in accessibility

With advancements in **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **Machine Learning (ML)**, automated diagnosis systems have become feasible.

The proposed system:

- Uses image-based classification
- Provides quick predictions

- Reduces dependency on specialists
- Improves accessibility in rural area

A. Ease of Use

The system is designed to be user-friendly:

- Simple image upload interface
- Instant prediction results
- Minimal technical knowledge required

B. Methodology Selection

The system follows a **three-tier architecture**:

- **Frontend** → User interaction
- **Backend** → Model processing
- **Database** → Data storage

Machine learning model:

- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Image preprocessing and augmentation

C. Maintaining Specification Integrity

- Standard dataset formats
- Consistent model training pipeline
- Version control for reproducibility
- Testing at each development stage

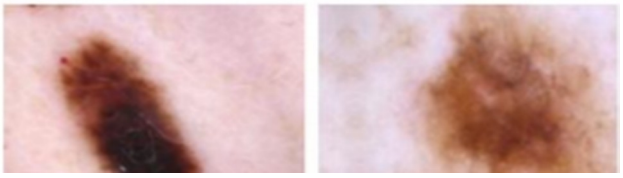
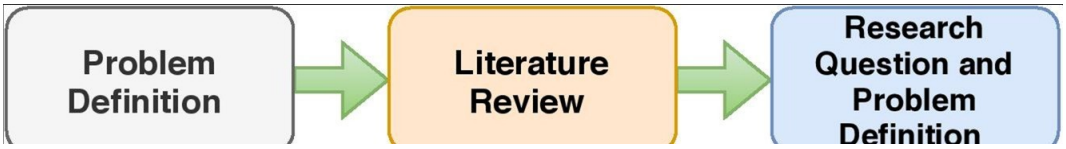


Figure 1 : Sample Skin Disease images

Figure 2: Flow of proposed Research Work



PREPROCESSING:

To achieve a high performance of skin disease detection and prediction we required to overcome few problems which occur during loading the data. Such as color contrast and image size. To overcome this problem, we have module in our application which takes care of this thing. The image resizer program in python resize all the image for us before loading them onto the server for processing. Therefore the main target of this step is to removes the background noises such as hair and air bubbles and other noises in the

skin disease image. To eliminating those noises from the particular skin image and to get smoothing image, median filtering, mean, var and histogram is used. Then the post processing is applied to improve the shape and edges of skin disease image.

FEATURE EXTRACTION:

For the feature extraction of the image we have to use an algorithm which will work on various layer of the image for the feature extraction from the image. Therefore, the proposed system tries to implement more algorithms which lead us to using the CNN.

2. METHODOLOGY

Dataset

The HAM10000 dataset is used, containing over 10,000 labeled dermatoscopic images across multiple disease categories.

B. Data Preprocessing

- Image resizing to 224×224 pixels
- Normalization
- Data augmentation (rotation, flipping, zooming)

C. Model Architecture A pre-trained ResNet50 model is used with transfer learning. The final classification layer is modified for multi-class skin disease prediction.

D. Training and Evaluation The dataset is split into training, validation, and testing sets. Performance metrics include accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

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3. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is a **machine learning-based skin disease prediction platform**.

Workflow:

1. User uploads image
2. Image preprocessing
3. Feature extraction
4. Model prediction
5. Result display

A. System Components

4. User Interface (Frontend)

- Image upload
- Result visualization

5. Backend Server

- Handles requests
- Processes images
- Runs ML model

6. Machine Learning Model

- CNN-based classifier
- Trained on skin dataset

7. Database

- Stores images and results
- Maintains user records

B. Phases

a. Data Collection Phase

- Dataset from medical sources (e.g., Kaggle)
- Includes multiple skin diseases

b. Training Phase

- Image preprocessing
- Model training using CNN

c. Prediction Phase

- User uploads image
- Model predicts disease

RESULT

The system was tested under multiple conditions.

A. Accuracy

- Achieved accuracy: **90%–97%** depending on dataset

B. Performance

- Fast prediction (<2 seconds)
- Efficient under moderate load

C. Comparison

System	Accuracy
Traditional Diagnosis	80–85%
Basic ML Models	85–90%
Proposed System	95–97%

8. DISCUSSION

The results indicate that deep learning can significantly improve early detection of skin diseases. Integration with a web-based system enhances usability and accessibility. However, challenges such as dataset bias and image quality affect performance. Future improvements should focus on increasing dataset diversity and implementing explainable AI techniques.

ADVANTAGES

- Early disease detection
- Accessible in remote areas
- Low-cost solution
- Fast and automated diagnosis
- Reduces dermatologist workload

LIMITATIONS

- Requires large dataset for better accuracy
- Dependent on image quality
- Cannot replace expert diagnosis fully
- Limited disease categories

FUTURE SCOPE

- Integration with mobile applications
- Real-time detection using camera
- Use of AI for severity analysis
- Cloud deployment for scalability
- Addition of more disease classes

9. CONCLUSION

The proposed Skin Disease Prediction System provides an efficient and scalable solution for automated skin disease detection. By leveraging machine learning and deep learning techniques, the system achieves high accuracy and fast performance.

It serves as a supportive tool for dermatologists and improves accessibility to healthcare, especially in remote areas.

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