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A New Approach in Unmasking Neo-Vascularization with the aid of Transfer Learning

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Abstract

Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (PDR) is a retinal condition where individuals with diabetes are at risk of developing. The enhancement of revascularization, an ailment swhere atypical blood vessels are fashioned on the retina, is one of the fundamental characteristics of PDR. This circumstance can motive blindness if it is now undetected and handled prior. Several researches have suggested remarkable photograph processing techniques for fundus image revascularization detection. Revascularization is still challenging to identify, nevertheless, because of the tiny size and random boom sample. Hence, deep getting to know methods are turning into greater universal in revascularization identification due to the fact of their capability to function automated characteristic extraction on objects with complicated features. This paper proposes a methodology for detecting revascularization that is entirely dependent on switch mastering. Alex Net, Google Net, ResNet18, and ResNet50 are the four pre-trained Convolution Neural Network (CNN) models used to examine the overall performance of the switch mastery technique. Furthermore, a multiplied community that is entirely rooted on the combination of ResNet18 and GoogLeNet are suggested. The suggested community should achieve 91.57%, 85.69%, 97.44%, and 97.10% of accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and precision, respectively, according to an evaluation conducted on 1174 retinal picture patches. We confirmed that the suggested method for revascularization detection beats CNN for all men and women. Additionally, it shows superior overall performance in comparison to an alternative approach that employed deep learning models for function extraction and Support Vector Machines (SVM) for classification.

Keywords
Neo-vascularization, Deep Learning, Transfer Learning, Diabetic Retinopathy

I. INTRODUCTION

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is greater common in persons with lengthy-time period diabetes[1]. Proliferative DR (PDR) and Non-proliferative DR (NPDR) are the two classifications that are accessible. Patients with NPDR may present with cotton wool patches, hemorrhages, microaneurysms, problematic exudates, and other medical signs and symptoms[2]. The advanced stage of depression recovery, or PDR, carries a significant risk of mental and cognitive damage[3]. This disorder is brought on by neo-vascularization, which is the process of the retina's tiny, atypical blood vessels getting better[4]. The abnormal growth of these fragile blood vessels is primarily caused by insufficient oxygen transport within the blood vessels[5].

The retina can bleed because the newly produced blood vessels are weak and prone to breaking. The disorder known as neo-vascularization at the optic disk (NVD) occurs when thenewly formed blood vessels develop inside thecircular area defined by the optic disc.On the other side, the creation of new vessels one disk width distant from the optic disk is referred to as neo-vascularization elsewhere (NVE). Visible loss resulting from vitreous hemorrhage and vascular boom is attributed equally to both NVD and NVE.In this manner, a referral to an ophthalmologist is quintessential when neo-vascularization happens, either or not NVD or NVE. PDR have to be identified early to keep the patients vision. This will be completed by looking at thepicture of the patient's fundus to identify blood vessels and identify any newly formed vascular structures associated with neo-vascularization. Many strategies for severance blood vessels was proposed[6,15], however detecting neo-vascularization stays strenuous

The retinal vasculature is a seen circulatory device in the eye that affords treasured records about the body’s microcirculation barring the want for invasive tactics[16]. When effectualcomputeraided prognostic procedures are used, both normal follow-up visits and telemedicine consultations can increase the sensitivity and accuracy of the diagnosis of neo-vascularization. If detection had been precise, sufferer would be significantly unlikely to forgo early, individual laser therapy. Unlike microaneurysms, neo-vascularization varies in both structure and size, presenting additional Complications and underscoring the importance of advancing automated detection methods[13].

Various research hasrevealed that photograph processing procedures can mechanically become aware of microaneurysms, hemorrhages, tough exudates, and cotton wool spots. Nevertheless, research into identifying neo-vascularization remains in its early stages due to the challenge of differentiating between normal blood vessels and newly formed vessels. In addition, the variety of labeled neo-vascularization pictures is scanty, approaching the elders’ improvement. A complete retinal photograph may be additionally acquired for the usage of angiography based techniques. However, because these techniques are intrusive, they are typically no longer advised, especially for earlystage or initial analysis[12]. This study addressed a thorough learning technique for switch learningbased neo-vascularization detection. A network based on the aggregate of ResNet18 and GoogLeNet is proposed. Those two networks are mixed using a layer referred to as depth concatenation. The mixed community's overall performance is compared to the real pretrained networks, which consists of GoogleLeNet,AlexNet, ResNet18, and ResNet50. We also performed the experiments to determine efficacy of the approaches in detecting neo-vascularization and to take into account the effects of switching studies.

We established that the proposed combination of ResNet18 and GoogLeNet should outperform different pretrained networks in identifying neo-vascularization through switch learning. Lesions with neo-vascularization typically have intricate characteristics. Their random sampling of growth makes them difficult to find, and they resemble twisted little vessels. Moreover, the blood artery that causes the lesion is generallyonly one pixel wide. In addition, the neo-vascularization becomes entwined with the historical image due to the uneven illumination in the scene.

Typical photograph processing methods used to apprehend the complicated neo-vascularization aspects are primarily based on normal laptop gaining knowledge of and in-depth studying methods. Although some researchers have performed encouraging effects in findingneo-vascularization, the methods suggested do have certain drawbacks.For example, the fuzzy C-means clustering method is used first to phase the blood arteries.Then, neo-vascularizationhad been identified with the usage of morphological and threshold techniques. The approach can perceive whether or not a person is with danger of having neo-vascularization. But the method yielded a very low specificity. A method for detecting neo-vascularization in close proximity to the optic disk by measuring the angular unfold of the Fourier electrical spectrum of the gradient magnitude of the image was in the survey. Using the computed metrics, a linear classifier has been applied to find out the neo-vascularization at the optic disk. But studies on neo-vascularization in other regions have come to a halt.

However, research on the neo-vascularization elsewhere has stopped. The vessel width may perceive extraordinary vessels;however, misidentification might also manifest when different minor lesions are current inner a fundus image. Also with the aid of computerized neo-vascularization detection machine the usage of Statistical Texture Evaluation (STA), excessive order spectrum evaluation, and Fractal evaluation with sensible precision[8]. Nevertheless, those suggested device is unable to rank the illness's severity. The Fuzzy C-Means Clustering method to segment blood vessels from fundus images can also be used[10]. Then, the facets based just on shape, brightness, location, and differentiation are recovered from the segmented images. K-Nearest Neighbor is then applied to classify the images which are segmented as regular or atypical based on these features. But this method could not pinpoint the placement of the strange vessels. It can only successfully determine whether a fundus snapshot is normal or pathological.

Nonetheless, this approach is not equippedto identifythe place of the odd vessels. It is solely successful of deciding whether or not a fundus photograph is ordinary or abnormal. After identifying 15 sites of neo-vascularization using the ridge electricity dimension and watershed strains, theytrained a Support Vector Machine (SVM) to identify neo-vascularization. However, this method's sole objective is to identify neo-vascularization on the optic disk (NVD).

Neo-vascularization arteries outside the optic disk discipline (NVE) has not before been studied. learning in pc imaginative and prescient technology. Setiawan[7] et al. recently published a study that extracted the visual aspects of neo-vascularization and function classified using SVM using several pretrained convolutional neural networks. They handle the process to show the function identification technique thru deep studying fashions can give favorable results. A approach for detecting NVD the usage of a deep studying algorithm[9] was discussed here. They evaluated countless

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neural networks for their capability to observe NVD. The two of these networks are DenseNet161 and EcientnetB7. Their test conformed that these networks are successful in identifying NVD to excessive accuracy and sensitivity. While a number ofdeep studying strategies have been introduced for neo-vascularization identification, a technique primarily rooted on switch gaining knowledge of stays unexplored. Transfer getting to know is a approach in which an alreadytrained deep neural community is tailored to observe a new object class. To our knowledge, switch studying has now not been completely investigated to perceive neo-vascularization. This paper assesses the overall performance of the switch getting to know method the use of numerous pretrained CNN for detecting neo-vascularization. Moreover, a strategy is proposed rooted on the fusion of two pretrained networks to enhance the switch learning outcomes. The usual procedure for this kind of research. First, a set of fundus photographs with neo-vascularization is created. After being preprocessed, the photos are divided into portions appropriate for community training. The statistics training component is covered in subsection A. Afterwards, multiple pretrained CNN were analyzed for identification of neo-vascularization based on switch learning. The networks coaching and implementation are described in Subsection B. In Subsection C, where switch getting is done, the ResNet18 and GoogLeNet are combined to formthe basis of the recommended approach.

The overall performance and the metrics contrast are denied in Subsection D.

Retinal Neo-vascularization is an eye ailment which is prompted due to expand in the blood sugar levels diabetes for a lengthy duration of time. Individuals with diabetes who've had the ailment for longer than three years are much more likely to get Diabetic Retinopathy (DR), which causes abnormal growths or outpouchings inside the eye. Diabetic Retinopathy(DR) can be classified into four ranges: Mild, Moderate, Severe, and Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy(PDR). A multitude of techniques are available to identify DR early on. DR cannot be reversed however projecting to suited medicines can decrease blood sugar levels. If a man or woman users from DR for a lengthy length of time, then there are probabilities that the individual can also lead to imaginative and prescient loss. Even while PDR can also cause a variety of problems with the eye, such as microaneurysms, cell outpouchings, and an increase in strange blood vessels, the growth of these blood vessels in the retina can also cause internal bleeding within the eye, which can impair vision. Support Vector Machine (SVM), Deep CNN, and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are some of the useful tools and strategies available to identify DR at an early stage. Nevertheless, there aren't many techniques for detecting retinal neo-vascularization.

To educate the public and precisely forecast the availability of registered nurses, Resnet50 is employed.

II. Related Study

Lavanya and Naveen[12] et al discussed oneofthe main challenges is advance identification, that is critical tothe effectiveness of treatment. Unfortunately, it is generally recognized that accurately determining the stage of diabetic retinopathy requires expert human interpretation of fundus Images. The first layer's output is sent as entry to the subsequent layer. Throughout the neural network, the price is reduced or frequently becomes zero, making it unable to be provided as enter in the first or front layer. The information right here travels in an ordinary way barring being modified which leads to a state of affairs the place the different layers will no longer get hold of any enter and the coaching that has to occur with the layers is now not achieved due to the fact of this hassle of vanishing gradient for updating the weights. Resnet introduces pass connections which provides the genuine enter to the output of the convolution layer in any other case with the regular networks from time to time there isnot a price with which similarly processing cannot happen. But, Resnet solves this problem.

Jebaseeli[13] et aldiscussed that proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy (PDR) is an extreme retinal ailment that threatens diabetic patients. Neo-vascularization in the optic disk and retina helps to characterize it. Extremely severe retinal neo-vascularization and bruise spreading are among the medical characteristics of PDR that, if left unchecked, will result in apparent distortion. Different photo processing strategies have been introduced to discover and diagnose neo-vascularization from fundus images. Recent years, deep studying techniques are popular in neo-vascularization detection because of synthetic Genius development in biomedical picture processing. The research provides a convolutional neural network community structure for semantic segmentation in the identification of neo-vascularization. First, the fundus images were embellished using photo preprocessing techniques. Then, the images had been split into little patches, creating an education set, a validation set, and a trying out set. A semantic segmentation[11] convolutional neural community was once designed and skilled to realize the neo-vascularization areas on the images. Finally, the community was once examined the usage of the trying out set for overall performance evaluation. The established mannequin was absolutely automatic in identifying and pinpointing neo-vascularization lesions, that is now infeasible for before posted techniques.

InAlyoubi[14] et al the authors explained that one common consequence of diabetes mellitus is Diabetic Retinopathy (DR), that affects vision causing lesions on the retina. It may now result in blindness if it is not discovered quickly. Unluckily, DR is no longer a generableprocess, and cure solely sustains vision. DR early detection and remedy can notably minimize the hazard of imaginative and prescient loss. The guide prognosis system of DR retina fundus photographs through ophthalmologists is time, effort, and costconsuming and susceptible to falsediagnosis in contrast to computeraided prognosis systems. In recent times, deep learning has gained immense popularity as a method because to its enhanced overall performance in various fields, such as classification and clinical picture interpretation. In clinical picture evaluation, convolutional neural networks are a more popular and very effective deep learning technique. This study examines and evaluates the most recent deep learning approaches for DR color fundus picture identification and classification. Furthermore, research on the color fundus retina using the DR handy datasets has been done. Additionally, complex differences issues that need for more investigation are addressed.

In Bhavya[15] at al scrutinized that One of the riskiest issues of diabetes is Diabetic retinopathy, main to everlasting blindness if not treated. One of the main obstacles is advance identification, which is critical to the effectiveness of treatment. Regretfully, precise determination of the diabetic retinopathy stage is a well-known challenge that necessitates specialized human interpretation of fundus pictures. Simplifying the detection process can help tens of millions of individuals and is essential. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have been appropriately applied to the prognosis of diabetic retinopathy as well as several related problems. However,the requirement for large dataset and inconsistencies among clinician interpretation hinders the implementation of these methods. In this work, we propose a computerized method that uses a single human fundus picture and deep learning to identify the stages of diabetic retinopathy. Furthermore, we suggest a multi-phase switch learning approach that leverages similar datasets with unique labels. With a sensitivityandspecificity of 0.99, the described method can be utilized as a screening tool for the early identification of diabetic retinopathy. It is ranked fortyfourth out of 2943 competing strategies (quadratic weighted kappa rating 0.925466) on the APTOS 2019 Blindness Detection Dataset (13,000 images).

One of PDRs key characteristics is the enhancement of neo-vascularization, a condition in which the retina develops unusual blood vessels. Blindness could occur if this illness is not detected and treated right away. Excellent photo processing techniques for identifying neo-vascularization in fundus pictures have been proposed by numerous studies. Nonetheless, the small sample size and random nature of the explosion make neo-vascularization difficult to identify.Deepstudying algorithms are rapidly growing in the detection of neo-vascularization because they can perform automated function extraction on objects with complicated features. This research proposes a strategy for detecting neo-vascularization that solely relies on switchknowledge. We examine the overall effectiveness of the switch learning technique using four pretrained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models, that consist of AlexNet, GoogLeNet, ResNet18, and ResNet50 are within. In addition, an accelerated community based totally on the mixture of ResNet18 and GoogLeNet is proposed. Evaluation on 1174 retinal picture patches confirmed that the proposed community should obtain 91.57%, 85.69%, 97.44%, and 97.10% of accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and precision, respectively. We conducted tests to verify that the suggested method for neo-vascularization identification beats CNN for all men and women. Furthermore, it givesimproved overall performance compared to all other methods that used Support Vector Machine (SVM) for classification and deep mastering techniques for characteristic extraction.

ADVANCED MACHINE INTELLIGENCE-BASED DIABETIC RETINOPATHY DETECTION

Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is a retinal condition which causes permanent blindness. DR is the result of the patient's high blood sugar level, and because there are no early warning signs or symptoms, it can be challenging to diagnose. To eradicate blindness, widespread detection and treatment are necessary. The ophthalmologist may also benefit from automated detection based entirely on laptop Genius, which could aid in more accurately and effectively assessing the patient's condition. The aim of this work is to create an automated diabetic retinopathy screening tool that grades the ailment using deep switch computer learning and representational learning. The switch learning method on the Inceptionv4 deep neural network is the synthetic talent methodology that is employed. On Inceptionv4, two configurations of switch learning are used: constant characteristic extractor mode and fine-tune mode. While the accuracy values of both configuration ways are quite good, the finetuning strategy performs better than the constant function extractor configuration style. Finetune configuration mode has surpassed the nation of the artwork strategies in the relevant literature, receiving 96.6% accuracy in early detection of DR and 97.7% accuracy in assessing the illness methodology.

III. METHODOLOGY

MODULES DESCRIPTION

INPUT IMAGE

Fundus pictures of the eye are gathered, and each one is preprocessed and given a unique idcode, which is similar to naming a photo. The process involves scaling every picture to the same size (728 x 728) and then converting the three-layered BGR Blue Green Red photos to single-layer, grayscale images. The only colors seen in a grayscale image are grayscale, which makes it easier to identify retinal outpouchings. Grey scaling is essential since it can be used to extract descriptors instead of working on the shade images.

GRAYSCALE IMAGE

By eliminating the regions around the pupil, grayscale simplifies the process and lowers the amount of computing required. Color cropping is used to change the color model in order to draw attention to the affected area. The Gaussian blur feature is used to blur the image, enabling transparent display screen viewing. It improves the image constructions at remarkable sizes. These preprocessed pictures are given as enter to the Resnet50 which is 50 layers deep and makes use of backpropagation technique to replace the weights and detects the presence of RN

Image Pre-processing

The ordinary fundus snap shots will have shade version amongst them like some have lighter colour and some have darker colour of retina which permits extra crimson colours. Because of this, dominating nerve cells tend to disappear into the background, making it difficult to pinpoint the precise location of retinal eruptions. Applying grayscale to the snap shots normalizes all the images with the hues of gray the place the picture levels from having darkish black to shiny white and the outburst of the blood vessels RN are proven in darkish colorations of gray as in contrast with the final components which enhances the affected parts.

Findings and Conversations with features like skip connections and the ability to learn from residual representations rather than signal representation.

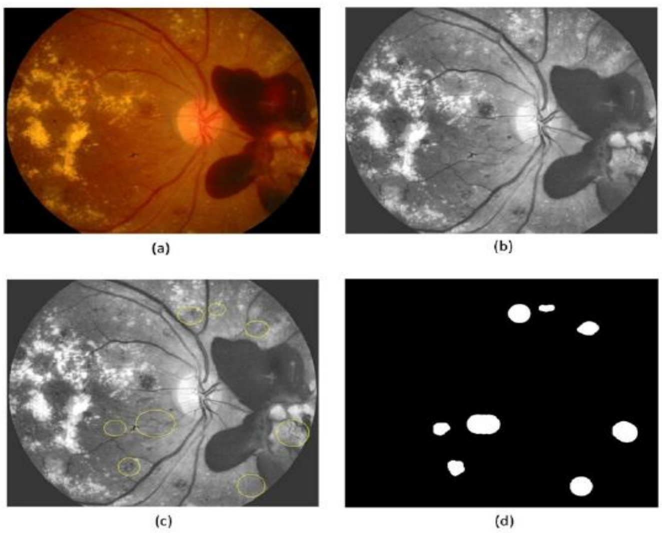

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Figure 1. Image Preprocessing (a) A raw fundus image. (b) The image after green channel extraction and contrast enhancement. (c) The labeled image. The yellow circles are the neovascularization regions labeled by the ophthalmologist. (d) The generated ground truth image.

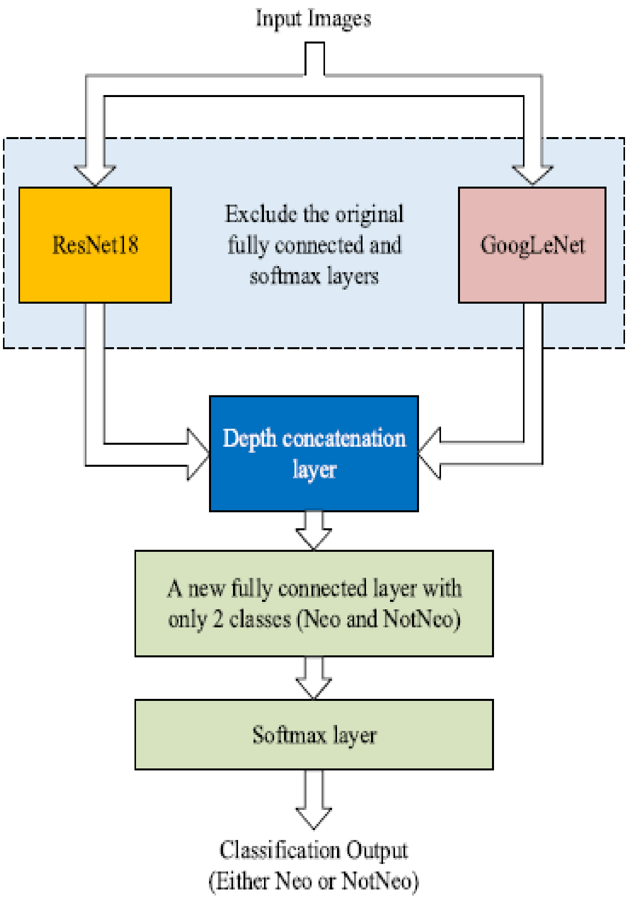

Figure 2. The proposed transfer learning approach based on the combination of ResNet18 and GoogLeNet.

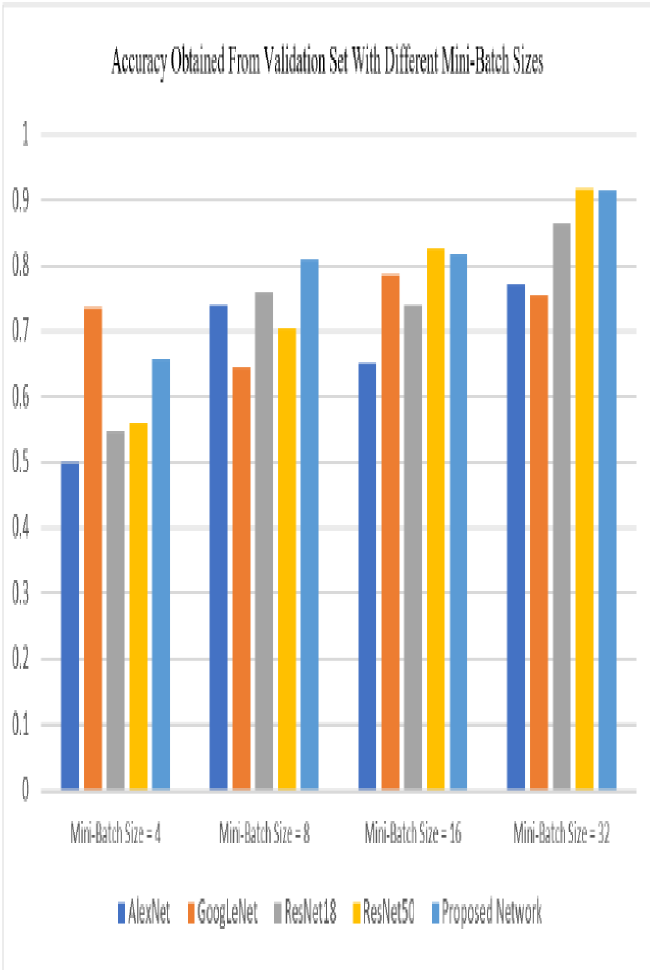

Figure 3. The accuracy obtained from the validation set with various mini-batch sizes for each pre-trained network.

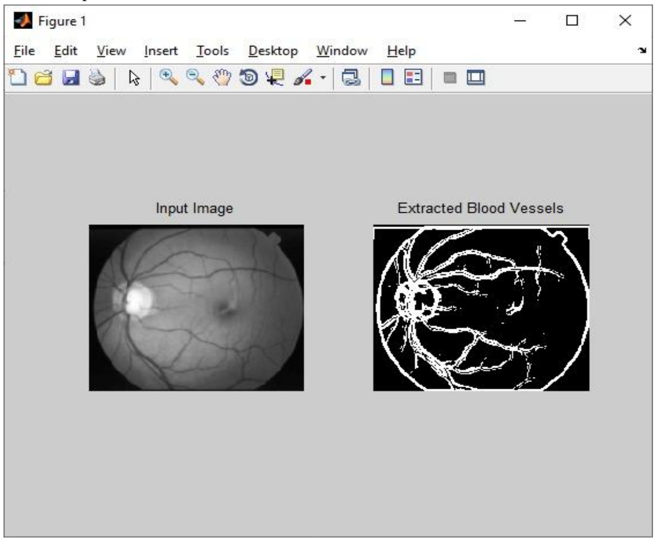

Figure 4. Input image and Extracted Blood vessels

IV. Results and Discussions

ResNet 50 offers advantages that make it possible to train a model correctly without running into issues with vanishing gradients or weights that need to be updated during the backpropagation method. This has made training and testing images with the model more effective.

The output contains 4 columns: serial number, id_code the name of the image, diagnosis number depicting the stage like 0No DR i.e., the healthy eye images without any disease, 1DR images that are affected by diabetic retinopathy, 2RN images having retinal neo-vascularization which are the images with outburst of blood vessels and Status the name of the stage.

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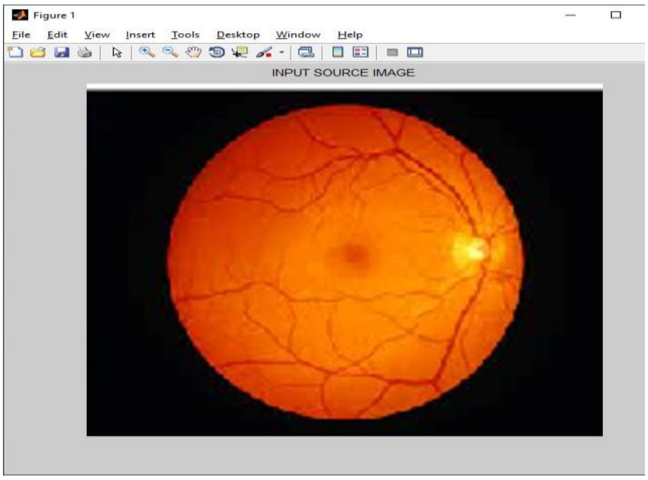


Figure 5. Input source image

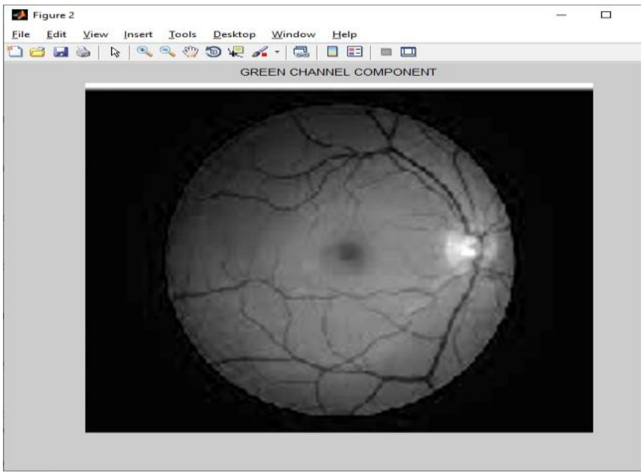


Figure 6. Green channel component

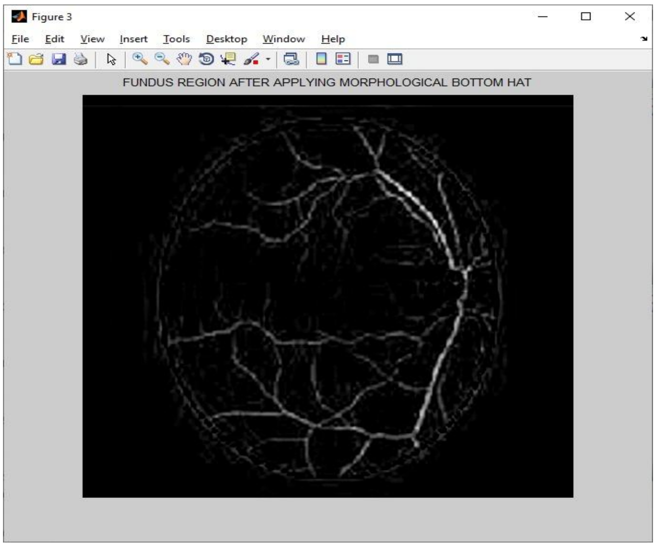
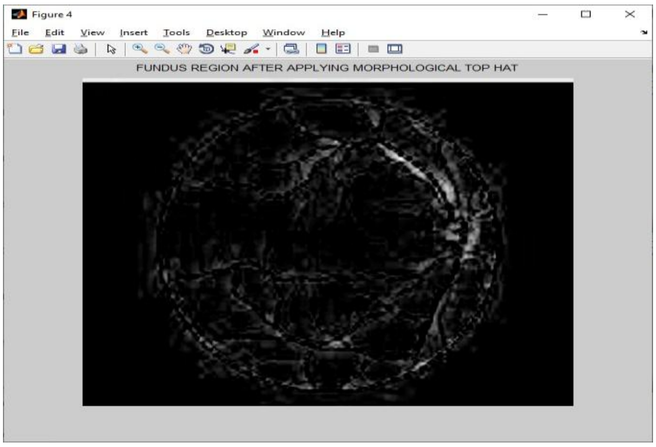


Figure 7. Fundus region after applying morphological bottom hat



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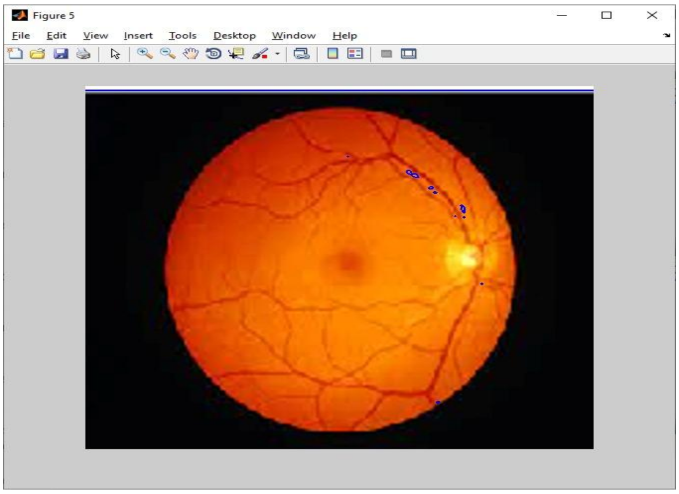

Figure 9. Resultant Fundus image

MODEL COMPARISON

The pretrained networks and the recommended networks' performance are differentiated. The results are compared to the feature extraction and SVM classification techniques of Setiawan[7] et al. The classier was trained, tested, and assessed using the same performance measures on our dataset to guarantee a fair comparison. The pretrained models used in the implementation—AlexNet, GoogLeNet, ResNet18, and ResNet50—were also the same ones utilized in the transfer learning method. Table 1 displays the output of transfer learning using the recommended approach, feature extraction C SVM algorithms, and each unique pretrained CNN.Overall, the transfer learning approach surpasses both feature extraction and SVM classification. For every pretrained network, the transfer learning approach has increased accuracy, specificity, and precision. This is done to detect neo-vascularization features, all of the pretrained network's weights were retrained during the transfer learning procedure. In contrast, the feature extraction C SVM classification approach uses the original pretrained networks to extract features, which are subsequently trained on an SVM to identify neo-vascularization. Because the characteristics attained from the generic pretrained networks were not optimally suited for neo-vascularization recognition, theperformance of this approach is

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worse than the transfer learning method. The recommended technique yields the best results and combines ResNet18 and GoogLeNet. Neo-vascularization is the cause of this. Due to the use of additional kernels are used to extract and learn neo-vascularization features, the results have improved and the neo-vascularization detection accuracy has increased. When the ideal minibatch size of 32 is utilized, ResNet50 performs better in the validation set than the suggested model (see Figure 3). ResNet50, on the other hand, yields less accuracy in the testing set than the suggested model when the same minibatch size is utilized. This indicates that ResNet50 is prone to overfitting when training on the neo-vascularization dataset. The Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) curve and the vicinity under the ROC curve (AUC) are used to examine the performance of network to determine which network is the most efficient at classifying Neo and NotNeo patches via transfer learning. AUC can be used to make a summary of a classifier's ability to differentiate classes, while ROC displays the system's diagnostic potential when the discriminating threshold of a binary classier system is altered. The ROC graphs for each network are shown in Figure 11. It is clear that the recommended network has the best performance, whereas AlexNet performs the lowest.

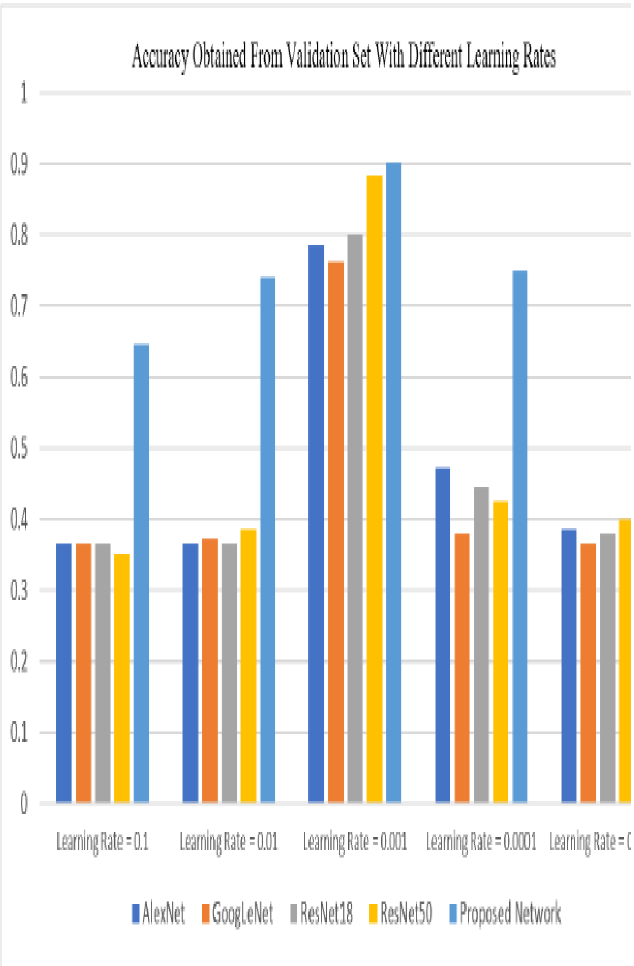

Figure 10. The accuracy obtained from the validation set with various learning rates for each pre-trained network.

Table 1. Comparison of Feature Extraction and Transfer Learning Performance Tested on Different Pre-Trained Networks.

Pre-trained Models	Accuracy		Sensitivity		Specificity		Precision	
	Transfer Learning	Feature Extraction +SVM	Transfer Learning	Feature Extraction +SVM	Transfer Learning	Feature Extraction +SVM	Transfer Learning	Feature Extraction +SVM
AlexNet	0.7913	0.6533	0.8143	0.7019	0.7683	0.6048	0.7785	0.6398
GoogLeNet	0.7649	0.6337	0.6491	0.7155	0.8807	0.5520	0.8448	0.6149
ResNet18	0.8842	0.6908	0.8228	0.7649	0.9455	0.6167	0.9379	0.6662
ResNet50	0.8271	0.7274	0.7138	0.7632	0.9404	0.6917	0.9229	0.7122
Proposed Method	0.9157		0.8569		0.9744		0.9710	

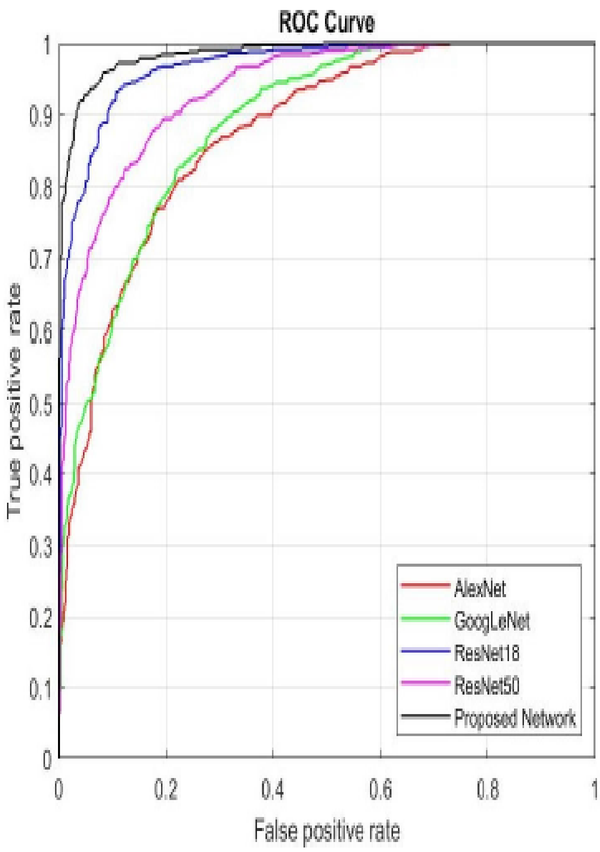

Figure 11.ROC curves to compare the performance of different networks for neovascularization detection using transfer learning.

V. Conclusion and Future Scope

Additionally, the blood vessels comprising the lesion should be as small as single pixel wide. Consequently, various researchers have offered to use deep mastering for neo-vascularization detection. Convolutional neural networks, one type of deep learning is getting recognized recently and have been shown to provide accurate overall performance when it comes to object attention from Images. A suggested using a number of cutting-edge convolutional neural networks to recognize optic disks and segment retinal vessels. The segmented vessels are next investigated for the presence of artery-vein classification,or neo-vascularization.Neo-vascularization

(NVD) is identified by the optic disk detection. Though,their gadget is not fully automated, it is exceptionally good at spotting neo-vascularization. It is desired to make further efforts to localize neo-vascularization. Several pretrained convolutional neural networks have been used to identify neo-vascularization. These networks included GoogLeNet, AlexNet, VGG16, VGG19, and ResNet50. An SVM classifier was trained with the features extracted from the networks to identify if a patch in an image showed signs of neo-vascularization. However, the technology they use can only identify if a picture has neo-vascularization or not. It is incapable to locate the lesion caused by neo-vascularization. In order to detect neo-vascularization, this study suggests a novel semantic segmentation convolutional neural community structure. The community may be able to automatically identify and locate a neo-vascularization lesion that was not achievable with former reported efforts. We verified that the established community should surpass other convolutional neural networks in terms of neo-vascularization identification.

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