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Abstract
Lung malignancy represents a group of diseases that affect people worldwide. According to the reports, 1.69 million people died in 2015. Presymptomatic work raises patient ability and boosts treatment success. The accuracy of disease detection, velocities, and computer technology standards are used to calculate CAD systems. This study investigated the malignant tumor detection method over a few currently used structures. This article discusses lung carcinoma segmentation and the classification of methods. The five steps of the computer-assisted workflow are image acquisition, preprocessing, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification. It focuses on the edge-segmentation process, which is becoming more popular for effective image segmentation in regions. Moreover, the key attributes can be deduced from feature resemblance and transmitted to the classification technique. The lung cancer image's area features are classified using a clustering technique. The lung cancer image's cancer field has been removed using CNN. Moreover, the histogram and adaptive median filter are applied to enhance segmentation performance. The experimental studies utilized basic images acquired from the database and existing health data obtained from the patient. The results demonstrated that the proposed statistical method's performance, which can produce better results than other existing predictions, is superior.

Keywords Edge-based segmentation · Lung carcinoma · Histogram equalization · and Adaptive median filter

1 Introduction

In the United States, there are over 225,000 lung cancer cases, 150,000 deaths, and an approximate insurance price of $12 billion. The most prevalent cancers are lung cancer. In general, only 17% of lung cancer persons in the United States survive 5 % of patients, but death rates are lower in developed countries. However, it is still one of the deadliest cancers. The level of cancer refers to how far it has spread. Stages 1 & 2 implement to cancers that have spread to the lungs, while later stages apply to cancers that have spread to other organs. Tissue sections and image analysis from imaging techniques,

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including computerized tomography, functional MRI, and endoscopy, are required for effective therapies. Although early-stage lung cancer is frequently challenging to detect since there are no symptoms, delayed discovery of cancer (early phase treatment) considerably improves the likelihood of recovery. The goal is to use endoscopic photos of lungs with and without lung cancer in the early stages to diagnose lung cancer in people. We aim to build a simultaneously providing using computer vision and deep learning methods, particularly CNN. A detailed classification for lung cancer can speed up and reduce lung screening costs, which can be more prevalent.

The epithelia of the tunica mucosa bronchiorum, commonly known as bronchiolar carcinoma, are where lung cancer (LC) develops. It is one of the cancers with the highest rates of morbidity and mortality growth, and it is quickly emerging as the most dangerous menace to human health and life. Lung cancer morbidity is said to have increased significantly over the past 50 years in many nations, particularly among male patients, for whom lung cancer morbidity has historically ranked first among all forms of cancers. Long-term heavy smoking is the most predominant harmful factor according to mass data even if its pathophysiology is not fully understood. But the existing system needs to provide more accuracy and increases computation time. To conquer the problems, certain solutions should be presented to fix this issue. Subsequently, in this work, a convolutional neural network is proposed to accurately detect lung cancer disease and get better lung cancer disease identification system results. These motivate us to carry out this research work.

The main contributions of this manuscript are summarized below:

- Convolutional Neural network (CNN) is proposed to detect Lung Carcinoma disease accurately.
- At first, the bronchoscopy and Hamlyn lung datasets are initially gathered. Afterward, the images are fed to preprocessing.
- The preprocessing segment removes the noise and enhances the input images utilize the median and average, adaptive mean filters, and adaptive histogram equalization techniques.
- After that, the pre-processed images are given to the segmented stage. The goal of segmentation is to divide the bronchoscopic images into parts. Frames are segmented to identify points, boundary lines, and image curves. In this case, edge-based segmentation, and ROI segmentation are used.
- After the segmentation stage, the features can be picked depending on their correlation. The mutual information feature extraction method can attain second-order statistical texture features. In this case, a Correlation-based texture feature is used.
- Then the cancer region has to be identified whether the cancer stage is mild, moderate, or otherwise severe after extracting the characteristics. CNN is used in this categorization.
- The performance metrics, like precision, specificity, accuracy, sensitivity, F1-score, Error rate, ROC, and computational time, are analyzed to analyze the proposed method's performance.

The paper's understanding follows: Section II summarizes the related work. The problem statement is described in Section III. Section IV presents the segmentation and classification approaches that have been fully implemented. Part V introduces the experimental findings. Section VI finishes the manuscript.

2 Related works

The literature includes several Digital Image Processing (DIP) methods for segmenting and classifying medical images; [8]. Here, the research uses end-to-end CNN teaching to retrieve self-learned feature representation and compares the outcomes to those of existing condition approaches and a new computer-aided diagnostics tool. [9] They have suggested a method for identifying and classifying lung cancer with labeled and untreated nodules with cancerous elements. To automatically capture CT images during a broad-scale CT scan and estimate the visceral & subcutaneous adiposity tissue, [11] provides the most recent successful three-level CNN approach. [6] Presents efficient and streamlined neural computation and soft computation methods to reduce feature set difficulties and problems. [10] Object segmentation and classification techniques are used to analyze LN identification from the ELCAP object database. In 2020, [2] This study examined various cutting-edge techniques for classifying ROIs in CT images and the segmentation precision metrics for each strategy regarding overlap ratio, mean error, and similarity index [7]. This post analyzes medical images of soft and hard computation optimally. This would also clarify the data used, the collected findings, and interpretations of existing available literature to segment medical photos. The objective is to develop a cutting-edge computer-aided diagnostic system (CAD) that can distinguish between the lung's CT scan and enable radiologists to recognize and identify this issue early. A novel three-dimensional CNN distinguishes these tumors in the CT image, allowing for further nodule identification. Different modifications were performed to ensure quick and easy integration and optimum precision. [3] Propose a modern version of a classical fusion cycle focused on contrast stretching to monitor lung cancer diagnosis [1]. An effective semiautomatic procedure is introduced for CT-images segmentation of the liver tumor. The methodology is based on the semi-automatic segmentation framework utilizing a level range system focused on active contour segmentation [5]. Suggested a new architecture called a neural network, FS-Net model focused on coevolutionary lung segmentation in CT scan images. Using their breathing masks, they decode the photos after coding them into the charts. To improve prediction accuracy in recommender systems, ensemble learning, and group classification were both applied. In this study [12], persons who were most similar to the target user were identified using ensemble learning, fuzzy rules, and the decision tree. Then, utilizing a heterogeneous knowledge graph and embedding vectors, pertinent recommendations were given to each user. A unique social network analysis-based gene selection strategy is proposed by [13]. The relevance maximization and redundancy reduction of the chosen genes are the two key goals of the suggested strategy. In this strategy, a maximum community is repeatedly chosen after each iteration. The right genes are then chosen from among those already present in this community using a node centrality-based criterion. According to the results, the created gene selection algorithm will reduce the time complexity while improving the classification accuracy of microarray data. Considering node status and behaviors, [14] proposed a new centrality for users. As a result, this node has considerable influence. Node social status relates to user behaviors on the social networking website Facebook, such as posting and receiving likes from other users. Node social status includes node degree, clustering coefficient, and average neighbors' node. The new centrality is defined by user activity and social status. Finally, the authors investigate node infection potential and their network-wide consequences using the SIR model. The Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm and the fuzzy TOPSIS model are used in the unique recommendation system technique proposed by [15] for the tourism sector. The system has been optimized using TOPSIS

(Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution), a multi-criteria decision-making technique. The answer offered in this study is divided into two main sections, where the utilized ABC algorithm has been enhanced and is more effective than the original. In the present work, the Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm and Fuzzy TOPSIS are combined to give a novel method for recommendation systems in the tourism industry [16]. The Techniques for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS) is a multi-criteria decision-making technique that has been used to optimize the system. An online survey with 1015 respondents was used to collect the data on the social networking platform Facebook. The TOPSIS model establishes a positive ideal solution in the form of a matrix with four columns in the first stage, indicating the aspects that are relevant to this study. The ABC algorithm starts to look through destinations in the second step and gives users recommendations for the finest tourist attraction.

3 Problem statement

Several theoretical tactics and methodologies are produced in image analysis employing image processing software. Despite the existence of several strategies, the researchers continue to need help with classification and segmentation. Determining a workable way to produce a specific image for such a segmentation stage is also necessary. Often, the bronchoscopic image took more work to see due to distractions and lighting. Although numerous solutions to this problem are provided through research, these solutions are expensive. As a result, lung cancer might be classified using effective computational methods.

4 Background

We applied a deep learning approach based on machine learning techniques to classify and segment lung CT images. We put our methodology to the test via well-controlled and unsupervised methodologies for classification and segmentation, consistency, and runtime metrics. In the following sections, we discussed the deep learning algorithms and the approach used for segmenting and classifying lung cancer. The CNN deep learning framework is one of the CNN models' many interesting new advances.

This method works quite well to segment, classify, and identify digital image objects. However, CNN has limitations, including a large memory footprint and slow detection rates, as each region suggestion necessitates a fully convolutional network transfer. Therefore, when high object recognition precision is needed but real-time processing is not necessary, CNN usage is justified. The suggested methodology's flowchart may be shown in Fig. 1. Preprocessing phase is the initial step. Then, the segmentation process might be done in the second stage. Then, the feature extraction could be carried out following the third stage. Finally, with the CNN-based categorization, the procedure can be finished.

5 Methodology

The primary focus was to propose a novel and efficient approach specifically tailored for the segmentation and classification of lung carcinoma using deep learning. They might have aimed to contribute a unique solution that addresses the limitations or challenges of

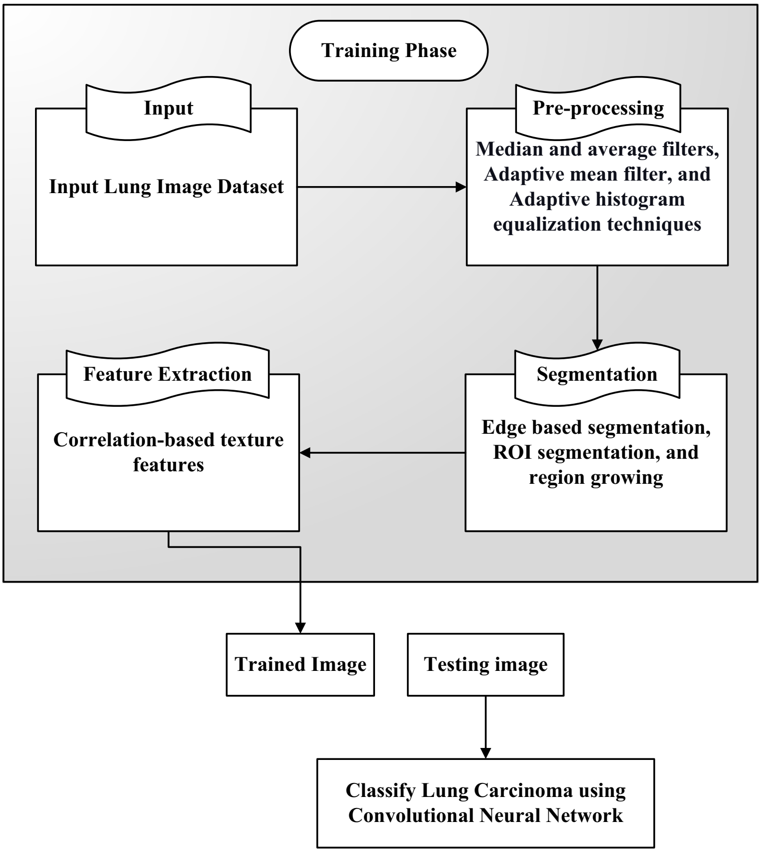


Fig. 1 Proposed methodology's flowchart

existing methods rather than conducting a comprehensive comparison with state-of-the-art approaches. Additionally, constraints such as limited space, specific datasets or experimental setups, practical considerations regarding computational resources, or a desire to emphasize the novelty and efficiency of their proposed method could have influenced their decision to forgo direct comparisons with other methods. The dataset of lung images and tools used are listed in this section,

5.1 Hamlyn lung and bronchoscopy dataset

The bronchoscopy and Hamlyn lung datasets are used in this study. This dataset was established at the Imperial College Hamlyn Center and was completed under the London study committee's ethical approval. They combined the CT scanning image with the bronchoscopic image, which was checked. It is usually a dataset image. The CV2 library will translate your videos into image objects. Therefore, the dataset comprises 13,000 images: 512x 512 pixels and 16-bit depths. Of these 13,000 images, 1,265 were already segmented by a specialist and are referred to as ground truth.

We tested the 1,265 images of the ground reality, segmented by a specialist already. The images were used because they were without any preprocessing. For training our model, we used 998 images corresponding to 80% of the data set. This study focuses on a new technique for fully automated lung classification and segmentation throughout CT images.

6 Preprocessing

Preprocessing is the first stage in predicting lung carcinoma. Preprocessing is essential to maintain the reliability and accessibility of a database. To that, every step is necessary for the image processing workload. It uses filters and histogram equalization techniques to perform preprocessing, looking for inadvertent flaws that could affect an object's ability to resist sickness. The cancer area can be extracted here with the bronchoscopic image. Such a noise reduction is a standard preprocessing phase to boost performance. The bronchoscopic image usually has three channels (red, green, and blue). The blue channel loses the most detail and has a sharp contrast. First, it blocks the green channel during preprocessing. As a result, the bronchoscopic image artifacts typically have low contrast. To improve the green channel's contrast, preprocessing is used. Usually, the histogram is done to improve the quality of the images. To improve image contrast, a computational technique called histogram normalization is performed. It is done by efficiently increasing the most common intensity levels, i.e., widening the image intensity spectrum. There was a misunderstanding. It makes lower local contrast to improve the comparison between areas. The mean contrast of the photos will therefore be raised following data augmentation.

The adjusted histogram with such a bin for every potential intensity is represented as p. So

$$p^x = \frac{\text{The quantity of pixels with x intensity}}{\text{total count of pixels}} \tag{1}$$

Here x=0,1,…,x-1

The definition of the histogram equalized image is

$$k_{i,j} = \mathrm{b}\left((x-1) \sum_{x=0}^{b_{i,j}} p^x \right) \tag{2}$$

Where b is the nearest whole number. This corresponds to changing the pixel intensity b,k.

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\left(\int_0^y py(x)dz \right) = \partial y(y)\left(x^{-1}\right)(y))d/dy \tag{3}$$

Here,$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$ represents the probability of the latest distributed uniformity function.

While the outcome indicates that the normalization approach was made correctly, it still flattens histograms, improving the image's brightness.

7 Segmentation

Segmentation is the first step in the feature extraction process. The split of one image into many segments is known as segmentation. Set pixels The goal of segmentation is to divide the bronchoscopic images into parts. Frames are segmented to identify points, boundary lines, and image curves. A set of segments representing the entire object or a group of contours extrapolated from the image are provided by segmentation. The analogy of the topography is a segmented edge. This approach makes it simple to predict the image features. Grayscales are used in this study's segmentation technique to determine the gradient's gradient intensity. The picture velocity profile along the object's edges has high and low pixels. Lastly, segments can be created inside the area of interest.

$$ROI^{Segmentation} = \sum_{\{i,j\}\in Q_2}^{S} v_e\left(a_i, a_j\right).n_i.\log_{b_i} + \gamma \int \mathrm{b_i} \quad \mathrm{dx} \tag{4}$$

Where $ROI^{Segmentation}$ is the edge-based segmentation, y_i, y_j represents the pixel values low and high, γ represents the image frequency coefficient, V represents the velocity differential, m represents the image's pixel count in blocks, $\log_{b_i}$represents the Dimensions of the image, and $b_i$represents the pixels' separation.

Also, the growing area approach is used, which is a quick, effective, and robust image segmentation process. It begins with putting a series of seeds in the segmented image, where each seed may be either a single pixel or a collection of connected pixels. RG then develops certain seeds into regions by successfully inserting adjacent pixels into them. The division of an image into non-overlapping sections is the region's growing approach's fundamental function. Here, using the Euclidean distance (e_d), the indicator of the level between both the two nearby pixels may be determined as follows:

$$e_d = \sqrt{eD_r} + \sqrt{eD_g} + \sqrt{eD_b} \tag{5}$$

Where $eD_r = (k(a+i, b+j, 1) + (f(a, b, 1)^2$

$$eD_g = (k(a+i, b+j, 2) + (f(a, b, 2)^2$$

$$eD_b = (k(a+i, b+j, 3) + (f(a, b, 3)^2$$

All pixels are recognized as belonging to a single area unless the discrepancy between a labeled and unidentified pixel is smaller than the threshold.

8 Feature extraction

After the segmentation stage, the features can be picked depending on their correlation. The mutual information feature extraction method can attain second-order statistical texture features. The method has been applied in many different contexts, while third-order textures and higher-order textures exploit the connection with two or more pixels. Correlation-based feature selection (CFS) evaluates the subset by individually considering each function's predictive capacity and redundancies (or relationships). The distinction between CFS and other methods was, instead of an increasing feature, the "heuristic value" of a function subset. This implies that given a (heuristic) function, the algorithm can decide on its next moves by selecting the choice that maximizes this function's output. It is also possible to build heuristic functions to reduce the cost to the target. The correlation between the features can be identified by using the below equation,

$$C\left(\frac{p}{\partial},\mu\right)=\left[\frac{\varphi(\partial+\mu)}{\varphi(\partial)\varphi(\mu)}\right]p\hat{}(\partial+\mu)\hat{}(\mu-1) \tag{6}$$

Following that, a few of the significant traits which can be extracted are shown below. First, the pixel length and entropy characteristics are defined as follows:

$$Linelength=\frac{1}{l}-1\sum\nolimits_{l-1}^{l-1}a(K+1)-y_i(\mathrm{K}) \tag{7}$$

$$\text{Log entropy}=\sum\nolimits_{i,j=0}^{n-1}F(i,j)\left[\frac{(i-\mu i)(j-\mu j)}{\sqrt{\left(\sigma i^2\right)}\sqrt{\left(\sigma j^2\right.}}\right] \tag{8}$$

$$\text{Homogeneity}=\sum\nolimits_{i,j=0}^{n-1}\frac{F(i,j)}{F}-(F+2) \tag{9}$$

9 Classification

Then the cancer region has to be identified whether the cancer stage is mild, moderate, or otherwise severe after extracting the characteristics. CNN is used in this categorization. The objective is regarded as likely. It was a permutation algorithm that had already been trained. In this situation, CNN makes it possible to assess the differences between a dependent variable like this and one or several additional predictors. CNN predicts the possibilities and employs a strategy. Numerical dividends exist. Throughout the procedure, CNN reads and resizes the photo before calculating the possibility of its class, as shown in Fig. 2 for the classification process. Another deep learning model of learning is the neural network of the convent. CNN constitutes an important discovery in image recognition and classification. The role of optics in interpreting and categorizing images is the technique most frequently employed to undermine visual meaning. Convolutional, ReLU, Fully Connected Layers, and Pooling are the layers of CNN.

Compared to other image classification techniques, CNNs require far fewer than before steps. Therefore, the above CNN should be utilized in a variety of fields for a variety of uses.

9.1 Convolution layer

This stage of convolution's primary role is to concentrate on the high points of the information image. In CNN, this same convolution operation is always the first process. This process identifies the properties present in the source photos, and the mapping is produced.

9.2 ReLU layer

The plain righted component layer comes just after the convolution layer. The legislation feature was put in place on the extracted features to boost the network's non-linearity. Negatives are removed easily in this.

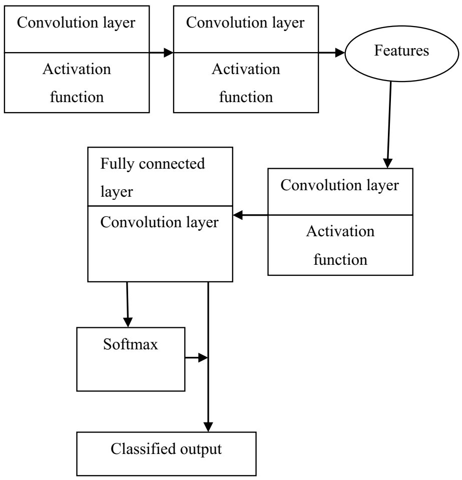


Fig. 2 Layers of CNN

9.3 Pooling layer

The pooling procedure can gradually decrease the effect of the insight. This same accumulating process can help to reduce the fitting problem. Increasing the number of parameters required will quickly identify the required variables.

9.4 Flattening layer

This simple move is to straighten this polled function chart into the figures sequences section.

9.5 Fully connected layer

The following is a list of the qualities that can be combined with character traits. With elevated decile conflicting results, the classification technique can be used. The mistake would be primarily measured.

9.6 Softmax

The anomalous network activity across expected performance groups is mapped to a probability distribution in neural grids using Softmax. The Softmax was utilized to solve numerous problems in numerous academic domains. The decimal's probability will imply 1.0. Considering the associated Softmax variants:

- The Softmax known as Complete Softmax can calculate a probability for each potential class.
- Softmax only determines the likelihood for a random example of negative names, but it does so for all positive names.

For CNN, odds and a function are calculated. This is the accumulated dispensing.

$$F = det\,det\,[P] - k\,(classify\,(M))^2 \tag{10}$$

Where F represents the feature, P represents the pointed feature,$\beta_1\beta_2$ represents the classified features. These are to be declared as

$$classify(P) = \beta_1\beta_2 \tag{11}$$

The CNN classification was concluded as

$$F = \beta_1\beta_2 - V\left(\beta_1 + \beta_2\right)^2 \tag{12}$$

Where V represents the empirical constant.

Figure 2 shows the layers of CNN. The CNN has 4 layers Convolutional, ReLU, Fully Connected Layers, and Pooling layer. In the convolutional layer, the activation function is used and this process identifies the properties present in the source photos, and the mapping is produced. In the fully connected layer, the softmax function is used for determines the likelihood of a random example of negative names, but it does so for all positive names and then it classifies the output.

10 Results and discussion

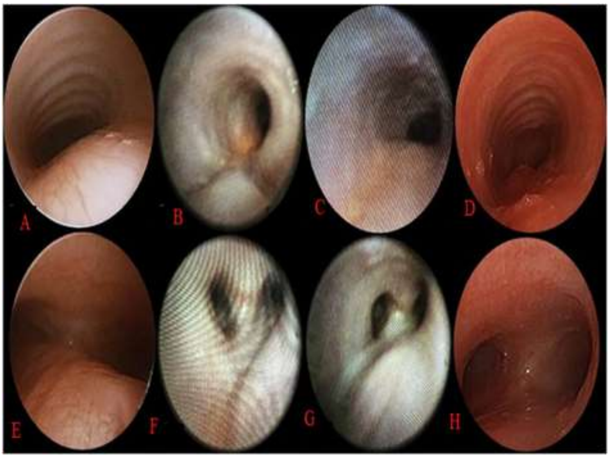
Throughout this section, we look into the experimental findings from each step, including feature pre-processing, segmentation, and classification. Figure 3 illustrates the Input image.

Figure 4 represents the pre-processed image. After the image enhancement can be done, the abnormal images can be isolated, as depicted in Fig. 5. Then, the malignant areas can be pointed out using the novel segmented methodology that can be depicted in Fig. 6.

The extracted features were depicted in Fig. 7. Then after the feature extraction, the abnormal features can be classified using CNN, was represented in Fig. 8.

Figure 9 shows the Performance metrics of the proposed methodology. Here the proposed method provides 99.89% accuracy, 100% sensitivity, 99.60% specificity, 99.86%

Fig. 3 Input image



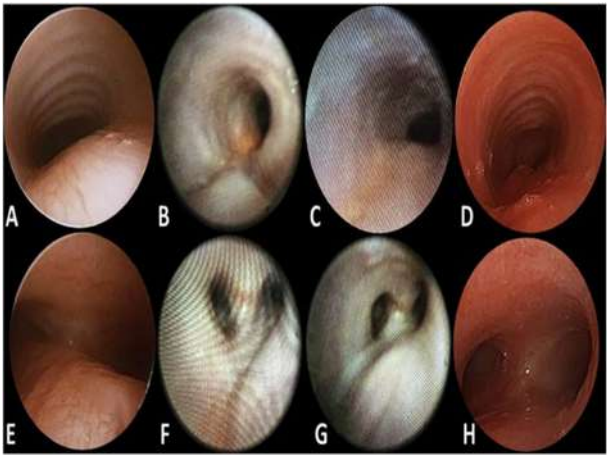


Fig. 4 Pre-processed image

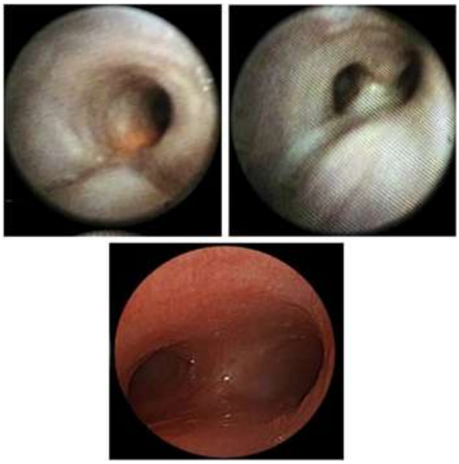


Fig. 5 Isolated abnormal image

precision, 100% recall, and 99.93% f-measure. This section briefly introduces and illustrates some novel methodologies used in existing work [4].

Table 1 and Fig. 10 represent the performance metrics of the existing methodology. The obtained results show that the process model outperformed some other conventional systems.

11 Conclusion

Earlier detection of lung carcinoma is the most challenging problem in the medical field. This study uses a revolutionary deep-learning approach to predict and categorize lung cancer. The suggested method uses bronchoscopic images to spot lung cancer. The primary goal of this research is to offer a quick, affordable, and timely method for the early identification of lung cancer. To assess the effectiveness of the put-in-place technique, it is evaluated under different previous techniques that were recently suggested. Once compared with other types of methods, this same suggested method produces efficient outcomes. Furthermore, the above reveals that the proposed approach predicted lung cancer previously.

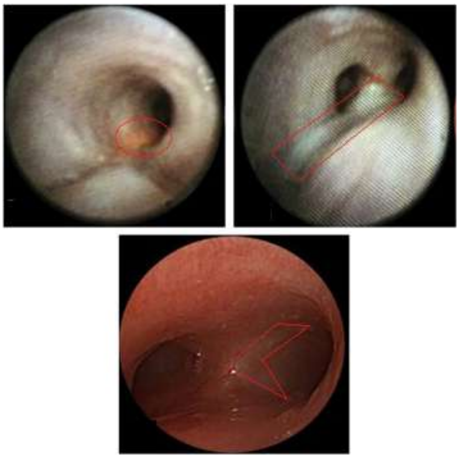


Fig. 6 Segmented output

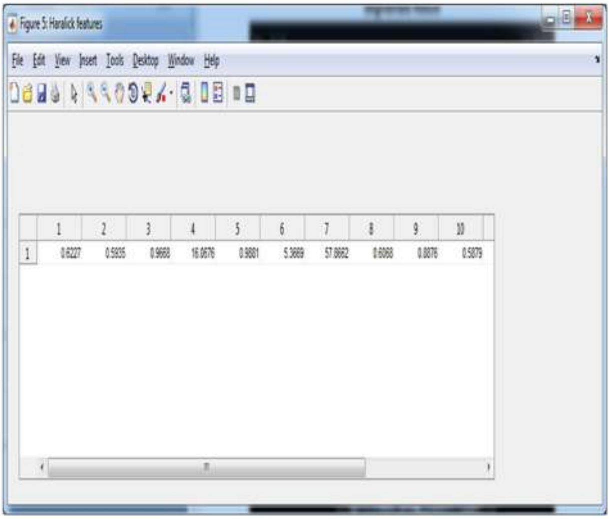


Fig. 7 Process of feature extraction

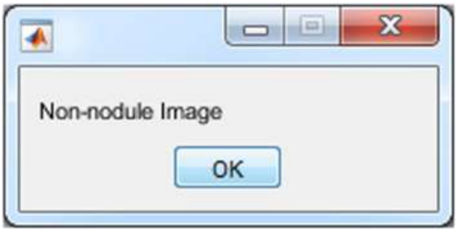


Fig. 8 Classified the output

Fig. 9 Performance metrics of the proposed methodology

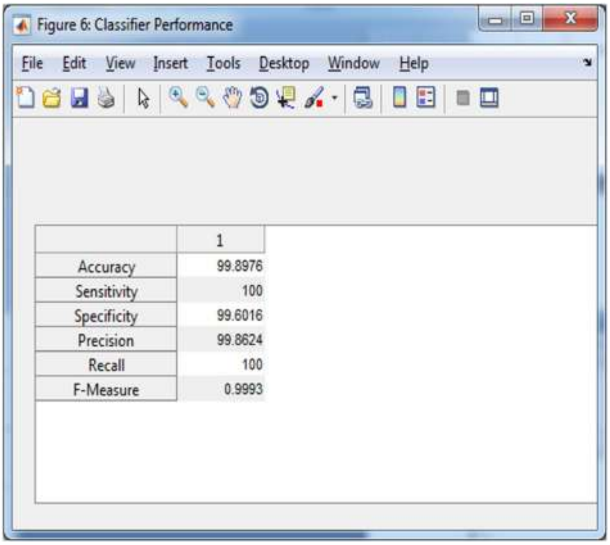


Table 1 Performance metrics of the existing methodology

Existing	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	Precision	Recall	F-Measure
Resnet	0.789	0.851	0.984	0.89	0.79	0.75
Inception	0.878	0.757	0.982	0.85	0.84	0.83
Mobile net	0.890	0.563	0.851	0.78	0.90	0.89
Proposed CNN	0.998	1.00	0.996	0.998	1.00	0.999

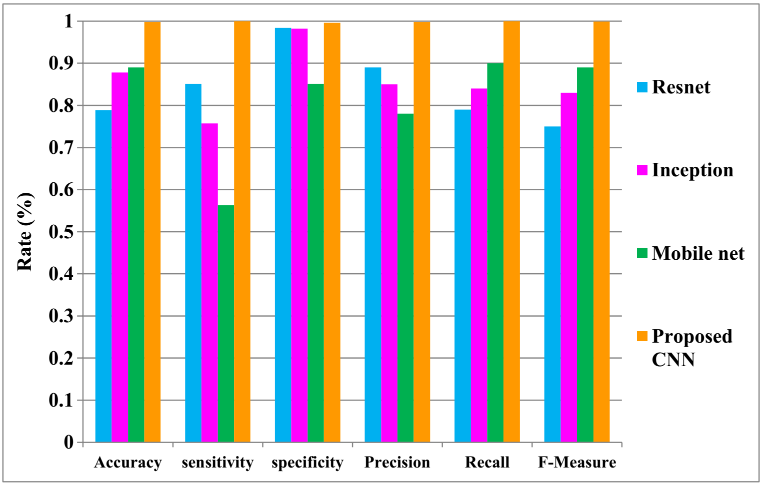


Fig. 10 Performance metrics of the proposed and existing methodology

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