

Brain Tumor Detection from MRI scans using deep Learning Algorithm.

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Abstract

Brain tumors are one of the deadliest neurological disorders, often resulting in high morbidity and mortality rates. Early diagnosis and categorization are crucial for effective treatment and prognosis. Deep learning, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), has revolutionized image-based medical diagnostics. This paper presents a comprehensive study of brain tumor detection using deep learning. The proposed method involves preprocessing, data augmentation, and the deployment of CNN and hybrid models on benchmark MRI datasets. Our model achieves high accuracy in multiclass classification of glioma, meningioma, and pituitary tumors, demonstrating deep learning's transformative impact in medical imaging.

Keywords: Brain tumor, deep learning, MRI, Convolutional Neural Network, Classification, Segmentation, Glioma, Meningioma, Pituitary tumor

1. Introduction

Brain tumors disrupt normal brain function and can be either benign or malignant. They are classified based on tissue origin, grade, and location. MRI is a preferred diagnostic tool due to its superior soft-tissue contrast. Manual interpretation is time-consuming and subject to inter-observer variability. Deep learning, with its ability to learn features directly from data, can automate this process and improve diagnostic efficiency.

Advancements in deep learning, particularly CNNs, enable accurate classification, segmentation, and prediction from complex imaging data. This research focuses on building a robust CNN model for automatic brain tumor classification and exploring different architectures for optimal performance.

2. Literature Review

Several studies have investigated machine learning and deep learning for brain tumor analysis:

- Islam et al. developed a hybrid CNN-SVM model to refine tumor detection accuracy and robustness.
- Afshar et al. introduced Capsule Networks to better capture spatial relationships in tumor classification.
- Sajjad et al. applied transfer learning using VGG19 and ResNet for improved diagnostic performance.
- Cheng et al. proposed a 3D tumor partition method for enhanced brain tumor classification.

- Akkus et al. reviewed deep learning in brain tumor MRI segmentation, highlighting its clinical potential.

3. Methodology

Dataset: We use the Figshare Brain Tumor MRI dataset, including 3064 MRI images across glioma, meningioma, and pituitary tumors.

Preprocessing: Image resizing, normalization, and data augmentation (rotation, flip, zoom).

Model: CNN with 3 convolutional layers, ReLU activations, max pooling, dropout, and a softmax output.

Training: Adam optimizer, 30 epochs, batch size of 32, validation split of 20%.

4. Results and Evaluation

Metrics used include Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Confusion Matrix.

The model achieved an average accuracy of 96.1%, with F1-scores above 95% across all tumor types.

5. Comparison with Other Models

Our model outperformed SVM + LBP (91.2%), ResNet50 (94.6%), and VGG19 + LSTM (95.3%) with a final accuracy of 96.1%.

6. Discussion

Challenges include generalizability, dataset limitations, and interpretability.

Future work: 3D CNNs, explainable AI, integration with segmentation models like U-Net.

7. Conclusion

This study demonstrated that CNN-based models are highly effective for automatic brain tumor detection using MRI scans. By leveraging deep learning techniques, particularly convolutional neural networks, we achieved a classification accuracy exceeding 96% across glioma, meningioma, and pituitary tumor types. The proposed approach reduces diagnostic time and supports radiologists by providing consistent and reliable second opinions.

8. Future Scope

Future work may focus on integrating 3D CNNs to process volumetric MRI data, enhancing spatial context. Additionally, incorporating tumor segmentation models such as U-Net will allow not only classification but also precise localization. Further exploration of explainable AI techniques could increase clinical trust and interpretability, while larger multi-institutional datasets would improve model generalizability.

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