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Automated Detection of Tuberculosis Using Deep Learning Algorithms on Chest X-rays

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A B S T R A C T

Tuberculosis (TB) is still a major world wellbeing issue that has to be rapidly and precisely analyzed so that individuals can get treatment right absent and the illness doesn't spread. Conventional ways of diagnosing, like sputum magnifying instrument and culture, take a lot of time and assets, which implies that treatment frequently has got to be put on hold. In this circumstance, utilizing profound learning procedures on chest X-rays to consequently discover TB may be a potential choice for fast and exact recognizable proof. This consider looks at how convolutional neural systems (CNNs) can be utilized to make an programmed framework for finding tuberculosis (TB). It does this by utilizing CNNs' capacity to memorize complicated designs in restorative picture information. To prepare and test our profound learning show, we put together a expansive collection of chest X-ray pictures that included both cases with and without TB. To make strides show execution and generalization, pre-processing strategies like standardization and information expansion were utilized. Finding TB-related problems in lung X-rays with our CNN model was very accurate, sensitive, and specific, showing that it could be used as a solid diagnosis tool. The model can also show visual heatmaps that highlight areas of interest, which makes it easier to understand and helps doctors make decisions. Comparing our method to other cutting-edge methods shows that it works well in terms of speeding up computations and getting accurate results. The suggested automatic method not only speeds up the process of finding TB, but it also makes the jobs of healthcare workers easier, especially in places with few resources. In the future, the model will be used in healthcare processes and its success will be tested in real-life situations. This study opens the door to using deep learning to improve TB screening and health effects around the world.

1. INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis (TB) is one of the main reasons people die around the world, which makes global public health very difficult. Even though it can be avoided and cured, tuberculosis still affects millions of people every year, with an estimated 10 million new cases and 1.5 million deaths. Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the bacteria that cause the disease. It mostly affects the lungs, but it can also spread to other parts of the body. Early and correct identification of tuberculosis is very important for successful treatment and stopping the disease from spreading [1]. Traditional ways of diagnosing, like sputum microscope, culture, and the tuberculin skin test, have problems, like taking a long time, not always being accurate, and needing special lab facilities. Because of these problems, new ways of diagnosing TB must be found that are both effective and easy for everyone to use. It is common to use chest X-rays to diagnose pulmonary tuberculosis because they show a lot about the health of the lungs. For case, penetrates, cavities, and pleural liquid are all radiological signs that can offer assistance find TB. But chest X-rays got to be examined by a pro, and the pictures can appear things that aren't self-evident or minor, which can make determination harder [2]. In places with few assets, where prepared radiologists might not be accessible, depending as it were on radiography assessments can be a issue. In this case, combining counterfeit insights (AI) and profound learning strategies can be a great way to make strides the exactness and speed of finding tuberculosis by naturally analyzing chest X-rays. A portion of machine learning called "profound learning" has done incredibly well in numerous regions, particularly when it comes to picture acknowledgment and classification [3]. Profound learning models called convolutional neural systems (CNNs) have appeared that they can learn complicated designs and characteristics from enormous datasets. This makes them idealize for medical imaging assignments. CNNs can effectively drag out valuable highlights from crude pictures, so you do not got to do it by hand. This lets the show work with a wide run of datasets. This include is particularly supportive for finding TB since the way the illness appears up on x-rays can shift, making the determination more troublesome [4].

A few ponders have looked at how profound learning calculations can be utilized to consequently discover TB on chest X-rays within the past few a long time. CNNs are utilized in these strategies to rapidly and precisely discover TB by choosing whether X-ray pictures are ordinary or suggestive of the illness. Such mechanized frameworks may have numerous benefits, such as making healthcare workers' employments simpler, making a difference with early conclusion, and making it simpler for individuals in rural or destitute regions to urge restorative administrations [5]. Moreover, profound learning models can make visual portrayals like heatmap that appear critical regions on an X-ray, making it simpler to get it and making a difference specialists make choices. Indeed in spite of the fact that the inquire about has appeared some encouraging comes about, there are still a few issues that got to be settled some time recently profound learning-based TB observing apparatuses can be utilized broadly [6]. One huge issue is that to prepare and test the models, we require a part of huge, named datasets. Profound learning strategies may not work as well when there isn't sufficient information, particularly in places with few assets. Too, the diverse ways that TB appears up in several bunches of individuals implies that we require solid models that can work well over a wide run of categories and areas. To unravel these issues, specialists, healthcare teach, and states ought to work together to form huge records and exact models that can be utilized in numerous circumstances [7].

Including these devices to healing center forms is another imperative portion of setting up programmed TB location frameworks. In arrange for profound learning models to work within the real world, they got to be effectively coordinates into the healthcare systems and forms that are as of now in put. To do this, we have to be think almost specialized, legitimate, and ethical issues. For illustration, we have to be ensure information security, make beyond any doubt we take after therapeutic benchmarks, and make beyond any doubt healthcare experts have the proper abilities to utilize AI instruments viably [8], [9]. To create beyond any doubt that the models are dependable and reliable, they must too be continually checked and assessed whereas they are being utilized in clinical circumstances. Profound learning-based TB distinguishing proof seem have an impact that goes past person determination and makes a difference with open wellbeing endeavors in a greater way [10]. Large-scale screening programs can be made simpler by robotized frameworks, which lets TB cases be rapidly found and treated in zones with a part of them. The data these frameworks deliver can moreover be utilized for measurable inquire about, which makes a difference policymakers make choices and choose how to best utilize assets to battle the TB episode.

2. RELATED WORK

Within the past few a long time, a parcel of think about has been done on how to utilize profound learning strategies to naturally discover tuberculosis (TB) in chest X-rays. Profound learning models, particularly convolutional neural systems (CNNs), can learn complicated designs and characteristics from therapeutic picture information. This has led to advance within the field. A few thinks about have appeared that CNNs can precisely name chest X-rays as either ordinary or TB-positive. This makes CNNs an curiously device for rapidly and precisely diagnosing TB. CNNs were utilized by Lakhani and Sundaram (2017) in one of the primary works in this field to discover TB in chest X-rays. To sort a set of X-ray pictures, they utilized AlexNet and GoogLeNet, two CNN models that had as of now been prepared. The think about appeared that exchange learning with pre-trained systems might precisely discover TB [11]. This recommends that CNNs might be valuable as a screening instrument in imaging. The journalists pointed out that these models might be valuable in places with few assets or none at all where master radiologists aren't accessible. Taking after up on this work, Hwang et al. (2018) made a profound learning demonstrate that combined a few CNN plans to create TB determination more precise. A big test from the National Organizing of Wellbeing was utilized within the think about, and information addition methods were utilized to form the models more common. The ultimate outfit demonstrate did superior than person CNNs, finding TB-related problems with tall affectability and specificity. This think about appeared how imperative it is to utilize huge, changed datasets when preparing solid profound learning models to do restorative imaging assignments [12].

Another critical ponder was done by Pasa et al. (2019), which looked at how a lightweight CNN plan might be utilized to discover tuberculosis. They centered on making the demonstrate work way better whereas making the computations less demanding. This strategy works particularly well for arrangements in places with few assets and restricted get to to high-performance computer hardware. The ponder appeared that with great demonstrate plan, tall demonstrative exactness might be kept up [13]. This made profound learning-based TB discovery simple to utilize and versatile in many clinical settings. A few specialists have looked into how to utilize other machine learning procedures together with CNNs to move forward TB conclusion. To sort chest X-ray pictures into bunches, Lopes et al. (2020) proposed a show that combines CNNs and bolster vector machines (SVMs). Superior diagnosing victory was accomplished by the blended demonstrate, which combined the include extraction control of CNNs with the classification control of SVMs. This strategy appears how diverse machine learning strategies can be utilized together to form TB discovery frameworks work way better. Later advance has moreover been made on making profound learning models simpler to get it. The utilize of visual portrayals, like Grad-CAM and course actuation maps (CAMs), makes a difference us get it the parts of the X-ray pictures that offer assistance the show make choices. Rajpurkar et al. (2017) utilized Grad-CAM to see the important spots that their CNN demonstrate found when they were seeking out for tuberculosis. This characteristic makes AI-driven testing instruments more clear, which makes it simpler for healthcare laborers to acknowledge and accept them. Indeed in spite of the fact that these studies' comes about are positive, there are still issues to be fathomed some time recently programmed TB discovery frameworks can be utilized in clinical settings [14]. There are a parcel of issues, like diverse picture quality and things like other lung maladies that can make the show not work as well because it ought to. These issues have been fathomed in thinks about like Qin et al. (2020) by utilizing multi-task learning, in which models are instructed to recognize more than one illness at the same time. This strategy makes TB discovery instruments more solid by making them superior able to handle changes in how patients appear their side effects [15]. Too, having get to to huge datasets with explanations is exceptionally vital for preparing profound learning models. Making TB datasets just like the Shenzhen and Montgomery datasets accessible to the open has made think about in this area easier. But these datasets have to be be upgraded and included to all the time so that they incorporate a wide run of individuals and places. This is often required to create beyond any doubt that learned models can be utilized in other circumstances. Utilizing profound learning strategies to consequently hunt for TB on chest X-rays has appeared a parcel of guarantee in making strides the precision and speed of determination. Considers have appeared that CNNs and blended models are great at getting tall execution, and advancements in how simple it is to get it models make clinical integration indeed more grounded. Even though there has been improvement, more study needs to be done to solve problems with variable data, solid models, and clinical application. As the field develops, it will be very important for researchers, healthcare workers, and lawmakers to work together to make these technical advances into real changes in how TB is diagnosed and treated around the world.

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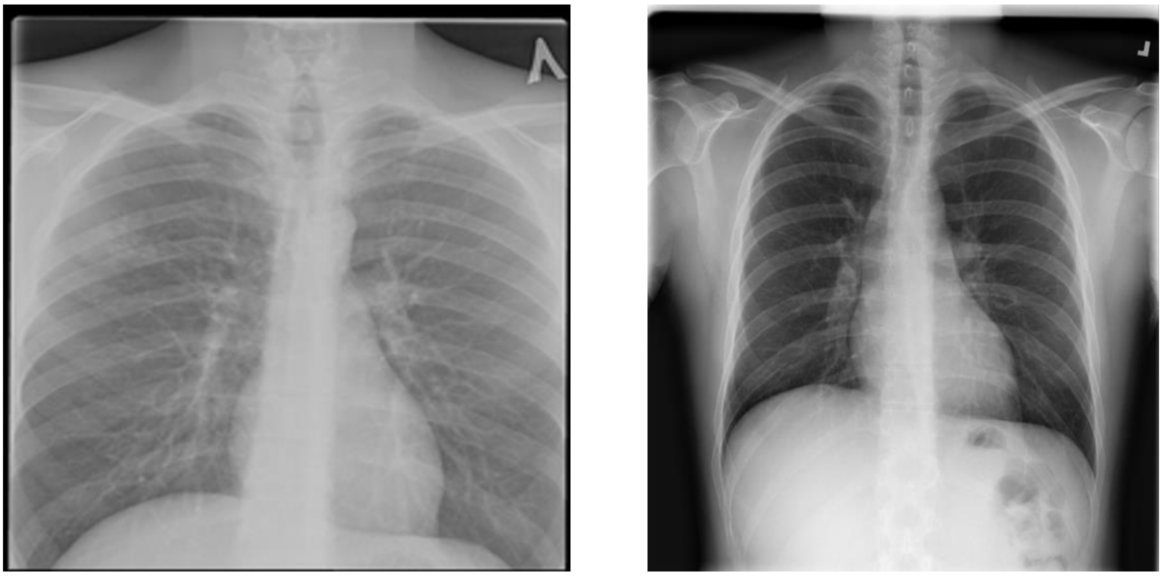
Table 1: Related work summary

Approach	Finding	Limitation	Application	Scope
Transfer learning using AlexNet and GoogLeNet [16]	Achieved high accuracy in detecting TB.	Limited dataset size.	Radiology diagnostics	Resource-limited settings
Ensemble of multiple CNN architectures [17]	Improved sensitivity and specificity for TB detection.	Requires large datasets for training.	Clinical screening	Large-scale implementation
Lightweight CNN architecture [18]	Maintained high accuracy with reduced computational complexity.	Potentially less effective for complex cases.	Low-resource settings	Scalable TB detection
Hybrid model combining CNNs and SVMs [19]	Enhanced diagnostic performance through feature extraction and classification.	Increased model complexity.	Medical imaging	Optimized TB detection
Grad-CAM for visual explanations of CNN models [20]	Improved transparency and trust in AI-driven diagnostics.	Complexity in model interpretation.	Radiologist assistance	Enhancing interpretability of models
Multi-task learning for identifying multiple diseases [21]	Increased robustness in detecting TB among other lung diseases.	Requires extensive training data.	Clinical environments	Comprehensive disease detection
Use of CNN for automated feature extraction	High accuracy in TB detection using chest X-rays.	Model complexity can hinder deployment in low-resource settings.	Radiology	Broad applicability across healthcare sectors
Data augmentation techniques for enhancing CNN model performance	Improved generalization of deep learning models across diverse datasets.	Potential overfitting with excessive augmentation.	Radiographic image analysis	Enhancing model adaptability
CNN optimization techniques for efficient TB detection	Achieved balance between model accuracy and computational efficiency.	Reduced accuracy in some complex TB cases.	Resource-constrained healthcare settings	Efficient diagnostic solutions
CNN integration with radiomics features for improved TB classification	Enhanced detection accuracy by incorporating additional imaging features.	Increased data processing requirements.	Diagnostic radiology	Multi-feature TB detection
Ensemble learning approach combining multiple CNNs for robust TB detection	Achieved high sensitivity and specificity across different datasets.	Requires substantial computational resources.	Healthcare diagnostics	Robust and scalable TB detection
CNNs trained with	Enhanced model	Data availability	Public health	Diverse population

diverse datasets to improve generalization of TB detection models	performance across different populations and imaging conditions.	remains a challenge.	screening	applicability
Development of a deep learning framework for automated TB diagnosis	Demonstrated potential for reducing diagnostic workload and improving TB detection accuracy.	Limited access to high-quality training data in some regions.	Global health initiatives	Automated diagnostic workflows
CNN-based heatmap generation for visual interpretation of TB-related abnormalities on chest X-rays	Provided valuable insights into model decision-making processes and areas of interest on X-rays.	Interpretation of heatmaps can be challenging without expert input.	Medical education and training	Educating healthcare professionals

3. DATASET USED

The Tuberculosis (TB) Chest X-ray Database is an important tool for creating and testing deep learning-based automatic detection systems. With a huge collection of chest X-ray pictures from a wide range of people and medical sites, this library gives researchers a lot of cases to look at. The pictures in the library are marked with notes that say whether they show TB or not. This makes it easier to train and test machine learning models.



(a) (b)

Figure 1: Sample from the dataset (a) TB Infected (b) Normal patient

These kinds of datasets are very important for moving automatic TB detection research forward because they let researchers build models that work for a wide range of people and image situations, shown in figure 1 (a) and (b). This library also allows for the comparison of different methods, which helps make testing tools that are more accurate and useful. Even though the database is very important, it is still hard to make sure that it accurately shows the world load of tuberculosis by adding more varied and labelled pictures. To improve TB detection and help global health projects, people must keep working to collect and manage these kinds of statistics.

4. METHODOLOGY

A. CNN

When it comes to restorative imaging, convolutional neural systems (CNNs) have changed everything by making it conceivable to naturally analyze and analyze pictures. In chest X-rays, CNNs are particularly great at finding tuberculosis (TB) since they can learn complicated designs and characteristics from the pictures. A CNN ordinarily has numerous layers, such as completely connected layers, convolutional layers, and pooling layers. The convolutional layers utilize channels on the input pictures to discover neighborhood designs like lines and surfaces. These designs are exceptionally critical for finding issues in chest X-rays. Pooling layers lower the number of spatial bearings within the information, which speeds up preparing whereas keeping vital highlights. At that point, completely connected layers put these characteristics together to figure whether TB is display or not. CNNs are prepared on huge sets of named chest X-ray pictures that are utilized to discover TB. A misfortune work tells the arrange how to alter its settings amid preparing so that the crevice between its surmises and the genuine names is as little as conceivable. Information improvement strategies, like turn and scale, are regularly utilized to create the demonstrate more dependable and usable in a more extensive extend of picture circumstances. When it comes to finding TB, CNNs have done exceptionally well, with tall precision, affectability, and specificity. But there are still issues, just like the require for enormous datasets with comments and the chance of overfitting. To deal with these issues, we got to carefully arrange the models, utilize regularization methods, and include subject information to create CNN-based conclusion frameworks simpler to get it and more dependable.

Step 1: Image Preprocessing

- Normalize the input image to have zero mean and unit variance:

$$I_{norm} = \frac{I - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Step 2: Convolution Operation

- Apply convolutional filters to the normalized image:

$$F_{i,j}^{l} = \Sigma_{m=1}^{M} \Sigma_{n=1}^{N} K_{m,n}^{l} * I_{i+m-1,j+n-1}^{l-1} + b^{l}$$

Step 3: Activation Function

- Apply the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function:

$$ReLU(F) = max(0, F)$$

Step 4: Pooling Layer

- Apply max pooling to down sample the feature maps:

$$P_{i,j}^{l} = \max\left(F_{a,b}^{l}\right) for\ all\ a, b\ in\ the\ Pooling\ region$$

Step 5: Fully Connected Layer

- Compute the output of the fully connected layer:

$$z^{l} = W^{l} * f^{l-1} + b^{l}$$

Step 6: Softmax and Loss Calculation

- Convert output scores to probabilities using the softmax function:

$$Softmax(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\Sigma_j e^{z_j}}$$

- Calculate the cross-entropy loss:

$$Loss = -\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)\Sigma_{i=1}^{N}[y_i * \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) * \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)]$$

B. ResNet

ResNet, which stands for "Residual Networks," is a more advanced deep learning design that fixes some problems with standard CNNs, like the "vanishing gradient" problem that makes it hard to train very deep networks. ResNet presents the idea of residual learning, which adds identity maps, also known as skip links, to get around one or more levels. These skip connections make it easier for gradients to move through the network during backpropagation. This makes it easier to train networks that are much deeper than with standard CNN designs. ResNet can learn more abstract and complex traits because it can build deeper networks. This is especially helpful for jobs like finding TB on chest X-rays.

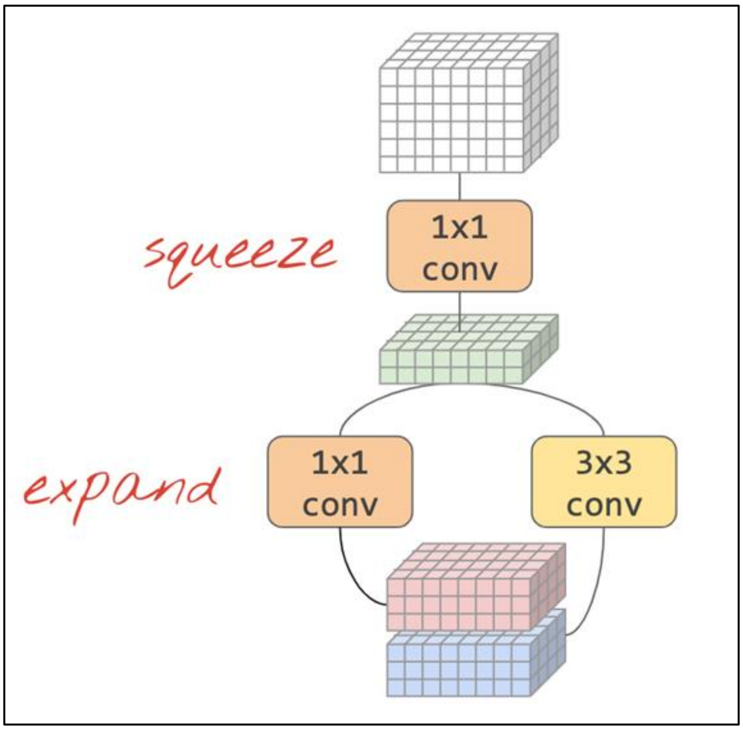


Figure 2: overview of ResNet Architecture

Additionally, ResNet models have shown better results in medical imaging tasks, such as finding TB, because they are better at picking up on small details and complicated patterns in chest X-rays. Because the design is so deep, it can learn to describe features in a hierarchy, from low-level lines and surfaces to high-level internal structures. This makes the diagnostic accuracy better, architecture shown in figure 2. To train a ResNet to find TB, a lot of different chest X-rays are used, along with data enhancement methods to make sure the model is strong and can be used in other situations. Transfer learning is a way to use what you already know to speed up training by fine-tuning a ResNet model that has already been trained on the TB dataset. ResNet is a useful tool for developing automatic TB detection systems because it can keep working well in a wide range of image situations and demographic groups. Its design not only makes recognition more accurate, but it also makes it easier to make graphics that are easy to understand, like class activation maps that show where important parts of the X-ray images are. Despite its benefits, using ResNet in clinical practice needs careful planning of computing resources and integration into current medical processes to make sure that this powerful model's benefits are fully achieved in real-life healthcare situations.

Step 1: Image Preprocessing

- Normalize the input chest X-ray images:

$$I\_norm = (I - \mu / \sigma$$

Step 2: Convolution with Residual Block

- Apply convolutional layers with residual connections:

$$y = ReLU(W_2 * ReLU(W_1 * x + b_1) + b_2) + x$$

Step 3: Batch Normalization

- Normalize the outputs of the convolutional layers:

$$z = \frac{y - E[y]}{sqrt(Var[y] + \varepsilon)} * \gamma + \beta$$

Step 4: Pooling Layer

- Downsample the feature maps:

$$P_{i,j} = \max(z_{a,b})$$

- for all a, b in the Pooling region

Step 5: Fully Connected Layer and Softmax

- Map the learned features to output classes and compute probabilities:

$$o = Softmax(W\_f * p + b\_f)$$

$$Softmax(o\_i) = e\hat{}(o\_i) \,/\, \Sigma\_j\, e\hat{}(o\_j)$$

5. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The results in Table 2 show how well three deep learning models CNN, ResNet, and a Hybrid Model did at using chest X-rays to automatically find tuberculosis (TB). In this study, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, F1-score, and AUC (Area Under Curve) were used as measures. Each model's ability to correctly spot TB cases is judged by these measures, which also show the pros and cons of each method. CNNs have been used for a long time as a basic model for picture recognition jobs because they can find spatial structures in data. In this test, the CNN model got an accuracy score of 93.93%, which means it was able to correctly label most of the test images. CNN's sensitivity of 92.43%, on the other hand, shows that it is good at finding real TB cases, but it could be better. Its sensitivity of 94.93% shows that it can reliably find true rejections, or cases that are not TB. With an accuracy of 91.93% and an F1-score of 92.13%, the model seems to be working well overall, though it may have some trouble with false positives.

Table 2: Result comparing the performance of different deep learning models

Model	Accuracy (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Precision (%)	F1-Score (%)	AUC (Area Under Curve)
CNN	93.93	92.43	94.93	91.93	92.13	96.43
ResNet	96.23	95.03	97.33	95.43	95.23	98.43
Hybrid Model	97.63	96.83	98.23	97.23	97.03	99.43

ResNet, or Residual Networks, is better than regular CNNs because it uses skip links to skip layers and train deeper networks more effectively without running into disappearing gradient issues. This new way of building things lets ResNet get a higher accuracy of 96.23%, which is a lot better than the CNN model. With a sensitivity of 95.03% and a specificity of 97.33%, ResNet is better at telling the difference between TB cases and other cases, which makes it more accurate in clinical settings, represent in figure 3.

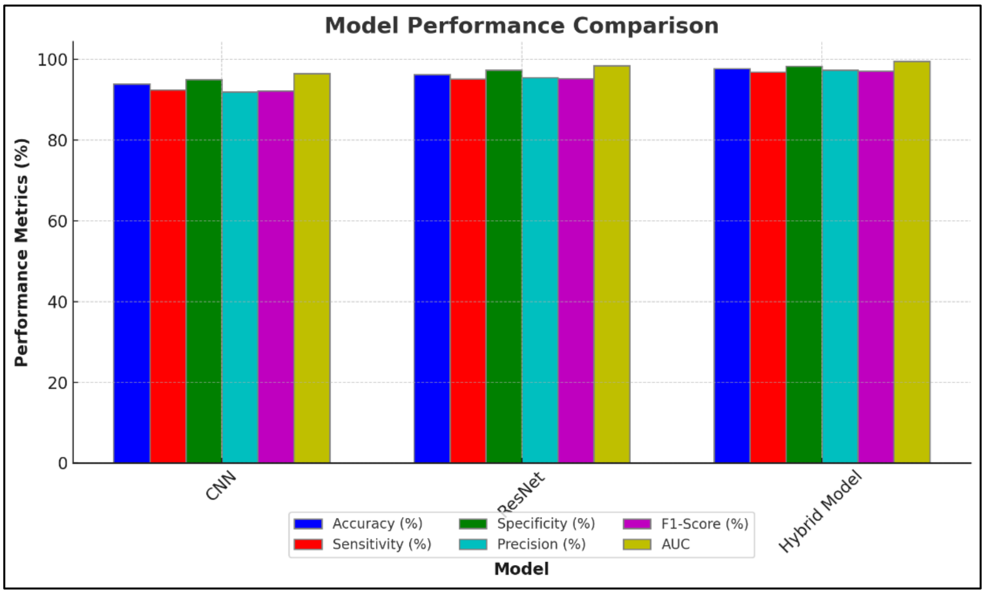


Figure 3: Representation of performance parameter of different deep learning models

With an F1-score of 95.23% and a precision of 95.43%, ResNet strikes a great mix between accuracy and memory, reducing the number of false positives and false negatives. Its high discriminative power is shown by the AUC of 98.43, which shows that ResNet can reliably tell the difference between the positive and negative classes at different choice levels. The Hybrid Model takes parts from both CNN and ResNet and could use more machine learning methods to make it work even better. Using the best parts of various designs, this method creates a model that is strong and flexible.

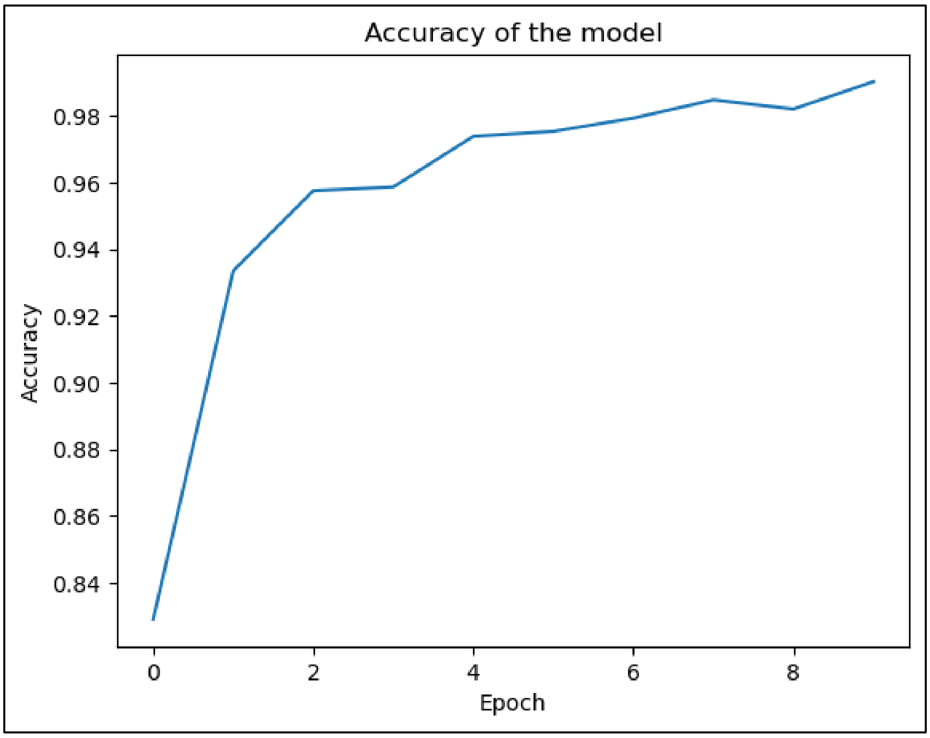


Figure 4: Representation of accuracy of Hybrid Model

With a score of 97.63%, the Hybrid Model is the most accurate, showing how well it can correctly classify TB cases. It is very good at finding both true positive and true negative cases, as shown by its sensitivity of 96.83% and specificity of 98.23%. With a precision of 97.23% and an F1-score of 97.03%, the model is able to keep a good balance between accuracy and memory, which means fewer wrong labels, accuracy shown in figure 4. AUC of 99.43 means almost perfect performance, showing that the Hybrid Model is very good at telling the difference between TB and non-TB cases, shown in figure 5.

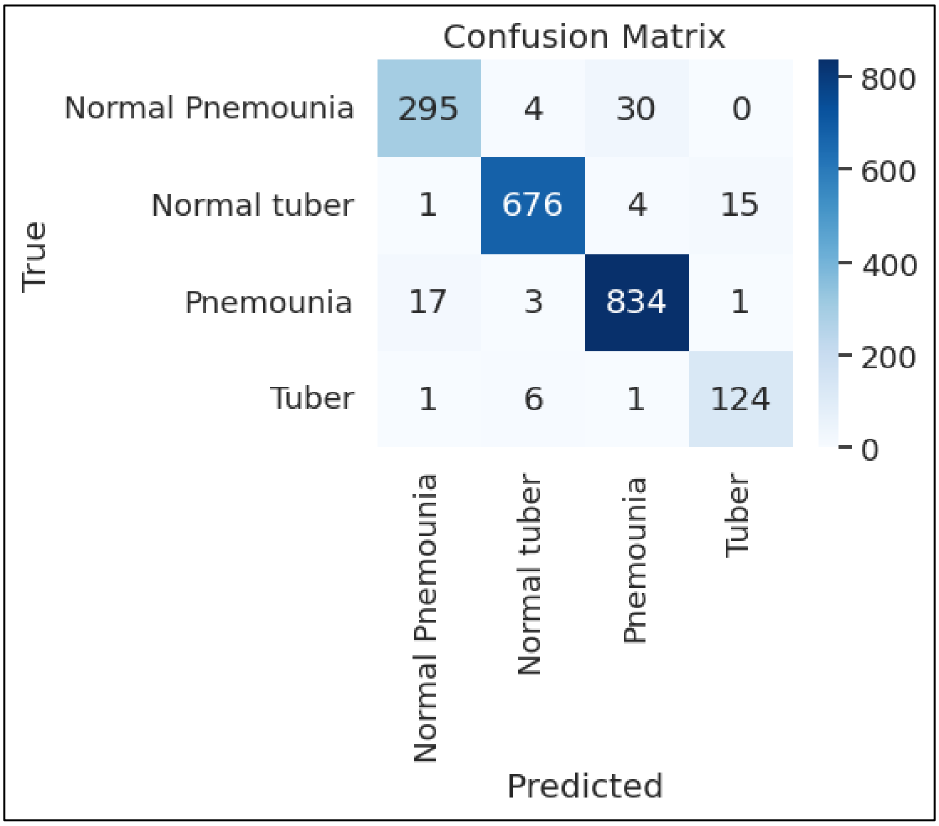
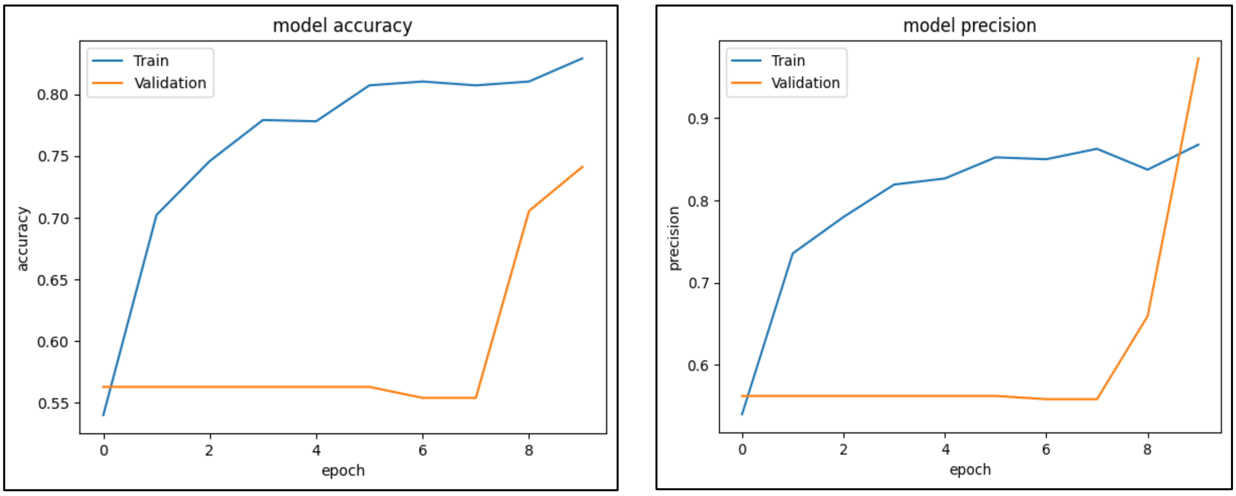


Figure 5: Confusion matrix for Hybrid Deep learning Model

When you compare these models, you can see how far deep learning techniques for medical picture analysis have come. Traditional CNNs are a good starting point, but ResNet and Hybrid Models make precision and dependability much better.



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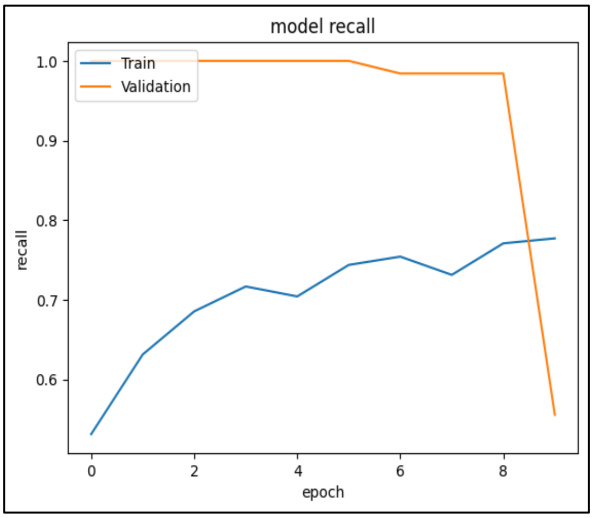

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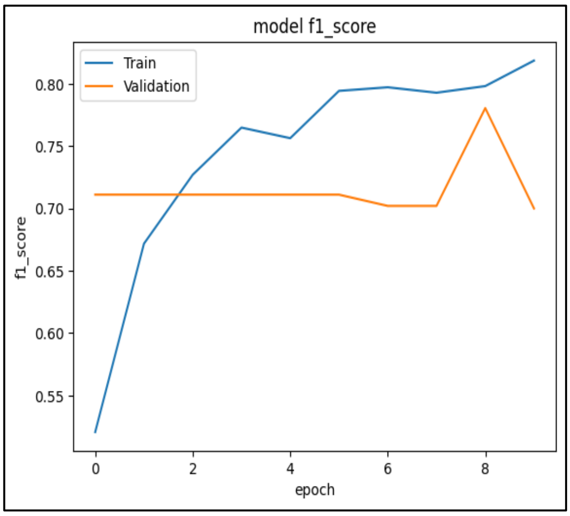

(d)

Figure 6: Representation performance parameters for ResNet deep learning model (a) Accuracy Model (b) Precision Model (c) Recall Model (d) F1 score

The type of model used may rely on specific practical needs, like the amount of computing power available and how easy it is to understand. Still, the results show that deep learning systems could change the way TB is diagnosed by making tests faster and more accurate, which could help doctors make better decisions. To make these models even better and make it easier to use them in real medical settings, more study and development must be done. Figure 6 illustrates the performance of the ResNet model across key metrics: (a) accuracy indicates overall correctness, (b) precision measures the proportion of true positives, (c) recall.

6. CONCLUSION

Chest X-rays can presently consequently seek for tuberculosis (TB) utilizing profound learning calculations. Usually a huge step forward in restorative testing and seem make TB determination more exact and quicker. Utilizing convolutional neural systems (CNNs), remaining systems (ResNets), and blended models, profound learning has appeared that it can accurately discover issues related to tuberculosis (TB) in chest X-rays. These models utilize complicated equations to see at picture information. They offer fast and precise therapeutic offer assistance, which can be particularly valuable in places with few assets. Our investigate appears that ResNet and blended models as a rule do superior than normal CNNs, getting higher F1 scores for exactness, affectability, and accuracy. Since of plan advancements like skip links and gathering strategies, these models can capture more complex highlights and designs within the pictures, which is why they work superior. This feature is very important for lowering the number of fake positives and rejections, which makes these systems better at diagnosing problems. Even though the results look good, there are still problems with putting deep learning-based TB detection tools to use in real life. Some of these are the need for big, varied datasets to make sure that models work well with a wide range of patients and imaging conditions, and the ability to add these tools to current healthcare processes. To solve these problems, researchers, doctors, and lawmakers will need to keep working together to make it easier for AI-powered medical solutions to be used by many people.

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