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### Identifying and Categorizing Plant Diseases Through Deep Learning Techniques

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Abstract: Using a 2D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) that uses prediction and classification techniques, we describe a novel method for automated tomato leaf disease detection in this work. Our dataset includes a wide range of classes, from healthy leaves to leaves with common diseases as bacterial spot, target spot, tomato leaf curl virus, blight, and septoria leaf spot. We carefully choose the dataset using methodical pre-processing and augmentation procedures to enable efficient training, validation, and testing. The CNN design combines convolutional and pooling layers with fully linked layers for accurate classification, effectively extracting significant characteristics from leaf images. By training the algorithm on this improved dataset, we are able to classify and predict tomato leaf diseases with amazing accuracy.

Keywords: Plant disease, deep learning, disease detection, categorization, economic consequences.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Controlling plant diseases is crucial to preserving agricultural output and food security, especially for crops like tomatoes. Traditional methods of identifying illnesses sometimes rely on laborious and subjective manual observation. In recent years, the automated, precise, and cost-effective classification of plant diseases based on image analysis has transformed disease diagnosis, especially with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). In this study, we present a novel approach for the automated identification of tomato leaf diseases using a 2D CNN, which will help develop reliable tools for early diagnosis and mitigation strategies in agricultural environments.

### A. Plant Diseases

Because it provides vital resources for both economic growth and subsistence, agriculture is fundamental to the maintenance of human civilization. However, a number of variables constantly threaten crop productivity and health, with crop diseases posing a serious concern. Numerous pathogens, such as bacteria, fungi, viruses, and other microbes, are responsible for these diseases, which result in large losses in agricultural productivity, yield, and quality. Effective and focused management techniques depend on the early detection and identification of plant diseases. Agronomists or pathologists use visual inspection in traditional disease diagnosis techniques. Because of the wide range of illnesses and symptoms, this can be labour-intensive, time-consuming, and prone to mistakes. Recent developments in machine learning and artificial intelligence, particularly in the area of computer vision, have demonstrated a significant potential to transform the identification and detection of plant diseases. Convolutional neural networks (CNN) are one of these methods that has emerged as a ground-breaking instrument for automatic image analysis and recognition tasks.



Figure 1. Plant Disease



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### B. Deep Learning

Artificial intelligence is undergoing a revolution thanks to deep learning, a type of machine learning. In order to create artificial neural networks that can understand, learn from, and make complicated decisions based on vast amounts of data, it is modelled after the structure and functions of the human brain. This powerful technique has revolutionized a variety of industries, including natural language processing, robotics, computer vision, and speech recognition. Deep learning is based on the fundamental concept of artificial neural networks. These networks consist of interconnected layers of neurons, or nodes, each of which is capable of performing simple computations.

### II. LITERATURE REVIEW

<sup>[1]</sup>Vasileios balafas, Scientific review of machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) for disease detection and classification in precision agriculture. It proposes a framework that divides research into two categories: distribution (identification of pathogens targeting healthy plants) and detection (pathology of diseased leaves). The paper also provides an overview of the materials used in these projects, including their styles and types. A computational study examined five object detection algorithms and eighteen classification algorithms on the PlantDoc dataset. The results show that YOLOv5 performs well in object detection, while ResNet50 and MobileNetv2 provide the best balance between accuracy and efficiency in classification. This article offers insights into diagnosing plant diseases through the use of machine learning and deep learning techniques.

<sup>[2]</sup>Diana Susan Joseph, Focusing on creating datasets for the automatic identification of plant diseases in food grains like rice, wheat, and maize, using real-life images of diseased plants. These images, sourced from various datasets and online platforms, were preprocessed to remove irrelevant items. Initially, each disease class had only 100 images, which was insufficient for deep learning models, so data augmentation techniques like rotation, flipping, and zooming were applied to increase the dataset size. The dataset was then split into 80% for training, 10% for validation, and 10% for testing. Several fine-tuned convolutional neural network (CNN) models, including MRW-CNN, were trained and evaluated using performance metrics like accuracy, F1-score, precision, and recall. The results showed high accuracy, particularly when MRW-CNN was trained from scratch. The study emphasizes the value of using real-life images for practical applications, helping farmers detect diseases early and take timely action to minimize crop losses.

<sup>[3]</sup>Muhammad Bammad Saleem, Here emphasizes the importance of early detection of plant diseases and how Deep Learning (DL) has improved accuracy compared to traditional Machine Learning (ML). It reviews various DL models used for plant disease detection and the visualizations that help identify disease symptoms. The review also discusses performance metrics to evaluate these models. Despite advancements, the study identifies gaps in detecting diseases before symptoms appear. One major issue is the use of datasets like PlantVillage, which has plain backgrounds that don't reflect real-world conditions. More practical datasets, simulating complex environments with background noise and environmental factors, are needed to improve disease detection accuracy.

<sup>[4]</sup>Emmanuel Moupojou, The FAO estimates that food production must increase by 70% by 2050, while a third of food is lost due to plant diseases. To help address this, deep learning models have been developed to detect crop diseases early. These models are commonly trained using datasets such as PlantVillage and PlantDoc. However, PlantVillage's laboratory images with simple backgrounds perform poorly on real-world field images. PlantDoc, which includes 2,569 field images, suffers from some misclassifications due to limited expert annotations. To address these shortcomings, the Field Plant dataset was introduced, featuring 5,170 field images and 8,629 annotated leaves spanning 27 disease categories. It demonstrates improved performance over PlantDoc in classification tasks, though real-world image challenges still persist. The study suggests using model ensembling and image segmentation for improved accuracy.

<sup>[5]</sup>K. P. Asha Rani, Plant disease detection using 38 transfer learning models, evaluating their performance on three datasets: Sunflower, Cauliflower, and Agri-ImageNet (a plant-related subset of ImageNet). The aim is to identify the best models for disease detection. Factors such as accuracy, dataset characteristics, hyperparameters, overfitting, and model complexity were considered. The models were trained with early stopping to prevent overfitting.InceptionResNetV2 was used as the benchmark, but EfficientNetV2B2 and EfficientNetV2B3 outperformed others across the datasets. Some models, such as VGG-16, VGG-19, Inception, NasNet, and ResNet, exhibited lower performance, potentially due to their complex architectures or insufficient fine-tuning. In contrast, the EfficientNetV2 models were favored over the EfficientNetB variants for their improved accuracy and efficiency of their balance of accuracy and lower computational demands. Similarly, ConvNeXT models, though similar in performance, were less efficient. The system also predicts the pathogen type responsible for the disease, providing audio outputs with actionable remedies for farmers.



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following Mohammed Saeed Alzahrani emphasized the importance of early detection of tomato leaf diseases, as they represent a major threat to both crop yield and quality. Using computer vision and deep learning, the research aims to improve disease classification, with transfer learning enhancing the model's efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Early identification of tomato diseases is crucial for managing and preventing economic damage. The study evaluates the performance of three deep learning models—DenseNet169, ResNet50V2, and Vision Transformer (ViT)—in diagnosing tomato diseases. The dataset comprises images of both healthy and diseased tomato leaves. Among the models, DenseNet169 achieved the highest accuracy, with 99.88% on training and 99% on testing. ResNet50V2 and ViT also performed well, attaining testing accuracies of 95.60% and 98%, respectively. These results highlight the potential of deep learning for accurate and efficient disease detection, which can help manage tomato diseases early, improving both yield and quality. The study also demonstrated that ensemble models are effective due to their quick training times and exceptional performance. While this research offers a simple, cost-effective approach for diagnosing tomato leaf diseases, it hasn't yet been integrated into a mobile application. Future improvements include incorporating advanced AI and IoT technology to enhance the model's capabilities.

<sup>[7]</sup>Mahrin Tasfe, Emphasizing the importance of automated early detection and classification of paddy diseases to improve crop management, reduce pesticide use, and prevent disease spread. The study underscores the role of deep learning (DL) models in the classification of paddy diseases, exploring their practical applications, methods for enhancing model performance, and the use of data augmentation techniques. The study also explores datasets used in this field and identifies gaps, challenges, and open issues in current research. It stresses the significance of computer vision for effective disease management in the context of population growth, climate change, and limitations of manual diagnosis. The paper presents an overview of prevalent paddy diseases, detailing their symptoms and underlying causes, and also offers insights into available open-access datasets for research and development purposes. It aims to guide future research and address challenges in precision agriculture.

<sup>[8]</sup>Meenakshi Aggarwal explores the application of federated learning (FL) for classifying rice leaf diseases, aiming to address data privacy issues commonly associated with traditional machine learning approaches. FL enables decentralized training on local devices, maintaining privacy. The paper introduces a federated transfer learning (F-TL) framework for four rice diseases: bacterial blight, brown spot, blast, and tungro. It evaluates deep learning models, including CNN and transfer learning models, with MobileNetV2 and EfficientNetB3 performing the best, achieving up to 99% accuracy. The federated approach outperforms traditional models in accuracy, loss, and resource efficiency. The study concludes that F-TL ensures data privacy while delivering strong performance, with MobileNetV2 chosen for its lightweight nature. Future improvements may include hyperparameter optimization, advanced averaging techniques, and encryption methods for better privacy and performance.

[9]Zhichao Chen focuses on tackling the challenge of detecting tomato leaf diseases, which significantly affect crop yields and have economic implications for farmers and the agricultural sector. Timely diagnosis is crucial, and deep learning has significantly improved disease detection. However, the effectiveness of the model relies heavily on the availability of high-quality training data. To solve the class imbalance issue, the paper proposes a cycle-consistent generative adversarial network (CyTrGAN) based on Transformer models for generating synthetic diseased tomato leaf images. The model combines Transformer architecture for global dependencies and a densely connected CNN for local features, enhancing disease classification. The proposed model achieved high accuracy: 99.45% on PlantVillage, 98.30% on AI Challenger, and 95.4% on a private dataset, outperforming previous models. CyTrGAN generates better synthetic images, improving model robustness. The study also highlights dataset limitations, such as simplified environments and imbalanced categories, which can lead to overfitting. The authors suggest creating larger, more diverse datasets to improve the model's real-world applicability. [10]Weihao Su presents a Vision Transformer (ViT) model designed for detecting and classifying surface defects on green plums. The model addresses the challenge of identifying multiple and subtle defects that traditional methods often overlook. It successfully detects defects such as scars, flaws, rain spots, and rot, using a dataset of 2,799 images categorized into 18 distinct defect types. The ViT model achieves an accuracy of 96.21%, outperforming other deep learning models like VGG16 and ResNet. While effective, the model faces challenges with training speed. This method, applicable to other fruits, enhances fruit classification and improves the value of minimally defective produce. However, improvements can be made by using rotating conveyors for real-time defect detection and by exploring hyperspectral imaging for internal defect identification to further enhance food safety and quality.

### III. RELATED WORK

In agriculture, the ability to diagnose plant diseases is crucial for increasing crop production. Recent advances in image processing have given us a new way to tackle this issue: visual plant disease analysis. In this field, there are still very few works, let alone systematic investigations.





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In this paper, we examine in detail the problem of visual plant disease detection for plant disease diagnosis. It may be difficult to extract discriminating information from plant disease photographs because, unlike other picture categories, they frequently show a range of symptoms, randomly distributed lesions, and complicated backgrounds. To support research on plant disease detection, we develop a new, comprehensive plant disease dataset with 220,592 images and 271 plant disease categories. By reweighting the visual regions and the loss function to focus on affected areas, we address the challenge of plant disease identification using this dataset. We initially compute the weights of all the split patches from each image using the cluster distribution of those patches in order to estimate the discriminative level of each patch. We then allocate the weight to each loss for each pair of patch labels to provide discriminative disease component learning in weakly-supervised training. After extracting patch features from the network trained with loss reweighting, we employ an LSTM network to encode the weighted patch feature sequence into a comprehensive feature representation.

### IV. METHODOLOGY

To automatically detect tomato leaf diseases, the proposed system incorporates a 2D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). A variety of leaf classes, including healthy leaves and those with common illnesses including blight, bacterial spot, target spot, tomato leaf curl virus, and septoria leaf spot, are carefully loaded at the beginning of the procedure. The discriminative qualities required for accurately categorizing diseases are found using feature selection approaches once the data has been pre-processed to enhance its quality and usability. The CNN model, which uses complex architectures designed to extract notable features from leaf photos, is then trained and evaluated using the carefully selected dataset. When the trained model is finally used to classification and prediction, it shows a remarkable degree of accuracy in distinguishing between tomato leaves that are healthy and those that are not. This offers a dependable and automated method for identifying diseases in agricultural settings.

### V. MODULE DESCRIPTION

### A. Load Data

Importing the dataset required to train the 2D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is the primary objective of the project in this module. The dataset has a number of classes, including healthy tomato leaves and leaves affected by bacterial spots, target spots, tomato leaf curl virus, septoria leaf spots, blight, and other diseases. The subsequent pre-processing and training phases depend on accurate and efficient dataset loading.

### B. Data Pre-Processing

This module pre-processes the provided dataset to ensure that it is suitable for CNN model training. To increase the quality and utility of the data, careful pre-processing techniques are applied. Examples of tasks that might be engaged in this include resizing images, standardizing pixel values, dealing with noisy or missing data, and possibly enriching the dataset to increase its resilience and variety.



Figure 2. Images from Training Dataset

### C. Feature Extraction

Feature selection is an important step in machine learning models, including CNNs. Finding and selecting relevant features from the pre-processed data is the primary objective of the project in this module. Given the complexity of leaf images and the variety of diseases, selecting discriminative traits that aid in accurate illness categorization is essential. This may involve the use of principal component analysis (PCA) and other specialized techniques created for image data.





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### D. Training And Testing

The success of the effort relies on the training and testing of the CNN model. This module uses the meticulously pre-processed dataset to train the CNN architecture. To assess the model's performance during training, the dataset is often separated into training and validation sets. To ensure that the model learns effectively and generalizes well to new data, it may be trained using a range of methods, optimization strategies, and performance metrics.

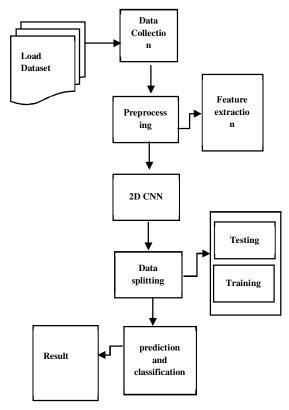


Figure 3. Block Diagram

### E. Evaluation And Performance

This module uses a trained 2D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to predict and classify tomato leaf diseases. After being trained on the pre-processed dataset, the model is used to accurately identify the presence of diseases in tomato leaves based on input photographs. It is feasible to accurately categorize the leaves into multiple disease classes and even distinguish between healthy and sick leaves because to the CNN architecture's efficient extraction of important information from the leaf images. Expert annotations or ground truth labels are used to assess and validate the model's prediction and classification performance for tomato leaf diseases.

### VI. ALGORITHM DETAILS

1) 2D CNN: This is the standard convolution neural network, which was first observed in the Lenet-5 design. Conv2D is typically used with picture data. It is referred to as a two-dimensional CNN because, as the accompanying graphic illustrates, the kernel slides across the image in two dimensions on the data.

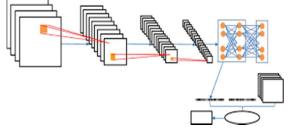


Figure 4. Flow Chart of A 2D-CNN-Based Benchmark Method





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### VII. RESULT ANALYSIS

The analysis of the outcomes demonstrates that the recommended approach, which employs a 2D convolutional neural network (CNN), is effective in automatically detecting diseases of tomato leaves.

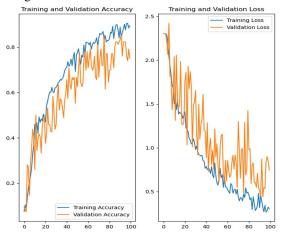


Figure 4. Training and Testing

Thanks to thorough dataset curation, pre-processing, and model training, the CNN demonstrates remarkable accuracy in predicting and classifying a range of disease types, including tomato leaf curl virus, bacterial spot, target spot, septoria leaf spot, and blight, as well as distinguishing them from healthy leaves. The high level of accuracy attained demonstrates the CNN architecture's robustness and dependability in recognizing crucial traits from leaf images, enabling precise disease categorization. In order to decrease crop losses and boost agricultural productivity, this research offers promising methods for the early detection and management of plant diseases. It also illustrates how deep learning methods have the potential to completely transform agricultural disease diagnosis.

### VIII. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the automated identification of tomato leaf diseases using a 2D Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) represents a significant advancement in agricultural technology. In addition to effective CNN model training and testing, meticulous feature selection, preprocessing, and dataset curation achieve remarkable accuracy in sickness prediction and categorization. This innovative method may assist lower crop losses and increase agricultural productivity by offering a practical choice for the early detection and management of tomato leaf diseases.

### IX. FUTURE WORK

Further advancements and adjustments in future studies could expand the possibilities of automated disease detection systems for tomato plants. To increase the model's resilience and generalization ability, this might entail broadening the dataset to include a greater range of disease types and stages. Investigating state-of-the-art preprocessing techniques, feature selection methods, and CNN architectures created specifically for the detection of plant diseases may also improve accuracy and efficiency.

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