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# Prediction of Cardiovascular Diseases with Retinal Image Using Deep Learning

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**Abstract:** Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are a leading cause of mortality worldwide. Early detection and accurate diagnosis of CVDs are crucial for effective intervention and improved patient outcomes. Retinal imaging has emerged as a non-invasive and cost-effective technique for CVD prediction. This study aims to develop a deep learning model using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and MobileNet architecture to predict CVDs from retinal images. The proposed model leverages the capabilities of CNNs to automatically learn relevant features from retinal images and MobileNet's lightweight design for efficient deployment.

**Keywords:** Retinal images, deep learning, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), MobileNet, cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), early detection, medical imaging, healthcare, risk assessment, non-invasive diagnosis, image classification.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) represent one of the most significant health challenges worldwide, responsible for a substantial portion of global mortality [1]. Early detection and accurate diagnosis are critical to effective intervention and management, offering the potential to reduce the incidence of severe outcomes such as heart attacks and strokes. Despite advancements in medical technology, traditional diagnostic methods for CVDs remain largely invasive, costly, and often inaccessible to large segments of the population, particularly in low-resource settings [12]. This has prompted the exploration of alternative, more accessible diagnostic tools that can deliver early and reliable detection of cardiovascular conditions.

One such promising alternative is retinal imaging, a non-invasive technique that provides a detailed view of the blood vessels in the retina [9]. The retina, being the only part of the human body where blood vessels can be directly observed, offers a unique opportunity to assess the overall health of the cardiovascular system. Changes in the retinal microvasculature can reflect broader systemic vascular conditions, including those associated with CVDs [3]. As a result, retinal imaging has emerged as a potential tool for assessing cardiovascular health and predicting related diseases.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

This review provides an extensive overview of deep learning techniques for medical image segmentation. The authors discuss various neural network architectures, including U-Net and Fully Convolutional Networks (FCNs), that have demonstrated significant success in accurately segmenting medical images. The paper also examines challenges such as data scarcity and the need for high computational resources. The research underscores the growing role of deep learning in automating and enhancing the precision of medical image analysis.

This seminal paper introduces the concept of Residual Networks (ResNets), a breakthrough in deep learning that addresses the degradation problem in very deep networks. By incorporating residual learning, the authors enable the training of networks with significantly more layers, leading to improvements in image recognition tasks. The research showcases ResNet's superior performance on benchmark datasets and highlights its impact on the development of deeper and more powerful neural networks.

This groundbreaking study demonstrates the potential of deep learning in dermatology by developing a deep neural network that classifies skin cancer with accuracy comparable to dermatologists. The authors trained a CNN on a large dataset of labeled skin lesions and validated its performance on new images. The research highlights the potential of AI in providing accessible and accurate diagnostic tools, especially in areas with limited medical expertise.

This paper presents TensorFlow, an open-source platform for large-scale machine learning. The authors describe the system's architecture, which supports distributed computing and flexible model deployment. TensorFlow's design enables researchers and developers to build, train, and deploy machine learning models efficiently. The paper discusses the system's impact on the machine learning community, emphasizing its role in advancing AI research and application development.

This study introduces Hierarchical Attention Networks (HAN) for document classification, which focuses on capturing the hierarchical structure of documents by applying attention mechanisms at both word and sentence levels. The authors demonstrate that HAN significantly improves classification accuracy by emphasizing the most relevant parts of the text. The research contributes to the field of natural language processing by providing a more interpretable and effective approach to document classification tasks.

### III. OBJECTIVES

The objective of this is to develop a deep learning model using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and the MobileNet architecture to predict cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) from retinal images. The project aims to harness the non-invasive nature of retinal imaging combined with the powerful feature extraction capabilities of CNNs to create an accurate, efficient, and cost-effective tool for early detection and diagnosis of CVDs. By providing a reliable method for identifying individuals at risk, this project seeks to support healthcare professionals in making timely interventions, ultimately improving patient outcomes and reducing CVD-related mortality.

### IV. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) remain the leading cause of death globally, with early detection being critical to effective treatment and prevention. However, traditional diagnostic methods are often invasive, expensive, and not universally accessible. The challenge lies in developing a non-invasive, cost-effective, and accurate diagnostic tool that can be easily deployed in diverse clinical settings. This project addresses this issue by leveraging retinal imaging and deep learning techniques to predict CVDs. By developing a model that can analyze retinal images for early signs of CVD, the project aims to enhance early detection, improve patient outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs.

### PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system aims to improve cardiovascular disease (CVD) prediction through a deep learning model using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and MobileNet architecture. The MobileNet's lightweight design ensures efficient processing of large retinal image datasets, while CNNs enhance feature extraction capabilities. The system involves preprocessing retinal images through resizing, normalization, and augmentation to optimize data quality. The MobileNet-based CNN model is trained to classify images based on CVD presence or absence. Performance is evaluated using accuracy and other metrics. This approach offers a scalable, cost-effective tool for early CVD detection, supporting timely interventions and improved patient care.

System:

- 1) Data Collection: This module involves gathering a comprehensive dataset of currency images with labeled values, including various denominations and types of notes. The dataset is divided into training and testing subsets, typically with an 80% to 20% split.
- 2) Data Preprocessing: This step includes image resizing, normalization, and augmentation to enhance the quality and variability of the dataset. The preprocessed images are then ready for model training and testing.
- 3) Model Saving: Once trained, the models are saved in a format such as .h5 or .pt to preserve their learned parameters and weights.
- 4) Model Prediction: New retinal images are input into the trained MobileNet model to predict their value. This module handles the prediction process and outputs the estimated value along with a confidence score.
- 5) Model Training: The CNN models, specifically MobileNet, are trained using 80% of the dataset. This involves fine-tuning model parameters and optimizing performance to accurately predict the value of currency images.
- 6) User:
- 7) Register: Users register an account in the system with their credentials to gain access.
- 8) Login: Users log in with their registered credentials to access the currency value detection features.
- 9) Upload Data: Users can upload retinal images for value prediction. These images are processed by the model for analysis.
- 10) View Results: Users receive and view predictions from the model, which indicates the estimated value of the uploaded retinal image along with any confidence scores or additional information.
- 11) Logout: Users can log out of the system to ensure their session and personal data are secure.

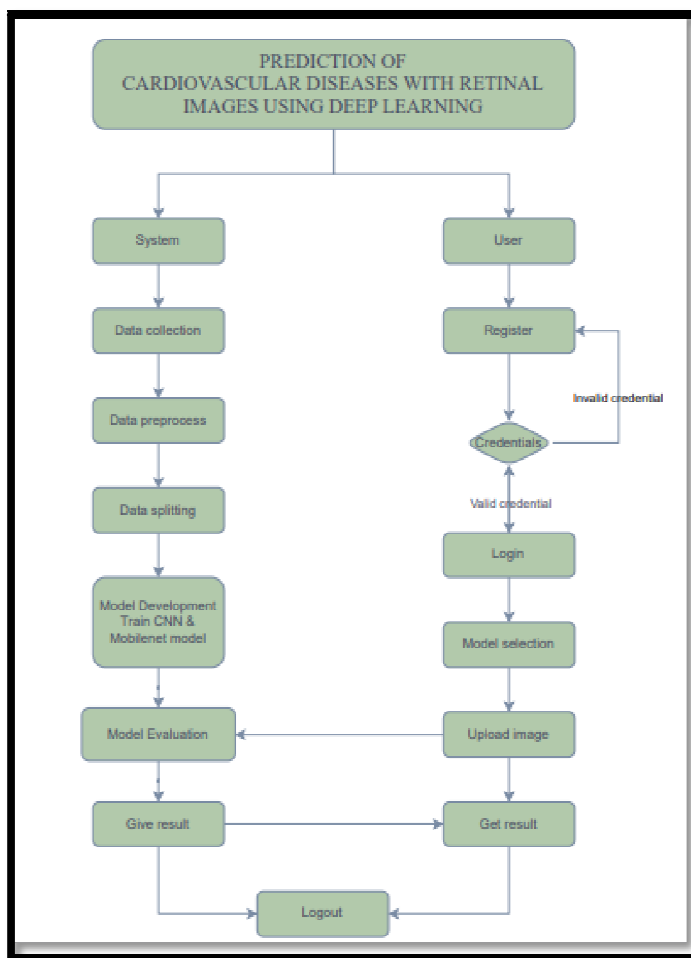


Fig 1: System Workflow

## V. ALGORITHMS

### A. Convolutional Neural Network(CNN):

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are a pivotal technology in the analysis of retinal images for predicting cardiovascular diseases (CVDs), leveraging their ability to automatically learn and extract complex features from images. CNNs are designed to process grid-like data, such as images, through a series of specialized layers that capture and analyze visual patterns. At their core, CNNs consist of convolutional layers, activation functions, pooling layers, and fully connected layers.

Convolutional layers are fundamental to CNNs, applying multiple filters to the input image to extract local features such as edges, textures, and shapes. Each filter detects specific patterns, and by stacking multiple convolutional layers, the network can learn hierarchical features that represent increasingly complex aspects of the image. The learned features from these layers are crucial for differentiating between images of healthy individuals and those with CVDs.

### B. MobileNet:

MobileNet is a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture designed for efficiency and optimized for deployment on mobile and embedded devices. It is particularly effective in real-time applications such as predicting cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) from retinal images due to its reduced computational complexity and smaller model size. A key feature of MobileNet is its use of depthwise separable convolutions, which significantly streamline the convolution process. This approach divides the convolution into two stages: depthwise convolutions, where a separate filter is applied to each input channel independently, reducing the number of parameters and computations; and pointwise convolutions, where 1x1 convolutions combine these features into a cohesive representation. This separation allows MobileNet to capture detailed image features with fewer computations.



Additionally, MobileNet employs the ReLU activation function, with MobileNetV2 using ReLU6 to enhance numerical stability and performance. Batch normalization is incorporated to stabilize and accelerate the training process by normalizing the inputs to each layer, thus improving convergence and overall efficiency. MobileNetV2 introduces linear bottlenecks in its residual blocks, which streamline the network by removing non-linearity at the end of each block, thereby reducing computational load without compromising accuracy.

## VI. OUTPUT SCREENS

- INDEXPAGE: This is the index page of the project website.



Fig2.1: Index Page

- HOMEPAGE: After successfully login, this page will be shown

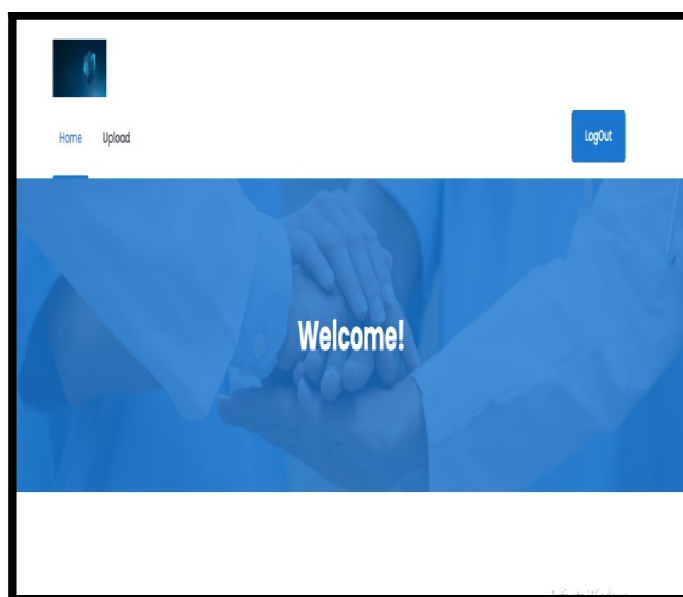
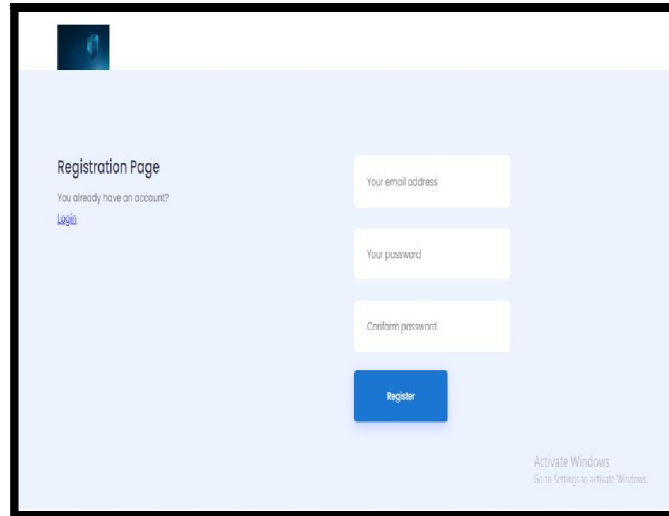


Fig2.2: Home Page

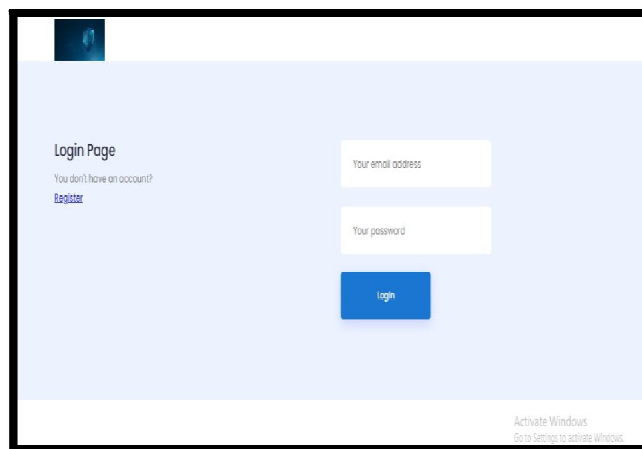
- REGISTRATION PAGE: In this page user can register with their credentials such as name, email, password.



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Registration Page". On the left, there is a link "Login" and a text "You already have an account?". On the right, there are three input fields labeled "Your email address", "Your password", and "Confirm password". Below these fields is a blue "Register" button. At the bottom right, there is a small text "Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows."

Fig 2.3: Registration Page

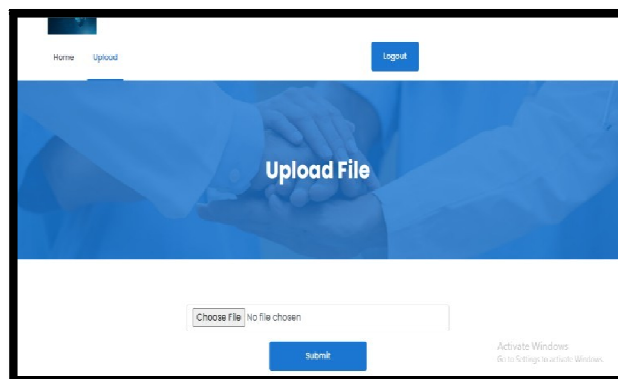
- LOGIN PAGE: In this page, user can login with their registered credentials.



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Login Page". On the left, there is a link "Register" and a text "You don't have an account?". On the right, there are two input fields labeled "Your email address" and "Your password". Below these fields is a blue "Login" button. At the bottom right, there is a small text "Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows."

Fig 2.4: Login Page

- PREDICTION PAGE: In here user can upload image and get prediction.



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Upload File". At the top, there are links "Home" and "Upload", and a "Logout" button. The main content area has a blue background with a hand holding a paper. Below this, there is a text input field with a "Choose File" button and the text "No file chosen". Below the input field is a blue "Upload" button. At the bottom right, there is a small text "Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows."

Fig 2.5 Prediction Page

- RESULT PAGE: Inhere, user result will be display.

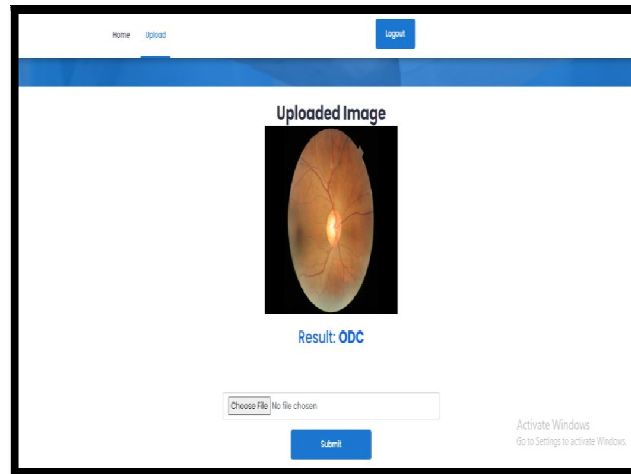


Fig 2.6: Result Page

## VII.RESULTS

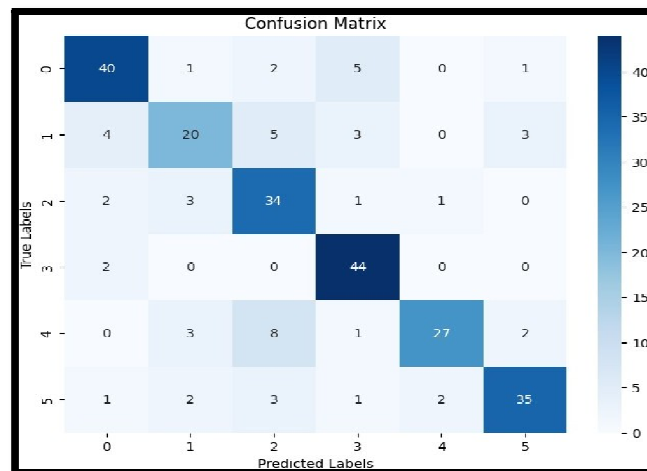


Fig 3.1: Confusion Matrix for CNN

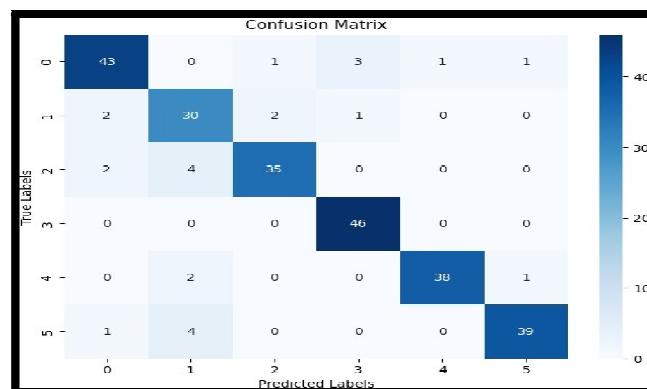


Fig 3.2: Confusion Matrix for MobileNet

In this study, two deep learning models, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and MobileNet, were employed to classify retinal images into six categories: ARMD, DN, DR, MH, NORMAL, and ODC. The CNN model achieved an accuracy of 79%, while the MobileNet model significantly outperformed it with an accuracy of 90%. The confusion matrices (Figures X and Y) illustrate the classification performance of both models.

The CNN model struggled with certain classes, particularly misclassifying 'DR' as 'NORMAL' and 'MH' as 'ODC'. Despite this, it performed well in accurately identifying 'NORMAL' and 'ODC'. On the other hand, the MobileNet model demonstrated superior classification accuracy across all classes, with particularly strong performance in distinguishing 'DR', 'MH', and 'NORMAL'. The higher accuracy of the MobileNet model highlights its effectiveness in handling the complexities of retinal image classification, making it a more suitable choice for predicting cardiovascular diseases using retinal images.

## VIII. CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates the potential of deep learning models in predicting cardiovascular diseases through the classification of retinal images. The comparative analysis between Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and MobileNet revealed that while both models are capable of distinguishing between the six classes (ARMD, DN, DR, MH, NORMAL, and ODC), MobileNet significantly outperforms CNN in terms of accuracy, achieving 90% compared to CNN's 79%.

The higher accuracy and more precise classifications observed with MobileNet suggest that it is better equipped to handle the intricacies of retinal image data, making it a more reliable model for the early detection and prediction of cardiovascular diseases. These findings underscore the importance of choosing the appropriate deep learning architecture for medical image classification tasks, as it can substantially impact the accuracy and reliability of the predictions. Future work could focus on further enhancing the model's performance, exploring additional data augmentation techniques, or integrating more advanced models to improve prediction accuracy even further.

## IX. FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

The current study has demonstrated promising results using deep learning models for the classification of retinal images to predict cardiovascular diseases. However, there are several opportunities for future enhancement. Further optimization of the MobileNet architecture, through hyperparameter tuning and model pruning, could lead to improvements in accuracy and computational efficiency, making it more suitable for real-time applications. Expanding the dataset to include more diverse images from various populations and age groups, as well as employing advanced data augmentation techniques, could enhance the model's generalizability and robustness against variations in image quality.

In addition, exploring ensemble learning techniques by combining multiple deep learning models could yield more reliable and accurate predictions, leveraging the strengths of different architectures. Another critical area for future work is the development of methods to explain and interpret the model's predictions, such as using Grad-CAM or LIME, which would increase trust in the system, especially in clinical settings. The integration of this model into real-world applications, such as web-based or mobile platforms for clinical use, is a key area for further development, ensuring that the predictions are actionable by healthcare professionals. Longitudinal studies utilizing retinal images over time could provide insights into disease progression, enabling earlier detection and intervention. Lastly, incorporating multi-modal learning by integrating other medical data sources, such as clinical records or genomic data, could further enhance the model's predictive power, offering a more comprehensive assessment of cardiovascular risk. These future enhancements could significantly improve the model's applicability and impact in clinical practice.

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