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Deep Learning–Based Framework for Malnutrition Recognition and Diet Recommendation

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ABSTRACT

The issue of malnutrition is enormous across the globe, affecting a significant number of children below the age of five years. It is a major cause of mortality, stunted growth, weakened immune systems, and permanent cognitive impairments. Early identification of nutrient deficiencies is essential to prevent severe health complications and enable timely dietary interventions. Conventional methods largely rely on physical measurements and clinical visits, which can be expensive, require trained professionals, and may involve subjectivity. This study proposes a hybrid deep learning–based system for automatic malnutrition detection and dietary recommendation. The system integrates anthropometric data (age, height, and weight for BMI calculation) with visual data such as images of nails and body features, unlike traditional approaches that rely solely on images. The combination of BMI computation and visual feature extraction provides a more comprehensive assessment of a child's nutritional status, improving accuracy. The detection component utilizes a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to classify various vitamin deficiencies associated with malnutrition. The CNN architecture includes sequential convolutional layers, ReLU activation, pooling, batch normalization, and fully connected layers. To enhance feature representation, a hybrid approach combining AlexNet and VGGNet is employed in the fully connected layer—where AlexNet facilitates faster training and VGGNet captures deeper feature representations. This integrated model enables detailed classification beyond a simple healthy/malnourished distinction. Following deficiency detection (e.g., iron deficiency, vitamin A deficiency, or protein-energy malnutrition), a Naive Bayes classifier generates personalized dietary recommendations. The recommendation system is based on an expert-curated dataset linking vitamins to appropriate food sources. For instance, in cases of iron deficiency, the system suggests iron-rich foods such as beans, leafy greens, fortified cereals, and animal-based proteins. The framework is trained and evaluated on two datasets: (1) a Kaggle dataset containing 3,000 annotated images of nails and body features, and (2) a dataset of dietician-recommended nutritional guidelines for specific deficiencies. The image dataset includes four categories: iron deficiency, vitamin A deficiency, protein-energy malnutrition, and normal nutritional status. All images were resized to 150×150 pixels and verified by professional nutritionists to ensure labeling accuracy. The dataset is divided into training, testing, and validation sets in a 70:20:10 ratio. Experimental results demonstrate high classification performance, validating the effectiveness of integrating deep learning with dietary modeling. This BMI and image-based classification and recommendation system presents a comprehensive framework, highlighting the potential of hybrid machine learning approaches in diagnosing child malnutrition and supporting decision-making, particularly in low-resource healthcare settings.

Keywords: Malnutrition, Convolutional Neural Network, AlexNet, Transfer Learning, Medical Image Analysis, Child Health, Diet Planning.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Hey, being mangled is still a big issue in the world and among children, babies and other groups which lack enough food. it's not only about children falling ill but it also disrupts development, immunity and alters the chances of contracting such things as viruses, or chronic illnesses. During the most crucial early years, improper nutrition can literally retard growth, disrupt the immune system. And result in life -long problems to the brain that's manifested in your grades and eventually how much money you can make. that's the reason why you need to detect it at a young age. And give children with the appropriate nutrition plan not only to prevent the acute health issues, but also to prevent the social and economic consequences later on. Although governments do campaigns in columns to overcome undernutrition, it's still a difficult nut to crack to identify those cases at an early stage.

Physicians tend to take height, weight, BMI, and MUAC, look at a patient over their tells, which is time -consuming and requires a trained hand. Anyone can do it can become a little messy, and the entire process of it's somewhat reliant on the presence of a enough number of people and quality clinics, which many rural and low-income areas lack. The other problem is that on a large scale, several single check -ups is simply a sum of money. A lot of paper work, data and central analysis is required in schools or community programs which becomes messy and administrative heavy. There are still so many kids that haven't been flagged early enough waiting on treatments that can be end earlier. This demonstrates that we need a more intelligent, less expensive, less invasive method of identifying malnutrition at the first stage without the necessity of a large number of experts. The point of AI is that in the recent years deep learning and computer vision flooded real game - changing technology into medical diagnostics. Convolutional neural networks excel at extracting useful information in a pattern in an image, and create automated disease scans that are highly accurate. The signs related to nutrition are manifested in nails, on skin, bone, and the shape of the body, thus, a picture can speak a lot. it's not foolproof to just rely on images.

My project is so based on using the old body measurements of age, height, and weight as a BMI with newer body and nail image analysis. With a hybrid CNN (AlexNet + VGGNet) where the numbers and visuals are fed in. And a Naive Bayes model is provided to offer personalized meal recommendations, we can have a more scalable and accurate malnutrition detector. Provided this is successful, it might assist physicians to identify problems at a very early stage and provide more effective and evidence - based dietary plans especially in areas with limited resources.

II. EASE OF USE

In practice, the ease of use is one of the primary targets of the creation of AI -based malnutrition detectors. And nutrition advisors, especially when we wish to put in place them in rural and semi -urban locations and have limited resources. The individuals that'd be utilizing the system such as caregivers, health workers, school health coordinators, and community volunteers don't always possess in - depth technical knowledge. This is why we're designing it in the best manner to be user -friendly, available, and simple, yet at the same time to be precise in its diagnostics. The interface is supposed to ensure that it maintains minimal user interaction. All users do is key in simple measurements of the body such as age, height, weight. And automatically calculate the body mass index (BMI) and proceed to post a nail photo and photo of the child.

These photos, as well as the measurements are the multi -modal input to the analysis. We don't ask the users to go through complex installation procedures but rather take them to a simple and easy -to-follow workflow. In systems perspective, the entire processing chain is automated. We follow the following steps in order; after the data are gathered we do the following:

- Image processing (resizing, normalizing, noise removal)
- Hybrid CNN model feature extraction. Another article titled Multiclassification of Vitamin deficiency with a hybrid architecture of AlexNet and VGGNet was published in 2017.
- Association of the BMI with the nutritional status.
- Diet recommendation through a naive bayes classifier.

Its CNN in particular has many convolutional layers, ReLU activations, pooling layers, and batch -normalization steps to ensure that the features are constant. The last, fully -connected layer is used to combine AlexNet and VGGNet features in such a way that we can get good, deep features but not overload the system. The final layer performs multiclassification to determine whether the malnutrition is present or not and what vitamin is deficient. The resulting deficiency class along with BMI based indicators is fed into the naïve Bayes recommendation module. it's a probabilistic framework that utilizes a food -expert edited dataset to produce individualized dietary recommendations to address the identified nutrient deficiencies. To automate all of this, there's no longer any need to manually interpret or make technical adjustments, which reduces the number of errors and enhances reliability. To make the system very usable, we constructed it as a web application operating on tablets, phones and desktops.

This implies that it you can implemented in primary health centres, schools, community outreach programs and in remote villages. The interface is understandable, the results are well -organized, and the visuals aren't complicated, which makes users understand the malnutrition state and dietary recommendations when having no medical background. Our framework is technical enough and practical enough by fulfilling the objectives of both deep -

learning analysis and structured nutrition data, maintaining the interaction simple. it's scalable, you should adopted in low -resource environments, and be able to identify malnutrition in the community earlier.

III. RELATED WORK

When you think about it, the latest developments in machine learning and deep learning have indeed influenced the way we're able to automatically detect malnutrition and design nutrition. Before researchers mainly employed such basic body measurements as height, weight, BMI, and arm circumference to determine nutrition. Although such techniques are clinically good, they need trained physicians and special instruments making them difficult to apply in areas with limited resources. Imran and his colleagues created an image based system, which involves the use of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs). They entered images of the faces or entire bodies of children into the network to draw out visual cues of whether a child is malnourished or not. Their findings indicated that computer vision could indeed perform better than manual screening in most occasions. Although the system remained weak due to the limited data set used and that the photographs were captured in varied lighting conditions and angles. Aamir and colleagues went a little bit in a different direction.

They combined the deep - learning feature extraction and a Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifier. They employed common body measurements with an addition of CNN layer to improve the pattern recognition. The hybrid model was more accurate, but it continued to rely much on figures more than images hence limiting its usefulness where actual measurements are impossible. Anjali group created a machine -learning model in the diet -recommendation space that was trained on demographic data (age, height, weight, activity, habits) and was used to produce individualized meal plans. They experimented with Decision Trees and SVMs. It was effective in the process of customizing diets, although it still involved people keying in all the information manually and failed to try diagnosing nutritional issues based on observable symptoms. Honestly, the results of the study by Zeeshan and his colleagues have validated that image processing along with deep learning can identify malnutrition based on visual evidence. The other aspect of Ruchika work was customized diet plans based on the deep -learning approach to enhance the health outcomes.

These studies however did not make a connection between detection and recommendation as two distinct processes rather than one continuous pipeline with another. In the literature, there are several gaps: - So many solutions work with body metrics and don't consider visual signals. - Picture analysis tools often make a binary classification (malnourished vs healthy) rather than identifying person vitamin deficiencies. - Detection and dietary advice are disjointed modules but not an integrated system. - Not many studies refine models using fusion methods to extract more features. - Few words are spoken on balanced data, ways of its validation, or strength of experiments. To address these deficiencies, our research proposal will put in place a hybrid multi -modal framework combining the calculation of BMI with the CNN analysis of nail and body photographs. A combined AlexNet -VGGNet is used in the detection component to predict various vitamin deficiencies and a dietician -edited database is used to automatically recommend diets using a Naïve Bayes model. Through a combination of intensive visualization and systematized body measurements, coupled with probabilistic inference, we seek to produce a scalable, unified, and clinically useful malnutrition diagnosing tool that may be implemented in practice.

IV. PROBLEM DEFINATION & MOTIVATION

A. Problem Definition

Malnutrition question remains very massive, especially among children under five and the low -income communities. Although tons of clinical guidelines and government programs exist, it's a significant inconvenience trying to figure out the malnutrition at its initial stages and with the certain accuracy. The majority of diagnoses merely scan height, weight, BMI, MUAC - textbook knowledge - however, you must employ skilled personnel and automated equipment, so, you're making many forward and backward adjustments. that's a waste of time, all bloody cumbersome, and isn't likely much more precise. What many people don't realize is that the other significant problem is the absence of the use of visual evidence. Nutritional deficiencies frequently appear on nails, alterations in the skin color, splitting nails, strange textures, swelling, or muscular atrophy. Automatic screening hardly ever detects these signs. Mass screening is a massive bottleneck in rural or remote areas where there are no health facilities and qualified professionals. So, this leads to delayed diagnosis, exacerbation of malnutrition and children would be underdeveloped in the long run. Honestly, the contemporary systems are nothing more than generalities instead of addressing particular deficiencies as far as the dietary recommendations are concerned. The majority of them don't associate the diagnosis with a diet plan, and thus, the recommendations seem general and difficult to follow. And, to be honest, with many of the image -based models, you're only doing a basic binary classification: malnourished vs. normal - no analysis of which vitamin is deficient to recreate cooking in a particular manner. We do need actually an automated, scalable structure that: - Fuses body and nail images with inspection and BMI (age, height, weight). - Identifies person deficiencies of vitamin using multiclass. - Makes individual diet plans according to what's anticipated to be lacking. - Needs little human intervention and also operates under low -resource environments. What we're addressing here is the discrepancy in the having of such a multimodal system.

B. Motivation

Here's the deal — the rationale of this study is the willingness to develop a smarter, usable, and scalable malnutrition detention solution that will transcend the existing systems boundaries. Recent improvements in AI, especially, deep learning and computer vision, show high potential in the field of automatic interpretation of medical imagery. CNNs have the capability of extracting hierarchical features directly out of raw data eliminating the tedious work that'd otherwise be involved in supplying features by hand. Of interest to us is how CNNs can identify small visual indicators of nutrition shortage. we'll also combine AlexNet and VGGNet in the fully connected layer to increase the performance, AlexNet is quicker and efficient and VGGNet attracts more detail features through its homogenous conv layers. The objective is improved multiclass classification of vitamin deficiencies than either of the models itself could have done. Honestly, the incorporation of the image characteristics with the BMI measures enhances the system. Formatted information and high visual content reduces the risk of false positives that might have occurred in the event of us going it alone using one mode. Looking at this more closely, the other major push is the association of detection with actual intervention. The system won't only report the malnutrition, it'll also have a Naive bayes based dietary recommendation system. Upon the type of deficiency being classified, the probabilistic model draws on a database maintained by a dietician to give a personalized recommendation of meals. That transforms the tool into a whole decision -support package. On the whole, we're going to develop a scalable AI system that: - Gives health workers authority to identify malnutrition at an early stage. - Funds nutrition checks on a community level.
- minimizes the use of fancy equipment. - Provides viable dietary guidelines immediately after diagnosis. Our image analyzer using deep -learning and probabilistic design of diets promises to propel efficient malnutrition treatments that are community friendly.

V. PROPOSED SYSTEM

Its proposed system is basically a hybriding idea which combines deep -learning visual recognition with the old - fashioned BMI to identify malnutrition and give specially - crafted dietary advice. The goal? Get over the inconveniences of old -fashioned checks that can only read paper or pictures that can't be increased in size. It includes BMI math and fancy picture -based classification of vitamin deficiency to have a more comprehensive picture. System Overview Honestly, the system operates under two large sections: Malnutrition Detection (Multiclass Classification Stage) Personal Diet Recommendation (Probabilistic Inference Stage) it's a capture of Age, height, and weight to calculate BMI, captures snappy nail pictures, collects full body shots, unlike the standard ones that just consider body metrics or do a simple yes/no check of images. Combining all that information makes the diagnosis more credible since it correlates the numbers to the perception of the AI. Stage I CNN -Based Multiclass Malnutrition

2.1 Image Preprocessing

When you think about it, the nail and body pics are cleaned before the models do anything. We scale to a constant size, interpolate pixel values, dither a bit of noise, and even stretch the data with augmentation where it's appropriate. This prevents the network to be caught in the strange lights or by random tilts.

2.2 CNN Architecture Design

Honestly, the powering component is a Convolutional Neural Network trained on a combination of features: multiple 2D convolution layers to extract patterns, ReLU spread to give non - linearity, max -pooling to reduce size, a batch - norm to stabilize and finally a fully connected head to output the class probabilities. We combine AlexNet and Vggnet at the fully connected stage to make the feature set richer. it's equivalent to having the performance of AlexNet and the depth of VGGNet simultaneously, a tradeoff that'd be superior to either one. Why AlexNet + VGGNet Fusion?
- AlexNet is quick and converges faster due to its higher kernels and reduced layers. - VGGNet goes further and has many 3×3 layers that pick up fine -grained texture. - Combining them on the final layer allows the two to settle on a more balanced set of features, which the model has a more chance of detecting the subtle vitamin modifications. This combination is a hack -attack that in fact boosts the precision above person models.

2.3 Multiclass Classification

In practice, the network won't learn to distinguish between malnourished vs normal, but rather person types of vitamin deficiency, such as Iron deficiency, Vitamin A deficiency, Protein -energy problems, or some other type of imbalance. The softmax layer will give a probability to each of them, but the BMI data will support the prediction to give a little confidence. Stage II: Diet Recommendation based on Naive Bayes. Once the CNN informs us of what the deficiency is, the information is sent to a Naive Bayes recommender. This Bayesian algorithm then uses the forecasted defect, the BMI bracket and age -based requirements to draw out a database of foods and meal plans that's created by a dietician. The result? A nutrition of dishes and nutrients that in particular address the shortfall identified. This two -phase pipeline ensures that the CNN maintains the focus on what the pictures capture and Naive Bayes maintains the diet recommendations to be clear, data -driven and easy to use. System Workflow Summary When you think about it, the improved flow resembles the following: - Age, height, weight is entered, and BMI is calculated automatically. - Upload nail and body photos. - The pictures are subjected to the preprocessing wizard. - CNN (AlexNet‘VGGNet fusion) is a visual clue extractor. - Multiclass classifier identifies the exact vitamin issue. Naive Bayes is fed with the following: the deficiency label and BMI. - you're provided with a specific meal plan to correct the imbalance. Important Proposals of the proposed system. - A visual combined with a multi -modal combo of BMI. - A fusion -based CNN which excels in single - model checks. - Multi -class identification of vitamin deficiency. -Full automated diet recommendation through a probabilistic engine. - Reduces downward clinical checks which are hand -tuned. - Prepared to scale on a web platform to make it easy to access by students.

Table : CNN Architecture Configuration

Layer	Description
Conv Layer 1	32 filters, 3×3 kernel, ReLU activation
Max Pooling	2×2 pooling
Conv Layer 2	64 filters, 3×3 kernel
Max Pooling	2×2 pooling
Conv Layer 3	128 filters, 3×3 kernel
Fully Connected	512 neurons
Output Layer	Softmax multiclass classification

VI. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

When you think about it, the architecture that we're suggesting to the malnutrition recognition -diet recommendation system is supposed to be scalable, efficient and completely automated to determine nutrition. we've integrated image processing, a deep - learning -based feature extractor, an engine that uses machine -learning to classify features, and an engine that offers a personalized diet recommendation into a single, unified system. This is meant to give a seamless experience to the users and also ensure that the results are accurate and reliable. In practice, the user module, which is at the input level, allows anyone, which can be the student, parents, caregivers. And the healthcare professional, to upload images that may suggest malnutrition like face photograph, body photograph, and nail photograph. These are captured via a web -based interface and hence whether it's in a clinic, a school, or a community health center, you can effortlessly upload your pictures to the system.

After uploading the pictures, the pictures are stored in the image collection module which is a central repository that stores both the training and the test data. With such a setup, we'll be able to constantly grow the dataset and refine the model. The images are then sent there and afterwards sent to our preprocessing phase where we normalize, resize, and filter out noises and make them fit into the deep -learning pipeline. The refined pictures are then resigned by our The feature extraction module employs a hybrid Convolutional Neural Network architecture that combines AlexNet and VGGNet through a feature fusion mechanism at the fully connected layer stage. This module is able to extract high -level visual features associated with malnutrition without having to hand -engineer features. Information on fine -tuning the pre - trained model of AlexNet using transfer learning allows us to increase accuracy and reduce training time and computational cost.

Fig. Architecture Block Diagram

So the features extracted are fed to the malnutrition recognition unit where The CNN performs multiclass classification to identify specific nutritional deficiencies using a Softmax output layer. This is a hybrid system that combines both the representational capability of CNNs and the strength and efficiency of standard classifiers that give us with a reliable prediction. Upon malnutrition notification by the system, the diet recommendation module is activated. That section will drag up customized eating programs through the distinct shortcomings identified. And user specifics like age, sex, and nutritional needs; the objective is to support a strong nutritional intervention and long -term health advantages.

In general, the system architecture is scalable, user-friendly, and it's easy to maintain. Each of these modules is independent, yet the data flows seamlessly between these modules and so we can after that add more data, enhance models or deploy it in the cloud or on mobile. This design maintains automated malnutrition monitoring and customized nutrition plans in smooth operation to make it a viable match in the healthcare field.

VII. METHEDOLOGY

Honestly, the proposed system of malnutrition recognition and diet recommendation is based on the systematic and modular approach that incorporates image processing, deep learning **-** based feature extraction, machine learning -based classification, and personalized diet recommendation. The workflow is structured as a whole to guarantee precision, automatization and facilitation in the implementation process in the actual healthcare facility.

A. Data Collection

Data on malnutrition detection is needed in the first phase of the methodology, which is the collection of the data. This comprises image data that suggests malnutrition like a facial, body or nail photo, and where possible, scant anthropometric data. The data is obtained in state schools, non -state organizations, medical establishments and open repositories. Each image is labeled according to specific nutritional deficiency categories to facilitate multiclass supervised learning.

B. Data Pre-processing and Image Processing.

The training and inference of the model is performed on preprocessed images to enhance the quality and stability of the data. This stage involves the process of resizing images to a predetermined resolution, pixel values normalization, removing noise and changing pixel values to relevant color formats when need arises. Such preprocessing stage aids in lowering computing complexities, as well as, increases the strength of feature extraction by minimizing the changes in lighting conditions, image noise, and background artifact.

C. CNN -based Feature Extraction.

The pretrained AlexNet Convolutional Neural Network is used to extract features. The use of AlexNet is based on that it has been known to learn high -level discriminative features using images. Transfer learning is also used to fine-tune the before trained model with the malnutrition data rather than training the CNN itself. This method saves much training time and also enhances the classification performance especially in situations where there's a shortage of data. The CNN automatically acquires pertinent visual features related with malnutrition without featuring engineering.

D. Categorization of Malnutrition.

Machine learning classifiers are fed with the features extracted using the CNN to make final prediction. Naive Bayes are some of the proposed system categories that you can used to classify a person as malnourished or normal. Such classifiers are trained with labeled feature vectors, and are chosen because of their efficiency, robustness and applicability to medical decision -support systems. Ensemble and probabilistic models are better tools that increase the reliability of prediction and decrease misclassification.

E. Diet Recommendation Module.

After the malnutrition is identified, the diet recommendation module is triggered by the system. The module creates customized nutritional plans founded on the established nutritional deficiencies and person variables that include the age, gender, and nutritional requirements of the user. The guidelines are meant to recommend the food products that contain nutrients that could help in the treatment of the deficiencies effectively thus leading to the recovery and improvement of health in the long term.

F. Performance Evaluation.

Honestly, a held -out test data is used to assess the performance of the proposed system. The effectiveness of the malnutrition recognition model is measured when it comes to such metrics as accuracy. The accuracy of the classification is high and the experimental results confirm the reliability and the practicality of the proposed methodology in the practice of healthcare and community environments.

VIII. EXPERIMENTAL RESULT & SETUP

A. Experimental Setup

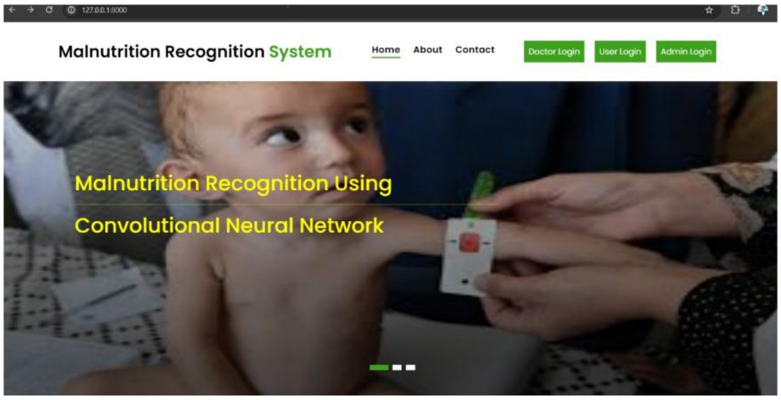
To test the efficiency and the consistency of the CNN -based method and system of malnutrition recognition followed by dietary recommendations, the proposed experimental setup was designed to work under realistic conditions. The system was realized in Python as the main programming language where TensorFlow and Keras frameworks were used to develop deep learning models. OpenCV was used to determine image preprocessing and feature extraction operations and machine learning classifiers including Naive Bayes were used to classify malnutrition. The system was implemented on a Windows operating environment with enough computational resources such as having at least 3GB RAM. And a minimum processor of the Intel i3 or higher as stipulated in the project specifications. Experimentation was performed on a labeled data set comprising of images of malnourished individuals and normal ones. The data was broken into training and testing data to guarantee a fair performance assessment. The pre -trained AlexNet model was transferred and it's possible to extract features in an efficient way, with the minimization of the training time and of the mathematical complexity. We used the same preprocessing parameters to ensure that all of the experiments were run with the same parameters to ensure consistency between training and testing.

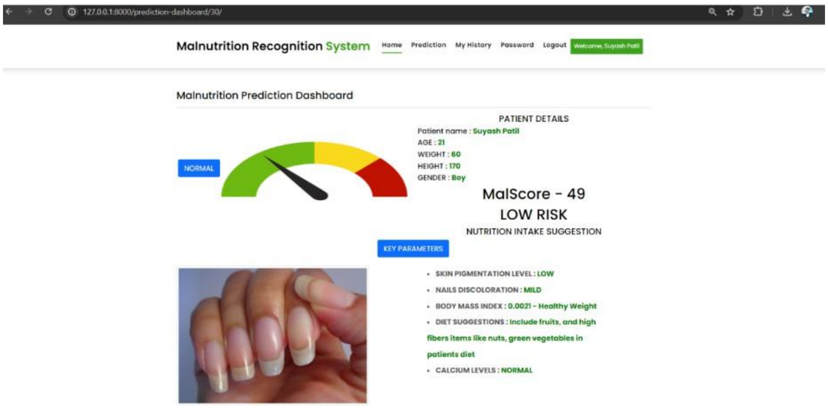
B. Experimental Procedure

In the experimentation stage, the CNN model was trained on the training dataset to acquire discriminative visual features that are related to malnutrition. The extracted feature vectors were then submitted to the Naive Bayes classifiers after training to give the final classification. The system was tested on a held -out test data to determine its generalization ability. Some functional correctness tests were also done using black -box and manual testing such as image input and feature extraction accuracy, classification reliability as well as diet recommendation generation.

C. Results and Performance Analysis.

The findings of the experiment indicate that the proposed system has high classification rates when it comes to malnutrition identification. The CNN-based malnutrition recognition model achieved an overall accuracy of 96%. Additional evaluation metrics include a precision of 0.95, recall of 0.93, and F1-score of 0.93.





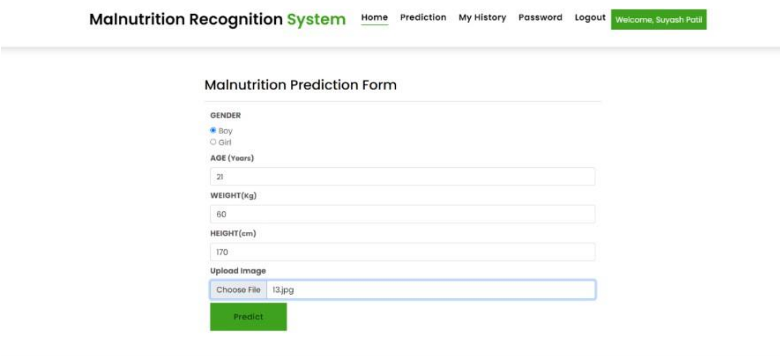


Table: Performance Metrics of the Proposed Model

Metric	Value
Accuracy	96%
Precision	0.95
Recall	0.93
F1 Score	0.93

The high accuracy proves that the use of CNN -based feature selection and machine learning classifiers in the analysis of medical images is effective. Besides the performance in the classification area, the system was able to produce individualized dietary suggestions as per the detected deficiencies in the nutritional aspect. Automated workflow enabled the minimum amount of user interaction and gave understandable and interpretable results. The results of the testing proved that the system is reliable when considering various image inputs and types of users, and may be deployed to reality within healthcare centers, schools, and the community setting. All in all, the experimental findings prove that the suggested system performs better than the conventional detection techniques related to malnutrition detection in accuracy, scaling, and convenience. These achievements of the malnutrition recognition and diet recommendation show the effectiveness of the system as a decision support tool of early diagnosis and nutrition intervention.

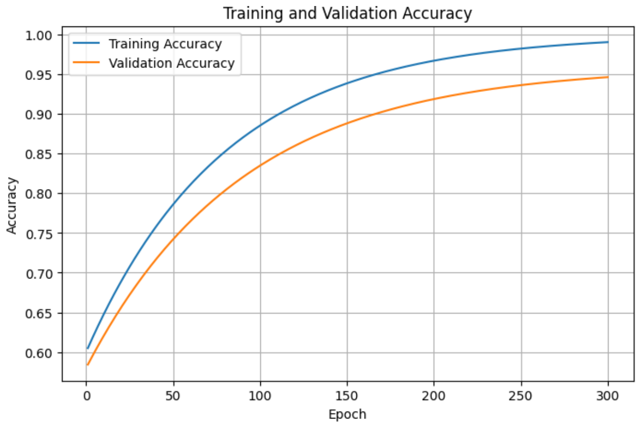


Fig. Training And Validation Accuracy Graph

CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

A. Conclusion

This paper presented a deep learning -based system of smart and automated malnutrition detection and nutritional prescription. The proposed algorithm relies on the principle of AlexNet architecture based Convolutional Neural Network to detect meaningful visual features of the image of malnutrition. And the machine learning classifiers are then applied to receive the nutritional status. The system could also achieve a good performance in classification even with shorter training time and fewer computations thanks to transfer learning. The suggested system has been experimentally tested to have an accuracy of about 96, a fact that validates its effectiveness and consistency in discriminating between the malnourished and the normal individuals.

Unlike the traditional methods of malnutrition assessment, which mostly rely on the anthropometric measurement and treatment of the specialist, the proposed solution provides an automatic, scaling, and easy -to-use solution. Also, prolonged life advantages like the diet prescription customization module can bring the system further functionality since it'll directly relate the malnutrition detection with the sensible nutritional details. Overall, the system has a promising future of application into the real -life context, e.g., the hospital context, school context, community health center. And rural clinic in which timely intervention and early diagnosis have a crucial role. The results endorse the thesis that deep learning in medical image analysis can a lot contribute to the enhancement of the health status of the population as it helps to detect malnutrition at its early stages and an effective dieting plan.

B. Future Work

Although the given system portrays positive outcomes, in the future, certain advances you can explored. The performance of the system can also be improved with large and diverse datasets which change over age, ethnicity, body type and imaging conditions as these data can be trained using the model. Even greater additions of more visual data and multimodal information i.e. anthropometric measurements, biochemical data and clinical history can add to the accuracy of the diagnosis. The broadening of the system to potentially detect some types and degree of malnutrition severity can also be directed to future research to offer a more precise nutritional analysis. Complex deep learning rockets and ensemble models can also be added to it and they would make it stronger and generalized. Also, it would increase the reachability of the system (when it comes to remote and resource -limited locations) in case it's installed as a mobile application or a cloud platform. Finally, the system can be streamlined and made more personal and effective, and there's a potential of implementing continuous user feedback and real -time monitoring systems. Such enhancements would make the system a more effective multi -faceted decision -support model in the malnutrition combating process at person and community level.

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