Segmentation of Brain Tumor Using MRI Scan

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***Abstract*— Brain tumors present multifaceted challenges in their diagnosis and treatment, impacting critical organs and posing health risks even in benign cases. Accurate identification and management of these tumors remain complex, even for experienced medical professionals. Recent advancements in deep learning (DL) have significantly contributed to the detection, diagnosis, and delineation of brain neoplasms. However, the computational demands associated with segmentation, often reliant on convolutional neural networks (CNNs) like UNet, present a bottleneck.**

In our study, we introduce three innovative segmentation networks inspired by Transformers, employing a 4-stage deep encoder-decoder architecture. These networks incorporate a novel cross-attention model and utilize separable convolution layers to maintain activation map dimensionality, thereby reducing computational overhead while preserving superior segmentation accuracy. Our attention model seamlessly integrates into various network components, including transition layers, encoder, and decoder blocks.

Compared to the conventional UNet architecture, our proposed networks demonstrate a substantial reduction—up to an order of magnitude—in the number of training parameters. Notably, one of our models surpasses UNet's performance by achieving faster training times while maintaining a Dice Similarity Coefficient (DSC) >94%. This robust performance ensures highly efficient brain tumor segmentation, holding promise for improved diagnostic and treatment outcomes.

I. INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors, characterized by their diverse nature, pose a significant challenge in the medical field, causing profound disruptions to the nervous system. Among these tumors, gliomas are particularly notable for their aggressive nature, representing approximately 80% of malignant cases and carrying the highest mortality rates. The severity of their impact is evident in the strikingly low 5-year survival rate, which falls below 21% for individuals over 40 years old.

Timely detection of these tumors greatly influences patient outcomes. Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) serves as a crucial noninvasive diagnostic tool, providing excellent soft tissue contrast that aids in identifying affected areas by highlighting distinctive changes in intensity and irregular shapes.

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In the medical field, the manual segmentation of tumors by professionals remains a time-intensive and subjective process, susceptible to variations based on expertise and interpretation. Automatic segmentation tools have become indispensable, offering the promise of efficiency improvements, decreased human error, and enhanced monitoring of neoplasm treatment.

The emergence of Deep Learning (DL) techniques has transformed bioinformatics, particularly in tasks like segmentation, classification, and prediction. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have emerged as powerful tools in medical image segmentation due to their effectiveness.

Efforts to automate brain tumor segmentation have a history rooted in image processing techniques and the onset of computer vision. Presently, there is a surge in robust techniques driven by artificial intelligence, notably CNNs, owing to their adaptability and high performance.

Recent studies focused on brain tumor segmentation primarily explore CNN-based approaches, showcasing significant progress. Various architectures, including multi- branch structures, configurations akin to UNet, and networks trained with diverse loss functions, have

achieved promising Dice Similarity Coefficients (DSC) ranging from 86% to 90.21%.
These advancements highlight the transition from conventional image processing techniques to more sophisticated methods, leveraging the capabilities of artificial intelligence for improved tumor.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

[1] In a recent study by Swamy and Rani, a novel methodology was proposed to enhance the segmentation and classification of brain tumors in MRI images. This method combines the capabilities of wavelet transforms, specifically the Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) and Stationary Wavelet Transform (SWT), with Support Vector Machines (SVMs). The aim is to extract distinct features from various frequency domains within the MRI images, capturing intricate details related to texture and edges.
The utilization of DWT and SWT allows for the extraction of relevant features that contribute significantly to the differentiation between tumor and non-tumor regions. These extracted features are subsequently employed as inputs for an SVM classifier. The classifier is trained to effectively discern between tumor and non-tumor areas based on the distinctive features extracted by the wavelet transforms.

[2] An Efficient Brain Tumor Detection from MRI Images using Entropy Measures (2020):
Kumar, Singh, and Sharma focus on analyzing the texture patterns of MRI images using various entropy measures. Shannon Entropy, Renyi Entropy, Vajda Entropy, Havrda- Charvat Entropy, and Kapur Entropy are employed to quantify the randomness and complexity of the image texture. Based on these entropy values, a threshold is chosen to segment the tumor region. This method offers a simple yet effective way to detect brain tumors without the need for complex computational models.

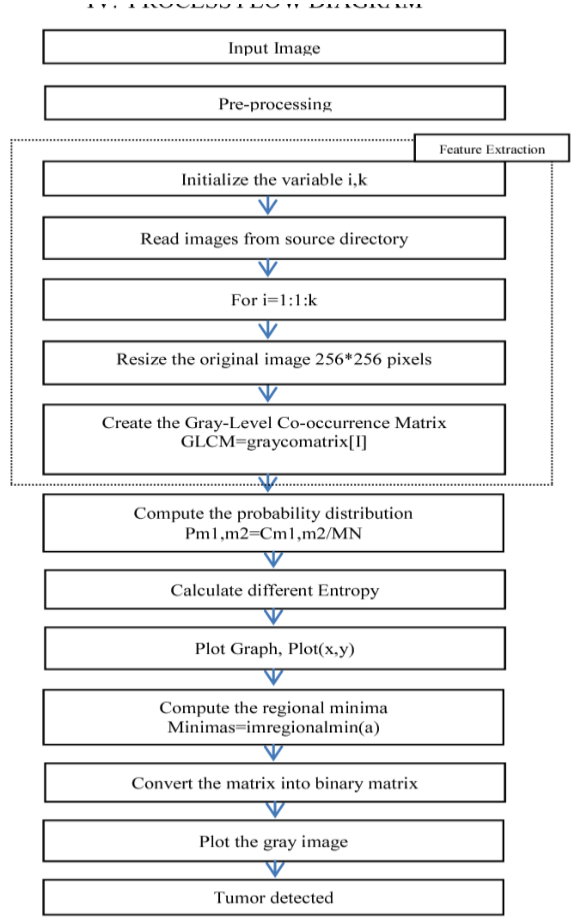

Fig 2: Process Flow Diagram

[3] Brain Tumor Detection in MRI Images Using Image Processing Techniques (2023):
Swamy and Rani propose a pipeline of image processing techniques to achieve accurate brain tumor detection. The process starts with noise reduction and filtering to improve image quality. Morphological operations are then applied to enhance the tumor region and separate it from the background. Finally, a CNN trained on a large dataset of brain MRI images performs the final classification of the segmented region as tumor or non-tumor. This approach demonstrates the effectiveness of combining traditional image processing techniques with deep learning for brain tumor detection.

[4] Brain Tumor Detection from MRI images using Multi- level Wavelets (2021):
Suman, Krishna, and Mouli utilize multi-level wavelet decomposition to extract features from MRI images at various scales. By decomposing the image into different frequency bands, they capture

spatial information at varying resolutions, enabling the identification of subtle tumor characteristics. These extracted features are then used to train an SVM classifier for accurate tumor detection. This method highlights the value of multi-scale analysis in capturing essential information for tumor diagnosis.

[5] A Robust Approach for Brain Tumor Detection in Magnetic Resonance Images Using Finetuned EfficientNet (2022):

El-Baz, Ahmed, Moustafa, and Farag leverage the power of transfer learning with the EfficientNet architecture, a pre- trained CNN model known for its efficiency and accuracy. They fine-tune the EfficientNet model on a dataset of brain MRI images, allowing it to adapt to the specific task of tumor detection. This approach offers significant advantages in terms of training time and performance, achieving an outstanding accuracy.

[6] Deep Learning-Based Brain Tumor Detection using MRI Images (2020):

Mehmood, Ahmed, Afza, Khan, Khan, and Hussain explore the potential of deep learning for brain tumor detection by employing a CNN architecture. Their model learns to automatically extract features from the MRI images and classify them as tumor or non-tumor. This approach demonstrates the promising ability of deep learning to analyze complex medical images and provide automated diagnosis support.

[7] Automated Brain Tumor Detection from MRI Images using Deep Learning and Transfer Learning (2021):

Jha, Shams, Aljohani, and Al-Turjman combine the power of deep learning and transfer learning for automated brain tumor detection. They utilize a pre-trained CNN model and fine-tune it on a brain MRI dataset, enabling it to efficiently learn tumor characteristics. This method offers a promising approach for automating the detection process, saving time and resources for medical professionals.

III. HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

REQUIREMENT

Software-Anaconda Navigator (v5.3.0): Anaconda Navigator provides a user-friendly interface to manage different Python environments and packages. It allows for easy installation and management of essential libraries like TensorFlow, Keras, and Scikit-learn required for building and training machine learning models for tumor detection using MRI scans.

Jupyter Notebook (v6.0.1): Jupyter Notebook is a popular interactive environment for running Python code, visualizing data, and explaining the analysis step by step. In the context of tumor detection, Jupyter Notebooks can be used to preprocess MRI data, extract features, train machine learning models, and visualize the results, facilitating an easy-to-understand workflow.

Python (3.7): Python is the programming language commonly used for various tasks in machine learning, data manipulation, and image processing. For brain tumor detection, Python is used to implement algorithms, process MRI images, extract features, and build models using libraries such as TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, and OpenCV.

Google Colab: Google Colab provides a cloud-based platform with free access to GPU resources, making it suitable for training complex deep learning models. In the context of tumor detection, Colab can be used to train deep neural networks on large datasets without requiring high-end computational resources.

Android Studio (v3.5): While not directly related to tumor detection using MRI scans, Android Studio can be utilized to develop mobile applications that can assist in accessing or displaying medical imaging data, including MRI scans, for doctors or healthcare professionals.

Swift Studio (v4.1): Similar to Android Studio, Swift Studio is used for developing iOS applications. It can be employed to create mobile applications for accessing and displaying medical imaging data, providing a platform for doctors or healthcare professionals to review MRI scans for tumor diagnosis on iOS devices.

IV.APPLICATIONS

Reduced need for invasive biopsies: Brain biopsies is invasive procedures that can be risky for patients. The project helps to reduce the need for biopsies by identifying tumors that can be diagnosed accurately using MRI scans alone.

Personalized treatment planning: Brain tumors can vary widely in their type, location, and aggressiveness. The project could help to personalize treatment planning by providing more detailed information about the tumor. This could lead to more effective and less invasive treatments.

Improved monitoring of treatment response: Used to monitor the response of brain tumors to treatment. This could help to identify patients who are not responding to treatment and who may need to switch to a different treatment plan.

V.CONCLUSION

The development of a brain tumor detection system using machine learning and MRI scans holds immense promise in advancing medical diagnostics. Through the utilization of sophisticated algorithms and imaging techniques, this project aims to revolutionize the early detection and accurate diagnosis of brain tumors. By leveraging machine learning models trained on diverse datasets encompassing various tumor types, sizes, and locations, the system demonstrates potential in providing timely and precise assessments, thereby enhancing patient outcomes.

This project underscores the significance of interdisciplinary collaboration between medical professionals, data scientists, and technologists. The fusion of medical expertise with cutting-edge technology allows for the creation of robust models capable of interpreting intricate patterns within MRI scans, leading to more efficient and reliable tumor identification. Moreover, the ethical considerations surrounding patient data privacy, model transparency, and validation against clinical standards have been integral throughout the project's development.

Ultimately, this initiative strives not only to augment the accuracy and efficiency of brain tumor diagnosis but also to pave the way for future innovations in medical imaging and machine learning applications within the realm of healthcare. The potential impact on patient care, coupled with ongoing refinement and validation, positions this project as a significant contribution to the ever-evolving landscape of medical technology.

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