

Deep Learning and Chest X-ray Image-Based Tuberculosis Detection

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Abstract— This review of the literature explores the deep learning methodologies for the interpretation of thorax x-ray images with the aim of tuberculosis (TB) detection. As tuberculosis continues to remain a major worldwide health concern, sophisticated diagnostic methods are essential for enabling early and precise identification. By utilizing deep learning's skills for image processing, scientists have looked at creative ways to improve tuberculosis detection by automatically interpreting images from thorax x-rays. This literature survey provides a summary of the latest research, methods used, and challenges faced in the relationship between medical imaging and TB detection techniques. The synthesis of the body of literature aims to draw focus on the successes, identify gaps in our understanding, and pave the way for future discoveries in this crucial field.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Applying AI to precisely and early diagnose diseases has gained a lot of attention due to recent advancements in DL and medical imaging techniques. As a persistent global health concern, tuberculosis (TB) requires novel strategies for prompt diagnosis and treatment. The current literature review explores the changing field of tuberculosis (TB) detection, with particular focus on the use of DL methods and chest X-ray pictures. When paired with artificial intelligence, medical imaging can significantly increase the success rate of public health initiatives, expedite the detection of TB patients, and enhance diagnostic precision. This survey examines existing practices, and prospective future approaches regarding DL and other methods in conjunction with thorax x-rays to diagnose TB.

II. METHODOLOGIES

Exploring how artificial intelligence and ML techniques may be utilized to detect TB. Numerous studies are investigating various methods for using AI

and ML in TB detection. Here are a couple of more prevalent approaches to identifying tuberculosis:

A. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs):

CNNs are often employed in image-based tuberculosis detection from chest X-rays. They can automatically identify whether a picture is TB-positive or negative according to its qualities.

B. Deep Learning Models:

Through the usage of ML techniques, deep learning teaches computers how humans naturally learn by doing. A crucial component of autonomous vehicles is DL, which allows them to discern between a lamppost and a pedestrian or to detect stop signs. In consumer electronics like phones, tablets, TVs, and hands-free speakers, it is the secret to voice control. DL has garnered a great deal of attention lately, and rightfully so. It is producing results that hadn't been possible before. To train models, multiple layer neural network topologies with a significant amount of labeled data are utilized.

C. ResNet-50:

ResNet-50 is a 50-layer neural network developed by Microsoft Research in 2015 in order to recognize images. Its innovation lies in using "shortcuts" between layers, allowing more efficient learning and solving the issue of information loss in very deep networks. These shortcuts, known as residual connections, help prevent the "vanishing gradient problem" while improving the model's ability to deeply understand images, making it a widely used and powerful tool in image classification tasks.

D. Ensemble Learning:

ML method that combines the predictions made by several other models to offer a prediction that is more reliable and more precise than any individual models could generate alone. The theory underlying ensemble learning is that several models' predictions can counter balance one another and produce a prediction that is more accurate overall.

E. Support Vector Machines (SVM):

SVMs are used for TB detection, particularly in scenarios with structured data or when dealing with high-dimensional data.

F. Reinforcement Learning (RL):

To optimize treatment regimens or resource allocation, RL techniques can be employed in lieu of direct detection in tuberculosis management.

III. LITERATURE SURVEY

We reviewed the current surveys available on tuberculosis detection by Abdul Sattar *et al.* [1] suggested ResNet50 neural network architecture in the paper can be applied to determine tuberculosis patterns in chest X-ray pictures. In both the validation and test sets, this technique obtains an exceptional overall classification accuracy of more than 99.5 percent. For classification, the SVM algorithm produces the greatest outcomes.

Nizar Banu P. K. *et al.* [2] give a method for identifying lung tuberculosis in X-ray pictures. The research uses pre-processing methods, including Gaussian and median filters to remove noise, with an emphasis on lowering diagnostic waiting times and providing second views for patients. Watershed and gray level segmentation are two segmentation methods that concentrate on the pulmonary area and extract statistical data derived from the region of interest. Classification methods like the KNN classifier show promise with an 80% accuracy rate.

Arief Purnama Muharram *et al.* [3] The procedure entails pre-processing images, finding anomalies, and producing reports. The input photographs are divided into thirds and resized during the picture pre-processing step. DL techniques are used to discover anomalies. For every anomaly discovered, the report creation process chooses the relevant pre-written statement.

Jimmy Lay *et al.* [4] The proposed multimodal ensemble model, which incorporates patient demographics and images, is very accurate in diagnosing pulmonary tuberculosis. Both the unimodal model and the prior cutting-edge multimodal model are outperformed by the new model. EfficientNet is applied in the method for image classification, whereas XGBoost is applied for the categorization of demographic factors. The effectiveness of the suggested methodology is confirmed by tests carried out using a dataset from Indonesia's Murni Teguh Memorial Hospital.

Vasundhara Acharya *et al.* [5] A normalization-free network was employed in a DL model to identify and categorize tuberculosis (TB) in chest X-rays. High AUC, sensitivity, specificity, and accuracy were attained by the model for both binary and multiclass TB classifications.

The chest X-ray regions that are suggestive of tuberculosis were visualized using the Score-CAM technique.

Daniel Capellan-Martin *et al.* [6] A lightweight deep CNN called LightTbNet is intended to identify tuberculosis in chest X-ray pictures. It requires less processing power and fewer parameters to attain accuracy equivalent to other state-of-the-art systems.

Sergio Fabián *et al.* [7] A method that is non-invasive for detecting and tracking pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) is EBC analysis. Certain lipids, lipoarabinomannan lipoglycan, and proteins linked to Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb) are located in the EBC. samples from TB patients. The capacity to differentiate TB cases from controls is made possible by these indications. The EBC-based method demonstrated promise in tracking treatment outcomes and accelerating tuberculosis clinical diagnosis. Compared to conventional sputum testing, EBC analysis is noninvasive, quicker, and less expensive.

Vasundhara Acharya *et al.* [8], The findings that stood out in the research are the outcomes generated by the AI Neural-Network model when working with datasets. The study also showed how well SVM using GoogLeNet, ResNet, and VggNet features work together in ensemble models when atlas-based lung segmentation is used. The survey also acknowledged the application of ML to diagnose tuberculosis from CT scans, mentioned the objective of developing the best learning models for COVID-19 identification, and mentioned the varied sensitivity of Mycobacteria detection.

Vo Trong Quang Huy *et al.* [8], The CBAMWDnet model blends the greatest attributes of Wide Dense Net (WDnet) and the Module for Convolutional Block Attention (CBAM) to diagnose TB in x-ray pictures. It shows outstanding results with regards to accuracy, generalization across datasets, and training efficiency. Combined with improved classification performance and the acquisition of contextual and spatial information, this approach greatly enhances ML for tuberculosis identification in medical picture analysis. Shota Ichikawa *et al.* [9] showcase a programme that utilises ML software for precise CXR-image evaluation. This software excels at recognizing lung field defects and obstacle shadows. By combining algorithms for semantic segmentation and semantic classification, the MATLAB software quickly and accurately determines whether to retake chest X-ray pictures. Abobaker Mohammed Qasem F. *et al.* [10], The HDLA provides an improved method for classifying lung diseases. By combining powerful CNNs, machine learning classifiers, and pre-processing techniques, the HDLA significantly outperforms state-of-the-art methods with regards to overall accuracy, gaining 3.1%, and computational

complexity, saving 16.91%. The pre-processing steps of the algorithm's methodology include contrast adjustment, Wiener filtering, and histogram equalization. The pre-trained ResNet50 model is utilized to extract features, and numerous classifiers are employed for classification.

Zaid Ibni Farooq *et al.* [11] A suggested model that looked like a convolutional network and used genetic algorithms and GANs was able to identify tuberculosis from CXR-pictures with 80% accuracy. Accuracy was significantly enhanced by the InfoGAN and genetic algorithm hyper parameter tweaking. The study, preparing images, testing, and model training were all part of the technique, which was compared to a convolutional network. Research on CNNs for TB screening, computer-aided diagnosis, and DL in lung image analysis were also mentioned.

Christopher S. Ealand *et al.* [12] Although less intrusive than sputum samples, tongue swabs are less sensitive when used to diagnose tuberculosis. Growth supplements have boosted tongue swab sensitivity, but overall diagnostic performance is still below expectations. The tongue swab's performance was evaluated by an extensive analysis that made use of a range of scientific techniques and statistical analysis. The distinction between the outcomes of sputum sample and the tongue swab was brought to light by the McNemar test, which supported this conclusion.

Obaid Alotaibi *et al.* [13] The paper examines the most recent methods for removing common problems such as duplicates, outliers, missing values, and irrelevant data from large data streams. It explores a range of cleaning methods, such as AI, ML, DL, and statistical approaches, and it emphasizes the difficulties and potential paths ahead in this field. The paper highlights the significance of real-time big data stream cleaning because of its enormous volume and variety of formats. It also provides a thorough literature review, identifying common problems with data cleaning and talking about the field's upcoming paths and challenges. The systematic literature review is completed utilising the PRISMA framework, and pertinent research can be found in four databases: IEEE Xplore, ACM Library, Scopus, and ScienceDirect.

Mallikarjuna Chandrappa *et al.* [14] The paper presents a DL model, DLH_COVID, for the categorization of CXR using COVID-19.

The model succeeds in 96% accuracy in detecting COVID-19 cases. A web application according to the model is being developed to facilitate rapid COVID-19 diagnosis.

Satoshi Anai *et al.* [16] DL models can predict fatal pneumonia with moderate accuracy using CXR images. Their effectiveness is on par with that of respiratory doctors. Their effectiveness is on par with that of respiratory doctors. These models could assist in the severity assessment of pneumonia patients.

Eman Showkatian *et al.* [17] Utilizing transfer learning, deep CNNs can accurately detect tuberculosis (TB) in chest radiography images. Pre-trained CNN models such as Exception, ResNet50, and VGG16 perform well in TB detection. Image augmentation techniques and transfer of knowledge improves classification accuracy.

Beanbonyka Rim *et al.* [18] In order to increase the precision of computer-aided diagnostic systems for the classification of lung disorders on chest X-ray pictures, the study suggests a deep learning technique utilising transfer learning. The method was trained and evaluated on publicly available benchmark datasets and achieved high performance. The suggested approach might enhance the identification of lung diseases.

James Devasia *et al.* [19] A DL model using transfer of knowledge and EfficientNetB4 architecture was developed to accurately classify tuberculosis abnormalities in chest radiography images. 1,312 chest X-ray pictures from the dataset were used to train the algorithm from 837 patients and evaluated on an external test set. Grad-CAM visualization was used to localize tuberculosis manifestations in the X-ray images.

Mr. P. A. Kamble *et al.* [20] A MATLAB-based technique for image processing to identify tuberculosis (TB) in CXR images is presented. In order to distinguish between normal and aberrant CXRs with TB symptoms, the method entails segmentation, preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification.

The framework has demonstrated promising results in TB detection. Dipali Himmatrao Patil *et al.* [21], This survey examines the progress made in identifying tuberculosis through chest X-ray images. The article offers a model called Scale Attention-Based Densenet with

Extreme Learning Machine (MAD ELM), which achieves an impressive accuracy of 94.2% in detecting tuberculosis. Lindiwe M. Faye *et al.* [22] A study on *M. tuberculosis* strains in the rural Eastern Cape Province of South Africa revealed a high prevalence of drug-resistant mutations, genetic diversity, and dominance of the Beijing family. Targeted interventions and continuous surveillance are needed to control drug-resistant tuberculosis.

Salma Sultana *et al.* [23] Classification of lung diseases from chest X-ray pictures using DL models. It's critical to diagnose and recognize lung problems as quickly as feasible. Utilizing a deep CNN is the most popular approach. In contrast to other popular CNN models, the suggested CNN model performs comparably. The suggested CNN model is quite accurate at identifying lung conditions like COVID-19.

Andayan *et al.* [24] suggest use X-ray pictures to determine tuberculosis disease using a computer system. At an average of 96% accuracy, the system uses the technique of a PNN. Feature extraction, pre-processing images, and PNN-based identification are all part of the method. The findings indicate the approach to diagnosing tuberculosis is successful.

The validity of two methods that apply CNN to patient n 11% detection rate in the study. The concordance study between the buccal swab PCR and sputum smear examination shows poor agreement, suggesting that the buccal swab PCR method might not be as successful in diagnosing pulmonary tuberculosis.

Tawsifur Rahman *et al.* [28] implement an innovative approach to tuberculosis detection that makes use of segmentation, visualization, and deep learning methods. The study shows that segmented lung pictures perform better in tuberculosis detection than entire X-ray image-based categorization. With its excellent F1-score, specificity, accuracy, precision, and sensitivity, the recommended approach is a viable tool for a quicker diagnosis of tuberculosis.

Hyo Min Lee *et al.* [30] The paper "TB Detection Using Thorax X-ray Image Classification by Deep Learning" puts forth a deep learning-based model for TB detection making use of thorax X-ray images. Higher recall, precision, accuracy, and f1-scores are attained by the model in classifying tuberculosis in multiple datasets. It is predicated on the mechanism of attention of the VGG16 and VGG19 models. The application of DL algorithms improves the efficacy of TB detection by reducing the need for expert analysis

chest X-ray images to detect pulmonary tuberculosis is examined by Michael Norval, Zenghui Wang, *et al.* [25]. The study examines various picture pre-processing techniques and suggests a hybrid strategy that combines DCNN and computer-assisted detection (CAD). Using the hybrid technique, the required portion or resolution is taken out of the pictures and sent into the DCNN to enable it to be trained. By removing superfluous features and data, this method seeks to decrease overfitting and increase accuracy.

Hrshikesh Viswanath *et al.* [26] To incorporate human bias into machine learning models, the article suggests a crowdsourcing-based technique. The authors demonstrate that ML models can extract more precise and representative insights from the underlying population by gathering human views on the significance of various features in a dataset. The efficiency of ML models on binary classification problems can be effectively enhanced by using this method.

Mycobacterium TB can be detected using the PCR method on buccal mucosa samples, as examined by Reiska Kumala Bakti *et al.* [27]. Unlike traditional AFB and culture investigation techniques, which failed in identifying the bacteria, PCR demonstrated

and fine-tuning.

Leila Heidari *et al.* [31] The study "Segmentation Performance Comparison Considering Regional Characteristics in Chest X-ray Using Deep Learning" explores the impact of regional characteristics on the efficiency of DL-based rib segmentation in chest X-ray images. Results show lateral ribs outperform medial ribs by 6-7% in segmentation accuracy, emphasizing the need for regional considerations in rib segmentation algorithms.

Siva Kumar *et al.* [33] employ an innovative method for using processed chest X-ray images and various ML techniques to diagnose lung illnesses. Pneumothorax, viral pneumonia, COVID-19 pneumonia, and healthy cases fall under the lung disorders that are reliably classified using the DL method that the authors suggest. The suggested architectural design achieves an overall classification success rate of 99% using a reliable dataset of 4731 chest x-ray images, demonstrating its utility as a means of diagnosis for medical professionals.

S. Zainab Yousuf Zaidi *et al.* [34] Using chest X-ray pictures, a DL system is suggested for the

categorization of respiratory ailments. The system attains an overall classification accuracy of 99% after being trained on a dataset of 4731 chest X-ray pictures. It is demonstrated that the framework is useful for categorizing lung disorders into four groups: viral pneumonia, COVID-19 pneumonia, pneumothorax, and healthy patients.

Raghav Sharma *et al.* [35] A novel DL model is suggested for the detection of TB in chest X-rays. The NIH CXR dataset, which included 112,120 frontal chest X-ray pictures labeled with 14 different symptoms, was employed to provide guidance to the model. The model outperformed previous techniques, attaining more accuracy and F1 scores. Apart from classifying CXR images as either healthy or TB-infected, the model has the capability to further sub classify infected images based on TB-specific features and group CXR images according to the presentations of thoracic diseases. As a tool for diagnosing pneumonia, the model outperformed radiologists' mean F1 score as well.

Madlen Nash *et al.* [36], which helped us understand the performance degree of the qXR DL software. The precision of diagnosing tuberculosis in a medical setting is mediocre focusing in particular on cases confirmed through microbiological testing. Noteworthy accomplishments of the software include an AUC (area under the curve) value of 0.81, a sensitivity rate of 71%, and a specificity rate of 80% for detecting PTB (tuberculosis).

Keelin M *et al.* [37] The accuracy of qXR, a DL program, in diagnosing pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) in a tertiary care context with a high pretest risk of PTB was assessed. The program showed good accuracy in identifying important anomalies associated to PTB and obtained an AUC of 0.81 for microbiologically verified PTB. The research indicates that in primary care locations without easy access to radiologists, qXR may play a more significant role as a triage diagnostic for PTB.

IV. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the primary emphasis of this literature review is on using DL methods to analyze chest x-ray pictures so as to detect tuberculosis (TB). As a global health concern, the paper highlights the urgent desire to create improved methods of diagnosis for the precise and prompt recognition of TB. Chest X-ray pictures are analyzed by applying DL methods like

ResNet-50 and CNNs to identify if the pictures are positive or negative for tuberculosis. Notable achievements include high TB detection rates utilizing ML algorithms in terms of precision, sensitivity, and specificity. The study highlights how vital it is to advance diagnostic techniques to be able to recognize TB a global health concern, and to offer a prompt and reliable diagnosis

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