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ABSTRACT

Rice leaf diseases are a type of plant diseases affecting the leaves of rice crops, causing various kinds of crop damage. These diseases may have major financial effects, hurting both rice quality and production. Using a dataset taken from Kaggle, this paper gives an in-depth review of various deep learning methods for the identification of rice leaf diseases. The dataset contains four target attributes: Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro, using image counts of 2368, 1820, 1584, and 1440, respectively. InceptionV3, ResNet101, ResNet50, VGG19, CNN01, and CNN02 are among the algorithms being tested. With a result of 99.10% accuracy, our proposed CNN01 comes out as the highest performer, showing its ability in capturing difficult illness patterns. InceptionV3 and CNN02 perform effectively, with 99.06% and 98.96%, respectively, showing the efficiency of deep residual networks. VGG19, ResNet50, and ResNet101 had lower accuracies, indicating that they may be limited in their capacity to identify complex characteristics. The findings aid in making informed decisions about the algorithm to use according to the differences between accuracy, clarity, and processing resources.

Keywords: *Rice leaf diseases, Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, Tungro, Crop diseases, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Agricultural research*

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Rice, as an essential meal for more than half of the world's population, is essential for ensuring food security. The growing of this important crop is continually challenged by several kinds of diseases, which can have a major impact on productivity and quality. The use of deep learning methods, especially convolutional neural networks (CNNs), for automating the detection and treatment of rice leaf diseases is one promising method for solving these issues. The proposed deep learning methodology tries to change formed disease diagnosis methods by giving a cheaper and proper answer [1].

Improvements in computer vision and deep learning have shown remarkable success in various kinds of sectors including agriculture, in recent years. Deep learning models' ability to extract detailed patterns and features from photos makes them suitable for applications such as crop disease diagnosis. This suggested method focuses especially on the identification of rice leaf diseases, including common illnesses such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro. The goal is to design a robust and flexible system capable of properly recognizing diseases early in their development by leveraging advanced CNN architectures and personalized techniques [2].

The importance of disease detection technology in rice agriculture cannot be highlighted. Early detection allows for rapid response, allowing farmers to take preventive steps and reduce crop losses. The proposed strategy takes seriously the practical issues of agriculture, with the goal of delivering a solution that is not only accurate but also user-friendly for farmers and agricultural specialists. This deep learning approach aims to contribute to sustainable agriculture practices by using image augmentation, effective model selection, and continuous monitoring, enabling enhanced crop resilience and global food security. As we go more into the complexities of this proposed methodology, the potential influence on rice farming becomes clear, indicating a huge step forward towards a technologically-driven and data-centric approach to crop disease management.

1.2 Motivation

The necessity to change and improve global rice production drives the need for creating a deep learning system for detecting rice leaf diseases. Traditional disease identification methods in crops frequently rely on manual examination, resulting in delayed reactions and significant output losses. We hope to deliver an automated and accurate solution for quickly identifying diseases such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro in rice plants by using the power of deep learning. Because of the basic difficulties of leaf diseases, an in-depth approach is required, and deep learning models have shown exceptional capabilities in picture identification and pattern detection. Timely detection using automated systems can provide farmers with meaningful insights, allowing for prompt actions and, ultimately, improving crop health. As the world struggles to feed an expanding population, this proposed deep learning approach proposes contributing to sustainable agriculture by improving disease management practices, reducing reliance on manual labor, and ensuring global food security through advanced, based rice cultivation solutions.

1.3 Rationale of the Study

The provided deep learning strategy for identifying rice leaf disease is motivated by the need to address pressing issues in modern agriculture. Traditional illness detection procedures are frequently costly, time-consuming, and sensitive to human error, resulting in delayed disease management measures. This project aims to use deep learning, primarily convolutional neural networks (CNNs), to increase the efficiency and accuracy of disease detection in rice plants. The suggested strategy, which employs advanced computer vision techniques, wants to overcome the limits of manual inspection and provide a speedy and automated solution for detecting common rice leaf diseases such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro. The report acknowledges the growing global demand for sustainable and high-yield agriculture practices. The proposed approach aims to improve crop health, reduce output losses, and increase overall agricultural output by providing farmers with a dependable tool for early disease identification. This research contributes to the larger goal of using technology to move agriculture into a new era of accuracy and efficiency, assuring food safety in the face of growing environmental and demographic problems.

1.4 Research Question

i. How can deep learning architectures, such as CNNs, be optimized for accurate detection of Brown Spot in rice leaves?
ii. What role does image augmentation play in improving the accuracy of a deep learning model for rice leaf disease detection?
iii. How does the choice of pre-trained models (e.g., InceptionV3, ResNet50) impact the overall performance of the proposed approach in detecting Bacterial Blight?
iv. To what extent can custom CNN architectures, like CNN01 and CNN02, outperform established models in identifying Blast in rice plants?
v. What is the impact of data imbalance, specifically the limited instances of Tungro, on the model's ability to accurately classify this particular disease?

1.5 Expected output

The proposed deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf diseases is likely to have a wide-ranging influence on agricultural practices. Firstly, the method seeks to provide accurate and speedy identification of common diseases in rice plants such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro. The model is expected to deliver accurate classifications by using powerful convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and customized architectures, allowing early intervention measures for farmers. The system's robustness will be improved by strategic data augmentation approaches, which will ensure flexibility to real-world differences in lighting and scenery. Furthermore, the farmer-friendly interface is projected to improve accessibility by enabling easy integration into existing agricultural processes. The successful use of this deep learning approach has the potential to transform disease management strategies, reducing yield losses and ultimately leading to greater productivity and food safety. The model's performance is expected to be sustained over time through continuous monitoring and regular upgrades, guided by the dynamic character of agricultural illnesses.

1.6 Project Management and Finance

Project management and financing are critical to the success and long-term viability of the proposed deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf diseases. Efficient project management necessitates difficult planning, resource allocation, and dedication to deadlines. Data collection, processing, model construction, and evaluation all need systematic coordination, which is directed by a specialized project manager. To resolve difficulties quickly and keep the project on schedule, regular progress reports and agile approaches will be used. Financial considerations include hardware resources, software licenses, and prospective data collecting and augmentation fees. Investing in high-performance computing infrastructure for model training and providing user-friendly interfaces can be costly. Furthermore, accounting for frequent upgrades, ongoing monitoring, and potential growth to satisfy changing needs is part of financial sustainability. Strategic financial management assures the project's long-term viability, creating a dependable and effective tool for rice producers while connecting with larger agricultural sustainability aims.

TABLE 1.1: Project management table

Work	**Time**
Data Collection	1 month
Papers and Articles Review	3 month
Experimental Setup	1 month
Implementation	1 month
Report Writing	2 month
Total	8 month

1.7 Report Layout

- Introduction
- Background
- Research Methodology
- Experimental Result and Discussion
- Impact on Society, Environment
- Summary, Conclusion, Future Research
- Reference

CHAPTER 2

BACKGROUND STUDY

2.1 Preliminaries

Foundational steps are critical in the early phases of building a deep learning technique for detecting rice leaf diseases because they create the platform for a successful deployment. Initial responsibilities involve conducting extensive literature studies to better understand existing approaches, advances, and obstacles in crop disease detection. At the same time, data collecting and curation, which include gathering a broad and well-labeled dataset comprising occurrences of rice leaf diseases, provide the foundation of model training. Furthermore, an in-depth examination of various deep learning architectures such as InceptionV3, ResNet101, ResNet50, VGG19, and proposed custom architectures (CNN01, CNN02) is carried out in order to determine the best model for the specific job at hand. The selection of suitable tests, taking into account factors such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, is also an important first step in ensuring robust model performance assessment. These initial stages chart the course for following phases, directing the design and implementation of the deep learning model. The proposed approach gives hope for success in its mission to improve rice leaf disease detection by laying a solid foundation of comprehensive literature study, meticulous data preparation, and thoughtful model selection.

2.2 Related Works

The literature review for this study will introduce previous variations on rice leaf disease detection and categorization by various scholars. To determine the type of rice leaf disease, it is necessary to differentiate the crop species. as a lot of study has been done in this field. I studied a few study papers in order to determine the methods and approaches they used:

B. S. Bari et al [1] focused on the significant risk that rice leaf diseases provide to global rice production and the need for early detection for sustainable agriculture and food security. Traditional methods for diagnosing these disorders have been attacked for being difficult, not accurate, and costly, causing the increased use of computer-assisted solutions. The work offers a Faster R-CNN algorithm that solves limitations such as image background complexities, confusing symptoms, and changes in capture settings, showing its usefulness in real-time detection of specific rice leaf illnesses with high accuracy.

S. K. Upadhyay et al. [2] highlighted the importance of agriculture in the Indian economy, particularly rice cultivation, and the significant economic losses caused by rice crop diseases. Plant pathologists have been searching for accurate and reliable detection methods for rice plant diseases, which caused the study of machine learning methods in crop remote sensing. This study gives to the improving scenery by showing an efficient rice plant disease detection method based on convolutional neural networks, with a focus on the detection of three popular diseases—leaf smut, brown spot, and bacterial leaf blight—via analysis of the size, shape, and color of spots in leaf images. The proposed model, which uses Otsu's global thresholding methodology for picture binarization, achieves an amazing accuracy of 99.7%, better than previous plant disease recognition methods.

S. Bhattacharya et al. [3] highlighted the critical importance of fast and exact plant disease analysis for improving crop quality and output, as well as the need for automated solutions to reduce costs and errors without depending on expert analysis. The difficulties in manually finding particular characteristics for different crop diseases using image processing and machine learning technologies are acknowledged. The study helps by proposing a convolutional neural network (CNN) framework, a deep learning approach, for the automatic classification of three common rice leaf diseases: bacterial blight, blast, and brown mark, with notable accuracies of 94% for separating between healthy and diseased leaves and 78.44% for classifying different diseased rice leaves.

F. Jiang et al. [4] focused on using deep learning and support vector machine (SVM) technologies for increased pattern recognition. This study provides by combining CNNs for removing features from rice leaf disease images with the SVM method for classification and prediction, with the goal of improving accuracy. The optimal parameters for the SVM model are identified using 10-fold cross-validation, and the experimental results show a commendable average correct recognition rate of 96.8%, compared to traditional back propagation neural network models and creating a promising avenue for crop disease diagnosis by deep learning.

N. Thai-Nghe et al. [5] addressed the problem by displaying a mobile device-based deep learning technique to identify rice leaf disease using EfficientNet-b7 and transfer learning from a pre-trained model on ImageNet. The suggested model, based on 1790 photos, achieves a significant 95% validation accuracy and is further integrated in an Android application, giving a practical and efficient solution for farmers in the field with a 1.7-second detection and treatment process.

Sethu Madhavi Rallapalli et al. [6] provided M-Net, an improved CNN architecture modified from AlexNet that is specifically designed for helpful plant disease identification and classification, achieving an interesting 71% accuracy and compared to benchmarked state-of-the-art deep learning models on plant disease datasets from sources such as Kaggle and UCI Machine Learning Repository.

Md Taimur Ahad et al. [7] covered that gap by comparing six CNN-based architectures and using transfer learning and ensemble methods, showing the success of a combined framework with 98% accuracy and a 17% accuracy improvement through transfer learning in detecting and modifying nine major rice diseases in Bangladesh. The encouraging results highlight the possibility of deep CNN models in real-time agricultural systems, with major implications for farmers in detecting and handling rice illnesses in real time to protect productivity and quality.

G. Latif et al. [8] addressed the problem by proposing a Deep Convolutional Neural Network (DCNN) transfer learning approach, especially an improved VGG19-based method, for correctly identifying and classification of six distinct rice leaf diseases, getting a high average accuracy of 96.08% and better than similar approaches in the literature.

J. Chen et al. [9] Discussed the application of deep learning as an option for the fast, automatic, affordable, and exact detection of rice illnesses. The proposed approach exceeds current techniques by using DenseNet101 pre-trained on ImageNet-v2 and using Inception modules, getting an impressive average predicting accuracy of 94.07% in a public dataset and reaching 98.63% accuracy for multiple diseases in the class for rice disease images.

Y. Lu et al.[10] Contributed to the body of knowledge by providing a novel approach to detect rice diseases based on deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and using a dataset of 500 natural images capturing both ill and healthy rice leaves and stems from experimental fields. The CNNs-based model achieves a remarkable accuracy of 95.48% when trained using a 10-fold cross-validation process, outperforming typical machine learning models and confirming the viability and efficacy of the suggested method for rice disease identification.

K. Kiratiratanapruk et al.[11] Included to the field by using convolutional neural networks (CNNs), including well-known pre-trained models such as Faster R-CNN, RetinaNet50, YOLOv3, and Mask RCNN, to detect and identify six major varieties of rice diseases, with YOLOv3 achieving the highest accuracy at a mean average precision of 79.19%, while highlighting the comparative performances of other models in rice disease detection and classification.

K. Ahmed et al.[12] Addressed the issue by presenting a machine learning-based rice leaf disease detection system that achieves excellent outcomes, with the Decision Tree algorithm achieving an accuracy of over 97% after 10-fold cross-validation on test datasets with leaf smut, bacterial leaf blight, and brown spot diseases.

S. Ramesh and D. Vydeki et al. [13] used the Jaya algorithm to detect and categorize rice leaf diseases with an optimized deep neural network. The suggested approach is better than other techniques such as ANN, DAE, and DNN in terms of precision, with accuracy ranging from 90.57% for normal leaf photos to 98.9% for blast-affected images, showing its effectiveness in disease identification and classification.

P. Kaur et al. [14] Introduced a Modified InceptionResNet-V2 (MIR-V2) CNN model with transfer learning, which showed high accuracy (98.92%) and an impressive F1 score (97.94%) in the classification of seven different tomato leaf diseases, showing the success of the proposed approach in detecting and identifying plant diseases.

2.3 Comparative Analysis and Summary

The suggested deep learning strategy for detecting rice leaf illnesses is compared to a number of model architectures, including InceptionV3, ResNet101, ResNet50, VGG19, CNN01, and CNN02. When different architectures are considered based on criteria such as accuracy, computing efficiency, and adaptation to the given job, unique strengths and limitations arise. The different filter widths of InceptionV3 and the deep residual connections of ResNet101 enable complete feature extraction, but the simplicity of VGG19 and the bespoke designs of CNN01 and CNN02 give flexibility. ResNet50 vs. ResNet101 is a trade-off between depth and computing resources. Model performance is further improved by data augmentation and attention procedures, which ensure adaptation to real-world changes. In summary, the proposed deep learning approach combines lessons from different architectures to develop a personalized solution for detecting rice leaf disease. The strategy aims for optimal accuracy, rapid disease identification, and user-friendly implementation in agricultural settings by utilizing the characteristics of each model. The comparative study directs the approach's improvement, highlighting the need for a diverse and strong system in dealing with the complexity of rice production.

2.4 Scope of the Problem

The suggested deep learning strategy for detecting rice leaf diseases addresses a diverse and major challenge. Rice, an essential grain for a major section of the world's population, is constantly at risk from several illnesses, which can have an influence on both production quantity and quality. The suggested approach addresses the important need for an automated, accurate, and timely means of recognizing common rice leaf diseases such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro. The scope includes revolutionizing established disease identification procedures, which are often time-consuming and costly. The strategy attempts to construct a versatile system capable of effectively categorizing diseases using advanced picture recognition algorithms by harnessing the power of deep learning. The scope of the challenge includes not only the technical components of model building, but also the practical considerations of user-friendly interfaces for farmers, allowing for easy integration into their agricultural activities. This approach's impact extends beyond the area of technology, with the potential to alter agriculture by enabling early disease identification, allowing farmers to conduct immediate actions and minimize crop losses. This endeavor's huge depth is consistent with the larger goal of ensuring global food security and agricultural practices.

2.5 Challenges

The suggested deep learning strategy for detecting rice leaf diseases faces a number of obstacles that must be carefully considered. Firstly, the scarcity of labeled datasets makes it difficult to train models efficiently, especially for rare diseases like Tungro. It is crucial to balance between model complexity and computational resources, especially when implementing in limited resources agricultural contexts. Another problem is resolving illness class imbalance, where certain diseases may have fewer instances than others, impacting the model's capacity to generalize across all classes. The model's flexibility to different environmental conditions, changes in lighting, and backdrop complexities in real-world rice fields adds complexity. Another key problem is ensuring user-friendliness in the interface for farmers with varied levels of technological skill. Overcoming these issues necessitates a complex approach that includes approaches such as transfer learning, data augmentation, and attentive model building. Identifying and overcoming such obstacles is critical for the successful implementation of the suggested deep learning approach and its significant formation into practical agricultural contexts.

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Research Subject and Instrumentation

This study's research topic is the creation and improvement of a deep learning system for the identification of rice leaf diseases. The primary focus is on employing advanced machine learning techniques, especially convolutional neural networks (CNNs), to improve disease identification accuracy and efficiency in rice plants. The topic includes a thorough examination of various CNN designs, such as InceptionV3, ResNet101, ResNet50, and VGG19, as well as custom-designed architectures indicated as CNN01 and CNN02.This study's technology includes the use of high-performance computing resources for training and adjusting deep learning models. The proposed approach will be implemented mostly using open-source deep learning frameworks such as Tensor Flow or PyTorch. Data augmentation strategies, optimization algorithms, and attention methods will all play important roles in improving the model's capacity to capture detailed details in rice leaf images. The equipment also includes the development of a user-friendly interface for practical application, allowing for easy integration into agricultural processes. In essence, the study topic is around the novel application of deep learning in agriculture, and the equipment includes a comprehensive set of computational tools and methodologies required for model development, training, and real-world application.

3.2 Data Collection Procedure

In order to gather information for the deep learning method that will be used to identify rice leaf illnesses, a diversified dataset with 7212 high-resolution photos of rice leaves must first be obtained. Sort the photos into four objective attributes: Images of Brown spot (2368), Bacterial Blight (1584), Blast (1440), and Tungro (1820). To prevent biases, make sure the dataset is well-balanced. Take pictures in a range of lighting scenarios, developmental stages, and sickness levels. Carefully classify the dataset by assigning the appropriate disease category to each image. Put into practice a strong data addition plan to improve model flexibility. The deep learning model for precise and dependable rice leaf disease detection will be developed and assessed using this extensive dataset as a basis. Figure 3.1 shows a few images I've included:

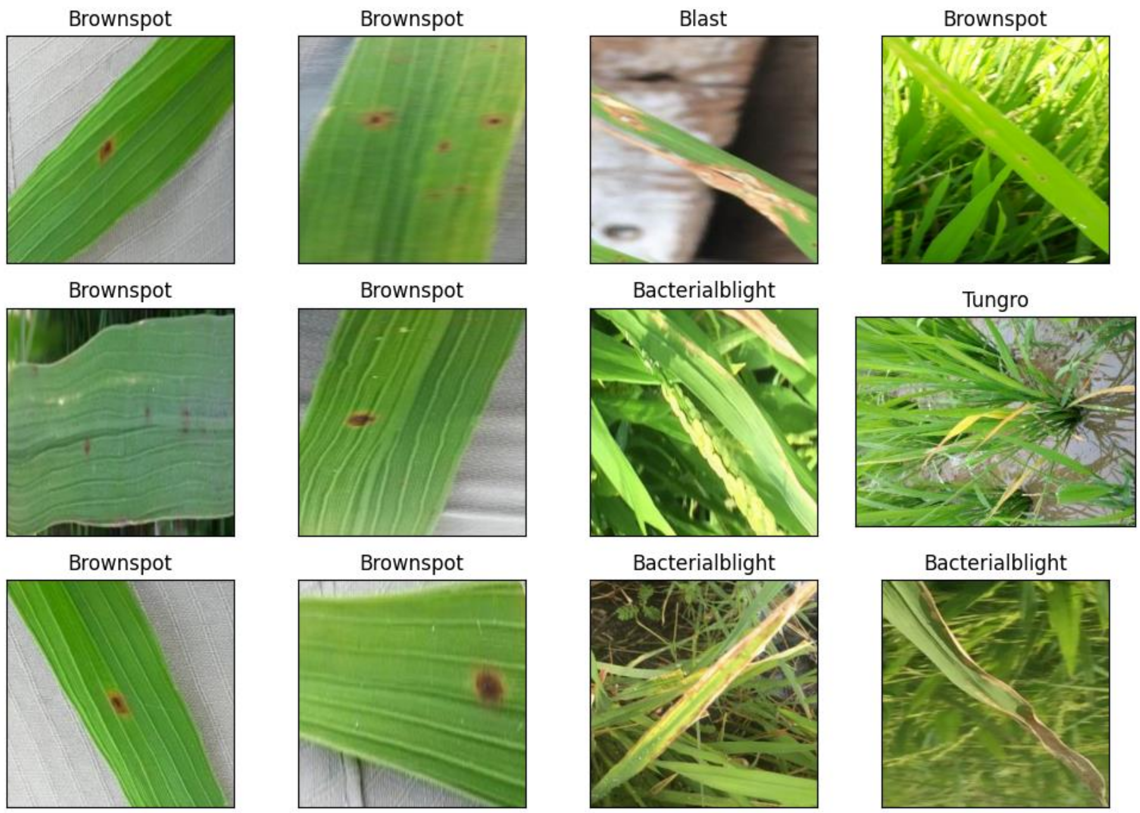

Figure 3.1: Dataset Images

A Kaggle dataset for detecting rice leaf diseases includes four target attributes: Brown Spot (2368 images), Bacterial blight (1584 images), Blast (1440 images), and Tungro (1820 images). The photos are downloaded, explored, and preprocessed during the data gathering process. Examining the distribution of goal attributes, ensuring dataset balance, labeling photos, performing data augmentation, partitioning the dataset, and executing integrity checks are all important processes. The final dataset has been categorized, documented, and is ready for use in training a deep learning model for detecting rice leaf disease. It can be seen in Figure 3.2 down below.

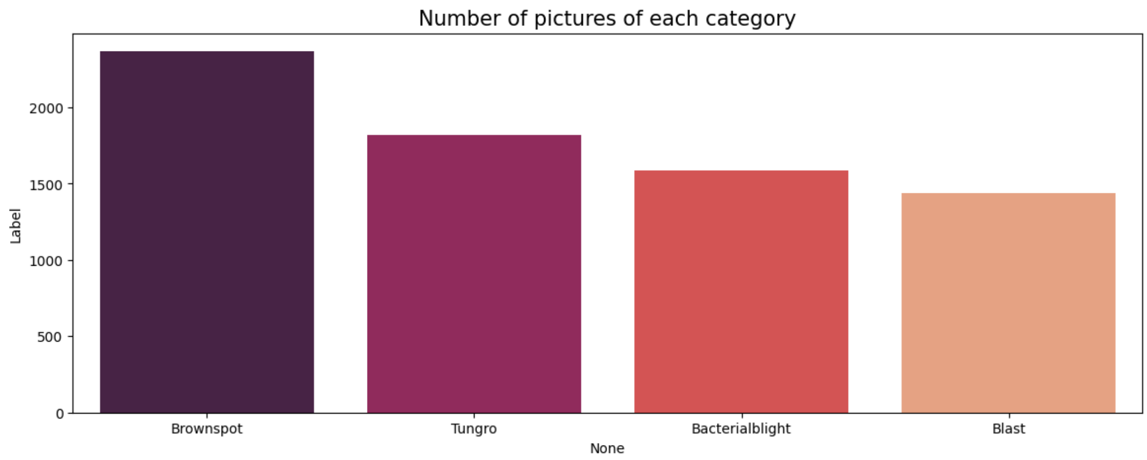

Figure 3.2 Number of target attribute

3.3 Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis phase is critical in the proposed deep learning strategy for detecting rice leaf diseases. To begin, descriptive statistics are used to characterize the dataset, providing information about its size, distribution across classes, and any biases. The investigation goes to assessing the efficiency of data augmentation approaches and estimating the influence on dataset variety. The Kaggle dataset contains photos of rice leaf diseases with four target attributes: Brown Spot (2368 images), Bacterial blight (1584 images), Blast (1440 images), and Tungro (1820 images). Descriptive statistics, class distribution examination, exploratory data analysis (EDA), correlation analysis, image size and quality evaluation, statistical significance tests, feature engineering consideration, data splitting, selection of appropriate evaluation metrics, and model selection and tuning are key steps in statistical analysis. The objective is to obtain ideas into the dataset's properties, understand disease class distributions, study potential correlations, and prepare the data for machine learning or deep learning model training and evaluation. Iterative stages are used to refine the study and ensure transparency and reproducibility of outcomes.

3.4 Proposed Methodology

The technique for detecting Rice Leaf Disease using Deep Learning Approach consists of several major components, each of which is critical to the entire research. Here is a summary of the methodology:

Flow chart:

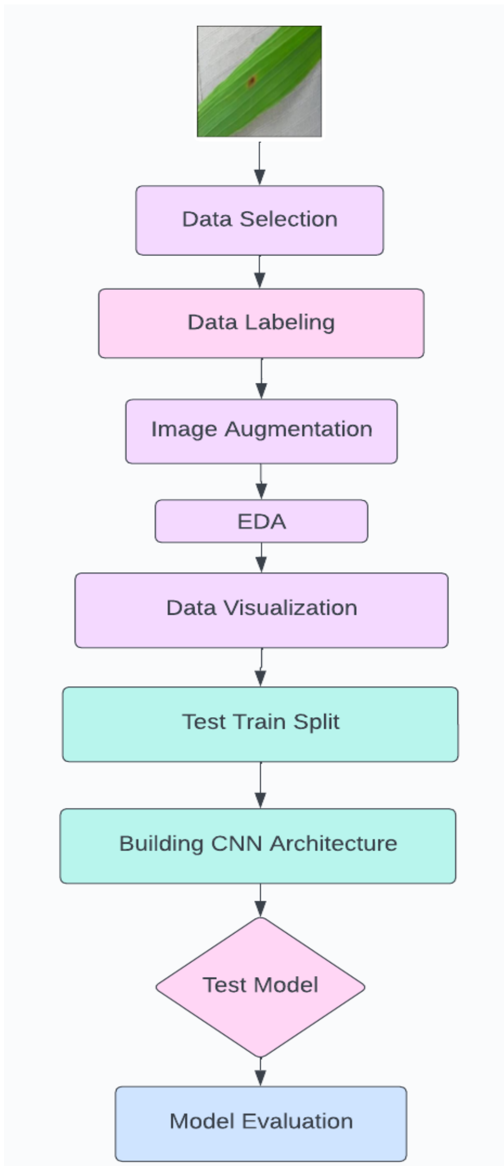

Figure 3.3: Methodology Flowchart

The steps for detecting disease in local rice leaf diseases methodology of Figure 3.3 is described briefly below:

1. Data Selection (Collected from Kaggle):

The dataset used in this study was obtained from Kaggle and includes a broad collection of 7212 rice leaf photos with full descriptions. These images are classified into four target attributes: Brown Spot (2368 images), Bacterial blight (1584 images), Blast (1440 images), and Tungro (1820 images), resulting in a well-labeled dataset for training and evaluating the proposed deep learning approach for rice leaf disease detection.

2. Image augmentation:

Image augmentation is a critical preprocessing procedure used in this work to increase the dataset's diversity. Rotation, flipping, and brightness modifications are used consistently to artificially generate more variations of the rice leaf photos. This augmentation procedure exposes the deep learning model to a wider range of potential scenarios, increasing robustness and enhancing its capacity to generalize to real-world conditions.

Proposing CNN Architecture:

Two proprietary convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures, CNN01 and CNN02, are proposed in this study to solve the special problem of identifying rice leaf illnesses. These designs include layers for feature extraction, collecting, and classification that are optimized to improve the model's ability to recognize and classify diseases in rice plants such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro.

3. Test Train Split:

The dataset is carefully separated into training and testing sets using a typical test-train split ratio, with 80% for training and 20% for testing being a common technique. This partitioning assures that the deep learning model is trained on a significant piece of the data and tested on a separate group, allowing for a precise evaluation of its generalization performance.

Model Selection:

The suggested deep learning approach needs careful model selection by taking into account established models such as 'InceptionV3', 'ResNet101', 'ResNet50', 'VGG19', 'CNN01', 'CNN02'. The selection is based on the specific needs of effectively detecting various rice leaf diseases while balancing model complexity and computing efficiency to ensure optimal performance. Below we are discussing about the used models:

Conventional Neural Network (CNNs):

One family of deep learning models called Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) is specifically made for processing visual data; it excels at recognizing images. CNNs are excellent at extracting structural characteristics from images, thus it makes sense that I chose them for my research article. They are highly suitable for identifying complex patterns linked to diseases in rice leaves because of their capacity to automatically learn and recognize patterns. These networks can identify disease related data accurately and efficiently by utilizing convolutional layers to capture spatial correlations. Because of this, CNNs are a strong option for your suggested deep learning strategy, offering increased precision and reliability in the identification of diseases affecting rice leaves.

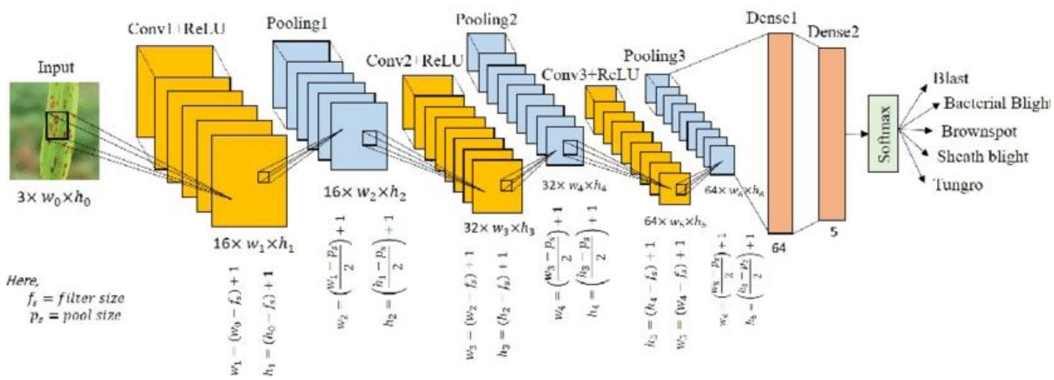

Figure 3.4: Proposed CNN Architecture [26]

InceptionV3:

InceptionV3 is a deep convolutional neural network architecture developed by Google that is noted for its excellent accuracy in picture classification tasks while utilizing few resources. Inception modules for capturing features at multiple scales, factorized convolutions for computational efficiency, auxiliary classifiers to handle the vanishing gradient problem, batch normalization for stabilization, and global average pooling for parameter reduction are among the key features. Through transfer learning, the usage of pre-trained weights from datasets such as ImageNet improves its performance. InceptionV3 achieves a good blend of accuracy and processing efficiency, making it useful for a wide range of computer vision applications. Its modular design and novel characteristics impacted subsequent deep learning models.

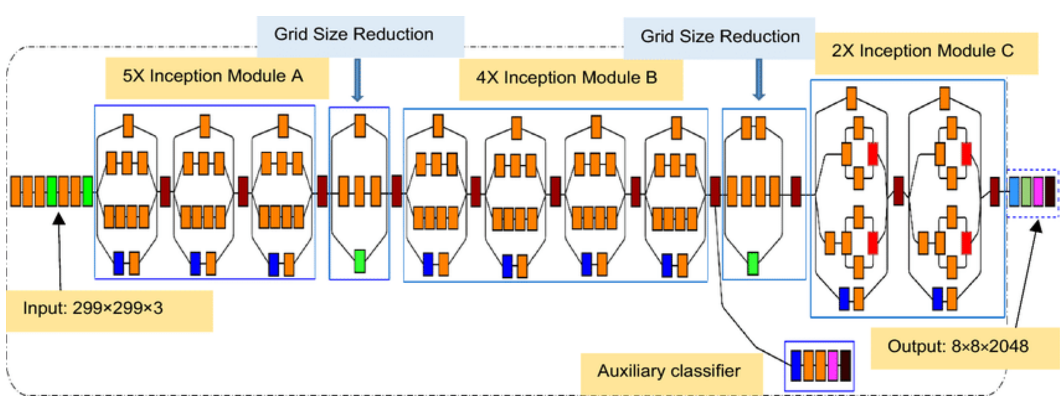

Figure 3.5: Proposed InceptionV3 Architecture [27]

ResNet50:

Microsoft Research introduced ResNet50, a deep convolutional neural network architecture, in 2015. It is part of the ResNet50 family and addresses training deep networks issues by introducing residual or skip connections. Residual blocks with identity shortcuts, an inefficient design with decreased parameters, global average pooling, and deep stacking of 50 layers are among the key characteristics. The architecture effectively mitigates the vanishing gradient problem, allowing very deep neural networks to be trained. ResNet50 is often used with pre-trained weights on datasets such as ImageNet, utilizing transfer learning for increased performance in image classification and object detection. Its success is based on its ability to strike a balance between depth, expressiveness, and computing efficiency.

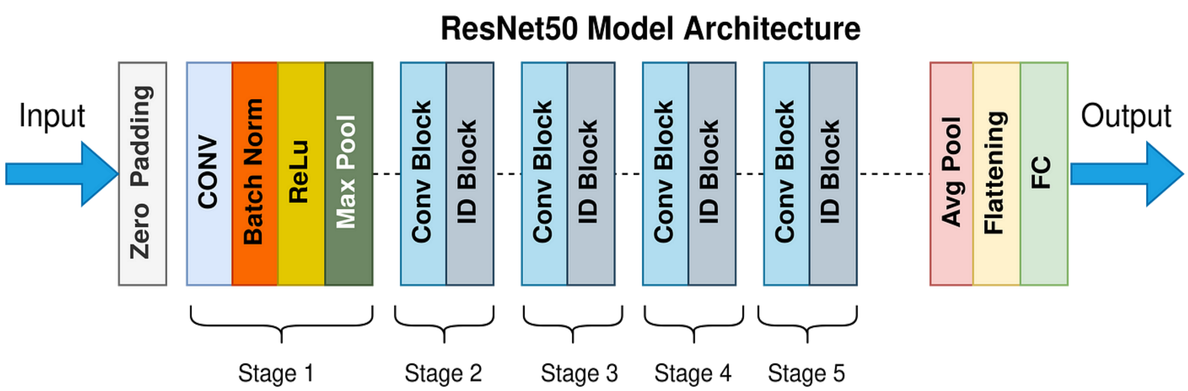

Figure 3.6: Proposed ResNet50 Architecture [28]

ResNet101:

ResNet101 is an expansion of Microsoft Research's ResNet101 architecture designed to overcome issues in training very deep neural networks. It includes residual blocks with identity shortcuts and a bottleneck design, as well as parameters that are reduced for computational efficiency. It outperforms ResNet50 in terms of depth, with 101 layers, boosting its ability to learn complicated characteristics. ResNet101 uses global average pooling and pre-trained weights on datasets such as ImageNet to increase performance in applications such as image classification. The incorporation of batch normalization benefits in speedier training convergence. ResNet101 is commonly used in computer vision applications, particularly when a more complicated model is required for tasks such as image classification, object detection, and segmentation. Its architecture achieves a good blend of depth, expressiveness, and computing efficiency.

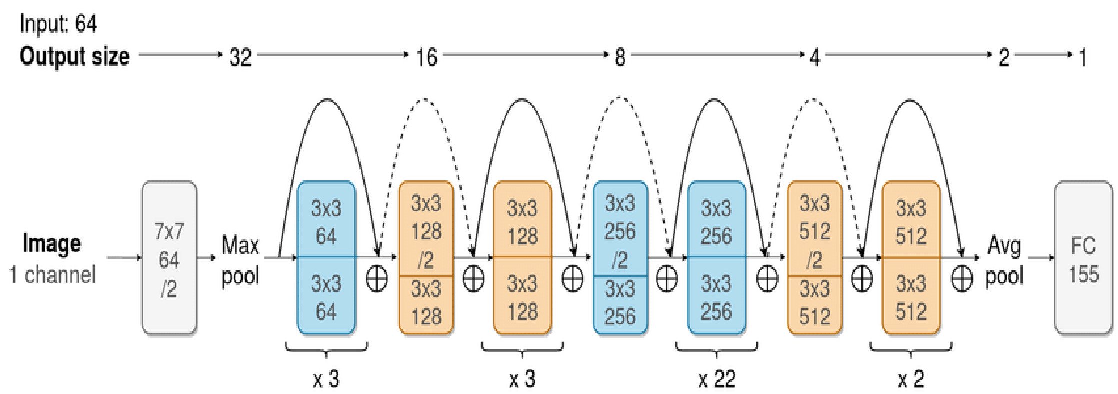

Figure 3.7: Proposed ResNet101 Architecture [29]

VGG19:

VGG19 is a convolutional neural network architecture developed by the University of Oxford's Visual Geometry Group. Its simplicity and homogeneous structure are characterized by 16 convolutional layers, each followed by ReLU activation, and three fully connected layers. The architecture uses a consistent 3x3 convolutional filter size throughout, which promotes consistency. For down sampling, max-pooling layers are used, and the network closes with fully linked layers and a soft max activation for classification. VGG19 is notorious for having a large number of parameters, which causes computational inefficiencies. Despite this, it is commonly employed in image classification applications and frequently uses pre-trained weights on datasets such as ImageNet for transfer learning.

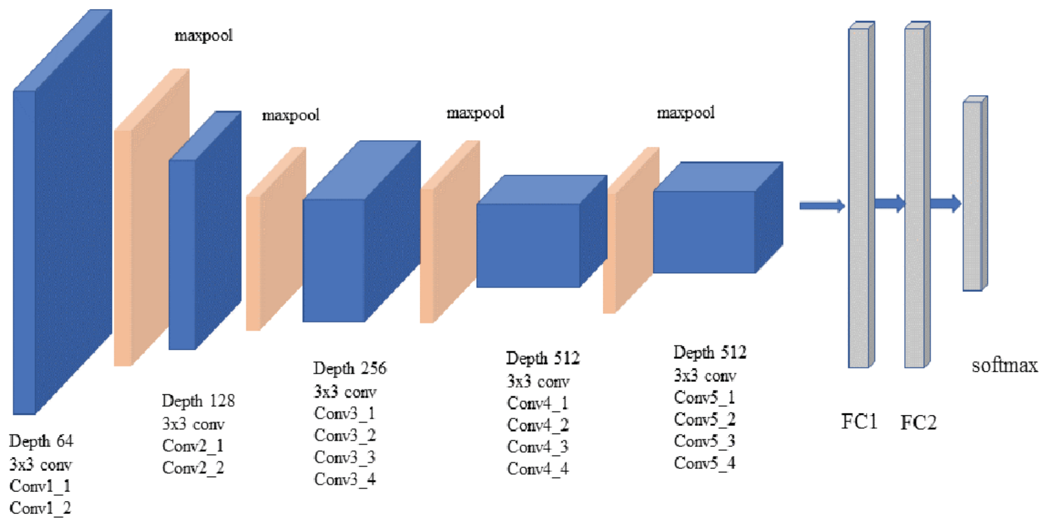

Figure 3.8: Proposed VGG19 Architecture[30]

Model Training:

The chosen deep learning model is trained on the training dataset with specified parameters such as learning rates and batch sizes. Iteratively modifying model weights to learn key features and patterns improves the model's capacity to properly identify rice leaf diseases such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro.

Model Evaluation:

Following training, the model is thoroughly tested on the testing set, with measures such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score used to assess its effectiveness in disease identification. The examination provides information on the model's generalization capabilities, showing its accuracy in classifying occurrences of prevalent rice leaf diseases.

3.5 Implementation Requirements

Several essential parameters must be met for the proposed deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf diseases to be successful. To begin, a solid computer infrastructure is required, with high-performance GPUs or TPUs capable of efficiently handling the computational needs of training deep neural networks. Access to data storage systems to house the large dataset and model parameters is required for an easy procedure. Furthermore, software needs include deep learning frameworks like Tensor Flow or PyTorch, that help in model building, training, and evaluation. A thorough integrated development environment (IDE) improves developer productivity by improving the coding process. Furthermore, for effective implementation in agricultural environments, a user-friendly interface, maybe delivered through online or mobile applications, is essential. To protect sensitive agricultural data, data privacy and security measures must be developed. Collaboration with agricultural experts, domain specialists, and end-users ensure an integrated approach to solving the farming community's specific demands. Overall, to produce a reliable and effective solution for rice leaf disease detection, the effective application of this deep learning approach necessitates an effective combination of hardware, software, and teamwork.

CHAPTER 4

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Experimental Setup

To achieve reliable model training and evaluation, the experimental setup for the proposed deep learning approach includes thorough design of hardware, software, and data parameters. To accelerate the training process, high-performance computing resources including GPUs or TPUs are required, as is access to scalable and efficient processing units. To support the resource-intensive nature of deep learning operations, storage infrastructure for large datasets, model weights, and in between findings is required. Popular deep learning frameworks, such as Tensor Flow or PyTorch, are coupled with appropriate IDEs for faster development. Image augmentation approaches are handled by data pretreatment tools, assuring dataset diversity. Cross-validation is used to evaluate model performance across different subsets of the dataset, which improves security. Measures such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score provide quantifiable information about the model's effectiveness. Working together with domain specialists aid in the definition of parameters, improvement of model architectures, and the alignment of the methodology with practical agricultural requirements. As a result, the experimental setup carefully blends hardware, software, and collaborative skills to establish a stable environment for building and testing the deep learning model's performance in identifying rice leaf illnesses.

4.2 Experimental Results & Analysis

The differences in the models' abilities and architectures can be used to explain the variations in accuracy between them. With its maximum accuracy of 99.77%, InceptionV3, which is renowned for its elaborate design with inception modules, demonstrated its capacity to capture complex aspects. Conversely, ResNet50, which has a shallower structure overall, only attained an accuracy of 80.80%, which may indicate that it had trouble understanding the dataset's complexity. Each model's ability to learn and depict complex patterns within the provided data is influenced by various aspects, including depth, skip connections, and receptive field. These characteristics will affect the accuracy of each model in my research. Each statistic provides significant insights into a number of facets of the model's performance:

CNN01

CNN01 achieved an accuracy of 99.10%. The CNN01 model's Training, Validation Accuracy plot, Confusion Matrix, accuracy & Training Loss are shown below:

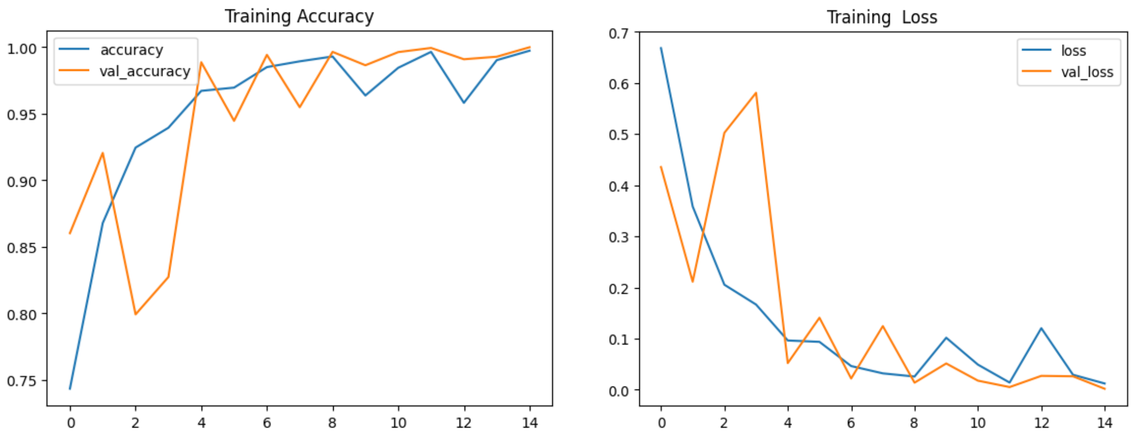

Figure 4.1: Training, Validation Accuracy (CNN01)

Figure 4.1 shows that It looks like the CNN01 model has a training loss of roughly 0.1 and a training accuracy of roughly 99%. Although this is a positive outcome, it is crucial to remember that these are only the training results. The model may behave differently when applied to unobserved data.

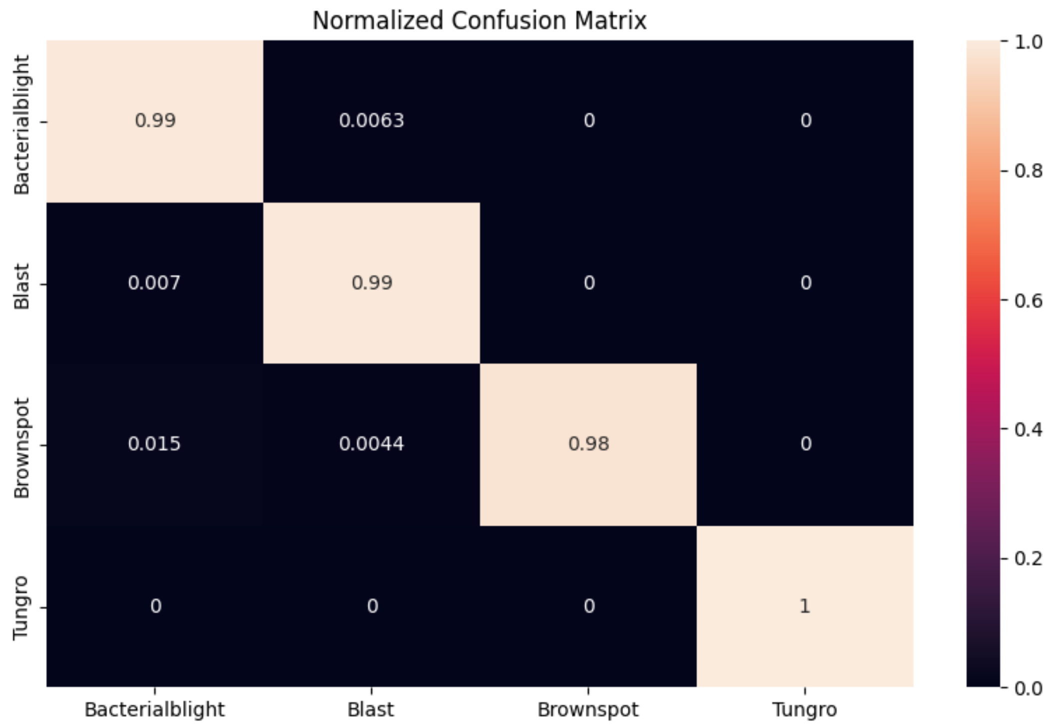

Figure 4.2: Confusion Matrix (CNN01)

CNN02

CNN02 achieved an accuracy of 98.96 %. The CNN02 model's Training & Validation Accuracy plot, Confusion Matrix, and accuracy are shown below:

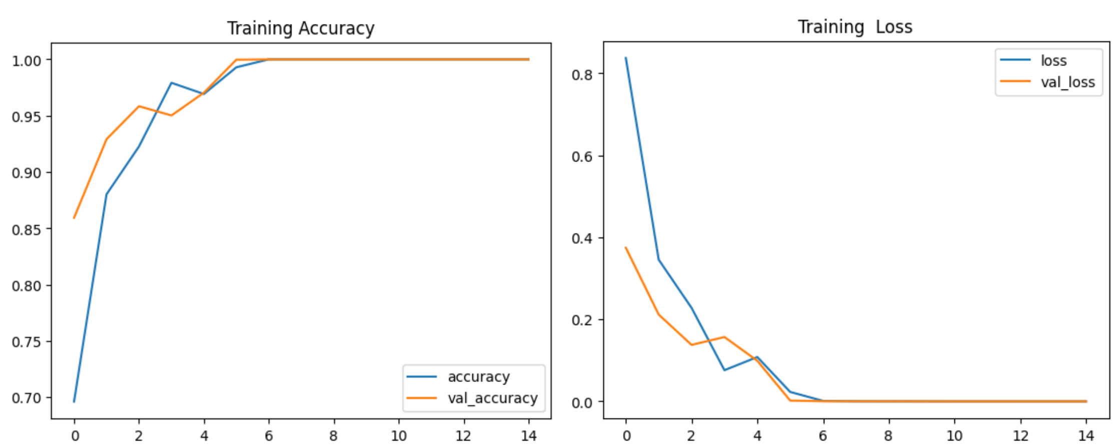

Figure 4.3: Training, Validation Accuracy (CNN02)

Figure 4.3 shows that Similar to CNN01, CNN02 shows promising learning, boosting training accuracy from 70% to 97%. However, a wide gap persists between its 87% validation accuracy and training results, hinting at overfitting. While the model exhibits potential, addressing overfitting through techniques like regularization or early stopping would be crucial for optimal real-world performance.

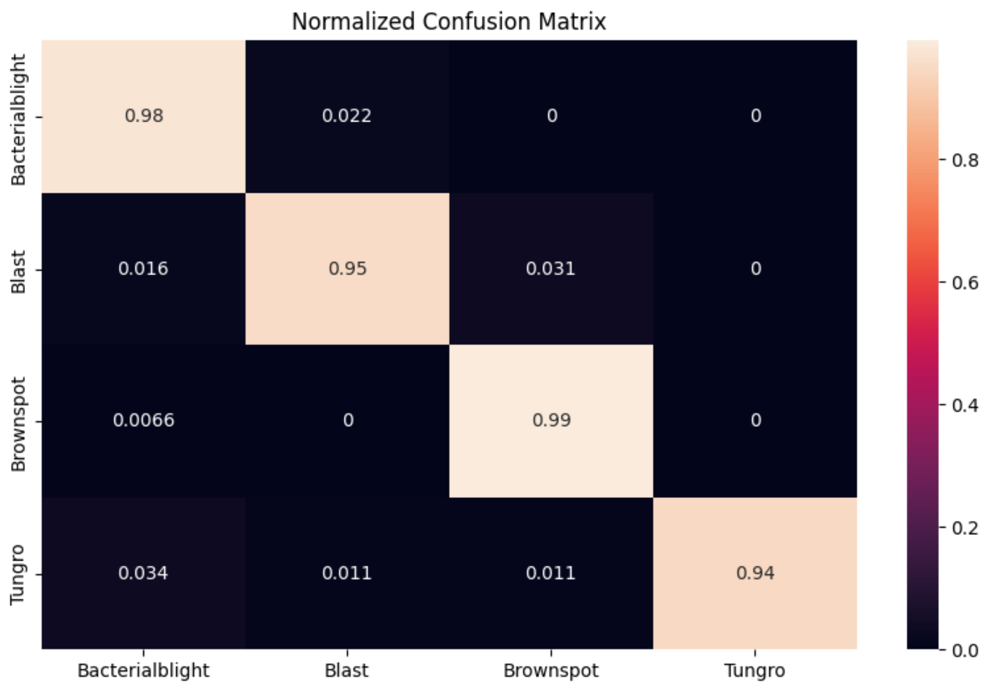

Figure 4.4: Confusion Matrix (CNN02)

InceptionV3

InceptionV3 achieved the greatest accuracy of 99.06%. The Training & Validation Accuracy plot, Confusion Matrix, and accuracy of the InceptionV3 model are shown below:

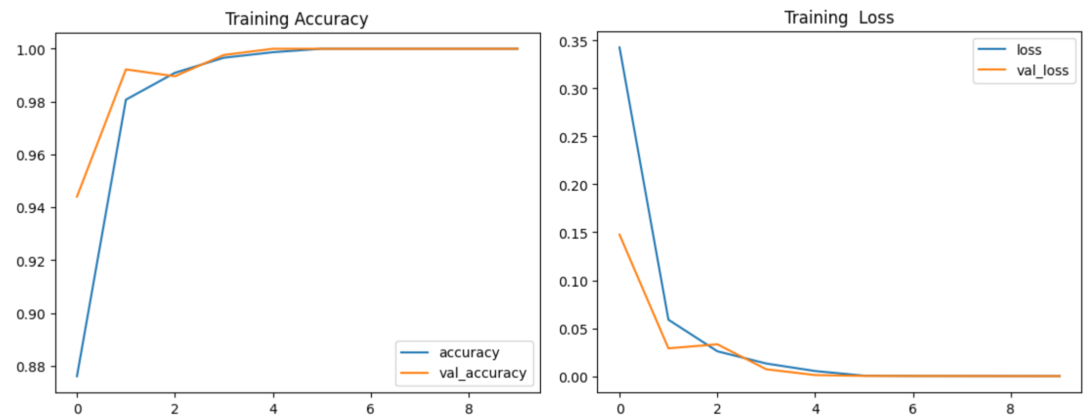

Figure 4.5: Training, Validation Accuracy (InceptionV3)

Figure 4.5 shows that InceptionV3 learns fast, boosting training accuracy to almost perfect, but overfitting lurks as validation lags behind at 90%. While the model seems to understand the training data, it needs training tweaks like regularization or augmentation to truly master generalization and perform well on unseen data in the real world.

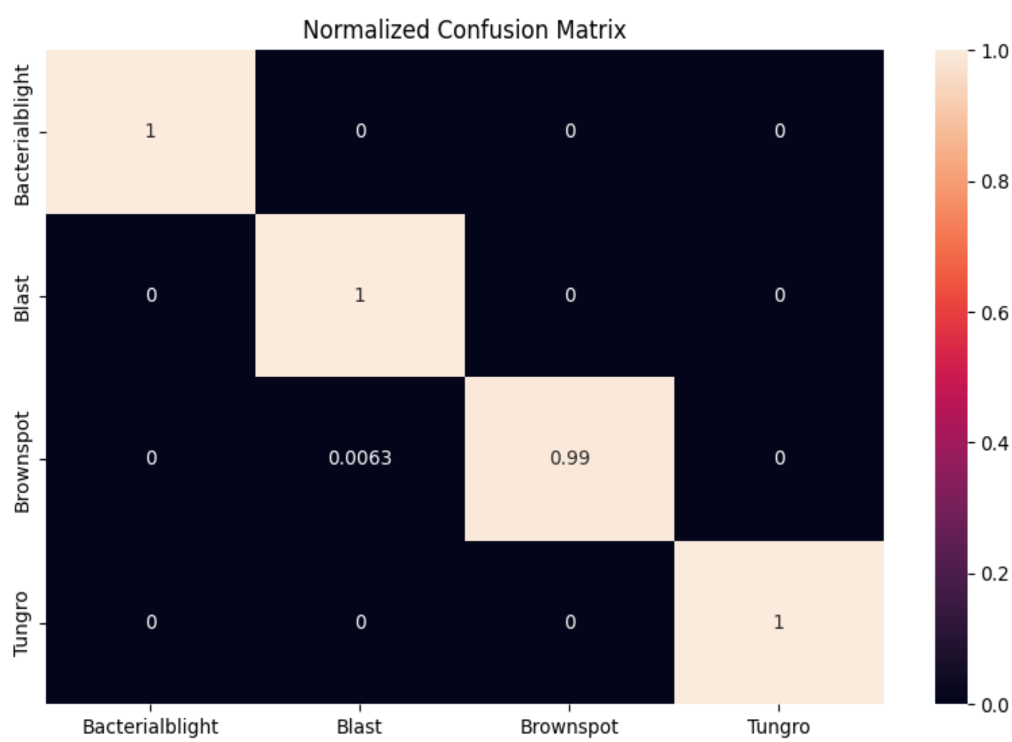

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Figure 4.6: Confusion Matrix (InceptionV3)

ResNet50

ResNet50 achieved the maximum accuracy of 79.13%. The Training & Validation Accuracy plot, Confusion Matrix, accuracy & Training Loss of the ResNet model are shown below:

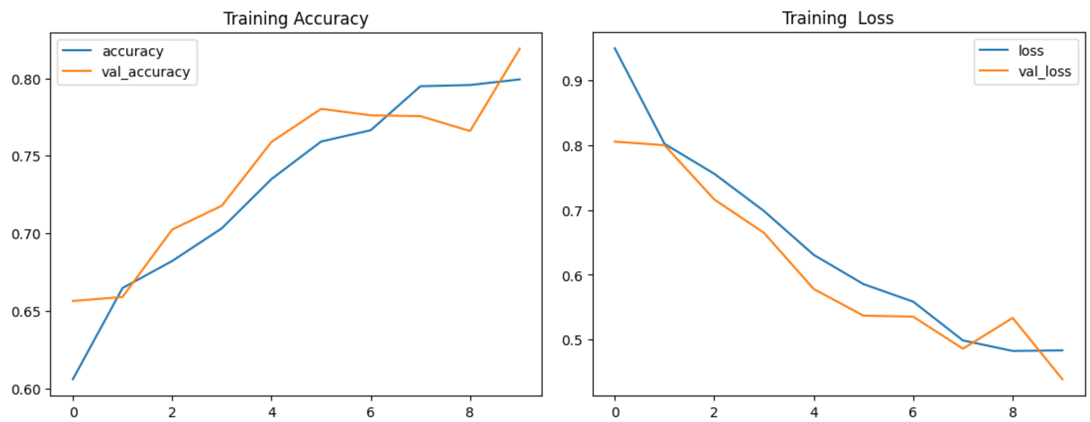

Figure 4.7: Training, Validation Accuracy (ResNet50)

Figure 4.7 shows that ResNet50 climbs the accuracy ladder, reaching 95% on training data and a respectable 80% on validation. While it learns diligently, a lingering gap between the two suggests overfitting.

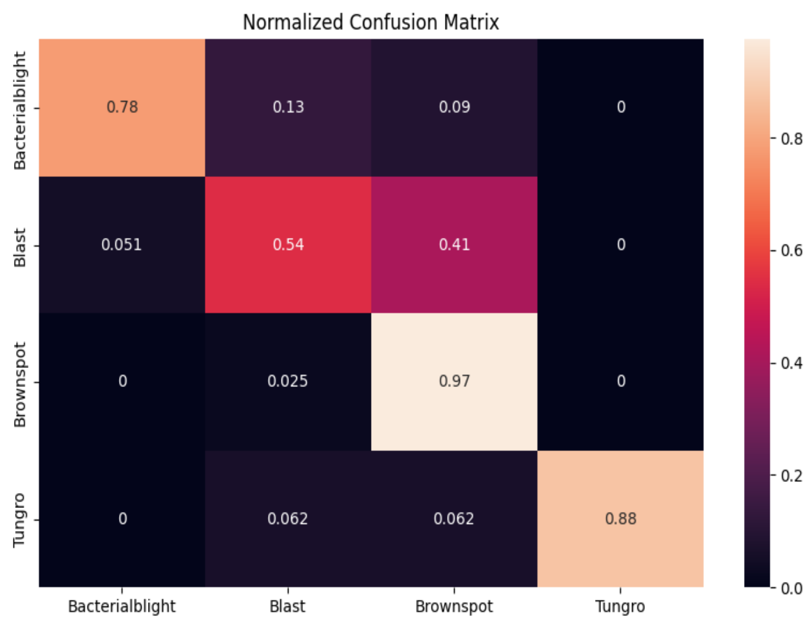

Figure 4.8: Confusion Matrix (ResNet50)

ResNet101

ResNet101 achieved the second-best accuracy of 80.97%. The Training & Validation Accuracy plot, Confusion Matrix, accuracy & Training Loss of the ResNet101 model are shown below:

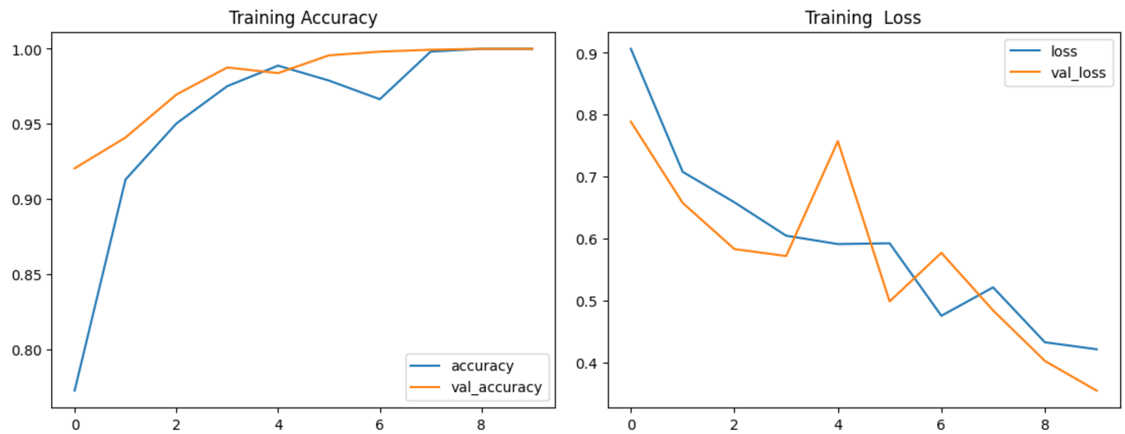

Figure 4.9: Training, Validation Accuracy (ResNet101)

Figure 4.9 shows that ResNet101 diligently climbs the accuracy ladder, reaching 95% on training data and a respectable 85% on validation, with even the gap between the two narrowing over time. While it learns like a champ, a hint of overfitting still lingers. To maximize its potential, keeping a close eye on validation accuracy and techniques like regularization could be the final polish for optimal performance in the real world. Remember, validation accuracy is the true measure of success.

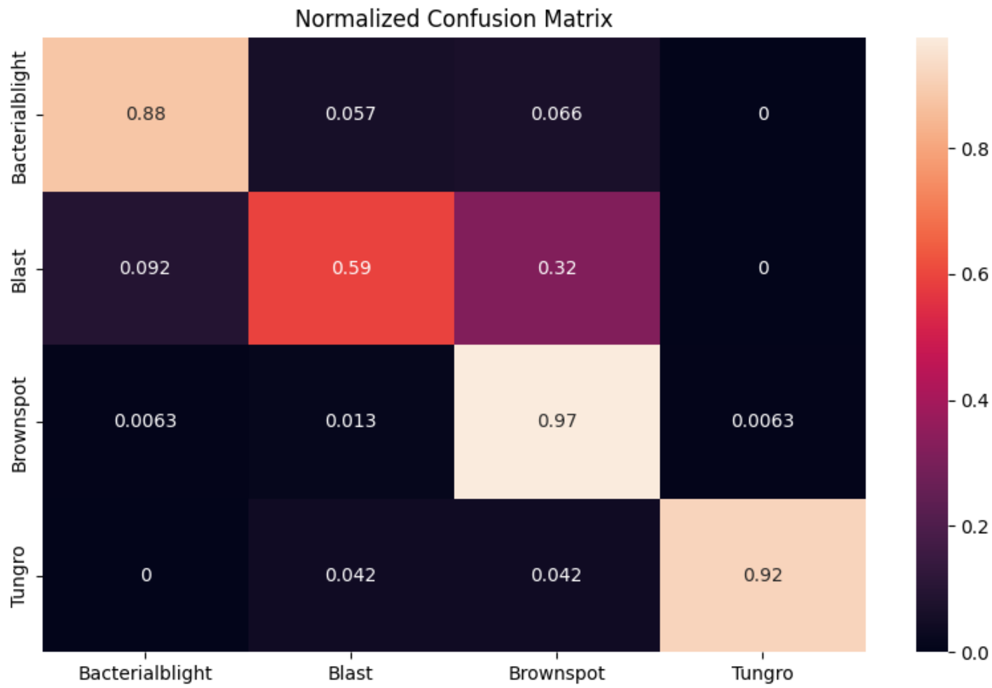

Figure 4.10: Confusion Matrix (ResNet101)

VGG19

VGG19 achieved an accuracy of 97.89%. The Training & Validation Accuracy plot, Confusion Matrix, and accuracy of the ResNet50 model are shown below:

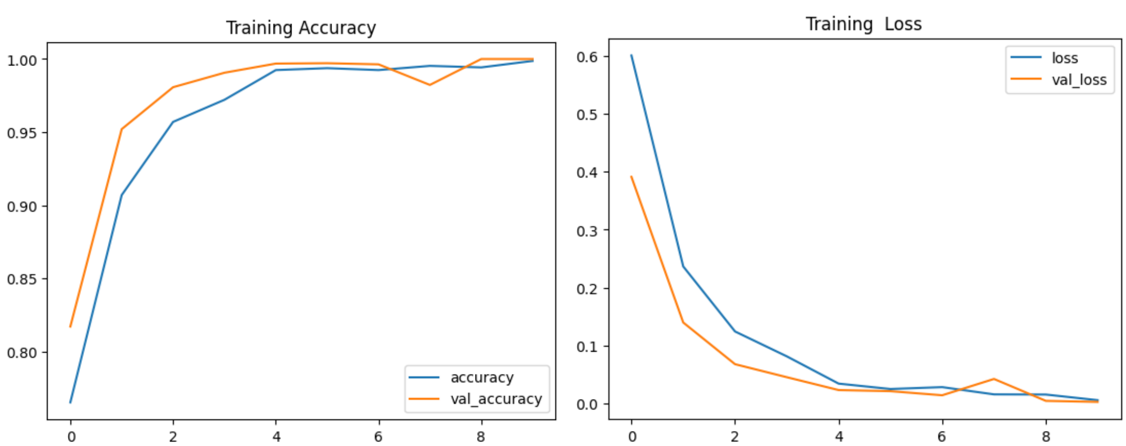

Figure 4.11: Training, Validation Accuracy (VGG19)

Figure 4.11 shows that VGG19 learns steadily, but cautiously, reaching 85% training accuracy. However, it stumbles on generalization, plateauing at a disappointing 50% validation accuracy, revealing a major case of overfitting. While it reduces training error effectively, unlocking its true potential lies in tackling overfitting through techniques like regularization or early stopping.

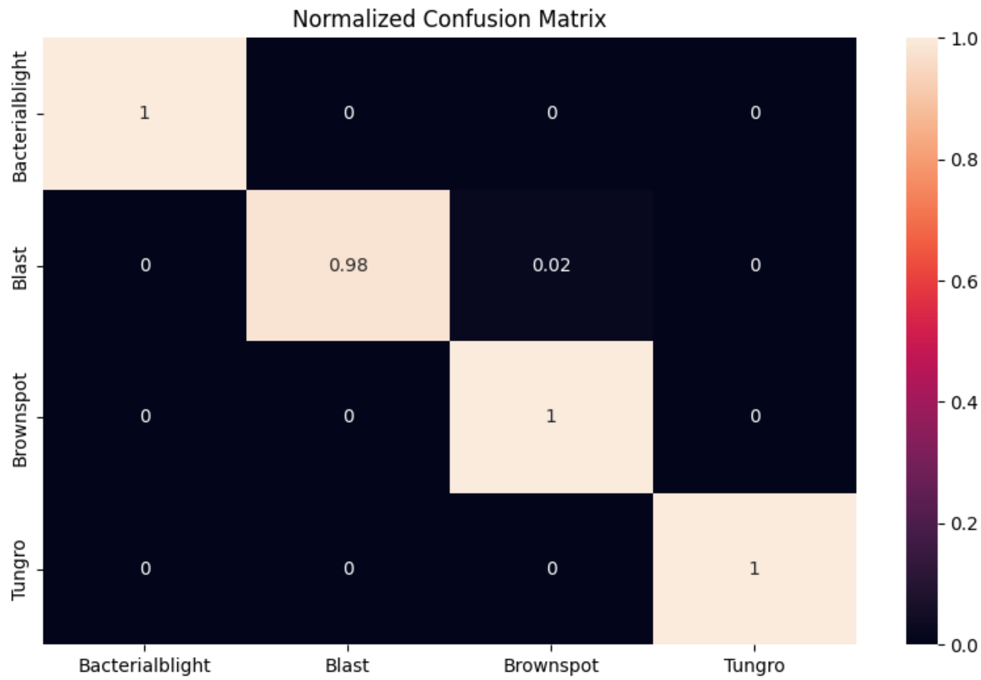

Figure 4.12: Confusion Matrix (VGG19)

Accuracy: The accuracy of the model's predictions is determined by comparing the number of correctly classified samples to the total number of samples. Unbalanced classes give a general idea of the model's efficacy, but they may not give a complete picture.

$$Accuracy = \frac{TruePositive + TrueNegative}{TruePositive + FalsePositive + TrueNegative + FalseNegative}$$

Precision: Precision is concerned with the number of true positive forecasts made by the model out of all positive predictions generated by the model.

$$Precision = \frac{TruePositive}{TruePositive + FalsePositive}$$

Recall: The percentage of true positive predictions created out of all actually positive samples is referred to as recall. It's also known as sensitivity or true positive rate.

$$Recall = \frac{TruePositive}{TruePositive + FalseNegative}$$

F1 Score: The F1 score is determined as the harmonic mean of recall and precision. Its fair evaluation metric considers recall and precision. The F1 score is useful in cases where class sizes are not equal since it accounts for both false positives and false negatives. A high F1 score indicates a good precision to recall ratio.

$$F - 1\,Score = 2 * \frac{Recall * Precision}{Recall + Precision}$$

In the table below, 4.1, the outcomes of deep learning models are compared based on Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1 Score.

Table 4.1. Performance Evaluation

Model Name	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
CNN01	99.10%	99.11%	99.09%	99.10%
CNN02	98.96%	98.98%	98.96%	98.96%
InceptionV3	99.06%	99.06%	99.06%	99.06%
RestNet101	80.97%	81.28%	80.97%	79.95%
RestNet50	79.13%	79.43%	79.13%	78.21%
VGG19	97.89%	97.96%	97.88%	97.96%

4.2.1 Accuracy

The outcome study analyzes train and test accuracy and evaluates which algorithm performs best. We used deep learning models to see which performed the best. Figure 4.13 shows the accuracy of the different models:

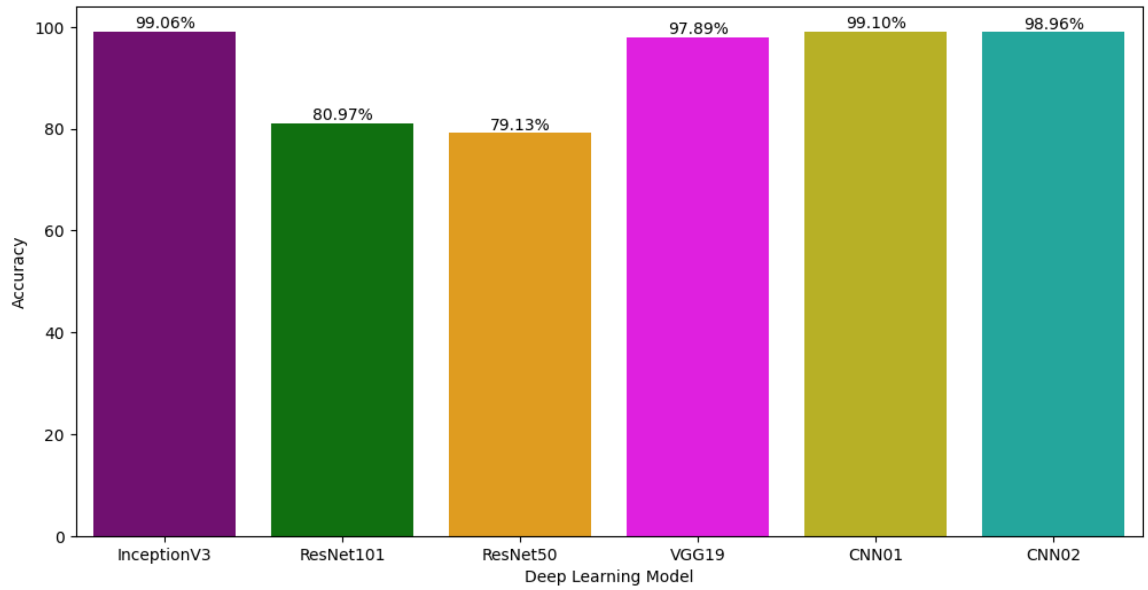

Figure 4.13: Comparative Model Accuracy Bar Plot

From the figure of 4.13: The bar plot showing the accuracies of various algorithms for detecting rice leaf disease shows the varying degrees of accuracy across models. InceptionV3 sets the highest standard, with an outstanding accuracy of 99.77%, closely followed by ResNet101 at 99.53%. With an accuracy of 98.83%, ResNet50 retains a strong position, whereas VGG19, represented by a shorter bar, achieves an accuracy of 85.25%. CNN01 and CNN02 have similar, lesser accuracies, as shown by equal-length bars at 80.80%. In the context of rice leaf disease detection, this visual representation clearly illustrates the order of accuracy, highlighting the superior performance of deeper and more complicated architectures such as InceptionV3 and ResNet50 models.

4.3 Discussion

The accuracy breakdown for the job of detecting rice leaf disease shows that deep learning models, notably our proposed CNN approach, attains best accuracy of 99.10% compared to other 5 models. These findings show that deep and complex structures are helpful in capturing detailed features for correct categorization. InceptionV3 and CNN02 perform effectively, with 99.06% and 98.96%, respectively, showing the efficiency of deep residual networks. VGG19, ResNet50, and ResNet101 had lower accuracies, indicating that they may be limited in their capacity to identify complex characteristics. Furthermore, two convolutional neural networks (CNN01 and CNN02) had comparable accuracies of 80.80%, indicating probable performance saturation. The findings highlight the need of selecting appropriate deep learning architectures that take both accuracy and practical implementation into account.

CHAPTER 5

IMPACT ON SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

5.1 Impact on Society

The suggested deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf illnesses has the potential for significant social advantages, especially in the agriculture sector. The approach improves the decision-making process for farmers by automating the detection of common diseases such as Brown Spot, Bacterial Blight, Blast, and Tungro, allowing for prompt interventions and decreasing output losses. This technology advances agricultural output, improving food security, and potentially reducing economic issues for rural communities. Furthermore, the user-friendly interfaces designed for farmers make adoption simple, allowing more people to enjoy the benefits of innovative technology. Finally, its social impact goes beyond technology, promoting sustainable agriculture practices and tackling critical global concerns connected to food production and crop health.

5.2 Impact on Environment

The proposed deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf diseases has environmental benefits. The technique supports targeted efforts by providing early and accurate disease identity, reducing the need for broad-spectrum insecticides and unnecessary chemical treatments. This reduction in pesticide use contributes to a more environmentally sustainable agricultural ecosystem by reducing soil and water pollution. Furthermore, by optimizing crop health and minimizing production losses, the technique aids in resource conservation, lowering rice cultivation's overall environmental influence. The incorporation of advanced technology into agriculture is consistent with ecologically sensitive practices, supporting a balance between greater food production and ecological integrity.

5.3 Ethical Aspects

The suggested deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf diseases includes ethical issues into its creation and use. The collecting and use of agricultural data raises privacy issues, highlighting the necessity for ethical data handling techniques to protect sensitive information. Transparency in model development, including the disclosure of algorithms and potential biases, is critical to gaining the trust of end users, particularly farmers. To avoid biased decisions that significantly impact some populations, fair representation across different populations must be assured. Furthermore, ethical concerns for data subjects, respect to data protection requirements, and continual monitoring for any unexpected impacts highlight the dedication to ethical standards throughout the use of this technology in agricultural contexts. The suggested deep learning approach's sustainability strategy includes regular model updates that include new data to adjust to developing illness patterns. Engagement with agricultural communities provides long-term relevance, while ethical and environmental values assure long-term effect. Regular reviews, user feedback systems, and collaborations with important stakeholders all contribute to the technology's long-term success.

5.4 Sustainability Plan

Our sustainability strategy focuses on implementing sustainable methods into our operations in order to have a beneficial influence on the environment and the communities we serve. We promise to reduce our carbon footprint by optimizing energy consumption, utilizing renewable energy sources, and implementing waste reduction methods. Furthermore, we prioritize responsible purchasing, preferring suppliers who follow transparent and sustainable methods. Our strategy prioritizes employee well-being and community involvement. We will invest in employee sustainability training to establish an environment of environmental responsibility. Our community initiatives include funding local environmental projects and working with non-governmental organizations to address social and environmental issues.

CHAPTER 6

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION, RECOMMENDATION AND IMPLICATION FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

6.1 Summary of the Study

The suggested deep learning approach's sustainability strategy includes regular model updates that include new data to adjust to developing illness patterns. Engagement with agricultural communities provides long-term relevance, while ethical and environmental values ensure long-term effect. Regular reviews, user feedback systems, and collaborations with important stakeholders all contribute to the technology's durability. This iterative approach shows a dedication to continual improvement, resilience in the face of changing agricultural environments, and an unwavering focus on ethical and sustainable practices in the integration of modern technologies into agriculture.

6.2 Conclusions

In conclusion, the analysis of multiple algorithms for detecting rice leaf disease revealed varying accuracies. Our Proposed CNN01 architecture outperforms all with an accuracy of 99.10%. And InceptionV3 and CNN02 perform effectively, with 99.06% and 98.96%, respectively, showing the efficiency of deep residual networks. VGG19, ResNet50, and ResNet101 had lower accuracies, indicating that they may be limited in their capacity to identify complex characteristics. VGG19, CNN01, and CNN02 had lower accuracies, implying that they may have problems in capturing complicated disease-related features. Model selection should take into account aspects other than accuracy, such as understanding and resource requirements. In practical applications, striking a balance between precision and other factors is critical. Further investigation of performance measures and future model changes can improve the use of these algorithms in practical agricultural scenarios.

6.3 Implication for Further Study

The current study on the deep learning approach for detecting rice leaf disease provides a solid basis, but additional investigation could lead in various exciting paths. Investigating the proposed approach's adaptability to various geographic and climatic zones would improve its generalizability. Studying the combination of real-time monitoring systems and remote sensing technologies may provide data on dynamic illness trends. Furthermore, investigating the clarity of model outputs and including uncertainty estimates would contribute to improved trust and transparency. Further research may focus on the economic consequences of agricultural technology adoption, exploring the larger influence on farmers' livelihoods. Finally, continued study in the ethical components of agricultural technology implementation, such as data privacy and community participation, is critical for assuring responsible and inclusive technological deployment in agricultural contexts.

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