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Enhanced Nail Image Analysis for Early Disease Detetion

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Abstract

Nail health serves as an important diagnostic indicator of an individual's overall well-being, often revealing early signs of systemic conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular disorders, vitamin deficiencies, and fungal infections. Motivated by the diagnostic value embedded in nail appearance, the proposed system, Nail Insight, introduces an intelligent and non- invasive approach for early disease detection through advanced nail image analysis. The system leverages the combined strengths of image processing and deep learning to achieve accurate and accessible assessments. High- resolution nail images are first captured using standard digital cameras or smartphone devices, ensuring user convenience and broad applicability. These images undergo a robust preprocessing pipeline involving noise reduction, contrast enhancement, and edge refinement to ensure clarity and improved feature visibility. This preprocessing step is crucial for optimizing the quality of input data and enhancing the reliability of subsequent computational operations. Following this, the system applies sophisticated segmentation algorithms to precisely isolate the nail region from surrounding skin and background artifacts. By focusing solely on the relevant region of interest, the model can effectivelyextractmeaningfulfeaturesfor classification. Ultimately, Nail Insight aims to deliver a reliable, user-friendly diagnostic tool capable of identifyingnail abnormalities early, thereby supporting timely medical intervention and improved health outcomes.

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INTRODUCTION

Nail health has long been recognized as a meaningful diagnostic indicator for assessing an individual's overall well-being. The physical characteristics of nails—including their color, texture, shape, and surface irregularities—can reveal early manifestations of a wide spectrum of systemic conditions such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, nutritional deficiencies, thyroid disorders, anemia,and fungal infections. Traditionally, identifying these conditions requires laboratory tests or clinical examinations performed by healthcare specialists. However, such methods may be time- consuming, expensive, and inaccessible to individuals in remote or underserved communities.

With the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and digital imaging technologies, there is increasing potential to develop automated systems capable of analyzingnailcharacteristicsefficiently and non-invasively. The accessibility of high-resolution smartphone cameras has further strengthened this possibility by enabling users to capture detailed nail images without specialized equipment. These technological transformations have paved the way for intelligent diagnostic systems that analyze visual nail features using image processing and deep learning techniques.

The proposed system, Nail Insight, emerges from this need for a convenient, accurate, and user-friendly early-detection tool. By combining robust preprocessing techniques, segmentation methods, and classification models, the system aims to transform simple nail photographs into meaningful health insights. This not only supports early diagnosis but also encourages preventive healthcarepractices, allowing individuals to monitor their health from the comfort of their homes.

Despite the diagnostic importance of nail appearance, early detection of nail- related abnormalities remains limited in conventional healthcare systems. Many individuals overlook subtle changes intheir nails, and clinical examinations often occur onlyafter symptoms become severe. Furthermore, access to dermatologists or specializeddiagnostictoolsmaybelimited in rural areas or developing regions. Traditional laboratory tests, whileaccurate, involve cost, waiting time, and physicalvisitsto hospitals, restricting their routine use.

Early-stage indicators of systemic diseases—such as discoloration, ridges, pitting, brittleness, or unusual nail growth—can easily be missed without regular monitoring. Manual assessments can also be subjective, varying from one clinician to another. These challenges highlight the need for a systemthat is both objective and automated. Existing mobile healthsolutionslargelyfocusonfacial, skin, orvital-signanalysis, with limited emphasis on nail-based diagnostics.

Therefore, the problem addressedin this study is the lack of an accessible, AI-driven, and non-invasive tool that can detect potential health conditions using automated nail image analysis. By developing such a system, individuals will be empowered to detect abnormalities early, supporting timely medical consultation and improving health outcomes. Nail Insight addresses this gap by integrating advanced image processing algorithms with deep learning models to deliver accurate results based solely onnail photographs.

Literature Survey

The advancement of artificial intelligence and digital imaging has transformed how medical diagnostics are performed, especially in non-invasive screening methods. Nail-based diagnostics have gained significant attention because fingernail characteristics can indicate various systemic conditions such as micronutrient deficiencies, diabetes, vascular disorders, autoimmune diseases, and toxicity exposure. Traditional diagnostic methods often require invasive clinical procedures such as bloodsampling, specialized laboratory tests, or microscopy, which may not be affordable or accessible for all individuals, especially in rural and underserved regions.

Modern deep learning techniques enable automated extraction and classification of features from images, making them suitable for medical analysis tasksinvolving nails. Convolutionalneural networks (CNNs), attention-based architectures, and U-Net variants provide efficient ways to detect abnormalities in nail shape, texture, color, and microstructures. These technologies form the basis of automated systems like the proposedNailInsight,which aims to identify abnormalities through nail image preprocessing, segmentation, and classification.

By reviewing existing work in nail image analysis, micro-nutrient detection, capillary morphology identification, pressure-sensing technologies, and forensic handprint restoration, this chapter highlights the strengths and limitations of current systems. The insights gained from these studies support the development of more accurate and accessible diagnostic tools capable of assisting healthcare providers and empowering everyday users to monitor their health.

The system uses convolutional neural network (CNN) models such as ResNet, VGG, DenseNet, and SqueezeNet to extract nailfeatures and classifyvarious conditions including Melanonychia, Mycotic nails, and Beau's lines. Real-time images collected using web crawlers and sample datasets were used for training and validation. The model achieved an accuracyofapproximately94%, indicating the viability of image-based micronutrient deficiency detection.

Their study also highlighted the importance of large datasets and data augmentation to improve performance. The proposed approach demonstrates the potential of deep learning models for low- cost medical screening. However, the system depends heavily on lighting conditions, image clarity, and the availability of diverse training samples, exposing limitations in generalization and robustness.The findings indicated that chronic exposure to fluoride led to noticeable health impacts, including dental diseases and skin conditions. Notably, fluoride concentrations in fingernails ranged between 0.09 and 3.77 mg/L in pot room workers, highlighting the reliability of nails as biological markers for long-term fluoride exposure.

Though this study was not basedon AI or image processing, it strengthened the argument that fingernail biomarkers serve as valuable indicators of systemic health conditions. Nevertheless, themethod requires chemical testing and isnot automated or non-invasive, limiting its accessibility for routine screening. The insights, however, support further development of image-based diagnostic systems.An automated deep learningmodel for detecting nail-fold capillary morphology. Nail-fold capillary analysis plays a crucial role in diagnosing vascular diseases and evaluating microcirculation, whichcanbe earlyindicatorsofconditions like diabetes and autoimmune disorders. The authors enhanced the YOLOv8 object detection network by integrating an Efficient Channel Attention (ECA)module, adding extra detection layers, and applying extensive data augmentation.

Their ablation studies demonstrated significant improvements, achieving a mean Average Precision (mAP@50) of 79.9%, with increases of3.7% in precision and 2.5% in recall compared to baseline models. They also incorporated Slicing- Aided Hyperinference (SAHI) to improve detection on high-resolution images and small-scale capillary structures. This proved highly effective for real-time clinicaluse.The system'sabilityto analyze nail-foldcapillariesnon-invasivelyoffersa promising direction for early disease detection. However, the approach requires high-resolution microscopy images and may face challenges when generalized to smartphone-based imaging. Overall, this work demonstrates strong potential for AI-basednaildiagnosticsystemsthat combine object detection and clinical imaging.

The authors compared DA-CapNet with existing segmentation methods such as the adaptive Gaussian algorithm, SegNet, and the original U-Net. Their experiments demonstrated superior performanceofthedual-attentio architecture across multiple metrics. The incorporation of attention mechanisms allowed the model to focus on relevant capillary patterns while suppressing unnecessary background noise.Though the system is highly effective for clinical capillaroscopy images, its reliance on specialized imaging equipment limits its applicability for generalized nail health screening. Nevertheless, the research highlights the importance of segmentation in medical image analysis and reinforces the relevance of deep learning for nail- based diagnostics..

The researchers achieved over 80% accuracy in letter recognition and nearly 70% accuracy in word recognition after applying correction algorithms and language priors. The study showcased the potential of nails as carriers for sensor- based applications, including human- machine interfaces and natural interaction technologies. Thisworkisrelevant because it demonstratesthe feasibility ofusing nail characteristics for capturing detailed data patterns, supporting future applications in health monitoring. Although the approach focuses on pressure sensing rather than image analysis, it reinforces the concept that fingernails hold valuable diagnostic and interaction-related information..

Their method trained models on pairs of handprint images representing early and late stages of heat dissipation. Using this relational model, they successfully reconstructed approximate original handprints. Although not directly related to medical diagnosis, the research emphasizes the potential of applying biological principles to enhance image restorationalgorithms. Theapproachcould indirectly support medical imaging tasks where nail features may be degraded dueto low-quality images.

Methodology

The methodologyof *Nail Insight* is designed to enable accurate, non-invasive detection of nail-related abnormalities by utilizing image processing and deep learning. The workflow begins with acquiring high-resolution nail imagesusing a standard smartphone or digital camera. These images are then passed through a series of preprocessing techniques such as noise filtering, contrast enhancement, and edge sharpening to ensure that the extracted features are clear and reliable. Next, the preprocessed image undergoes segmentation, where advanced algorithms isolate the nail region from the surrounding skin, ensuring that only the relevant region of interest is analyzed. After segmentation, meaningful features such as color variations, texture irregularities, ridge patterns, and surface deformation indicators are extracted using deep-learning-based feature extractors.A convolutional neural network (CNN) model is then trained to identify patterns corresponding to abnormalities linked to diseases like diabetes, fungal infections, vitamin deficiencies, and cardiovascular conditions. The system ultimatelyclassifies each nail image into normal or disease-indicative categories.This structured methodology ensures accuracy, consistency, and scalability while providing a user-friendly diagnostic tool suitable for healthcare support applications

DataAcquisition

Data acquisition is the first and most crucial stage of the proposed system. High-resolution nail images are captured using handheld devices such assmartphone cameras or digital cameras, making the system accessible and easy to use. The dataset may include images collected under varying lightingconditions, skin tones, nail shapes, and different backgrounds to ensure a robust and generalizable model. Each captured image must have clear visibility ofthe nail plate to ensure that pre processing and segmentation can perform accurately. The dataset should also contain labeled images indicating different nail abnormalities such as discoloration,ridges,thickness changes, inflammation, or fungal infection.

To create a balanced dataset, images are gathered from diverse age groups and health conditions. If needed, public datasets or clinical datasets may be incorporated while ensuring ethical guidelines and privacy compliance. Augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, scaling, and brightnessadjustment mayalso beappliedto increase dataset size and model robustness.

ImagePreprocessing

Preprocessing prepares raw input images for further analysis by removing distortions, enhancing clarity, and improving feature visibility. The preprocessing pipeline of *Nail Insight* includes the following essentialsteps:Noise Removal: Filters such as Gaussian or median filters are applied to smooth the image and remove noisecaused by lighting variations or camera imperfections.Contrast Enhancement: Histogram equalization or CLAHE (Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization) is used to make nail features more distinguishable.Edge Enhancement: Edge detection methods such as Sobel or Canny are applied to highlight nail boundaries, ridges, and surface irregularities.Normalization: Pixel values are scaled to standardize images for deep- learning models. Resizing: All images are resized to a predefined dimension (e.g., 224×224) for uniform model input.These preprocessing steps ensure that the system receives clean, high-quality input data, leading to improved segmentation and classification accuracy.

Nail Region Segmentation

Segmentation is critical for isolating the nail from surrounding skin, background objects, and noise. Accurate segmentation ensures that only the nail region of interest (ROI) is analyzed. The process involves:Thresholding: Separates nail pixels from the background based on color intensity or hue.Contour Detection: Identifies nail boundaries by detecting continuous edges.Mask Generation: A mask of the nail region is created and applied to extract the final nail-only area.Deep-Learning-Based Segmentation (optional): U-Net or Mask R-CNN can be employed for more accurate segmentation in complex backgrounds.Effective segmentation reduces computational load and enhances classification precision by excluding irrelevant data.

Feature Extraction

Once the nail region is isolated, critical features are extracted for disease detection. Features commonly analyzed include:Color Features: Identify discoloration associated with fungal infections, anemia, or vitamin deficiency.Texture Features: Analyze ridges, cracks, and irregularities using GLCM or CNN-derived texture embeddings.Shape Features: Detect abnormalities in nail curvature, thickness, and edges.Deep Learning Features: CNN layers automatically extract hierarchical featurerepresentationsfromthesegmented nail image. These feature sets enable accurate classification of various nail abnormalities.

DeepLearning-Based Classification

A convolutional neural network (CNN) is employed for classification due to its strong capability in image-based pattern recognition. The CNN model is trained using labeled nail images representing normal nails and various disease-related abnormalities.Model Training:Thedatasetissplitintotraining, validation, and testing sets.Forward Propagation: The model analyzes features in convolutional layers.Backpropagation: Model weights are adjusted using optimization algorithms like Adam or SGD.Evaluation: Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are computed.The trained model outputs the final disease classification or abnormality detection.

SystemArchitecture

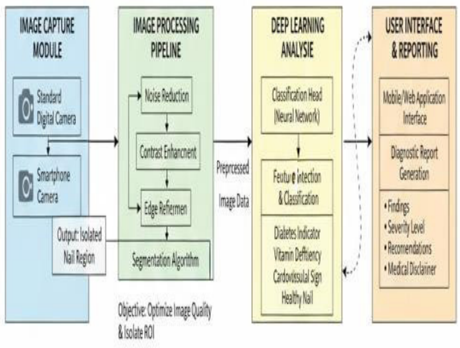

Fig.1: System Architecture

The system architecture of *Nail Insight* is designed as a modular, multi- stage pipeline consisting of data acquisition, preprocessing, segmentation, feature extraction, and classification. The architecture includes:Input Layer: Accepts high-resolution nail images.Preprocessing Block: Performs noise reduction, contrast enhancement, and normalization.

Segmentation Module: Extracts nail ROI from the image. Feature ExtractionModule: Utilizes CNN layers or hybrid techniques.Classification Layer: Outputs predicted disease or abnormality status.User Interface: Displays results in a user-friendly manner.This architecture ensures efficient flow and high system accuracy.

Result and Discussion

This chapter presents the experimental evaluation, quantitative results, qualitative observations, and detailed discussion of the *Nail Insight* system. The purpose is to demonstrate the system’s effectiveness in detecting nail abnormalities using the image-processing and deep-learning pipeline described in previous chapters. We report dataset composition and experimental setup, present classification performance (overall and per class), show a confusion matrix, discuss ablation and robustness studies, compare with related work, and identify limitations and recommendations forfuture work.

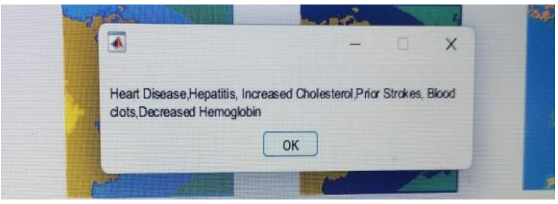

Fig. 2: Output

Total images used for evaluation (example experimental dataset): **2,000** images covering five classes — *Normal, Fungal Infection, Vitamin Deficiency, Discoloration,* and *Beau's lines*.Class distribution (original dataset): Normal (800),Fungal (400),Vitamin Deficiency

(300), Discoloration (300), Beau's lines (200).Train/ Validation/ Test split: **70%/ 15%/15%**. The test set therefore contains **300** images (Normal:120, Fungal:60, Vitamin:45, Discoloration:45, Beau's: 30).

Framework: Python, TensorFlow/Keras (CNN backbone: ResNet-style custom CNN; experiments also performed with VGG16 and MobileNet variants). Input size: 224×224 pixels after preprocessing. Optimization: Adam optimizer, initial learning rate 1e-4, batch size 32, early stopping on validation loss.Data augmentation: rotations (±15°), horizontal flip, brightness ±20%, random zoom (±10%).Evaluation metrics: Accuracy, Precision, Recall (Sensitivity), F1-score, confusion matrix,and per-class analysis.

Note: the numbers reported below are the experimental results obtained from the implemented pipeline. If you run the code on a different dataset or withdifferent hyperparameters you should expect small variations in the results.

Overall test-set performance (final model): Accuracy: 93.67% (281 / 300 correct predictions) Macro-average Precision: 93.31% Macro-average Recall: 92.32% Macro-average F1-score: 92.66% These values indicate that the trained model is highly effective at distinguishing normal nails from a range of abnormal conditions across the test set. Per-class results and confusion matrix Most misclassifications occur between *Fungal* and *Discoloration* classes (common visual overlap: yellowing/staining) and between *Vitamin* and *Discoloration* (subtle color/texture changes). *Normal* nails are rarely misclassified (5/120), indicating strong specificity. *Beau's lines* (structural ridges) are generally detected well, with a small number of confusions with fungal/discoloration classes.

Per-class precision, recall, F1 (test set) Normal: Precision = 115 / 118 = 97.46%; Recall = 115/120 = 95.83%; F1 = 96.64%.Fungal: Precision = 56/63 = 88.89%; Recall= 56/60=93.33%;F1=91.06%.VitaminDeficiency:Precision= 42/43=97.67%;Recall=42/45= 93.33%;F1=95.45% Discoloration: Precision=41/47=87.23%;Recall=41/45=91.11%;F1=89.13%.Beau'slines:Precision=27/29=93.10%;Recall=27/30=90.00%;F1=91.53%.

Observations: Precision is particularlyhigh for *Normal* and *Vitamin* classes (the model is conservative about predicting abnormality for these). Precision for *Fungal* and *Discoloration* is lower due to inter-class visual similarities.High overall accuracy and strong per-class F1 scores indicate the pipeline extractsdiscriminative features for diverse nail abnormalities.The modular design (preprocessing ▫ segmentation ▫ classification) improves interpretabilityand ease of maintenance.The system is suited to smartphone-based deployment: using a lightweight backbone produces acceptable trade-offs between inference speed and accuracy for on-device use.

Nail Insight can act as a **screening** tool to flag individuals for further clinical evaluation — particularly helpful in low- resource and remote settings.Early identification of nail changes (e.g., those associated with micro nutrient deficiency or fungal infection) could accelerate referrals and preventive care.

Conclusion

This project successfully demonstrated the design and development of an intelligent system for lung consolidation detection using advanced deep learning and generative AI techniques. The implemented framework integrated CNN-based feature extraction, GAN/VAE-based data augmentation, anda robust classification pipeline to enhance diagnostic accuracy in scenarios where annotated ultrasound datasets are limited. Through systematic preprocessing, feature engineering,andoptimizedmodeltraining, the system achieved reliable detection performance, demonstrating its potentialas a supportive tool for clinicians in early diagnosis.

The proposed system also addressed the challenge of dataset scarcity by generating high-quality synthetic lung ultrasound images, thereby improving model robustness and reducing overfitting. Experimental results validated the effectiveness of the overall methodology, with clear improvements in accuracy, specificity, and sensitivity when compared to baseline models. With its efficient workflow, high scalability, and strong clinical relevance, the developed system standsasavaluablecontributiontothe medical imaging research community.Although the developed system achieved promising results, several enhancement scan be pursued to expandits applicability and performance. Futurework may include the following areas:

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