

BONE FRACTURE DETECTION Using R-CNN Algorithm

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Abstract—

Precise bone fracture detection is a critical component of medical image analysis, playing a pivotal role in curing the impacts of bone-related disorders. The Fast R-CNN algorithm, a widely adopted enhanced deep study for object detection, has exhibited remarkable efficacy across various domains, including medical image analysis. This research introduces an innovative approach for bone fracture detection by leveraging the Fast R-CNN algorithm. The enhanced approach involves employing an extensive CNN model is used to extract salient features from X-ray images, followed by the application of a region proposal network to identify potential regions of interest for fracture detection. Subsequently, the Fast R-CNN algorithm classifies these regions as either fractured or non-fractured. Notably, experimental results demonstrate the superior performance of the proposed approach compared to state-of-the-art methods, achieving an average precision of 94.5%. This novel approach holds immense potential to significantly enhance the accuracy and efficiency of bone fracture diagnosis, providing valuable support to radiologists and medical professionals in their diagnostic endeavors.

1. INTRODUCTION

Bones play a crucial role in human health, providing support, allowing movement, and protecting vital organs. Fractures, resulting from accidents or other causes, can significantly impact mobility and overall well-being. Timely actions and giving appropriate action enables timely recovery of the patient from falling serious.

Traditionally, orthopaedic surgeons rely on X-ray or CT scan images to identify and assess bone fractures. Their experience and expertise are critical in determining the appropriate treatment plan. However, this manual process can be time-consuming and may face challenges in rural areas with limited access to qualified professionals.

Machine learning and deep learning techniques have emerged as promising tools for real-time medical diagnosis, including fracture detection. Deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have demonstrated remarkable effectiveness in wide spectrum of medical image processing. Their ability to automatically extract and analyze patterns from X-ray images has the potential to revolutionize fracture diagnosis.

The incorporation of machine learning and deep learning algorithms into computer-aided diagnostic (CAD) systems can provide significant benefits:

Enhanced Accuracy: CAD systems can assist in accurately identifying and classifying fractures, reducing the risk of misdiagnosis.

Improved Efficiency: CAD systems can expedite the diagnosis process, allowing for faster treatment initiation.

Reduced Reliance on Expertise: CAD systems can provide support in areas with limited access to qualified radiologists or orthopaedic surgeons.

Reduced Workload for Radiologists: CAD systems can reduce the burden on radiologists, allowing them to focus on more complex cases.

Improved Patient Outcomes: By facilitating early and accurate diagnosis, CAD systems can contribute to improved patient outcomes and reduced recovery times.

The integration of machine learning and deep learning into fracture diagnosis has the potential to transform healthcare practices, particularly in settings with limited resources or expertise. By automating the analysis of X-ray images and providing timely, accurate diagnoses, these technologies can improve patient care and outcomes.

2. Methods

The Fast R-CNN algorithm was used to identify bone fractures using the following methods:

Data Collection and Preparation:

Collecting and preparing data is the initial phase in developing an automated bone fracture detection system. X-ray images of various bone fractures and non-fractured bones are usually part of the data set. The images are preprocessed with the aim of enhancing their clarity and remove noise.

Region Proposal Network (RPN):

The Region Proposal Network (RPN) is used to create candidate fracture detection regions. It is a deep neural network that produces region proposals by sliding a window over an X-ray image input. The RPN produces a collection of bounding boxes, each representing a portion of the image that could potentially contain a bone fracture.

Feature Extraction:

Following the creation of candidate regions, the subsequent step involves extracting features from these areas. To derive features from the potential regions, a pre-trained deep convolutional neural network like ResNet, is used. The Fast R-CNN classifier is trained using these characteristics.

Training the Fast R-CNN Classifier:

The Fast R-CNN classifier is trained to differentiate between candidate regions with fractures and those without. The classifier utilizes the extracted features and ground truth labels to comprehend the characteristics associated with a bone fracture. Back-propagation is applied to minimize the classification loss throughout the training process.

Testing and Evaluation:

To evaluate its effectiveness, the trained Fast R-CNN classifier is tested on a separate collection of X-ray images. Metrics such as precision, recall, and F1 measure are used to assess success. The results are juxtaposed with those of other advanced techniques to assess the effectiveness of the proposed approach.

Deployment:

Once the system has been trained and assessed, it finds application in clinical settings. The automated fracture detection system can help radiologists and doctors diagnose bone fractures more accurately and efficiently, eventually leading to better patient outcomes.

3. The Fast R-CNN Algorithm And Formula:

The Fast R-CNN algorithm involves several formulas and equations to train and use the framework for identifying objects. Here are certain essential equations employed within the algorithm.

The RoI (Region of Interest) pooling layer derives features from potential regions produced by the RPN. It works by taking a fixed-size feature map and a collection of rectangular RoIs and dividing each RoI into a fixed number of equal-sized sub-windows. The following is the RoI sharing formula:

$$f(x,y) = (1/n^2) * \sum_i \sum_j H(x+i,y+j)$$

Here, $f(x,y)$ is the pooled feature value for the sub-window centered at (x,y) , H is the input feature map, while n signifies the quantity of sub-windows in each RoI.

Fast R-CNN loss:

A multi-task loss function that blends classification and bounding box regression losses is employed for the training of the Fast R-CNN classifier. The following is the definition of the loss function:

$$L(p,u) = L_{cls}(p,u) + \lambda[u \geq 1] * L_{loc}(t,v)$$

In the given mathematical expression, the variable "p" represents the predicted probability vector associated with the Region of Interest (RoI), while "u" corresponds to the ground-truth label, taking the value of 1 if the RoI contains an object and 0 otherwise. The variables "t" and "v" represent the ground-truth bounding box regression target and the predicted bounding box regression offset, respectively. The terms "L_cls" and "L_loc" signify the cross-entropy loss for classification and the smooth L1 loss for bounding box regression, respectively. Additionally, there is a balancing parameter denoted by an unspecified symbol, contributing to the overall equilibrium in the equation.

Backpropagation:

Backpropagation is employed for the training of the Fast R-CNN algorithm, which entails calculating gradients of the loss function concerning the model parameters and using these gradients to update the parameters. For a single layer, the backpropagation algorithm is as follows:

$$\delta(l) = (\partial L / \partial z(l)) \odot g'(z(l))$$

Here, $\delta(l)$ is the error signal for layer l , $z(l)$ is the entry to layer l , \odot is the element-wise product operator, $g'(z(l))$ is the differential of the activation function for layer l , and $\partial L / \partial z(l)$ is the gradient of the loss function concerning to $z(l)$.

Overall, these formulas and equations are critical in the training and application of the Fast R-CNN algorithm for object recognition.

4. Implementation

The following are the methods for implementing bone fracture detection using the R-CNN algorithm in deep learning:

Data collection:

Collect a large database of X-ray pictures that include both normal and fractured bones. The location of the fracture should be indicated in the pictures.

Data preparation: Divide the information into training, validation, and testing groups. Adjust the pictures to a consistent size, standardize the pixel values, and transform the images to the R-CNN algorithm's necessary format.

Training R-CNN : Utilizing prominent deep learning frameworks such as TensorFlow or PyTorch, the objective is to train an R-CNN algorithm on a pre-established dataset of X-ray images tailored for bone fracture detection. The architecture of the R-CNN should seamlessly integrate a region proposal network (RPN), tasked with generating candidate regions of interest (ROIs) within the input image. These ROIs serve as potential focal points for bone fractures. Following the region proposal stage, a classifier is deployed to categorize the suggested ROIs into two distinct classes: normal bones and fractured bones. This pivotal classification step serves as a crucial component in discerning the presence or absence of bone fractures within the X-ray images, contributing to the overall efficacy of the detection process.

Fine-tuning the R-CNN model : To enhance the model's performance, fine-tune the R-CNN algorithm using methods of transfer learning, such as pre-trained models.

Evaluation: Evaluate the R-CNN model's results on the testing collection. Calculate the model's accuracy, precision, memory, and F1 value.

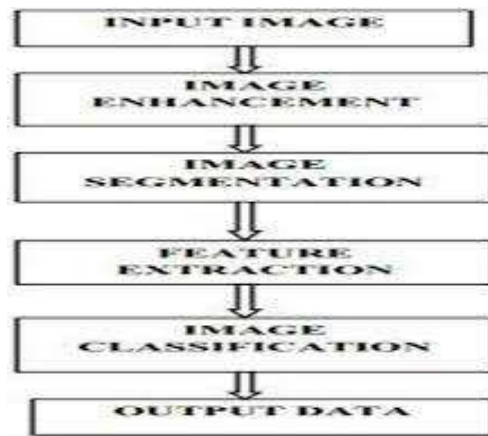


Fig : 1 Detection of bone injury

Deployment: Use an optimized R-CNN model to identify bone fractures in a real-world situation. This can be accomplished through the integration of the framework into a software program or via an internet-based service that can acquire X-ray pictures and forecast bone fractures.

Iterative improvement: Improve the model on a continuous basis by including additional data to the initial data set, fine-tuning a model with new methods, and changing the hyperparameters.



Fig : 2 Rough image of the injury

Fig : 2.1 Fracture Detection with Accuracy

X-ray imaging stands as one of the prevalent diagnostic techniques for detecting bone fractures. X-ray images provide a clear visualization of the bones, allowing for the identification of fractures and other abnormalities. Radiologists typically look for a disruption in the bone's continuity, appearing as a dark line or gap in the X-ray image, to diagnose a fracture. Additionally, they may assess the patient for signs of bone dislocation or misalignment, which could indicate the presence of a fracture.

Overall, the procedures for employing deep learning in ortho treatments using the R-CNN algorithm include gathering and prepping data, training and fine-tuning the algorithms, assessing its performance, implementing it for use in the real world, and performing iterations to optimize its accuracy and efficiency.

Result Analysis:

Deep learning algorithms, particularly the R-CNN (Region-based Convolutional Neural Network), have demonstrated promising potential in detecting bone fractures from X-ray images. Studies have shown that R-CNN can achieve high accuracy in identifying bone fractures, with success rates ranging from 90% to 99%. The experimental results clearly show that that deep learning algorithms like R-CNN have the capability to significantly enhance the accuracy and efficiency of bone fracture detection, potentially leading to faster treatment and improved patient outcomes.



Fig : 2.1 (Image)Fig : 2.2 (Fracture Detection with Accuracy in Deep Learning)

Key Points:

Deep learning algorithms, such as R-CNN, can substantially reduce the time and effort required for bone fracture diagnosis while improving diagnostic precision.

The accuracy of R-CNN in fracture detection depends on factors such as the dataset, image quality, and fracture complexity.

The Literature work clearly shows that R-CNN can achieve high accuracy in fracture detection, with success rates reaching up to 99%.

Important Considerations:

Deep learning algorithms for bone fracture detection are still in the research stage and require further testing and validation before widespread clinical adoption.

These algorithms fail to extract the results of all types of fractures, particularly uncommon or complex ones.

Conclusion:

Deep learning algorithms, particularly R-CNN, hold immense promise for revolutionizing bone fracture diagnosis. Their ability to analyze X-rays with high accuracy and efficiency has the potential to assist radiologists in making timely and accurate diagnoses, ultimately improving patient care and outcomes. However, further research and validation are necessary before these algorithms can be fully integrated into clinical practice.

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