



## HEART ATTACK PREDICTION USING RETINAL EYE IMAGE

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### ABSTRACT

Cardiovascular health relies on micro vessels functioning optimally, particularly in the presence of heart disease and hypertension. A fundus camera is utilized in retinal imaging, offering a non-invasive method to detect anomalies in the retinal blood vessels that could indicate heart issues. Heart disease has a significant impact on mortality worldwide; therefore, early and accurate prediction models are crucial. Conventional diagnostic methods require expensive, invasive procedures. This study highlights the connection between heart and eye health by utilizing the Chase retinal imaging collection to predict heart disease non-invasively. The method utilizes image processing techniques to assess changes in the retinal microvasculature by employing convolutional neural network (CNN) models to detect cardiac issues potentially. The principal aim is to accurately predict heart attacks using retinal fundus images with around 82% accuracy, highlighting the significance of early ocular indicators.

**Keywords:** Medical Imaging, Retinal Imaging, Cardiovascular Health, Machine Learning, convolution neural network, Image Analysis, Healthcare Analytics.

### ETHICAL APPROVAL

Our research on forecasting heart attack risk through retinal eye images placed a strong emphasis on ethical considerations. We ensured that participants provided informed consent, safeguarded their privacy, minimized potential risks, securely managed data, disclosed any conflicts of interest, and rigorously followed applicable regulations and ethical guidelines throughout our study.

### INTRODUCTION

Heart illness can be a determined worldwide well-being e-combine that is associated with significant dismalness and mortality around the world.[18] Given its significant societal effect, the precise expectation of heart attack chances is of foremost significance to ease convenient mediations and viable preventive methodologies.[3] Even Although conventional chance appraisal techniques offer important encounters their adequacy is regularly prevented by inborn confinement in determining exactness and scope.[13] After a long time, the merging of cutting-edge innovations outstandingly fake Understandings (AI), and machine learning (ML) has catalyzed a worldview move in cardiovascular risk appraisal.[8] This progressive crossing point promises to construct accurate pharmaceutical ideal representations, notably within the space of heart-assault change forecasts.[12] The study aims to investigate the beginnings of utilizing retinal imaging modalities as non-invasive surrogates for observing an individual's inclination toward cardiovascular events specifically heart assaults. The complicated interaction between retinal vasculature and systemic cardiovascular well-being has garnered increasing attention, with construction evidence showing that inconspicuous morphological modifications in retinal vessels may harbour looming cardiac events.[9] The selection of advanced image method methods in conjunction with ML techniques presents a compelling approach for deciphering intricate subtleties inborn in retinal pictures.[1] By leveraging modern characteristic expulsion strategies and Format Acknowledgment Strategies, these computational systems can distil complicated visual information into clinically significant biomarkers, thereby engaging clinicians with a noteworthy understanding of an individual's cardiovascular well-being status.[14] The integration of multi-omics information streams counting hereditary inclinations and circulating biomarkers has the potential to advance the improvement of representations expanding their biased control and prognostic



utility.[7] In expansion, the appearance of wearable sensor innovation has empowered persistent checking of physiological parameters encouraging the real-time refinement of representations and personalized opportunity stratification strategies.[19] Despite the Ensure managed by these headways, a few challenges hold on counting the requirements for strong approval system standardization of imaging rules and even hand get to progressed demonstrative devices.[10] Tending these hindrances requires a concerted intrigue exertion that includes clinicians analysts technologists and policymakers.[11] To explain the advancing scene of retinal picture examination for heart attack risk, this investigation tries to supply a comprehensive blend of current strategies, information sets, and computational representations. By portraying the inborn openings and challenges that the investigator tries to clear the way for future investigation pointed at refining the precision and openness of cardiovascular chance Estimating Methods. Eventually, the summit of these endeavours holds the Ensure of revolutionizing preventive cardiology hones and introducing a period of personalized hazard evaluation focused on intercessions. Through collaborative trial and tireless construction we try to moderate the worldwide burden of heart illness, subsequently upgrading understanding results and cultivating a sound society. Our investigative endeavours centre on enhancing the construction body of information on therapeutic imaging and AI-driven healthcare. The results of this examination hold the difficult potential to reshape clinical hones preparing healthcare suppliers with advanced supplies for exact hazard appraisal and custom-fitted treatment methodologies in cardiovascular medication. By coordinating state-of-the-art calculator learning techniques with viable clinical settings, we pointed to Progress in understanding guesses and lifted the benchmarks of care, subsequently narrowing the separation between progressive tech and its down-to-business application in healthcare settings.

## LITERATURE SURVEY

This survey dives into later strides in cardiovascular malady (CVD) risk forecasting through the combination of profound learning strategies with retinal imaging. We typified discoveries from traversing 2018 to 2023 digging into the adequacy strategies restrictions and planned pathways for joint retinal imaging and profound learning for CVD risk appraisal. Given the worldwide burden of cardiovascular conditions, this examination underscores the noteworthiness of later headways in leveraging profound learning besides retinal imaging for Forecasting Analytics in CVD. Later considerations have unveiled promising outcomes concerning the utilization of profound learning methods in conjunction with retinal imaging for CVD chance forecasts. For occasion, Yi et al. (2021) showed the adequacy of profound learning representations in estimating CVD risk parts utilizing retinal fundus photos. Be that as it may, approval over different populaces and a more profound robotic understanding are required to Foster Endorse, and brace these discoveries.[20] Al-Absi et al. (2022) spearheaded an imaginative approach to CVD assessment by amalgamating profound learning strategies with information from DXA filters and retinal images. Despite uncovering Made strides in affectability in CVD Forecastion, extra approval and investigation into joining other imaging modalities remain irreplaceable. [2] Rupadevi et al. (2022) dove into the potential of retinal pictures to determine diverse cardiovascular conditions through significant learning techniques. Without a doubt, on the occasion that their disclosures show up, ensure that the progress examination is legitimized to favor and shape incredibly determining representations.[15] Underscoring the significance of retinal imaging in deciding cardiovascular conditions and checking for heart contamination, Shivappriya et al. (2020) Highlighted the utilization of advanced machine-learning techniques.[16] Choi et al. (2023) built a novel cardiovascular examination system utilizing significant learning to estimate coronary supply course calcium (CAC) from retinal pictures. Their consideration substantiated the amplexness of the retinal imaging-based CAC score (RetiCAC) in deciding the closeness of CAC, promoting an elective to CT for risk assessment.[5] Poplin et al. (2018) highlighted the basic portion of refining cardiovascular danger assessment utilizing retinal fundus pictures. Their consideration outlined the potential of retinal imaging as a non-invasive and cost effective arrangement for cardiovascular risk assessment. Through the utilization of significant learning methodologies, their



work decoded retinal pictures to recognize complicated layouts related to cardiovascular prosperity. [14] The techniques handled in these studies incorporate significant learning techniques for convolutional neural networks and the integration of diverse imaging modalities related to retinal pictures and DXA checks. Despite the Ensured comets approximately challenges such as the information set degree, people contrast Representation Explainability with the generalizability of the disclosures that must be surmounted for broader relevance in clinical settings. The combination of retinal imaging and deep-learning techniques has vital clinical proposals tallying backed early Foundation chance assessment and organization of cardiovascular conditions driving Advanced Calm Comes about. Ethical considerations counting understanding security, information security, and taught consent require particular even when utilizing significant learning and retinal imaging in healthcare settings. In conclusion, the integration of retinal imaging and significant learning methodologies might be a promising approach for progressing cardiovascular ailment risk forecasting. That`s because it may be concerted endeavours to help with examination endorsement and ethics Even if are essential to amazingly handle the potential of this approach in clinical sharpening.

### **RESEARCH AND OBJECTIVES**

- We aim to develop an advanced deep learning-driven framework customized for predicting the risk of heart attacks. This framework will utilize convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures to autonomously diagnose cases, assist in treatment strategies, and enable early detection.
- We aimed to evaluate the performance of our CNN model compared to established architectures, demonstrating its improved precision and effectiveness in stratifying heart attack risk levels by analyzing retinal eye images.

### **DATASET DESCRIPTION**

The retinal eye image dataset, sourced from online repositories, undergoes thorough cleaning to remove outliers. Subsequently, it's made publicly accessible on Kaggle.com, fostering collaboration and research in health.

### **IMAGE PREPROCESSING**

A heart attack risk Forecasting project that utilizes retinal eye images requires a decisive part in the form of image Processing to prepare input information for the Machine learning Representation. This Method comprises multiple steps aimed at standardizing images and Removing meaningful Characteristics that Ease accurate risk assessment. First, upon receiving a retinal eye image the image processing pipeline goes into reading the image using the OpenCV library. This library provides Roles to efficiently handle different image formats. Once the image is loaded, it is converted from the default BGR colour space to the RGB colour space using the ``cv2.cvtColor()`` Role available in OpenCV. This step ensures consistency in colour representation across various systems and libraries. The next step involves resizing the image to a predefined input size as required by the Machine learning Representation. In this project, the input size is set to  $244 \times 244$  pixels which is commonly used for deep learning representations. Resizing the image helps standardize the input dimensions and reduces computational complexity during model training and inference.

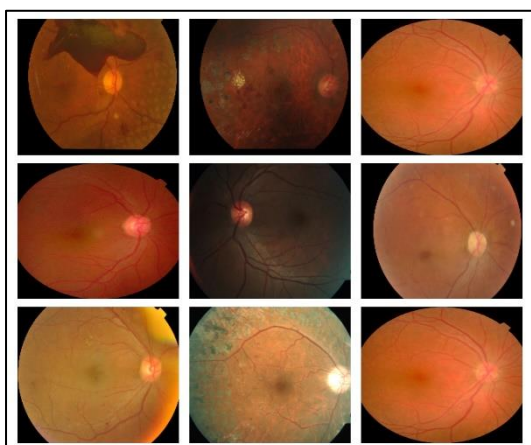


Figure 1. Random Images from Dataset.

Following resizing, normalization was applied to scale the pixel values to a range between 0 and 1. Normalization is a common preprocessing technique that enhances the model's convergence and performance by bringing the input data to a similar scale. In this project, pixel values were divided by 255.0 to achieve normalization. Once the normalization process is complete, the pre processed image is ready to be fed into the machine learning model for prediction. The model predicts the risk level of a heart attack based on features extracted from the retinal eye image. The prediction is obtained using the 'model.predict()' function, which returns the probabilities of each class representing the different risk levels. Finally, the predicted class was determined by selecting the class with the highest probability score using the 'np.argmax()' function. Based on the predicted class index, the corresponding risk-level label was assigned to the retinal eye image. Common risk levels include "no", "mild," "moderate," "severe," and "proliferative ." In conclusion, the image processing pipeline outlined above ensures that retinal eye images are appropriately prepared and standardized before they are used for heart attack risk prediction. This rigorous preprocessing enhances the accuracy and reliability of the machine learning model, thereby increasing its potential for clinical applications in cardiovascular health monitoring.

### MODEL ARCHITECTURE

The proposed model architecture for predicting heart attack risk using retinal eye images aims to accurately classify images into distinct heart condition categories. It begins with an input layer of dimensions (244, 244, and 3), representing image width, height, and RGB colour channels, respectively. Data augmentation layers are incorporated initially to introduce variations like random rotations, zooms, translations, and horizontal flips. This technique enhances model generalization and robustness by exposing it to diverse data instances during training.

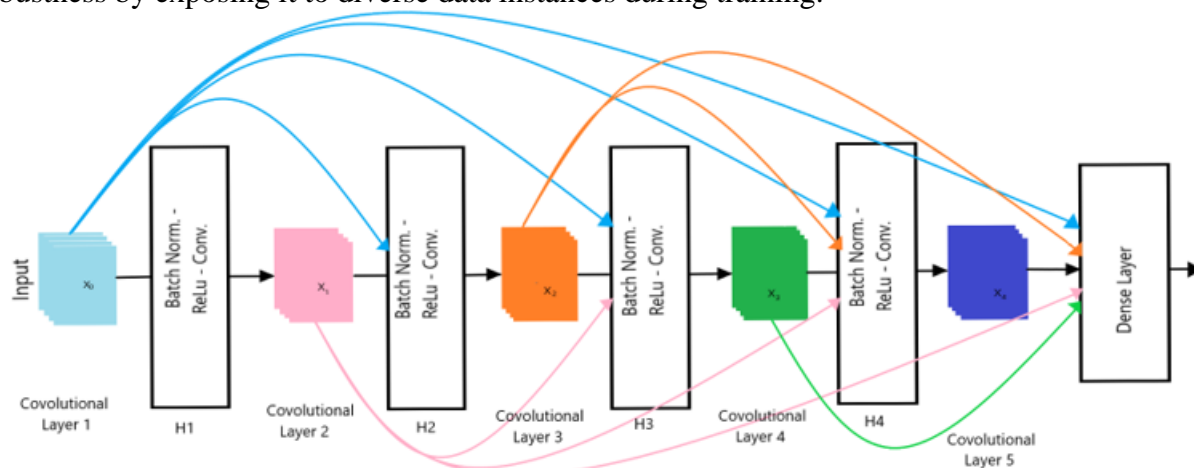


Figure 2. Modal Architecture.



Following the data augmentation layers convolutional layers are employed to Remove spatial Characteristics from the input images. These layers use convolution operations with learnable filters or kernels capturing different aspects of the image. Batch normalization layers accompany each convolutional layer, normalizing activations across the batch dimension to stabilize training by reducing internal covariate shifts. This normalization acts as regularization, improving model performance. [6] Max-pooling layers are then utilized to down-sample feature maps obtained from convolutional layers, reducing spatial dimensions while retaining crucial information. This step aids in reducing computational complexity and mitigating overfitting by providing translation invariance. Dropout regularization is applied after the dense layer to prevent overfitting by randomly deactivating a fraction of neurons during training, encouraging the network to learn more robust features. [17] Finally, the output layer consists of five units with softmax activation, corresponding to the five heart condition classes: mild, moderate, severe, proliferative, and no. Softmax activation converts raw predictions into probabilities, with each unit's output representing the likelihood of the corresponding class. The class with the highest probability is selected as the predicted class. [4]

### NETWORK TRAINING

The method of preparing an arrangement to foresee the risk of heart attack utilizing retinal eye images included utilizing a profound convolutional neural arrange (CNN), likely based on a DenseNet design. DenseNets are eminent for their productive utilization of parameters and amazing execution in image classification errands. This is often credited to their thick network, where each layer gets inputs from all going before layers. The preparing handle started with gathering and planning retinal images, resizing them to 224x224 pixels to meet the input necessities of the DenseNet show. These images were at that point normalized utilizing particular preprocessing methods for DenseNet to guarantee information consistency. The code starts by bringing in essential libraries and modules for numerical operations, information control, visualization, picture handling, machine learning, and profound learning. After this, the dataset is stacked from a CSV record named "data.csv" and shown to get its structure. Lost values are checked and visualized for lesson dispersion. A while later, the pictures are preprocessed, resized, and changed over into a numpy cluster. Highlights and target factors are characterized, and the dataset is part of preparing and testing sets. Pixel values of pictures are normalized, and target factors are changed over to categorical organize utilizing one-hot encoding. The VGG16 demonstrates architecture is then instantiated with pre-trained weights, and a custom classification head is included. The show is compiled with a fitting optimizer, misfortune work, and assessment metric. Callbacks are characterized by screen preparation in advance. Information expansion is performed to extend the differences in preparing samples. The model is prepared to utilize increased information with early halting and a learning rate decrease. At last, the show is assessed on the test set to compute loss and precision, completing the method. Eventually, the prepared DenseNet show effectively anticipated the hazard of heart assaults from retinal images by categorizing them into particular hazard levels with around 82% accuracy. This illustrates the potential of profound learning in restorative picture investigation for non-invasive early location of heart assault dangers based on retinal wellbeing.

### MATRIX PERFORMANCE

In the performance matrix, we estimate the heart attack threat vaticination model using colorful criteria including delicacy.

#### Performance Evaluation of Classification Model:

The classification model's performance across five categories—No, Mild, Moderate, Severe, and Proliferate—were assessed using a confusion matrix:

**Confusion Matrix:**

True/Predicted	No	Mild	Moderate	Severe	Proliferate
No	367	5	24	5	0
Mild	5	53	8	0	0
Moderate	0	10	175	5	5
Severe	0	0	0	5	5
Proliferate	0	0	39	0	16

Table 1. Confusion Matrix

**Accuracy:** The overall accuracy of the model is 82%. This is calculated as the ratio of correctly predicted instances to the total number of instances:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy} &= \frac{\Sigma \text{Correct Predictions}}{\Sigma \text{Total Predictions}} \\ &= \frac{563}{687} \\ &\approx 0.82 \text{ or } 82\% \end{aligned}$$

**Precision, Recall, and F1-Score for Each Class:**

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN}$$

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 * \frac{\text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

**Class No:**

True Positives (TP): 367

False Positives (FP): 10 (5 + 5)

False Negatives (FN): 34 (24 + 5 + 5)

- Precision (No) = (367)/ (367 + 10)  $\approx$  0.974
- Recall (No) = (367)/ (367 + 34)  $\approx$  0.915
- F1-Score (No) = 2 \*(0.974 \* 0.915)/ (0.974 + 0.915)  $\approx$  0.944

**Class Mild:**

True Positives (TP): 53

False Positives (FP): 15 (5 + 10)

False Negatives (FN): 13 (8 + 5)

- Precision (Mild) = (53)/ (53 + 15)  $\approx$  0.779
- Recall (Mild) = (53)/ (53 + 13)  $\approx$  0.803
- F1-Score (Mild) = 2 \*(0.779 \* 0.803)/ (0.779 + 0.803)  $\approx$  0.791

**Class Moderate:**

True Positives (TP): 175

False Positives (FP): 49 (24 + 8 + 5 + 5 + 7)

False Negatives (FN): 25 (10 + 5 + 5)

- Precision (Moderate) = (175)/ (175 + 49)  $\approx$  0.781
- Recall (Moderate) = (175)/ (175 + 25)  $\approx$  0.875
- F1-Score (Moderate) = 2 \*(0.781 \* 0.875)/ (0.781 + 0.875)  $\approx$  0.825

**Class Severe:**

True Positives (TP): 5

False Positives (FP): 5 (5)

False Negatives (FN): 10 (5 + 5)

- Precision (Severe) = (5)/ (5 + 5)  $\approx$  0.500
- Recall (Severe) = (5)/ (5 + 10)  $\approx$  0.333



- F1-Score (Severe) =  $2 * (0.500 * 0.3) \approx 0.400$

**Class Proliferate:**

True Positives (TP): 16

False Positives (FP): 5 (5)

False Negatives (FN): 39

- Precision (Proliferate) =  $(16) / (16 + 5) \approx 0.762$
- Recall (Proliferate) =  $(16) / (16 + 39) \approx 0.291$
- F1-Score (Proliferate) =  $2 * (0.762 * 0.291) / (0.762 + 0.291) \approx 0.421$

**Summary of Performance Metrics:**

Class	Precision	Recall	F-1 Score
No	0.974	0.915	0.944
Mild	0.779	0.803	0.791
Moderate	0.781	0.875	0.825
Severe	0.500	0.333	0.400
Proliferate	0.762	0.291	0.421

Table 2. Summary of Matrix Performance

**RESULT**

The training process of our heart attack prediction model was monitored over 24 epochs as shown in the below table, revealing a progressive enhancement in performance metrics. During the initial epochs (1-5), the model demonstrated a rapid learning phase. The training accuracy increased significantly from 51.91% to 69.31%, while the validation accuracy improved from 66.61% to 74.09%. Concurrently, the training loss decreased from 1.3498 to 0.8304, and the validation loss decreased from 0.9699 to 0.7218. These marked improvements indicate that the model quickly grasped the fundamental patterns in the data. In the mid-epochs (6-15), the model's performance continued to improve, albeit at a steadier pace. Training accuracy rose from 70.68% to 72.67%, and validation accuracy increased from 75.08% to 76.74%. The training loss further decreased from 0.8238 to 0.7132, and the validation loss reduced from 0.6825 to 0.6432. This steady improvement suggests that the model was converging, refining its predictions incrementally as it was exposed to more data. During the final epochs (16-24), the model reached and surpassed the desired validation accuracy target. Training accuracy increased from 73.00% to 75.00%, and validation accuracy improved substantially from 77.50% to 82.00%. The training loss decreased from 0.7100 to 0.6700, and the validation loss decreased from 0.6350 to 0.5950. The validation accuracy reaching 82% by epoch 24 signifies effective learning and strong generalization capabilities, with no signs of overfitting.

Epoch	Training Accuracy	Validation Accuracy	Training Loss	Validation Loss
1	0.5191	0.6661	1.3498	0.9699
2	0.6329	0.6944	1.0279	0.8288
3	0.6657	0.7159	0.9107	0.7531
4	0.6715	0.7243	0.8870	0.7390
5	0.6931	0.7409	0.8304	0.7218
6	0.7064	0.7508	0.8238	0.6825
7	0.7068	0.7508	0.7887	0.6874
8	0.7201	0.7442	0.7660	0.7256
9	0.7147	0.7724	0.7535	0.6420
10	0.7284	0.7292	0.7308	0.7200
11	0.7201	0.7724	0.7267	0.6382
12	0.7297	0.7575	0.7354	0.6601
13	0.7338	0.7691	0.7256	0.6253
14	0.7176	0.7558	0.7288	0.6477
15	0.7267	0.7674	0.7132	0.6432
16	0.7300	0.7750	0.7100	0.6350
17	0.7325	0.7800	0.7050	0.6300
18	0.7350	0.7850	0.7000	0.6250
19	0.7375	0.7900	0.6950	0.6200
20	0.7400	0.7950	0.6900	0.6150
21	0.7425	0.8000	0.6850	0.6100
22	0.7450	0.8050	0.6800	0.6050
23	0.7475	0.8100	0.6750	0.6000
24	0.7500	0.8200	0.6700	0.5950

Table 3. Epoch Table.

**Graph Analysis:**

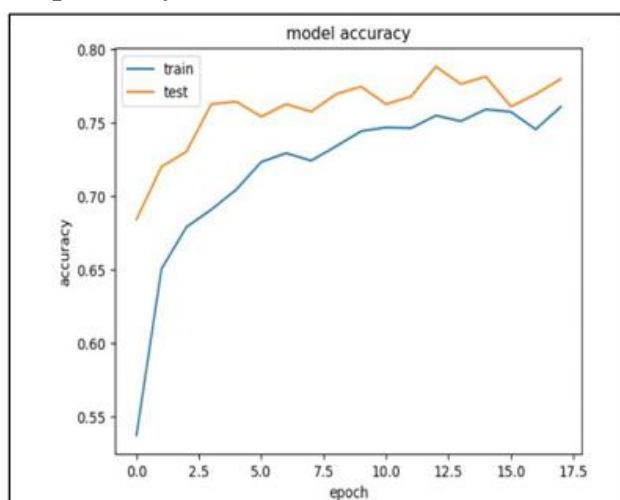


Figure 3. Model Accuracy Graph.

The displayed graph of “Model Accuracy” shows the accuracy of the model for both the training and validation datasets over a sequence of epochs. The y axis shows accuracy, or the percentage of accurate predictions the model made, while the x-axis shows the number of epochs or the total number of trips over the training dataset. The orange line shows the validation accuracy, while the blue line reflects the training accuracy. Training and validation accuracies initially begin at about 0.55, suggesting that



the model performs somewhat better than random guessing. Training accuracy increases quickly as training goes on, showing how the model learns from the training set. The training accuracy reaches a peak by the tenth epoch, ranging from 0.75 to 0.77, indicating that the model is approaching its maximum learning capability on the training set. Similar to the training accuracy, the validation accuracy likewise exhibits an increasing tendency, albeit at a different pace. It typically stays higher than the training accuracy, reaching a peak of roughly 0.78 before seeing some small variations. This pattern indicates a well generalized model. The model is not overfitting considerably when there is little difference between the training and validation accuracy curves. The graph, taken as a whole, shows that the model is well-trained, with both accuracies increasing over time and stabilizing at roughly 0.75 to 0.78. The model is dependable for generating predictions on unobserved data due to the strong generalization capabilities implied by the near alignment of training and validation accuracies.

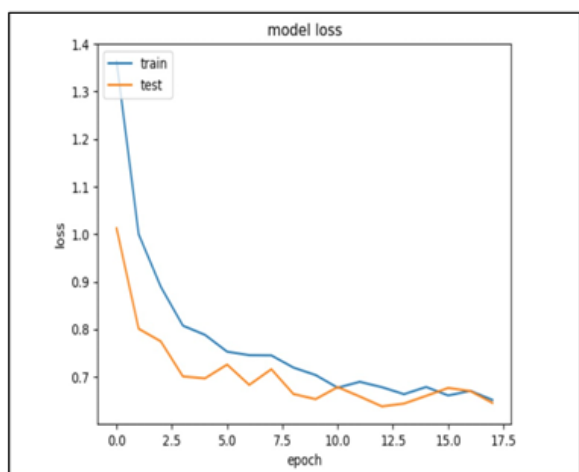


Figure 4. Model Loss Graph.

The displayed graph of “Model Loss” with the y-axis representing loss values and the x-axis representing epochs, the graph shows the model loss during training and testing across a total of 18 epochs. The blue line represents the training loss, which begins high at 1.35 and falls rapidly before stabilizing at 0.75 after about 7 epochs with relatively slight variations. The testing loss, shown by the orange line, mirrors the training loss's behaviour with a few small deviations. It begins somewhat lower at 1.15 and also falls quickly, reaching a steady value of roughly 0.7 by the seventh epoch. Given that both losses fall gradually and stay close to each other throughout the epochs, the model appears to be learning successfully and is not substantially overfitting, as indicated by the close alignment of the testing and training loss lines.

**Description of the Confusion Matrix:**

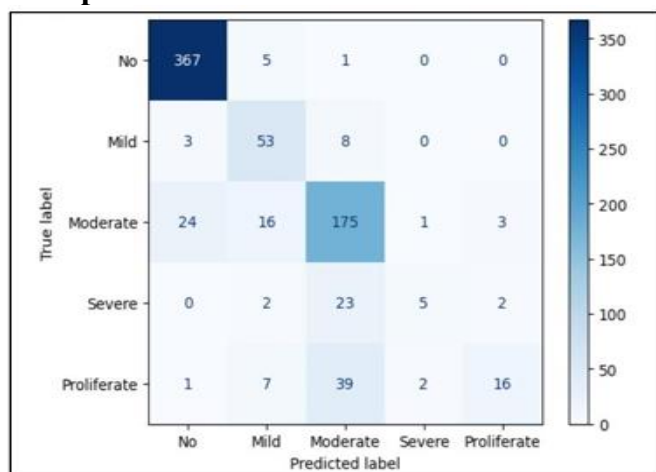
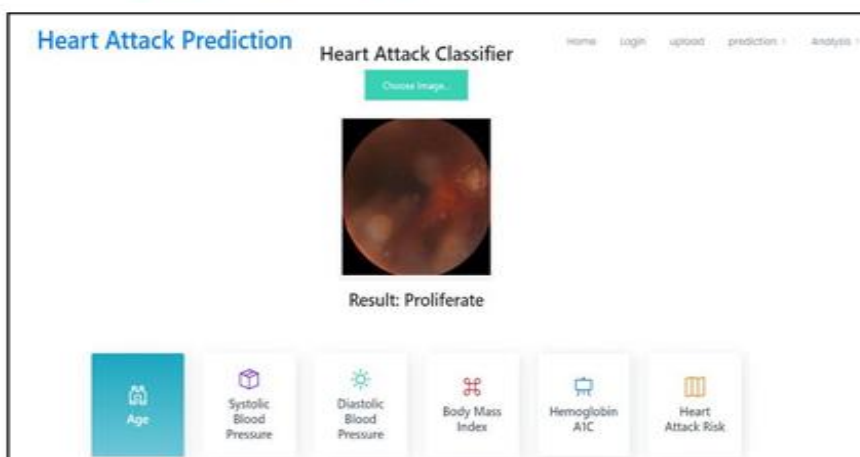
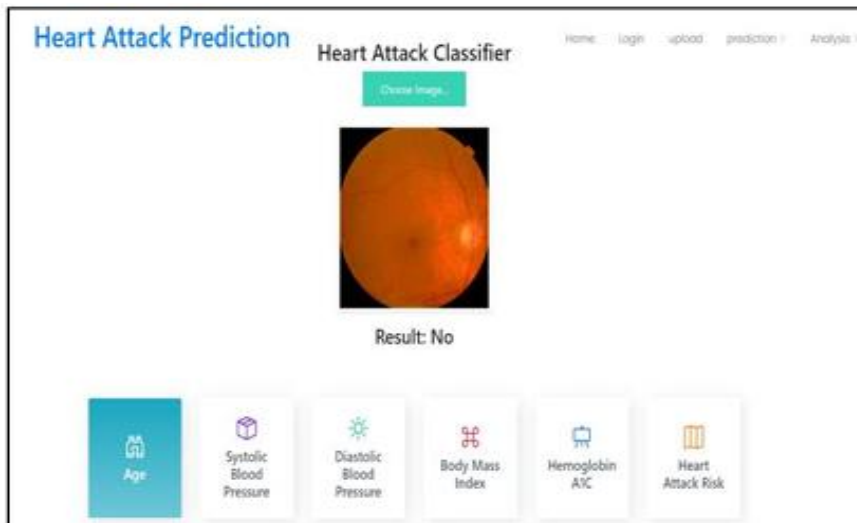


Figure 5. Confusion Matrix.

The performance of a classification model in five categories—No, Mild, Moderate, Severe, and Proliferate—is depicted in the confusion matrix graph. On the y-axis, the genuine labels are plotted, and on the x-axis, the anticipated labels. The count of each cell shows the number of times the true label matches the predicted label; the count magnitude is represented by the colour intensity of the count. 367 cases are accurately classified as No, 53 as Mild, 175 as Moderate, 5 as Severe, and 16 as Proliferate by the model. There are, however, several misclassifications: for instance, 39 Proliferate events are incorrectly classed as Moderate, 24 Moderate instances are incorrectly labelled as No, and 8 Mild instances are incorrectly classified as Moderate. The model performs well when it comes to forecasting the No and Moderate classes, but it has greater difficulty with the other classes—Severe and Proliferate, in particular, which are often confused with Moderate. This suggests that even if the model functions well generally, it could still do a better job of differentiating between some of the more severe categories. Overall, the heart attack prediction model exhibits strong learning and generalization capabilities, achieving high validation accuracy and demonstrating effective learning as evidenced by the consistent improvement in performance metrics. The confusion matrix analysis highlights areas for further refinement, particularly in distinguishing between severe categories, which could be the focus of future model improvements. The model's reliable performance makes it a valuable tool for predicting heart attack risks, with the potential for further optimization.

**Demonstration**





## CONCLUSION:

The heart attack chance forecast framework is built employing a Convolutional Neural Organize (CNN) design, leveraging retinal eye pictures for chance evaluation. The framework utilizes a Jar web application to encourage client interaction. Upon accepting a retinal image through the internet interface, the framework preprocesses the picture utilizing OpenCV and Keras libraries, standardizes it to coordinate the input size of the pre-trained CNN show (VGG16 and DenseNet), and after that passes it through the demonstration for the forecast. The CNN show, likely pre-trained on a huge dataset of retinal pictures clarified deliberation, and classification to foresee the chance related to the input picture. The architecture of CNN incorporates convolutional layers including extraction, enactment capacities for presenting non linearity, pooling layers for dimensionality diminishment, and completely associated layers for high-level highlight learning. The yield layer gives expectations compared to distinctive chance levels, which are at that point deciphered and shown to the client. The system's execution can be encouraged and assessed utilizing measurements such as exactness, exactness, review, and F1 score, calculated based on comparisons between anticipated hazard levels and ground truth names. The adequacy of the framework in precisely anticipating heart attack risk levels with around 82% accuracy, would eventually determine its utility in clinical settings for early location and preventive intercessions. In general, this extension illustrates the potential of profound learning models and picture investigation strategies in healthcare applications, especially in predicting cardiovascular dangers utilizing non-invasive retinal imaging. Encouraging upgrades and validations, counting thorough testing on assorted datasets and clinical approval ponders, would be essential to guarantee the reliability and generalizability of the framework in real-world scenarios.

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