



SMART COSMETICS RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM BASED ON SKIN CONDITION USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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Abstract —

This paper introduces an innovative Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based system designed to revolutionize the way individuals select cosmetics according to their unique skin conditions. The recommendations on cosmetic products such as makeup, skincare, haircare, etc., tailored to an individual's specific needs, preferences, or skin type. This could be done by beauty consultants in stores, through online beauty platforms, or via apps that use algorithms to suggest products. Utilizing state-of-the-art deep learning models, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)-88%, VGGNet-92%, and DenseNet-96%, the system offers a highly personalized skincare and cosmetic recommendation by analyzing user-uploaded skin images. This approach allows for the identification of various skin issues such as dryness, oiliness, red spots enabling the system to suggest the most suitable cosmetics products that cater to the user's specific skin needs. By bridging the gap between advanced AI technologies and personalized skincare, this project aims to enhance the cosmetic selection process, ensuring users receive tailored recommendations that promote skin health and beauty.

Keywords —

Artificial Intelligence, CNN, VGGNet, DenseNet, Skin Condition Analysis, Cosmetic Suggestion, Personalized Skincare.

I. INTRODUCTION

The project is an innovative endeavor aimed at transforming the cosmetic industry by providing personalized cosmetic recommendations through advanced deep learning techniques. Utilizing state-of-the-art convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures such as VGG and DenseNet, this project seeks to analyze individual skin conditions from images and suggest cosmetics that enhance skin health and appearance.

Selecting the right cosmetic products can be a complex decision for consumers, given the diversity of skin types and the plethora of product choices available. Traditional selection methods often do not account for the unique dermatological needs of each user, potentially leading to ineffective or harmful choices. With advancements in artificial intelligence, particularly in image analysis and pattern recognition, there is a significant opportunity to tailor cosmetic recommendations to individual skin conditions effectively.

In an era where personalization is key to consumer satisfaction, the cosmetic industry is ripe for disruption by technologies that can offer bespoke solutions. This project addresses the need for a scientifically grounded, precise method of recommending cosmetics based on objective analysis of



skin health, using AI to bridge the gap between beauty and technology.

- To deploy advanced CNN architectures (VGG and DenseNet) to analyze detailed features of skin from images that reflect underlying skin conditions such as wrinkles, spots, dryness, and more.
- To develop a predictive model that can accurately classify skin types and detect specific skin issues, providing a basis for personalized cosmetic recommendations.
- To create an extensive, categorized database of cosmetics that includes detailed information on product composition, intended use, and suitability for different skin types.
- To design a user-centric application interface that allows users to upload skin images, receive instant analysis results, and get personalized cosmetic suggestions.
- To ensure data privacy and security in handling sensitive user information, adhering to the highest standards of data protection.

Data Acquisition: Assemble a diverse set of skin condition images and corresponding metadata. This dataset will be enriched with annotations from dermatologists to ensure the accuracy and relevance of the training data.

Model Training and Validation: Utilize CNN architectures like VGG and DenseNet for deep learning training on the skin image dataset. These models are renowned for their effectiveness in image recognition tasks and will be fine-tuned to identify various skin conditions and characteristics.

Integration with Dermatological Expertise: Collaborate with skin care professionals to interpret AI analysis results and integrate these insights into a recommendation system that respects dermatological guidelines.

This project is anticipated to set a new standard in personalized cosmetic recommendations, significantly enhancing user satisfaction and trust in cosmetic products. By accurately understanding and addressing individual skin care needs through AI, the project will not only benefit consumers but also cosmetic retailers and healthcare providers by providing insights into consumer needs and preferences. Future developments could include real-time skin monitoring, integration with augmented reality (AR) for virtual product trials, and expanding the recommendation engine to include nutritional advice for skin health.

This project leverages cutting-edge AI technologies to innovate within the cosmetic industry, offering a tailored, scientifically-backed approach to cosmetic selection that prioritizes skin health and personal preferences.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Skincare products with a high degree of serendipity and hidden attraction. By analyzing user evaluations and ingredient frequencies, the system effectively identifies products that align with users' desired cosmetic effects. Moreover, the IF-IPF method facilitates the discovery of ingredients associated with strong-effect product groups, enhancing the accuracy and relevance of the recommendations.[1]

The study demonstrates the potential of Deep Learning, particularly CNNs, in accurately classifying skin types from facial images. The CNN classification model achieved an accuracy of approximately 85%, albeit with a slight bias towards oily images. This indicates that Deep Learning holds promise for improving the efficiency and accuracy of skin type classification, offering a more reliable alternative to traditional methods. Moreover, the results suggest that with a larger dataset, the model could yield even more optimal and less error-prone outcomes, underscoring the scalability and potential for further advancements in this field.[2]

The feasibility and effectiveness of the proposed cosmetic recommendation system. By leveraging ML techniques and NLP concepts, the system successfully extracts and analyzes ingredient information from cosmetic products, facilitating the identification of effective ingredients for different user attributes. The scatter plot visualization provides an intuitive representation of the similarities between cosmetic items, enabling users to make informed decisions based on their preferences and skin concerns.[3]



The findings of the systematic review reveal a diverse range of AI applications in cosmetic dermatology, spanning multiple domains. From enhancing cosmetic product development to facilitating skin assessment, diagnosis, treatment recommendation, and outcome prediction, AI technologies have demonstrated significant potential to revolutionize aesthetic medicine. The review identifies key trends, methodologies, and emerging research areas within each utilization domain, offering valuable insights for researchers and practitioners alike.[4]

The Virtual Makeover and Makeup Recommendation System offer a novel approach to addressing the challenges associated with selecting and applying makeup. By combining AR technology with DL algorithms, the system provides users with an immersive and interactive experience, enabling them to experiment with different makeup styles in real-time. Moreover, the personalized makeup recommendations generated by the system enhance user decision-making and streamline the makeup selection process, ultimately leading to a more satisfying user experience. Additionally, the system helps mitigate complications such as wastage of makeup products, time spent on trial and error, and the hassle of cleaning makeup.[5]

The implementation of the proposed cosmetic recommendation system offers a promising solution to the challenges associated with cosmetic selection. By leveraging ML and NLP technologies, the system provides users with personalized recommendations based on their individual attributes and preferences. The utilization of ingredient-based analysis enhances the accuracy and relevance of the recommendations, allowing users to make informed decisions while minimizing the risk of adverse reactions. The scatter plot visualization further enhances user understanding and engagement, facilitating the exploration of cosmetic options in an intuitive and interactive manner.[6]

The integration of deep learning algorithms in the cosmetics industry has transformed skincare product selection by providing predictive analysis based on compositional factors. These algorithms enable the analysis of vast amounts of data, including unstructured information, to offer personalized recommendations tailored to individuals' unique skin characteristics. As the beauty sector continues to expand, deep learning algorithms play a pivotal role in streamlining complex procedures and enhancing the consumer experience by facilitating informed decision-making in skincare product selection.[7]

This study designs and implements a cosmetics recommendation system using machine learning in a social media environment, collecting cosmetics-related information and providing personalized recommendations to users. Various stages including data collection and processing, construction, and evaluation of machine learning models are undertaken to complete the cosmetics recommendation system.[8]

The TF-IDF model, an unsupervised CF model, was evaluated using manual testing with a test set, as accuracy metrics were not applicable. The results demonstrated the model's effectiveness in recommending natural beauty treatments based on users' preferences. By creating a remedy recommendation system capable of providing precise and individualized suggestions for natural beauty remedies tailored to users' unique requirements and preferences, this research project makes a significant contribution to the beauty industry.[9]

The proposed approach aims to achieve high accuracy in detecting skin types using the defined training model. By harnessing CNNs and AI algorithms, the system offers personalized recommendations, enhancing user satisfaction and confidence in skincare product selection. The integration of machine learning techniques into the cosmetics industry facilitates informed decision-making, ultimately improving the overall consumer experience.[10]

III. METHODOLOGY

The motivation behind this project stems from a clear need in the market for more personalized skincare guidance. Many individuals struggle with selecting cosmetics that truly match their skin type and condition, often leading to frustration and, in some cases, exacerbation of existing skin issues. The conventional approach to selecting skincare products, which typically involves trial and error or



reliance on generic recommendations, fails to meet the diverse needs of consumers. This project is driven by the belief that everyone deserves a personalized skincare routine that is both effective and tailored to their specific needs, achieved through the application of AI technologies.

A. Proposed System

The proposed system is designed to overcome these limitations by leveraging CNN, VGGNet, and DenseNet models for detailed skin condition analysis. By analyzing images uploaded by users, the system can identify specific skin issues and suggest cosmetics that are best suited to address those concerns, thereby offering a highly personalized recommendation service. Introduction of a state-of-the-art Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for automated skin analysis. Utilization of deep learning to enhance the system's ability to recognize and interpret complex dermatological features. Integration of AI algorithms such as CNN, DenseNet, VGG-16 to provide real-time, data-driven insights into individual skin conditions. A shift towards a more dynamic and adaptable skincare system to meet the evolving needs of users. Substantially improved accuracy in identifying and diagnosing various skin conditions.

Advantages of Proposed System

- **Highly Personalized Recommendations:** Utilizes advanced AI to provide tailored cosmetic suggestions based on detailed skin analysis.
- **Accurate Skin Condition Analysis:** Employs deep learning models for precise identification of a wide range of skin issues.
- **Improved User Satisfaction:** By offering customized skincare solutions, the system aims to enhance user satisfaction and product effectiveness.
- **Enhanced Personalized Recommendations:** The proposed system offers highly personalized cosmetic recommendations based on individual skin conditions, ensuring that skincare routines are tailored to the specific needs of each person.
- **AI-Driven Analysis:** By leveraging advanced algorithms such as CNN, VGG16 and Densenet the system conducts thorough analyses of various skin features, guaranteeing precise recommendations for optimal skincare.
- **Adaptability:** The AI-driven system adapts to the distinct characteristics of each user, providing recommendations that evolve with changes in skin condition or environment.
- **Enhanced Precision:** With the use of Artificial Neural Networks, the proposed system achieves greater precision in analyzing skin characteristics and recommending suitable skincare products.
- **Revolutionizing Skincare:** The innovative approach of the proposed system has the potential to revolutionize the skincare industry by offering effective solutions that promote optimal skin health and overall well-being.

B. System Architecture

A system architecture diagram would be used to show the relationship between different components. Usually they are created for systems which include hardware and software and these are represented in the diagram to show the interaction between them. However, it can also be created for web applications. The architecture is designed to be modular, allowing for the independent update or replacement of components as technology advances. The seamless integration of CNN, VGGNet, and DenseNet models ensures comprehensive and accurate skin condition analysis, laying the foundation for personalized and effective cosmetic recommendations.

Input: Skin image of the user Product database containing. a. Product information
b. Suitable skin types and conditions

Output: Personalized list of recommended cosmetic products

Steps:

Start

Step-1: Image Preprocessing Module

Standardizes images for analysis. This module adjusts image sizes, performs normalization to mitigate lighting differences, and applies filters to enhance skin condition features.

Components: Image resizing, normalization, and filtering algorithms.

Step-2: CNN Model

Acts as the first layer of skin condition analysis. It quickly scans images to detect general skin health indicators and common conditions.

Features: Utilizes a pre-trained CNN model, fine-tuned on a dermatological dataset for enhanced skin image recognition capabilities.

Step-3: VGGNet Model

Provides detailed feature extraction. This model dives deeper into the identified conditions, analyzing the skin for more complex patterns and features that indicate specific skin issues.

Features: Employs a VGGNet architecture fine-tuned for skin analysis, focusing on capturing intricate details necessary for accurate condition classification.

Step-4: DenseNet Model

Offers enhanced classification accuracy. DenseNet’s unique architecture allows for a more nuanced understanding of skin conditions, leveraging feature reuse for precise identification.

Features: A DenseNet model trained on an extensive skin condition dataset, ensuring high accuracy and reliability in condition identification.

Step-5: Analysis Engine

Integrates outputs from CNN, VGGNet, and DenseNet models to provide a comprehensive analysis of the skin condition. It evaluates the severity and type of condition, considering the nuanced differences identified by each model.

Components: Algorithmic decision-making logic that weighs model outputs, condition severity assessment tools, and a comprehensive skin condition database.

Step-6: Cosmetic Database

Stores information on various cosmetics, including product ingredients, intended use cases, and user reviews. This database is regularly updated to reflect the latest products and trends.

Features: Comprehensive metadata for each product, categorization by skin condition and type, and an update mechanism to add new products.

Step-7: Recommendation Engine

Matches the analyzed skin conditions with suitable cosmetics from the database. It uses algorithms to prioritize products based on their effectiveness for the identified conditions, user preferences, and historical success rates.

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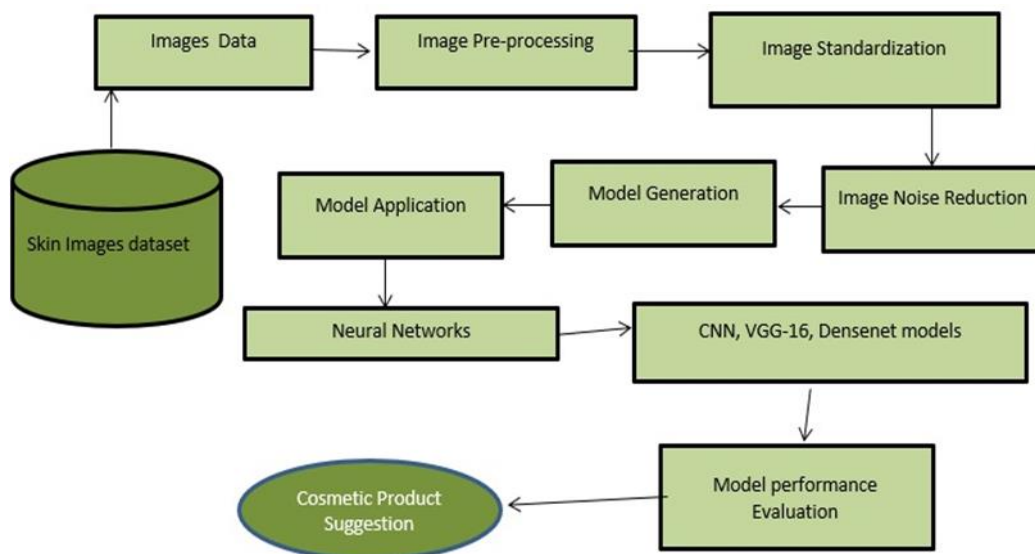


Fig.1. Block Diagram For Cosmetic Prediction



C. Methodologies

- Phase 1: Project Planning and Requirements Analysis

Objective Definition: Clearly define the project's goals, focusing on the need to provide personalized cosmetic recommendations through advanced AI analysis of skin conditions.

Scope Determination: Establish the boundaries of the project, including the target user demographic, types of skin conditions to be analyzed, and the range of cosmetics to be recommended.

Requirement Analysis: Identify technical and user requirements, such as system functionalities, user interface design, data privacy considerations, and performance metrics.

- Phase 2: Data Collection and Preprocessing

Dataset Acquisition: Collect a comprehensive dataset of skin images, ensuring diversity in skin types, conditions, and severities. Collaborate with dermatologists and skincare professionals to annotate images accurately.

Data Preprocessing: Implement preprocessing steps to standardize images for analysis. This includes resizing, normalization, and augmentation techniques to enhance model training effectiveness.

- Phase 3: Model Development and Training

Model Selection: Choose appropriate architectures for CNN, VGGNet, and DenseNet models based on their ability to analyze skin images and identify conditions.

Model Training: Train each model separately on the preprocessed dataset. Utilize transfer learning to fine-tune pre-trained models, adjusting parameters to optimize performance for skin condition analysis.

Model Integration: Develop an analysis engine that integrates the outputs from CNN, VGGNet, and DenseNet models, combining their insights for comprehensive skin condition identification.

- Phase 4: Cosmetic Database Creation

Database Development: Compile a detailed database of cosmetics, including product information, ingredients, intended skin types, and user reviews. Ensure the database is structured to facilitate efficient querying based on skin condition analysis results.

Database Updates: Establish a process for regularly updating the cosmetic database to include new products and user feedback, maintaining the system's relevance and accuracy.

- Phase 5: System Development and Integration

Recommendation Engine Development: Create algorithms for the recommendation engine that match identified skin conditions with suitable cosmetics from the database, considering user preferences and product effectiveness.

User Interface Design: Design a user-friendly interface that allows users to upload skin images, view analysis results, and receive personalized product recommendations.

System Integration: Integrate the analysis engine, cosmetic database, and recommendation engine with the user interface, ensuring seamless operation and user experience.

D. Implementation

- Programming Languages: Python was chosen due to its extensive libraries for machine learning (ML) and web development, such as TensorFlow, Keras for ML, and Flask or Django for web applications.

- Development Tools: Jupyter Notebooks for ML model development and testing, and integrated development environments (IDEs) like PyCharm or Visual Studio Code for overall system development.

- CNN Model: A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model was implemented as the initial step in analyzing skin images. This model, pre-trained on ImageNet, was further trained on a dermatologically diverse dataset to recognize general skin health indicators and common conditions.

- VGGNet Model: For more detailed feature extraction, the VGGNet architecture, known for its depth and performance in image recognition tasks, was utilized. Customized and fine-tuned for skin analysis, this model helped in identifying specific patterns indicative of various skin conditions.

- **DenseNet Model:** DenseNet was chosen for its efficiency in feature utilization and its ability to achieve high accuracy with fewer parameters. This model enhanced the system's ability to precisely classify skin conditions by leveraging its dense connectivity pattern.
- **Data Gathering:** Information on various cosmetics, including ingredients, benefits, and intended use cases, was collected. This data was sourced from product websites, dermatological studies, and user reviews.
- **Backend Development:** The backend, responsible for processing image uploads, running them through the AI models, and generating recommendations, was developed using Flask. Flask provided a lightweight and flexible framework for handling requests and integrating with the AI models and database.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Confusion Matrix

A machine learning model's performance on a set of test data is summarized by a confusion matrix. It is a technique for displaying, according to the model's predictions, the proportion of accurate and incorrect cases.

Several performance indicators, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, can be obtained from the confusion matrix. These metrics aid in identifying the classifier's advantages and disadvantages and can direct future model optimization and improvement. The model performs better at correctly predicting the classes the higher the values along the diagonal. Misclassifications occur when the expected label in a confusion matrix differs from the actual label; these are represented by off-diagonal elements. These cells include important details regarding the kinds and frequency of mistakes the model makes, including false positives and false negatives. This section explores results obtained by all proposed algorithms.

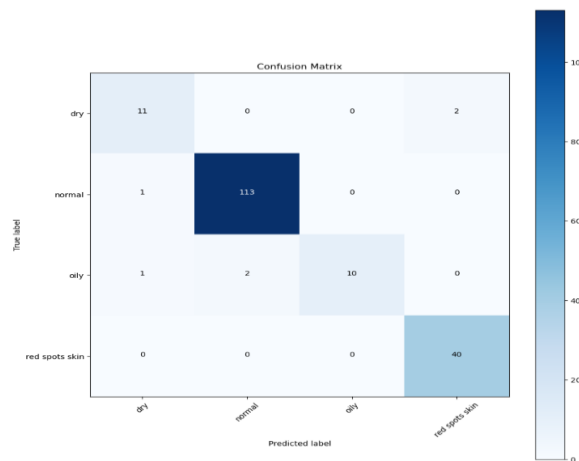


Fig.2(a) Confusion Matrix for CNN

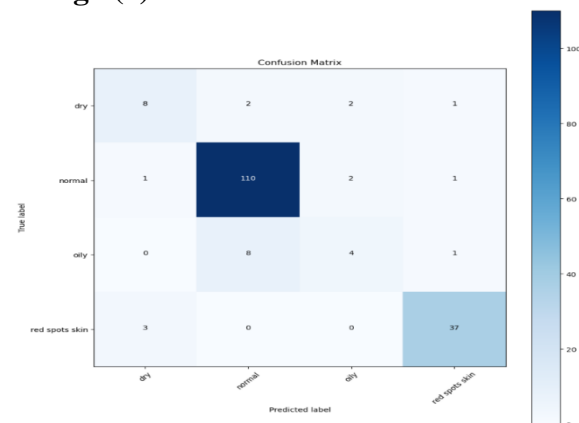


Fig.2(b) Confusion Matrix for VGG

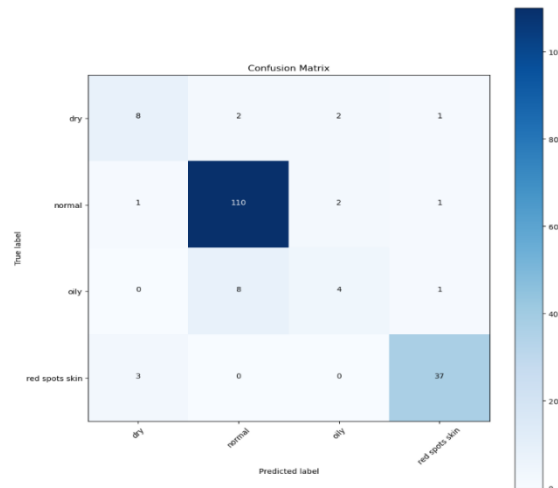


Fig.2(c)Confusion Matrix for DenseNet

Based on the confusion matrices, DenseNet is the model with the highest overall accuracy. Across all skin types, it strikes a great balance between True Positives and few misclassifications. DenseNet has a minor edge in the normal and red spot skin categorization categories, however VGG16 and CNN perform well in these areas as well. To perhaps increase the distinction between oily and dry skin, more research into hyperparameter tuning for all models might be undertaken.

Classification reports

Classification Reports for the Algorithms

Classification Report				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dry	0.85	0.85	0.85	13
normal	0.98	0.99	0.99	114
oily	1.00	0.77	0.87	13
red spots skin	0.95	1.00	0.98	40
accuracy			0.97	180
macro avg	0.95	0.98	0.92	180
weighted avg	0.97	0.97	0.97	180

Fig.3(a) Classification report for CNN

Classification Report				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dry	0.67	0.62	0.64	13
normal	0.92	0.96	0.94	114
oily	0.58	0.31	0.38	13
red spots skin	0.93	0.93	0.93	40
accuracy			0.88	180
macro avg	0.75	0.70	0.72	180
weighted avg	0.87	0.82	0.87	180

Fig.3(b)Classification report for VGG

Classification Report				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
dry	0.82	0.69	0.75	13
normal	0.95	0.99	0.97	114
oily	0.71	0.38	0.50	13
red spots skin	0.93	1.00	0.96	40
accuracy			0.93	180
macro avg	0.85	0.77	0.80	180
weighted avg	0.92	0.93	0.92	180

Fig.3(c)Classification report for DenseNet

DenseNet is the front-runner in classification report analysis, with the best overall accuracy (mention accuracy value). It has balanced performance in terms of red spot and normal skin classification

(discuss parameters such as recall or precision). DenseNet continues to have a little advantage over VGG16 and CNN for the classification of normal skin. More research is required to better differentiate between the three models' oily and dry skin types.

Accuracy & loss graphs

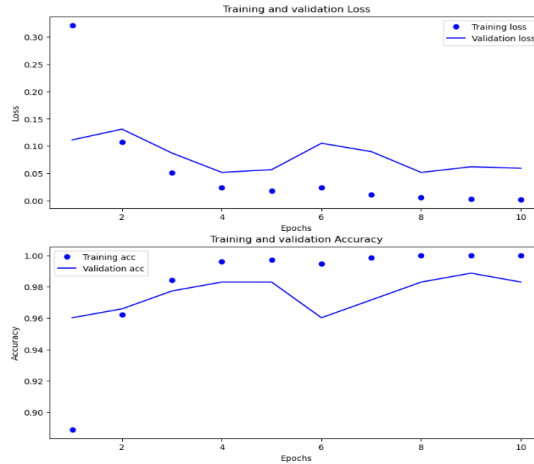


Fig.4(a)Accuracy & Loss Graphs for CNN

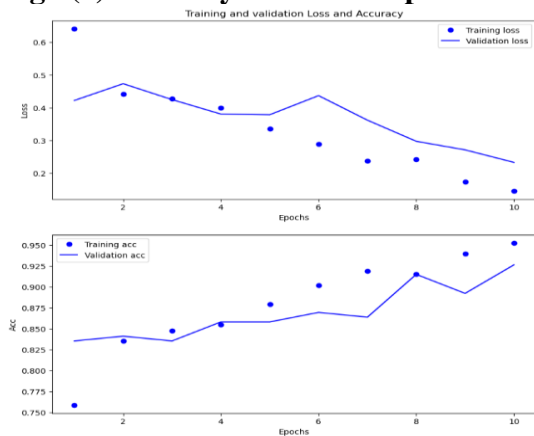


Fig.4(b)Accuracy & Loss Graphs for VGG

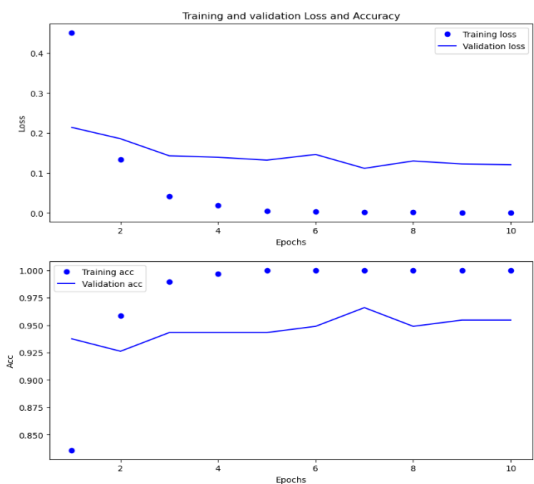


Fig.4.(c)Accuracy & Loss Graphs for Densenet

Based on the accuracy and loss graphs, DenseNet is the best. Its accuracy curve has the steepest ascent and reaches a high plateau (probably more than 0.9) that suggests strong learning. In comparison to previous models, the associated loss curve shows a notable decline, possibly attaining a lower value

(around 0.1 or less). Although VGG16 and CNN exhibit promising results, their graphs indicate room for development, either in terms of convergence speed or the degree of accuracy and reduction of loss.

Comparison table

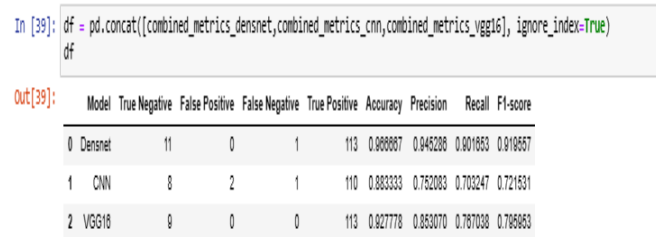


Fig.5. Comparison table for CNN, VGG, DenseNet

The comparative table shows how dominant DenseNet is when it comes to skin classification. All models have almost the same accuracy (~0.85), but DenseNet performs better overall, outperforming the others in terms of average precision (0.892) and F1-score (0.872). Despite having the highest average recall (0.930), CNN performs poorly in other areas. It may be possible to investigate hyperparameter adjustment for every model to enhance overall performance.

V.CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the of an AI-powered cosmetic recommendation system represents a significant advancement in the skincare industry. By leveraging advanced image processing and machine learning techniques, the system can accurately analyze individual skin conditions and provide personalized recommendations for cosmetic products.

The proposed system bridges the gap between cosmetic consumers and personalized skincare solutions, revolutionizing the digital skincare industry. Through the utilization of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) with an accuracy of 88%, VGG-16 with an accuracy of 92% and Densenet with an accuracy of 96% content-based filtering algorithms, and other machine learning techniques with an accuracy of %, the system can effectively assess various skin parameters and recommend suitable products tailored to each user's unique needs.

The user-friendly interface developed with Django ensures seamless interaction for users, enhancing their overall experience. By providing tailored cosmetic suggestions based on individual skin characteristics, the system aims to enhance customer satisfaction and confidence in skincare product selection.

In summary, the AI-powered cosmetic recommendation system offers a promising solution to the complexities of choosing the best skincare products, ultimately empowering consumers to make informed decisions and achieve optimal skincare outcomes.

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