

# Classification of Micro-Calcification in Breast from Mammographic Images using Transfer Learning

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**Abstract:** Early detection of cancer is most important for long term survival of patient. Now a days CADx are widely used for early identification of breast cancer automatically. CAD uses significant features to identify and categorize cancer. CADx based on Convolutional Neural Network are becoming popular now a days due to extracting relevant features automatically. CNNs can be trained from scratch for medical images due to various input sizes and tumor structures. But due to limited amount of medical images available for training, we have used transfer learning approach. We developed a deep learning framework based on CNN to discriminate the breast tumor either benign or malignant using transfer learning. We used digital mammographic images containing both views from CBIS-DDSM database. We have achieved training(100%) and validation accuracy greater than 90% with minimum training and validation loss. We have also compared the results with transfer learning using pretrained network alexnet and googlenet on same dataset.

**Keywords :** Deep learning, Convolutional Neural Network, Transfer Learning, Data Augmentation, Breast tumor classification, Micro-Calcification.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Current statistics states that breast carcinoma is the utmost commonly diagnosed carcinoma among women. Early detection is more crucial in order to enhance the good treatment chances to reduce overall mortality rates. As stated by "World Health Organization" (WHO) and "National Carcinoma Institute"[1] in 2004 breast carcinoma reported as 13% of total demises in the globe [2] and one among eight women face breast carcinoma in some phase throughout her life time in the "United States" (US). The radiologist use mammogram "Computer Aided Detection and Diagnosis "(CADx) system extensively as an investigative and assessment tool for breast carcinoma detection at primary phase. It is extremely trustworthy method for primary detection of breast cancer. All the conventional methods for breast cancer CaDx estimates malignancy probability based on investigated clinically identified tumor features like density and shape of tumor. [3][4] On other hand approaches learns hidden features directly from the whole images contains more information than clinically investigated features by using "convolutional neural networks" (CNNs). [5][6] The recent success of "convolutional neural networks" (CNNs) in computer vision tasks has resulted in an influx of publications and implementations applying CNNs to mammography.

A recent publication by [7] showed that deep learning improves the performance of clinical radiologist while taking a decision in breast cancer diagnosis. In [8] proposed Deep Learning algorithm based on CNN for diagnosed breast cancer using Wisconsin Breast Cancer database. In [9] authors developed a decision support system "Man and Machine Mammography Oracle" (MAMMO) which consist two parts a "multi-view "convolutional neural network" (CNN) and "multi-task learning" (MTL). In [10] author proposed two phase Segmentation of Microcalcification in Mammograms using CNN consisting detection and segmentation phases. In [11] author proposed a multi-input CNN based on patch size 28x28 which uses symmetry knowledge for mass detection to improve breast cancer detection. In [12] author provides a review based on study of different types of uses of CNNs ("Convolutional Neural Network") in diagnosing breast cancer using mammograms. In [13] author proposed a comparative study between a pretrained fine tuned network and network trained from scratch. In [14] proposed breast mass segmentation using a conditional Residual deep network U-Net by merging the benefits of residual learning and graphical probability modelling of U-Net. In [15] author proposed breast cancer detection with CNN extracted features by using transfer learning with alexnet pretrained network and svm classifier. In [16] author provided a literature survey to show potential of deep convolutional networks for various tasks as lesion detection, localization, segmentation, risk assessment, classification in breast cancer diagnosis using mammog. In [17] author used transfer learning with GoogleNet, VGGNet and RESNet for identification and discrimination of breast tumor in mammograms. In [18] author used transfer learning with GoogleNet, AlexNet for identification and discrimination of breast mass tumor in mammograms. In [19] author used transfer learning with AlexNet for identification and discrimination of breast tumor in mammograms and compared results of SVM classifier with CNN extracted features and shows that transfer learning provide better results than other one. In [20] author proposed a CAD to detect and discriminate breast tumor into cancerous and non-cancerous using Faster R-CNN using INBreast database.

In this study, we investigated the transfer learning to classify Micro-calcification in mammogram images. Transfer learning is the improved learning of new features by transfer the knowledge from features which have already been fine learned and validated [21].

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There are many publicly available models based on CNN architectures which have been well feature trained for recognition of objects and fine tuning with these models have been implemented successfully in disease diagnosis and analysis of medical images [22].

## II. METHODOLOGY

### 1. Datasets

The secondary data is used for this study “Curated Breast Imaging Subset” of DDSM (“CBIS-DDSM”). The DDSM consist of 2,620 mammograms and we used Mammographic images containing only Micro-calcification abnormality along with verified pathology information of benign, malignant and normal cases.

### 2. Data Augmentation and PreProcessing

Mammograms are low contrast images, so we have preprocessed the mammograms using CLAHE method to enhance the contrast for better and more feature extraction. Training a CNN with large number of input images performs better by resulting in higher accuracy. However, medical image datasets are relatively small due to limited number of patients. Therefore, data augmentation method is used to increase the number of the input images by generating newer images from the original input images. Rotation, Flipping, Scaling, Resizing, Color PreProcessing and noise perturbation methods can be used for data augmentation [23].

### 3. Transfer Learning

Transfer Learning is a method of machine learning to retrain a pretrained network to llearn new features to classify new images. Fine-tune with transfer learning is fast and easy than training with random initialized weights from scratch a network. We have used Both AlexNet and GoogleNet for transfer learning.

#### a) Transfer Learning with AlexNet

AlexNet architecture [25] contains eight weighted layers consisting five convolutional as well as three fully connected layers, AlexNet is tained on ImageNet dataset to classify objects into 1000 categories. This network have image input size of 227 X 227. To fine Tuned AlexNete with new images ,we have modified the architecture of Alexnet, we have replaced fully convolntional layer with different WeightLearnRateFactors and BiasLearnRateFactors .

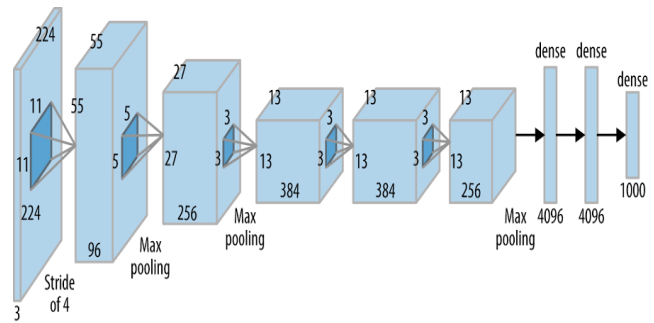


Fig. 1: AlexNet architectur all eight weighted layers including layres five convolutional ,three fully connected.

#### b) Transfer Learning with GoogleNet

GoogleNet architecture [24] is a 22 layers deep CNN which consist of 9 inception modules stacked linearly without including pooling layers and 27 layers deep CNN including Pooling layers .This is trained on imageNet dataset and classifies among 1000 categories of objects. This network have image input size of 224 X224. To fine Tuned googleNet with new images, we have modified the architecture of googleNet, we have replaced fully convolutional layer with different WeightLearnRate and BiasLearnRate Factors.

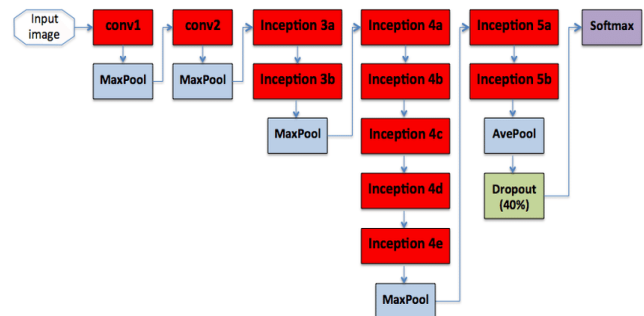


Fig. 2: GoogleNet architecture: All convolutional layers and inception modules have a depth of two.

## III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Mammographic image data consisting 1360 Microcalcification patterns including benign and malignant is trained with fine tuned pretrained AlexNet and GoolgeNet networks. We have splitted dataset into 70% for training and 30% of testing images to train the network for classification. We investigated that training of same data with same paremeters on both AlexNet and googlenet networks, AlexNet gives better results as well as takes less time as it contains less number of layers also. The results with sensitivity and specificity values are given in table 1 and table 2.

Table.1 show the result of Fine Tuned AlexNet with different parameters using transfer learning

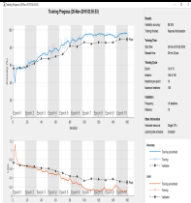





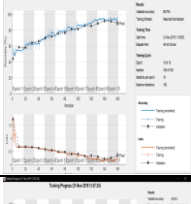
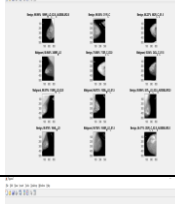
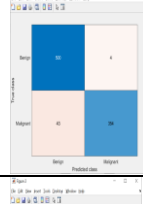



Trained Network Name	Validation Patience	Weight Learn Ratae Factor	Bias Learn Rate Factor	Weight L2 Factor	Validation Accuracy
A11	15	1	2	1	0.8935
A12	15	10	20	1	0.889

A13	15	15	20	1	0.9478
A14	15	15	30	1	0.9223
A15	10	20	30	1	0.8568
A16	5	20	30	1	0.8901
A17	30	20	30	1	0.8935
A18	30	20	30	10	0.8879
A19	30	20	30	5	0.9012
A110	40	20	30	1	0.9034

Table. 2 show the result of Fine Tuned googleNet with different parameters using transfer learning

Trained Network Name	Validation Patience	Weight Learn Rate Factor	Bias Learn Rate Factor	Weight L2 Factor	Validation Accuracy
G11	15	1	2	1	0.8179
G12	15	10	20	1	0.8513
G13	15	15	20	1	0.7814
G14	15	15	30	1	0.8579
G15	10	20	30	1	0.8246
G16	5	20	30	1	0.8679
G17	30	20	30	1	0.8368
G18	30	20	30	10	0.8113
G19	30	20	30	5	0.8568
G110	40	20	30	1	0.8657

Table 3: Results of Fine Tuned AlexNet Network with different parameters

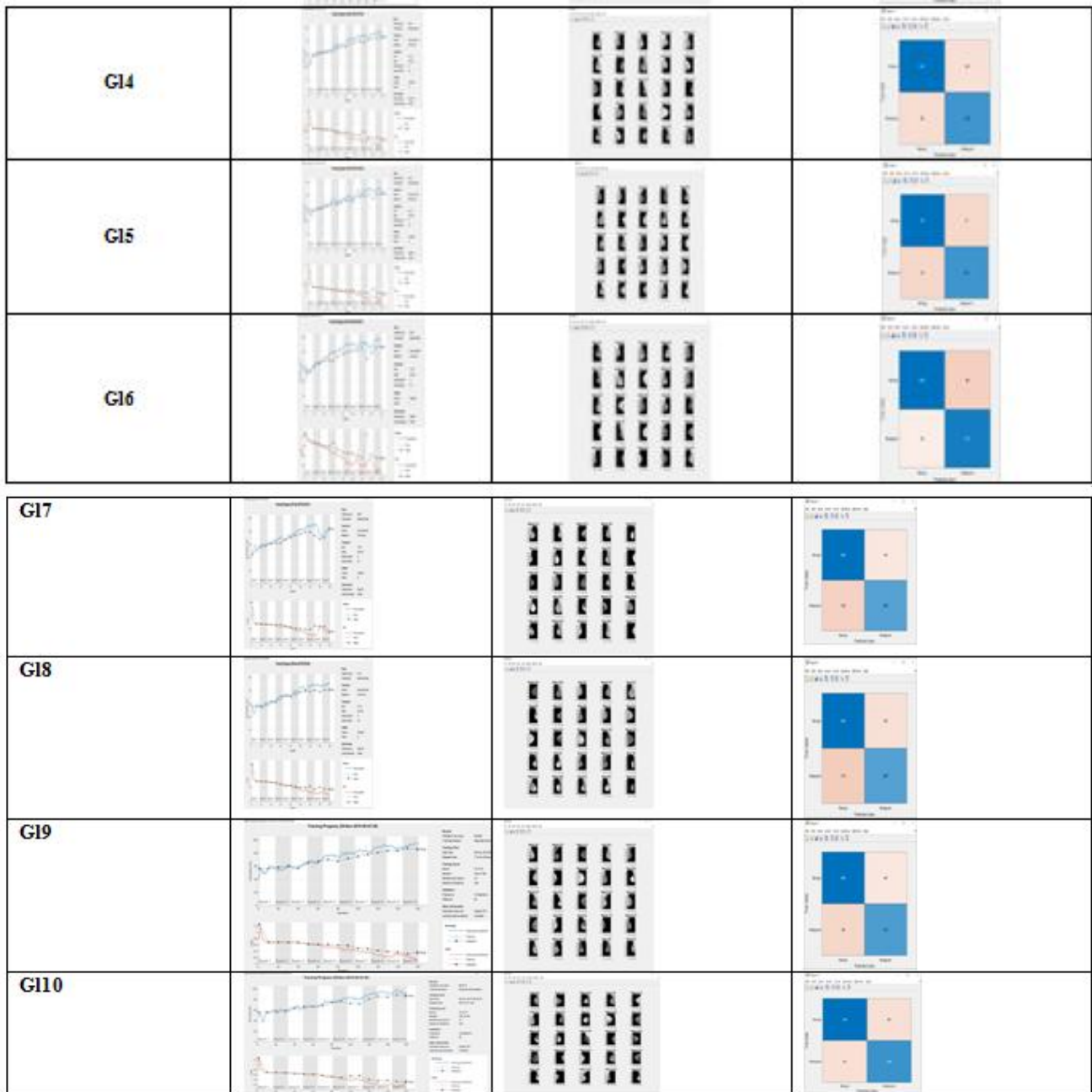
Results of Fine Tuned AlexNet Network with different parameters			
Trained Network Name	Training Result	Classified Mammograms	Confusion Matrix
AL1			
AL2			
AL3			
AL4			

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AL5			
AL6			
AL7			
AL8			
AL9			
AL10			

Table 4: Results Fine Tuned googleNet Network with different parameters

Results of Fine Tuned GoogleNet Network with different parameters			
Trained Network Name	Training Result	Classified Mammograms	Confusion Matrix
G11			
G12			
G13			



IV. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF FINE-TUNED NETWORKS WITH DIFFERENT PARAMETERS

Table 5 :Performance Evaluation of Fine Tuned AlexNet and googleNet Network.

Network Name	True Negative	False Negative	True Positive	False Positive	Accuracy
AL1	440	32	365	64	0.8935
AL2	478	74	323	26	0.8890
AL3	500	43	354	4	0.9478
AL4	474	40	357	30	0.9223
AL5	473	98	299	31	0.8568
AL6	492	87	310	12	0.8901
AL7	432	24	373	72	0.8935

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AL8	446	43	354	58	0.8879
AL9	484	69	328	20	0.9012
AL10	482	65	332	22	0.9034
GL1	389	49	348	115	0.8179
GL2	423	53	344	81	0.8513
GL3	492	185	212	12	0.7814
GL4	444	68	329	60	0.8579
GL5	427	81	316	77	0.8246
GL6	409	24	373	95	0.8679
GL7	460	103	294	44	0.8368
GL8	444	110	287	60	0.8113
GL9	460	85	312	44	0.8568
GL10	444	61	336	60	0.8657

**Table 6 :Performance Evaluation of Fine Tuned AlexNet and googleNet Network.**

Network Name	Recall/ Sensitivity/ True Positive Rate	Precision/ Positive Predicted Value	Specificity/ True Negative Rate Selectivity	F-Measure
AL1	0.9194	0.8508	0.8730	0.8838
AL2	0.8136	0.9255	0.9484	0.8660
AL3	0.8917	0.9888	0.9921	0.9378
AL4	0.8992	0.9225	0.9405	0.9107
AL5	0.7532	0.9060	0.9385	0.8226
AL6	0.7809	0.9627	0.9762	0.8623
AL7	0.9395	0.8382	0.8571	0.8860
AL8	0.8917	0.8592	0.8849	0.8752
AL9	0.8262	0.9425	0.9603	0.8805
AL10	0.8362	0.9379	0.9564	0.8842
GL1	0.8766	0.7516	0.7718	0.8093
GL2	0.8665	0.8094	0.8393	0.8370
GL3	0.5340	0.9464	0.9762	0.6828
GL4	0.8287	0.8458	0.8809	0.8372
GL5	0.7959	0.8041	0.8472	0.8
GL6	0.9396	0.7970	0.8115	0.8624
GL7	0.7406	0.8698	0.9127	0.8
GL8	0.7229	0.8271	0.8809	0.7715
GL9	0.7859	0.8764	0.9127	0.8287
GL10	0.8464	0.8485	0.8809	0.8474

## V. CONCLUSION

The target of this research work is to classify mammograms containing micro-calcification abnormality into benign and malignant lesions using transfer learning to enhance performance of prediction. Transfer learning enhances the capacity of conventional method it also removes the obstruction of inadequate data samples for training deeper networks. Similarly, we have used the augmentation of data approach to increase the volume of data to enhance the efficiency of CNNs. Finally, the performance of the both pre-trained fine-tuned CNN architectures is also compared with different parameters. It has been perceived that the fine-tuned AlexNet gives better outcomes for classification accuracy and other measures than googleNet. In this paper we have used the whole mammogram images for feature extraction but in future, both manually-crafted lesion attributes together with pre-trained fine-tuned CNN attributes can be used to further enhance the accuracy of classification.

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