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# Automatic Plant Disease Detection using Advanced Machine Learning Model

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**ABSTRACT:** Automatic plant disease prediction is an important research area. It is a technology driven approach that improves prospects for precision farming. Deep learning models are widely used for processing leaf images and predict the diseases early. From the literature, it is ascertained that CNN models are widely used in deep learning approaches. CNN model is found to be suitable for processing leaf images. Therefore, it is important to make a prediction model based on CNN with more enhancements. In this paper we have proposed an advanced CNN model that is based on baseline CNN model. It is empirically studied and configured to perform better for plant disease prediction. A framework is proposed towards advanced CNN based solution. An algorithm is proposed to realize the framework. The proposed model is evaluated and compared with several pre-trained models. The proposed model showed highest performance with 97.62%.

**KEYWORDS** – Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Automatic Plant Disease Prediction, Agriculture

## I. INTRODUCTION

With innovations in machine learning and deep learning, there are many real world problems solved. In Agriculture, it is important to exploit such AI enabled models in order to improve applications. For instance, deep learning is found suitable for image processing. It can be used to process plant leaves to predict diseases automatically. Provided a plant leaf image, CNN can be trained to gain knowledge from training data to help in prediction process. Deep learning models are found useful for solving problems with their capability in learning process and depth in knowledge. This is the reason why CNN is exploited in this paper.

There are many existing methods found in literature. Ferentinos and Konstantinos [5] studied diagnosis models with deep learning for plant diseases in agriculture. Loey et al. [6] studied technology based solutions for agricultural crop disease prediction covering many deep learning models. Daniya et al. [7] considered rice crop for experiments using machine learning for crop disease prediction. Mohanty et al. [8] used image based approach towards deep learning for plant disease prediction. Majji et al. [9] focused on detection and classification of plant diseases. Raina et al. [14] studied various techniques that use leaf image as input and perform disease prediction. Saleem et al. [15] used deep learning models for prediction and classification of diseases. Abed et al. [16] used deep learning for robot vision applications towards precision farming. Marzougui et al. [17] proposed CNN based deep learning model for plant disease prediction. Sujatha et al. [18] made a comparative study of deep learning and ML models for understanding their contributions. From the literature, it is ascertained that CNN models are widely used in deep learning approaches. CNN model is found to be suitable for processing leaf images. Therefore, it is important to make a prediction model based on CNN with more enhancements. Our contributions in this paper are as follows.

1. We proposed a framework based on advanced CNN model for improving leaf disease prediction performance.
2. We proposed an algorithm to realize the proposed framework.
3. A prototype application is built in order to evaluate the framework with the underlying algorithm.

The remainder of the paper is structured as follows. Section 2 reviews literature on the existing methods used for plant disease prediction. Section 3 presents the proposed deep learning based framework. Section 4 presents results of empirical study. Section 5 concludes the paper and gives directions for future work.

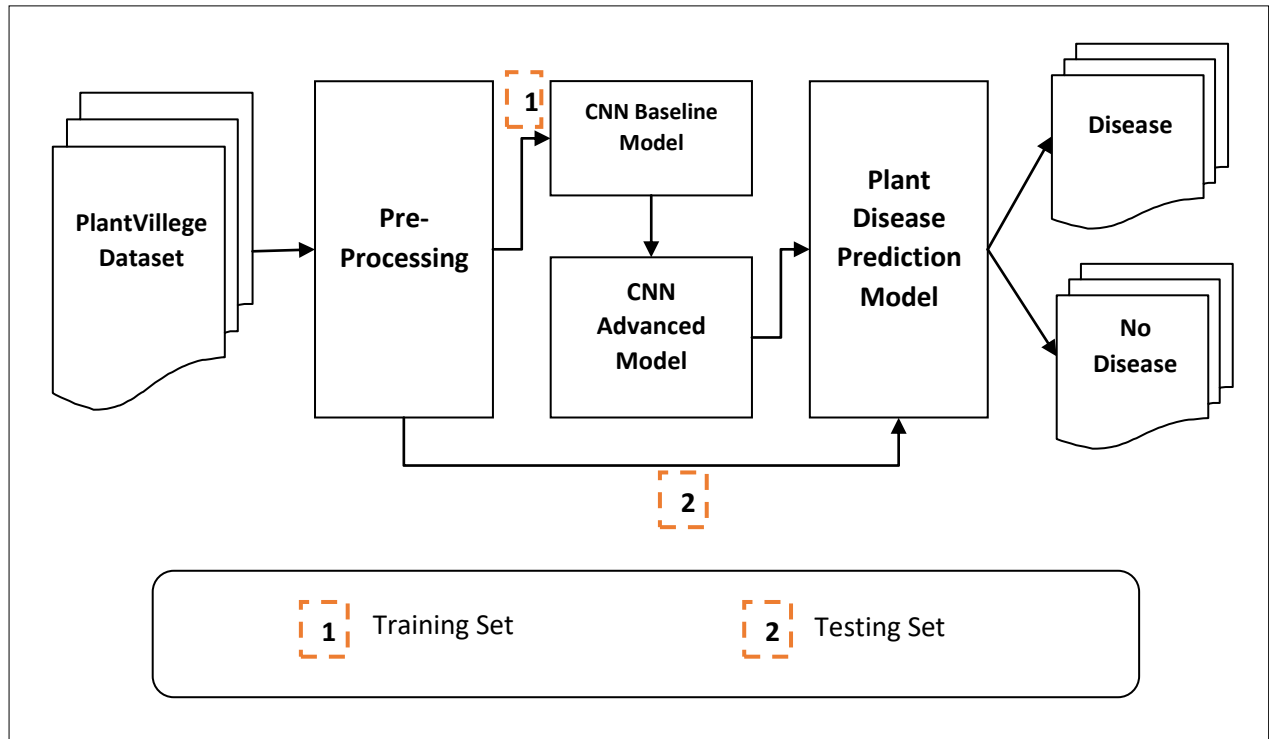
## **II. RELATED WORK**

Automatic plant disease detection models existing in the literature are reviewed here. Akhtar et al. [1] discussed different ML models used for plant disease prediction. Nagaraju et al. [2] explored different deep learning techniques to detect plant diseases in agricultural applications. Too et al. [3] also investigated on deep learning models for plant disease prediction. Lili et al. [4] used different deep learning models to compare their performance in prediction. Ferentinos and Konstantinos [5] studied diagnosis models with deep learning for plant diseases in agriculture. Loey et al. [6] studied technology based solutions for agricultural crop disease prediction covering many deep learning models. Daniya et al. [7] considered rice crop for experiments using machine learning for crop disease prediction. Mohanty et al. [8] used image based approach towards deep learning for plant disease prediction. Majji et al. [9] focused on detection and classification of plant diseases. Zhou et al. [10] used saliency maps visualization for prediction of plant diseases with deep learning. Shruthi et al. [11] investigated the performance different ML models for performance prediction.

Guo et al. [12] proposed smart farming methods based on deep learning models. Hernández et al. [13] used Bayesian deep learning along with uncertainty quantification with regard to plant disease prediction. Raina et al. [14] studied various techniques that use leaf image as input and perform disease prediction. Saleem et al. [15] used deep learning models for prediction and classification of diseases. Abed et al. [16] used deep learning for robot vision applications towards precision farming. Marzougui et al. [17] proposed CNN based deep learning model for plant disease prediction. Sujatha et al. [18] made a comparative study of deep learning and ML models for understanding their contributions. Arsenovic et al. [19] focused on identification of current limitations in deep learning and solving such problems. Jiang et al. [20] used an improved CNN for real time detection of diseases in Apple leaves. From the literature, it is ascertained that CNN models are widely used in deep learning approaches. CNN model is found to be suitable for processing leaf images. Therefore, it is important to make a prediction model based on CNN with more enhancements.

## **III. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK**

Agriculture in India plays crucial role in the economy and growth of the country. However, technology driven innovation in this field known as Precision Agriculture (PA) is still in its infancy. Nevertheless, there are significant improvements with technology innovations. With the emergence of deep learning as part of Artificial Intelligence (AI), it is made possible to bring about technology into agriculture activities. Different scholars view the images in terms of Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning and demonstrate their achievements and problems that still exist. To draw some assumptions, our study of the various approaches suggested is also given. Image Acquisition, Image Pre-processing, Image segmentation, Feature Extraction and Statistical Analysis, Classification based on classifier are the key steps for the identification of diseases. We proposed an advanced CNN model based on baseline CNN model for better performance in prediction.



**Figure 1:** The proposed advanced CNN framework

As presented in Figure 1, the proposed system makes use of PlantVillage dataset as input. This dataset has all possible agricultural crops and their leaf images. The framework supports pre-processing to improve quality of images. Then it has supervised learning process with advanced CNN model. Once training is completed, it results in plant disease prediction model. This model is meant for prediction of disease automatically.

**Algorithm:** Advanced CNN (A-CNN) algorithm

**Inputs:**

Training data T1

Test data T2

batch size  $m$

number of epochs  $n$

**Output:**

Results of Prediction  $P$

1.  $A = \text{FeatureExtraction}(T1)$
2.  $F = \text{FeatureSelection}(A)$
3. Add convolutional layers
4. Add max pooling layers
5. Add cascade inception
6.  $M = \text{TrainModel}(F)$
7. For each Epoch  $e$  in  $n$
8.     For each batch  $b$  in  $m$
9.       Update  $M$
10.    End For



11. End For
12.  $M' = \text{FitModel}(M)$
13.  $P = \text{PredictionOfDiseases}(M', T2)$
14. Return  $P$

**Algorithm 1:** Shows the proposed algorithm

As presented in Algorithm 1, it takes training and testing datasets from plant village dataset. It has feature selection process and configuration of different layers in the advanced CNN network. Then it learns from the training dataset and the knowledge is then used for detection and classification of plant diseases.

#### IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Experiments are made with the proposed deep learning model based on CNN. The results are compared with other pre-trained models.



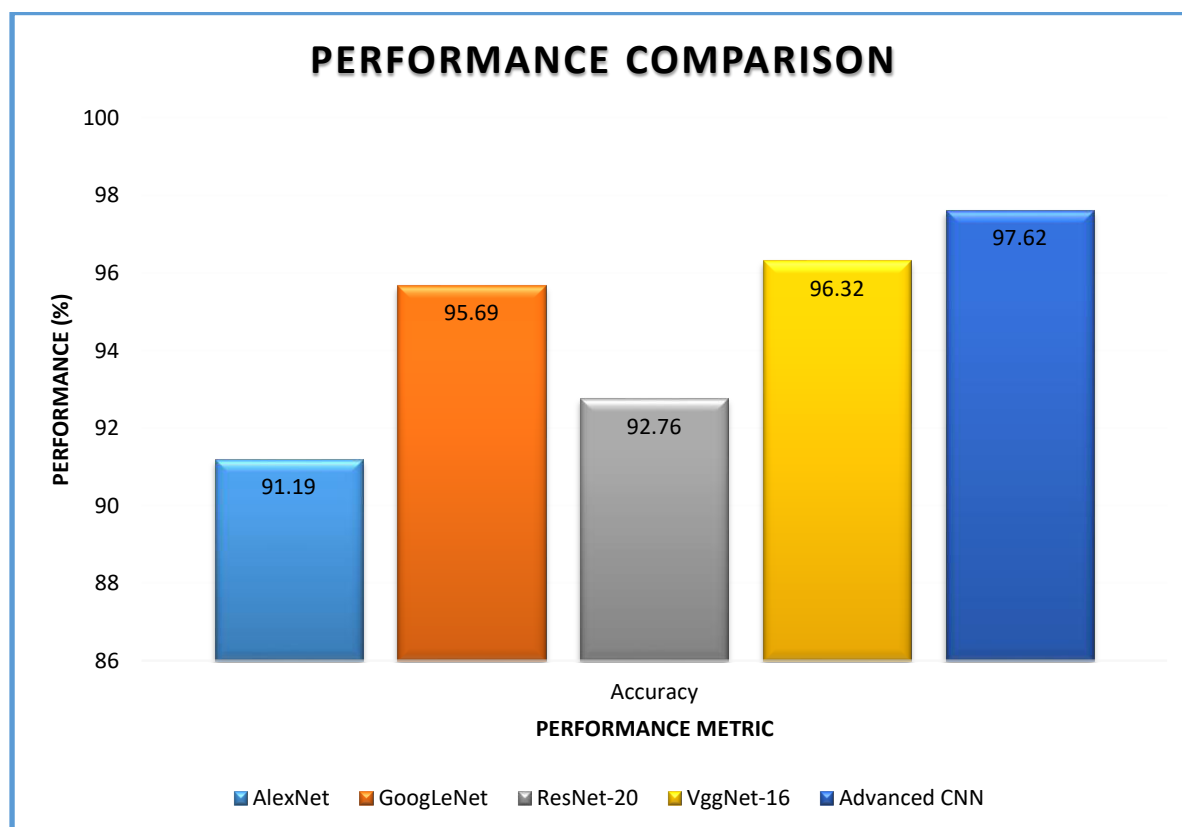
**Figure 2:** Shows the detection results based on leaf image input

As presented in Figure 2, the given leaf image is analysed by the proposed deep CNN model and the result of prediction is provided accurately.

Method	Accuracy
Alex Net	91.19
GoogLeNet	95.69
ResNet-20	92.76
VggNet-16	96.32
Advanced CNN	97.62

**Table 1:** Results of experiments

As presented in Table 1, the accuracy of different models including the proposed advanced CNN model is compared.



**Figure 3:** Shows the performance comparison among the deep learning models

As presented in Figure 3, it is evident that the performance of different models is observed. The models showed varied performance in terms of accuracy. The least accuracy is shown by the pre-trained model known as Alex Net with 91.19%. The highest performance is shown by the proposed deep CNN model with 97.62%.

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper we have proposed an advanced CNN model that is based on baseline CNN model. It is empirically studied and configured to perform better for plant disease prediction. A framework is proposed towards advanced CNN based solution. An algorithm is proposed to realize the framework. The proposed model is evaluated and compared with several pre-trained models. The proposed model showed highest performance with 97.62%. There are many directions for future work. First, it is interesting to incorporate transfer learning for improving the performance of the proposed model. Second, there is possibility of using Region of Interest (ROI) for further improvement in prediction performance.

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