Automated Anaemia Detection:Machine Learning Approach

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***Abstract*—Anemia, which is defined as a reduction in the quantity of red blood cells or hemoglobin content, is a common worldwide health concern impacting millions of people. The timely identification and precise diagnosis of anemia are essential for efficient treatment and averting related consequences. The project entails creating an automated image processing method to evaluate digital pictures of patient-provided blood smears. Red blood cell morphological anomalies, such as differences in size, shape, and color, that are suggestive of various forms of anemia, will be recognized and quantified by the algorithm. Utilizing machine learning methodologies for both feature extraction and classification and train the system through an extensive collection of annotated images of blood smears. To improve the algorithm's diagnostic precision and prognostic powers, clinical data such as patient demographics, medical histories, and laboratory test results will also be incorporated. The goal of the suggested method is to give medical professionals a dependable, affordable, and non-invasive tool for the early identification and categorization of anemia. This initiative has the potential to greatly improve patient outcomes and lessen the burden of anemia-related consequences on healthcare systems around the world by utilizing developments in digital imaging and machine learning technologies.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Anemia is a chronic worldwide health problem that affects individuals of all ages and is defined by a reduction in the quantity or quality of red blood cells. It is crucial to identify anemia as soon as possible and accurately. Nevertheless, existing diagnostic approaches often fail to meet the accuracy necessary for subtle diagnosis and efficient intervention. Our project seeks to address this urgent need to revolutionize the detection of anemia using the cutting-edge method of "Detection of Anemia: Using Blood Smear Analysis." This research attempts to identify minute morphological cues inside red blood cells through careful inspection of blood smears. identifying anemia, which is a blood condition that is characterized by iron deficiency in hemoglobin and red blood cells. In the medical industry, focus is crucial. All phases of life are affected by anemia, although pregnant women and young children are more at risk. Anemia is a worldwide health issue that impacts 1.62 billion individuals, or roughly 24.8% of the global populace, ranking it as the second most reason for the sickness globally, as per the World Health Organization (WHO). In order to meet the urgent requirement to identify anemia, the analysis of pictures from peripheral blood smears (PBS) has long been used as a vital diagnostic instrument. Even while analysis is useful, it is tedious, prone to errors, takes a lot of time, and needs the knowledge of qualified labs. The automation of PBS analysis has generated a thriving field of study and motivated many research teams to look into cutting-edge methods that make use of image processing tools. This study starts with a thorough review. of the techniques employed to examine the features of RBCs from PBS pictures, primarily emphasizing their utilization in identification of anemia.

The certain risk factors for blood cancers:

• Chronic infections: By interfering with the body's ability to produce red blood cells, long-term infections or illnesses such as HIV/AIDS can lead to anemia.

• Gender and age: Because of their fast growth and development, infants and teenagers may be more vulnerable. Age-appropriate women are more vulnerable because of monthly blood loss.

• Nutritional deficiencies: Inadequate consumption of iron in the diet, particularly for vegetarians or people with bad eating habits.

• Family history: Genetic factors may be involved in illnesses such as thalassemia or sickle cell anemia.

II. RELATED WORKS

A. Image Processing-Based Approach

There have been numerous other successful advances in image processing in the healthcare industry and other domains. Image processing is the process of carrying out standard procedures on an image to produce an improved or high-quality picture. It's a technique for turning an image into a digital shape. This technique has a wide range of applications. sectors. There are three simple steps to it: utilizing an optical image analysis, a scanner for importing images, and management, which incorporates methods for compression, image enhancement, as well as finding patterns in pictures like as photos from satellites. Image processing is occasionally thought to be improper image editing in order to attain a specific standard of attractiveness or to back a well-liked truth. By looking for abnormalities in red blood cell pictures, image processing is used to diagnose anemia. Common segmentation methods include clustering and marker controlled watershed approaches. To categorize different kinds of anemia and subtypes; in particular, machine learning is employed Support Vector Machines (SVM). Automated segmentation of images Precision is aided by methods like Otsu's approach. This An integrated strategy increases efficiency and accuracy of the diagnosis of anemia, enabling patients to get more individualized attention. The research [2] proposed approaches for classifying sickle cell anemia were compared: KNN, SVM, and ELM. To identify red blood cells with a sickle cell formation illness patient, the researchers employed methods including geometric characteristics, Sobel edge detection, random walk, Fuzzy Cmeans clustering, and morphological filters. The approaches' reported average accuracy varied from. From 85% to 95%. Red blood cells are impacted by sickle cell anemia. The blood cells are responsible for transporting oxygen to the tissues within the body. It's imperative to identify this illness early. Thus, it may shorten one's life. In order to accomplish this, an image processing method is being created to determine the sickle cell presence in blood samples, including procedures like noise reduction, grayscale image conversion, and noise filtering. The goal of the study [4] is to precisely separate high-resolution whole-slide blood cells according to their semantic content using image processing techniques. The primary goal of this work is to create a reliable method for accurately identifying and segmenting a wide range of cell types or structures in these large images. The study will most likely concentrate on the unique challenges of handling such extensive and complex material, emphasizing the need of feature extraction in the image processing pipeline and capturing essential components such cell shapes, colors, and textures. Apart from its technological aspects, the project emphasizes the significance of image processing for biological applications, particularly for precise semantic segmentation of blood cell images to support medical research and diagnostics.

The project's main focus is on the research [7] use of image processing algorithms to identify anemia from microscopy blood smear pictures. The main objective of the research is to create an image processing system that can identify anemia, a disorder marked by a deficiency of hemoglobin or red blood cells. It entails examining microscope blood smear pictures, which offer comprehensive details on the morphology of blood cells. Image processing techniques are used to augment and preprocess these images, enhancing characteristics related to anemia for simpler identification. The project also entails feature extraction, which includes measurements like cell size and red blood cell count. With machine learning techniques for automation, these features can be utilized for diagnosis and classification. To identify red blood cells (RBCs) and white blood cells (WBCs) in microscopic pictures, the research [17] employs image processing techniques. The main objective is to develop a system that can recognize and differentiate these vital blood cell types for use in research and medical diagnostics. It is highly likely that the study will entail gathering and examining microscopic pictures, which will offer comprehensive visual data regarding blood cell morphology. To improve image quality, reduce noise, and get ready for cell detection, image processing techniques are applied. Segmentation algorithms are used to isolate individual cells from the background, while feature extraction techniques are used to retrieve pertinent attributes including size, shape, and colour. The study [19] focuses on the identification of aberrant red blood cells (RBCs) and the diagnosis of particular forms of anemia using image processing methods and machine learning, most especially Support Vector Machines (SVM). The main objective of the project is to create a system that can automatically identify anemia by differentiating between normal and aberrant red blood cells in microscopic blood samples. This process probably involves collecting and analysing photographs of blood cells, which are subsequently improved and pre-processed utilizing image processing methods to get them ready for in-depth cell analysis. The study [13] looks on the analysis of white blood cell (WBC) counting in blood smear pictures using various color segmentation techniques. Researchers from University Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia are investigating different methods to precisely detect and tally white blood cells in digital blood smear pictures. The Department of Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering, Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Research Centre for Applied Electromagnetics (EMcenter) is the location of the study's operation. The goal is to improve the precision and efficacy of WBC counting, which is essential for the diagnosis of a variety of medical disorders, by testing various color segmentation techniques. The results of this study may help create automated and more dependable systems for evaluating blood smear images, which would benefit medical.

B. Machine Learning Based Approach

The study [14] counts and identifies blood cells automatically using a machine learning technique. They automatically count and identify blood cells using the Yolo (You Only Look Once) algorithm, with 96.09% accuracy for RBCs and 86.89% accuracy for WBCs. This is based on a examination of 364 annotated 100x magnified photos from the Blood Cell Count Dataset (BCCD). The YOLO model is modified with three outputs and threshold levels defined by calculating the average absolute error. While this approach is useful in avoiding incorrect diagnoses, it can occasionally lead to multiple platelets counts. To tackle this issue, they employ the K-nearest neighbour (KNN) and intersection over union (IOU) techniques. The study [15] focuses on the application of machine learning to the prediction of anemia, a major medical concern. This study focuses on a number of important areas related to machine learning, including the prediction of anemia, the use of pertinent datasets for testing and training, the choice of suitable machine learning algorithms, feature engineering to find pertinent health indicators, training models with historical data, evaluating the efficacy and accuracy of the models, and potential clinical uses of the machine learning model in mammography and early anemia diagnosis. In addition to highlighting the value of technology in healthcare, this study shows how machine learning can help anticipate and detect disorders like anemia early on, which could result in major improvements in patient care and diagnostics. The study [6] offers a comprehensive analysis of the application of machine learning methods to the classification of microscopic images of blood cells, especially in the context of computer-aided diagnostics. The many machine learning techniques for image classification—a crucial step in illness detection and medical diagnostics—are thoroughly assessed and summarized in this review. A discussion of numerous machine learning techniques and algorithms, including decision trees, support vector machines, neural networks, and others, is probably going to be included. The datasets and sources of blood cell pictures used to develop and evaluate machine learning models are anticipated to be covered in the review. The goal of the study [9] is to identify blood disorders using conventional machine learning methods. Developing a machine learning-based system that can recognize different blood illnesses like anemia, leukaemia, and other haematological conditions is the main objective of this research. Several traditional machine learning methods, including k-nearest neighbours, decision trees, and support vector machines, will be examined in this study in order to analyse pertinent haematological and medical data for the purpose of disease identification. Most commonly, feature engineering is employed to extract valuable information from the datasets used to train and test these machine learning algorithms. Machine learning models are useful for diagnosing and classifying diseases, helping to identify certain blood abnormalities. The creation of a dual-objective machine learning model was the main emphasis of the research [18]. Its goal is to create a model for calculating blood hemoglobin levels, a crucial metric in the diagnosis of anemia and other haematological disorders. Secondly, it involves classifying anemia according to predicted hemoglobin levels and potentially additional clinical information. Although precise project specifics are not given, it is anticipated that machine learning, regression, and classification techniques would be utilized to forecast hemoglobin levels and divide people into several anemia groups. The study [11] provides a comprehensive examination of the ways in which conventional machine learning techniques are used to categorize white blood cells (WBCs) in blood smear pictures. It investigates the use of models such as support vector machines, decision trees, and k-nearest neighbours, offering insights into their suitability for WBC classification. In the area of medical diagnostics, these methods are used for feature extraction, dataset selection, and image preprocessing. These traditional machine learning models are expected to be subjected to performance comparisons and evaluations, with a focus on measures such as accuracy and sensitivity.

C. Deep Learning-Based Approach

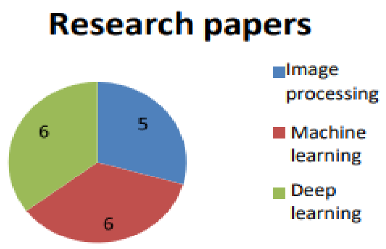
Some vision tasks where deep learning approaches have demonstrated outstanding performance include object tracking, image categorization, and pattern recognition. Rather of having human engineers develop the feature extraction approach from data, DL technology is built on the idea that it may be taught using a general-purpose learning methodology. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) have shown to be amazing image processors in the deep learning space. Constructing a comprehensive model to utilize a CNN-driven workflow is not overly challenging. CNN based deep learning architecture also allows the avoidance of laborious hand-crafted feature design while retaining the required performance. This led to the development of CNN-based techniques for diagnosing anemia. The research [1] Deep learning algorithms were used to automate the counting and differentiation of blood cell types in a blood sample. Using a collection of annotated photos of blood samples, the project will build and train a deep learning model, such as a convolutional neural network (CNN). Deep learning enables semantic segmentation, which enables the model to identify and classify each pixel in an image in order to differentiate between platelets, RBCs, and WBCs. The primary goal of the project is to improve the accuracy and efficiency of blood cell counting, which could lead to significant developments in medical research and diagnosis.

The main technique used in this work is deep learning, which attempts to automate the process of identifying and counting various blood cell types in an entire blood sample [3]. Using deep neural networks, namely convolutional neural networks (CNNs) or other advanced architectures, this program creates accurate and efficient models for the detection of red blood cells (RBCs), platelets, and white blood cells (WBCs). These algorithms have been trained on a set of tagged photos of blood cells, enabling them to comprehend the intricate features and patterns specific to each type of cell. Deep learning classifies individual cells down to the pixel level, enabling semantic segmentation.

The examination [16] Deep learning models were developed with an incredible 99.54% accuracy for the diagnosis of sickle cell anemia (SCA) in the research paper "Deep learning models for classification of red blood cells in microscopy images to aid in sickle cell anemia diagnosis," written by Alzubaidi et al. The researchers used data from erythrocytes IDB, ALL-IDB, and other online sources to develop three Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models with different layers and filters. These models' extracted characteristics were used to train a multi-class Support Vector Machine (SVM), which produced an accuracy range of 98–99%. Serious arterial blockages with potentially lethal outcomes are characteristic features of sickle cell disease (SCD), also known as sickle cell anemia.

The study [5] presents a novel deep learning technique for automatically identifying and counting cells in images of microscopic blood. Deep learning, a type of machine learning that creates neural network models that can recognize intricate patterns in photos, is the basis of this investigation. The authors provide a comprehensive description of the development and training of their deep learning model, emphasizing its superior performance over other methods that result in more precise and efficient cell counts. The empirical results presented in the research show how successful this deep learning approach is and how it has the potential to revolutionize medical picture processing. This study highlights the deeper benefits of deep learning in the medical domain by streamlining labor-intensive processes that were previously done by hand.

The study [8] Deep learning is being used to automate the identification and separation of red and white blood cells in tiny blood images. The central technology in this study is deep learning, which is a subfield of machine learning. Complex image patterns are analyzed using neural network topologies. The authors present a region proposal technique that identifies regions of interest in images that most likely contain blood cells by applying deep learning algorithms. Only this automated method can provide accurate cell quantification, which is crucial for medical diagnosis and research. This work is expected to shed light on the deep learning model's architecture, training procedure, and use of datasets, highlighting the model's ability to produce accurate differentiation. The research [10] Deep learning is needed to automatically identify and detect sickle cells in blood samples. It is expected that the paper outlining this novel method that makes use of advanced deep learning will go into great detail about the deep learning model's architecture, training set, and methodology, all of which contribute to the machine's amazing accuracy in identifying these various blood cells. The remarkable ability of deep learning to recognize intricate patterns and characteristics in photos results in precise and effective sickle cell identification. techniques for training the system to recognize and distinguish between healthy and sickle cells in images of microscopic organisms. The research [12] presents a novel method that combines Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) and Locality Sensitive Hashing (LSH) to create artificial blood smears. In order to create synthetic smears, LSH is employed to effectively locate comparable patches from real blood smear images. DNNs are used to further refine these artificial images in order to improve realism and faithfully mimic the features of actual blood smears. This approach aims to solve the lack of labeled data in medical image analysis, especially in hematology, for training machine learning models. The efficiency of the suggested method in producing artificial blood smears that closely mimic real ones is demonstrated by experimental results. These artificial images can provide useful training data for machine learning algorithms targeted at different hematological tasks, like segmentation and classification. Potential uses for the technique include medical research, teaching, and the creation of diagnostic instruments. It also offers a way to enhance already-existing datasets, which makes it easier to design and assess blood smear analysis algorithms. In general, the suggested methodology signifies a propitious addition to the domain of medical picture synthesis and analysis, capitalizing on progressions in hashing methodologies and deep learning architectures.



III. METHODOLOGY

Blood smear analysis is a crucial method for detecting anemia, a condition characterized by a deficiency in the number or quality of red blood cells (RBCs). The methodology for detecting anemia involves several key steps aimed at analysing blood samples obtained from a digital microscope. Initially, the process involves preprocessing, where blood samples are collected and prepared for analysis using a digital microscope. This step ensures that the samples are adequately prepared and free from artifacts that could interfere with accurate analysis.

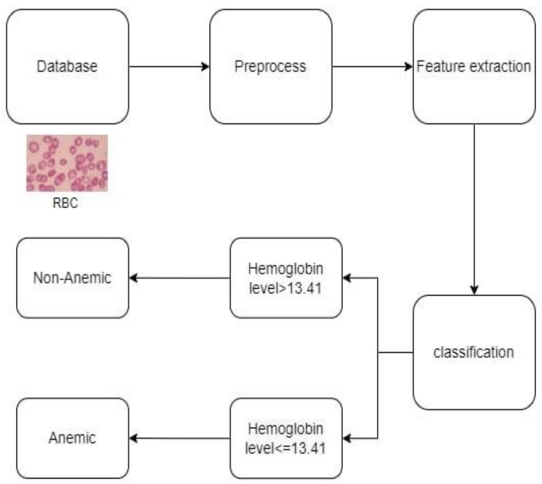


Fig 1 : Block Diagram of Proposed Method

The next critical aspect of the methodology involves classification techniques. Three primary approaches are employed for anemia classification: image processing, machine learning, and deep learning algorithms. Image processing techniques are utilized to enhance and analyze the images obtained from the blood samples. Machine learning algorithms are employed to identify patterns and relationships within the extracted features, aiding in the classification of different types and severities of anemia. Deep learning algorithms, known for their ability to process complex data and identify intricate patterns, play a pivotal role in improving the accuracy and efficiency of anemia classification.

In conclusion, the methodology for detecting anemia through blood smear analysis involves preprocessing of blood samples, feature extraction based on RBC characteristics, and the application of various classification techniques, including image processing, machine learning, and deep learning algorithms. This comprehensive approach enables accurate and efficient detection and classification of anemia, facilitating timely intervention and management of this prevalent blood disorder.

Preprocessing: The focus shifts to feature extraction. In this step, the structure of RBCs is analyzed and classified based on three primary features: the size, color, and shape of the RBCs. These features provide valuable insights into the morphology and characteristics of the red blood cells, which are indicative of various types of anemia

Feature extraction: The dataset comprises 1421 samples featuring six attributes: gender, hemoglobin levels, mean corpuscular hemoglobin (MCH), mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration (MCHC), mean corpuscular volume (MCV), and result. These attributes collectively provide insights into various hematological parameters. Through comprehensive analysis, researchers can discern patterns and correlations within the dataset, potentially aiding in the diagnosis and understanding of hematological conditions and their implications across different genders and hemoglobin levels.

IV. RESULT

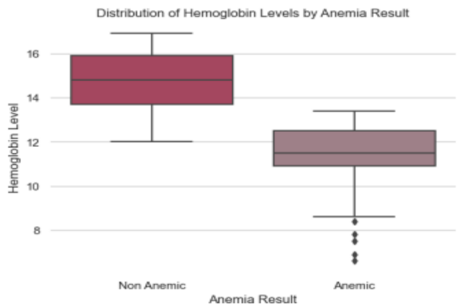


Fig 2: Distribution of hemoglobin levels by anemia results

A machine learning code has been used to analyze hemoglobin and mean corpuscular volume (MCV) data, yielding important insights into the identification of anemia and its subtypes in both men and women. The specified ranges of hemoglobin count for men (12–15 gm/dL) and women (11.5–14.5 gm/dL) served as important reference points when diagnosing anemia. Notably, people who had hemoglobin levels above or within the designated range were classified as non-anemic, whilst people whose levels were below the threshold were classified as anemic. The inclusion of MCV measurements (80.0-95.0fL for men and 82.0-98.0fL for women) further refined the classification of anemia. By examining the MCV values, it was possible to distinguish between micro lytic and macro lytic anemia. Instances where MCV fell below the established range were indicative of micro lytic anemia, whereas values exceeding the range pointed towards macro lytic anemia. Where the fig 2 shows that the distribution of hemoglobin levels by anemia results.

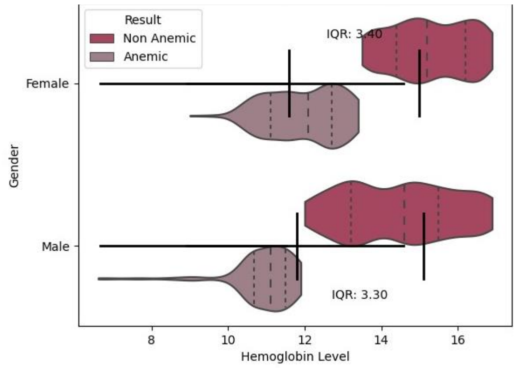


Fig 3. Distribution of hemoglobin levels by gender

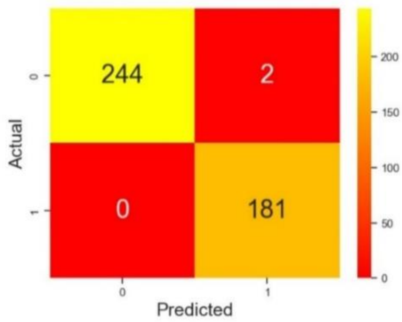


Fig 4. Confusion Matrix

Reference	**Precision**	**Recall**	**F1-Score**
Lee et.al [2]	70.1	86.7	77.51
Chy et.al [3]	90	94.3	92.09
Jaiswal et.al [5]	86.3	91.3	85.94
Hortinela et.al [17]	83.3	87.5	85.34
Alsheref et.al [13]	94.61	97.59	96.07
Proposed Method	**98.9**	**100**	**99.5**

A confusion matrix is a tabular representation that provides an overview of a classification model's performance by contrasting the anticipated and true labels. Fig 4 shows how many of the model's predictions were true positives (TP), true negatives (TN), false positives (FP), and false negatives (FN).

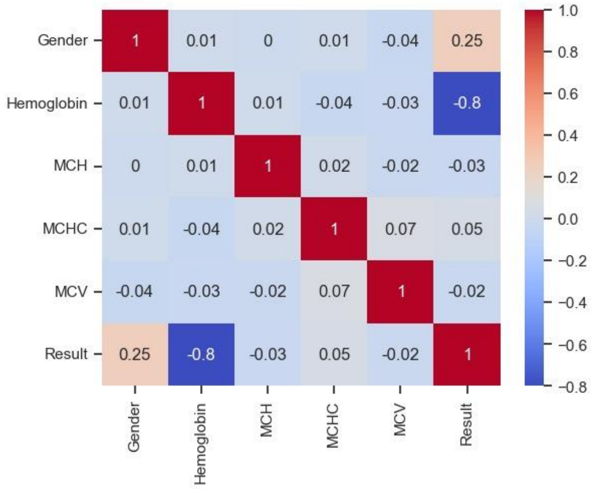


Fig 5. Parameter Analysis

V. CONCLUSION

An effective strategy for addressing the worldwide health issue of anemia is the automated image processing method that has been suggested. This project intends to give medical professionals a dependable, affordable, and non-invasive tool for the early identification and classification of anemia based on red blood cell morphological abnormalities by utilizing advances in digital imaging and machine learning. The algorithm's predictive and diagnostic precision are further improved by adding clinical data. If this strategy is successfully put into practice, patient outcomes might be greatly enhanced and the burden of anemia-related problems on global healthcare systems could be reduced. This project demonstrates how interdisciplinary partnerships in data science, technology, and medicine may address difficult health issues and enhance public health outcomes.

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