



## **Breast cancer Classification with Multi-Fusion Technique and Correlation Analysis**

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### **Abstract**

Breast cancer is responsible for the deaths of the vast majority of women who succumb to the disease. By detecting and treating the disease at an earlier stage, it is feasible to reduce the mortality rate associated with breast cancer. Mammography is the technique of breast cancer screening that has received the most amount of approval from the medical community. Imaging of the ipsilateral projections of the bilateral (right and left) breasts, also known as mediolateral oblique (MLO) and craniocaudal (CC) views, is often necessary for this surgery. This imaging technique is also known as the craniocaudal projection. Sonography, which is also known as ultrasound imaging, is used in combination with mammography during the diagnostic phase (which occurs after the screening phase) to offer a more accurate examination of any abnormalities that may have been detected. Radiologists may be able to make a more precise diagnosis of breast cancer by carrying out an objective assessment with the assistance of CAD systems. CAD is an abbreviation that stands for computer-aided detection and diagnosis. Researchers have proposed computer-aided design (CAD) systems as a viable technique for increasing system performance. These CAD systems take information from a variety of sources and combine it into a single database. In the majority of occurrences, this necessitates the inclusion of qualities or evaluations that were collected from a wide range of information sources. Fusion of choices is effective when dealing with sources that are statistically independent, while fusion of characteristics is good when dealing with sources that have a significant degree of correlation with one another. However, sources often contain a mix of information that is associated with one another as well as information that is independent of one another; as a consequence, none of these approaches is the greatest choice available to choose from. The development of optimal fusion strategies for Multiview and multimodal breast CAD systems is the major focus of this thesis. Canonical correlation analysis is the name of the statistical approach that serves as the foundation for these tactics (CCA). The CCA algorithm alters two multivariate datasets in such a manner as to maximize the correlation that already exists between them. This, in turn, optimizes the feature fusion that occurs after the CCA method has been applied. On the other hand, the performance of benchmark fusion schemes that combine all three sources of information is only at most equivalent to the performance of benchmark schemes that fuse two information sources. In addition, the performance of benchmark fusion schemes that combine all three sources of information is worse than the performance of CCA-based feature fusion schemes that combine two sources of information. This indicates that even if increasing the number of sources could bring new information, only a fusion approach that is optimized to exploit its maximum potential would be able to make the most of this extra data. In conclusion, the CCA-based fusion schemes exhibit robustness when tested against a wide array of performance indicators, datasets, information sources, and diagnostic tasks that are related to the diagnosis of breast cancer. The benchmark fusion techniques, on the other hand, do not demonstrate this resilience.

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## 1. Introduction

Breast cancer, which is one of the most frequent types of the disease, is characterized by the uncontrolled proliferation of cancerous cells in the breast. Given the characteristics of breast abnormalities and the intrinsic attributes of human visual perception [1], it is only fair that breast abnormalities might be disregarded or misclassified from time to time. This is because breast abnormalities have certain characteristics. This directly results in the performance of biopsies that are not required at all. Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD) systems are a relatively new kind of remedy that have lately been developed in response to this problem. Through the use of image processing techniques and machine learning algorithms, this thesis work realizes the recommended computer-aided design (CAD) system as an integrated computing environment [2]. The early detection and localization of abnormalities is one of the keys aims of CAD, with the ultimate goal of preventing the abnormality from becoming more widespread. This goal is ultimately achieved by preventing the abnormality from becoming more widespread. The facts about breast cancer, the technical context, the description of the MIAS database, the challenges, the motivation, the significance, and the key contributions made by this work are provided in this chapter. As a result of speckle noise, the image quality is decreased, which results in an increase in the level of difficulty associated with diagnosis.

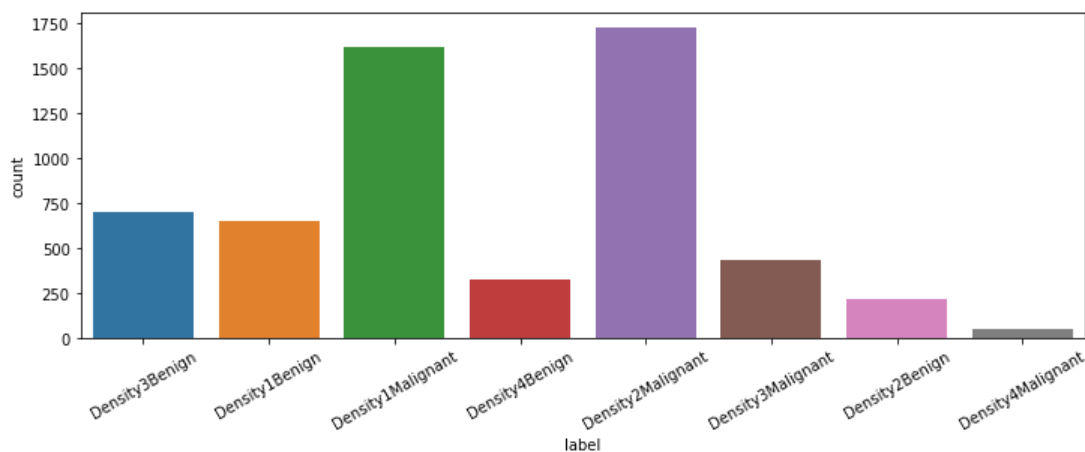


Figure 1: Breast cancer features

The behavior of this noise may be described rather adequately by the Poisson distribution model. Variations in the overall number of photons that are absorbed by the mammography unit are to blame for the appearance of Poisson noise in mammogram images. The word "Gaussian noise" may also be referred to by the term "normal noise." Gaussian noise is a sort of additive sound that may occur as a consequence of noise produced by electrical circuits as well as noise produced by sensors. This is the case because the value of each pixel is equal to the sum of the random Gaussian distributed noise value and the actual value of the pixel. Periodic noise [3] is a kind of noise that is formed anytime a picture is taken as a consequence of interference from electrical or electromechanical sources. This type of noise may be distinguished by its repeating nature. It is possible to drastically reduce the volume of these noises by using frequency domain filtering in conjunction with the aid of selective filters such as band pass filters, band reject filters, and notch filters. When there is noise in a photograph, the individual pixels within the image show a range of intensity values rather than the image's true pixel values. This is because noise causes the individual pixels to interact with one another in unpredictable ways. Denoising [4] is an essential strategy to put into practice since it is required to make up for the data corruption that has occurred. The phase of denoising, which is often necessary for the processing of pictures, is typically the very first thing that is carried out before going on to the analysis of the picture. This is because denoising is frequently required for the processing of images.

Both spatial filtering techniques and frequency domain filtering methods are used in the process of image denoising. These two categories of filtering methods are distinguished from one another. Both of these approaches are used with one another to get the desired results. There are a wide variety of spatial filtering options available, including adaptive filters, mean filters, order statistic filters, [5] and the Wiener filter. Two distinct types of spatial filtering methods are known as linear filter techniques and non-linear filter methods. These are the two categories that are included in the term "spatial filtering methods." Denoising may be accomplished with the assistance of a variety of linear filters like the mean filter and the Wiener filter, for instance. Denoising is one of the applications that may benefit from using median filters, which are a nonlinear kind of filter.

The Mean Filter, which is also known as an average filter, is a filter that may be applied to an image in order to improve the quality of the image by reducing noise. This filter is also known as the Mean Filter. This linear filter is in charge of the process of spatial filtering, which entails replacing each pixel in an image with the average value of the intensities that are shared by all of its neighbours, including itself. This filter is responsible for the spatial filtering process. If the image has salt and pepper noise, it is common practice to apply this filter to the picture in order to clean it up. There are many different kinds of mean filters, including the arithmetic mean filter, the geometric mean filter (which is effective for random noise such as Gaussian noise and uniform noise), the harmonic mean filter [6] (which is effective for salt noise and Gaussian noise), and the contra harmonic mean filter. All of these filters work well for random noise such as Gaussian noise and uniform noise (reduces salt and pepper noise). Eliminating additive noise may be accomplished by the use of an algorithm known as the Wiener filter. It takes a statistical method into consideration.

The major objective of this function is to decrease the mean square value. There are a few other types of order statistic filters that may be used, including the median filter, maximum and minimum filters, the midpoint filter, and alpha-trimmed mean filters. The use of median filters, which are a kind of nonlinear filter, is one method that may be used to get rid of the salt and pepper noise. There are many various types of median filters, the most popular of which are the maximum median filter, the center-weighted median filter, and the weighted median filter. Other variants include: The function of the median filter is to apply the median value to the pixel that is situated in the middle of the neighborhood window. This is how the filter works. In most circumstances, an odd integer is chosen to serve as the size of the neighborhood, and this is done to increase the accuracy with which the center value of the neighborhood window can be computed. Within the realm of digital image processing, its applications are rather extensive. The numerous frequency domain filtering [7] techniques may be organized into two groups: low pass filters and high pass filters. These categories are used to categories the many filtering methods. The ideal low pass filter, the Butterworth low pass filter, and the Gaussian low pass filter are the three types of low pass filters that may be used to smooth out an image in the frequency domain. The Gaussian low pass filter is another kind of low pass filter that can be used. Picture sharpening may be accomplished in the frequency domain with the use of one of three distinct types of high pass filters: ideal high pass 22 filters, Butterworth high pass filters, or Gaussian high pass filters (Gonzalez & Woods 2002). For the sake of this research endeavor, a filter that is a Butterworth low pass filter and is known as the mudflat filter is used.

### ***1.1 Image Segmentation and ROI Selection***

The act of splitting an image into many segments or sections, each of which is able to stand alone in terms of its own visual coherence, is known as picture segmentation. In light of this, image segmentation is defined as a process that divides a picture into several sections or segments in such a manner that each area is consistent with the others and that it makes it easier to investigate each of them separately. The objective of segmentation is to find and categories the needed portion of an image, which offers more information about specific facts than the other sections of the image taken as a whole. This may be accomplished by dividing the image into many segments. As a direct result of this, certain areas of interest within an actual picture are extracted in order to differentiate those parts within the image and also to aid radiologists in their diagnostic work. This is done for a number of reasons. Image segmentation is used extensively in many different domains, including remote

sensing, medical imaging, and a great number of others. Radiologists [8] dissect breast images into portions that they term "areas of interest," and then they zoom in on these regions to check for abnormalities such as microcalcifications (both benign and malignant) and tumors (benign & malignant). It is a really difficult task to automatically recognize interesting aspects of the picture. In light of this, the ROI image is manually cropped in this research by making use of the abnormality location information that is kept in the MIAS database. This is done in order to ensure that the most accurate results are obtained.

### **1.2 Image Transformation and Feature Generation**

The objective of doing image transformation is to gather information about the spatial frequency of the picture so that it may be used as an input during the future step of the process known as feature extraction. Pattern recognition and medical image processing are two examples of areas that make use of a technique known as image transformation, which is a kind of dimensionality reduction [9]. The strategy known as compression is the method that is used in order to achieve the reduction in size that is needed. This thesis takes use of not one, not two, but all three of the different types of transforms available: wavelet, curvelet, and shear let transforms. The effectiveness of computer-aided design (CAD) is heavily dependent on a fundamental component that is known as feature extraction. The process of identifying and separating features is sometimes referred to as description. The objective of description is to distinguish one category of items from another by means of the elaboration of attributes, the creation of which results in some quantitative information that is interesting to consider. If the data that will be modified originates from an intricate source, [10] then it will be converted into a feature vector, which is a collection of attributes, before the manipulation process begins. The act of compiling information about an image, such as its hue, shape, and texture, is what is meant by "the process of collecting information." The process of image processing takes use of an image's features, which are discrete portions of the overall picture that are composed of information that is pertinent to the analysis being performed (e.g., searching, retrieval, storing).

The following are some of the elements that contribute to the complexity of medical image processing, with a special emphasis on mammograms for the screening and diagnosis of breast cancer. • Mammogram images are not segmented precisely since there is a lot of background information and noise present. • This is the case because mammograms are x-rays. • Because of the hidden nature of lesions and the thick structure of breast tissue, it may be difficult to diagnose lesions. • Breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women.

## **2 Related Work**

An automated method for enhancing the contrast of mammograms was developed by [11]. In order to achieve a contrast that is well defined, this technique involves a succession of smoothing, edge detection, histogram modification, and color mixing steps. The examination of the results enabled the identification of novel regions that might be of diagnostic use. The signal-to-noise ratio was improved by using a combination of the Gabor algorithm, the Fourier transform, and overlay mask segmentation. This proved to be a highly successful way for removing noise and boosting edges, which ultimately led to an increase in the signal-to-noise ratio. When compared to other ways of filtering, the superimposition of pictures that have been processed using a variety of methods into a single image improves the visibility of important information to the human eye and makes it easier to identify. Mammograms might benefit from better contrast enhancement and adaptive denoising, according to a study by [12]. To begin, discrete wavelet transform is used in order to breakdown the mammography. After that, the detail sub bands are raised so that the total contrast may be increased. Despite the improvement in contrast, this leads to mammograms that are noisy as a consequence. The ability to identify the location of spatial noise in the detail sub bands is what distinguishes the original mammograms from the noisy mammograms. The localized sounds have been eliminated, at long last. The fundamental idea behind this strategy is to glean certain pieces of information from one picture and then incorporate them into another. At each stage, the representation wavelet is made up of a low-pass band and a high-pass band. It is a transform that may be inverted and does not involve redundancy. Some of the WT are Har Wavelet Transform (Deepika et al. 2014), Discrete Wavelet Transform [13]. One of the benefits of the Har transform is its ability to be implemented

quickly; it is also used in the process of signal and picture reduction. Applications of this kind include segmentation, medical diagnosis, super resolution, pseudo coloring of medical images, feature level image fusion, and color visualization. Other applications include super resolution and pseudo coloring of medical images.

To estimate the likelihood of a disagreement, [14] have presented a number of classifiers that may be used in conjunction with hybrid prediction methods like as CART, QUEST, C5.0, CHAID, and GASVM. In terms of accuracy, the two best models for forecasting project conflicts are classification and regression-based ones. These models are C5.0 (83.25%) and GASVM (89.30%) respectively. The GASVM model has the greatest overall performance measurement score (0.871) among all the models when accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and AUC are taken into consideration. Notably, with the exception of GASVM, which was built by the authors and integrated into a mathematical tool, all models may be simply implemented using open-source software or commercial software. This is a notable distinction. GASVM yields 5.89–12.95% greater classification accuracy when compared to the baseline models (i.e., C5.0, CHAID, CART, and QUEST) and earlier studies. The [15] have published empirical findings that investigate whether or not it is possible to use ebb-LSSVM to provide accurate price predictions for time series of interest. The effectiveness of the proposed prediction model was assessed through the utilization of four statistical metrics, namely MAPE, PA, SMAPE, and RMSPE. Additionally, the performance of the model was tested through the utilization of three distinct sets of data arrangement in an effort to select the most appropriate data arrangement for the purposes of generalization. In addition to this, the approach that was suggested has shown that it is capable of preventing early convergence, which ultimately results in a strong overall performance. An exact indexing method for the SVM function queries has been given by Younger Kim et al. (2014). This technique allows one to discover the top-k results without having to evaluate the full database. At first, critical geometric features of the kernel space were suggested. These qualities, which are essential for the process of constructing indices in the kernel space, were ranking instability and ordering stability. On the basis of this, an index structure called kernel as well as processing algorithms are built. Following this, clustering approaches in the kernel space are provided with the intention of making the index's pruning more effective.

LSPTSVM has been improved to nonlinear LSPTSVM (NLSPTSVM) by [16] so that it can more effectively address issues involving nonlinear classification. The only need for NLSPTSVM, which is very similar to LSPTSVM, is the solution of two systems of linear equations. This is in contrast to the requirement for PTSVM, which is the solution of two QPPs. An innovative nonlinear recursive method is provided in order to increase the performance of the NLSPTSVM. This is done in order to raise its performance. The NLSPTSVM has been shown to have high nonlinear classification capabilities based on experimental findings on the synthetic two-moon dataset, as well as many datasets from the UCI and the NDC

The findings of the feature selection indicated that the various dimensions of OFS are each defined by a unique collection of psycho physiological properties. Studies that compare the two classification frameworks' performance levels demonstrate that it is possible to attain relatively high and consistent classification accuracy using either framework provided that the RFE technique is correctly implemented and exploited. DE and LS-SVM are both types of classification algorithms; [17] suggested a hybrid classification technique for BC a patient that includes both types of algorithms. The algorithm that has been suggested is divided into two primary stages. Following the completion of the Optimization of the Parameters phase comes the Classification phase. Training and examination are the two primary stages that make up the classification process. DE method is used to optimize the LS-input SVM's parameters in order to improve prediction accuracy.

[18] The LS-SVM algorithm is used in the process of classifying breast cancer patients into either the benign or malignant category. Increasing the accuracy of the classification might be improved by optimizing the parameters, which would help ensure the usefulness of the suggested method. This machine learning algorithm was developed on WBCD after being retrieved from the UCI collection of machine learning databases. A number of different kinds of CVs were tested, and the findings revealed that the 80-20 CV performed better than

the other kinds of CVs by achieving a greater classification accuracy. [19] have created the mammographic density structure, and the phase and magnitude of the Gabor filter are used to identify the breast tissue pattern. As a direct consequence of this, the specificity, sensitivity, and accuracy that were aimed for were respectively reached at 0.88, 1, and 0.94. After conducting literature research on microcalcification and mass detection, it was discovered that the processing of images requires the precise adjustment of a number of factors linked to the statistics of the local picture. On the other hand, several of the procedures described above have been shown to commonly produce an excessively high proportion of false positive outcomes. In order to determine the form and dimensions of the kernel that should be applied when using morphological operators, it is necessary to have previous information about the resolution level of the mammograms. The approach that makes use of numerous phases in order to identify microcalcification takes a significant amount of time, and it also increases the complexity of the calculation. When applied to photos depicting fluctuating intensities, the segmentation results produced by the approaches that depend on threshold are quite unsatisfactory. The selection of an adequate value for the threshold is necessary for the identification of irregularities achieved during the process of region growth. In some circumstances, the positioning of markers will be carried out manually by a radiologist. The majority of the CAD systems that have been suggested in published works are limited to either microcalcification detection or bulk detection. The procedure that is effective for the detection of calcification is not accurate for the detection of mass, and vice versa.

### 3 Proposed Work

The basic stages of processing are Pre-Processing, feature extraction, classification. After this is finished, registration is carried out between each candidate mammography and the mammogram that corresponds to the other side of the breast. After that, the symmetric ROI in the registered contralateral mammography is found for each candidate ROI [20].

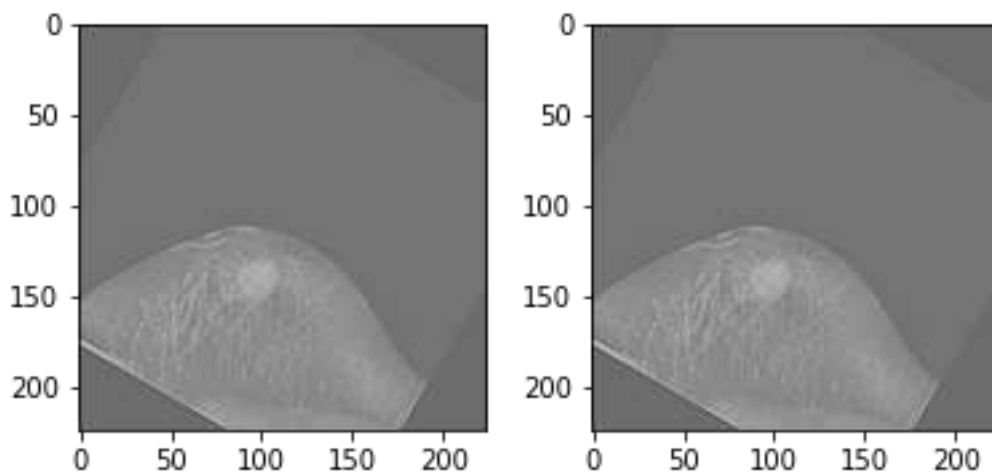


Figure 2: Proposed Fusion Scheme based Feature extraction

#### 3.1 Image Acquisition

All photographs with ambiguous areas have been tagged with information on their true location and the source of the ambiguity. The dataset utilized in this investigation consisted of 86 regions of interest (ROIs) derived from the mini-MIAS database's [21] computer-assisted segmentation of mammography pictures.

These distinctions help us to separate the two. In order to perform a unilateral analysis, candidate mammograms must undergo pre-processing and segmentation. After that, unilateral traits are isolated and characterized.

### 3.2 Pre-processing

In most circumstances, an image pre-processing phase is performed before the detection procedure, with the goal of improving the picture's quality and increasing the segmentation's accuracy. It may be broken down into a few different phases, each of which will be elaborated on below.

#### A. Reducing Background Noise

Denoising, often known as noise reduction, is a technique used to fix a picture that was ruined during the digitizing or transmission process. Quantum noise, the most prevalent kind of noise in a mammogram, is to blame for the image's lack of contrast or low resolution. It is brought on by an erratic and inequitable dispersion of X-ray photons hitting the receptor surface. A median filter's primary advantage is that it may effectively reduce noise while also resulting in much less blurring than similarly sized linear smoothing filters.

Figures 2 and 3 show an example of a bilateral mammography that may be found in the MIAS database. The normal contralateral example, mdb141, is shown in Figure 3, and the benign candidate case, mdb142, is shown in Figure 2. As can be observed in Figure 3, median filtering successfully removed this horizontal line from mdb141 after denoising.

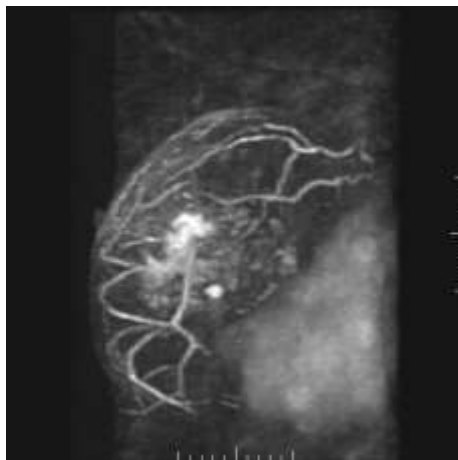


Figure 3: Input image

#### Segmented Tumor Part



Figure 4: Segmented part 1



Figure 5: Iterated Fusion Based Feature Extraction



Figure 6: Final Segmented cancer region

In order to get the most of an image in further processing processes, it should be improved first. This is what we are aiming for when we tweak images. In most cases, enhancement will raise the contrast of the image and highlight already noticeable details. Due to the poor contrast of mammograms and the often-small size of lesions, contrast enhancement is required prior to mammography segmentation. Better mammographic images may lead to more reliable detection of breast cancer's first warning signs (Rangaiah et al 2007).

Images are enhanced with the use of contrast limited adaptive histogram equalization (CLAHE) in the proposed study. The adaptive histogram equalization (AHE) technique adjusts a pixel's brightness so that it matches its position in the area's histogram. Figure 6 shows the result of applying contrast enhancement to the data corresponding to mdb142.

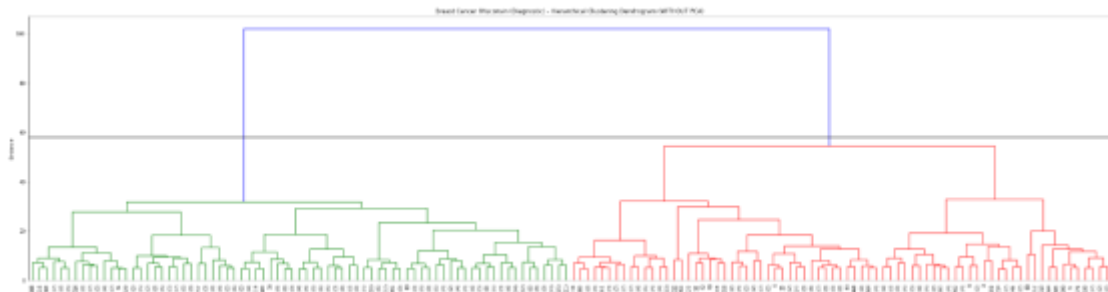


Figure 7: extracted features to classifier

Radio-opaque artefacts, such as wedges and labels, may have a significant influence on the segmentation process if they are not removed from the mammography. To get there, we first apply global thresholding to the mammogram using Otsu's method.

Next, the binary image is opened morphologically by using the area of the largest item and the neighborhood of 8-connected nodes. Although this procedure will keep the breast profile area (the largest in a mammogram) intact, it will get rid of anything else that is radiopaque.

These morphological processes work to both tighten up the breast's border to the background and fill in any gaps that may have developed there. Single pixels and noise located near to the breast border are removed throughout the refinement process. A morphological cleaning process is used to get rid of lonely pixels by erasing the ones and zeros that surround them.

#### Deletion of the Chest Muscle

In this research, the pectoral muscle was removed using the seeded region growth (SRG) method. First, a spatial adjustment is made to the alignment of each and every image such that the left side of the chest wall is parallel to the left edge of the picture. Pixels with a similarity level below a cutoff are considered to be part of the region. When none of the currently-being-analyzed pixels satisfy the similarity criterion, the process ends. The breast profile area is reduced by subtracting the expanded pectoral area. Only the breast profile is left.

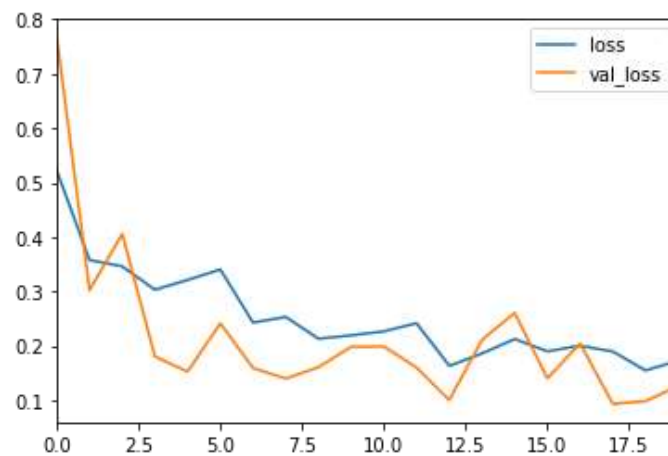


Figure 8: Training and Testing Data

We have shown the skeleton of the upgraded fusion network. (1) We used the structured data to isolate EMR factors that were theoretically and practically linked to the diagnosis of breast cancer. We employ a denoising autoencoder to increase the size of the vector from 29 to 580 dimensions. Our approach includes arbitrarily omitting a certain feature of the input layer as a substitute for the conventional technique of adding noise to a system. After extracting the 29D\*20-dimensional vector from the structured data, we concatenated it with the 1280-dimensional vector from the diseased photos to get an 1860-dimensional vector. Next, the abnormal photos were categorized using this vector. The next step is to run this vector across the remaining three full connection layers to get a final result that indicates whether the breast cancer is benign or malignant. Three full tiers of connectivity each have a different number of nodes: 500, 100, and 2.

Our first action was to enhance the available data. We begin with a 2048x1536px picture and randomly cut off 40, 20, 10, and 5 patches of varying widths. These patches range in size from 224x224 pixels to 512x512 pixels to 1024x1024 pixels to 1536x1536 pixels. The image was also enhanced using standard procedures for enhancing data. These procedures included a wide range of alterations, such as random flips and rotations, adjustments to brightness and contrast, and more. Finally, we have amassed a total of 3,105,300 sample pairs for training purposes. Keep in mind that several pathological images will likely accompany a patient's medical history. For this reason, we used the pathological picture index as a reference when training the network and fed it samples of both abnormal images and structured EMR data. Or, to put it another way, some of the structured EMR data are present in more than one place. It was concluded that the convolutional neural networks (CNN) architecture is able to withstand the mild color variations seen in images with illness. It was concluded that color normalization was not required for optimal performance. Thus, we did not do any image normalization

preparation, in contrast to the great majority of known implementations of deep learning algorithms to pathological images.

Since the cell morphology and tissue architecture in pathological images vary in size and complexity, learning rich hierarchical features is crucial for the merging of multimodal data. It has been shown that CNNs are effective learning aids for feature representations. By adding additional convolutional layers on top of one another, the CNN's recovered properties become more distorted. Thus, the features collected from data are done so at a different degree of abstraction in each of the many convolutional layers. Our interest in trying to apply multilayer convolutional features to the aforementioned challenging tasks was prompted by these findings.

For the VGG16's training, we also tried to tweak the pre-trained model. The pretraining model may converge more rapidly and provide adequate results when there is a scarcity of data. Our own dataset was already rather large, and the disparity between normal and abnormal photographs was too large, so we started training from scratch.

#### 4 Experimental Results and Analysis

All of the performance indicators and justifications for their usage in assessing the proposed fusion scheme's efficacy have been included in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1: Performance Metrics Iteration 1

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.94	0.98	0.96	107
1	0.97	0.89	0.93	64
age / total	0.95	0.95	0.95	171

Table 2: Performance Metrics Iteration 2

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.96	1.00	0.98	107
1	1.00	0.92	0.96	64
age / total	0.97	0.97	0.97	171

Tables 3 and 4 shows performance metrics such as accuracy, recall, f1 score, support parameters. The proposed fusion approach achieves the highest AUC and the lowest EER, outperforming both the single-source methods and all of the benchmark fusion strategies. Table 3 shows that the proposed fusion scheme has a mean AUC that is 16% and 24% higher than that of the unilateral system and the bilateral scheme, respectively. When compared to the weighted sum rule, the gold standard technique for data fusion, there is an 11% increase in accuracy. In addition, Table 4 shows that the proposed fusion method may reduce EER by a percentage approach is 13% less expensive than both the weighted sum rule and the unilateral scheme and 28% and 19% less expensive than the bilateral scheme. tactics in contrast to the weighted sum rule and the unilateral plan.

There is a trade-off between a high true positive rate (TPR), also known as sensitivity, and a low false positive rate (FPR), also known as 1-specificity, in a Cade system. Therefore, the system's settings may be adjusted to provide more weight to one of them, as required (including the decision threshold of the classifier). In general,

when the TPR rises, the false-positive rate (FPR) rises and the positive predictive value (PPV) falls, and vice versa when the FPR falls, the TPR falls and the PPV rises (NPV).

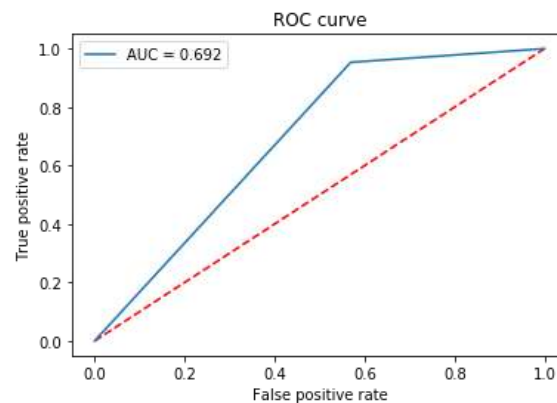


Figure 9: ROC curves of the schemes of interest

Table 6 contains the FPRs of the weighted sum rule. The table demonstrates that the proposed fusion method has an FPR that is 13, 22, and 29% lower than the unilateral system at 85%, 90%, and 95%, respectively, when comparing TPRs. This is evident when examining the FPR in conjunction with the data shown below. At 85%, 90%, and 95% TPR, the FPR of the proposed fusion approach is lower than the FPR of the bilateral scheme by 31%, 35%, and 26%, respectively. Reduced by 11%, 9%, and 22% from their original values according to the weighted sum formula.

As may be shown by contrasting the suggested fusion approach with the unilateral plan. In the range of 85%–90% TPR, the proposed fusion scheme improves upon the bilateral scheme by 12%, while at 95% TPR, it only improves upon it by 8%. When compared to the weighted sum rule, the proposed approach achieves a comparable gain in PPV of 5%, 4%, and 7%. The following are some of the details that contribute to this enhancement.

Table 3: Performance metrics 1

Scheme	NPV (%)		
	FPR = 15%	FPR = 20%	FPR = 25%
Test 1	36	60	60
Test 2	38	63	63
Test 3	30	55	66
<b>proposed</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>68</b>

Table 7 compares the TPRs of many plans assuming discount rates (FPRs) of 5%, 10%, and 15%. The table shows that the suggested fusion strategy improves TPR by 20%, 25%, and 22% over the unilateral approach for 5%, 10%, and 15% FPR, respectively. The suggested method has increased the TPR by 34%, 39%, and 25%

over the bilateral scheme, respectively, for these values of FPR. Furthermore, when compared to weighted sum fusion, the suggested fusion technique achieves improvements of 29%, 17%, and 15%, respectively.

Table 4: Performance Metrics 2 With False Positive Rate

Scheme	NPV (%)		
	FPR = 30%	FPR = 35%	FPR = 40%
Test 1	36	40	50
Test 2	38	43	53
Test 3	30	44	54
<b>proposed</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>

Table 8 compares the NPVs of a variety of proposals with FPRs of 5%, 10%, and 15%. The table shows that the NPV increases by 7%, 10%, and 9% at the aforementioned FPRs compared to the unilateral system. One may argue that this is an enhancement. An increase in NPV of 11%, 14%, and 10% relative to the bilateral plan at 5%, 10%, and 15% FPR, respectively, has resulted from the implementation of the proposed system. Furthermore, the proposed method has outperformed weighted sum fusion by a significant margin, increasing NPV by 14% at 5% FPR. In comparison to weighted sum fusion, the proposed strategy increases NPV by 7% at both the 10% and 15% FPR.

Table 5: Performance Metrics 3 With False Positive Rate

Scheme	NPV (%)		
	FPR = 5%	FPR = 10%	FPR = 15%
Test 1	26	40	50
Test 2	28	42	52
Test 3	30	44	54
<b>proposed</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>56</b>

When comparing the ROC curve areas measuring high TPR and low FPR, it is obvious that the suggested fusion approach performs better than both the single-source schemes and the best benchmark fusion technique. This holds true whatever table is examined first. Based on these results, it can be concluded that the proposed fusion method has the best PPV for a given TPR and the lowest FPR of all the schemes considered. Having a high TPR has no effect on this reality. Contrarily, if a low FPR is required, the proposed method generates the fewest number of false negatives for a given FPR. This is the case regardless of the FPR. This, in turn, suggests that the proposed approach maximizes TPR and NPV relative to the FPR being employed. Therefore, the proposed fusion process may be advantageous when compared to other methods.

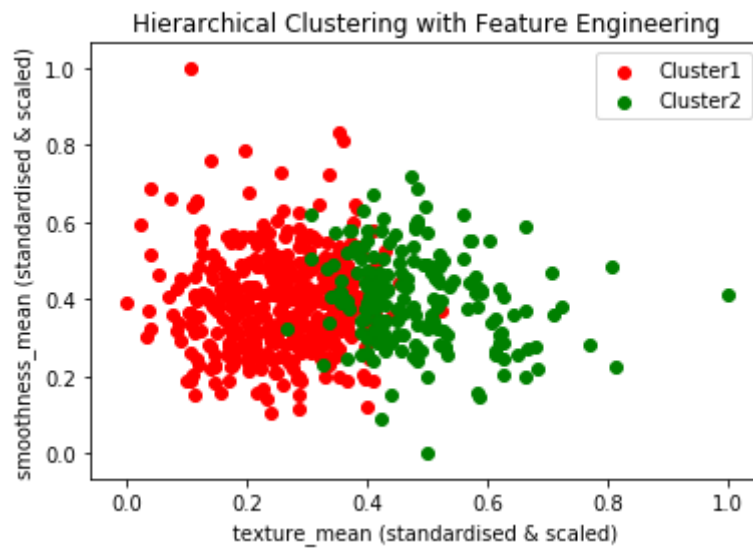


Figure 10: Clustered Features

CCA-transformed features are maximally associated with one another, therefore when they are combined at the feature level, the resulting information is highly discriminative.

## 5. Conclusion

During the process of identifying mammographic masses, it has been proposed that making use of a unique strategy that is based on merging unilateral and bilateral features might help minimize the number of false positives that arise as a result of the process. When compared to single-source solutions, the AUC is improved by at least 16% when using the recommended fusion methodology, and the EER is lowered by at least 13% when using the same way. Both of these results may be attributed to the use of the same method. This comparison can be made using some of the other fusion strategies. The performance of the multilateral scheme is only improved in terms of AUC when compared to that of the bilateral scheme, but the performance of the multilateral system does not increase in terms of EER. The performance increase of the recommended fusion approach amounts to at least 11% in terms of AUC and 13% in terms of EER when compared to the benchmark fusion methods. This is the case when compared to both of those schemes (weighted sum rule). As a consequence of this, the plan that has been suggested is able to successfully handle the tension that exists between sensitivity and specificity. Therefore, the suggested fusion technique, when used to integrate unilateral and bilateral information, has the potential to assist radiologists in screening for breast cancer in its early stages by increasing their performance in terms of reducing the number of false positives. This is because the technique has the ability to integrate unilateral and bilateral information. The next stage in the process of diagnosing breast cancer is to identify whether or not the masses are of a benign or malignant type. This determination is made after the masses have been discovered and any future false positives have been removed. The combination of ipsilateral mammographic images (MLO and CC) together has the potential to increase the amount of information that may be used for diagnosis.

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