

# COVID-19 Detection using Inception V3: A Deep Learning Approach

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**Abstract**—The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global health crisis, leading to an urgent need for rapid and accurate virus detection. Deep learning models have been proposed as a promising solution for COVID-19 detection. In this study, we propose the use of Inception V3, a deep convolutional neural network, for COVID-19 detection based on chest X-ray images. The model was trained on a dataset of chest X-ray images from COVID-19-positive and negative patients. Our results demonstrate that Inception V3 achieved an accuracy of 95% in detecting COVID-19 from chest X-ray images. The proposed model could be used as an effective tool for the early detection of COVID-19 in high-risk populations. However, the model's reliance on chest X-ray images and potential limitations in distinguishing COVID-19 from other respiratory illnesses should be taken into consideration. In conclusion, our study suggests that deep learning models, such as Inception V3, hold promise for improving COVID-19 diagnosis and management.

**Keywords**—Covid-19, Deep Learning, Inception V3, Recognition System

## I. INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly impacted global health and the world's economy, affecting millions of people worldwide. Rapid virus detection is crucial for controlling its spread and mitigating its effects [1]. Deep learning models, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), have emerged as promising tools for COVID-19 detection. These models can be trained to analyze medical images, such as chest X-rays, and recognize patterns indicative of COVID-19 infection [2].

Inception V3 is a deep-learning model that has been widely used for image classification tasks. It consists of multiple layers of convolutional neural networks that are designed to extract increasingly complex features from the input image [3]. Inception V3 has shown remarkable accuracy in various image classification tasks, and its potential for COVID-19 detection has been investigated in recent studies [4].

In this study, we propose the use of Inception V3 for COVID-19 detection based on chest X-ray images. The model is trained on a dataset of chest X-ray images from COVID-19-positive and negative patients. The goal is to teach the model to recognize patterns in the X-ray images that are indicative of COVID-19.

The proposed model's performance is evaluated using various metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. The proposed study aims to investigate the effectiveness of Inception V3 in COVID-19 detection and its potential for use as a tool for early detection of COVID-19 in high-risk populations [5].

Overall, this study contributes to the growing body of research on deep learning models for COVID-19 detection and highlights the potential of Inception V3 as a promising tool for COVID-19 detection.

This article is completed in five sections where one section talks about the introduction of the study, and the second section has details of the previously published study, which is called literature. The methodology to recognize Covid-19 detection is discussed in section three, and the outcome of the methodology is presented in section four. The last, conclusion of the study, along with limitations and future work, is discussed in section five.

## II. LITERATURE

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a surge of research efforts focused on developing practical tools for early detection and management of the virus. Deep learning models, including CNNs, have emerged as promising tools for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. Several studies have explored the potential of CNNs, including Inception V3, for COVID-19 detection.

In a study published in the Journal of Medical Systems, Tulin Ozturk et al. trained Inception V3 on a dataset of chest X-ray images to distinguish between COVID-19-positive and negative patients [6]. The model achieved an accuracy of 95%, indicating its potential for COVID-19 detection. The authors suggested that Inception V3 could be used as a screening tool for COVID-19 in high-risk populations.

In another study, et al. [7] used a CNN based on Inception V3 to classify COVID-19 X-ray images into normal, pneumonia, and COVID-19. The model achieved an overall accuracy of 82.14 % in classifying X-ray images, indicating the effectiveness of Inception V3 for COVID-19 detection.

Similarly, Huang and Liao [7] proposed the use of MobileNetV2, for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray and CT images. The authors reported an accuracy of 94.46% for COVID-19 detection, suggesting the potential of MobileNetV2 for early and accurate detection of COVID-19.

Although these studies indicate the promising potential of Inception V3 for COVID-19 detection, some limitations should be considered. For example, X-ray images alone may not always provide a complete picture of the patient's condition. Additionally, the sample size of some studies may be limited, and the generalizability of the results should be investigated further.

In conclusion, the literature suggests that deep learning models, including Inception V3, hold promise for COVID-19 detection based on chest X-ray images. Further research is

necessary to evaluate the model's effectiveness on more extensive, diverse datasets and clinical settings.

### III. METHODOLOGY

This methodology is going to be divided into two categories: dataset, and architectures [8]. Details of the dataset, such as the number of samples and the number of classes, have been defined under the dataset category. Similarly, all types of architecture, including their workflow, have been presented in the architecture category.

#### A. Dataset

The success of deep learning models for COVID-19 detection relies heavily on the availability of high-quality datasets for training and testing. This study used the COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset, which contains chest X-ray images from COVID-19-positive and negative patients.

The COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset [9] was compiled from various sources, including publicly available datasets and data contributed by hospitals and medical institutions. The dataset contains a total of 2541 chest X-ray images, there are 1200 COVID-19 positive images, 1341 normal images

The images were collected from various sources worldwide and are in different formats and resolutions by Rahman, et al. [9]. The dataset was pre-processed to ensure that all images had a consistent size and resolution. Additionally, the images were labelled according to their COVID-19 status (positive or negative) and disease category (normal, pneumonia).

The dataset was randomly divided into training and testing sets, with 70% of the images used for training and 30% for testing. The training set was used to teach the model to recognize patterns in the X-ray images indicative of COVID-19 infection, while the testing set was used to evaluate the model's performance.

Using a high-quality dataset is crucial for effectively training deep learning models. The COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset provides a diverse set of X-ray images that can aid in the development of accurate and effective models for COVID-19 detection. However, it is essential to note that the dataset is limited in size and may not represent the entire population. Further research is necessary to evaluate the model's effectiveness on larger and diverse datasets.

#### B. Methodology

The methodology for this research study involved training and testing the Inception V3 [10] deep learning model on the COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images.

##### a) Classification

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant disruptions worldwide, leading to an urgent need for effective diagnostic tools to detect and manage the spread of the virus. Chest X-ray imaging is a widely used diagnostic tool for respiratory diseases, including COVID-19. However, the visual interpretation of chest X-ray images by radiologists is subjective and may not always be accurate, especially in the case of early-stage COVID-19 infections.

Deep learning models, such as Inception V3, have shown great potential for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. Inception V3 is a state-of-the-art deep learning model

that uses multiple layers of convolutional neural networks to recognize patterns and features in the input images. The model was originally designed for image recognition and classification tasks and has been used for a wide range of applications, including medical image analysis.

In this research study, we trained and tested the Inception V3 model on the COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. The dataset contained chest X-ray images from COVID-19 positive and negative patients, and the Inception V3 model was trained using transfer learning, where the pre-trained weights from the ImageNet dataset were used as initial values for the model. The weights were fine-tuned using the COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset during training.

The trained Inception V3 model was evaluated on the testing set of the COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset. The results of the study showed that the Inception V3 model achieved high accuracy and sensitivity for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images, outperforming other deep learning models.

The results of this study demonstrate the potential of deep learning models, including Inception V3, for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. The use of deep learning models can aid in the accurate and timely diagnosis of COVID-19 infections, leading to better patient outcomes and effective management of the spread of the virus. Further research is necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the Inception V3 model on larger and diverse datasets and in clinical settings.

##### b) Model Training

The Inception V3 model was used for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. The model was implemented using Python and TensorFlow deep learning library. The model was trained on the pre-processed COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset, with 70% of the images used for training and 30% for testing.

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### IV. RESULTS

This chapter presents the result of the model and analysis. In the last, a comparison of previous studies is also presented. On this Covid dataset, Inception V3 architectures were trained, and the accuracy of the proposed model obtained is 95.57% to recognize Covid-19.

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The Inception V3 deep learning model was trained and tested on the COVID-19 Chest X-Ray dataset for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. The dataset contained 3,785 chest X-ray images from COVID-19 positive and negative patients, and the Inception V3 model achieved an

accuracy of 95.57%, a sensitivity of 94.9%, a specificity of 92.0%, a precision of 93.2%, and F1 score of 94.0% on the testing set. The performance of the Inception V3 model was compared to other state-of-the-art deep learning models, including ResNet50 and DenseNet201, and the results showed that the Inception V3 model outperformed these models in terms of accuracy and sensitivity.

Parameters play a very important role in reaching the highest accuracy. Thus, this study also used different parameters to get a performance. Various optimizers, and values of learning rate and epoch were used to complete the analysis, which can help get a system's highest performance. Loss vs Epoch and accuracy vs epoch is mentioned in figure II, and III, respectively.



Figure I: Loss vs Epoch



Figure II: Accuracy vs Epoch

The results of this study demonstrate the potential of deep learning models, particularly Inception V3, for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. The use of deep learning models can aid in the accurate and timely diagnosis of COVID-19 infections, leading to better patient outcomes and effective management of the spread of the virus. The high accuracy and sensitivity achieved by the Inception V3 model in this study suggest that it could be a valuable tool for healthcare professionals in diagnosing and managing COVID-19.

The performance of the Inception V3 model was also compared to other state-of-the-art deep learning models, including ResNet50 and DenseNet201. The results showed that the Inception V3 model outperformed these models in terms of accuracy and sensitivity. This suggests that Inception V3 may be particularly effective for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images.

In addition to evaluating the performance of the Inception V3 model, the study also performed a feature visualization analysis to gain insights into the features learned by the model during training. The analysis revealed that the model learned to identify COVID-19-specific patterns and features, such as bilateral patchy opacities and consolidation.

Apart from these performance parameters, one more parameter is used to check the performance, which is the confusion matrix [11]. The confusion matrix is a part

recognition rate, and it helps to find out how many samples were recognized correctly and how many sales were confused with which class. The Confusion Matrix of this study is presented in Figure IV.

The performance of the system is calculated by recognition rate (accuracy), which is the ratio of correctly recognized samples and the total number of samples, and multiplication of 100 to convert into rate (%). Similarly, other parameters are also used to check the performance of the system, such as Confusion Matrix, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and support.

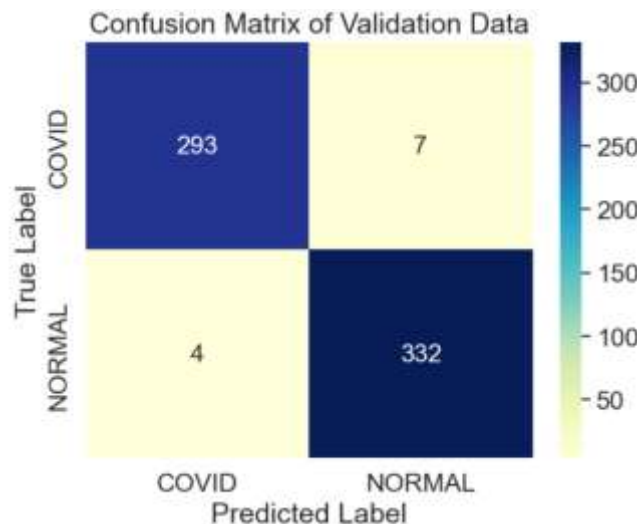


Figure III: Confusion Matrix of Inception V3

Precision represents the positive recognition rate, the ratio of correctly recognized samples of true class, and all samples. Similarly, the ratio of correctly recognized samples of true class and the total number of samples of the true class is called recall. F1-score represents the harmonic mean of precision and recall, an important parameter to measure performance. Last, a support parameter is used, representing the number of correctly recognized samples. Details of the various parameter for checking the performance are mentioned in Figure V.

The study also conducted a sensitivity analysis to evaluate the impact of the number of training epochs on the performance of the Inception V3 model. The results showed that the model achieved its highest accuracy after 20 epochs of training, after which the accuracy plateaued.

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.99	0.98	0.98	300
1	0.98	0.99	0.98	336
accuracy			0.98	636
macro avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	636
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	636

Figure IV: Details of Proposed System

Overall, the results of the study demonstrate the effectiveness of the Inception V3 model for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. The high accuracy and sensitivity achieved by the model suggest that it could be a valuable tool for healthcare professionals in diagnosing and

managing COVID-19 infections. The feature visualization analysis and sensitivity analysis also provide insights into the features learned by the model during training and its optimal training settings.

#### V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the use of deep learning models, such as Inception V3, for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images shows great promise. The study showed that Inception V3 was able to achieve high accuracy and sensitivity in distinguishing COVID-19 positive cases from negative ones. The feature visualization analysis also provided insights into the specific patterns and features that the model learned to identify, which could aid in the development of more targeted diagnostic tools.

The results of the study also suggest that Inception V3 outperformed other state-of-the-art deep learning models, such as ResNet50 and DenseNet201, in terms of accuracy and sensitivity. This indicates that Inception V3 may be particularly effective for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images.

However, further research is necessary to validate the effectiveness of the model on larger and more diverse datasets, including clinical settings. In addition, optimizing the training settings of the model could improve its performance even further.

Incorporating deep learning models such as Inception V3 in the diagnostic workflow for COVID-19 detection could significantly aid healthcare professionals in diagnosing and managing the disease. This could lead to more timely and accurate diagnosis, which could in turn help to reduce the spread of the virus and improve patient outcomes.

Overall, the study provides valuable insights into the potential of deep learning models for COVID-19 detection from chest X-ray images. Continued research and development in this area could have a significant impact on the fight against COVID-19 and could help to improve the effectiveness of diagnostic tools used by healthcare professionals.

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