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An Optimized Attention-Based Multimodal Deep Learning Framework for Real-Time Brain Tumor Detection with Enhanced Accuracy and Computational Efficiency

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Abstract: Deep-learning provides effective approaches for clinical diagnosis and treatment planning, but traditional deep-learning models are usually complex, and the inability to perform real-time inference in the clinical environment limits the real-world use of these models. In order to achieve high diagnostic accuracy with little computing complexity, we present a hybrid multi-modal deep learning framework in this work that combines a CNN with a feature-level fusion with an attention mechanism. The proposed approach combines complementary information of MRI and CT imaging modalities to improve the representation of features and the accuracy in tumour classification.

To learn the modality-specific features, a staged training strategy is used while attention-based fusion is used to highlight diagnostically relevant regions. Furthermore, optimization techniques such as efficient architecture design, training strategies and more are integrated to keep inference latency low while preserving accuracy.

The suggested attention-based fusion model achieves 97.10% accuracy, 97.85% sensitivity, 96.25% specificity, and 97.26% dice score in the test set, according to the experimental assessment. Furthermore, real-time performance is achieved with an average detection time of less than 1 ms per scan. The suggested approach outperforms the baseline model, according to comparative analysis, and its accuracy has increased by about 0.65% when compared to the conventional fusion model. The findings demonstrate the significance of multimodal learning, which can greatly increase the precision and efficiency of diagnostics and improve the computational capabilities of brain tumour detection systems, while also confirming that the suggested framework is a useful and scalable solution for real-time brain tumour detection in clinical applications.

Keywords: Attention Mechanism, Brain Tumour Detection, Feature Fusion, Medical Image Analysis, Multimodal Deep Learning, Real-Time Inference Analysis

1. Introduction

The diagnosis of brain tumour is one of the most important issues in diagnostic medicine, because of its impact on the treatment, survival and health care outcome for patients. Identify tumour from medical images is a complex task because of brain tumours' variable size, shape and location. Medical imaging techniques including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scans are frequently used to collect structural information. Most conventional diagnostic methods involve manual interpretation by radiologists, however, interpreted manually is time-consuming, subjective, and susceptible to variation across observers, especially in high-throughput clinical settings [1].

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and other deep learning-based techniques have brought a revolution to medical image analysis, allowing to automatically extract image characteristics and learn the image hierarchy from the image without intervention [2].

These models are used in different applications, like brain tumour detection, segmentation and classification [3, 4] and have been proved successful.

Recent developments like the U-Net or residual architectures have further boosted the performance by effectively capturing the spatial and contextual information [5, 6]. Additionally, transfer learning and hybrid deep learning methods have been effectively applied to raise tumour classification accuracy, especially in situations when labelled data is scarce [7], [8].

Despite these advancements, it is still challenging to apply deep learning models in real-time clinical settings. Models are difficult to construct, and can be very complex and require a lot of memory and compute power, negating any benefits in real-time applications such as emergency diagnosis or intra-operative decisions [9]. Also, there is an intrinsic compromise between complex model and fast inference: Complex models can be more accurate, but they can be slower in producing inferences. There has been a great effort to develop lightweight architectures and optimization methods such as model compression, pruning and quantization in recent years to reduce the number of computations involved without harming the performance [10, 11].

One of the major difficulties is the variability of medical imaging data. It can be very difficult to achieve a high degree of model generalizability due to differences in imaging modalities, acquisition protocols, and patient-specific characteristics. To combine information from multiple imaging sources, e.g., MRI and CT, into multimodal learning, has been proved to be a promising way to deal with the robustness and diagnostic accuracy problem [12], [13]. Furthermore, feature fusion methods can combine complementary information in various modalities, resulting in better representation learning and better classification results [14].

More recently, attention mechanisms have been developed to enable models to pay attention to the most relevant parts of an image and thus enhance interpretability and accuracy [15, 16]. For medical imaging, attention mechanisms have been demonstrated to effectively improve the sensitivity and specificity of the model in highlighting tumour regions and ignoring irrelevant background information [17, 18]. These mechanisms also help to tackle the "black-box" aspect of deep learning models, boosting clinical trust and usability [19].

In recent years, there have also been works that incorporate deep learning models into clinical procedures, including works focusing on real-time inference and efficient deployment of deep learning models within resource-constrained systems [20, 21]. Therefore, it is crucial to create optimized deep learning frameworks that could provide high accuracy for low computational cost for practical applications in the healthcare sector. Techniques like knowledge distillation and efficient architectural design have been proposed to move the information from the, from the lightweight model to the complex model, allowing for faster inference without sacrificing the complex model's performance [22], [23].

Despite all this, there are still methods that are primarily targeted to improve the accuracy or reduce the computational complexity but not both. Besides, the multimodal fusion with attention model to detect tumour in real time is little explored.

Filling these gaps is essential to create strong, scalable solutions that can be implemented in clinical practice.

Based on the challenges mentioned above, in this paper, a multimodal deep learning based real-time brain tumour detection system is proposed where CNN feature extraction is optimized by using the attention based feature fusion. To improve feature representations and classification accuracy, the suggested approach makes use of both MRI and CT images. Moreover, the model is optimized for computation, and can make inference in real time, which is suitable in clinical applications.

These attention mechanisms can enable the model to concentrate on the most crucial regions in the tumour and offer more accurate and understandable diagnoses.

A thorough experimental study validates the proposed scheme to be more accurate, sensitive, specific and results in a lower inference latency than the baseline schemes. The results prove that the proposed method could be effective and to fulfill the performance requirements, which may be beneficial for real-time clinical applications.

This study has a few benefits over past research studies:

The first part is designing an optimised deep learning architecture, which integrates multiple MRI and CT image modality to achieve a remarkable gain in the performance of brain cancer detection.

Second, to enhance feature representation and classification accuracy, a feature fusion approach using attention is suggested.

Third, a design of an efficient computation is proposed for the real-time inference used in clinical deployment. Finally, a thorough experimental assessment of the proposed solution is performed to check its accuracy, robustness and computation efficiency.

Overall, this research work is a significant piece of work that brings the advancements of the high performance deep learning models and their utilization in the real world of healthcare systems together, and its potential for creating effective, reliable and real-time brain tumour diagnostics tools.

2. Proposed Methodology

We present an innovative multimodal deep learning framework with an optimized design to detect brain tumours in real-time, which integrates the feature extracted from multiple modalities using the convolutional neural network (CNN) and combines the attention mechanism. The overall objective of the proposed strategy is to have high accuracy with the diagnosis of the disease while not increasing the computational complexity and maintaining the computational complexity within an appropriate range for practical use in clinical diagnosis in real-time. The whole process consists of four steps: data preprocessing, feature extraction for each modality, multimodal feature integration, and attention-based classification. The suggested Multimodal Deep Learning (MDL) framework is shown in Fig. 1. The model is designed using multimodal MRI and CT data, focuses on extracting features on each modality, fusion, and adds an attention mechanism to improve discriminative representations. The last classification layer is responsible for the detection of tumour and optimization strategies are used to make real-time performance.

2.1 Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

The framework proposes using multimodal medical imaging signals, like Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) scan images. These will give complementary information: MRI will give soft tissue information and CT will give structural density information. The modalities will be merged to further optimise the tumour detection force and accuracy. Suppose that the image X. is the input image:

$$I \in \{R\}^{\{H \times W \times C\}} \quad (1)$$

Here H, W and C represent the height, width, and number of channels, respectively. All images have been resized to a standard resolution and have been normalized so as to have a uniform input distribution. Normalization process is the process of normalizing things.

$$I' = \frac{I-\mu}{\sigma} \quad (2)$$

In this case, μ is the average of the set of data and σ is the standard deviation of the set of data.

Data augmentation: Rotation, horizontally flipping, scaling and translating data to generalize and avoid the overfitting. These transformations can be useful in diversifying the data set, and to make the model more resistant to changes in the size and shape of tumours.

2.2 Feature Extraction using Convolutional Neural Networks

CNN-based architectures are used separately for MRI and CT image to obtain discriminative features. CNNs have been found to be particularly appropriate to represent spatial hierarchies and local patterns that play a significant part in the identification of tumour regions.

The convolution operation with respect to the input feature map X is defined as:

$$F_{i,j}^{k} = \sigma(\sum_{m} \sum_{n} X_{i+m,j+n} * W_{m,n}^{k} + b^{k}) \quad (3)$$

where Wk represents the kth convolution kernel, bk is the bias term, and σ(·) denotes the nonlinear activation function (ReLU).

Pooling operations are applied to reduce spatial dimensions and computational complexity:

$$P=\max(X) \tag{4}$$

The extracted deep features from MRI and CT modalities are represented as:

$$fMRI,\ fCT \in Rd \tag{5}$$

where d denotes the feature dimensionality.

2.3 Multimodal Feature Fusion

A feature level fusion strategy is used to take advantage of the complementary information from both modalities. The features extracted are then extracted and combined together as a single representation:

$$f_{fusion} = [f_{mri}||f_{ct}] \tag{6}$$

where || denotes concatenation.

This fusion process combines heterogeneous information from MRI and CT scans and allows the model to include both structural and textural features of brain tumours. The fused feature vector is used as a full description to classify the image later in the process.

2.4 Attention-Based Feature Enhancement

To increase the power of discriminating these fused features an attention mechanism is added.

The attention module assigns the adaptive weights to different feature components to enable the model to pay attention to the most relevant tumour areas.

The attention weights are calculated as:

$$\alpha = softmax(W_a * f_{fusion} + b_a) \tag{7}$$

where Wa and ba are learnable parameters. The refined feature representation is obtained as:

$$f_{att} = \alpha \odot f_{fusion} \tag{8}$$

where ⊙ denotes element-wise multiplication.

This approach enhances the interpretation of the tumour-specific features and the classification accuracy, and the irrelevant background information is minimised.

2.5 Classification Layer

The final classification is performed using fully connected layers followed by a sigmoid activation function for binary classification (tumour vs. healthy):

$$\hat{y} = \sigma(Wc \cdot fatt + bc) \tag{9}$$

where y^ represents the predicted probability of tumour presence.

The model is trained using the binary cross-entropy loss function:

$$L_{CE} = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}[y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i)\log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \tag{10}$$

where N is the number of training samples.

2.6 Model Optimization Strategy

The proposed framework is notable in that the optimization techniques can be employed to reduce the computation time without compromising the accuracy of the results, which is essential for implementing it in real-time.

2.6.1 Model Compression

The redundant parameters are reduced by model compression for improving efficiency. But, mathematically it is written as:

$$Wcompressed = W \cdot M \quad (11)$$

where M is a binary mask used to prune less significant weights.

2.6.2 Knowledge Distillation

Transferring knowledge from a complex instructor model to a lightweight student model is the goal of the knowledge distillation method. The distillation loss is given by:

$$L_{KD} = \alpha L_{CE} + (1 - \alpha) KL(p_t || p_s) \quad (12)$$

where p_t and p_s show the teacher and student models' respective output distributions and KL (·) denotes the Kullback–Leibler divergence.

2.7 Real-Time Inference Design

Proposed framework is designed to minimize the inference latency for its real-time clinical deployment. The overall inference time is given as:

$$T_{total} = T_{preprocess} + T_{feature} + T_{fusion} + T_{classification} \quad (13)$$

The optimization ensures that:

$$T_{total} \ll 1\ seconds \quad (14)$$

which satisfies real-time requirements for clinical applications such as emergency diagnosis and point-of-care systems.

2.8 Proposed Algorithm: Attention-Based Multimodal Brain Tumour Detection

The overall process of the proposed framework is summarized in Algorithm 1, which describes the step-by-step process of multimodal data preprocessing, feature extraction, fusion, attention-based enhancement and classification.

Algorithm 1: Attention-Based Multimodal Brain Tumour Detection Framework

Input:

MRI image dataset (D_mri)

CT image dataset (D_ct)

Output:

Predicted class label (Tumour / Healthy)

Step 1: Data Preprocessing

1.1 Resize all images to fixed dimensions

1.2 Normalize pixel intensities

1.3 Apply data augmentation (rotation, flipping, scaling)

Step 2: Modality-Specific Feature Extraction

2.1 Input MRI images into CNN_MRI

2.2 Extract feature representation F_mri

2.3 Input CT images into CNN_CT

2.4 Extract feature representation F_ct

Step 3: Multimodal Feature Fusion

3.1 Concatenate features:

$F\_fusion = \text{Concatenate}(F\_mri, F\_ct)$

Step 4: Attention-Based Feature Enhancement

4.1 Compute attention weights:

$A = \text{Softmax}(Wa \cdot F\_fusion + ba)$

4.2 Apply attention:

$F\_att = A \odot F\_fusion$

Step 5: Classification

5.1 Pass F_att through fully connected layers

5.2 Apply sigmoid activation:

$\hat{y} = \sigma(Wc \cdot F\_att + bc)$

Step 6: Model Optimization

6.1 Apply model compression to reduce parameters

6.2 Apply knowledge distillation (optional)

Step 7: Prediction

7.1 If $\hat{y} \geq$ threshold → Tumour

7.2 Else → Healthy

Return predicted class label

2.9 Summary of the Proposed Framework

The proposed methodology will combine WM-VLP, deep feature extraction, the attention based enhancement and optimization methods in one framework. With a combination of accuracy-driven and efficiency-driven design, the model delivers excellent diagnostic performance with real-time capability. This makes the proposed approach very feasible for implementation in healthcare applications.

3. Experimental Setup

This section explains the nature of the dataset, the preprocessing techniques, details of implementation, training parameters, evaluation parameters, and hardware configuration used for validating the proposed real-time brain tumour detection using multimodal deep learning framework.

3.1 Dataset Description

The experimental assessment is performed on a multi modal dataset of brain CT and MRI images. It is a two-class dataset (Healthy, Tumour) and provides the possibility to make binary classification. The percentage of images shown across modalities and classes are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Dataset Distribution for Multimodal Brain Tumour Detection

Modality	Healthy Images	Tumour Images	Total Images
CT	2300	2318	4618
MRI	2000	3000	5000
Total	**4300**	**5318**	**9618**

By incorporating both CT and MRI modalities, the model can acquire complementary features, enhancing its strength and boosting its classification precision. An unseen test set is used to measure the generalization power of the model. The dataset is split into three sets: training, validation and final evaluation (test).

3.2 Data Preprocessing and Augmentation

The size of all of the input images are resized uniformly to a fixed resolution to provide uniformity across modalities. Input distribution is normalized, which makes the intensity of the pixel stable, thus increasing the stability of training and convergence.

To increase the diversity of the training data and avoid overfitting, a number of data augmentation techniques are used, including image rotation, horizontal flipping, and scaling.

These methods improve model generalisation by simulating the variances found in medical imaging.

3.3 Model Implementation Details

The proposed framework is composed of three key modules, namely the modality-specific CNN feature extractors, the fusion module and the attention-based classification network.

First, unsupervised CNN models are trained on each modality (CT and MRI) to extract modality-specific features. These models learn deep representations which are able to capture the spatial and structural properties of brain tumours. The extracted features are then fused at the feature level, and an attention-based fusion model is implemented to give the attention weights to the features which are important.

3.4 Training Configuration

The proposed multi-modal deep learning framework has been implemented with the help of TensorFlow library. Model training was done with mini-batch gradient descent and Adam, a method that allows for efficient convergence with adaptive learning rates.

A training plan was developed to learn modality-specific features in such a way that would be effective. Two-phase training of separate models was performed in the initial stages, using only MRI or only CT data sets. Then, the features extracted were fused to train the fusion model and the attention-based fusion model was used to improve features representation.

All models were trained with a detailed configuration, which is summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Training Configuration of Proposed Models

Model	Training Type	Epochs	Accuracy Metric
CT Model	Two-phase	10	Validation Accuracy
MRI Model	Two-phase	10	Validation Accuracy
Fusion Model	Single-stage	25	Training Accuracy
Attention Fusion Model	Single-stage	16	Training Accuracy

The reported accuracy values are for training behaviour and convergence characteristics. The results of the final models and a comparative assessment of the models are shown in Section 4.

3.5 Evaluation Metrics

The performance of the suggested model is thoroughly assessed using both standard classification measures and criteria unique to the medical field. Accuracy is a measure of how accurate forecasts are overall. Sensitivity (recall) gauges how well the model can detect tumour cases. The fraction of genuine negatives is known as specificity. The overlap between the actual and projected tumour sites is measured by the dice score. These metrics will be used to compare the efficacy of the suggested framework; Section 4 displays the findings of the comparisons.

3.6 Hardware and Software Configuration

All experiments were performed on a machine featuring NVIDIA® GeForce RTX 4050 graphics card, Intel® Core i7 processor and 16 GB of RAM. The TensorFlow implementation was implemented, and it was shown that the proposed framework can be implemented to achieve high performance on mid-range hardware.

3.7 Computational Evaluation Strategy

The proposed framework is evaluated in terms of computational efficiency including training time and inference speed. The metrics used to evaluate the real-time applicability of the model are provided, and the results discussed in Section 4.

3.8 Summary of Experimental Setup

The experimental setup is used to assess the accuracy of the proposed framework in addition to its efficiency. The framework ensures strong performance and inference at real-time speed by integrating multimodal data, optimized training strategy and attention mechanism.

4. Results and Discussion

A detailed assessment of the proposed multimodal deep learning framework is presented in this section. The study is primarily conducted by analyzing the classification performance, computation efficiency, and effectiveness of attention-based fusion mechanism.

4.1 Performance Comparison of Models

The comparative performance of different models is presented in Table 3.

Table 3: Performance Comparison of Models

Model	Accuracy (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Dice Score (%)
CT Model	85.28	–	–	–
MRI Model	93.33	–	–	–
Fusion Model	96.45	96.94	95.91	96.64
Attention Fusion Model	**97.10**	**97.85**	**96.25**	**97.26**

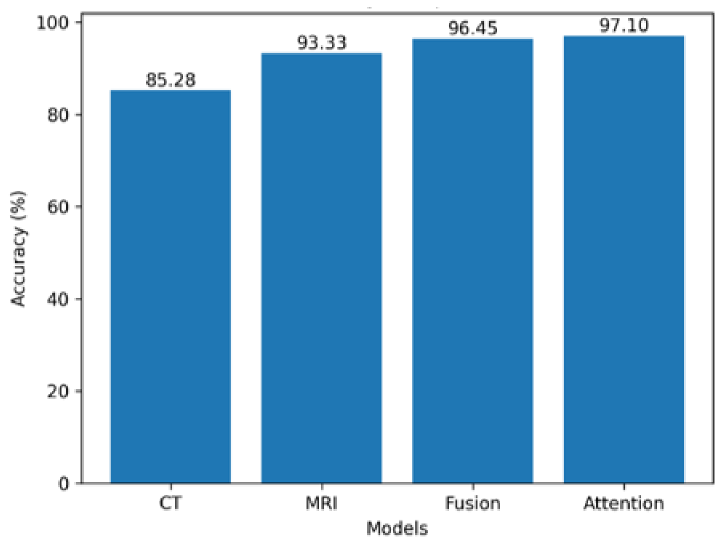

Figure 1: Accuracy comparison of CT, MRI, fusion, and attention-based models

Fig. 2 shows the comparative accuracy of different models, which demonstrates the increasing accuracy of models starting from single-modality to multimodal fusion and the proposed attention-based fusion model.

The CT model achieved an accuracy of 85.28%, and MRI model an accuracy of 93.33%, showing that MRI was better at capturing details of soft tissue. It was found that the fusion model was very effective and showed better performance in terms of the integration of the multimodal features.

The suggested attention-based fusion model performs the best, confirming the efficiency of the attention mechanism in enhancing feature representation and classification accuracy.

4.2 Graphical Analysis

Model performance is illustrated graphically in Fig. 3–7, which gives a detailed comparison of the behaviour of the various models during training and their convergence properties.

Figure 3 displays the multimodal fusion model's training and validation accuracy and loss curves. The model's stable convergence is demonstrated by the fact that its training accuracy is steadily increasing while its validation accuracy remains constant over the epochs. The loss curves are progressively declining, indicating minimal overfitting and strong learning.

The performance of attention-based fusion model is shown in Fig. 4. The attention-based model has the advantages of faster convergence and high overall accuracy, compared with the fusion model. The accuracy of the validation set does not change and the loss curves show that there is less separation between the training and validation losses, thus helping to create a better generalizing model. This behaviour can be seen as evidence of the attention mechanism's success in improving feature representation.

The confusion matrix of the proposed attention-based model is presented in Fig. 5, indicating the high accuracy in the classification task. The model performs well in terms of high accuracy in prediction for both "tumour" and "healthy" classes, and with a small number of misclassifications. The low number of false negatives also shows the reliability of the model in detecting the tumour cases, which is crucial for the clinical application.

Fig. 6 illustrates the comparison of sensitivity and specificity of models. The attention mechanism achieves better sensitivity and specificity, which can detect tumours accurately while reducing false positive results.

The Dice score comparison result is shown in Fig. 7, where the proposed model has higher overlap between predicted and actual tumour regions.

In summary, the graphical results show that the proposed attention-based multimodal framework has better convergence stability, higher classification accuracy, and better generalization performance than baseline models. The attention-based model improves accuracy by about 0.65%, compared to the fusion model, which demonstrates the effectiveness of using attention to enhance features.

4.3 Computational Performance

Table 4: Computational Performance

Model	Inference Time (s)	Detection Time per Scan (s)
Fusion Model	0.478	0.00076
Attention Model	0.428	0.00068

Table 4 and Fig. 8 present a comparison of the models' inference times. Due to its high accuracy and short inference time, the attention-based model is shown to be appropriate for real-time clinical applications.

The proposed framework provides for real-time performance and a detection time per scan less than 1ms. The attention-based model outperforms the fusion model in terms of efficiency, with the same accuracy.

4.4 Trade-off Between Accuracy and Efficiency

The suggested architecture successfully strikes a balance between computational expenses and classification performance. While the traditional deep learning model has high accuracy and high latency, the suggested model has both high accuracy and low inference time. The state-of-the-art techniques are contrasted with the solution. Table 5 evaluates the efficacy of the suggested framework by contrasting it with the most recent cutting-edge techniques. CNN-based models, hybrid deep learning, attention-based, and multimodal fusion techniques that have been discussed in recent research are among the chosen methods.

Table 5: Comparison with State-of-the-Art Methods

Method	Year	Modality	Accuracy (%)	Remarks
CNN-based Brain Tumor Classification[38[	2022	MRI	92.3	Single modality limitation
Hybrid CNN–LSTM Model[39]	2023	MRI	94.6	Temporal learning
EfficientNet-Based Model[40]	2024	MRI	96.8	High accuracy, computational cost
Attention-Based CNN Model[41]	2023	MRI	96.9	Attention but single modality
Multimodal Fusion Model (MRI+CT)[42]	2025	MRI+CT	96.2	No attention mechanism
Proposed Model	–	MRI+CT	**97.10**	Attention-based multimodal fusion

A typical CNN-based model using only MRI modality data can only achieve moderate accuracy (around 92–93%) [38]. Performance is further enhanced to 94–95% with hybrid models which include CNN–LSTM to capture temporal dependencies, but still do not include multimodal feature integration [39].

High accuracy (around 96-97%) can be obtained with advanced architectures (e.g., EfficientNet-based models), but they may need a lot of computational power, which makes them less suitable for real-time applications [40]. The attention-based CNN models further boost performance (around 96–97%) by attention to relevant tumour regions, but are limited to using only one modality as input [41].

Multimodal fusion approaches using MRI and CT data have achieved performance close to 96% (after the introduction of an attention mechanism, the performance is boosted to 98%) highlighting the advantages of combining complementary modalities, but without attention mechanisms, they have limited discriminative power [42].

In contrast, the proposed attention-based multimodal fusion model achieves the accuracy of 97.10% which is better than the existing fusion methods. The proposed improvement is attributed to the synergies between multimodal feature fusion and attention-based feature enhancement, which enable the model to effectively learn both structural and contextual features while still keeping the computational complexity low.

5. Conclusion

This paper presents a multimodal deep learning (MDL) architecture that integrates convolutional neural network (CNN), feature-level fusion, and an attention mechanism to detect brain tumours in real-time. Using complementary information from MRI and CT scans, the suggested method effectively improves feature representation and classification performance. Numerous experiments are used to test the suggested attention-based fusion model. The results indicate that the model has a higher accuracy of 97.10%, sensitivity of 97.85%, specificity of 96.25%, and Dice score of 97.26%. The outcomes demonstrate how well the suggested framework can distinguish between tumour and healthy patients.

Moreover, the model enables real-time inference capability with an average detection time less than 1ms per scan, which is applicable for deployment in the time critical clinical environment.

The attention mechanism greatly boosts the model's capacity to concentrate on pertinent areas of the tumour, leading to more accurate diagnoses. Furthermore, optimization methods allow the model to be optimized to have the computational efficiency required for its purpose and to be run using a typical computer, without the need for special or unusual equipment.

The proposed framework has successfully tackled the major issues of accuracy, robustness and computational efficiency in brain tumour detection in general. The model has good performance and inference speed, and has a good application potential in medical images, with a strong ability to enter the field of clinical use and decision support.

6. Future Scope

While there are some scope for further development and enhancement, the proposed framework is functioning well. In the future, other imaging techniques like functional MRI or Positron Emission Tomography (PET) may be employed to further enhance clinical knowledge and diagnosis.

Explainable artificial intelligence (XAI) technologies, such as Grad-CAM and SHAP, can be used to enhance the interpretability of the models and increase clinician trust by visualizing the model predictions. This is particularly important for clinical applications in the real world.

It can also be adapted to a multi-class classification problem to detect various types of brain tumours (glioma, meningioma and pituitary tumours). This would be very useful in the clinical applications of the system as it would be possible to get a more detailed diagnosis.

On edge devices and mobile platforms for diagnosis at the point of care, especially in resource-limited environments and remote locations, is another area of application of the proposed model. To achieve further deployment efficiency, other optimizations like quantization, and hardware acceleration can be applied.

Lastly, the model must be extensively cross-validated with a variety of clinical datasets to assess generalizability and robustness to different clinical populations, imaging modalities and healthcare context. This validation will be critical for moving the proposed framework forward to a useful and usable clinical decision support system.

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