

# Revolutionizing Lung Cancer Diagnosis with Machine Learning and MATLAB

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This paper aims to achieve accurate lung cancer detection using a machine learning technique. The proposed method, Absolute Integral Based Analysis (AIA), has been implemented to precisely identify cancer-affected areas in the lungs. MATLAB coding was utilized to perform AIA for the detection of these affected parts or cells. The dataset for this study was sourced from a relevant research data repository. Performance metrics such as accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, recall, F1 score, gmean, and validation accuracy were evaluated. The proposed AIA machine learning technique effectively identifies cancer-affected areas in the lungs, demonstrating improved accuracy and gmean.

**Keywords:** DIP (digital image processing), ML (machine learning), AIA (Absolute Integral based Analysis), AI (Artificial Intelligence), CAD (Computer Aided Diagnosis).

## 1. Introduction

### Image Processing

Digital image processing involves creating algorithms to extract valuable information from images. This field includes numerous techniques, primarily used in medical and telehealth applications. Algorithms process images at the pixel level, performing calculations through computerized methods. Signal processing within this domain is divided into advanced image handling and multiphase systems.

The development of image processing techniques can be categorized into three key areas. First, advancements in computer vision have significantly improved image analysis. Second, the use of both continuous and discrete signal processing techniques has enhanced image processing capabilities. Third, these methods have been implemented across various applications, including remote sensing, agriculture, telehealth, and military sectors.

Imaging in CAD systems to diagnose lung cancer

CAD (Computer-Aided Diagnosis) is one of the most effective methods for detecting lung

cancer. Also known as computer-aided detection or image-based automated diagnosis, CAD helps doctors quickly and accurately identify cancer-affected areas in the lungs. CAD systems produce effective outputs in the form of images or videos and have potential applications in various fields such as digital pathology, breast cancer detection, colon cancer detection, Alzheimer's disease diagnosis, and diabetic management. Machine learning algorithms play a crucial role in facilitating the detection of lung cancer and analyzing H&E stains.

For lung cancer detection, CT scans with 3D CAD systems are designed to visualize and analyze up to 3000 individual images using the appropriate algorithms. CAD can detect early-stage lung cancer with tumor sizes as small as 1mm, and it can easily identify nodules ranging from 5 to 10mm. Additionally, virtual dual-energy image processing enhances the functionality of CAD systems in chest radiography.

### Machine Learning

Machine learning is a discipline focused on understanding and developing strategies that enable systems to 'learn'—that is, to use data to improve performance on a set of tasks. Often associated with artificial intelligence, machine learning involves algorithms that process data to build predictive models. These models are based on customized predictions and testing against data blocks.

Machine learning techniques are widely used in various fields, including medicine, agriculture, and remote sensing, where tasks need to be performed efficiently. These techniques are closely related to computational activities, with computer vision being a significant application. Machine learning is also known as fast learning due to its ability to quickly process and learn from data.

In addition to their strong foundation in mathematical and numerical calculations, machine learning techniques are extensively used in space research to predict future values. In data mining, machine learning plays a crucial role in analyzing data. Particularly in the medical field, these techniques are used to create networks that mimic the functions of the human brain, making machine learning a powerful tool for predictive analysis.

### Machine learning in the medical field

Machine learning is a branch of artificial intelligence that allows systems to learn from data and identify patterns with minimal human intervention. Instead of being explicitly programmed, computers using machine learning are trained with examples and data, enabling them to make their own decisions. Machine learning algorithms perform various functions, such as filtering emails, recognizing objects in images, and analyzing large, complex datasets. These systems can automatically sift through emails to detect spam, identify objects in images, and process vast amounts of data.

Machine learning is a growing field with numerous potential applications. As data becomes more readily available, this technology will become increasingly important for healthcare professionals and systems to derive meaningful insights from medical information. In the healthcare industry, machine learning is particularly valuable because it helps manage the vast amounts of data generated daily within electronic health records. Using machine learning algorithms in healthcare allows us to find patterns and insights that would be difficult to detect manually. As the adoption of AI in healthcare increases, providers have the opportunity to take

a more predictive approach, leading to a more integrated system with improved care delivery and patient-centered processes.

In healthcare, AI techniques are widely used in clinical billing, diagnostic predictions, and enhancing diagnostic recommendations based on established systems. Effective AI algorithms have been implemented in telehealth applications and various scientific and medical fields. MD Anderson, a data scientist, highlighted the significant role of deep learning in healthcare. Numerous algorithms have been developed to predict different stages of patient treatment, including medication and radiation therapy for head and neck cancers.

In clinical workflows, deep learning-generated data in healthcare can automatically identify complex patterns and provide clinical decision support to primary care providers within electronic health records. While AI techniques can access large volumes of patient data, it's proven that 80% of the data is "locked," meaning it cannot be accessed without proper authorization. In the past, patient records were manually reviewed by doctors or technicians. Human language, or "natural language," is highly complex, inconsistent, and filled with ambiguity and nuances.

To convert these records into more useful and analyzable data, AI in healthcare often relies on natural language processing (NLP) programs. Most deep learning applications in healthcare that use NLP require some form of medical data to train the AI models.

## 2. Literature Review

Chapala Venkatesh et al, 2022, this paper represents one of the most widely recognized reasons for death from disease for all kinds of people is a cellular breakdown in the lungs. Lung knobs are basic for the screening of malignant growth and early acknowledgment grants treatment and upgrade the pace of restoration in patients. Albeit a great deal of work is being finished around here, an exactness expansion is expected to enlarge the patient constancy rate.

In any case, conventional frameworks don't section malignant growth cells of various structures precisely and no system attained more prominent dependability. A powerful screening methodology is proposed in this work to recognize cellular breakdown in the lungsores quickly as well as to increment exactness.

In this system, the Otsu thresholding segmentation is used to achieve the ideal separation of the chosen region. The cuckoo search calculation is used to characterize the best qualities for dividing disease knobs. By utilizing a nearby double example, the important highlights of the injury are recovered. The Convolutional Neural Network classifier is intended to detect whether a lung injury is pernicious or non- malevolent given the recovered highlights. The proposed structure accomplishes an exactness of 96.97% percent. This article uncovers the exactness that precision is improved, and the outcomes are ordered. Utilized Molecule mob improvement and hereditary calculations are done. [1]

Timor Kadir et al, 2018, in this paper, AI-based techniques are used to predict the cellular breakdown in lungs and predictive methods have been proposed which will be useful in the medical field to diagnose pneumonic knobs.

This proposed method helps to reduce changeability in knob order and it produces a path to  
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minimize the numerous knobs which are unnecessary. This article has given a path for the forecast approach of methods involved in the treatment of lungs and it helps to figure out overall aspects and disadvantages in the methods to proceed. [16]

Suren Makaju et al, 2018, this paper indicates cellular breakdown in the lungs is one of the most hazardous and life-taking sicknesses on the planet. In any case, early finding and treatment can save a life.

According to the survey which explains that a Computer Tomography scan is the most effective imaging method in the clinical field, it is very difficult for specialists to decide and identify cancer-affected parts from CT examination pictures. Hence PC supported analyses are helpful for technicians to distinguish malignant cells easily. Various PC-helped strategies that apply picture handling and AI has been investigated and executed.

The fundamental way of this technique is to analyze the different PC-oriented strategies and investigate the growing procedure to figure out their bounds and disadvantages to propose an effective method that results in better visualization compared with the current model.

The strategy utilized was to arrange and record cellular breakdown in the lung recognition methods based on their identification precision. The methods were dissected on each step and by large constraint, demerits were also taken into account. It is seen that some have low accuracy and some have huge precision yet not nearly 100 percent. Hence, our expectations focus to build precision nearly 100 percent. [18]

Meraj Begum et al, 2021, the fundamental goal of this paper is to figure out the beginning phase of the cancer stage in the lungs and investigate the precision levels of different AI calculations. After a methodical writing review, we figured out that a few classifiers have low precision and some are higher exactness yet challenging to come to closer 100 percent.

Low exactness and high execution cost because of ill-advised management with DICOM pictures. For clinical picture handling various sorts of pictures are utilized however PC Tomography (CT) examines are for the most part favored due to less commotion.

Profound learning is shown to be the best strategy for clinical picture handling, lung knob location and arrangement, highlight extraction, and cellular breakdown in the lungs stage forecast. The primary phase of this framework utilized picture-handling strategies to separate lung districts. The division is finished utilizing K Means.

The elements are separated from the sectioned pictures and the grouping are finished utilizing different AI calculation. The exhibitions of the proposed approaches are assessed in light of their exactness, awareness, particularity, and characterization time. [20]

Manickavasagam et al, 2019, this paper explains one of the maximum well-established reasons for dying from advanced cancerous stages in all kinds of people. Lung knobs are the basic process for covering malignant growth and initial acknowledgment of licensed medication and it improves the effect of recovery in patients.

A successful screening is proposed in this work to distinguish cellular breakdown in the lungs sores quickly as well as to increment precision. In this technique, the Otsu thresholding division is used to achieve the ideal detachment of the chosen region, and the cuckoo search calculation is used to characterize the efficient qualities for apportioning malignant growth

knobs. By utilizing a nearby paired design, the significant elements of the injury are recovered. [23]

#### Proposed Absolute Integral Based Analysis (AIA) Method

The proposed method Absolute Integral Based Analysis (AIA), a machine learning technique has been adopted to detect accurate cancer affected parts or cells in the lungs. Performance metrics like sensitivity, algorithm accuracy, specificity, precision, recall, f1 score, and gmean are evaluated accordingly.

The proposed system has been implemented in the software Matlab version 2021a. Matlab inbuilt functions like the image inline, image location, image data store, and image index, vision cascade and vision blob analysis are used. According to the inbuilt parameters, a formula has been derived to perform AIA.

Formula to perform AIA can be derived as,  $y = x (0:4\pi / 8*2\pi/4)$

In this method, initially, a data store has been created and samples of 100 images are considered for the process which has been stored in the particular data directory.

In AIA, the number of iterations is performed and the corresponding images are displayed with a pixel size of 300 x 300. As a result, 100 images are displayed in a single Matlab window. For the second iteration, the proposed formula will set a reference image for the comparison of normal and cancer-affected images. As a result, two images that have been taken for comparison are displayed in a single Matlab window. The Block diagram of the proposed method can be pictured as,

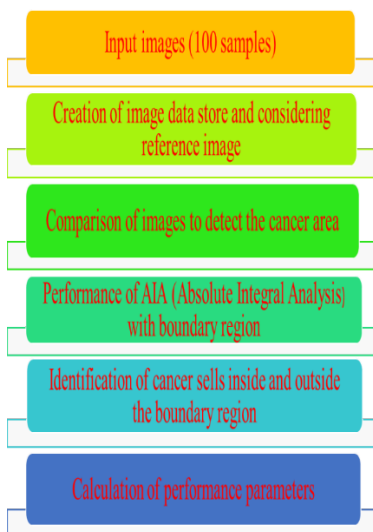


Figure 1 Block diagram of AIA

After comparison, cancer affected part has been indicated with the boundary box. Using region extraction cancer cells are detected inside and outside the boundary box. Then cancer affected images and normal images are considered for mapping where the cancer cells are indicated through straight lines.

Here the cells are indicated in red color and the lines are indicated in yellow color so that the mapping can be viewed clearly. In this proposed method, mostly damaged cells by cancer as well as cells that are going to get damaged are indicated.

The AIA method performs the process and indicates the stage of the cell. Training progress has been performed and achieved 98.76% efficiently along with the algorithm accuracy 90%. The proposed method can withstand 1000 samples to perform a number of iteration levels. If the number of samples is increased by more than 1000 then the value of algorithm accuracy and validation accuracy has been reduced. The Value of performance metrics is evaluated and indicated.

Formulas used for calculation of performance parameters:

$idx = (ACTUAL \text{ value} == 1);$

$p = \text{length}(ACTUAL \text{ value of } (idx)); n = \text{length}(ACTUAL (\sim idx));$

$N = \text{positive} + \text{negative};$

$\text{True positive} = \text{sum}(ACTUAL(idx) == PREDICTED(idx))$

$\text{True negative} = \text{sum}(ACTUAL(\sim idx) == PREDICTED(\sim idx));$

$\text{False positive} = n - tn; \text{False negative} = p - tp; tp\_rate = tp/p; tn\_rate = tn/n;$

$\text{algorithm accuracy} = (\text{true positive} + \text{true negative})/N;$

$\text{sensitivity} = \text{true positive\_rate}; \text{Specificity} = \text{true negative\_rate}; \text{Precision} = \text{true positive}/(tp + fp); \text{Recall} = \text{sensitivity};$

$f1 \text{ score} = 2 * ((\text{precision} * \text{recall}) / (\text{precision} + \text{recall})); Gmean = \text{sqrt}(tp\_rate * tn\_rate);$

These are the formulas indicated to evaluate the performance metrics which has been mentioned above.

### 3. Results and Discussions

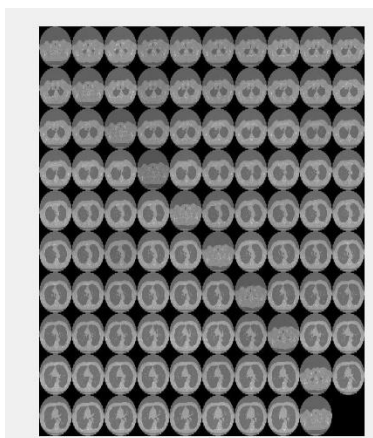


Figure 2 Reference Image



Figure 2 indicates the reference image taken from sample input images for detection

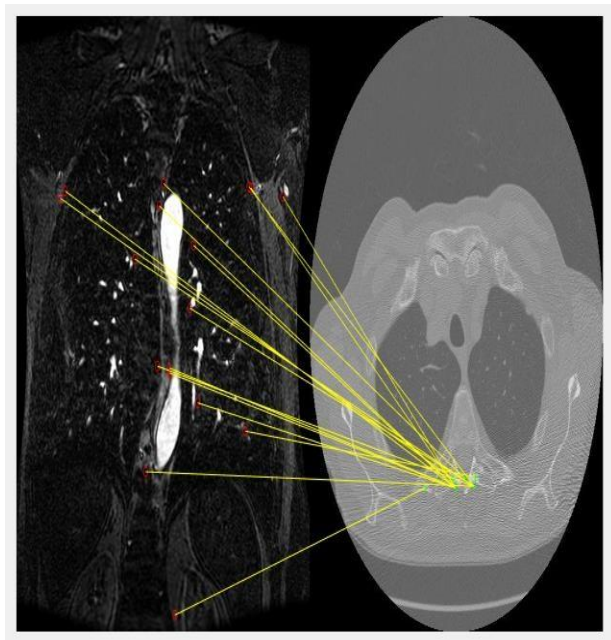


Figure 3 Two images from the dataset are taken for comparison

Figure 3 indicates a comparison of two images taken with reference to the query image

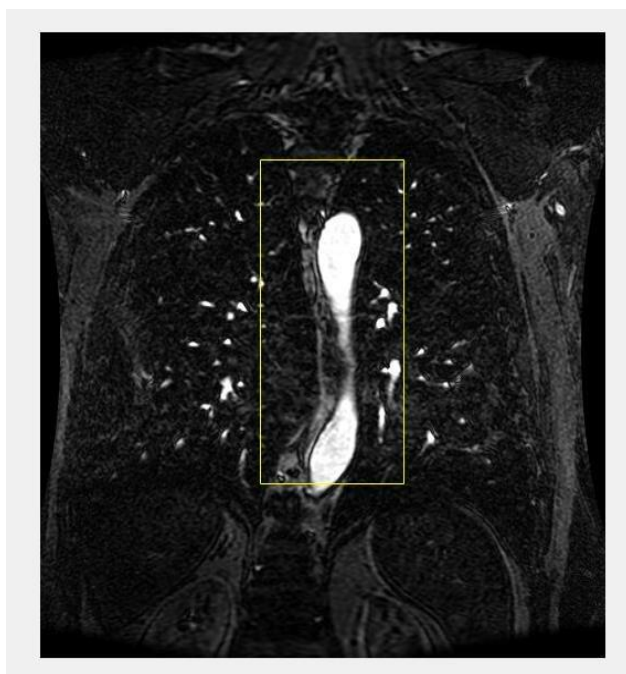


Figure 4 Indication of the most affected cancer part

Figure 4 shows that the part affected by cancer with the indication of the boundary box

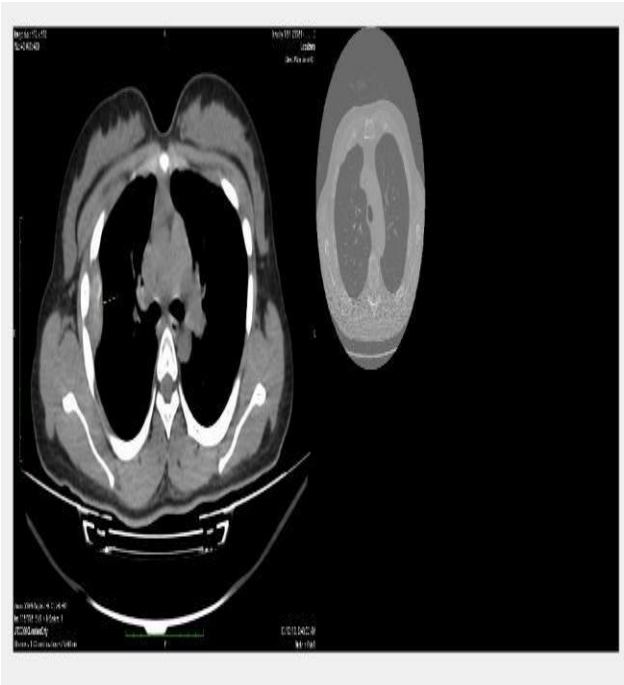


Figure 5 Indication of partially affected cells near most and outer of the region

Figure 5 indicates the partially affectedcells whichare closer and outer to the boundary box

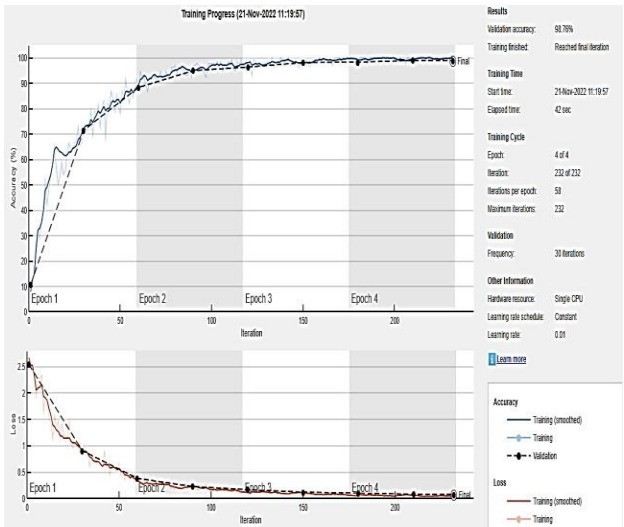


Figure 6 Training Progress of the Proposed AIA Algorithm

Figure 6 indicates the performance of the proposed AIA algorithm and the progress achieved with a validation accuracy of 98.76%



The performance parameters are calculated accordingly and the proposed method achieved algorithm accuracy of 90%, a sensitivity of 100, a specificity of 80, a precision of 66.6667, an f1 score of 80, a recall of 100, and a gmean of 89.447. Step by step the AIA algorithm has been explained with the result of images. The bar chart has been represented according to the values obtained through AIA.

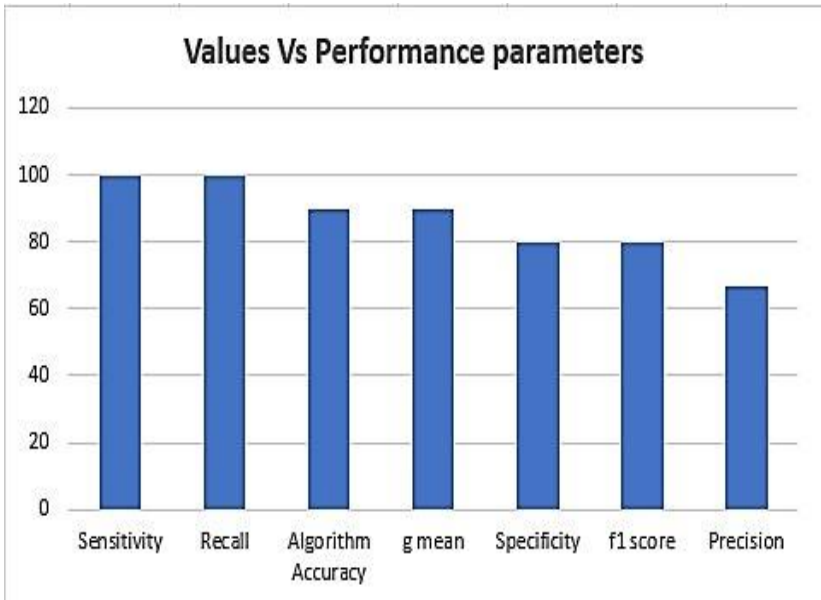


Table 1 Comparative result based on Accuracy value

Previous Work	Comparative values of Algorithm Accuracy (%)
Lung Cancer Detection using CT scan images	88.4
Neural Network and optimization based Lung Cancer Detection	89.90
Lung Cancer Prediction using Machine Learning and Advanced Imaging Techniques	80
Lung Cancer Detection and Classification using Machine Learning	84.4
Lung Cancer Detection using Lung Knobs by Cuckoo Search Algorithm	88
Proposed Absolute Integral Based Analysis for Lung Cancer Detection	90

For comparison regarding previous work, the algorithm accuracy parameter has been considered. According to the proposed method, AIA has obtained better algorithm accuracy

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of 90% compared to previous work. The table has been indicated below

#### 4. Conclusion

The proposed method, Absolute Integral Based Analysis (AIA), has demonstrated an efficient improvement in algorithm accuracy, achieving 90%, with a validation accuracy of 98.76%. Using region extraction, damaged cells are identified both inside and outside the boundary box with enhanced quality. Performance metrics such as sensitivity, specificity, recall, precision, algorithm accuracy, validation accuracy, F1 score, and G-mean have been evaluated. This method can be applied in hospitals for real-time cancer diagnosis using large patient datasets. Future research can extend this work by incorporating a greater number of image samples from a larger patient population.

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