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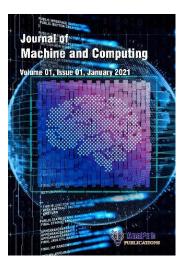
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Abstract

the fact that The early stages of the condition are notoriously difficult to diagno abnormal cells with dimensions less than very small are notori asly di spot by imaging. If identification occurs at an earlier stage, then there is a ance and the probability of extending the lifespan of the individual may increase. Nevertheless, a sause of the enormous dimensionality of the database space, timely diagnosis is a challer ing sk. In this paper, nodule segmentation is proposed using Enhanced Local Information Weighted Intuitionistic Fuzzy C-Means (ELWI-FCM) clustering. After pre-processing segmentation is performed by ELWI-FCM. To optimize the performance of FCM, e in oved Golden Eagle Optimization (IGEO) algorithm is used. For classifying the 2du as normal or affected, the pre-trained DenseNet201 model is utilized. Experiments a con cted over the LIDC-IDRI dataset. Experimental results show that the places ELWI-FCM-IGEO attains better accuracy, precision, F1-score, sensitivity, and specific compared to existing models.

Keywords: Enhanced Local Information Weighted Intuitionistic, Fuzzy C-Means clustering, Golden Eagle Optimization, Devisenet 201

1. Introduction

The emergence can ormal tissues within the human body leads to the condition known as cancer. Throughout historiup to the present day, cancer remains a prevalent and formidable disease that points a creat or human life. Lung cancer is considered as one of the deadliest disorders. The finely prediction of early stages in cancer can significantly impact and potentially save numerous lives, especially when dealing with tumors in their initial phases [2] [3]. Moreover, has expected that by the year 2040, this lung cancer may affect the 18 million lives of peop. The development of an early cancer detection technique that can be used to assent the effects of lung cancer is desperately needed [4].

Larious diagnostic techniques, including X-rays, CT scans and Magnetic Resonance Integring (MRI) can be utilized to detect lung cancer. Medical professionals, including doctors and radiologists, utilize CT scans for diagnosing lung cancer [5]. This enables them to characterize disease patterns, assess severity, and directly observe the morphological extent of tumors. Detecting tumor cells becomes challenging because of the misinterpretation of anatomical structures and the intensity variations in CT scan images. In recent times, CAD has emerged as a promising device to aid physicians and radiologists in cancer detection [6].

Despite the development of different models for lung cancer detection, achieving excellent and accurate results remains a substantial challenge. Therefore, effective detection of lung cancer can be achieved through the application of image processing approaches [7].

Recent studies in lung CT image segmentation have primarily concentrated on developing segmentation methods that are precise and efficient [8]. Some of the conventional segmentation approaches are thresholding, active contours, region growing, morphological, deformable, clustering, Markov random field, graph cut, watershed, histogram, fuzzy logic bas a segmentation, and neural networks. Furthermore, the thresholding is one of the conventional approaches employed in segmentation processes [9].

The utilization of DL as a representation learning model for acquiring representation of features has proven to be a significant advancement. The h employing DL lies in its capacity to generate high level feature re ions om image features [10]. This accuracy in data processing has created ostantial success, particularly in the field of segmentation of medical images. Some ne limitations in the existing works are: The conventional thresholding encounters challenges then applied to the bronchus and trachea due to their same grey values, resulting in su' optimal performance [11]. The segmentation of lung nodules will be affected by visu a features, indistinct shapes, and the surrounding context of the nodules, posing char ccurate delineation. The en segmentation is impacted by the similarity in sixual Long lung nodules it influences havior ... the overall performance [12]. The variations in the app rance of nodules posed challenges to achieving accurate results. While som of DV models are employed to detect nodules in Images, however, achieving accurate segmentation is still challenging. The difficulties encountered in current lung nodule segmention methods serve as motivation. A new approach, referred to as ELWI-FC is introduced for the segmentation of lung nodules.

1.1. Motivation

presents a formidable challenge, because of the intricate nature Detecting nodules robusts of the surrounding wire, pen, and the heterogeneous characteristics of lung nodules. The significance of early detected is important to enhance the survival rates of patients affected by of segmentation processes caused by poor image quality has lung carrer. rategies ineffective in enhancing accuracy. Numerous scholars have provided \ systems in the literature works. Despite these efforts, these systems continue se challenger such as limited visibility and high False Positive Rate (FPR) results when t lung resions. Hence, this work aims to introduce a method for identifying benign and dignal modules in Images. Influenced by optimizing hyperparameters and visualization es, we have innovatively implemented a hybrid approach. This approach incorporates ptimized clustering to fine-tune the model's hyperparameters, aiming to yield optimal results and visually represent both normal and abnormal clusters.

1.2. Objectives

 An automated CAD based segmentation and classification method has been designed to categorize lung cancer diseases.

- To present an efficient pre-processing, segmentation and classification approaches.
- To efficiently segment the lesions using the ELWI-FCM with the IGEO algorithm.
- To overcome convergence issues of standard optimizer, the IGEO is presented.
- To classify the segmented regions as normal and abnormal classes, the DL model DenseNet201 is presented.
- To perform comparative analysis for different DL approaches with respect to the LIDC-IDRI dataset.

The rest sections are: Section 2 is the literature works with respect to the different models a discussed; Section 3 is the proposed lung tumor segmentation; Section 4 discusses roults Section 5 ends the work.

2. Related works

Literature works with respect to the lung tumor prediction using different modes, and the performance achieved are discussed:

Atiya et al. [16] presented non small cell lung cancers classificated model using the TL (transfer learning) based CNN model. Initially, the improvement were resized and normalized and the augmentation process was carried out. Then, the two stages TL based pre-trained were used for classifying different stages of cancer. Find by, the accuracy value achieved by the ResNet50 was 94%.

Nanglia et al. [17] developed Feed F. ward F. ck Propagation (FFBP) with Support Vector Machine (SVM) for lung cancer disease can acation. Speeded Up Robust Features (SURF) was utilized for feature extraction. At last, the FFBP with the Genetic algorithm was utilized for the classification process. Accuracy and sensitivity values achieved were 98% and 96.5% on the ELCAP lung image datas at.

Gopinath et al. [18] presented Deep used Features with Cat Optimizer (DFF with CO) for classifying the lung cancer. Then, the saliency maps were utilized for the segmentation and the CNN was utilized for the cassification. The DFF with CO was developed for training the features which combated the saliency maps and the DL model.

Siddic ist al. [33] introduced Enhanced Deep Belief Network (E-DBN) with Gabor filters for lunchood e classification. The Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) based Bernoulli Bernoulli and Gassian Bernoulli were utilized. Experimental analysis was carried out on the three stases and better performance was achieved for E-DBN with SVM classifier.

Ajai tal. [20] introduced Renyi entropy fuzzy based shuffled social sky algorithm for lung nodines segmentation. Then, the texture and statistical features were extracted and RAM (reaffied attention model) was utilized for the classification process.

Problem statement

Current lung cancer segmentation techniques encounter several limitations, such as high sensitivity to noise, challenges in differentiating tumors from healthy tissue, and variability in imaging protocols that compromise segmentation accuracy. Traditional methods

often require significant manual intervention and lack consistency, while automated approaches may fail to generalize well across diverse patient data and tumor morphologies. These shortcomings highlight a critical need for more robust solutions. The suggested model addresses these issues by leveraging adaptive clustering to refine segmentation boundaries and enhance tumor detection accuracy. The DenseNet201 architecture, known for its efficient feature reuse and deep representation capabilities, further strengthens the model's ability to distinguish complex tumor structures with greater precision, robustness, and generalizability even in noisy or varied imaging conditions.

3. Proposed methodology

ding The advancement of the CAD has played a crucial role in medical analy decision-making regarding diseases of humans. Conventional models for edicting cancer faced challenges in accuracy due to poor quality images a ecting the mentation procedure. This paper introduces a novel, optimized approach se n moder for lung enta* cancer prediction. The collected images undergo pre-processing stage. noise elimination and to enhance the overall lung image quality. Subsequently, the cancerous pa is segmented from the noise cleared image using an ELWI-FCM- IGEO. Finally, the eatures are extracted and classified in the DL model DenseNet201 as shown in Fig

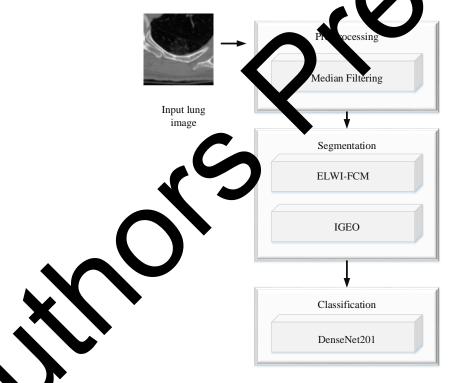


Figure 1: Workflow of the proposed lung tumor model

3.14 re-processing

Initially, the MF (median filtering) is utilized for removing noise in the LIDC-IDRI dataset. MF serves as a widely adopted technique to filter noise, operating as the low pass filter that retains information about images while effectively eliminating noise. This method involves filtering a neighborhood L with dimensions $m \times n$ by organizing all neighboring elements in ascending order and selecting the center component from the ordered sequence. Subsequently,

this chosen middle element replaces the pixel in the center. The mathematical representation of the MF is expressed as follows:

$$z_{(m,n)} = Med\{y_{(k,l)}, (k,l) \in L\}$$
 (1)

3.2 Optimal segmentation

In the segmentation process, the lung images are divided into different categories and this process is performed by the algorithm ELWI-FCM-IGEO. This algorithm improved a simplifies the classification stage. The incorporation of ELWI-FCM allows for preci segmentation by considering local spatial context and intensity variations, which is patients effective for handling noise and preserving the boundaries of complex tumor st reduces the risk of over-segmentation and ensures more accurate detection of Secondly, the integration with IGEO optimizes the clustering p improves convergence speed, leading to enhanced segmentation program e with reduced computational costs. IGEO, inspired by the hunting behavior of the eagles, helps in efficiently exploring the solution space and finding optimal solutions, it ther improving the robustness and accuracy of the segmentation process. Together, these techniques provide a reliable and adaptable framework for lung cancer se men tion, capable of addressing challenges like variability in tumor shape, size, and imagilar and bus while maintaining high precision and efficiency.

In the ELWI-FCM, local detail weight k_m is introduced and it influences set of local detail on clustered outcomes. This overcomes local detail relies in less noise regions and avoids the impacts of membership function u_{lm} . In this E. WI-FCM, the objective term $\hat{I}(U,V)$ and k_{lm} is given as:

$$\hat{I}(U) = \sum_{l=1}^{p} \int_{lm} d^{2}(x_{m}, v_{l}) + \sum_{l=1}^{c} \pi_{l}^{*} \exp(1 - \pi_{l}^{*}) + k_{lm} G_{lm}$$
 (2)

where x_m is the object, v_l is the center of cluster, c is the cluster, $d(x_m, v_l)$ is the distance of x_m and v_l . Then, walls, of x_{lm} is computed by:

$$k_{lm} = \frac{\sigma_m^2 + \alpha}{\sigma^2 + \alpha} \quad (3)$$

here α is the data's variance in the m^{th} window and α is the small parameter. The values of a computed by:

$$u_{lm} = \frac{1}{\sum_{s=1}^{c} \left(\frac{\|x_{m} - v_{l}\|^{2} + G_{lm}}{\|x_{m} - v_{s}\|^{2} + G_{lm}} \right)}$$
(4)

Here, the optimized term G_{lm} is given as:

$$G_{lm} = \sum \frac{(1 - u_{lk})^n \| x_m - v_s \|^2}{d_{mk} + 1}$$
 (5)

where n is the fuzzified term and k is the is the neighbour pixels in the m^{th} window.

Finally, the membership function of ELWI-FCM is given as:

$$u_{lm}^{\hat{}} = u_{lm}^{n} + u_{lm}^{* n} \tag{6}$$

In this algorithm ELWI-FCM, generally the parameters like n and v_l are chosen by the salt and error process. The choice of initial v_l significantly impacts clustering outcome direct affecting the lung images segmentation quality. Hence, this work presents a metahematic algorithm IGEO is presented for optimizing the clustering performance, the itness function of the IGEO is given as:

$$Fitness = Max(Dice\ value)$$
 (7)

stica. The proposed IGEO is a The mathematical modelling of the IGEO is presented in the novel approach to addressing global optimization pr nd draws inspiration and mathematical formulation from the intelligent behaver olden eagles), particularly GE / their adept control over the speed of their t patterns. In emulating the distinctive characteristics of GE, known for their sique warm chavior during the initial stages of hunting, IGEO efficiently navigates and exfores the solution space. The algorithm's effectiveness lies in its adept manipulation of vo key components: cruise propensity and attack propensity. GE employs a strategic hunting apply sch by systematically exploring various areas in search of superior prey. Cent at to their hunting methodology is a notable characteristic: their possession of a better men unique attribute enables GE to remember and recall information related to be cruise are attack propensities while in flight. Mathematical modeling of IGEO is explain. In this section.

GE's spiral movement: IGE catakes inspiration from the spiral motion exhibited by GEs. Every GE stores in propose the post optimal location it has encountered. The GE is concurrently drawn bount wards the pursuit of attacking prey and engaging in a cruising motion to explore and locate superior food sources. In all iterations, every GE j chooses the prey of another GE g in random maker and encircles the better position.

$$g = \{1, 2, \dots, Population size\}$$
 (8)

OBLE face the population is initialized, opposite solutions are generated and these solutions exploited to enhance diversity within the solution set, thereby expanding the search space. They are derived by considering the opposite position of the solution of candidate \overrightarrow{S}_a , as determined by the following expression:

$$\vec{S}_{a} = \vec{l}\vec{b} + \vec{u}\vec{b} - \vec{S}_{a} \tag{9}$$

where \overrightarrow{lb} and \overrightarrow{ub} are lower and upper bounds.

Selecting prey: During every iteration, all GEs face the task of selecting a prey for executing cruising and attacking strategies in IGEO. The prey, in this context, is conceptualized as the optimum solution identified thus far by the entire flock of GEs. Each individual GE possesses the ability to retain in memory the most optimal solution it has encountered. For all iterations every GE picks a targeting prey from the collective memory of the entire flock. Subsequently cruising and attacking vectors are computed for every GE eagle in relation to the chosen prov. If the resulting position proves superior to the prior position stored in memory, an undate made to the memory.

Exploitation: The attacking model can be represented by a vector that initiates from the current position of the GE and terminates at the location stored in the GE's many for the prey. The computation of the GE's attack vector $\overrightarrow{A_j}$ is given as:

$$\overrightarrow{A}_{i} = \overrightarrow{Y}_{g}^{*} - \overrightarrow{Y}_{i} \tag{10}$$

where $\overrightarrow{Y_g}^*$ and $\overrightarrow{Y_j}$ are the GE's best position at g and GE r esemposition at j.

Exploration: The selection of the cruise vector depends on the A_j . Cruise and attack vectors are designated for the circle and perpendicular. To assess the cruise vector, it's necessary to ascertain the hyper plane's position. The model of the hyper plane is provided by:

$$h_1 y_1 + h_2 y + \dots + h_v y_v = d = \sum_{w=1}^{v} h_w t_w = d$$
 (11)

where $d = \vec{H}\vec{M}$, normal tends is $\vec{H} = [h_1, h_2,, h_v]$ and parameter term is $Y = [y_1, y_2,, y_w]$ and the arbitrary term on the typer-plane is $\vec{M} = [m_1, m_2,, m_w]$.

The value C cruise $\cot \vec{C}_i$ is given as:

$$\sum_{w=1}^{\nu} a_w y_w = \sum_{w=1}^{\nu} a_w^t y_w^*$$
 (12)

where $x_j = [a_1, a_2, ..., a_v]$, $Y = [y_1, y_2, ..., y_v]$ is the design parameter and $Y^* = [y_1^*, y_2^*, ..., y_v^*]$ is the prey's location.

Movement of new position: The GE's movement undergoes A_j and C_j . The step parameter of GE is represented as:

$$\Delta y_{j} = r \overrightarrow{and}_{1} m_{a} \frac{\overrightarrow{A}_{j}}{\left\|\overrightarrow{A}_{j}\right\|} + r \overrightarrow{and}_{2} m_{c} \frac{\overrightarrow{C}_{j}}{\left\|\overrightarrow{C}_{j}\right\|}$$
 (13)

where \overrightarrow{rand}_1 and \overrightarrow{rand}_2 are the random vectors; m_a and m_c are the coefficients of attack and cruise; $\|\overrightarrow{A}_j\|$ and $\|\overrightarrow{C}_j\|$ are the Euclidean factors of A_j and C_j . These two values are computed by:

$$\left\| \overrightarrow{A}_{j} \right\| = \sqrt{\sum_{w=1}^{\nu} a_{w}^{2}}, \left\| \overrightarrow{C}_{k} \right\| = \sqrt{\sum_{w=1}^{\nu} c_{w}^{2}}$$
 (14)

Changing from exploration to exploitation: IGEO utilizes m_a and n_c for switching from the stage of exploration to exploitation. The values of m_a (initial bias) m_c (final bias) are computed by:

$$m_{a} = m_{a}^{0} + \frac{t}{T} \Big[m_{a}^{T} - m_{a}^{0} \Big]$$

$$m_{c} = m_{c}^{0} + \frac{t}{T} \Big[m_{a}^{T} - m_{a}^{0} \Big]$$
(16)

where t and T are current and maximum t and t are current and maximum t and t are current and

Algorithm 1: Pseudocode of the ELWI-N M- IGEO

Input: x_m (object), v_l (content of cluster), n (fuzzified term) Population size,

Iterations, q_a and q_c

Output: Optimal v_l

Initializing the JBL the population of GE

Estimate the frees by xpression (7)

Est nat q_a and q_a

or every iteration

pdate (initial bias) and m_c (final bias) by expressions (15) and (16)

r all i

ndomly define the prey from population memory

Define \vec{A}_i by expression (9)

If length of \overrightarrow{A}_j is $\neq 0$

Define C_j by expression (12)

Define Δy_i by expression (13)

| Calculate the fitness value for the newly generated positions | | |
|---|--|--|
| If the fitness value exceeds the memory | | |
| Utilize the newly calculated position value instead of the position stored in the | | |
| GE memory. | | |
| end | | |

3.3 Classification

Finally, for classifying normal and abnormal classes, the DL model is utmzed. DenseNet201 [22] has a similar structure to ResNet, but its not sie dis ies in its approach to information flow across layers. In this network, each la ectly connected to every other layer in a feed-forward manner. This design maximizes the aformation exchange among network layers, fostering dense connections throughout the malel whitecture. That is, the DenseNet's layers are interconnected in a way where la er receives input from all s design strengthens the robust preceding layers and fed its output to all subsequent layer information flow throughout the network. DenseNet merous benefits, including pagation of features, facilitating feature addressing the gradient vanish issue, enhance reusability, and significantly reducing p Consequently, this network is more ameter lightweight and efficient in terms of couput on and memory usage. The architecture of DenseNet201 typically comprises 4-layers convolutional layers, 3-TL (transition layers), and 1-FC (fully connected) layer and softmax have as shown in Figure 2.

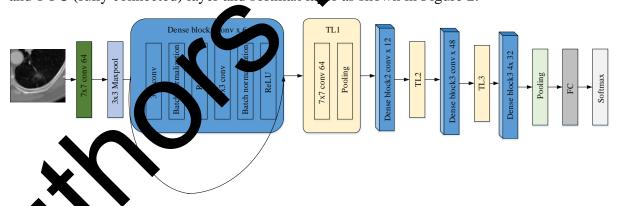


Figure 2: Architecture of DenseNet201

4. Pesul's analysis

be segmentation results of the proposed ELWI-FCM-IGEO are performed in Python software. The experimental parameters like batch size (100), epochs (50), maximum iteration (200) and initial population (50) are considered. The experimental outcomes are validated on 10-cross validation.

4.1 Dataset details

The LIDC-IDRI [21] is a comprehensive repository of diagnostic and lung tumor monitoring thoracic CT modalities, meticulously annotated with tumor. These images are obtained from seven academic institutions and 8 clinical imaging institutions, culminating in a dataset comprising subjects of 1018. Each case comprises images from a medical thoracic Images accompanied by an XML file. The lesions are divided into three distinct classes like nodule ≥3 mm, non-nodule ≥3 mm and nodule <3 mm. Ground truth involves a comprehensive annotation process carried out by expert radiologists.

4.2 Input and Processed Dataset

Figure 3 shows the input, Ground Truth (GT), segmented and contour images of named a database. The segmented images obtained by ELWI-FCM-IGEO model are compared with the GT image and it is noted that the segmented image is matched with the GT.

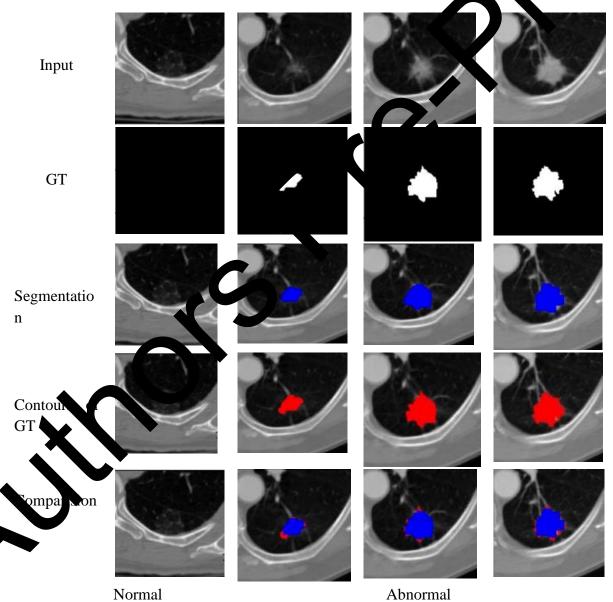


Figure 3: Image analysis of the proposed segmentation

4.3 Performance Metrics

The classification performance is evaluated in terms of the following measures:

Accuracy =
$$\frac{TN + TP}{FP + FN + TP + TN}$$
 (17)

Specificity = $\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$ (18)

Sensitivity = $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ (19)

Precision = $\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$ (20)

Recall = $\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$ (21)

F1-score = $2x \frac{precisionXrecall}{precision + recall}$ (22)

In calculating these measures, the four true supmarized below are used: **TP:** True Positive, **FP:** False Positive, **FN:** False Negative, **The True Positive**.

4.4 Comparison Results

In this section, the performance of the posed ELWI-FCM-IGEO model has been compared with other clustering models such as transitional FCM, K-means and DBSCAN.

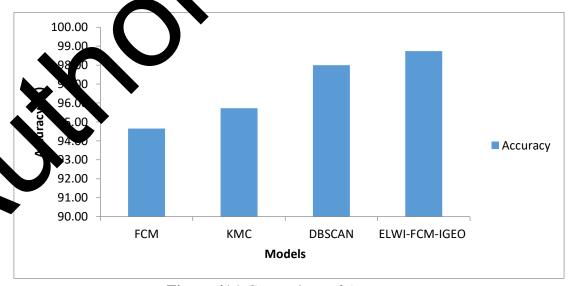


Figure 4(a) Comparison of Accuracy,

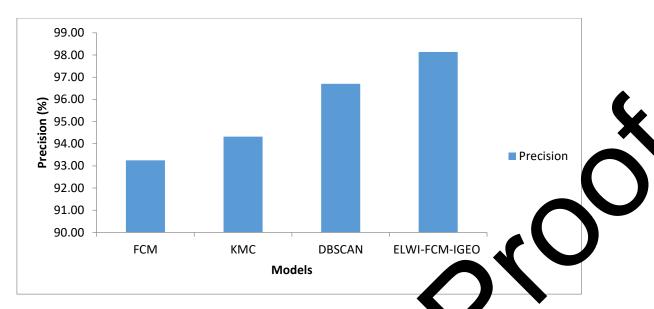


Figure 4(b): Comparison of Precision

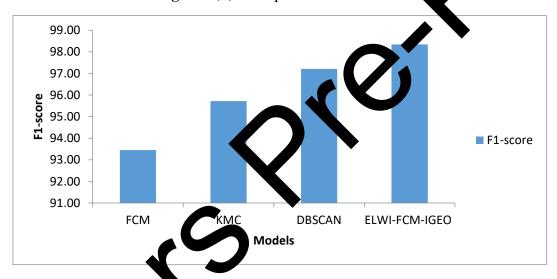


Figure 4(c): Comparison of F1-score

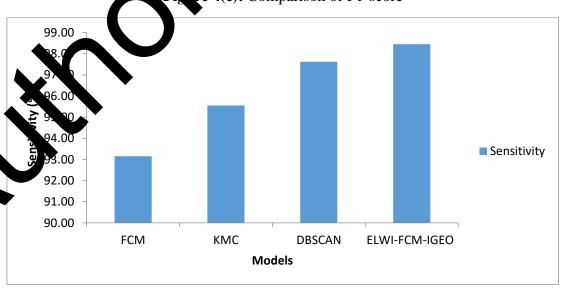


Figure 4(d): Comparison of Sensitivity

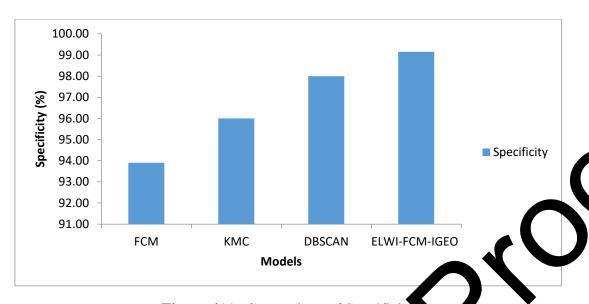


Figure 4(e): Comparison of Specificity

Figure 4(a) shows the comparison results of Accuracy It is observe from the graphical analysis that the proposed ELWI-FCM-IGEO achieved better curacy of 98.7%, when compared to the other clustering models.

Figure 4(b) shows the comparison results of Precision. It is a served from the graphical analysis that the proposed ELWI-FCM-ICT such yed better precision of 98.14%, when compared to the other clustering models.

Figure 4(c) shows the comparison results of Figure 5 score. It is observed from the graphical analysis that the proposed ELWI-FCM-IGEO achieve better F1-score of 98.34%, when compared to the other clustering models.

Figure 4(d) shows the comparitor stars of Sensitivity. It is observed from the graphical analysis that the proposed ELWI-FCY-IGEO achieved better F1-score of 98.45%, when compared to the other cluster of models.

Figure 4(e) shows the comparison results of Specificity. It is observed from the graphical analysis that the proposed LLWI-FCM-IGEO achieved better Specificity of 99.15% when compared to be only clustering models.

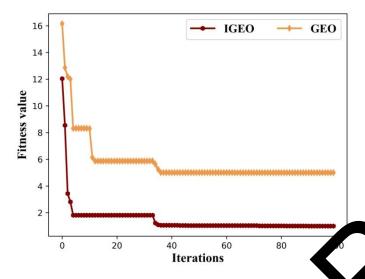
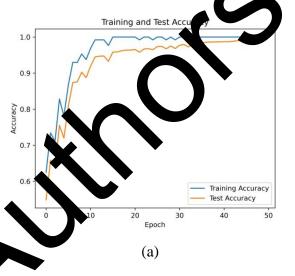


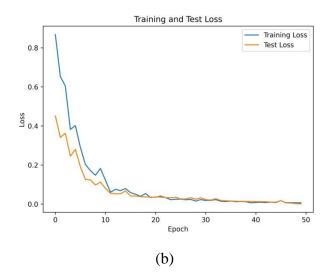
Figure 5: Comparison of optimization approach

Figure 5 illustrates the comparison results of the optimization models IOEO and GEO. It is evident from the analysis that the proposed IGEO exhibit a modely higher convergence rate when compared with the GEO. Consequently, the proposed method emerges as a favorable choice for the segmentation process.

Figure 6(a) and 6(b) depict the traiting & sting weeks of accuracy and loss for ELWI-FCM-IGEO. It is observed that the mode is no under-fit and over-fit.

Figure 6(c) presents the ROC (region characteristics) of the proposed ELWI-FCM-IGEO and the AUC (area under the surve) value achieved is 0.977.





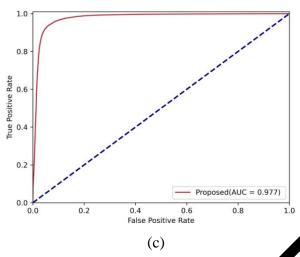


Figure 6: Analysis of (a) training-testing of accuracy, (b) lox curves and (c) ROC

Table 1: Comparison with recent works

| References | Accuracy (%) |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Sang et. al [1] | 94 |
| Pedrosa et. al [2] | - |
| Ali et. al [4] | |
| Jain et al. [7] | , |
| Navanee | 92 |
| krishnan et al | |
| [14] | |
| Ativ . al. [16] | 94 |
| Pro os | 98.7 |

Table 1 presents the comparison with recent works like Sang et. al [1], Pedrosa et. al [2], Ali et. al [4], Jain et al. [13], Javaneetha krishnan et al. [14] and Atiya et al. [16] are compared with proposed segmentation model. It is noted that the proposed segmentation model outperforces other nodels.

Table 2: Ablation study

| Methods | Accuracy |
|-----------|----------|
| | (%) |
| ViT | 93.4 |
| UNet | 94.2 |
| Attention | 96.4 |
| UNet | |
| Proposed | 98.7 |

Table 2 suggests the ablation study with respect to the methods like Vision Transformer (ViT), UNet and Attention UNet.

5. Conclusion

In this study, a novel hybrid optimizer combining Golden Eagle Optimization (GEO) and Opposition-Based Learning (OBL) was developed to effectively segment nodules. Initially, the images were pre-processed using a median filter (MF) to eliminate noise. Subsequently segmentation of the affected regions was performed using Enhanced Local Information Weighted Intuitionistic Fuzzy C-Means (ELWI-FCM). The segmentation performance further improved with the assistance of the Improved Golden Eagle Optimization algorithm. Finally, classification was carried out using the pre-trained Densel Experiments were conducted on the LIDC-IDRI dataset. The performer the pre ELWI-FCM-IGEO model was compared with other clustering technic traditional FCM, K-means, and DBSCAN. The experimental results demonst. e that the proposed model achieved an accuracy of 98.7%, precision of 98.14%, F1-score of 3.34%, sensitivity of 98.45%, and specificity of 99.15%, outperforming the existing models. In ture work, various deep learning architectures and optimization strategies will be expliced to further enhance both segmentation and classification performance.

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