

## DIABETIC RETINOPATHY ANALYSIS

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### ABSTRACT

A great challenge in the biomedical engineering is the non-invasive assessment of the physiological changes occurring inside the human body. Specifically, detecting the abnormalities in the human eye is extremely difficult due to the various complexities associated with the process. Retinal images captured by digital cameras can be used to identify the nature of the abnormalities affecting the human eye. Conventional disease identification techniques from retinal images are mostly dependent on manual intervention. Human observation is highly prone to error, the success rate of these techniques is quite low. Diabetic Retinopathy is one such disease of retina which occurs in people suffering from long standing diabetes. It is a multi-stage progressing disease namely NDPR and PDR. Microaneurysms, hemorrhages and exudates are the abnormal features commonly observed in the retinal image of a person affected by diabetic retinopathy. Image processing techniques are used to preprocess the fundus image, which is followed by segmentation of anomalies. Feature extraction is done and the detected features are used to classify the different stages of diabetic retinopathy. The classification technique used is Fast Regional convolutional Neural Network, and the accuracy obtained is 98.9%.

### INTRODUCTION

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) is a complication of Diabetes which affects the eye. It is caused by damage to the blood vessels of the retina—the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. At first, diabetic retinopathy may cause no symptoms or only mild vision problems. Eventually, it can cause blindness. It is one of the leading causes of blindness in the world. Around 80 percent of population having diabetes for more than 10 or more years has some stage of the disease. This disease specifically targets the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye responsible for transmitting visual information to the brain. Over time, high levels of sugar

in the blood can damage the blood vessels that nourish the retina, leading to a range of vision-related problems. The condition develops gradually and often without noticeable symptoms in its early stages. However, as diabetic retinopathy progresses, it can lead to vision impairment and, in severe cases, even blindness. Early detection and management are crucial to preventing or minimizing the impact of diabetic retinopathy. There are two primary forms of diabetic retinopathy: non-proliferative (also known as background) and proliferative. Non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy involves weakening and

swelling of the retinal blood vessels, which can result in leakage of fluid and blood into the retina. In proliferative diabetic retinopathy, new, abnormal blood vessels may grow on the retina, potentially leading to more severe complications. Regular eye examinations are vital for individuals with diabetes, as they enable early detection of diabetic retinopathy and the initiation of appropriate treatments to preserve vision. The management of diabetes through blood sugar control, blood pressure management, and other lifestyle changes is also crucial in preventing or slowing the progression of this condition. Almost two-third of all Type 2 and almost all Type 1 diabetics are expected to develop DR over a period of time.



**Figure 1.**  
**Vision Affected by Diabetic Retinopathy. a. Normal Vision b. Vision affected by Diabetic Retinopathy**

Diabetic retinopathy is classified into two types:

Non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy (NPDR) is the early stage of the disease in which symptoms will be mild or non-existent. In NPDR, the blood vessels in the retina are weakened. Tiny bulges in the blood vessels, called microaneurysms, may leak fluid into the retina. This leakage may lead to swelling of the macula.

Proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR) is the more advanced form of the disease. At this stage, circulation problems deprive the retina of oxygen. As a result, new, fragile blood vessels can begin to grow in the retina and into the vitreous, the gel-like fluid that fills the back of the eye. The new blood vessels may leak blood into the vitreous, clouding vision.

Other complications of PDR include detachment of the retina due to scar tissue formation. In PDR, new blood vessels grow into the area of the eye that drains fluid from the eye. This greatly raises the eye pressure, which damages the optic nerve. If left untreated, PDR can cause severe vision loss and even blindness.

It is the image of the internal structure of the eye captured using specialized fundus cameras that consist of an intricate microscope attached to a flash-enabled camera. The main structures that can be visualized on a fundus image are the central and peripheral retina, optic disc

ndmacula.

The common abnormalities found in the human retina are Microaneurysms, Hemorrhages and Exudates as shown in Figure.2



**Figure.2 Fundus image with abnormalities**

As small swelling

that forms on the ends of tiny blood vessels. These small swellings may break and allow blood to leak into nearby tissue. The earliest visibility of diabetic retinopathy is the microaneurysms. Retinal hemorrhage is a disorder of the eye in which bleeding occurs into the retina. Retinal hemorrhages that take place outside of the macula if left undetected for many years, and may sometimes only be picked up when the eye is examined in detail by ophthalmoscopy or fundus photography. Some retinal hemorrhages can cause severe impairment of vision.

As Diabetic Retinopathy progresses, a fluid rich in protein and cellular elements that oozes out of blood vessels due to inflammation and is deposited in nearby tissues. Exudates are manifested as spatially random yellowish or whitish patches of varying sizes, shapes and locations. These are the visible signs of DR and a major cause of visual loss in non-proliferative forms of DR.

#### **LITERATURE SURVEY**

##### **Image Processing for Identifying Different Stages of Diabetic Retinopathy**

In this work, an algorithm has been developed for the identification of the different stages of Diabetic Retinopathy (DR). Their regularities in the retinal blood vessels such as changes in the perimeter, area of spread are considered as a measure of severity of DR. The input fundus images are obtained from the MESSIDOR Database. A total of 100 images are analyzed in the present study. These images are graded into four subsets as Grade 0, 1, 2 and 3. Grade 0 corresponds to normal retinal images or no DR. Grade 1 images correspond to Mild Non-Proliferative Retinopathy. Grade 2 images correspond to Moderate and Severe Non-Proliferative Retinopathy. Grade 3 images correspond to Proliferative Retinopathy. This algorithm provides 85% accuracy.

##### **BP and SVM based Diagnosis of Diabetic Retinopathy**

This work proposes an algorithm for identification of the different stages of diabetic retinopathy. The early signs of DR Microaneurysms are considered for classifying the different stages of the disease. The input fundus image is pre-

processed using median filter to remove salt and pepper noise. MAS look like isolated patterns and are detached from the vessels. Based on the shape, intensity level and size the features of Microaneurysms can be extracted. After the detection of Microaneurysms, depending on the count of detected Microaneurysms, the images are classified whether it is normal, mild moderate and severe by using SVM. This method provides 83% accuracy, 74% sensitivity and 100% specificity.

##### **Diabetic Retinopathy: Patient Identification and Measurement of the Disease Using ANN**

In this system, fundus retinal image is used to diagnose diabetic retinopathy patient. Developed system used green plane out of RGB component of image due to more clarity. Green plane is selected because red plane has saturated features and blue plane has low intensity

features while contours are easily viewed in green plane due to proper intensity features. Median filtering operation and histogram equalization operations is performed on green plane to analyze various features in DR patient. In the given system defects boundaries are created around the affected areas of the retina image and calculating the areas. According to the area of DR feature component and with the help ANN by training and defining weights to the previous layer. Severity of the disease can be analyzed. Achieved an accuracy of 86.36%.

### **Diabetic Retinopathy Detection using Fast Recurrent Neural Network**

This system proposes classification of fundus images using Fast Recurrent Neural Network algorithm. From the total 778 images 287 features are extracted. After extraction classes are formed as class 0, class 1, class 2, class 3 having 360, 88, 142, 188 respectively. The Fast Recurrent Neural Network algorithm is one of the best among classification algorithms - able to classify large amounts of data with accuracy. Fast Recurrent Neural Networks are an ensemble learning method for classification and regression that construct a number of decision trees at training time and outputting the class that is the mode of the classes output by individual trees where each tree depends on the values of a random vector sampled independently with the same distribution for all trees in the forest. The basic principle is that a group of "weak learners" can come together to form a "strong learner". Achieved an accuracy of 74.93%.

### **Automatic Detection of Microaneurysms and Classification of Diabetic Retinopathy Images using SVM Technique**

The main objective of this work is to detect the early stage of DR using the features extracted from the pre-processed image. The image obtained from the database is subjected to the pre-processing steps such as green channel extraction, contrast enhancement, median filtering and histogram equalization. After pre-processing, the image is morphologically operated by a disk shaped structuring element. Connected component analysis method is used for the removal of optic disk. This image is then utilized for feature extraction. The features like Microaneurysms area, homogeneity and texture properties are extracted. The appropriate features for classification are selected. Support Vector Machine technique is used for classifying the input images as normal and DR based images as well as detecting the earlier stage of DR using the extracted features.

## **PROPOSED SYSTEM**

The Proposed system is a multistage classifier of Diabetic Retinopathy. This system overcomes the drawbacks of the existing system by classifying the disease into four stages, namely, Normal, NPDR1, NPDR2 and PDR. This multistage classification is important because the disease itself progresses in multiple stages. The occurrence of the disease depends on the stage in which the treatment is provided, so it is not enough to classify the image as normal and abnormal. The pre-processing part of both the existing and proposed system remains similar, the difference comes in the segmentation and feature extraction stages. Existing system only segmented anomalies like microaneurysms, the problem with this is this anomaly occurs in the initial stage of the disease. Treatment cannot be given at this stage; hence this is a major drawback. The proposed system overcomes this by segmenting hemorrhages along with microaneurysms and also by considering a large feature set which includes the area and count of these segmented anomalies. The feature set also includes textural features like energy and correlation, and statistical features like mean and variance. This feature set is then used to classify the image into the respective severity.

## **RESULTS**

Choose Object...



**Result: Severe** ✖

Fig.3 Result Predicting Severe Diabetic Retinopathy

Choose Object...



**Result: Moderate** ✖

Fig.4 Result Predicting Moderate Diabetic Retinopathy

Choose Object...



**Result: Mild** ✘

Fig.5 Result Predicting Mild Diabetic Retinopathy

Choose Object...



**Result: Normal** ✔

Fig.6 Result Predicting Normal Diabetic Retinopathy

## CONCLUSION

The fast and efficient early detection of Diabetic Retinopathy is only possible if there is an effective method for segmenting the diabetic features in the fundus image. The proposed system presents a fast, effective and robust way of detecting diabetic features in the fundus images which can be used for classification of the images based on the severity of the disease. The retinal images are subjected to grayscale conversion, preprocessing and feature extraction steps. The extracted features are fed to a Fast Recurrent Neural Network classifier which will classify the images into different severity levels. Thus this Fast Recurrent Neural Network technique has given a successful DR screening method which helps to detect the disease in multiple stages.

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