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Olive Leaf Disease Detection via Wavelet Transform and Feature Fusion of Pre-Trained Deep Learning Models

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ABSTRACT

Olive trees are susceptible to a variety of diseases that can cause significant crop damage and economic losses. Early detection of these diseases is essential for effective management. We propose a novel transformed wavelet, feature-fused, pre-trained deep learning model for detecting olive leaf diseases. The proposed model combines wavelet transforms with pre-trained deep-learning models to extract discriminative features from olive leaf images. The model has four main phases: preprocessing using data augmentation, three-level wavelet transformation, learning using pre-trained deep learning models, and a fused deep learning model. In the preprocessing phase, the image dataset is augmented using techniques such as resizing, rescaling, flipping, rotation, zooming, and contrasting. In wavelet transformation, the augmented images are decomposed into three frequency levels. Three pre-trained deep learning models, EfficientNet-B7, DenseNet-201, and ResNet-152-V2, are used in the learning phase. The models were trained using the approximate images of the third-level sub-band of the wavelet transform. In the fused phase, the fused model consists of a merge layer, three dense layers, and two dropout layers. The proposed model was evaluated using a dataset of images of healthy and infected olive leaves. It achieved an accuracy of 99.72% in the diagnosis of olive leaf diseases, which exceeds the accuracy of other methods reported in the literature. This finding suggests that our proposed method is a promising tool for the early detection of olive leaf diseases.

KEYWORDS

Olive leaf diseases; wavelet transform; deep learning; feature fusion

Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript

AI	Artificial Intelligence
CNN	Convolutional Neural Networks
SVM	Support Vector Machine
DWT	Discrete Wavelet Transform
LL	Low-Low
LH	Low-High



HH	High–High
HL	High–Low
Relu	Rectified Linear Unit
TP	True Positive
TN	True Negative
FN	False Negative
FP	False Positive

1 Introduction

Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the fastest developing fields today, and it will affect our lives strongly. Looking at it today, AI is already being used in a number of applications, from chat assistants to driverless cars. Deep learning is becoming increasingly popular in the AI community. One type of machine learning, deep learning uses artificial neural networks to learn from data [1] and [2]. Deep learning is highly proficient in these various activities, such as disease classification and facial recognition. But there is still much we do not know about deep learning. One of the shortcomings of deep learning, however, is that it is often hard to see what these models learn [3–5]. Agriculture is one area where deep learning shows promise. Deep learning can be used to improve crop yields, detect pests and diseases, and optimize irrigation. However, some challenges remain to be addressed before deep learning can be widely adopted in agriculture [6,7]. One challenge is that deep learning models require a large amount of data to train. The data needed can be difficult and expensive to collect. Another challenge is that deep learning models can be computationally expensive to run. Despite these challenges, deep learning has the potential to revolutionize agriculture.

A nation depends on plants and agriculture for its economy. But plant diseases can sharply reduce crop yields. Because of this, diagnosing and forecasting plant diseases early is extremely important so that they can be treated as soon as possible. Improving agricultural production requires early detection and forecasting of plant diseases [8].

Olive trees are susceptible to a variety of pathogens, including bacteria. These pathogens can cause leaf diseases that can significantly reduce crop yields. Early diagnosis of leaf diseases is essential to prevent further damage. However, this can be difficult to do manually, as it requires specialized knowledge and experience. There are a few automated methods for detecting leaf diseases. These methods use image processing and machine learning to identify the symptoms of the disease. These methods are more accurate and efficient than manual methods, and they can be used to screen large numbers of trees. The use of automated methods for detecting leaf diseases is becoming increasingly important. As olive production becomes more widespread, the need for accurate and efficient methods for disease detection will grow. Recent advances in artificial intelligence and computer vision have led to the increased adoption of deep learning methods for image classification tasks [7,9].

In this paper we detect disease from olive leaf images by presenting a CNN which uses wavelet transformers to extract features. Within our CNN architecture, we use wavelet transforms along with pre-trained deep-learning models to extract features from a variety of scales in the image. This allows CNN to learn more discriminative features, which in turn can enhance the accuracy of disease detection. A wavelet transform is a technique of mathematics which allows an image to be broken down into various frequency sub-bands. Each sub-band represents a different range of frequencies in the image. After that, CNN is used to extract features from different scales on each sub-band. All sub-bands are subsequently combined with the features extracted. This is a more complete representation of the image. This method can reach 99.72% in diagnosing olive leaf diseases, and it is much more

convenient than traditional techniques. This means that when the proposed model was evaluated, it turns out to have remarkably well-tuned perception results. The following is a summary of the contributions made in this research:

- A transformed-wavelet, feature-fused CNN for detecting olive leaf diseases.
- A proposed CNN architecture that combines wavelet transforms with pre-trained deep learning models to extract discriminative features from olive leaf images.
- A promising new approach to detecting olive leaf diseases. The proposed CNN architecture has the potential to be used to develop robust automated systems for early detection of olive leaf diseases, which can help olive growers minimize crop losses.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. [Section 2](#) reviews the diagnosis and classification of olive diseases in recent relevant research. [Section 3](#) presents the proposed diagnosis model for olive leaf diseases. [Section 4](#) describes how our model was experimentally tested and analyses of the results. [Section 5](#) presents conclusions and discusses future research.

2 Related Work

Several studies have been conducted to develop methods for diagnosing diseases that affect plant leaves, especially olive leaves [10]. These studies have used a variety of image processing and deep learning techniques to analyze, detect, and classify various plant diseases [11,12]. Some studies have proposed deep learning models that can be used to diagnose diseases using smartphone applications [13]. Other studies have used CNN architectures and deep learning algorithms to diagnose diseases from hyperspectral images, which are images that capture a wider range of wavelengths of light than traditional RGB images [14,15].

One study [16] concerned early detection of anthracnose in olives. Anthracnose is a fungal disease that may cause serious damage to olive trees. In this study, hyperspectral images of olive leaves were classified through a CNN architecture called ResNet50. Others [17] have put forward methodologies based on deep learning for the identification and classification of plant diseases, including a hybrid model that employs both the VGG-16 machine vision architecture used by Google Images as well as MobileNet. This was then utilized to classify sunflower disease types. In yet another study [18], scientists put forward a new image analysis method to diagnose and classify olive diseases. The approach was based on the image texture properties that can be seen on olive plant leaves. The first type of analysis uses histogram thresholding and k-means segmentation to separate the infected area. The second analytical method utilizes first- to fourth-order moments which measure the relationship between infection and at least one textural feature.

Deep learning has become a popular approach to identifying and classifying plant diseases. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are powerful tools for extracting features from images. CNNs are effective in detection and classification tasks because they can learn features automatically and generalize well to new data. However, CNNs require a large amount of training data and a fixed set of parameters [19–21].

Several studies have addressed the challenges of using CNNs for plant disease detection. For example, researchers [22] have proposed a method for classifying olive leaf diseases using transfer learning on deep CNN architectures. The researchers tested their method on a dataset of 3,400 images of healthy leaves. Other researchers [23] have summarized the significance of deep learning as a current area of research in agricultural crop protection. They examined prior research on hyperspectral imaging, deep learning, and image processing-based methods for detecting leaf illness. Based on a

review of the literature, deep learning algorithms were judged to be the best methods for identifying leaf diseases.

The amount of data gathered for use in model training has a substantial impact on the accuracy of the results obtained. Data augmentation techniques, transfer learning techniques, and CNNs are employed to alter the datasets. The problem of plant disease detection needs to be solved even when the findings of earlier research are sufficient. This is because the lack of labels in the data can impair the quality of the pixels used to depict disease symptoms.

Another study [24] used a deep learning architecture to classify a variety of plant and fruit leaf diseases. The authors used a deep transfer learning model to learn features from images. They then used radial basis function (RBF) kernels with several Support Vector Machine (SVM) models to improve feature discrimination. The results of the study suggest that deep learning is a promising approach to plant disease detection. However, more research is needed to address the challenges of using CNNs for this task. Other researchers [25] have proposed a hybrid deep-learning model for identifying olive leaf disease. The model combines three different deep learning models, including a modified vision transformer model.

Several studies recently have proposed modifications to Inception-V3. These additions have been made to increase the accuracy and speed of these CNNs. The use of data augmentation [26] is perhaps the most widespread improvement. Transfer learning is also a common kind of improvement. Transfer learning is the employment of a pre-trained CNN to seed in another new network. This technique can improve the performance of a new CNN with less training data [27]. Experiments have shown that applying data augmentation improves the performance of this model (Ksibi et al. [28], Cruz et al. [29]). The effect of data augmentation was evaluated by these authors, including how it increased performance in the model systems under study or could help to overcome closer boundaries that had been established in genetic model cells before this intervention but were in one study [30], six types of data augmentation and transfer learning methods were used to identify 39 classes of plant leaf diseases. The ResNet101 CNN model was used in another study [31] to identifiable plant diseases using hyperspectral image dataset. Another study [32] employed a genetic algorithm to determine the best epochs, those that produced accurate detection of olive leaf diseases at highest levels with various CNN models. The literature review showed the state-of-the-art methods summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of the state-of-the-art methods

Ref.	Model	Dataset	Accuracy
[26]	AlexNet	Collected	0.84
	VGG-16		0.85
	VGG-19		0.82
	VIT		0.95
	Proposed model		0.96
[27]	LBP with RBF-SVM	Collected	0.8834
	RBF-SVM		0.6306
	AlexNet		0.9734
	Proposed model		0.989
[28]	ResNet50	Collected	0.9286
	MobileNet		0.9463

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Table 1 (continued)

Ref.	Model	Dataset	Accuracy
	MobiRes-Net		0.9708
[29]	VGG-16	PlantVillage	0.986
	ResNet		0.975
[30]	AlexNet	PlantVillage	0.8734
	VGG16		0.9287
	Inception-V3		0.9432
	ResNet		0.9256
	Proposed model		0.9787
[31]	ResNet101	Plantillage	0.9646
[32]	AlexNet	Collected	0.9012
	ResNet		0.9625
	DenseNet		0.9835
[33]	VGG-16	Olive	0.8912
	VGG-19	Leaf	0.885
	Proposed model	Images	0.9563
[34]	Modified ResNet50	Collected	0.9712
[35]	AlexNet	Collected	0.9906
	AlexNetOWTBn		0.9944
	GoogleNet		0.9727
	Overfeat		0.9896
	VGG		0.9948
[36]	Inception	Collected	0.9591
	AlexNet		0.899
	REsNet50		0.9412
	ResNet-V2		0.9181

Our proposed model aims to achieve higher accuracy in diagnosing olive leaf diseases than methods proposed by other researchers by combining a discrete wavelet transform with EfficientNet-B7, DenseNet-201, and ResNet-152-V2, added as a feature layer in the model, and fusing all features to a CNN to determine which yields the best accuracy.

3 Materials and Methods

The proposed model is shown in Fig. 1. It has two main stages: data augmentation preprocessing and feature fusion from a discrete wavelet transform and pre-trained deep learning models (EfficientNet-B7, DenseNet-201, and ResNet-152-v2).

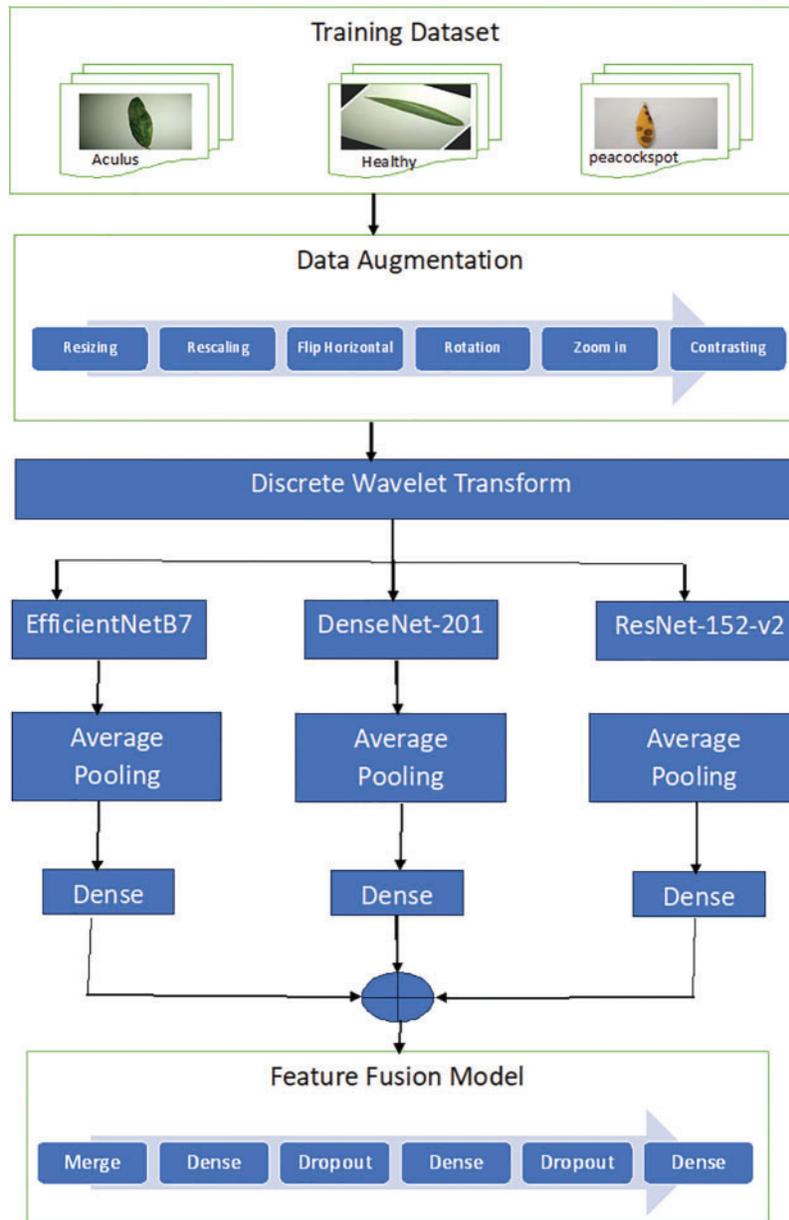


Figure 1: Proposed feature fusion model

3.1 Data Augmentation

Data augmentation is a technique whereby new data points are created from existing ones to artificially increase the size of your dataset. By performing such transformations as cropping, flipping, and rotating the data or by adding noise to them it is possible to humanize. There are two reasons why data augmentation is important. Second, it can promote the generalizability of deep learning models by solving overfitting problems. Overfitting is where a model learns the training data too well and cannot generalize to new data. Diverse data from which to learn: To prevent overfitting, a technique

known as “data augmentation” can be used. Third, using data augmentation can enable us to further improve the accuracy of deep learning models, by making our dataset larger. This matters since deep learning models tend to be more accurate when trained on bigger datasets [37].

Many different data augmentation techniques can be used. Some of the most common techniques are the following:

- Cropping a portion of the image.
- Flipping the image horizontally or vertically.
- Rotating the image by a certain angle.
- Adding noise to the image.

Our model used some data augmentation techniques, specifically: (1) resizing the images to 224×224 , (2) rescaling the images, (3) flipping the images horizontally, i.e., from left to right, (4) rotating the images clockwise 0.1 radians, (5) zooming the images out by 10%, and (6) increasing the image contrast by 10%.

3.2 Discrete Wavelet Transforms

An approximation image was extracted by means of a discrete wavelet transform (DWT). DWT is a versatile tool that enables the analysis of signals in both time and frequency. It does this by means of a windowing technique employing variable sizes, so that it is able to pick up both low-frequency and high-frequency information. A major advantage of the DWT is that it employs scale rather than frequency. This means that it can be used to analyze signals on a variety of levels. DWT, for example, can extract coarse features of an image (such as overall shape and brightness) or fine details (like individual edges and textures) [38].

DWT was used in this study to decompose a two-dimensional (2D) image into four sub-bands at each level: low–low (LL), low–high (LH), high–high (HH), and high–low (HL). The LL sub-band contains the low-frequency components of the image, while the LH, HH, and HL sub-bands contain the high-frequency components [39]. A three-level decomposition was performed, as shown in Fig. 2. The Harr wavelet was used to approximate the solid information in the image [40–43]. The original 224×224 image was divided into four bands: LL1 (112×112), LH1 (112×112), HH1 (112×112), and HL1 (112×112). The LL1 band was further decomposed into LL2 (56×56), HL2 (56×56), HH2 (56×56), and HL2 (56×56). The LL2 band was decomposed into LL3 (28×28), HL3 (28×28), HH3 (28×28), and LH3 (28×28). The LL3 at the lowest level contained the approximate image, which was used for further processing.

3.3 DenseNet-201

DenseNet, a deep learning architecture introduced by Kumar et al. [44], has connections from every layer to every other layer. This offers several advantages, including the following:

- **Elimination of the vanishing-gradient problem:** The vanishing-gradient problem is a common challenge in training deep neural networks, as it can cause the network to lose its ability to learn from the data. DenseNet’s dense connectivity helps to alleviate this problem by ensuring that all layers have access to all previous feature maps.
- **Improved feature propagation:** DenseNet’s dense connectivity also improves feature propagation, which is the process of passing features from one layer to the next. By allowing each layer to access all previous feature maps, DenseNet can learn more complex and informative features.

- **Feature reuse:** DenseNet's dense connectivity also promotes feature reuse, which means that the same features can be used by multiple layers in the network. This can help to reduce the number of parameters required in the network, which can improve performance and reduce computational cost.

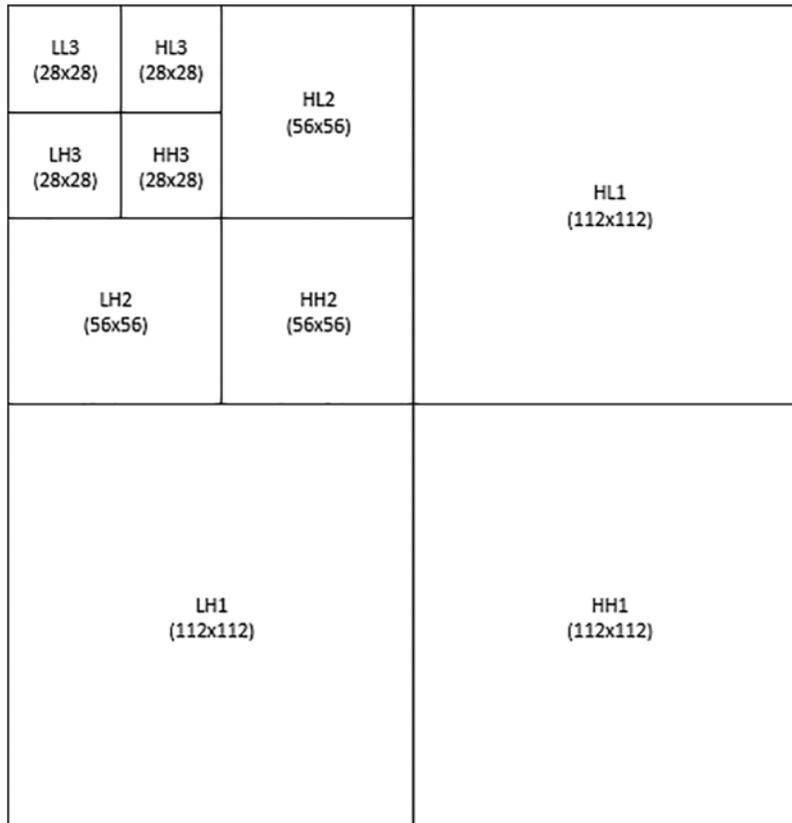


Figure 2: Three-level DWT model

DenseNet is a deep learning architecture with several advantages that make it well-suited for fruit recognition tasks. Its dense connectivity helps to alleviate the vanishing gradient problem, improve feature propagation, and promote feature reuse. This allows DenseNet to learn more complex and informative features, even for fruits with very similar features.

DenseNet-201 is a CNN with 201 layers. It belongs to the DenseNet family of models, which is known for being capable in learning rich feature representations for image classification. DenseNet-201 has been demonstrated to attain state of the art in several image classification benchmarks. As its accuracy and efficiency are both very high, it is a popular choice for image classification tasks. DenseNet-201 is a deep learning model that has been trained on the ImageNet dataset. This data set contains more than 1.2 million images from 1,00-dimension object categories and On a collection of image classification tasks (like object detection, scene classification and image retrieval) currently considered state-of-the-art, DenseNet-201 attains the best accuracy to date. DenseNet-201 compares to other CNN models in that it can attain the same rate of accuracy with fewer parameters and lower

computational overhead. Just this fact makes it a suitable choice for mobile devices and other resource-constrained applications like image classification or object detection [45]. The CNN model, DenseNet-201 is very good at learning complex features from images and can function errorless even if the images are noisy or objects in them have been moved around. It is because it connects every layer to all the other layers and uses a special technique for reducing the number of parameters.

3.4 ResNet-152-V2

ResNet-152-V2 is the name of a 152-layer convolutional neural network (CNN) model. It belongs to the ResNet family of models, which are celebrated for their ability to learn deep residual representations suitable for image classification. It has been trained on the ImageNet dataset, which includes over 1.2 million images of objects in about a thousand different object categories. It achieves state-of-the-art accuracy on several image classification tasks: object detection, scene classification and image retrieval. ResNet-152-V2 is also known for its efficiency. It is one of the most accurate CNN models (with high efficiency) [46].

3.5 EfficientNet-B7

EfficientNet-B7 is an accurate and efficient convolutional neural network (CNN) model. It is significantly faster and more memory-efficient than other CNN models of equal or better accuracy, achieving state-of-the-art results on numerous image classification tasks. The family of EfficientNet models include Estimate-B7 and are all based on the same compound scaling method which uniformly scales depth, width and resolution. The scaling method allows EfficientNet models with high accuracy but not compromising efficiency. The ImageNet dataset on which EfficientNet-B7 is trained contains 1.2 million images in 1,000 different object categories. Trained EfficientNet-B7 is capable of handling a number of different image classification tasks, such as object detection, scene recognition and similarity searching [47].

3.6 Feature Fusion Model

Fig. 1 shows the proposed model, which includes a six-layer feature fusion model with merged inputs, three dense layers, and two dropout layers. The feature fusion model takes the outputs of three pre-trained models as inputs and reduces the number of output neurons to 256 and 128 in the first two dense layers using the Relu (rectified linear unit) activation function (Eq. (1)). After each dense layer, a dropout layer with a 0.2 rate is used to prevent overfitting. The last dense layer uses the softmax activation function (Eq. (2)) to reduce the number of neurons to three outputs. This feature fusion model allows the proposed model to learn more complex and informative features from the outputs of the three pre-trained models. Table 2 introduces the summary of the fusion model. The model has three input layers are DenseNet201 input layer, EfficientNetB7 input layer, and ResNet152-V2 input layer. In DenseNet152, the input layer has images with shape (28, 28, 3) augmented by some methods such as rescaling, normalization, batch normalization, activation and applying the CNN for DenseNet152. In EfficientNetB7, the input layer consists of the images with shape (28, 28, 3) and Conv2D of DenseNet152 model. In ResNet152-V2 the input layer consists of the images with shape (28, 28, 3) and Conv2D of EfficientNetB7 model.

$$Relu(z) = \max(0, z) \quad (1)$$

$$\sigma(z_i) = \frac{e^{z_i}}{\sum_{j=1}^k e^{z_j}} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k \quad (2)$$

Table 2: Summary of fusion model

DenseNet201			EfficientNet B7			ResNet152-v2		
Layer	Output shape	Param#	Layer	Output shape	Param#	Layer	Output shape	Param#
Input	(28, 28, 3)	0	Input	(28, 28, 3)	0	Input	(28, 28, 3)	0
Rescaling	(224, 224, 3)	0	Conv2D	(1, 1, 288)	3744	Batch normalization	(14, 14, 128)	512
Normalization	(224, 224, 3)	7	ZeroPadding2D	(230, 230, 3)	0	Conv2D	(28, 28, 80)	38400
Rescaling	(224, 224, 3)	0	Multiply	(56, 56, 288)	0	ZeroPadding2D	(230, 230, 3)	0
ZeroPadding2D	(225, 225, 3)	0	Conv2D	(112, 112, 64)	9408	Activation	(None, 14, 14, 128)	0
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Conv2D	(1, 1, 12)	3468	Multiply	(28, 28, 480)	0	Conv2D	(7, 7, 32)	36864

3.7 Evaluation Metrics

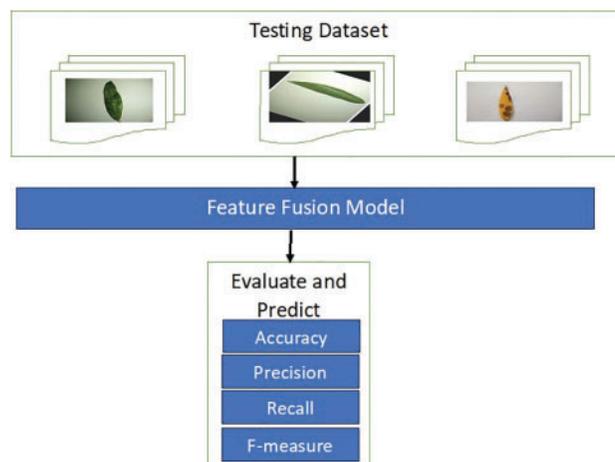
Traditional classification metrics are accuracy, precision, recall, and the F1 measure, which are calculated using Eqs. (3)–(6). These metrics are based on the values of true positives (TP), false positives (FP), true negatives (TN), and false negatives (FN). Fig. 3 displays the testing model.

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN} \quad (3)$$

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad (4)$$

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \quad (5)$$

$$F1 \text{ measure} = \frac{2 * TP}{2 * TP + FP + FN} \quad (6)$$

**Figure 3:** Testing model

4 Experimental Results and Discussion

The results of the experiments conducted using the proposed model are summarized in this section. We also evaluate the outcomes of various deep learning strategies using our own customized deep learning model. The data science server at Kaggle allowed the deployment of this model, which was created using Python. We carried out tests of EfficientNet-B7, DenseNet-201, ResNet-152-v2, and our proposed model to gauge the applicability of the proposed model. The three subcategories that best describe our dataset are “healthy,” “peacock spot,” and “Aculus olearius”.

4.1 Dataset Description and Evaluation Metrics

The computer used for the experiments has a 64-bit operating system, an x64-based processor, an AMD Ryzen 7 7730U 2.00-GHz CPU with Radeon Graphics, and 16 GB of RAM. We evaluated the performance of our suggested ideal deep learning model using a dataset drawn from an open dataset [48]. With the help of an agricultural engineer with extensive field experience, images of 6,961 olive leaves were divided into three unique groups: healthy leaves, leaves infected with *Aculus olearius*, and leaves infected with olive peacock spot. Sample images of healthy and diseased olive leaves are shown in Fig. 4.

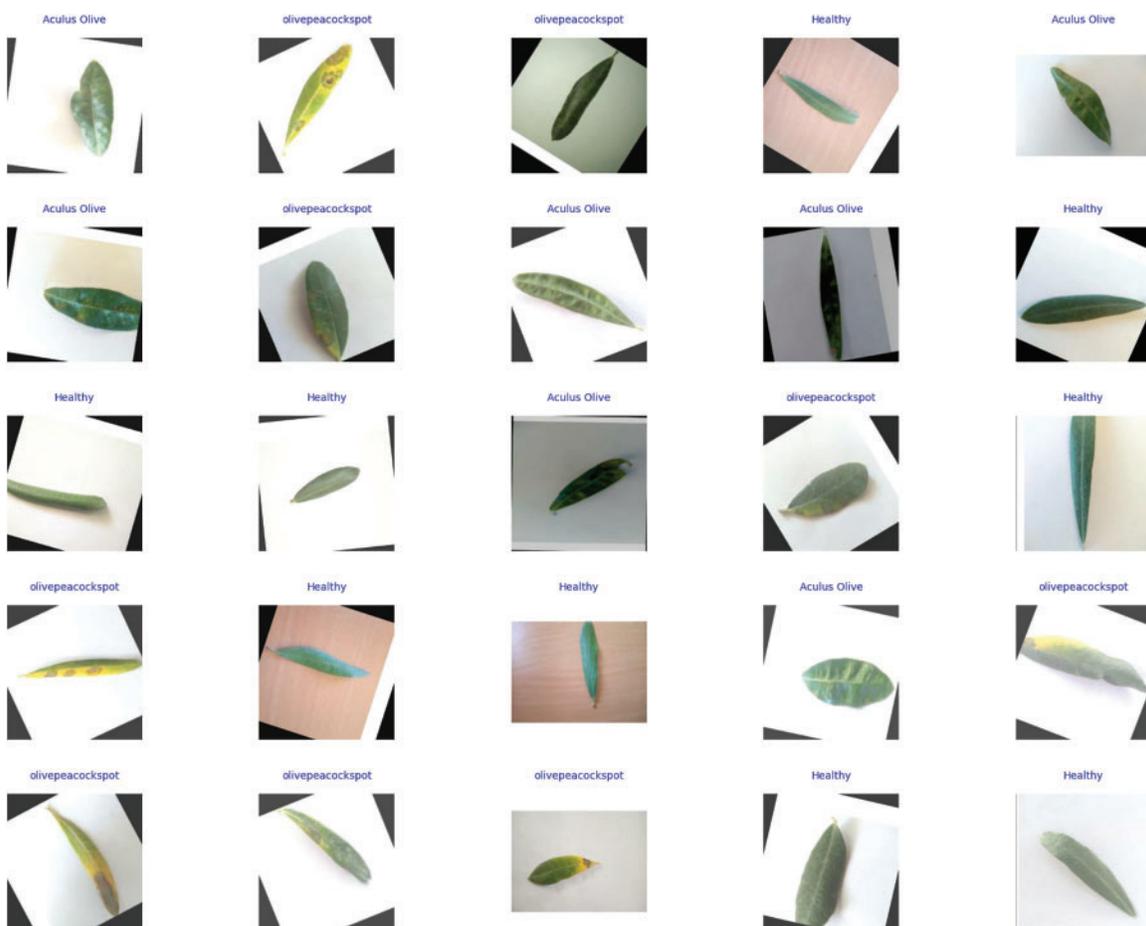


Figure 4: Dataset image samples

Table 3 shows how the dataset was split into two groups, with 70% of each group used for training and 30% used for testing. Anomalies in the distribution of datasets when they are divided into training and testing groups can have negative impacts on the CNN model's predictions.

Table 3: Dataset description

Label	Training set	Testing set	Total set
Aculus olearius	1245	533	1778
Peacock spot	2280	977	3257
Healthy	1348	578	1926

4.2 Results and Discussion

The experiment used to evaluate the proposed model had the hyperparameters shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Sample of hyperparameter values

Hyperparameter name	Value
Batch size	32
Seeds	42
min_lr	1e-6
Epochs	20

In this experiment, the training dataset images were preprocessed and augmented with several types of data augmentation. The images were resized to 224×224 , rescaled to $[0,1]$, flipped horizontally, rotated by 0.1 radians, zoomed in by 0.1, and contrasted by 0.1. The discrete wavelet transform (DWT) was applied to the augmented images to obtain four types of images: approximation, horizontal detail, vertical detail, and diagonal detail. The approximation images were then submitted to three pre-trained deep-learning models. The average pooling 2D layer took the outputs of the three pre-trained models as inputs and reduced the number of neurons to 512. The outputs of the pre-trained deep learning models were then merged and sent to the feature fusion model. Fig. 5 shows that the accuracy score of the validation test was 99.72% and that the loss score of the validation test was 0.0115. Fig. 6 shows that the precision score of the validation test was 0.9972. Fig. 7 shows that the recall score of the validation set was 0.9972.

Table 4 shows the confusion matrices for the feature-fusion pre-trained deep learning model. The test dataset had three classes: Aculus olearius, peacock spot, and healthy. Table 5 shows the feature-fusion pre-trained model with 532 samples correctly predicted out of a total of 533 samples for the Aculus olearius class. The model predicted 975 of 977 samples correctly for the peacock spot class and 576 of 578 samples correctly for the healthy class.

Table 5 shows the experiments' results for the feature fusion pre-trained deep learning model. The model was applied to the collected olive leaf dataset for multiclassification. We distinguished between Aculus olearius, peacock spot, and healthy leaf images. Table 6 shows that the model had accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 measure averages of 99.72%, 99.72%, 99.72%, and 99.72%, respectively.

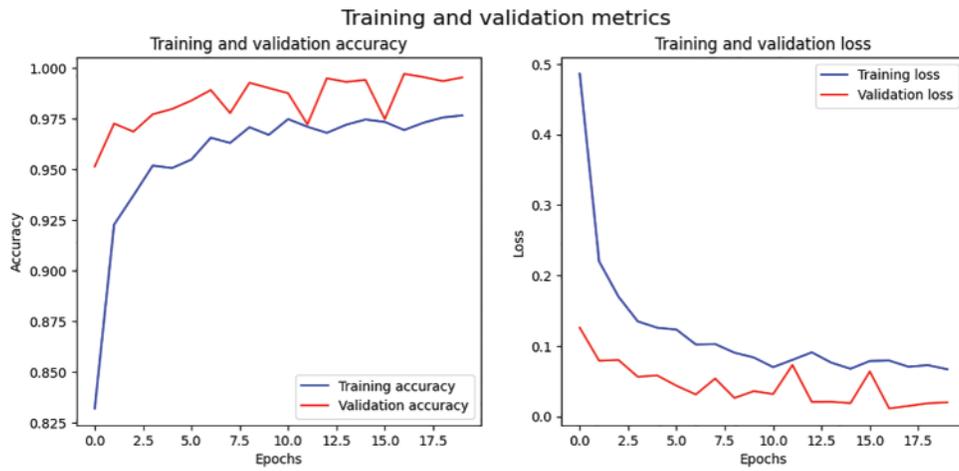


Figure 5: Accuracy and loss vs. no. of epochs

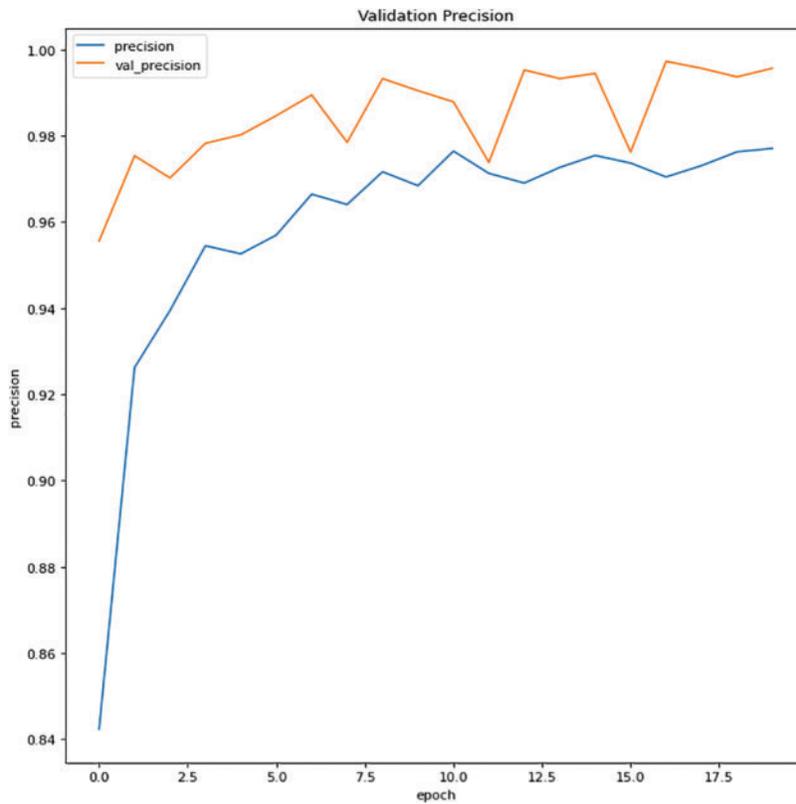


Figure 6: Precision vs. no. of epochs

All of the experiments were conducted with a learning rate = 0.001, the various epoch values discussed before, a batch size = 32, and an image size = 224×224 . The study's dataset is available from [48]. There has been surprisingly little research on the olive plant that has been the focus of our research.

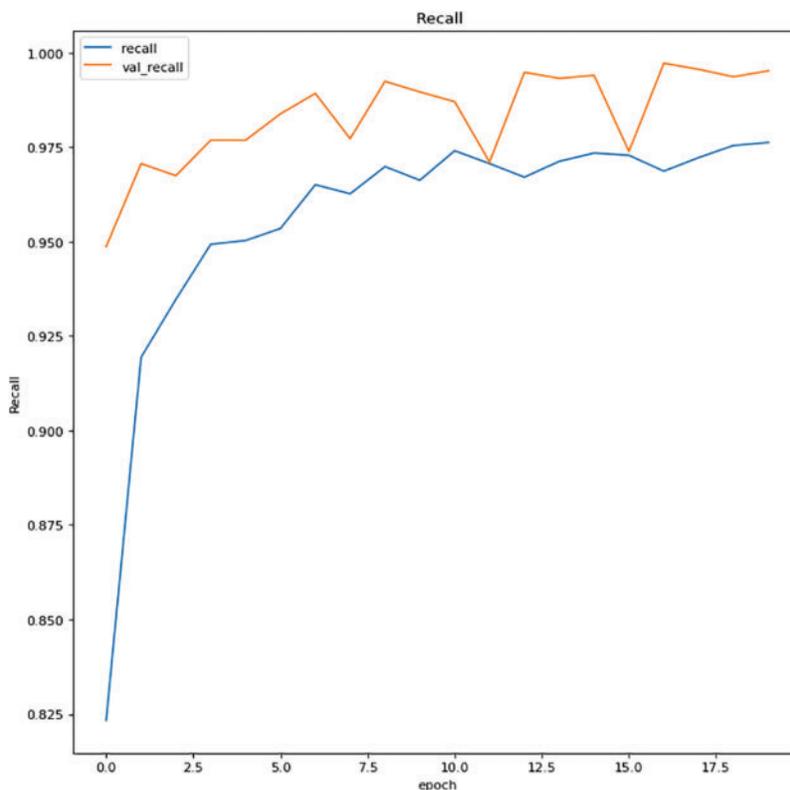


Figure 7: Recall vs. no. of epochs

Table 5: Confusion matrix of testing set

Label	Aculus olearius	Peacock spot	Healthy
Aculus olearius	532	0	1
Peacock spot	1	975	1
Healthy	1	1	576

Table 6: Evaluation metrics of the testing set for each label

Label	Precision	Recall	F1 measure	Accuracy
Aculus olearius	0.9970	1.00	0.9985	0.9981
Peacock spot	0.9980	0.9980	0.9980	0.9980
Healthy	0.9966	0.9936	0.9951	0.9955
Average	0.9972	0.9972	0.9972	0.9972

This study involved the classification of three distinct types of olive leaf diseases. The success ratio is anticipated to drop if the trials conducted on the olive leaf plant are expanded to include other illnesses that need to be detected, because diseases that affect the same type of plant may display

similar symptoms. Because of the difficulties in achieving a high success rate, studies to be conducted in this field are regarded as valuable.

Our model faces three primary hurdles: complexity, overfitting, and trade-offs. Combining EfficientNet-B7, DenseNet-201, and ResNet-152-v2 leads to inherent complexity, potentially increasing computational cost, training time, and memory demands. While Kaggle's GPU-P100 servers mitigated memory bottlenecks, addressing the remaining computational and time constraints remains an ongoing effort. Overfitting also poses a challenge, particularly with smaller datasets. To address this, we implemented data augmentation to artificially enrich the training data and combat overfitting. Finally, while ensembling models often improves accuracy, it can come at the cost of increased complexity, necessitating careful consideration of these trade-offs.

5 Conclusion

A novel deep-learning model for detecting olive leaf diseases from images using wavelet transforms and pre-trained models was developed in this study. The proposed approach leverages wavelet transforms to decompose olive leaf images into three frequency sub-bands, focusing on the third level for feature extraction. Subsequently, pre-trained deep learning models (EfficientNet-B7, DenseNet-201, and ResNet-152-v2) extract features from this sub-band, capturing information at different scales. These extracted features are then fused to create a comprehensive representation of the image, enabling the classification of olive leaf diseases into three categories: aculus olearius, peacock spot, and healthy. The experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed model, which achieves a 99.72% testing accuracy score in disease detection. However, a limitation of this study is that the dataset involved the classification of three distinct types of olive leaf diseases. The proposed model's performance was compared to other techniques and showed potential for enhancing other CNN architectures that warrant further investigation. Ultimately, this research aims to contribute to the development of efficient plant leaf disease detection methods, culminating in the ability to predict and select infected areas for targeted intervention.

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