

## A NEW DIABETIC RETINOPATHY CLASSIFICATION

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### ABSTRACT

Diabetic Retinopathy is a serious eye disease caused by diabetes and is one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide. It occurs when high blood sugar levels damage the small blood vessels in the retina, leading to leakage, swelling, and abnormal blood vessel growth. If the disease is not detected and treated in its early stages, it may lead to severe vision loss or permanent blindness. Therefore, early detection and proper diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy are very important to prevent complications and improve the quality of life for diabetic patients. Traditionally, diabetic retinopathy is diagnosed by ophthalmologists through manual examination of retinal fundus images. However, this process requires experienced medical professionals and can be time-consuming, especially when dealing with a large number of patients. With the rapid increase in the number of diabetic patients worldwide, manual screening alone becomes difficult and inefficient. To overcome these challenges, automated systems using artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques have been developed to assist doctors in the early detection and classification of diabetic retinopathy. The main objective of this project is to develop an automated system for the classification of diabetic retinopathy using retinal fundus images. The system uses image processing and deep learning techniques to analyze retinal images and detect abnormalities associated with the disease. The process involves several stages including image preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. The proposed system aims to assist medical professionals by providing faster and more accurate diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy. It reduces the workload of doctors and helps in large-scale screening programs for diabetic patients. Automated detection systems can also be useful in rural or remote areas where access to specialized medical professionals may be limited. By integrating artificial intelligence with healthcare applications, the system improves the efficiency and reliability of disease detection.

Overall, this project demonstrates the importance of applying machine learning and deep learning techniques in the medical field. The automated classification of diabetic retinopathy not only helps in early diagnosis but also supports timely treatment and prevention of vision loss. The use of such intelligent systems can significantly improve healthcare services and contribute to better management of diabetic eye diseases.

**KEYWORDS:**Blindness,Retina,Leakage,Diabetic,Retinopathy,Abnormalities,Diagnosis.

### 1. INTRODUCTION:

Time required Diabetic Retinopathy is a serious eye disease caused by diabetes and is one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide. It occurs when high blood sugar levels damage the small blood vessels in the retina, which can lead to leakage, swelling, and abnormal blood vessel growth. If the disease is not detected at an early stage, it may lead to severe vision problems or permanent vision loss. Therefore, early detection and proper diagnosis are very important for preventing complications and protecting the vision of diabetic patients. In traditional medical practice, diabetic retinopathy is diagnosed by ophthalmologists through manual examination of retinal fundus images. This process requires skilled medical professionals and specialized equipment. However, manual screening can be time-consuming and may lead to delays in diagnosis, especially when there is a large number of patients. With

the increasing number of diabetes cases around the world, there is a need for automated systems that can help in faster and more accurate detection of diabetic retinopathy. Advancements in artificial intelligence and machine learning have made it possible to develop automated systems for medical image analysis. These technologies can analyze retinal images and identify patterns associated with diabetic retinopathy. Deep learning techniques, especially Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), are widely used for image classification tasks. They can automatically learn important features from retinal images and classify them into different stages of the disease. The main aim of this project is to develop a system that can classify diabetic retinopathy using retinal fundus images. The system processes the images through different stages such as image preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. Image preprocessing

helps to improve the quality of retinal images and remove noise, while feature extraction identifies important characteristics related to the disease. The classification model then predicts whether the image is normal or affected by diabetic retinopathy.

## 2. LITARATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Existing Face Recognition Systems

Diabetic Retinopathy is a serious eye disease caused by prolonged diabetes and is one of the leading causes of blindness worldwide. It occurs due to damage to the blood vessels in the retina, which may result in leakage, swelling, and abnormal growth of blood vessels. Early detection and proper treatment are essential to prevent severe vision loss. With the advancement of medical imaging and artificial intelligence, automated systems are being developed to detect diabetic retinopathy from retinal fundus images. These systems use image processing, machine learning, and deep learning techniques to analyze retinal images and identify abnormalities. Automated detection helps reduce the workload of ophthalmologists and improves the accuracy and speed of diagnosis.

### 2.2 Existing Diabetic Retinopathy Detection Systems

Existing diabetic retinopathy detection systems mainly rely on retinal image

analysis to identify abnormalities present in the retina. These systems use image processing techniques and machine learning algorithms to detect signs of diabetic retinopathy such as microaneurysms, haemorrhages, and exudates. Traditional detection methods involve manual examination of retinal images by ophthalmologists. Doctors study the retinal fundus images and identify the stage of diabetic retinopathy based on visible abnormalities. However, this process can be time-consuming and requires experienced specialists.

### 2.2.1 Retinal Image Detection Methods

features. Retinal image detection methods are used to analyze retinal fundus images and identify abnormalities present in the retina. These methods help in detecting early signs of diabetic retinopathy by examining the structure of blood vessels and other retinal features. Image acquisition Retinal images are captured using a fundus camera or specialized medical imaging devices. These images provide a clear view of the retina and help doctors and automated systems analyze the condition of the eye.

Image preprocessing Preprocessing techniques are applied to improve the quality of retinal images. Methods such

as noise removal, contrast enhancement, and image normalization help in making the important features of the retina more visible. Image segmentation

Segmentation techniques are used to separate different parts of the retinal image such as blood vessels, lesions, and background. This step helps in identifying abnormal regions in the retina that may indicate diabetic retinopathy.

### **3. EXISTING METHOD:**

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and can be time-consuming, especially when dealing with a large number of patients. With the rapid increase in the number of diabetic patients worldwide, manual screening alone becomes difficult and inefficient.

### **3.1 DIS-ADVANTAGES:**

1. This process requires experienced medical professionals and can be time-consuming, especially when dealing with a large number of patients.
2. With the rapid increase in the number of diabetic patients worldwide, manual screening alone becomes difficult and inefficient.

### **4. PROPOSED METHOD**

To overcome these challenges, automated systems using artificial intelligence and machine learning techniques have been developed to assist doctors in the early detection and classification of diabetic retinopathy. The main objective of this project is to develop an automated system for the classification of diabetic retinopathy using retinal fundus images. The system uses image processing and deep learning techniques to analyze retinal images and detect abnormalities associated with the disease. The process involves

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### 5. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

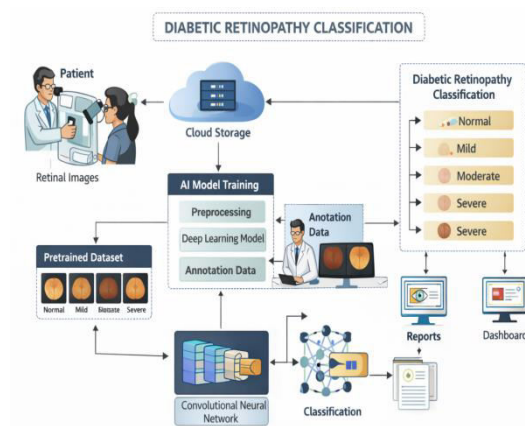


FIG 2.0: SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

### 6. RELATED WORK:

Diabetic retinopathy detection has been widely studied using different machine learning and deep learning techniques. Although many systems have limitations that need to be addressed. One of the major issues is the requirement of large datasets for training deep learning models. In many cases, medical image datasets are limited, which affects the performance and accuracy of the detection system. Another challenge is the variation in retinal image quality. Retinal images may contain noise, poor lighting conditions, or low contrast, which can make it difficult for algorithms to accurately identify disease features. These variations may reduce

the reliability of automated detection systems and lead to incorrect classifications.

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retinal image such as blood vessels, lesions, and background. This step helps in identifying abnormal regions in the retina that may indicate diabetic retinopathy.

## 7. RESULTS:

**Diabetic Retinopathy Diagnosis Report**

Report Generated: 2026-01-25 16:19:36  
 Doctor: Dr. Bharu Prakash  
 Specialization: Gynecologist

**Patient Information**

Name: Mani Kumar reddy Tumma  
 Age: 22  
 Gender: Male  
 Phone: +91 822828282  
 Email: 123@gmail.com

**Diagnosis Results**

DR Stage: **Severe**  
 Confidence: 95.68%  
 Diagnosis Date: 2026-01-25 10:35:14

**Retinal Images**

Original Image:

FIG 2.1: Patient details

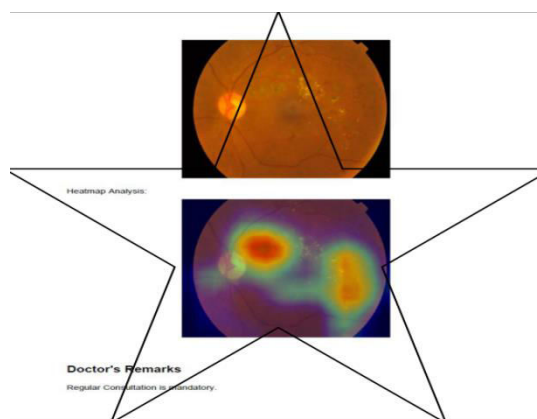


FIG2.2 : Heatmap analysis and doctor remarks

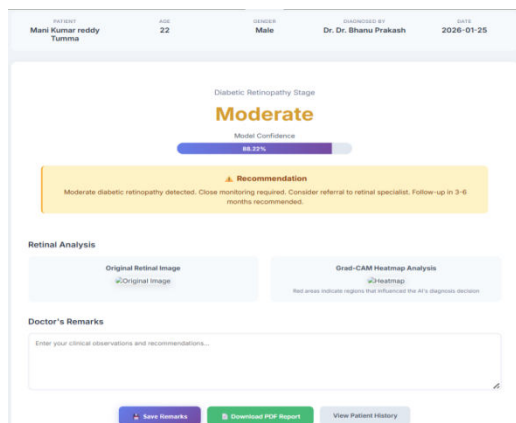


FIG 2.3 : Moderate patient report

## 7. CONCLUSION:

The proposed system focuses on detecting and classifying diabetic retinopathy using retinal fundus images. Deep learning models are used to analyze retinal images and identify disease severity. The implemented model successfully extracts important retinal features and detects abnormalities. The system provides accurate predictions that help in identifying different stages of diabetic retinopathy. Early detection of diabetic retinopathy helps prevent severe vision loss and blindness. The system can assist ophthalmologists in faster and more reliable diagnosis. Millions of people all around the world are suffering from diabetes which is a prominent cause of Diabetic Retinopathy. It is one of the leading causes of blindness and its effect can be reduced with proper treatment. So, it is necessary to build a system which can detect diabetic retinopathy without any expert guidance. The inclusion of retinal

segmentation with region merging during preprocessing provides significant improvement over existing model. The proposed model provides result as good as any supervised algorithm without explicitly determining features required for classification.

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