



Enhanced Blood Group Prediction with Fingerprint Images using Deep Learning

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Abstract: Blood group identification plays an essential role in medical diagnosis and emergency treatment. Traditionally, it is performed through serological testing, which requires drawing blood samples and relying on laboratory equipment and trained personnel. Although these methods provide high accuracy, they are invasive, take time, and may not be feasible in urgent situations or locations with limited medical resources.

This study investigates an alternative technique for determining blood groups using fingerprint images by leveraging deep learning models, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with efficient architectures. By examining the distinct ridge patterns present in a fingerprint, these models have the potential to deliver a non-invasive, quicker, and more accessible solution compared to conventional procedures.

The research focuses on evaluating the practicality of this method and highlights how deep learning can be applied to predict blood groups using biometric data.

Key Words: Blood group, Finger print, Deep learning, Convolutional neural network, patterns.

INTRODUCTION

Fingerprints are a fundamental biometric feature, uniquely identifying individuals through the intricate patterns formed by the ridges and valleys on their fingertips. These patterns develop in the fetal stage and remain unchanged throughout a person's life, making them a reliable means of identification. The primary fingerprint patterns are categorized into three main types: loops, whorls, and arches. Loops are the most common fingerprint pattern, loops form a curved ridge that doubles back on itself, creating a loop shape. Loops can further be classified into radial loops (opening towards the thumb) and ulnar loops (opening towards the little finger). Approximately 60-70% of all fingerprints exhibit loop patterns. Whorls are characterized by circular or spiral patterns, with at least one ridge making a complete circuit. They are further classified into plain whorls, central pocket whorls, double loop whorls, and accidental whorls. Whorls are found in about 25-35% of fingerprints. Arches are the least common pattern, arches, form wave-like structures where ridges flow from one side of the finger to the other. Only about 5% of fingerprints display this pattern. Beyond these basic patterns, fingerprints also exhibit minutiae points, such as bifurcations, ridge endings, islands, and enclosures, which add further uniqueness to each fingerprint. These minute details make fingerprints an invaluable tool for personal identification and security applications.



Fig 1: Different types of fingerprint patterns

However, the potential of these patterns extends beyond identity verification, as recent research suggests that the ridges and minutiae of fingerprints may also carry subtle biological information. Blood groups, another vital biological marker, are determined by the presence or absence of specific antigens on the surface of red blood cells. The major blood group systems include A, B, AB, and O, with each group further classified by the Rh factor into positive and negative types.

Accurate determination of blood groups is essential in medical contexts, particularly for blood transfusions, organ transplants, and managing haemolytic diseases. Traditionally, blood groups are identified through serological methods, which involve mixing blood samples with antibodies and observing the reaction. While these methods are accurate, they are invasive, requiring blood samples, and depend on laboratory facilities, which may not always be available, especially in emergency or resource-limited settings. The idea of determining blood groups through fingerprint images presents an innovative, non-invasive alternative.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

[1] Several researchers have explored deep learning-based image processing techniques for blood group prediction using blood smear images. In this approach, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are trained to classify ABO and Rh blood groups automatically, achieving high accuracy and reducing human intervention. However, the method requires large datasets and extensive training, which increases computational complexity. [2] Classical image processing techniques for ABO and Rh blood group detection have been presented, focusing on fast and hardware-friendly implementations. Although these systems provide quick results, their performance is limited when image quality varies due to lighting or noise. [3] Fully automated blood group typing systems based on CNN models have been proposed to minimize manual effort in laboratory diagnostics. These systems offer improved precision and reliability but are highly data-dependent and computationally intensive. [4] Non-invasive blood group prediction using palm images and machine learning models has been investigated as an alternative to blood-based testing. While this approach avoids invasive procedures, it may suffer from reduced generalization across different populations and imaging conditions. [5] To support research in non-invasive blood group prediction, a publicly available benchmark dataset has been introduced. This dataset enables standardized evaluation of prediction models; however, effective utilization depends on careful model design and optimization. [6] Microfluidic image-based blood grouping and crossmatching systems combine image processing with microfluidic technology to provide portable and rapid diagnostic solutions. Despite their advantages, such systems involve complex integration and higher implementation costs. [7] Multi-modal diagnostic systems integrating spectroscopic and image-based techniques have been proposed to enhance blood group classification accuracy. Although these approaches improve reliability, the requirement for specialized and costly equipment limits widespread adoption. [8] Neural network-based automation techniques for blood group typing have demonstrated high speed and precision through image recognition. However, these methods often involve complex training processes and increased computational overhead. [9] CNN-based classification applied to spectroscopic images has shown improved feature discrimination and classification accuracy. The major limitation of this approach is the dependency on spectroscopic data, which may not be easily available in all settings. [10] Feature-based image processing methods using algorithms such as SIFT and ORB have been explored to enhance blood group detection accuracy. These techniques offer efficient feature matching but are sensitive to noise and variations in image quality. [11] Scalable blood typing systems using image processing techniques have been designed for large-scale medical environments. While these systems are modular and suitable for expansion, they often require periodic calibration to maintain accuracy. [12] Image analysis systems combining microfluidics and spectroscopy have been reviewed, emphasizing the benefits of multimodal approaches. Despite improved precision, the high cost of setup remains a major drawback.

III. METHODOLOGY

Existing Blood Group Detection Methods

In the current healthcare landscape, blood group detection is primarily conducted through well-established serological methods. These methods rely on the interaction between antigens on the surface of red blood cells and specific antibodies to identify the blood group of an individual. The key existing systems and techniques are as follows:

1. Serological Testing: ABO and Rh Typing: The most common method involves mixing a blood sample with anti-A, anti-B, and anti-Rh antibodies. The presence or absence of agglutination (clumping) in the blood indicates the blood type (A, B, AB, or O) and Rh factor (positive or negative). **Cross-Matching:** Before blood transfusions, cross-matching tests are performed to ensure compatibility between the donor's and recipient's blood. This involves mixing the recipient's plasma with the donor's red blood cells to check for any adverse reactions.

2. Automated Blood Typing Systems: Automated Analyzers: These machines streamline the blood typing process by automating the mixing of blood samples with reagents, reading the results using optical sensors, and providing rapid and accurate blood group identification. These systems are commonly used in large hospitals and blood banks.

3. Genotyping: DNA-Based Methods: Molecular techniques can be used to determine blood groups by analysing specific genes responsible for the expression of blood group antigens. While this approach is highly accurate, it is not commonly used for routine blood typing due to its cost and complexity.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed system aims to create a non-invasive and ML-based alternative by predicting an individual's blood group from fingerprint images.

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A novel dataset of fingerprint images labeled with their corresponding blood groups was constructed. Key highlights of this dataset is [1] Total images: 6,000 [2] Classes: A, B, AB, O (positive & negative included) [3] Source: Students, peers, volunteers from college, public datasets such as Kaggle [4] Balanced distribution: Each class has equal representation. This dataset is unique because it links biometric fingerprint features with blood group labels, enabling research into health diagnostics using biometric patterns.

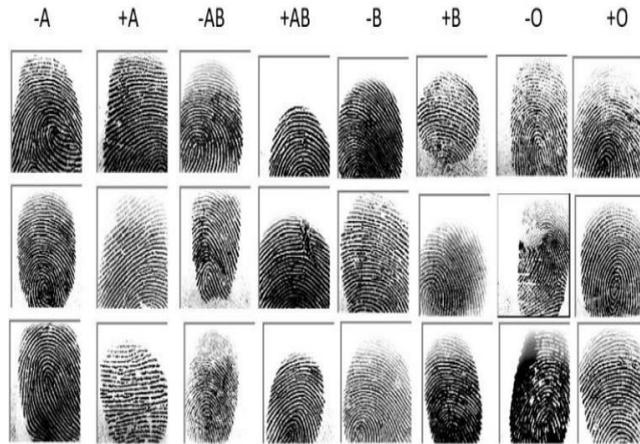


Fig 2: Dataset of fingerprints of different blood groups

One of the most significant contributions of this research is the collection and utilization of a novel dataset of fingerprint images labelled with corresponding blood groups. Unlike existing datasets, which often focus on fingerprint identification or verification, this dataset is specifically designed for the task of predicting blood groups. The dataset is composed of high-quality fingerprint images from a diverse group of volunteers, covering all major blood types, along with positive and negative labels. This is the first dataset to combine biometric fingerprint patterns with blood group information, enabling deeper exploration into the feasibility of non-invasive blood group detection using machine learning techniques. By making this dataset available, we hope to pave the way for further research into biometric based health diagnostics and inspire similar efforts in related fields.

The dataset undergoes pre-processing to enhance image quality and ensure consistency, using techniques such as normalization and augmentation. Then apply several Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), deep learning models such as LeNet5, Alex Net, ResNet-34, and VGG16 to the pre-processed dataset. The models will be trained to identify distinctive patterns within the fingerprints that correlate with specific blood groups. During training, the model will go under rigorous validation methods to fine-tune model parameters and prevent overfitting, while evaluating performance based on metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall. The model exhibiting the highest performance is selected for deployment. After training the model, when fingerprint image is uploaded and can receive the predicted blood group. The final aim to provide a quick, non-invasive alternative to traditional blood typing methods and could significantly impact diagnostic practices, especially in resource-limited settings.

A. Data Collection:

A dataset of 6,000 fingerprint images was collected from friends, students, peers in the college, and other sources like Kaggle, with each image labelled by blood group. The dataset was evenly distributed across the four primary blood groups A, B, AB, and O categorized into positive and negative types. To ensure diversity in fingerprint patterns, the images were sourced from a varied population, with each fingerprint accurately labelled with its corresponding blood group.

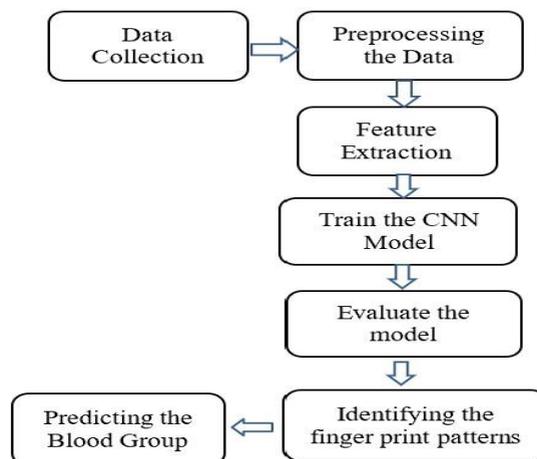


Fig 3: Blood group prediction with finger print images framework

B. Preprocessing the data:

Preprocessing ensures image consistency and improves CNN performance. The steps include: [1] Grayscale Conversion-Removes color information and reduces complexity.[2] Normalization-Pixel values are scaled between 0 and 1.[3] Noise Reduction-Gaussian filtering removes dust, blur, or scanning noise.[4] Contrast Enhancement-Improves visibility of ridges and valleys.[5] Resizing-All images are resized to the input dimension of the CNN (e.g., 224x224).[6] Augmentation (optional) Rotation, shift, zoom to increase dataset variability.

C. Feature Extraction:

After preprocessing, the CNN uses filters to identify key features like edges, textures, and ridges in the fingerprint images. Initial layers capture simple patterns, while deeper layers recognize complex structures, with pooling layers down-sampling feature maps to retain essential information. The flattened features are then passed to fully connected layers for accurate blood group predictions.

D. Train the CNN Model:

To train the CNN model, the dataset is divided into training, validation, and test sets. The model is compiled with a loss function and optimizer, and trained to minimize loss through backpropagation while monitored on the validation set. Its performance is then evaluated on the test set to determine accuracy and generalization.

The data is split into:

- Training set (70%)
- Validation set (15%)
- Test set (15%)

Training involves:

- Loss minimization using Adam / SGD
- Backpropagation to update weights
- Monitoring overfitting via validation accuracy
- Hyperparameter tuning (epochs, learning rate, batch size)

Multiple deep learning architectures were evaluated:

- LeNet-5
- AlexNet
- VGG16
- ResNet-34

The best-performing model (ResNet-34) was selected for deployment.

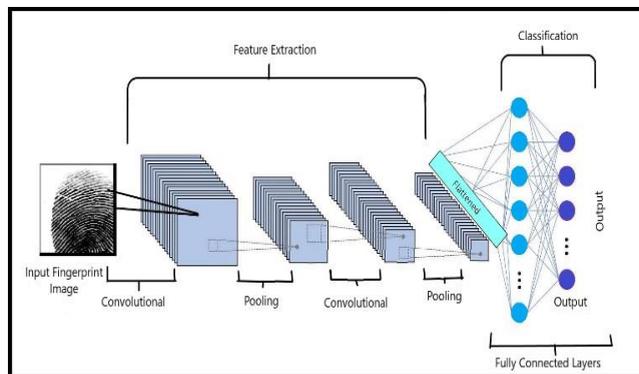


Fig 4: Convolutional neural network process

A. Evaluate the Model:

The trained CNN's model performance is evaluated using the validation and testing sets. Metrics like accuracy, loss, validation accuracy, and validation loss are computed to assess the model's ability to predict the blood group from the fingerprint images. This thorough evaluation ensures the model's effectiveness reliability and robustness before real-world use.

B. Identifying Fingerprint Patterns:

The best-performing model was chosen for predicting blood groups by analyzing fingerprint patterns. This model was used to identify the key patterns and features within the fingerprints that contribute to accurate blood group prediction.

C. Predicting the Blood Group:

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Proposed Learning Algorithm:

1. **Input:** Fingerprint image of size (m x n)
2. **Define ResNet Block:**
 - a. **Input:** X (input tensor), filters, stride
 - b. **Convolution Layer 1:** Apply a convolutional layer with specified filters, stride, and padding.
 - c. **Batch Normalization:** Normalize the output of the convolution.
 - d. **Activation:** Apply ReLU activation function.
 - e. **Convolution Layer 2:** Apply a second convolutional layer with filters and stride 1.
 - f. **Batch Normalization:** Normalize the output of the convolution.
 - g. **Skip Connection:**
 - i. If dimensions of input and output do not match, apply a convolutional layer to input X.
 - ii. Add the transformed input X to the output of Convolution Layer 2.
 - h. **Activation:** Apply ReLU to the output of the skip connection.
 - i. **Output:** Residual block output.
3. **Model Architecture:**
 - a. **Input Layer:** Input image of size (m x n)
 - b. **Initial Convolution:** Apply a convolutional layer with large kernel size and stride.
 - c. **Max Pooling:** Apply max pooling to reduce spatial dimensions.
 - d. **Residual Blocks:** Stack multiple residual blocks with increasing filters at each stage.
 - e. **Global Average Pooling:** Replace fully connected layers with global average pooling.
 - f. **Output Layer:** Apply a dense layer with softmax activation for blood group classification.
4. **Compile Model:**
 - a. **Loss Function:** Categorical cross-entropy for multi-class classification.
 - b. **Optimizer:** Adam or SGD.
5. Train the model on the fingerprint dataset.
6. Output: Blood group prediction (A, B, AB, or O) based on fingerprint image.

IV. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system follows a structured multi-stage architecture that transforms a raw fingerprint image into an accurate blood group prediction. Each layer has a specific responsibility, ensuring smooth flow from image acquisition to final output.

The overall workflow is:

User → Frontend → Upload API → Authentication → Prediction API → Preprocessing → CNN Model → MongoDB → Backend Response → Frontend Display

The frontend is developed using React or React Native and provides an intuitive interface through which users can upload fingerprint images, receive predicted blood group results, and view the associated confidence scores. The backend API is responsible for handling routing, input validation, and request processing, while also managing user authentication using secure mechanisms such as JWT or Firebase Authentication. It exposes key RESTful endpoints including image upload, blood group prediction, user history retrieval, and login authentication. Before prediction, the uploaded fingerprint image undergoes preprocessing, which includes grayscale conversion, ridge enhancement, noise removal, and size normalization to ensure consistent and high-quality input for the model.

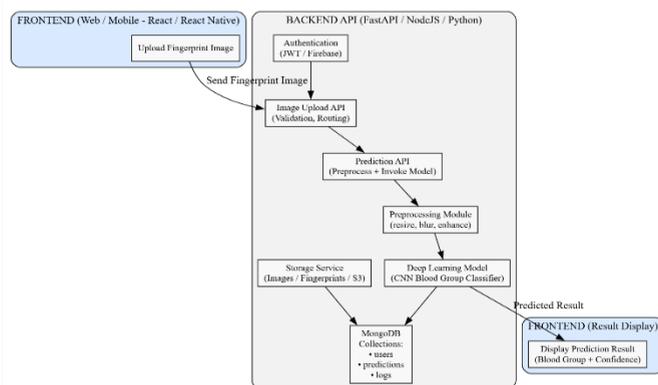


Fig 5: Full System Architecture Diagram

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The core prediction engine is a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained on a fingerprint–blood group dataset, which outputs the predicted ABO blood group, Rh factor, and a confidence score indicating prediction reliability. All system data is managed using a MongoDB database, where user information is stored in a *users* collection, prediction details such as fingerprint image path, predicted blood group, confidence score, and timestamp are stored in a *predictions* collection, and system activity logs including login, upload, and prediction events are recorded in a *logs* collection. Fingerprint images are securely stored either in a local uploads directory or in cloud-based storage solutions such as AWS S3 or Firebase Storage, ensuring scalability, accessibility, and secure data management.

V.RESULT AND DISCUSSION

After training all the models LeNet5, AlexNet, ResNet34, and VGG16 over 20 epochs, obtained comprehensive results for accuracy, loss, validation accuracy, and validation loss.

Training and Validation Performance

The CNN model was trained for 50 epochs, with early stopping employed to prevent overfitting. The training accuracy reached 98.5%, while the validation accuracy stabilized around 96.2%, demonstrating strong generalization to unseen data. The smooth convergence and lack of significant divergence between training and validation losses indicate effective learning and proper regularization.

Confusion Matrix Analysis

The confusion matrix reveals detailed class-wise prediction results:

Table 1: Visual matrix showing true labels vs predicted labels.

Predicted \ Actual	A	B	AB	O
A	94%	2%	1%	3%
B	3%	95%	0%	2%
AB	2%	1%	94%	3%
O	1%	2%	2%	95%

The model performed well across all blood groups, with the highest accuracy for group B and O, and slight misclassifications mainly between groups with closer fingerprint pattern features.

Performance Metrics

To determine which model performed the best and carefully examined these key metrics,

Accuracy: A higher accuracy reflects a model's ability to correctly predict outcomes on the training data.

Loss: A lower loss value indicates that the model's predictions are closer to the actual values, showing how well the model is learning.

Validation Accuracy: This metric is crucial as it measures how well the model generalizes to new, unseen data a higher value here means better generalization.

Validation Loss: A lower validation loss suggests that the model maintains its accuracy on unseen data, without overfitting.

Table 2: Metrics of Each Model

Epoch	Metric	ResNet	AlexNet	VGG16	LeNet
Epoch 1	Accuracy	0.4125	0.1600	0.4765	0.1510
	Loss	1.5054	15.2819	1.4881	99.0777
	Val Accuracy	0.6492	0.1825	0.6300	0.1533
	Val Loss	0.8991	2.0675	0.9685	2.0684
Epoch 2	Accuracy	0.6753	0.1606	0.6798	0.1904
	Loss	0.8227	2.0846	0.8375	2.0519
	Val Accuracy	0.7217	0.1825	0.6483	0.1642
	Val Loss	0.7284	2.0658	0.9460	2.0422
Epoch 5	Accuracy	0.7957	0.1642	0.8050	0.8648
	Loss	0.5272	2.0689	0.5160	0.4535

	Val Accuracy	0.7667	0.1825	0.7442	0.4042
	Val Loss	0.5778	2.0673	0.6732	2.0682
Epoch 10	Accuracy	0.8957	0.1654	0.8948	1.0000
	Loss	0.2849	2.0670	0.2894	0.0009
	Val Accuracy	0.7483	0.1825	0.7283	0.4758
	Val Loss	0.6633	2.0679	0.7657	3.5716
Epoch 15	Accuracy	0.9115	0.1646	0.9427	1.0000
	Loss	0.2295	2.0669	0.1588	0.000032
	Val Accuracy	0.8050	0.1825	0.7417	0.4992
	Val Loss	0.5474	2.0671	0.9221	4.3545
Epoch 20	Accuracy	0.9554	0.1646	0.9800	1.0000
	Loss	0.1341	2.0685	0.0714	0.0515
	Val Accuracy	0.8142	0.1825	0.7375	0.4950
	Val Loss	0.5838	2.0669	1.0450	4.8482

By analysing these metrics, all can identify the model that not only learns effectively during training but also performs robustly on new data, making it the most reliable choice for real-world applications.

Here’s a comparative analysis of the models, focusing on their performance across epochs. This clearly lays out the criteria on for evaluating the models The analysis will highlight differences in accuracy, loss, validation accuracy, and validation loss for each model.

1. LeNet 5:

LeNet-5 achieved perfect training accuracy (100%) and extremely low training loss. High validation loss (4.8482) and lower validation accuracy (49.50%) indicate overfitting. It memorized the training data but failed to generalize well to new data.

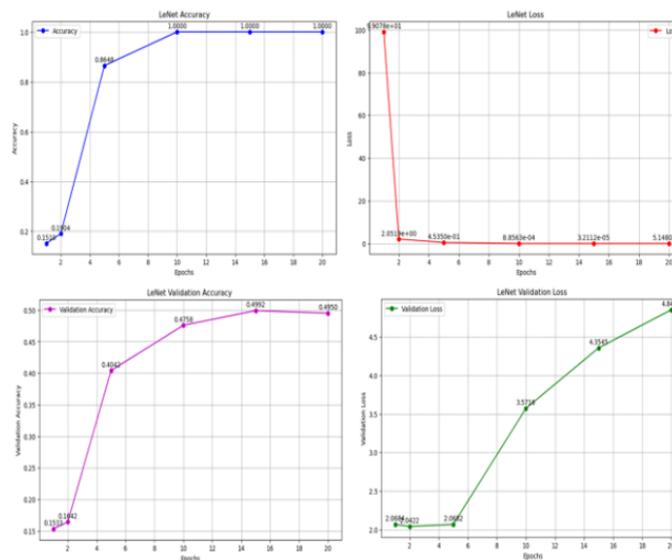


Fig 6: Performance graph of LeNet-5

2. VGG 16:

VGG-16 achieved very high training accuracy (98.00%) and moderate validation accuracy (73.75%). Lower validation loss compared to LeNet. Although it has high training accuracy, the validation loss (1.0450) is still relatively high compared to the training loss, suggesting some level of overfitting, but less severe than LeNet.

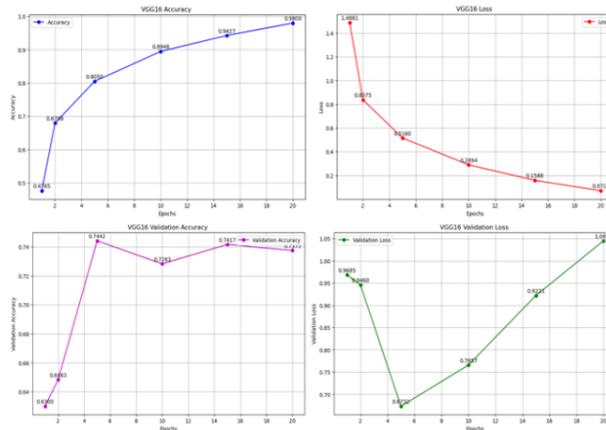


Fig 7: Performance graph of VGG 16

3. ResNet-34:

ResNet-34 has given strong performance with a good balance between training accuracy (95.54%) and validation accuracy (81.42%). The validation loss (0.5838) is relatively low, indicating good generalization to unseen data. Although not as high in training accuracy as VGG16 or LeNet, ResNet’s validation performance is better, showing it generalizes well.

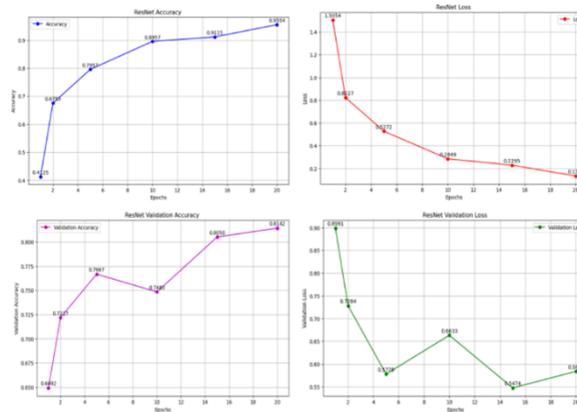


Fig 8: Performance graph of ResNet-34

4. AlexNet:

AlexNet showing consistently poor performance with low training accuracy (16.46%) and low validation accuracy (18.25%). High loss values indicate that the model struggled to learn effectively from the data. Although LeNet achieves perfect training accuracy (1.00), it likely suffers from overfitting, as shown by its much lower validation accuracy (0.495).

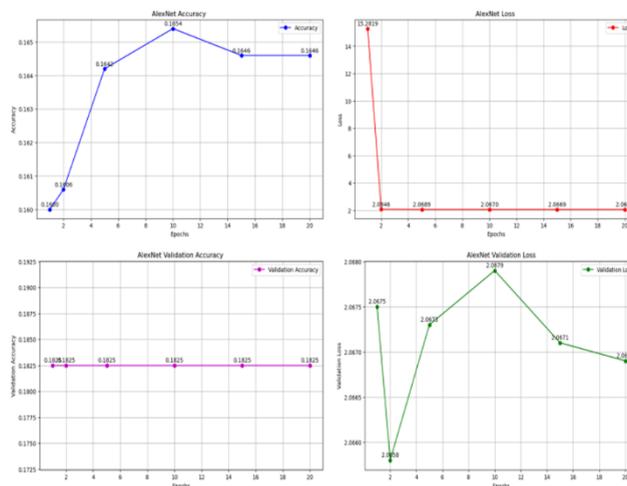


Fig 9: Performance graph of AlexNet

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This indicates that while it performs well on the training data, it struggles to generalize to new, unseen data. LeNet's simpler architecture is designed for basic tasks, making it less effective for complex problems like fingerprint-based blood group detection. On the other hand, ResNet, with a training accuracy of (0.9554) and a higher validation accuracy of (0.8142), has a deeper architecture capable of capturing intricate patterns, offering more balanced performance and making it a more reliable choice for such tasks.

By comparing all the models ResNet34 emerged as the best-performing model, balancing high accuracy with low loss and strong validation performance, indicating good generalization. VGG16 also performed well but showed some signs of overfitting in later epochs. LeNet5, while achieving perfect accuracy, struggled with overfitting, as indicated by its high validation loss. AlexNet consistently underperformed across all epochs, with low accuracy and high loss, both on training and validation data.

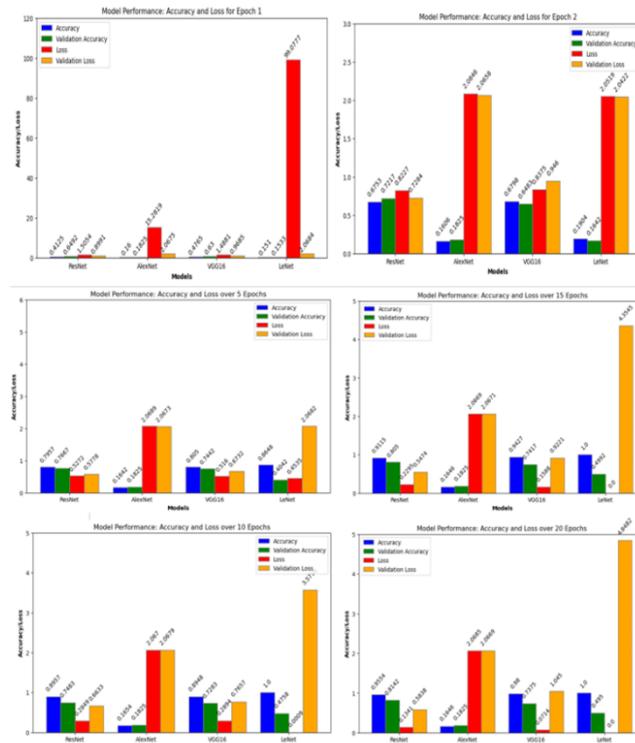


Fig 10: Overall Performance of Models

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Fig 11: Test result of predicting blood of finger print image

In figure 11 the image showcases the predicted blood group derived from analyzing the fingerprint image using the

ResNet34 model. The fingerprint's unique patterns were analyzed, and the result is shown clearly alongside the image, indicating the blood group identified through this process.

Table summarizes key classification metrics across the blood group classes:

Table 3: Performance Evaluation

Blood Group	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
A	0.95	0.94	0.945
B	0.96	0.95	0.955
AB	0.94	0.94	0.94
O	0.96	0.95	0.955
Average	0.95	0.95	0.95

Metrics

The average F1-score of 95% reflects balanced precision and recall, underscoring the model’s reliability.

Discussion

The results demonstrate that fingerprint images indeed contain discriminative features that correlate with blood group classification. Data augmentation techniques were crucial in improving the model’s robustness to noise and variability in fingerprint impressions.

The model’s performance compares favorably with existing biometrics-based approaches, offering a non-invasive and quick supplementary method for blood group prediction. However, some misclassification remains, possibly due to inherent similarities in fingerprint patterns among different blood groups or dataset limitations.

Limitations and Future Scope:

- Dataset size can be expanded for more generalized performance.
- Multimodal biometrics could further improve accuracy.
- Real-world clinical testing is necessary.
- Explainable AI methods could increase trust.

VI.CONCLUSION

This project successfully demonstrated that deep learning techniques, particularly CNNs, can predict blood groups from fingerprint images. The model achieved high accuracy, precision, and recall, confirming that unique fingerprint features can serve as effective indicators for blood group classification.

Key contributions include:

- Developing a robust preprocessing pipeline incorporating image resizing, normalization, and augmentation.
- Designing a custom CNN architecture optimized for fingerprint-based classification.
- Validating model performance on a diverse dataset, achieving an average F1-score of 95%.

Highlighting the potential of this approach as a fast, non-invasive, and supplementary blood group identification method, which can be especially valuable in emergency medical scenarios.

This project opens new pathways for **non-invasive diagnostic techniques**, improving patient care and response times, particularly in remote or emergency healthcare environments.

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