Comparative Evaluation of Deep Learning Models for Multi-domain Medical Image Classification

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Problem Formulation



- **Performance**: How do *statistical methods*, *Transformers*, *zero-shot learning strategies*, and *low-rank adaptation* techniques compare in terms of accuracy and robustness across different medical imaging datasets?
- **Generalization**: To what extent can existing state-of-the-art methods be leveraged to perform inference in unseen settings specifically in the medical domain?
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Model Families



- CNN Family
 - ResNet 18
 - ResNet 50
- Transformer Family
 - Vision Transformer
 - SWIN
- Vision-Language Models
 - Zero-shot CLIP
 - LoRA fine tuned CLIP



Table 2. Hyperparameter configuration used for our experiments



Model Family	Hyperparameter	Value
CNN	Epoch	100
	Learning Rate	0.001
	Patience	10
	Batch Size	256
Transformers	Epoch	100
	Learning Rate	0.001
	Patience	10
	Batch Size	256
VLM	Epoch	10
	Learning Rate	0.0000
	Batch Size	128

Table 3. Model parameters

Model	Params	
Resenet-18	11M	
Resnet-50	24M	
ViT-bas	86M	
SWIN	3B	
CLIP	151M	
LoRA CLIP	157M	



Performance

Table 4. Performance on PathMNIST

Model	Split	AUC	ACC
auto-sklearn	Train	0.99	0.90
	Val	0.94	0.71
	Test	0.95	0.73
Resnet-18	Train	0.99	0.97
	Val	0.99	0.96
	Test	0.97	0.87
Resnet-50	Train	0.99	0.99
	Val	0.99	0.98
	Test	0.98	0.90
ViT	Train	0.99	0.91
	Val	0.99	0.91
	Test	0.97	0.86
SWIN	Train	0.99	0.93
	Val	0.99	0.93
	Test	0.98	0.87
Zero-shot CLIP	Train	0.50	0.14
	Val	0.50	0.13
	Test	0.67	0.23
LoRA CLIP	Train	0.99	0.96
	Val	0.99	0.97
	Test	0.99	0.84

Table 5. Performance on OctMNIST

Model	Split	AUC	ACC
auto-sklearn	Train	0.98	0.96
	Val	0.95	0.88
	Test	0.90	0.62
Resnet-18	Train	0.99	0.98
	Val	0.97	0.92
	Test	0.94	0.68
Resnet-50	Train	0.99	0.94
	Val	0.97	0.92
	Test	0.95	0.71
ViT	Train	0.88	0.73
	Val	0.87	0.71
	Test	0.83	0.71
SWIN	Train	0.85	0.74
	Val	0.85	0.74
	Test	0.80	0.45
Zero-shot CLIP	Train	0.50	0.12
	Val	0.50	0.12
	Test	0.45	0.23
LoRA CLIP	Train	0.99	0.91
	Val	0.99	0.91
	Test	0.98	0.90

Table 6. Performance on ChestMNIST

Model	Split	AUC	ACC
auto-sklearn	Train	0.73	0.82
	Val	0.67	0.82
	Test	0.65	0.82
Resnet-18	Train	0.99	0.98
	Val	0.97	0.92
	Test	0.94	0.68
Resnet-50	Train	0.99	0.94
	Val	0.97	0.92
	Test	0.95	0.71
ViT	Train	0.71	0.94
	Val	0.69	0.94
	Test	0.69	0.94
SWIN	Train	0.69	0.94
	Val	0.68	0.94
	Test	0.68	0.94

- Models generally performed well in the PathMNIST dataset, and struggled the most multi-label ChestMNIST dataset.
- ResNets had a consistent good AUC score across all three datasets, while showing signs of overfitting during classification.
- VLM models perform very well in all settings, if they are fine-tuned. However, they can't handle multi-labeled dataset well.

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Remarks

- Analyze the impact of domain-specific and general backbone weight initialization
- Include more SOTA architectures, and ensembling techniques
- Extend dataset modalities, and experiment on 3D medical images.

Data Distribution



- Data imbalance in OCTMNIST.
- Heavy imbalance in multi-label classes in ChestMNIST.

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