



COVID-19 diagnosis: ULGFBP-ResNet51 approach on the CT and the chest X-ray images classification

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Abstract. The contagious and pandemic COVID-19 disease is currently considered as the main health concern and posed widespread panic across human-beings. It affects the human respiratory tract and lungs intensely. So that it has imposed significant threats for premature death. Although, its early diagnosis can play a vital role in revival phase, the radiography tests with the manual intervention are a time-consuming process. Time is also limited for such manual inspecting of numerous patients in the hospitals. Thus, the necessity of automatic diagnosis on the chest X-ray or the Computed Tomography (CT) images with a high efficient performance is urgent. Toward this end, we propose a novel method, named as the ULGFBP-ResNet51 to tackle with the COVID-19 diagnosis in the images. In fact, this method includes Uniform Local Binary Pattern (ULBP), Gabor Filter (GF), and 51-layer Residual Neural Networks (ResNet51). According to our results, this method could offer superior performance in comparison with the other methods, and attain maximum accuracy.

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1. Introduction

Since early months of 2020, coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which is considerably contagious has permeated through the globe [1,2]. It has imposed significant and unprecedented sufferings and threats for premature death [2]. Unequivocally, it is now regarded as the most deadly and dangerous disease that makes severe panic to the crowd [3]. The well-known reason for death of this pandemic is obstacles in oxygen intake due to inflammation lung, filled air sacs with discharge

and fluid [3]. Early identification of the COVID can not only reduce death rate sharply, but also most prone to faster recovery phase [1].

For the first time in the December of 2019, the sick persons infected with COVID-19 were identified in Wuhan, China [4]. Often, the patients develop a dry cough, fever, shortness of breath, weariness, sore throat, pains, runny nose, body aches, and diarrhoea symptoms. High fever and dry cough are its core symptoms [3]. Its symptoms are similar to pneumonia and influenza-A that affect the human respiratory tract and lungs [1,5]. Since the separation of infection between COVID-19 and bacterial pneumonia is not an easy task, the automatic feature extraction from images

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can help to diagnose the disease [6]. The difference is that lung lesions in COVID-19 patients are higher than pneumonia and influenza diseases [7]. In fact, COVID-19 damages the lungs intensely. The virus causes the demise of most persons who have chronic diseases (for instance, diabetes) [8].

The viability of this virus in the air is expected to be for almost three hours [3]. It can travel through the patient's cough or sneeze droplets from person to person in close contact. It can even contaminate humans with eating food in infected copper, plastic, and stainless steel dishes. It should be mentioned out the COVID-19 can be live in aforementioned utensils for several hours [3].

Several diagnostic tasks such as viral throat swab testing, blood, and serologic tests are conducted for this disease. Also, Reverse Transcriptase-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) is a yardstick from Nasopharyngeal Swabs (NS) and Or-pharyngeal Swabs (OS) samples. Nevertheless, these recognition measures do not only require manual intervention but also are time-consuming processes [2,9]. Therefore, using the X-ray or Computed Tomography (CT) data is more preferable [10,11]. These scanning images conspicuously indicate COVID-19 viral infections with higher confidence. Although, these medical imaging modalities are available and inexpensive, they are not rich in resolution. X-ray image is obtained much faster than its CT counterpart. Meanwhile, CT provides large data appropriate for deep learning methods [12–14].

Due to the lack of certainty in clinical methods, it is necessary for disease diagnosis to accompany with computer-aided high-end accuracy [15]. In health care system the time is always precious since it is limited for

numerous patients in hospitals; hence manual diagnosis procedure could be painstaking. To save as many lives, image processing and understanding techniques could play a main role at recognition task at hand. Nonetheless, it should be performed quickly and highly efficiently to be fully fruitful and as a result avoid human errors.

To this end, computer vision, machine learning, and deep learning approaches are put into trial for the efficient diagnosis of radiology images. In this paper, we categorize them into hand-engineered, deep-learning, and mixture methods. The hand-engineered approach extracts features using some predefined patterns in images. It includes Gabor Filter (GF), Local Binary Pattern (LBP), Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG), and etc. [6,16–23].

Deep-learning approach (e.g., Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)) learns from features extracted from raw images [24–28]. The advantages and disadvantages of some available hand-engineered and deep-learning methods for COVID-19 identification are presented in Table 1. The mixture method makes use of both hand-engineered and deep-learning methods [3,8,29–31]. In fact, it combines them in the favor of reaching more benefits.

In the manuscript, we adopt a novel mixture approach named ULGFBP-ResNet51 in order to identify COVID-19 on medical images. In fact, this method includes Uniform Local Binary Pattern (LBP) (ULBP), GF, and ResNet51. According to each of these comprising method characteristics, this method will outperform in various aspects. The design diagram of our proposed method is illustrated in Figure 1. The main contributions of this paper are as follows:

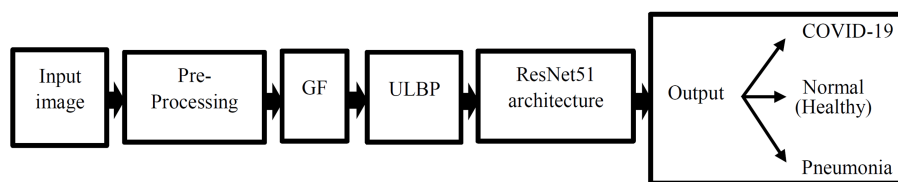


Figure 1. The design diagram of the ULGFBP-ResNet51 for COVID-19 diagnosis on lung and chest images.

Table 1. The pros and cons of some used methods for COVID-19 identification from images.

Method	Advantage	Disadvantage
LBP [32]	– Computational simplicity	– Creating long histograms
	– Good performance for grayscale texture	– Sensitive to noise, rotation, and illumination
HOG [33]	Invariance to photometric and geometric changes	– Capturing limited structural information
		– Increasing the feature size with the neighbours number
GF [34]	Robust to features in multi-scale and direction	Complex computations
CNN [35]	Learning features by removing unimportant parameters	Complexity in parameter setting
		– Need to large raw images
		– High computational complexity

Table 2. The pros and cons of different CNN architectures.

Architecture name	Advantages	Disadvantages
AlexNet [73]	- Reduction of the images classification error rate to half - Low loss of features	- The less depth in comparison to other architectures - Requiring more time to achieve high accuracy
VGG [50]	Refining the performance by gaining depth	- The vanish/detonate gradients by more increasing of the network depth - Slow processing than the ResNet
GoogLeNet [69]	-Increasing the network's width and depth - Quicker training than VGG - Reducing the parameters	- High calculation complexity - Modifying the number of channels difficulty
MobileNet [71]	- Less number of parameters and weights than GoogleNet - Decreasing the number of network calculations - A lightweight deep CNN - Reducing size of network - Low-latency	Reduction of the accuracy slightly
ResNet [52]	- Solving the degradation problem - Solving the vanishing gradient problem - Reducing the training time - Requiring a feature learning only once	Increasing architecture complexity

- Proposing a novel mixture method named ULGFBP-ResNet51 for COVID-19 diagnosis;
- Using the ULGFBP map as the network input rather than original data. Unlike LBP, ULBP is not sensitive to some conditions such as rotation and illumination. GF is also robust to features in multi-scale and direction. Therefore, the outcome map using these methods tends to have better performance on classification;
- Achieving high accurate results for COVID-19 identification in comparison with other related works.

The remaining parts of the manuscript are formed as follows.

Related literature is expressed in Section 2. In Section 3, the proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 method is presented in details. Afterwards, discussion on the experiments and the paper conclusion are explicated in Sections 4 and Section 5, respectively.

2. Related work

LBP is one of the most efficient texture descriptors which has been exerted in many feature extraction and processing tasks [16,36–44]. In [6], they apply the same feature extraction method on X-ray images for COVID-19 identification. Then, the normal, COVID-19, and bacteria pneumonia chest images have been classified using k-Nearest Neighbour (k-NN). After 10-fold cross-validation, 96% accuracy had been achieved.

In [45], a set of LBP features were utilized using multilayer perceptron for classification. The optimal performance was achieved by multilayer perceptron with seventy hidden layers and radius equal to six in LBP for COVID-19 identification from X-ray images. Accuracy was 73.34%. Also, LBP and other texture-based methods such as HOG were employed for analysis

of COVID-19 and annotation of the X-ray images in [46]. Then, COVID-19 and Non-COVID-19 images were dissociated by Naïve Bayesian and random forest.

In addition, LBP has been combined with other methods. For instance, in [8], the sub-band chest X-ray images were elicited by employing LBP and Dual-Tree Complex Wavelet Transform (DT-CWT). After that CNN was performed for automatic classification between non-COVID-19 and COVID-19 from these images. The best-achieved accuracy was 99.06%.

Li et al. [47] have made a multi-task learning framework with an explainable multi-instance learning for multi-lesion segmentation and COVID-19 diagnosis. Their method [47] can learn task-related features adaptively with learnable weights. However, this method has experimented with only CT images.

Yaşar and Ceylan have used a twenty-three-layer CNN architecture in the COVID-19 lung CT images that LBP was applied to them. The highest value of accuracy obtained with the help of lungs CT was 95.32% [48]. Although LBP can produce fair results, it has drawbacks that affect results. There are some methods that can tackle its problems. One of them is ULBP which can cause better results. Another method that makes better the categorization of COVID-19 is GF. According to the results of research in [31], recognizing COVID-19 is 93% using GF and CNN. Against, it is 85% without GF in lung CT scans.

Besides, the selection of the CNN suitable architecture impresses to diagnose COVID-19 performance. The different architectures that have been noticed in COVID-19 researches as follows: VGG [49–51], ResNet [15,52–67], GoogLeNet/Inception V1 to V3 [56,68–70], MobileNet [49,71,72], AlexNet [58,73,74]. Table 2 reports the pros and cons of different CNN architectures.

Among the above-mentioned architectures, ResNet is applied more than others [15,52–62]. It

has generated promising results [3,12,26]. In fact, ResNet has resolved the accuracy degradation due to an increase in network layers and depth for improving performance [2].

Using pre-trained models is addressed to decrease the low data problem. Recently, pre-trained ResNet with 50, 101, and 152 layers were suggested for the COVID-19 detection by Narin et al. [26]. The highest efficiency got using pre-trained ResNet50. So that 99.7% was COVID-19 detection accuracy on the X-ray data. The loss value of ResNet50 was lower than other models, too. It is noteworthy that combining methods with the best performance can lead the COVID-19 identification system to proper accuracy.

3. Proposed method

To accommodate all aforementioned benefits for COVID-19 diagnosis, we combine GF, ULBP, and ResNet51 that has a new Fully Connected Layer (FCL) more than ResNet50. The proposed method (ULGFBP-ResNet51) will be described in details below.

3.1. Pre-processing

The grayscale images are taken and then resized. Increasing the contrast is done by histogram equalization. Besides, the standard deviation and mean techniques are applied to normalize the images.

3.2. GF

GF performance is similar to human visual perception [75]. So, it is capable of texture interpretations well [76]. It representations frequency content in specific orientations for image texture analysis. In fact, it can achieve a resolution optimally in frequency and space domains [77,78].

We extract features of the chest and lung images by GF with different directions and scales. Because GF can make effectively individuate between normal and COVID-19 from all detailed frequencies texture information [79]. The multiple Gabor Magnitude Image (GMI) is obtained using a bank of multi-scale and multi-direction GFs in the frequency domain. The GF is defined as Eq. (1) and the Gabor representation is derived by Eq. (2):

$$G(x_p, y_p) = \frac{1}{2\pi\delta^2} \exp \left[-\frac{x_p^2 + y_p^2}{2\delta^2} \right] \cdot \left[\exp(j\omega x_p) - \exp \left(-\frac{\omega^2 \delta^2}{2} \right) \right], \quad (1)$$

$$G(x, y) = G(x_p, y_p) * I(x, y), \quad (2)$$

where δ and ω define the direction and the scale of GF. $\delta = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$, $*$ means convolution, and we have $x_p = x \cos(\theta) + y \sin(\theta)$, $y_p = -x \sin(\theta) + y \cos(\theta)$.

3.3. ULBP

The ULGFBP map is obtained by applying ULBP to GMI (Figure 2). ULBP is a grayscale operator. It generates 59 bins histogram instead of the 256-bins histogram of LBP when the Sampling Point (SP) number is 8. In other words, the ULBP histogram has just 59 optimized output labels.

Suppose there are eight SPs around a pixel (see Figure 3(b)). The ULBP method compares the Gray Value (GV) of that pixel to each of its left-top, left-bottom, right-bottom, left-middle, right-top, right-middle, top, and bottom neighbors. Where the pixel's value is lower than the neighbor's value, code "0". Otherwise, code "1" (see Figure 3(c)). Follow the codes clockwise. It gives an eight-digit binary number that

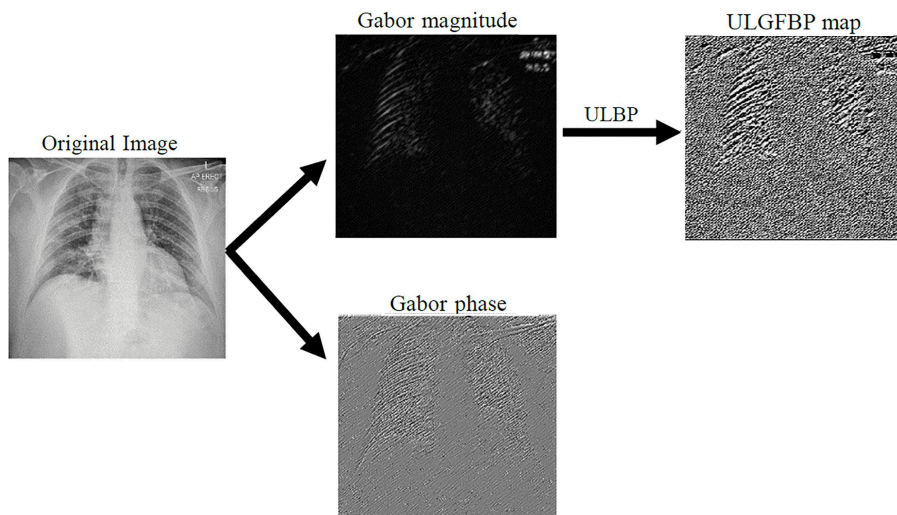


Figure 2. The ULGFBP map.

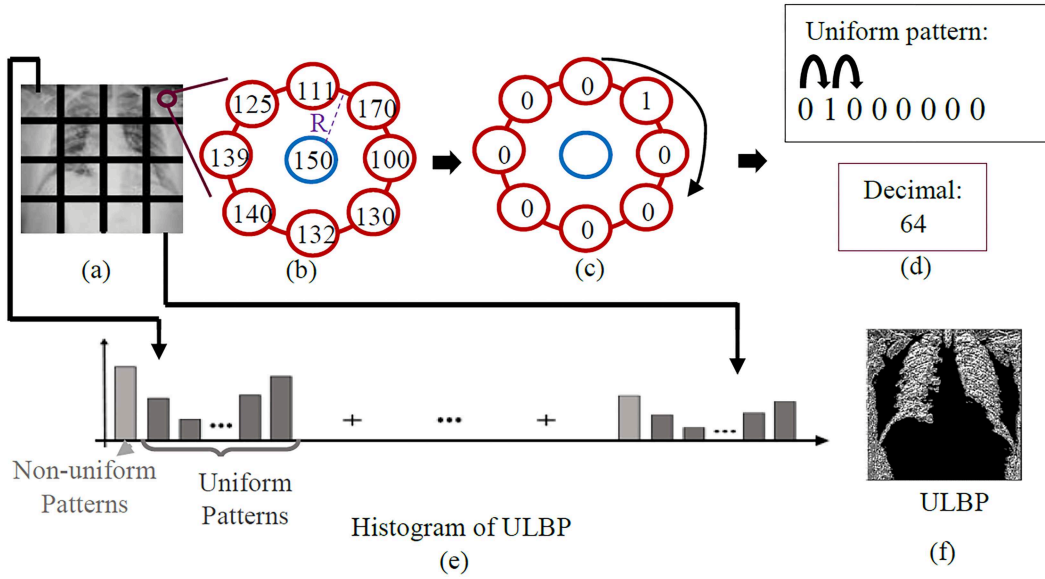


Figure 3. The ULBP computation. (a) Input image, (b) 8 SP around a pixel, (c) comparing the central GV with neighbours to set code “0” or “1”, (d) convert an eight-digit binary number to decimal, (e) concatenating histogram of regions as the ULBP histogram, and (f) the ULBP.

can convert to decimal (see Figure 3(d)). This eight-digit binary number is a uniform pattern when has at most two 0 to 1 or 1 to 0 transitions. For example, 01000000 has 2 transitions. Thus, it is uniform.

In the computation of the ULBP histogram for each region, a bin is assigned to all non-uniform patterns, and every uniform pattern puts into a separate bin. The ULBP histogram concatenates regions histogram as the global feature vector (see Figure 3(e)). The short feature vector and never changing on rotation are the main advantages of this method [38,39]. Mathematically, ULBP and its histogram are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 ULBP_{(SP,R)} &= |\text{sign}(GV_{SP} - GV_c) \\
 &\quad - \text{sign}(GV_0 - GV_c)| \\
 &\quad + \sum_{(ep=1)}^{(SP-1)} |\text{sign}(GV_{ep} - GV_c) \\
 &\quad - \text{sign}(GV_{(ep-1)} - GV_c)|, \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

$HULBP$

$$= \begin{cases} \sum_{ep=0}^{SP-1} \text{sign}(GV_{ep} - GV_c) & \text{if } ULBP_{SP,R} \leq 2 \\ SP + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where ep represents each SP. R is the neighborhood radius where is shown in Figure 3(b). c means middle pixel.

3.4. ResNet51

Fifty-one layers are suit due to the time complexity of increasing more the network layers. The bottleneck design can reduce this complexity, too. The ResNet50 model as an improved version of CNN is trained on the ImageNet dataset. In fact, it is trained with about fourteen million various images [26,80]. Although its network is more complex and deeper, distortion prevention is its profit. In addition, it has fast training due to bottleneck blocks [26].

The ResNet51 is proposed for efficient COVID-19 identification on the X-ray and lung CT images. In fact, we suggest pre-trained ResNet51 that has a new layer more than ResNet50 to extract deep features. Because it can be reused with smaller and similar datasets. The model architecture is displayed in Figure 4. The optimization of the proposed model is easy and it also can produce high accuracy. Its skip connections can solve the vanishing gradient problem.

The input of the network is the ULGFBP map instead of the original image to reach efficient performance. Therefore, the network can extract deep, essential, and robust features. We create a new FCL and also alter the last pre-trained ResNet50 layers according to our data. In fact, we adapt them to our categorization task. These layers are softmax, fully connected, and classification layers. In another word, we replace the last three layers with new layers. Therefore, ResNet51 is made. Output size represents the three COVID-19, pneumonia, and normal classes.

In summary, the ULGFBP maps are passed through the modified pre-trained ResNet51 to obtain features and classified them to COVID-19, pneumonia,

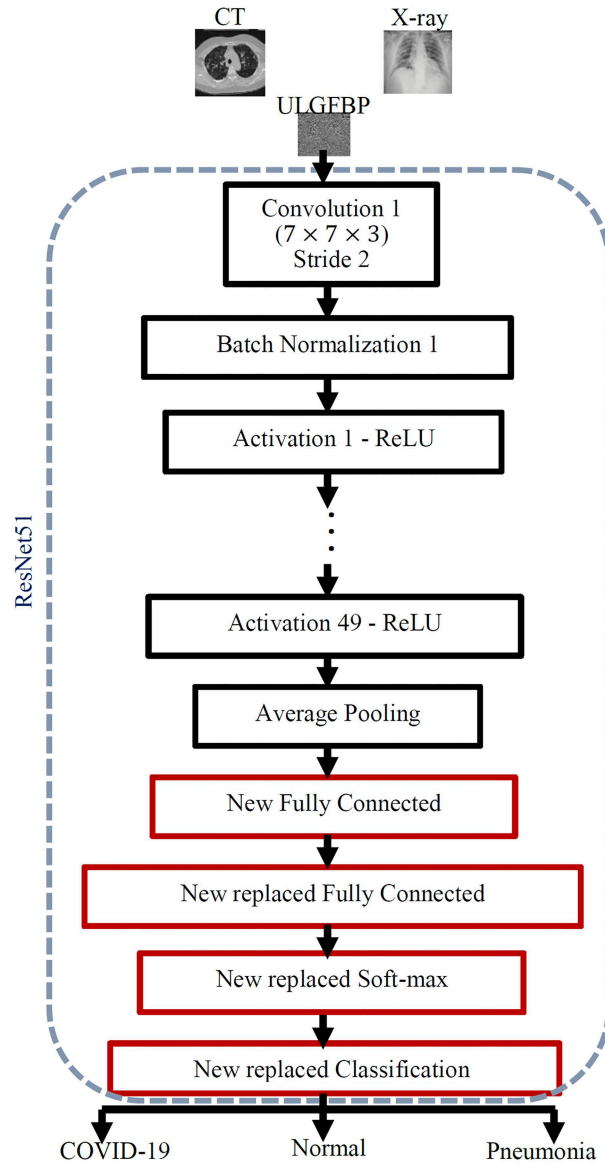


Figure 4. The framework of the ULGFBP-ResNet51 method.

and normal using the network classifier. The input size is $224 \times 224 \times 3$. Figure 4 demonstrates the framework of the ULGFBP-ResNet5.

4. Experiments and results

We analyze the implementation of the ULGFBP-ResNet51 in this section. Also, we express its fruitfulness on used datasets. Experiments are done using MATLAB 2020 using a processor of Intel Core i7 and RAM of 8 GB onboard.

4.1. Datasets

One of the prerequisites in deep learning is huge training images. We use the dataset collected by El-Shafai and Abd El-Samie for COVID-19 [80]. Its X-ray

and CT image data consist of COVID-19 and normal. It is gathered from the GitHub Cohen et al. data [81] and further datasets on internet. Augmentation techniques have been applied to generate more than 17000 images. There are 4044 COVID-19 and 5500 normal X-ray data in a folder. In addition, 5427 COVID-19 and 2628 normal CT data are put in another folder.

Besides, we utilize the pneumonia dataset published by Kermany et al. [82]. It has 5232 chest X-ray data. 3883 images belong to pneumonia-infected patients, and 1349 images are collected from healthy persons. In addition, we employ the datasets used in [83,84], which contain 1768 X-ray images (720 normal, 949 COVID-19, and 99 SARS instances) with 4020×4892 pixels and 2926 CT (758 normal and 2168 COVID-19 instances). A sample of normal, COVID-19,

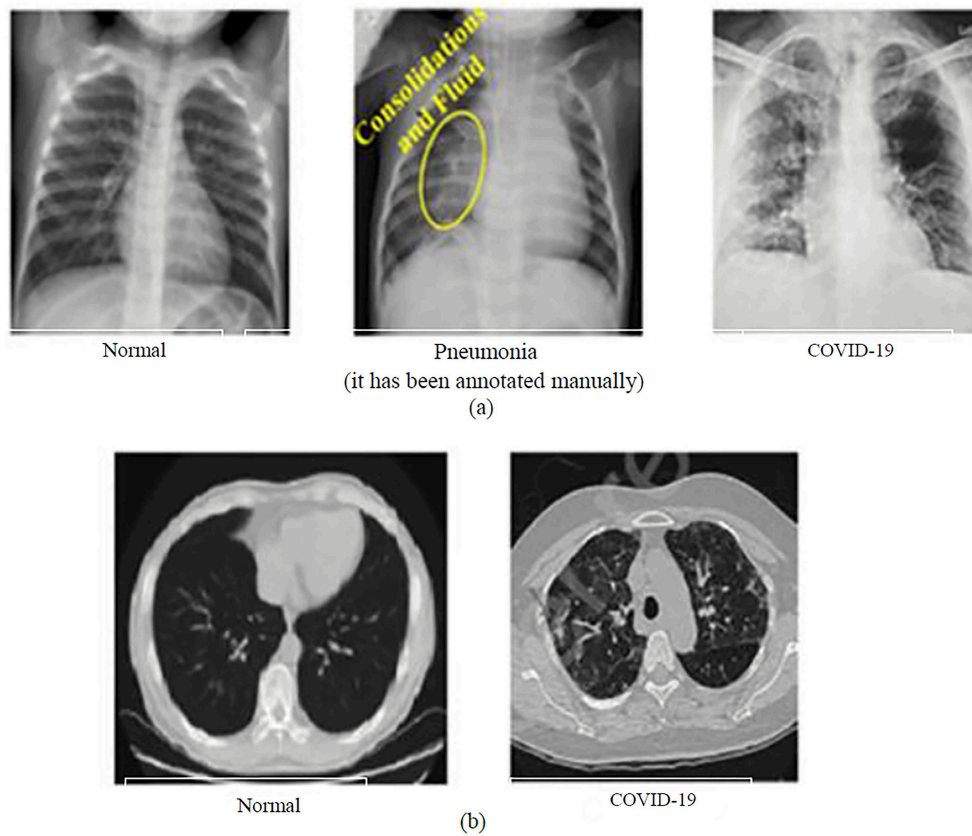


Figure 5. A sample of the used data (a) X-ray and (b) CT.

and pneumonia X-ray and CT data from used datasets is illustrated in Figure 5.

4.2. Proposed method

The grayscale CT or X-ray image is received from the above-mentioned datasets. Using histogram equalization improves the contrast of the image. Also, the image is normalized by the standard deviation and mean techniques.

We extract features using six filters contain two directions and three scales GF. In fact, GMI is obtained by them. Selecting these numbers of filters not only is appropriate but also can decrease the feature dimension.

The obtained GMI is partitioned into 3×3 non-overlapping blocks. Thus, the neighborhood radius (R) sets to 1. On the other hand, $SP = 4 \times (2R)$ that if R is 1, then SP is 8. Hence, ep is 0 to $SP - 1$ (i.e., 0 to 7). The cause of this parameter selection is achieving the best performance according to our experiments.

ULBP code and ULBP histogram are computed. So that, each neighborhood pixel (ep) value is compared to the c value in each block. Where the pixel's value is lower than the neighbor's value, code "0". Otherwise, code "1". An eight-digit binary number is got when moving clockwise and putting the 0 and 1 s. If there are at most two 0 to 1 or 1 to 0 transitions then,

the pattern is uniform. Thus, a histogram separate bin is assigned to it. Otherwise, it is placed into a single bin. Therefore, the histogram has 59 output labels. For other blocks, ULBP and its histogram are calculated. Finally, the histograms from the first block to the last block are concatenated to get the ULGFBP histogram and ULGFBP map.

The ULGFBP map is the input of pre-trained ResNet51. Its size is converted to $224 \times 224 \times 3$. We have 4993 COVID-19, 3982 pneumonia, and 7569 normal ULGFBP maps obtained from X-ray images. In addition, we have 7595 COVID-19, and 3386 normal ULGFBP maps procured from CT images. Then, we use the rotation technique to balance the number of maps.

We save the ULGFBP maps from X-ray images in different folders by COVID-19-X, Normal-X, and Pneumonia-X class name. Also, we keep the ULGFBP maps from CT images in different folders by COVID-19-CT and Normal-CT class name. All images (maps) are tagged.

Pre-trained ResNet-51 is modified according to new data. The training parameters are Batch Size (BS), the number of epochs, Initial Learning Rate (ILR). We utilize Adam optimizer and choose a mini BS of 20. The ILR sets on 0.0001. Max epochs are 5.

Notice that we have created a new FCL. The FCL of the network is used for learning the classification

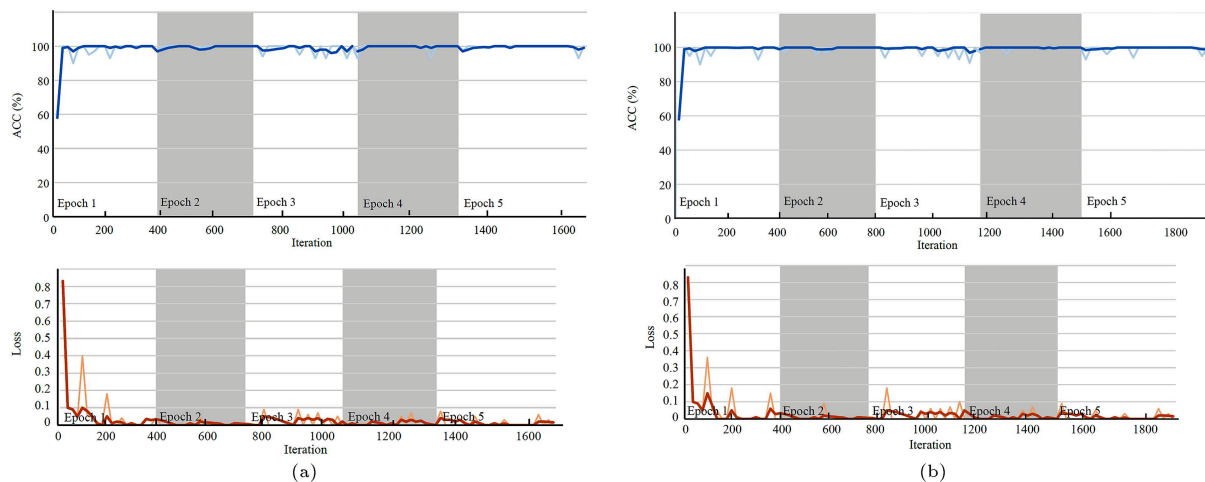


Figure 6. The loss and accuracy curves for our proposed method using dataset (a) CT and (b) X-ray.

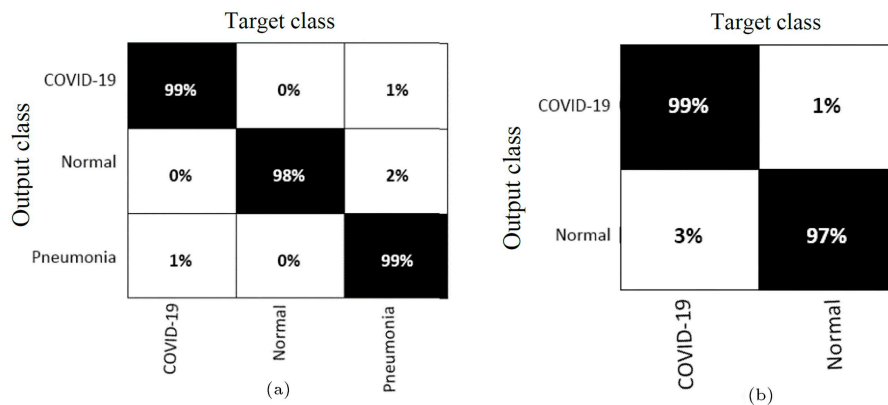


Figure 7. The confusion matrix of our proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 method for used datasets (a) X-ray and (b) CT.

function. Further, we have replaced the last three layers of the network with new FCL, softmax, and classification layers. This work is to adapt the network with our categorization task.

We train the network and optimize hyper-parameters. We train it once with ULGFBP maps from X-ray data for three COVID-19, normal, and pneumonia classes. Training took 12 hours and 43 minutes 18 sec. Once again, the network is trained by two classes COVID-19 and Normal ULGFBP maps from CT images. Training took 6 hours and 37 minutes 20 sec.

The train network function is used for training the ResNet51 model. Also, 10-fold cross-validation strategy is employed. The ULGFBP maps are randomly split into ten folds containing roughly the same proportions of the class labels in each fold. In the ten experiments, nine folds are used for training and one for testing. The average accuracy is reported.

4.3. Experimental results and discussion

The achieved accuracy is 99.97% for COVID-19 identification using our proposed method. It demonstrates

that our proposed method has outperformance to categorize COVID-19 images. In another word, the evaluation of the effectiveness of the proposed method is its accuracy. The loss and accuracy curves for our proposed method using the X-ray and CT datasets are pictured in Figure 6. As we have seen, the loss is very low and accuracy is so high on both datasets. Besides, the usefulness of the proposed method is measured using the accuracy, F1-score, sensitivity, and precision metrics [85]. The computation of our method's true predictions in the whole of predictions is named precision. The overall measure of the method's accuracy is shown by F1-score, too.

The confusion matrix not only measures the efficiency of our method on the testing dataset but also shows the classified and miss-classified images correctly. In fact, it specifies the potential of our proposed method for COVID-19, pneumonia, and normal classification. This matrix has True Positive (TP), True Negative (TN), False Positive (FP), False Negative (FN) expected outcomes. The confusion matrix of our proposed method is illustrated in Figure 7. The identified anomaly with the correct diagnosis is TP.

Table 3. Results of COVID-19 diagnosis using the ULGFBP-ResNet51 and other methods on X-ray.

Method	ACC (%)	Sensitivity (%)
Contrastive Multi-Task CNN (CMT-CNN) [27]	97.23	92.97
Pre-trained VGG-19 [49]	93.48	92.85
ResNet-50 + SVM [67]	93.28	97
LBP + GF + SVM [18]	97.16	96.9
LBP + DT-CWT + CNN [8]	99.06	96.53
LBP + HOG + SVM [18]	92.83	93.52
ResNet101 [26]	95.3	93.8
Proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 method	99.97	99.9

Table 4. The results of COVID-19 diagnosis using the ULGFBP-ResNet51 and other methods on CT.

Method	ACC (%)	Sensitivity (%)
Contrastive Multi-Task CNN (CMT-CNN) [27]	93.46	90.57
Random Forest (RF) [19]	87.9	90.7
Deep CNN [28]	73	95
Explainable multi-instance multi-task network [47]	98.62	89.05
Proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 method	99.9	100

The number of mistake measures is TN. The classified sample as an anomaly diagnosis is FP. The classified anomalies as ordinary are FN.

$$ACC(\%) = \frac{TN + TP}{TN + TP + FN + FP} \times 100, \quad (5)$$

$$Precision(\%) = \frac{TP}{FP + TP} \times 100, \quad (6)$$

$$Sensitivity(\%) = \frac{TP}{FN + TP} \times 100, \quad (7)$$

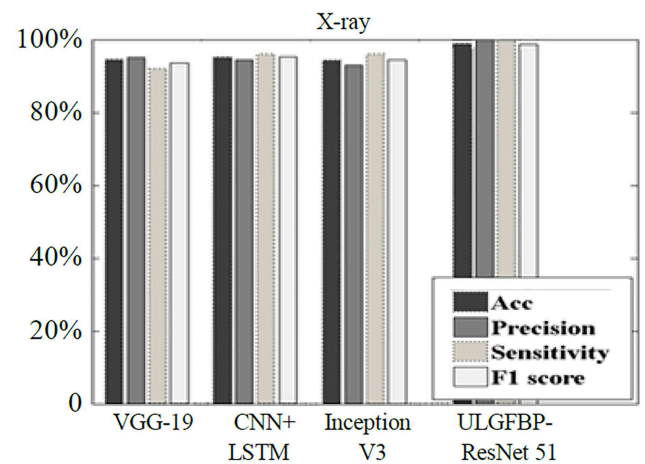
$$F1score(\%) = 2 \left(\frac{Sensitivity \times Precision}{Sensitivity + Precision} \right). \quad (8)$$

Table 3 and 4 list the results of the proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 to compare with other methods. Evaluation of the performance of the ULGFBP-ResNet51 and state-of-the-arts are represented in Figure 8. It is necessary to point out that due to ResNet51 is 51 layers deep, low time consumption is its advantage in comparison with ResNet101. In addition, its accuracy is superior to other similar models.

Also, Tables 5 and 6 concentrate on cross-validation data to evaluate our ULGFBP-ResNet51 method. These tables illustrate the performance of our proposed method in terms of the F1 score for each fold and their average. According to the results, the average of the F1 metric is more than 0.995 in X-ray and CT.

5. Conclusion

Economic, education, tourism, transportation, social interaction and on top of that health care system have

**Figure 8.** Evaluation of the ULGFBP-ResNet51 and state-of-the-arts.

been hardly devastated by COVID-19. It is proven that by early stage diagnosis of this pandemic, the treatment process proceeds much faster and easier. Therefore, in this manuscript, we propose a novel method called ULGFBP-ResNet51 which could be utilized for autonomous and efficient COVID-19 diagnosis from CT and X-ray datasets. It takes advantage of two texture-based methods i.e., Gabor Fiber (GF) and Uniform Local Binary Pattern (ULBP) accomplished with deep learning (i.e., ResNet51). Results on COVID-19 datasets demonstrate the outperformance of our approach which provides promising accuracy. The achieved accuracy is 99.97% for COVID-19 images classification. The proposed method could be further exerted on Computed Tomography (CT) and

Table 5. The results of cross-validation using the proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 on X-ray.

	F1 score
Fold 1	0.996
Fold 2	0.998
Fold 3	0.997
Fold 4	0.997
Fold 5	0.996
Fold 6	1
Fold 7	0.998
Fold 8	0.997
Fold 9	0.999
Fold 10	1
Average	0.998

Table 6. The results of cross-validation using the proposed ULGFBP-ResNet51 on CT.

	F1 score
Fold 1	0.998
Fold 2	0.999
Fold 3	0.997
Fold 4	0.997
Fold 5	0.999
Fold 6	0.998
Fold 7	1
Fold 8	0.999
Fold 9	1
Fold 10	0.999
Average	0.999

X-ray data in the future for other related diagnostic challenges such as Influenza, tumors and etc.

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