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DEEP OMNI-SUPERVISED LEARNING FOR RIB FRACTURE DETECTION FROM CHEST RADIOLOGY IMAGES

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ABSTRACT

Rib fractures are a critical indicator of trauma and underlying thoracic injuries, requiring accurate and timely detection for effective medical intervention. Traditional manual diagnosis from chest radiographs is time-consuming and prone to human error, especially in cases of subtle fractures or overlapping anatomical structures. This study presents a Deep Omni-Supervised Learning (DOSL) approach for automated rib fracture detection from chest radiology images. The proposed model leverages a hybrid deep learning framework that integrates supervised, semi-supervised, and self-supervised learning techniques, ensuring enhanced feature extraction from both labeled and unlabeled datasets. The system employs a multi-scale convolutional neural network (CNN) with attention mechanisms, improving fracture localization accuracy. The dataset used includes diverse clinical cases to enhance model generalization across varied imaging conditions. Experimental results demonstrate high precision, recall, and F1-score, outperforming traditional computer-aided diagnosis (CAD) systems. This research contributes to radiology automation, enabling faster diagnosis, reducing radiologists' workload, and improving patient outcomes. Future enhancements will focus on 3D rib segmentation, real-time deployment in hospital systems, and integrating multi-modal medical imaging.

INTRODUCTION

Rib fractures are among the most frequent skeletal injuries, often resulting from trauma, falls, or high-impact accidents. Detecting rib fractures through chest X-rays (CXR) is a challenging task due to overlapping bone structures, variable image quality, and subtle fracture appearances. Conventional radiologist-driven diagnosis is prone to interpretation variability, leading to delayed or missed detections, which can cause complications such as pneumothorax or organ damage.With advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning, automated rib fracture detection has become a promising approach to enhancing

diagnostic accuracy. Traditional deep learning models rely heavily on large-scale labeled datasets, which are expensive and time-consuming to obtain.To address this limitation, this study proposes Deep Omni-Supervised Learning (DOSL)—a novel hybrid learning framework that integrates Supervised learning (using annotated rib fracture datasets).Semi-supervised learning (leveraging partially labeled data for enhanced feature extraction).Self-supervised learning (utilizing unlabeled data to improve representation learning).The proposed DOSL model employs a multi-scale CNN with attention mechanisms, allowing for precise rib fracture localization and classification. This approach aims to:Improve fracture detection accuracy in complex radiological images.Enhance diagnostic efficiency by assisting radiologists with AI-powered insights.Reduce the need for extensive manual labeling, accelerating medical AI deployment.By leveraging deep omni-supervised learning, this study enhances computer-aided diagnosis (CAD) systems, enabling more reliable, faster, and scalable rib fracture detection in clinical settings.

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Deep Learning-Based Automated Rib Fracture Detection from Chest X-Rays

Authors: Zhang, H., Liu, T., & Wang, Y. (2022)

This study introduces a deep learning-based detection system for identifying rib fractures in chest radiographs using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and U-Net segmentation models. The system is trained on a large-scale dataset of annotated X-ray images and achieves an 89.3% accuracy rate in detecting fractures. The integration of attention mechanisms helps highlight fracture regions, improving interpretability.

2. Multi-Scale Feature Fusion for Rib Fracture Detection in Radiology Images

Authors: Patel, R., Kumar, S., & Lee, H. (2023)

This research presents a multi-scale feature extraction technique for rib fracture detection using deep learning-based segmentation networks. The proposed system combines ResNet-50 with a transformer-based attention mechanism to improve the detection of subtle fractures and overlapping rib structures. The model achieves a 91.2% F1-score on a test dataset, outperforming traditional X-ray analysis.

3. Semi-Supervised Learning for Enhanced Rib Fracture Detection Using Limited Labeled Data

Authors: Chen, L., Verma, K., & Brown, T. (2021)

This paper explores a semi-supervised learning approach for rib fracture detection, leveraging limited labeled datasets to train a deep learning model with self-supervised contrastive learning. By utilizing unlabeled radiology images, the method significantly reduces annotation costs while maintaining an 87.6% detection accuracy. The study suggests that self-supervised learning techniques can enhance performance in medical image analysis.

4. Deep Omni-Supervised Learning Framework for Rib Fracture Localization

Authors: Singh, V., Prasad, K., & Thomas, B. (2023)

This study develops a Deep Omni-Supervised Learning (DOSL) model that integrates fully supervised, weakly supervised, and self-supervised learning techniques for rib fracture localization in chest radiology images. Using a hybrid ResNet-ViT architecture, the model achieves a 94.1% detection accuracy and can effectively distinguish between old and fresh fractures. The study highlights the potential of multi-modal learning frameworks for radiological diagnosis.

5. AI-Assisted Detection of Rib Fractures Using Deep Learning and Explainable AI

Authors: Gupta, A., Mehta, R., & Zhang, Y. (2022)

This research focuses on explainable deep learning methods for rib fracture detection to improve clinical acceptance and transparency in AI-based radiology tools. The system employs a Grad-CAM-based visualization to highlight detected fracture regions and assist radiologists in diagnosis. The proposed approach achieves an F1-score of 90.5% and reduces false positives through attention-guided learning techniques.

CONCLUSION

This study presents Deep Omni-Supervised Learning (DOSL) as an advanced deep learning framework for automated rib fracture detection from chest radiology images. By integrating supervised, semi-supervised, and self-supervised learning techniques, the proposed model effectively enhances feature extraction from labeled and unlabeled datasets, addressing key challenges

in medical image analysis.High detection accuracy, outperforming conventional CAD systems.Improved generalization across varied imaging conditions, reducing false positives and negatives.Reduced dependence on fully annotated datasets, accelerating AI-driven clinical adoption.While the model shows significant improvements in automated rib fracture detection, some challenges remain Integration with 3D medical imaging (CT scans) for better fracture localization.Deployment in real-time hospital settings with minimal computational overhead. Enhancing explainability and interpretability for clinical acceptance by radiologists.Future work will focus on multi-modal AI integration, 3D rib segmentation, and further optimization for real-time applications in healthcare. This research contributes to the advancement of radiology automation, improving diagnostic accuracy, reducing radiologists' workload, and enhancing patient care.

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