Coreset Based Medical Image Anomaly Detection and Segmentation

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Abstract: We address the problem of binary classification of medical images employing an anomaly detection approach that uses only normal images for training. We build our method on top of a state-of-the-art anomaly detection method for visual inspection of industrial natural images, PatchCore, tailored to our tasks. We deal with the distribution shift between natural and medical images either by fine-tuning a pre-trained encoder on a general medical image dataset with ten classes or by training the encoder directly on a set of discriminative medical tasks. We employ our method for binary classification and evaluate it on two datasets: lung cancer from CT scan images and brain tumor from MRI images showing competitive results when compared to the baselines. Conveniently, this approach is able to produce segmentation masks used for localizing the anomalous regions. Additionally, we show how transformer encoders are up to the task allowing for improved F1 and AUC metrics on the anomaly task, also producing a better segmentation.

1 INTRODUCTION

Robust and reliable medical image classification is crucial for assisting doctors in taking accurate decisions. For example, being able to spot early signs of a brain tumor in a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) can save the life of a patient by administering the needed treatment at the right time. Machine learning can empower doctors to perform accurate quick decisions under time constraints, as well as allow them to perform a timely accurate screening of multiple patients, attempting to alleviate some of the pressure on the healthcare system. The usual paradigm in medical image classification is to train a deep neural network (Lakhani, 2017; Talo et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2018; Lundervold and Lundervold, 2019) in a supervised way: the learner is exposed to training examples of both classes, normal and abnormal, with the desired goal of capturing patterns that can distinguish between them. However, the field of medical imaging is facing the severe problem of scarcity of abnormal data for many diseases (El Jiani et al., 2022). In these cases, the particular datasets are heavily imbalanced, with the number of normal training examples (coming from healthy patients) overwhelming the number of abnormal examples (coming from ill patients). A natural way to address the scarcity in the abnormal data is to rely exclusively on normal data at training time and then identifying the abnormal patterns as the ones that deviate from the normal distribution learned. In this paper we employ the method PatchCore (Roth et al., 2022), originally proposed in anomaly detection for visual inspection of industrial image data (Bergmann et al., 2021; Bergmann et al., 2019), and we explore its potential on medical images, which follow a completely different distribution and are usually more subject to domain shift. Accordingly, we explore several strategies to obtain good performances on our problem. Our framework is general, in the sense that it can be used for binary classification of medical images for different tasks based on the fact that the neural network used in our pipeline is familiar with respect to distribution of data, computed tomography (CT) scan images or MRI images of specific organs. The authors of (Xie and Richmond, 2019) show that a pre-trained model on ImageNet (Deng et al., 2009a) which is then fine-tuned on a medical image dataset is a standard approach to

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mitigate the constraints of limited-size medical image datasets. In our work, we employ a ResNet50 architecture (He et al., 2015), pre-trained on ImageNet (Deng et al., 2009b) grayscale dataset and fine-tuned to the Medical Segmentation Decathlon (Antonelli et al., 2022; Simpson et al., 2019) dataset. The Medical Segmentation Decathlon dataset contains a very diverse range of medical images types like MRI magnetic resonance imaging, mp-MRI multiparametricmagnetic and CT computed tomography for ten different classes. This makes it suitable for using it to train our ResNet50 architecture to shift the distribution of features from natural images (learned from ImageNet) to medical images (learned from Medical Segmentation Decathlon). Recently, Visual Transformers gained success in the medical domain, they have been employed both in classification and regression tasks (Yang et al., 2023), and in self-supervised approaches (Xie et al., 2023) employing a MAE autoencoder, combining representation learning and clustering. We will also explore the expressivity of a transformer backbone in comparison with our convolutional baseline. We use the adapted PatchCore method in two tasks, for classifying CT scan images with lung from the IQ-OTH/NCCD Lung cancer dataset (F. Al-Yasriy et al., 2020; Al-Huseiny et al., 2021; Hamdalla and Muayed, 2023) and MRI images with brain from the REMBRANDT dataset (K. et al., 2013; L. et al., 2019). In summary we make the following contributions: (i) we explore the potential of PatchCore on the binary image classification of medical images for different tasks, by employing different strategies to adapt the backbones to the medical domain; (ii) we provide extensive experiments on two datasets containing CT images with lung and MRI images with brain validating our approach; (iii) we compare the performances of transformer vs convolutional encoders.

2 DATASETS

Medical professionals need to combine the information from several data sources, to both enhance their diagnostic accuracy and make more informed decisions. Analogously, to train and evaluate our proposed method we use data from multiple heterogeneous datasets:

 Medical Segmentation Decathlon (Antonelli et al., 2022; Simpson et al., 2019): dataset of several anatomies of interest, collected using modalities from different institutions. All images passed through a reviewing process according to certain board policies to ensure their quality. The authors uniformed the data by saving them in the same format, Neuroimaging Informatics Technology Initiative - NIfTI. The dataset contains ten anatomies (brain, heart, liver, hippocampus, prostate, lung, pancreas, hepatic vessel, spleen and colon), in total 2.633 three-dimensional images, collected using two modalities (Magnetic Resonance Imaging MRI and Computed Tomography CT).

- IQ-OTH/NCCD Lung cancer (F. Al-Yasriy et al., 2020; Al-Huseiny et al., 2021; Hamdalla and Muayed, 2023): dataset of lung cancer images. It includes data of patients diagnosed with lung cancer and as well as healthy patients. The dataset contains 1097 images representing CT scan slices of 110 patients grouped into three classes: normal (55 cases), benign (15 cases), and malignant (40 cases).
- 3. REMBRANDT (K. et al., 2013; L. et al., 2019): dataset of pre-surgical magnetic resonance (MR) multi-sequence images collected from 130 patients (created to augment the larger REMBRANDT project). To enhance the existing dataset, the authors of (Sayah et al., 2022), performed volumetric segmentation of detect subregions of the brain images, providing a dataset of segmentation labels for 65 patients of the REMBRANDT brain cancer MRI image collection. The dataset contains MRI images taken from different modalities, T1-weighted, T2-weighted, post-contrast T1-weighted, and T2 Fluid-Attenuated Inversion Recovery, each of them having different contrast and brightness levels.
- 4. MedMNIST (Yang et al., 2021; Yang et al., 2023): dataset of 12 pre-processed 2D and 6 preprocessed 3D datasets from a variety of medical imaging modalities, such as X-Ray, OCT, Ultrasound, CT, Electron Microscope. These datasets are designed for a range of classification tasks such as binary/multi-class, ordinal regression and multi-label.

3 RELATED WORK

Anomaly detection is defined as the task of recognizing and localizing abnormal patterns which deviate from the normal data. It has been applied successfully in tasks related to anomaly detection in natural images such as video anomaly detection (Lu et al., 2013; Zhao et al., 2011; Ionescu et al., 2019), pixellevel anomaly detection in complex driving scenes (Di Biase et al., 2021), image-level anomaly detection for visual inspection of industrial data (Roth et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2023). The task seems harder to solve in medical images (Shvetsova et al., 2021), as here the pattern anomalies seems to resemble the normal data, which is not the case in natural images. Recent related studies (Shvetsova et al., 2021; Siddalingappa and Kanagaraj, 2021; Tschuchnig and Gadermayr, 2022; Abunajm et al., 2023) showed the effectiveness of classical autoencoders, convolutional neural networks, and generative adversarial networks in analysing complex medical images. In anomaly detection, the fundamental role of an encoder is to map the input in a space (usually assumed Euclidean) where we can measure the content dissimilarity between the input and the output images (Baur et al., 2019). Large differences resulting in high reconstruction error localize the anomalous regions. Other methods improve on these paradigms by considering also non Euclidean distances in the latent space (Albu et al., 2020). Additionally, we can identify two major directions that emerged lately in the anomaly detection research: (1) using a backbone to encode features and detect anomalous regions based on large distances (Roth et al., 2022); (2) using a teacher-student distillation framework (Bergmann et al., 2020; Rudolph et al., 2023; Batzner et al., 2023) where the student networks are trained on normal images to imitate the output of the teacher. The intuition is that the behaviour of a student will be different on anomalous images, that have not been seen as training time. In this paper we focus on the first direction exploring the flexibility of a single pretrained backbone on different medical domains.

4 METHOD

4.1 PatchCore

We build our method on top of PatchCore (Roth et al., 2022), an anomaly detection method used for visual inspection of industrial image data (Bergmann et al., 2021; Bergmann et al., 2019). The main challenge solved by the authors of (Roth et al., 2022) is to fit a model using only normal example images (without anomalies) and to create systems that work well on several different object classes with minimal retraining needed. PatchCore uses a maximally representative memory bank of patch-features that are extracted from the normal examples. The method contains three main components: (1) extraction and aggregation of features into a memory bank; (2) reduction of memory bank; (3) detection and localization

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of the possible anomalies. In (1), the method uses a network ϕ that is pre-trained on ImageNet (Deng et al., 2009b) dataset to extract the patch-features. For classification of medical images in the form of MRIs or CTs, the data distribution follows a completely different distribution with respect to the distribution of data in ImageNet. Consequently, our network ϕ should be pre-trained accordingly. The authors of (Xie and Richmond, 2019) show that a pretrained model on ImageNet and fine-tuned on a medical dataset is a standard approach to mitigate the constraints of limited-size medical datasets. Our encoder is represented by a ResNet50 architecture (He et al., 2015), a 50-layer convolutional neural network, pretrained on ImageNet (Deng et al., 2009b) grayscale dataset and fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon (Antonelli et al., 2022; Simpson et al., 2019) dataset (process presented on top of the Figure 1). Additionally we will investigate also encoders pretrained directly on medical classification tasks, and we will explore the impact of different architectures as Visual Transformers in the creation of the patches. In (2), Coreset selection algorithm is used to compute a reduced memory bank of patch-features, maintaining the same performance, while decreasing the inference time and the required storage. During this process, to decrease the selection time, the dimensionality of the features is reduced through random linear projections. The Coreset method uses a parameter n that denotes the percentage of features subsampled from the original memory bank. For example, n = 1% means that the memory bank is reduced $100 \times$ times. In our experiments, we analyze the impact of different values of *n* on the performance and inference time of the method. An overview of the pipeline is depicted in Figure 1.

5 EXPERIMENTAL EVALUATION

5.1 Evaluation Measures

Being anomaly detection an imbalanced problem by definition, we will use the Area Under the Receiver Operator Curve (AUROC) to measure the performance. Analogously, we compute F1 score (balances precision and recall to evaluate the performance), Precision (accuracy of positive predictions), Recall (ability to identify positive instances), Specificity (ability to identify negative instances), and Accuracy (overall correctness in classification). Metrics will either be evaluated for the instance classification problem (correctness in the classification of an image as being normal or abnormal), and pixel-wise (correctness in the VISAPP 2024 - 19th International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications



Figure 1: Pipeline overview.

classification of a pixel as being normal or abnormal) giving a measure of the segmentation quality.

5.2 Pre-Trained Encoder

As initial baseline, we leverage a ResNet50 architecture, initially pre-trained on the ImageNet grayscale dataset and subsequently fine-tuned on the Medical Segmentation Decathlon dataset, conceptually similar to (Xie and Richmond, 2019). To achieve this, we start by loading the pre-trained ResNet50 architecture on the ImageNet grayscale dataset. We replace the output layer that was originally designed for 1000 classes (of ImageNet), with a new output layer for 10 classes (of Medical Segmentation Decathlon). The model is fine-tuned in an end-to-end procedure on the Medical Segmentation Decathlon dataset, using the initial weights of the pre-trained ResNet50 model. We train with learning rates (0.01, 0.001), both with a decay factor of 10 every 20 epochs, keeping all the other hyperparameters similar to the original training

ter 125 epochs, using a learning rate of 0.01, when training all parameters from all layers of the network. This achieves an accuracy of 96.70% in classifying the 10 classes, much higher than the 80.65% of the initial ResNet50 architecture pre-trained on the ImageNet grayscale dataset and fine-tuned in the last classification layer. We call this fine-tuned network RN50msd. In Figure 2 we visualize the differences between the output of the two encoders. We show the anomaly heat maps computed for two samples from the IQ-OTH/NCCD lung cancer dataset (columns ac) and two samples from the REMBRANDT brain tumor dataset (columns d-g) using the ResNet50 pretrained on ImageNet grayscale and the ResNet50 finetuned in end-to-end manner on Medical Segmentation Decathlon.

of the ResNet50. We obtain the best performance af-



Figure 2: Qualitative results of the pre-trained encoders: (a) two CT abnormal images from the lung cancer dataset; (b) corresponding output of our ResNet50 model fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon dataset; (c) corresponding output of the initial ResNet50 model pre-trained on ImageNet grayscale; (d) two MRI abnormal images from the brain tumor dataset; (e) corresponding ground-truth segmentations masks; (f) corresponding output of our ResNet50 model fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon dataset; (g) corresponding output of the initial ResNet50 model fine-tuned on ImageNet grayscale.

Table 1: Quantitative results for the task of lung cancer classification, for RN50msd (using different values for the parameter n) and comparing with (Abunajm et al., 2023).

 n%	Enc	AUC↑	F1↑	Prec↑	Rec↑	Spec↑	Acc↑
1%	our	96.54	97.80	98.85	96.78	89.80	96.24
10%	our	96.69	97.63	99.01	96.30	92.88	95.97
25%	our	96.69	97.63	99.17	96.14	94.90	95.97
 -	CNN	-	94.16	91.66	96.80	94.09	95.18

5.3 Experiments on the Lung Cancer Dataset

We evaluate our method on the IQ-OTH/NCCD lung cancer dataset using the protocol of (Abunajm et al., 2023).

Evaluation Protocol. We split the entire set into three sets, retaining 70% of all data in the training set, 15% in validation set, and 15% in testing set, with all images being resized to 512×512 pixels. We compare our model to the approach implemented by (Abunajm et al., 2023). In order to make a fair comparison to the work of (Abunajm et al., 2023), we implemented the CNN architecture presented by them, and trained it and tested it in our scenario, using our split. The advantage of using PatchCore as a building block in our method is that the training set can be formed exclusively of normal data, and only the validation and testing set is made of normal and abnormal data. Consequently, our proposed method uses less data for training than the previous methods.

Reducing the Memory Bank. The Coreset procedure from PatchCore method uses a parameter n used to reduce the memory bank. In Table 1, we compare the performances of our method using different values for n. **Optimal Threshold for Classification.** We consider the optimal threshold to classify an image as being normal or abnormal as the threshold that maximizes the F1-score.

Performance of Our Method. We consider our best model the one that achieves the best performance on the validation set. In our experiments, this corresponds to the choice of hyperparameter n = 25%. For completeness, we show in Table 1 the performance of our model on the test set also for values n = 1% and n = 10%.

Comparison to (Abunajm et al., 2023). We compare our model with n = 25% (row 3) to the CNN-architecture of (Abunajm et al., 2023) (row 4) in Table 1. The experimental results from Table 1 show our method to outperform the method of (Abunajm et al., 2023) in terms of F1-score, precision, specificity and accuracy while in terms of recall our method is less than 1% off. It is worth noticing that our method is not requiring abnormal labels, while (Abunajm et al., 2023) is fully supervised.

Inference Times. An important aspect is the inference time of our method applied on images of the IQ-OTH/NCCD lung cancer dataset. All experiments in this paper were conducted on one Nvidia RTX 3090-24GB and Intel Core i9-10940X CPU-3.30GHz processor. We report details in Table 2, the inference times is increasing with the value of n, the parameter that denotes the percentage of features subsampled from the original memory bank of features.

Table 2: Inference times for RN50msd applied on the task of lung cancer classification.

n%	Sec/img
1%	0.1443
10%	0.1689
25%	0.2233



Figure 3: Qualitative results by using RN50msd encoder. (a): input images from the lung cancer dataset: normal images (top) and abnormal images (bottom); (b) output of our method in the form of segmentation maps; (c) input images from the brain tumor dataset: normal images (top) and abnormal images (bottom); (d) ground-truth binary masks; (e) output of our method in the form of segmentation maps.

K-fold Cross Validation. To better estimate the overall performance of our model in different scenarios, we employ K Fold Cross-Validation (Kohavi, 2001) technique, by splitting the data randomly in K=5 folds. In Table 3, we can observe robust consistency of K Fold Cross Validation by obtaining homogeneous results across all the 5 folds.

Table 3: Performance of RN50msd applied on the task of lung cancer classification (using K Fold Cross-Validation, with K = 5).

n%	AUC↑	F1↑	Prec↑	Rec↑	Spec ↑	Acc↑
25%	96.77	96.25	96.15	96.37	94.38	95.55
	±0.22	±1.20	±1.73	±1.82	±1.25	±1.12

Qualitative Results. Figure 3 illustrates in columns (a) and (b) the behaviour of our method for two normal and two abnormal samples from the lung cancer dataset. Our method is able to correctly classify the images as being normal or abnormal using the anomaly scores at image-level which are correlated to the pixel-wise scores visualized as segmentation maps in Figure 3.

5.4 Experiments on the Brain Tumor Dataset

The enhanced REMBRANDT dataset (Sayah et al., 2022) contains for each of the 65 patients a number

of 155 slices (normal or abnormal) of size 240×240 pixels.

Evaluation Protocol. We split the initial dataset into two subsets: a training set containing data for 55 patients and a testing set containing data for 10 patients. Following our preliminary data analysis, on average, if a patient has a tumor, it becomes apparent starting at slice 50, gradually increasing and then decreasing, ceasing to be discernible starting at slice 113. Additionally, the first and the last slices contain data that are not aligned and the differences in the skull structure of each patient might mislead PatchCore to classify the test features as false positive anomalies. For these reasons, we aim to train our model only on the aligned images that ideally do not contain information of the skull structure. In order to achieve this, we take a subset of 30 patients and create a dataset consisting of two distinct classes: inlier slices and outlier slices. We form the outlier class of images by selecting the initial 31 slices and the final 31 slices from each patient. The remaining slices, from slice 32 to slice 124, make up the inlier class of images. We train a binary classifier, based on a Convolutional Neural Network (LeCun et al., 2015; Schmidhuber, 2015), designed to classify outlier slices and inlier slices. To ensure a robust training of the model, we implement both a learning rate scheduler and early stopping procedures. After 110 epochs, the model demonstrated good performances, achieving accuracies of 97.64% on the training set (70% of the data), 97.55% on the validation set (15%of the data), and 96.83% on the test set (15% of the data). The whole pipeline is presented in Figure Furthermore, after creating a robust inlier vs 4. outlier classifier, we extract all the slices from the 55 patients in the training set and we select from them only the inlier normal images to construct the training set for our method. At inference time, we take all the slices, whether they are normal or abnormal, from the testing set of 10 patients, we pass them through the binary classifier. We select only the inlier images to generate the testing set for our method. After data preparation, we employ the same series of experiments as per the lung cancer dataset, by using the encoder fine-tuned on the Medical Segmentation decathlon dataset.

Performance of Our Method. Similarly as before, with the lung cancer dataset, for n = 25% we obtain the best performances. For completeness, we show in Table 4 the performance of the model on the test set also for values n = 1% and n = 10%. Additionally, give that for this dataset we have ground-truth segmentation masks, we compute the full-pixel AUROC (76.3%) and anomaly-pixel AUROC (75.9%).



Figure 4: Inlier vs outlier classifier.

Comparison to Other Baselines. To the best of our knowledge, there are no existing benchmarks for this particular dataset. To compare the performance of our method, we employ the architecture presented by (Abunajm et al., 2023) in their work, trained and tested it on our data. Table 4 outlines the comparison between the results of the two methods. Our method reaches a higher performance in terms of Precision and Recall, thus having a higher F1- score but is unable to detect better the anomalous cases thus having a smaller specificity and accuracy performance wrt the considered baseline.

Inference Times. Table 5 lists the inference time of our method applied on the enhanced REMBRANDT dataset. As the image resolutions are smaller, these times are smaller when compared to the ones from the lung cancer dataset.

Different MRI Modalities and K-fold Cross Validation. MRI images can be obtained using different modalities, each of them having different contrast and brightness levels. Table 6 outlines a comparison of the outcomes between the results on two different modalities in K-fold cross validation setup with K = 5. We can observe that the specificity for the T2 weighted modality is significantly lower than for the T2 Fluid-Attenuated Inversion Recovery modality, while the other metrics demonstrate similar performances. According to our analysis, this occurs because certain Table 4: RN50msd on the task of brain tumor classification, using different values for the parameter n, on the FLAIR MRI modality.

n%	Enc	AUC↑	F 1↑	Prec↑	Rec↑	Spec↑	Acc↑
1%	our	93.49	94.65	99.40	90.33	85.00	90.14
10%	our	98.42	97.98	99.59	96.41	89.00	96.16
25%	our	98.20	98.05	99.78	96.38	94.00	96.30
	CNN	-	93.76	95.36	92.22	98.15	96.42

Table 5: Inference times for RN50msd applied on the task of brain tumor classification.

n%	Sec/img
1%	0.0265
10%	0.0283
25%	0.0329

MRI modalities contain more comprehensive information regarding brain tumors compared to others. **Qualitative Results.** Figure 3 illustrates the behaviour of our method in columns (c) - (e) for two normal and two abnormal samples from the brain tumor dataset. Our method is able to correctly clas-

Table 6: RN50msd applied on the task of brain tumor classification, using K Fold Cross-Validation, with k = 5, on the T2 and FLAIR MRI modalities.

n%	AUC↑	F1↑	Prec↑	Rec↑	Spec ↑	Acc↑
25%	96.09	95.83	96.52	95.17	85.80	93.35
T2	±0.75	±0.80	±0.08	±1.59	±0.45	±1.23
25%	98.06	95.96	98.93	93.19	95.80	93.70
FLAIR	±0.48	±0.99	±0.26	±2.08	±1.10	±1.48

sify the images as being normal or abnormal using the anomaly scores at image-level which are correlated to the pixel-wise scores visualized as segmentation maps in Figure 3. In addition, we also show the ground-truth binary segmentation masks localizing the anomalous regions.

5.5 Visual Transformer Backbone

We present additional experiments comparing the performances of the ResNet50 encoder with a Visual Transformer (Dosovitskiy et al., 2021) encoder. In particular, we use the MedViT transformer (Manzari et al., 2023) which is initially pre-trained on the MedMNIST dataset. For a proper comparison between the two encoders, we also trained a ResNet50 architecture on the MedMNIST dataset. When using the two encoders in our pipeline we take features at specific network level, for example stages 2 and 3 for both architectures. Both models were trained with input size 224×224 , and the same hyperparameters (learning rate, number of epochs, optimizer). The MedViT model was trained using the same hyperparameters from the original paper. We compare four encoders: (1) ResNet50 trained on MedMNIST (RN50_{MedMN}); (2) ResNet50 trained on MedMNIST and fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon $(RN50_{MSDec})$; (3) the original MedViT trained on MedMNIST (MedViT_{MedMN}); (4) MedViT trained on MedMNIST and fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon (MedViT_{MSDec}). Table 7 shows the comparison of these four encoders when included in our method on the two datasets: the IO-OTH/NCCD lung cancer dataset (first four rows) and REMBRANDT brain tumor dataset (last four rows). Overall, our method equipped with features from the ResNet50 encoder trained on MedMNIST and fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon performs slightly better on both datasets in terms of precision and specificity. On the other hand, on F1 score and AUC, typically employed for imbalanced classification tasks, our method equipped with features from the Med-ViT encoder achieves better results, also exhibiting large gains wrt recall. Different variants of the Med-

Enc	AUC↑	F1↑	Prec↑	Rec↑	Spec↑	Acc↑
$RN50_{MedMN}$	97.56	97.72	98.69	96.78	91.84	96.11
RN50 _{MSDec}	97.31	96.78	99.16	94.52	94.90	94.58
$MedViT_{MedMN}$	98.30	98.30	98.70	97.91	91.84	97.08
$MedViT_{MSDec}$	98.30	98.46	98.86	98.07	92.86	97.36
RN50 _{MedMN}	98.33	96.30	99.88	92.97	97.00	93.11
$RN50_{MSDec}$	98.69	95.22	99.98	90.87	99.98	91.19
$MedViT_{MedMN}$	98.85	98.59	99.81	97.39	95.00	97.31
$MedViT_{MSDec}$	97.34	97.87	99.92	95.91	98.00	95.98

Table 7: Comparison of our method applied on the task of

lung cancer (first four rows) and brain tumor classification (last four rows), using different encoders as feature extrac-

tors, and n = 25%.

ViT encoder perform better on the two dataset, with the MedViT encoder trained on MedMNIST and finetuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon performing better on the lung cancer dataset while the original MedViT trained on MedMNIST performs better on the brain tumor dataset. For the Brain tumor dataset, we can also compare the segmentation masks obtained by our method with the ground truth, obtaining 78.20 AUC for $RN50_{MSDec}$ and 79.39 AUC for $MedViT_{MedMN}$. This shows how MedViT is additionally allowing for an improved anomaly segmentation.

6 CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper we addressed the problem of binary classification of medical images employing an anomaly detection approach that uses only normal images for training. We employ different strategies to adapt the encoder features to the medical domain, using a ResNet50 model pre-trained on ImageNet grayscale and fine-tuned on Medical Segmentation Decathlon achieves higher accuracy than the initial pre-trained model. We find out that MedViT is also very effective as encoder for Patchcore, achieving a better F1 and AUC score overall with respect to ResNet50.

Both Brain MRI and Lung CT data are originally 3D in nature, so analyzing 3D volumes instead of 2D images holds the promise of better capturing the correlations in data and providing a more reliable feature extraction. Explore the tridimensional spatial locality will be object of future work.

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