Retinal Disease Classification in Medical Imaging using Quantum Computing Techniques

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Abstract-

This research examines the creation of a hybrid quantum/classical deep learning model for retinal disease classification of diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and cataracts, as well as normal retinal images. Classical machine learning and medical imaging systems can have difficulties with a level of complexity and subtlety concerning retinal features, which can limit diagnostic accuracy and generalization. To overcome this limitation, this study uses the power of quantum machine learning through a parameterized quantum circuit embedded in classical convolutional neural network (CNN) using PennyLane.

The proposed architecture consists of a four-qubit quantum circuit as a mid-level feature extraction layer in our functionality, where the system can use entanglement and superposition to process the input data in higher-dimensional Hilbert space. The quantum layer and classical comparisons were end-to-end trained with a dataset of approximately 5000 retinal images formatted in an ImageFolder-like structure. The complete architecture was trained and tested in PyTorch on a GPU readied Google Colab environment for processing efficiencies and scalability.

By merging the pattern recognition abilities of CNNs with the expressive power of quantum circuits, this hybrid approach can leverage improved classification accuracy and as well as improved feature extraction from high-dimensional image data. The findings of this research should demonstrate the feasibility and benefits of quantum-enhanced learning models applied to medical imaging, paving a new pathway towards accurate and scalable diagnostics for ophthalmology and beyond.

Keywords: Quantum Computing, Medical Image Classification, Retinal Disease Diagnosis, Quantum Classifier, Quantum Machine Learning.

1.Introduction-

Early and accurate classification of retinal diseases is important in the field of ophthalmology in order to facilitate diagnosis and treatment. Medical imaging has been instrumental in facilitating these diagnostic capabilities, however existing classical machine learning and image processing techniques typically have limitations regarding complex and non-linear patterns that are prevalent in retinal scans. Although standard convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are very useful for various visual tasks, they often have difficulty capturing more important depth and correlation in often smaller or heavily imbalanced datasets that are typical in the medical field.

In response to these challenges, the study suggests a quantum-classical hybrid architecture that has a quantum computational layer added to the model which would build the classification performance. Unlike classical machine learning, quantum machine learning (QML) can leverage quantum mechanical effects, such as superposition and entanglement, to allow the model to explore a much larger Hilbert space that will potentially be able to account for the complexity of the data that classical methods could not.

For our proposed architecture we use a CNN (Convolutional Neural Network) to downsample and extract features from retinal images to be input, including a quantum layer using PennyLane components (qnodes) in this single layer design. The proposed design is a 4-qubit circuit, that has an angle embedded and

entanglement layer, and then outputs a linear classifier. We trained and validated the model using a retinal image dataset hosted on Google Drive, and Google Colab to access the dataset and take advantage of any available GPU resources.

The study aims to demonstrate the application of quantum layers for a classical deep learning architectural framework. The result of this experiment not only provides evidence of improvements in classification performance but shows the feasibility of adopting quantum neural networks in medical imaging applications. This work enables quantum technologies and possible quantum technologies to be thinking about an actual health care environment - a potential health care setting - as well as paves the way for possible advances towards quantum enhanced, potential treatments.

2.Literature Survey

Jadhav, Rasool and Gyanchandani outlined the theoretical foundations of QML in quantum mechanics which theorize that quantum models can handle complex data more efficiently than classical models[1]. They reviewed how some quantum algorithms could be used to assist with classification and clustering and reviewed some quantum approaches in practice and that are being implemented. Although the authors were optimistic, they also discussed challenges to implement QML, such as hardware availability and accessibility to quantum computing sources, as well as quantum noise; all of which can lead to unreliable results. Ultimately, the authors endorsed hybrid quantum-classical models as a scalable quantum computing approach to ML.

In the case of retinal image classification, El-Hag et al., introduced a deep learning framework with Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to assist in diagnostic detection of retinal diseases[2]. The deep learning framework examined the inefficiencies of traditional (or non-automated) diagnosis of retinal disease based on the often, informal, manual examination process of medical doctors and ophthalmologists. The authors demonstrated improvements in classification accuracy by merging preprocessing and CNN based architecture class with many of high classification accuracy. In the negotiations of additional steps to facilitate clinical integration, multimodal datasets were suggested. The authors also acknowledged the need for interpretability in a non-automated diagnostic system so it may support a clinical process in day-to-day practice of ophthalmology.

Chakraborty, Mandal and Shaikh explored Quantum Image Processing (QIP) and its possible applications in reducing storage costs and improving information retrieval speeds[3]. Given that images can be represented as quantum states, accessibility can improve, and data compression can occur. The authors explored an abstract representation and operational representation and engaged with relevant topics, especially in the context of health imaging and imaging diagnostic functions. The authors identified questions of how can we go about quantum image compression, and noise removal. They also acknowledged the levels of difficulty posed by current technologies when thinking ahead to the realization of these questions.

Kale et al. recognized that quantum algorithms may be able to satisfy some more complex optimization problems in places where classical methods may not be as effective[4]. The authors referred to the variations in quantum processes, including the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA), variational quantum circuits, quantum annealing, as ways of being able to hypothetically approach these types of problem spaces, which included a variety of professional domains, including health care and finance. Accordingly, the author suggests that hybrid quantum-classical optimization systems for these types of problem spaces in the near-future is possible with advancements in technology and continued hardware capabilities.

In their comparison of classical convolutional neural networks (CNN) to quantum convolutional neural networks (QCNN), Ren indicated that QCNN for high-dimensional data from images was better classified classically and had less computational cost[5]. While this is interesting research, he noted that this study was limited hardware depending in some context. Although Ren pointed out some conceptual advantages of QCNN's over classical methods, the everyday problems of Scalability and the ability to hybridize quantum and classical methods using quantum hardware was a major limitation to use cases.

Raj and Vaithiyashankar examined QML which included quantum neural networks performance on image classification tasks[6]. Their study indicated quantum models require less computational resources and time to train relative to classical models and demonstrated no loss of classification accuracy. They also demonstrated that hybrid quantum-classical systems, shown to translate to cognitive tasks in lower computational cost problem domain such as medical diagnostics or autonomous systems, exhibited the most substantial advantages of QML.

Nawaz et al. (2022) applied a deep learning architecture that utilized Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and U-Net for segmentation purposes, and Support Vector Machines (SVM) for classification purposes, to mitigate memory usage in retinal disease diagnostic applications[7]. State-of-the-art computer aided detection (CAD) systems are no-where near as sophisticated, involve the variability of interhuman diagnoses, and if anything are akin to the NASA-levels of memory computing needs. Nawaz et al. (2022) achieved accuracy of 89.3% on retinal fundal images with their models, as well as memory savings, but proposed quantum computing to manage memory consumption and assist with the multi-label classification aspects.

Hong et al. (2022) utilized CNN models, with tuberculosis as the disease of interest, and were interested in diseases affecting lung function, using multi-class classifications[8]. They were able to use EfficientNet out of the models available, and added a pre-processing step with centre cropping. Their pre-processing and model choice helped their models achieve accuracy reliabilities higher than 96%. They also mentioned real world application, and noted issues with computation, and provided suggestions for changing their models for other pulmonary diseases. They recommended using hybrid quantum A-classical CNNs to improve their models classifications accuracy and to negotiate speed of clinical application.

Ráduly et al. investigated the use of various deep learning architectures in fine-grained image classification[9]. To demonstrate the concept of fine-grained image classification, the authors of focused specifically on the identification of dog breeds. The authors proposed that the image classifier could be extended to other applications in domains such as medical diagnostics and agriculture, since the differences between classes of image are small yet relevant to a given classification task (e.g. medical images with small differences have a big impact on outcomes). Ráduly et al. wrote that quantum-enhanced models might improve accuracy and speed for such tasks.

In another paper, Patel and Thakkar also took on the challenge of Handwritten Character Recognition (HCR) for the English language[10]. Because of the natural differences in both styles of writing and individual hand writing, HCR is a complex task. The authors of the second paper of our review, Patel and Thakkar, evaluated a variety of preprocessing and segmentation methods while considering supervised and unsupervised models. Patel and Thakkar emphasized the need for more sophisticated feature extraction, and wrote about the prospect of using hybrid quantum-classical models to achieve better and faster character recognition.

Rabby and Berka provided a significant exploration of the classifying biomedical knowledge, especially due to their exploration of the COVID-19 literature explosion when using TF-IDF and Random Forest, allowing them to outperform several contemporary models (for example, BERT) in certain instances[11]. They suggested notions of hybrid CNN and considering quantum models for treating high-dimensional data and contributed positive recommendations for important concerns in medical imaging.

Ahmed used machine learning schemes to classify unstructured online news articles, and highlighted SVM and strong feature engineering performed better than Bayesian models[12]. While there was a strong focus on applying classical models, there was a suggestion of more possibilities when using deep learning and quantum computing, especially for text classification at scale.

Rajesh et al. used quantum convolutional neural networks (QCNNs) for improvement in image processing when used with deep learning models in computer vision[13]. The authors indicated QCNNs have degradation in computational time and in image as a feature extraction when compared to the best aflsted, and stated the future is in hybrid attention-based models, for performing quantum and classical functions in medical imaging.

Choi, and Kim reviewed a tutorial of QCNNs and implementations from spam filtering and medical imaging[14]. They indicated the benefits of variational quantum circuits and hybrids in terms of scalability and classification accuracies. They also demonstrated that more diagnostic tasks are performed with quantum feature selection with deep learning.

Ahmed, Tantawia, and Sayed described their framework used quantum-inspired CNN with multi-class biomedical image classifications[15]. They assessed the feature extraction optimization, and validation of several convolutional designs on the different datasets. Their results indicated that deep learning with quantum-inspired benefits out performed classical on some metrics accuracy and computational efficiency, specifically in more complex diagnostic tasks.

3. Dataset

The dataset for this project is comprised of labeled retinal fundus images of four classes:
- Normal Eye
- Cataract
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Glaucoma
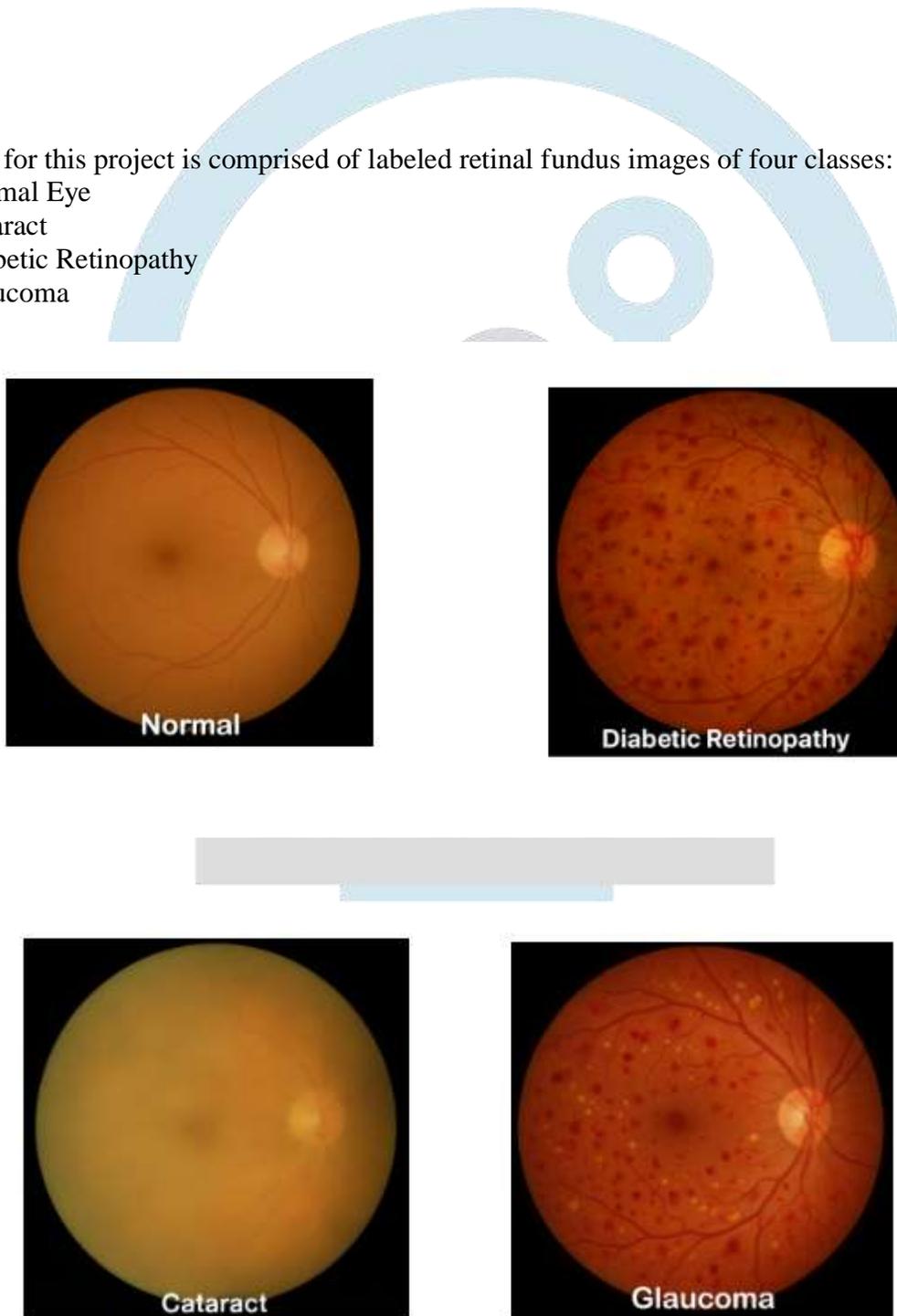
Key Characteristics:

Image Format: High-quality color fundus images in .jpg or .png formats are included in the dataset.
Class Labels: Images are labeled clearly as per the disease they denote, something crucial for supervised learning.
Variety in Image Conditions: The images in the dataset vary in brightness, focus, and angle to mimic real-world diagnostic settings.
Preprocessing: All images are preprocessed with standard preprocessing—resizing, normalization, and data augmentation (rotation, flipping)—prior to being fed into the hybrid model in order to create uniformity and enhance training performance.

4.Algorithm

**Hybrid Classical-Quantum Model for Image Classification :**

This project uses a Hybrid Classical-Quantum Neural Network (QCNN) to classify retinal images. To provide a hybrid structure, we leverage classical Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to perform feature extraction and quantum computation to model complex and non-linear relationships with respect to the input data.
A hybrid quantum-classical neural network integrates classical and quantum computations within a single learning framework. In this model:
- The classical component (CNN) extracts spatial features from input images;
- The quantum component uses a parameterized circuit to process these features in an alternative state space providing potentially greater expressivity and richer transformations.

This enables near-term quantum devices to be employed in meaningful machine learning tasks, particularly in dealing with complex patterns where classical models struggle.

5.Architecture

Hybrid Quantum-Classical Model for Retinal Image Classification
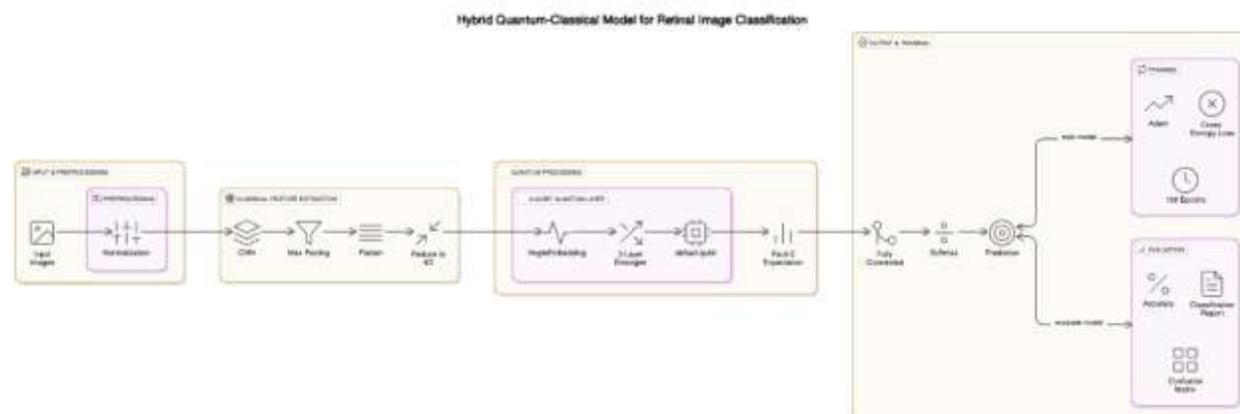
6.Proposed work and methodology

This work outlined the development of a hybrid quantum-classical deep learning model to classify retinal images to enable early detection of retinal diseases. The model's hybrid form integrates the feature learning capabilities of classical convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with quantum neural networks' capacity to express features and patterns. The Quantum Neural Network (QNN) was situated within the practical path of the classical CNN to reinforce the model's ability to learn the complex patterns in the data. In the proposed work, the model was refined through quantum processes using a variational quantum circuit, thereby contributing to the consideration of how quantum computing may enhance tasks related to and applications in medical image classification, particularly when the classical computing models' ability to leverage and analyze the validation dataset is restricted to physically small datasets or when features inherent to the images are unique.

This project's approach is to develop a hybrid network architecture which combines classical convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and a quantum neural network layer, using PyTorch and PennyLane. For this project, features are extracted using CNNs with standard convolutional and pooling functions, to extract all visual features of retinal images. The quantum layer is subsequently added to the architecture using PennyLane's qml.qnn.TorchLayer, which directly communicates with PyTorch. The quantum circuit will reference AngleEmbedding to embed classical features into quantum states, with BasicEntanglerLayers to add possible entanglement and quantum non-linearity. The hybrid model was trained using cross-entropy loss and the adam optimiser. Training was 150 epochs. The entire training and evaluation process was conducted on Google Colab, and all code leverages GPU power to run faster. In this case, a custom dataset of retinal images was stored in Google Drive and used for the project, therefore, all images were loaded using torchvision.datasets.ImageFolder, with standard resizing and process to tensor in the pipeline.

7. Challenges

1. Classical Deep Learning Models Have Very High Computational Needs: Conventional convolutional neural networks (CNN) in the realm of medical image interpretation have big computational requirements like GPUs and large memory configurations. In the real-world resources such as these and especially in developing countries, become limiting factors in accessing and creating innovation. For your own project long training times and lack of free GPU access have become factors affecting efficiency.

2. Variational Quantum Circuits (VQC) Optimization Challenges: Variational quantum circuits are utilized as part of hybrid quantum-classical models, and they suffer many problems like barren plateaus, loss of gradients, and unstable pattern of training. These problems become severe whenever the modelling is a longer epoch or is being modeled with deeper circuits, directly affecting the performance of the model.

3. Constraints of Current Quantum Hardware: While your implementation of the simulation used quantum simulators, the constraints of current quantum hardware consist of limited qubits, a high error rate, and short coherence times. Thus far, hardware limitations have prevented us from considering deployment of the approach for a larger scale of a medical task; simulation is the only (although the slowest) option for the time being.

4. Limited Access to Multi-Class Annotated Datasets: The quantity of high-quality, multiclass labelled retinal disease datasets is finite. Most widely used datasets are binary or lack sufficient quantity within each class, creating an imbalance across classes and hinders generalizability of the model.

5. The Challenge of Encoding Medical Images into Quantum Circuits: Medical images can be complex, high dimensional, and contain a lot of information. The key challenge is accurately encoding this data into quantum states without losing important features relevant to medical diagnosis, and this remains unsolved thereby limiting the potential usefulness of quantum models in imaging.

6. Lack of Explainability in an AI-based Diagnostic System: Many AI-based diagnostic systems achieve a high degree of accuracy but offer little or no explainability whatsoever. Medical professionals cannot accept a diagnosis without understanding what led to it being the diagnosis and without the ability to seek transparency if needed to instill confidence in their diagnostic processes and actions.

7. Absence of Standards for Hybrid Quantum-Classical Models: There is no standard assessment metric that can measure precisely how much performance is enhanced by quantum layers in an architecture that is hybrid. The lack of benchmark metrics does not allow for comparisons or justification, in the literature, of hybrid model over classical.

8. Developments in Quantum Machine Learning in Ophthalmology: Quantum machine learning continues to be a developing discipline, especially as it relates to ophthalmology. Current studies are largely experimental and fractionally binary classification. In fact, there is a large amount of research to be done in extending QML to routine, multiclass medical problems.

8. Implementation and Results

The hybrid classical-quantum image classifier model was built in Google Collab with GPU support, using python, PyTorch and PennyLane. The purpose of the model was to combine classical convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with quantum circuits to exploit the benefits of quantum entanglement and quantum parallelism to improve on performances.

The procedure has been implemented as follows:

1. Data Acquisition and Preprocessing :

Data Preparation and Collection The dataset employed in this project consists of high-resolution fundus retinal images of various retinal diseases like normal eyes and pathology like Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, and Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD). The dataset is gathered from publicly available content and well-organized so that it offers diversity among disease classes. 39 Each image is subjected to a preprocessing pipeline employing Python libraries like OpenCV and PIL. Preprocessing involves resizing images, normalization of data, and contrast adjustment to emphasize major retinal features such as the optic disc, vessels, and lesions. Images are converted to grayscale form when necessary to reduce dimensionality and then resized to a standard input size suitable for the CNN architecture. Data augmentation methods are used to improve strength and avoid overfitting. These encompass rotation, horizontal/vertical flip, brightness/contrast adjustments, and zooming to simulate changes that normally occur in actual clinical scenarios.

2. Feature Extraction and Hybrid Model Architecture

- CNN-Based Feature Extraction :

   A Convolution Neural Network (CNN) is employed for spatial feature extraction from retinal images. The CNN model consists of several convolutional and pooling layers together with a flattening layer for transforming image features into a 1D vector. The layers extract edges, textures, patterns, and local structures related to various retinal diseases.

- Quantum Layer Integration with VQC :

   In order to improve the classification accuracy, a Variational Quantum Circuit (VQC) is appended following the feature extracting layers of the CNN. The VQC serves as a quantum classifier that uses quantum entanglement and quantum superposition to discover intricate patterns that are difficult to be expressed with classical models.

   These learned features are fed into the quantum layer through an encoding scheme like Angle Encoding. The quantum circuit acts on such features with parameterized quantum gates. Training is achieved through optimization of such parameters by a hybrid classical-quantum backpropagation cycle. The quantum layer is simulated using libraries like PennyLane and Qiskit, which allow quantum component testing on classical hardware.

3. Model Training and Evaluation :

The model is trained using TensorFlow and Keras for CNN components and PennyLane for quantum components. Both the classical and quantum parameters are optimized through a hybrid training loop for optimization.

Cross-entropy loss is used in multiclass classification, and the model is optimized by the Adam optimizer. Training, validation, and testing sets are drawn from the dataset. Performance is evaluated in terms of metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and confusion matrix.

As a comparison for quantum advantage, the hybrid model is compared against a baseline CNN-only model. Improved classification accuracy and better generalization across disease classes are reported by the quantum-enhanced approach.

Results:
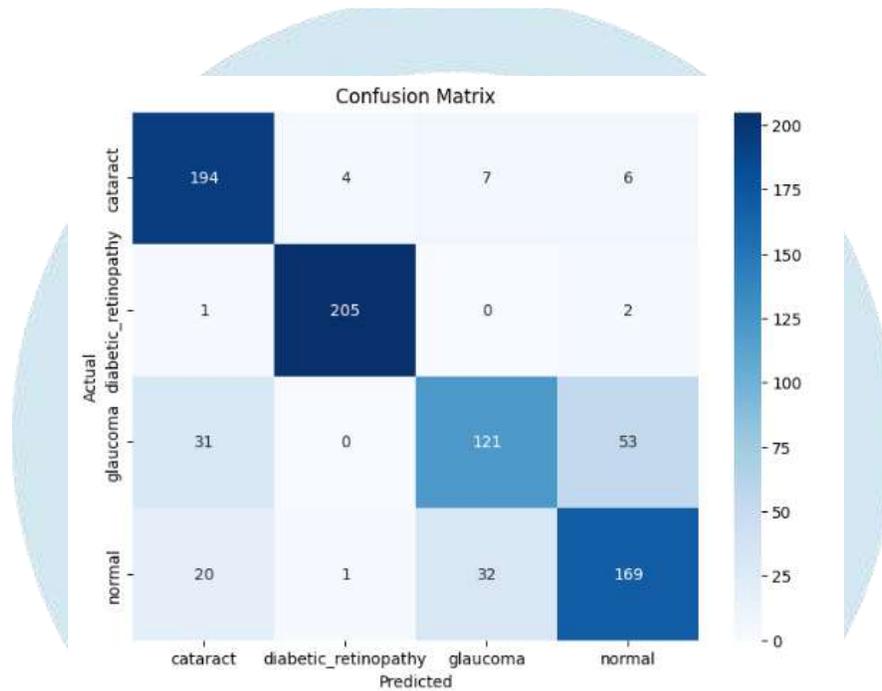
This confusion matrix indicates the accuracy of your retinal disease classification model on four classes: Cataract, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, and Normal. Every cell represents how many times images of a particular class were predicted as another,
helping to estimate both accuracy and types of misclassifications.

- The model performs brilliantly on cataract and diabetic retinopathy.
- Most misclassified is glaucoma, typically mixed up with normal and cataract, indicating   the need for better feature discrimination for glaucoma sufferers.
- This matrix gives the model or dataset refinement insights, especially concerning how to improve glaucoma detection.

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Classification Report:

                       precision    recall  f1-score   support

             cataract       0.79      0.92      0.85       211
 diabetic_retinopathy       0.98      0.99      0.98       208
             glaucoma       0.76      0.59      0.66       205
               normal       0.73      0.76      0.75       222

             accuracy                           0.81       846
            macro avg       0.81      0.81      0.81       846
         weighted avg       0.81      0.81      0.81       846

✅ Model saved as hybrid_model.pth
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Our hybrid quantum-classical retinal image classificatory model's classification report indicates an overall accuracy of 81% that is indicative of good performance. For the four classes, your model performed very well for diabetic retinopathy with a very high precision and recall of 0.98 and 0.99 respectively. It also performed very well for cataract with a high recall of 0.92 and F1-score of 0.85. Normal cases had moderate performance with precision of 0.73 and recall of 0.76. However, the model failed to execute well on glaucoma, with lower recall of 0.59 and F1-score of 0.66, resulting in poor capacity to identify true glaucoma cases. Macro and weighted averages for precision, recall, and F1-score were all roughly 0.81, reflecting well-balanced overall performance for classes. The model was saved successfully as hybrid_model.pth for future use.
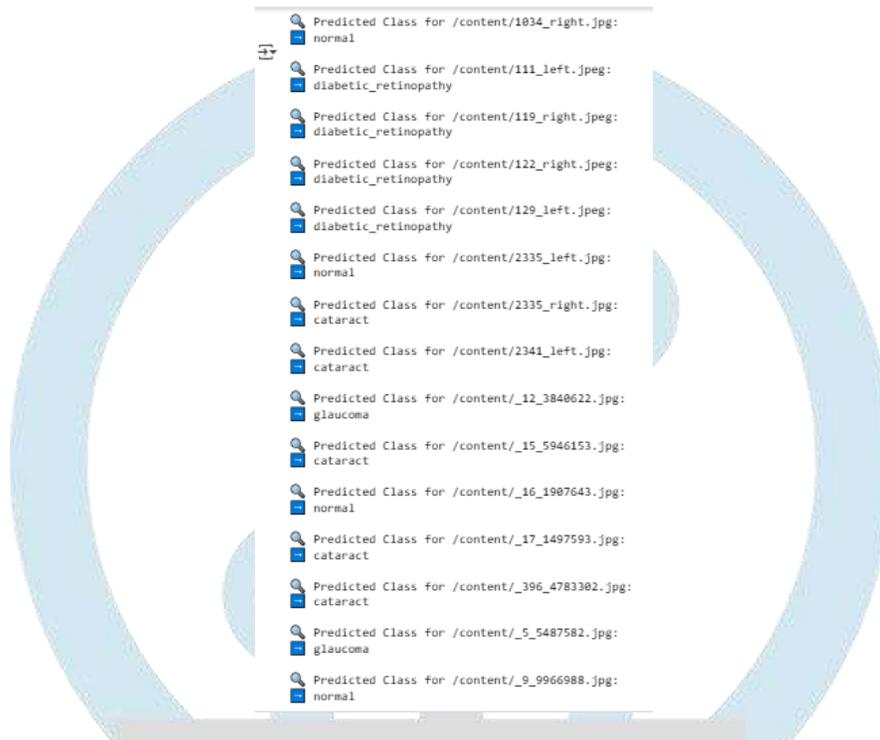
This Figure shows the output of the trained hybrid quantum-classical model for a collection of retinal images. It processes every image and outputs the corresponding predicted class label e.g., normal, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, or glaucoma. The model shows how it can distinguish between different retinal conditions by naming different image files with appropriate labels. The predictions reflect a combination of all four classes, suggesting that the model is indeed recognizing multiple categories and doing multi-class classification correctly.

Metric	Quantum Hybrid Model	Traditional CNN Model
Overall Accuracy	81%	70%
Macro F1-Score	0.81	0.70
Weighted F1-Score	0.81	0.71
Cataract F1	0.85	0.74
Diabetic Retinopathy F1	0.98	0.81
Glaucoma F1	0.66	0.62
Normal F1	0.75	0.64
Recall(avg)	0.81	0.70

The Quantum Hybrid Model outperforms the Traditional CNN across all significant metrics. It is more accurate in general (81% against 70%) and has better F1-scores for the majority of the classes, especially diabetic retinopathy (0.98 against 0.81) and cataract (0.85 against 0.74). The quantum model is also more accurate in recall, i.e., it detects more true cases of disease, which is crucial in medical diagnosis. All these results confirm that our hybrid this method offers more accurate and more equitable predictions, thus more trustworthy for retinal disease classification.

9.Future Scope

The future of this hybrid classical-quantum image classification project is favorable, with much promise in terms of expectation of where quantum computing hardware and software might go. At present, using classical simulators (e.g., as done in this project using Google Colab) is time-consuming 2.5 hours for 150 epochs because quantum circuits are very expensive to simulate on classical machines. Hopefuly in the future, both more reliable and dependable access to real quantum hardware will help decrease the time of implementation drastically. In the future, aspects of this project could also be carried out on actual quantum processors, enabling a real quantum speed up in some forms of learning tasks.

The model can be improved even further through increasing the number of qubits and applying more complex quantum layers for improved feature evolution and decision boundaries. Furthermore, the application of quantum features along with quantum computing can create possibilities for using in sensitive and high-stakes areas such as medical image analysis (e.g., the classification of retinal diseases), where increased prediction accuracy and efficiency can be an advantage. In addition, more improved quantum machine learning frameworks will allow a more comparable way to integrate quantum computing and classical deep learning to facilitate better hybrid models and introduce scalability and interpretability. This project represents one component that can serve as a building block towards these questions, and it represents an initial step towards practical quantum-enhanced image classification systems.

10.Conclusion

The proposed system elucidates prominently the integration of the conventional deep learning and the machine learning methods via quantum computation for classifying retinal pathologies from clinical images. The system integrates the merits of two computer methods with a hybrid scheme whereby convolutional neural networks extract the features, but quantum classifiers conduct the end-classification with successful integration of precision from traditional techniques and swift quantum processing.
This technique is an important leap in medical diagnosis, particularly in the field of ophthalmology, where rapid and accurate diagnosis of retinal issues can have a considerable impact on patient care. Quantum computing's application, despite its early days, holds potential to enhance pattern detection within difficult medical data, especially in the realm of compute-intensive settings.

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