ARTIFICIAL INTELLGENCE IN THE FIELD OF MEDICINE

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Abstract : Artificial Intelligence is rapidly gaining popularity. It is still early for AI but in the past two decades, it has seen significant growth. Among the technical as well as non-technical folks, AI has gained popularity and picked interests alike. AI is one of the most powerful tools. It is powerful now and has huge potential of expanding in future. It is used in almost every field of work. One such field is 'Healthcare'. Medical advancements are made possible with the support of AI technologies. Today, AI is used in medicine to serve different purposes. Among the various AI technologies, Generative Models have seen use in healthcare to aid medical workers in their works.

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I.   INTRODUCTION

Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI (Gen-AI) are different from each other in their respective purpose and capabilities. Generative AI is a significant advancement in medical research, diagnostics, treatment planning, and patient care. Generative AI refers to a type of artificial intelligence technology that is designed to create new data or content that resembles human-generated data. Unlike traditional AI models that focus on recognizing patterns in existing data to make predictions or classifications, generative AI models are capable of generating new information, such as images, texts, or even music, based on the patterns and structures they have learned from the training data. Gen-AI models can aid disease diagnosis and prognosis to identify and predict various medical conditions, facilitating earlier detection and personalized treatment strategies.

In this paper we will cover various uses of Generative AI in Healthcare. Medical Imaging, personalized medicine, virtual assistants, natural language processing, etc. At the end we will introduce our model Medical Intellect which uses Gen-AI technology. It can read medical reports, explain the use of a given medicine.

II.   MEDICAL IMAGING

Gen-AI can be successfully used in image enhancement and reconstruction of low-quality medical images. It can be used to improve the quality of medical images, for example, CT scans, MRI scans and X-rays, making them clearer and more detailed by removing the noise from the medical images. Gen-AI is more powerful than most people know. Gen-AI models can be used to synthesize new data from pre-existing data of medical images, for training purposes. This along with providing a huge and varied dataset for research and training, also ensures patient privacy. Gen-AI can also transform one form of image into another. It can do modality conversion, translating images from one mode to another, such as MRI to CT or vice-versa. It can also translate image from one medical context to another, such as from a healthy person's report to a patient with a specific disease or condition. Another important usage and benefit of Gen-AI is that it can be used for image segmentation. This enables medical professionals to accurately identify certain tissues or structures in images.

Anomaly detection, referring to detection of any deviation from otherwise stated 'normal', can also be achieved using Gen-AI models. It can detect and identify the anomalies that may signify an early or rare disease.

The tools that are used for the process are

1.   Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

2.   Variational Autoencoders (VAEs):

3.   U-Net:

4.   CycleGAN

5. Deep Convolutional GANs (DCGANs)

III. PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

Considering an individual's unique genetic and molecular configuration, personalized medicines can be made for the specific individual. It stimulates the responses of patient to a particular drug, dose or treatments. It helps in determining the best treatment plan for a patient based on their individual characteristics. This increases the potency of the treatment and minimizes the chances of any adverse effects. Gen-AI can effectively identify the genetic variations or biomarkers that are linked to a particular disease or condition. Diseases which have no sure cure are being researched with the target of creating personalized individual treatment. Gen-AI methods and tools are also employed to suggest nutrition intake of an individual considering multiple criteria like nutrition, body composition, lifestyle etc.

Aside from precision medicine and rest other methods, repurposing of drugs is also made possible by Gen-AI methods. It recognizes the other potential use of existing drugs, with a goal of repurposing drugs in a reduced time and cost. Already available drugs are used to either synthesize new drugs or used for a different disease/condition.

IV. VIRTUAL HUMAN ASSISTANTS

Virtual Health Assistants (VHAs), commonly include chatbots, digital humans, mobile applications, voice-activated devices etc. In healthcare, they provide 24/7 medical services and assistance to the users. VHAs are easy to use and are operated by integrating various AI techniques.

They are of multiple types like voice-generated systems, text-based interfaces, image-activated systems. Online Consultation can be provided to patients seeking assistance by assessing their symptoms, disease duration and other factors like sleep, nutrition intake and physical activities. It suggests the course of action that can be taken by patient based on their medical status and history. Many chronic patients use VHA applications to monitor the changes and development in their condition.

Moreover, Virtual Assistants can also assist medical professionals to reach to a decision, especially in areas like reading X-rays, other scans, studying tissues and eye care. Insights on patient health records are used to develop a plan for each individual with the use of such VHAs.

V. NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

Natural Language Processing (NLP) is a branch of Artificial Intelligence that allows the computer machines to understand, interpret and communicate in human languages. NLP and Gen-AI collectively can be a powerful tool to aid the medical cooperations and professionals. It can improve interoperability by extracting and standardizing data from large different forms of data sources. It can also reveal hidden or missed insights in the patient's medical records as it can access and manipulate its vast data of medical literatures, research papers, clinical data used in trials. Additionally, the synergy of the two fields can also help medical professionals by monitoring the condition of an admitted patient in real-time and analyzing the risk and ensuring safety. This will result in increased accuracy in treatment and may contribute in enhancing the recovery rate of patients as well as efficiency of medical professionals by alleviating their workload.

VI. MEDICAL INTELLECT

This research project presents the development of a novel application called "Medical Intellect," aimed at leveraging cutting-edge artificial intelligence (AI) technology for medical image analysis and interpretation. Medical Intellect can serve as an invaluable tool for not only patients but also for medical students. It can empower individuals to make informed decisions about their health and wellness and foster health literacy.

A. Development Process

Streamlit, an open-source python framework for data science and machine learning tasks, was used to create a user-friendly interface. It provides an easy-to-use interface for data analysis, visualization, and machine learning. Streamlit enables users to create interactive web applications without the need for extensive knowledge of web development. Next, Python Imaging Library (PIL) was incorporated into the website to facilitate handling images of multiple formats. Configuration is handled through environmental variables to enhance security. Google Gemini API is incorporated into the project to receive accurate outputs. The uploaded image data is sent to integrated API, which generated the required result for us. User can also enter prompt to command the system to get a desired output.

B. Working Examples

The application is designed to assist healthcare professionals and empower patients by providing automated analysis and interpretation of medical images, such as prescription medication packaging and medical test reports.

Below are the examples of the 'Medical Intellect':
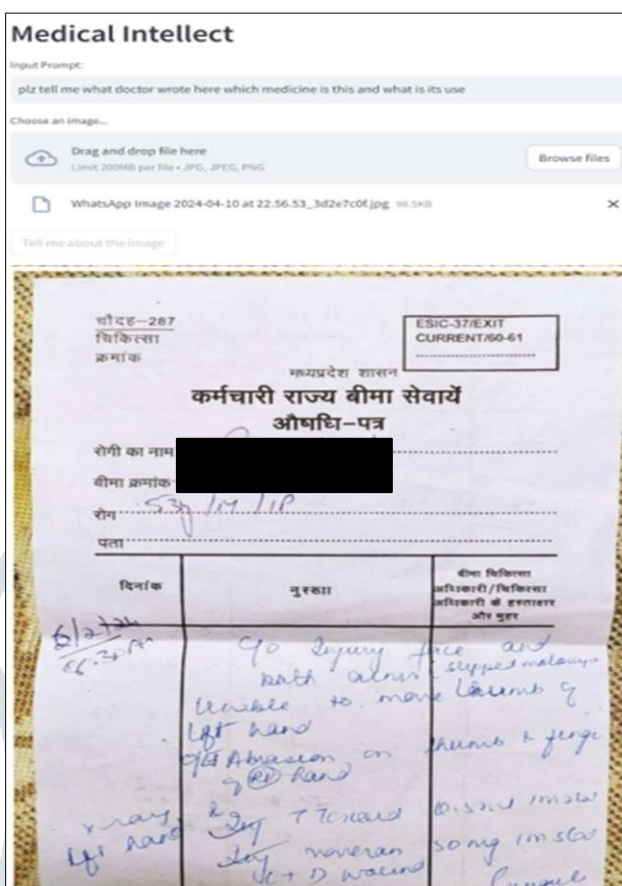
a. Example 1: Handwritten prescription from a doctor

Above image is a handwritten prescription of a doctor. The name of the patient is concealed. The patient was treated for an injury on the left arm after the doctor after reviewing X-ray results.
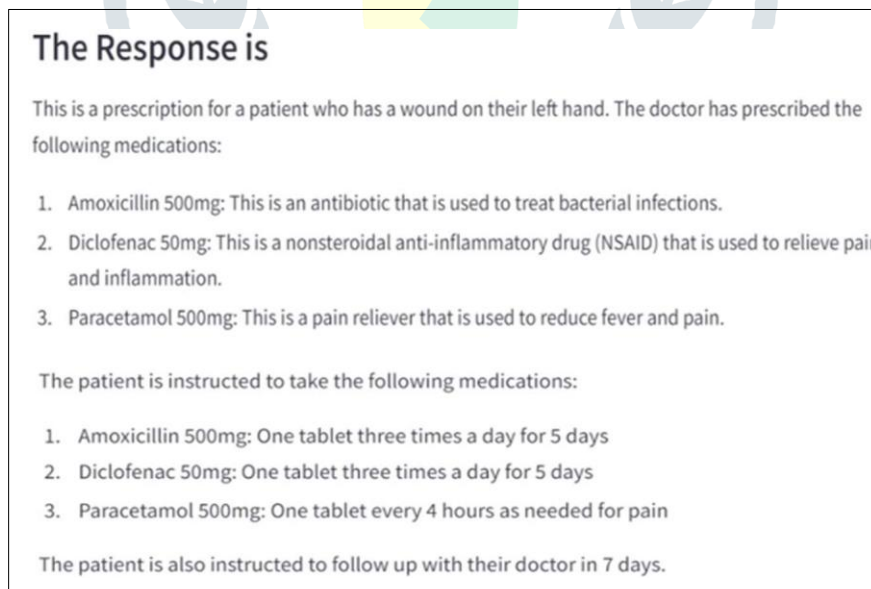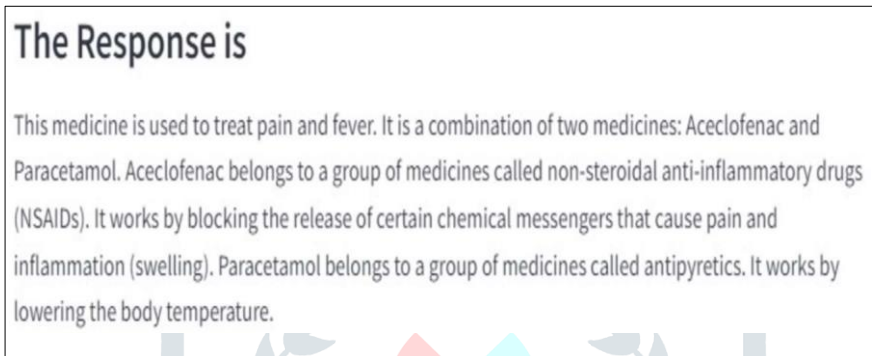

b. Example 1: Output of medicine image(a)

The above response is accurate and complete. The model was able to read the handwriting of the doctor and correctly mentioned the name of the medicine along with its purpose. It also mentioned the dosages prescribed and the follow-up period as well.

d. Example 2: Uploaded image of a medicine

The above example is an image of a medicine prescribed to a patient with throat infection. The patient was prescribed the medicine by a doctor to alleviate fever and reduce throat swelling.

c. Example 2: Output of medicine image(c)

The Medical Intellect model was able to successfully identify the uses of the drug in the image. It mentioned the components of the medicine that were visible on the packaging and provided related information.

C. Applications

In the last section VI. B., we saw the working examples of the model. Let us discuss the applications of Medical Intellect.

It can be used to gain information of any type of medical image like a medicine or drug, prescription, reports like blood test, DNA test, Radiology test etc. It also can read the prescription of a medical practitioner and advanced medical documents like MRI and CT scans.

D. Merits And Demerits

A model always has two sides to it; merits and flaws. Following are the strengths and weaknesses of Medical Intellect.

Strengths:
- It uses images as large as 200MB.
- It allows user to upload image instead of picking up an image from pre-existing dataset.
- It has high accuracy.
- It is capable of understanding handwritten text.

Weaknesses:
- It does not have a memory to retain the images of a returning user.
- It cannot work with a poor-quality image.

E. Future Improvements

With the increase in our capacity and advancement of AI techniques, this model will advance as well. Future developments will focus on:

- Enhancing the application's capabilities in medical image analysis, including advanced image processing techniques for interpreting complex medical images such as MRI scans, X-rays, and histopathology slides.
- Fine-tuning the AI model on medical images for improved accuracy and relevance.
- Integrating databases to be able to store data of a user.

Future integration of improved version of this model into electronic record systems and devices holds the potential for significant impact. It can enable continuous patient monitoring during hospitalization, it could revolutionize healthcare by providing real-time assessment of health status and early identification of risks, promising substantial benefits upon its implementation. Artificial Intelligence has the capacity to revolutionize the medical industry. With its growth, it will change the way medical institutions functions.

VII.   CONCLUSION

In our exploration of Artificial Intelligence, particularly Generative AI, in healthcare, we uncovered its potential to revolutionize the field. AI technologies, including Generative AI, have demonstrated significant capabilities in improving medical imaging, personalizing treatments, providing continuous support through Virtual Human Assistants, and enhancing data analysis with Natural Language Processing.

Generative AI has notably advanced medical imaging by improving scan quality, aiding accurate diagnosis, and safeguarding patient privacy. It tailors treatments to individual genetic profiles, enhancing effectiveness and minimizing adverse effects. AI-driven Virtual Human Assistants offer round-the-clock support, while Natural Language Processing enhances real-time patient monitoring and data standardization.

Our project, Medical Intellect, exemplifies AI's practical applications in healthcare, aiding patients and medical students with automated analysis and interpretation of medical data. Despite current limitations, such as handling poor-quality images and lacking memory retention, future advancements in AI techniques and data integration promise to refine diagnostic processes, optimize personalized treatments, and streamline medical workflows. These advancements will reshape the medical industry and improve patient care.

In conclusion, Artificial Intelligence, especially Generative AI, holds the potential to revolutionize healthcare by enhancing diagnostic accuracy, personalizing treatments, and streamlining medical processes. Continued development and integration of AI technologies will bring significant benefits, ultimately reshaping the medical landscape and enhancing patient care.

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