

## **Machine learning applications for plant disease detection**

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### **Introduction**

Plant disease detection is a very popular field of study intended to make a farmer's life easier. The research aiming to solve the problem of detection and preventing diseases of agricultural crops with the help of machine learning was accomplished ([https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-030-01328-8\\_16](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-030-01328-8_16)). As a starting source of data a special database was gathered which includes five sets of images of the grape leaves consisting of leaves affected by four diseases and healthy leaves. As a result of our research, we identified the most appropriate deep learning architecture to deal with little image datasets. Namely, the deep siamese convolutional network was developed to solve the problem of recognizing healthy leaves and affected by diseases and to distinguish with high precision between types of illnesses. The important aspect of applications of the developed deep learning programs in agricultural practice is to provide a convenient interaction of the farming community with this software. Therefore, a multifunctional web-based plant disease detection platform (PDDP) (<http://pdd.jinr.ru>) was developed. It uses the modern cloud-based organization and has a web interface designed to manage various databases of agricultural crops necessary for training and testing the corresponding deep neural network. PDDP also provides effective and convenient means for storing, transmitting and retrieving photos and textual and comments obtained from farmers to our system for further recognition. The PDDP is based on facilities of the JINR cloud service (<http://cloud.jinr.ru>) and of the LIT JINR "HybriLIT" heterogeneous cluster (<http://hybrilit.jinr.ru>).

### **Project aims**

1. Theoretical knowledge on various deep learning methods, in particular, the deep siamese convolutional networks, problems of their training and testing.
2. Basic cloud concepts, use cases and benefits of these technologies for science.
3. Python programming on the level to use Keras and TensorFlow libraries to train one's own deep learning models.
4. Practical skills to expand image database by new crop samples, train and test the deep siamese convolutional network.

Practical trainings are held on Multifunctional Information and Computing Complex JINR.

### **Entry requirements**

#### **Expected:**

1. Good knowledge in user-level skills of administration and programming (including text editors and shell scripting) are expected from applicants.

#### **Recommended:**

2. Understanding of the basic linear algebra (matrix vector operations and notation).

3. Basic knowledge of Machine Learning foundations.

### **Recommended literature**

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