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Parking Space Detection System using YOLO Object Detection

## ATTRIBUTION & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

- YOLO (You Only Look Once) algorithm: Redmon, J., Divvala, S., Girshick, R., & Farhadi, A. (2016)
- YOLOv5 implementation: Ultralytics (https://github.com/ultralytics/yolov5)
- Pre-trained COCO weights: Microsoft COCO Dataset (https://cocodataset.org)
- OpenCV library: https://opencv.org
- This implementation combines YOLO object detection with custom parking space management

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY NOTE:**

This code uses publicly available pre-trained models and properly attributes all sources.

The parking space detection logic and ROI management is original implementation.

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import cv2

import numpy as np

import pandas as pd

from datetime import datetime

import json

import os

import torch

import csv

class YOLOParkingDetector:

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def __init__(self):
    self.parking_spaces = []
    self.model = None
    self.device = 'cpu'
    self.prev_status = {} # smoothing memory
    self.status_consistency = {} # track consistency over frames
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self.current_frame = None
  self.frame_buffer = [] # for temporal smoothing
def download_yolo_model(self):
  """Load YOLO model with enhanced error handling"""
  print("Setting up YOLO model...")
  try:
    from ultralytics import YOLO
    print("Using Ultralytics YOLOv8s")
    self.model = YOLO("yolov8s.pt")
    # Warm up the model
    dummy_frame = np.zeros((640, 640, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
    _ = self.model(dummy_frame, verbose=False)
    print("√ Model loaded and warmed up successfully")
    return True
  except Exception as e:
    print(f"Error loading YOLO: {e}")
    print("Run: pip install ultralytics torch torchvision")
    return False
def detect_vehicles_enhanced(self, frame, confidence_threshold=0.25):
  """Enhanced vehicle detection with multiple preprocessing techniques"""
  if self.model is None:
    return []
  vehicles = []
  # Method 1: Standard detection
  results = self.model(frame, imgsz=1280, verbose=False, conf=confidence_threshold)
  vehicles.extend(self._extract_vehicles_from_results(results, "standard"))
  # Method 2: Enhanced contrast detection (for poorly lit vehicles)
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enhanced_frame = self._enhance_contrast(frame)
    results_enhanced = self.model(enhanced_frame, imgsz=1280, verbose=False,
conf=confidence_threshold-0.05)
    vehicles.extend(self._extract_vehicles_from_results(results_enhanced, "enhanced"))
    # Method 3: Histogram equalized detection (for shadow areas)
    eq_frame = self._histogram_equalize(frame)
    results_eq = self.model(eq_frame, imgsz=1280, verbose=False, conf=confidence_threshold-0.05)
    vehicles.extend(self._extract_vehicles_from_results(results_eq, "histogram_eq"))
    # Remove duplicates using NMS
    vehicles = self._remove_duplicate_detections(vehicles)
    return vehicles
  def _extract_vehicles_from_results(self, results, method_name):
    """Extract vehicle information from YOLO results"""
    vehicles = []
    for result in results:
      if result.boxes is not None:
        for box in result.boxes:
           conf = float(box.conf[0])
           cid = int(box.cls[0])
           # Vehicle class IDs in COCO: car=2, motorcycle=3, bus=5, truck=7
           if cid in [2, 3, 5, 7]:
             x1, y1, x2, y2 = box.xyxy[0].tolist()
             vehicles.append({
                "bbox": [int(x1), int(y1), int(x2), int(y2)],
                "confidence": conf,
               "class": result.names[cid],
                "method": method_name
             })
    return vehicles
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def _enhance_contrast(self, frame):
  """Enhance frame contrast using CLAHE"""
  lab = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2LAB)
  clahe = cv2.createCLAHE(clipLimit=3.0, tileGridSize=(8, 8))
  lab[:, :, 0] = clahe.apply(lab[:, :, 0])
  return cv2.cvtColor(lab, cv2.COLOR LAB2BGR)
def _histogram_equalize(self, frame):
  """Apply histogram equalization"""
  yuv = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2YUV)
  yuv[:, :, 0] = cv2.equalizeHist(yuv[:, :, 0])
  return cv2.cvtColor(yuv, cv2.COLOR_YUV2BGR)
def _remove_duplicate_detections(self, vehicles, iou_threshold=0.5):
  """Remove duplicate detections using Non-Maximum Suppression"""
  if len(vehicles) <= 1:
    return vehicles
  boxes = np.array([v["bbox"] for v in vehicles], dtype=np.float32)
  scores = np.array([v["confidence"] for v in vehicles], dtype=np.float32)
  # Apply NMS
  indices = cv2.dnn.NMSBoxes(boxes.tolist(), scores.tolist(), 0.1, iou_threshold)
  if len(indices) > 0:
    indices = indices.flatten()
    return [vehicles[i] for i in indices]
  return vehicles
def select_parking_spaces(self, image_path):
  """Interactive parking space selection with enhanced UI"""
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print("=== PARKING SPACE SELECTION MODE ===")
print("Instructions:")
print("• Click and drag to select each parking space")
print("• Press 'n' to confirm current selection")
print("• Press 'r' to reset current selection")
print("• Press 'd' to delete last space")
print("• Press 'q' to finish selection")
image = cv2.imread(image_path)
if image is None:
  print(f"Error: Could not load image {image_path}")
  return False
clone = image.copy()
drawing = False
start point = None
current rect = None
def mouse_callback(event, x, y, flags, param):
  nonlocal drawing, start_point, current_rect, image
  if event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONDOWN:
    drawing = True
    start_point = (x, y)
  elif event == cv2.EVENT_MOUSEMOVE and drawing:
    image = clone.copy()
    self._draw_existing_spaces(image)
    current_rect = (start_point[0], start_point[1], x - start_point[0], y - start_point[1])
    cv2.rectangle(image, start_point, (x, y), (255, 0, 0), 2)
    cv2.putText(image, f'Space {len(self.parking_spaces)+1} (selecting...)',
          (start_point[0], start_point[1]-5), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.5, (255, 0, 0), 1)
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elif event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONUP and drawing:
        drawing = False
    cv2.namedWindow('Select Parking Spaces', cv2.WINDOW_NORMAL)
    cv2.resizeWindow('Select Parking Spaces', 1200, 800)
    cv2.setMouseCallback('Select Parking Spaces', mouse_callback)
    while True:
      cv2.imshow('Select Parking Spaces', image)
      key = cv2.waitKey(1) & 0xFF
      if key == ord('n'): # Confirm space
        if current_rect and abs(current_rect[2]) > 30 and abs(current_rect[3]) > 30:
           space = {
             'id': len(self.parking_spaces) + 1,
             'x': min(current_rect[0], current_rect[0] + current_rect[2]),
             'y': min(current_rect[1], current_rect[1] + current_rect[3]),
             'w': abs(current_rect[2]),
             'h': abs(current_rect[3])
           }
           self.parking_spaces.append(space)
           print(f"√Space {len(self.parking_spaces)} added: {space['w']}x{space['h']} at
({space['x']},{space['y']})")
           current_rect = None
           image = clone.copy()
           self._draw_existing_spaces(image)
        else:
           print("A Please select a larger area (minimum 30x30 pixels)")
      elif key == ord('r'): # Reset current selection
        image = clone.copy()
        self._draw_existing_spaces(image)
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current_rect = None
       print("Current selection reset")
    elif key == ord('d'): # Delete last space
       if self.parking_spaces:
         deleted = self.parking_spaces.pop()
         print(f" X Deleted space {deleted['id']}")
         image = clone.copy()
         self._draw_existing_spaces(image)
    elif key == ord('q'): # Quit
       break
  cv2.destroyAllWindows()
  if self.parking_spaces:
    with open('parking_spaces_config.json', 'w') as f:
      json.dump(self.parking_spaces, f, indent=2)
    print(f'' \setminus n \checkmark Saved \{len(self.parking\_spaces)\} parking spaces to config file")
    return True
  else:
    print("No parking spaces selected!")
    return False
def _draw_existing_spaces(self, image):
  """Draw existing parking spaces on image"""
  for i, space in enumerate(self.parking_spaces):
    cv2.rectangle(image, (space['x'], space['y']),
           (space['x'] + space['w'], space['y'] + space['h']),
           (0, 255, 0), 2)
    cv2.putText(image, f'Space {i+1}',
          (space['x'], space['y']-5),
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cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.5, (0, 255, 0), 1)
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def load_parking_config(self, config_file="parking_spaces_config.json"):
  """Load parking configuration with validation"""
  try:
    with open(config_file, 'r') as f:
      self.parking_spaces = json.load(f)
    print(f'' \checkmark Loaded \{len(self.parking\_spaces)\} parking spaces from config")
    return True
  except FileNotFoundError:
    print(f"A Config file {config_file} not found")
    return False
  except json.JSONDecodeError:
    print(f"∆ Invalid JSON in {config_file}")
    return False
def is_parking_space_occupied_enhanced(self, vehicles, space, overlap_threshold=0.2):
  """Enhanced occupancy detection with temporal smoothing"""
  space_id = space['id']
  x1, y1 = space['x'], space['y']
  x2, y2 = x1 + space['w'], y1 + space['h']
  area = space['w'] * space['h']
  # Method 1: Vehicle overlap detection
  vehicle detected = False
  best_vehicle = None
  best_overlap = 0
  for v in vehicles:
    vx1, vy1, vx2, vy2 = v['bbox']
    ix1, iy1 = max(x1, vx1), max(y1, vy1)
    ix2, iy2 = min(x2, vx2), min(y2, vy2)
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if ix1 < ix2 and iy1 < iy2:
    inter = (ix2 - ix1) * (iy2 - iy1)
    overlap_ratio = inter / area
    if overlap_ratio > overlap_threshold and overlap_ratio > best_overlap:
      vehicle_detected = True
      best_vehicle = v
      best_overlap = overlap_ratio
# Method 2: Visual analysis fallback
visual_occupied = False
if self.current_frame is not None:
  roi = self.current_frame[y1:y2, x1:x2]
  if roi.size > 0:
    visual_occupied = self._analyze_roi_occupancy(roi, area)
# Method 3: Temporal consistency check
current_decision = vehicle_detected or visual_occupied
# Initialize consistency tracker
if space_id not in self.status_consistency:
  self.status_consistency[space_id] = {'occupied_count': 0, 'free_count': 0, 'history': []}
# Update consistency tracker
consistency = self.status_consistency[space_id]
consistency['history'].append(current_decision)
# Keep only last 5 frames for smoothing
if len(consistency['history']) > 5:
  consistency['history'].pop(0)
# Calculate consistency score
occupied_frames = sum(consistency['history'])
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total_frames = len(consistency['history'])
  # Decision logic: require majority vote for status change
  if total_frames >= 3:
    final_decision = occupied_frames >= (total_frames // 2 + 1)
  else:
    final_decision = current_decision
  return final_decision, best_vehicle, vehicle_detected, visual_occupied
def _analyze_roi_occupancy(self, roi, area):
  """Analyze ROI for visual occupancy indicators"""
  if roi.size == 0:
    return False
  gray = cv2.cvtColor(roi, cv2.COLOR BGR2GRAY)
  # Edge detection for car outlines
  edges = cv2.Canny(gray, 50, 150)
  edge_density = np.sum(edges > 0) / area
  # Intensity analysis (darker = more likely occupied)
  mean_intensity = np.mean(gray)
  intensity_factor = max(0, (120 - mean_intensity) / 120)
  # Color variance (cars have more varied colors)
  color_variance = np.var(roi)
  variance_factor = min(color_variance / 5000, 1.0)
  # Texture analysis using standard deviation
  texture_score = np.std(gray) / 255.0
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# Combined occupancy score
    occupancy_score = (
      min(edge_density * 15, 0.35) + # Edge contribution
      intensity_factor * 0.25 + # Shadow contribution
      variance_factor * 0.25 + # Color variance contribution
      texture_score * 0.15 # Texture contribution
    return occupancy_score > 0.42
  def process_video(self, video_path, output_video="enhanced_yolo_parking.mp4",
csv_path="parking_analysis.csv"):
    """Enhanced video processing with improved detection"""
    if not self.parking_spaces:
      print(" X No parking spaces defined! Run space selection first.")
      return
    if self.model is None:
      if not self.download_yolo_model():
        return
    cap = cv2.VideoCapture(video_path)
    if not cap.isOpened():
      print(f'' \times Could not open video: \{video path\}'')
      return
    fps = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FPS))
    w, h = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH)),
int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT))
    total_frames = int(cap.get(cv2.CAP_PROP_FRAME_COUNT))
    print(f" Processing video: {w}x{h} @ {fps}fps, {total_frames} frames")
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# Try multiple codec options for best compatibility
codec_options = [
  ('X264', cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'X264')), # H.264 alternative
  ('XVID', cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'XVID')), # XVID codec
  ('MJPG', cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'MJPG')), # Motion JPEG
  ('mp4v', cv2.VideoWriter_fourcc(*'mp4v')) # Original fallback
]
out = None
for codec_name, fourcc in codec_options:
  print(f"Trying codec: {codec_name}")
  out = cv2.VideoWriter(output_video, fourcc, fps, (w, h))
  if out.isOpened():
    print(f"√Successfully using {codec name} codec")
    break
  else:
    out.release()
if out is None or not out.isOpened():
  print(" \times Could not initialize video writer with any codec")
  return
# Setup enhanced CSV output
csv_file = open(csv_path, 'w', newline=")
fieldnames = ['frame', 'timestamp', 'vehicles_detected', 'vehicles_standard', 'vehicles_enhanced',
        'total_spaces', 'occupied', 'free', 'occupancy_rate']
fieldnames += [f"space_{s['id']}" for s in self.parking_spaces]
fieldnames += [f"space_{s['id']}_method" for s in self.parking_spaces]
writer = csv.DictWriter(csv_file, fieldnames=fieldnames)
writer.writeheader()
frame_count = 0
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start_time = datetime.now()
while True:
  ret, frame = cap.read()
  if not ret:
    break
  frame_count += 1
  timestamp = frame_count / fps
  self.current_frame = frame.copy()
  # Enhanced vehicle detection
  vehicles = self.detect_vehicles_enhanced(frame)
  # Count vehicles by detection method
  standard_vehicles = len([v for v in vehicles if v.get('method') == 'standard'])
  enhanced_vehicles = len([v for v in vehicles if v.get('method') in ['enhanced', 'histogram_eq']])
  occupied = 0
  free = 0
  row = {
    "frame": frame_count,
    "timestamp": round(timestamp, 2),
    "vehicles_detected": len(vehicles),
    "vehicles_standard": standard_vehicles,
    "vehicles_enhanced": enhanced_vehicles,
    "total_spaces": len(self.parking_spaces)
  }
  # Process each parking space
  for space in self.parking_spaces:
    sid = space['id']
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is_occ, best_vehicle, vehicle_detected, visual_detected =
self.is_parking_space_occupied_enhanced(vehicles, space)
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# Determine detection method
if vehicle_detected and visual_detected:
  method = "vehicle+visual"
elif vehicle_detected:
  method = "vehicle_only"
elif visual_detected:
  method = "visual_only"
else:
  method = "empty"
row[f"space_{sid}_method"] = method
if is_occ:
  occupied += 1
  row[f"space_{sid}"] = "occupied"
  color = (0, 0, 255) # Red
  status = "OCCUPIED"
  # Draw vehicle bounding box if detected
  if best_vehicle:
    vx1, vy1, vx2, vy2 = best_vehicle['bbox']
    cv2.rectangle(frame, (vx1, vy1), (vx2, vy2), (255, 0, 255), 2)
    cv2.putText(frame, f"{best_vehicle['class']} {best_vehicle['confidence']:.2f}",
          (vx1, vy1-5), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.4, (255, 0, 255), 1)
else:
 free += 1
  row[f"space_{sid}"] = "free"
  color = (0, 255, 0) # Green
  status = "FREE"
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# Draw parking space with enhanced visualization
        thickness = 3 if is_occ else 2
        cv2.rectangle(frame, (space['x'], space['y']),
               (space['x'] + space['w'], space['y'] + space['h']), color, thickness)
        # Enhanced status text
        status text = f"P{sid}: {status}"
        if method != "empty":
           method_short = {"vehicle+visual": "V+V", "vehicle_only": "VEH", "visual_only": "VIS"}
           status text += f" ({method short.get(method, method)})"
        cv2.putText(frame, status_text, (space['x'], space['y'] - 5),
              cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.45, color, 1)
      # Update row data
      row["occupied"] = occupied
      row["free"] = free
      row["occupancy_rate"] = round((occupied / len(self.parking_spaces)) * 100, 1)
      writer.writerow(row)
      # Enhanced UI display
      cv2.putText(frame, f" | ENHANCED PARKING DETECTION | Total: {len(self.parking_spaces)} |
Occupied: {occupied} | Free: {free}",
            (10, 30), cv2.FONT HERSHEY SIMPLEX, 0.6, (255, 255, 255), 2)
      cv2.putText(frame, f" ## Vehicles: {len(vehicles)} (Std:{standard_vehicles})
Enh:{enhanced_vehicles}) | Frame: {frame_count}/{total_frames}",
            (10, 60), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.5, (200, 200, 200), 1)
      cv2.putText(frame, f" O Time: {timestamp:.1f}s | Occupancy: {row['occupancy_rate']}%",
            (10, h - 20), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.5, (255, 255, 255), 1)
      # Attribution watermark
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cv2.putText(frame, "YOLOv8: Ultralytics | Enhanced Detection",
                                  (w - 280, h - 5), cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX, 0.3, (150, 150, 150), 1)
                  out.write(frame)
                  # Progress update
                  if frame_count % 30 == 0 or frame_count == total_frames:
                       elapsed = (datetime.now() - start_time).total_seconds()
                       fps_actual = frame_count / elapsed if elapsed > 0 else 0
                       progress = (frame_count / total_frames) * 100
                       print(f" n Progress: {frame_count}/{total_frames} ({progress:.1f}%) | FPS: {fps_actual:.1f}")
            cap.release()
            out.release()
            csv_file.close()
            # Final summary
            processing_time = (datetime.now() - start_time).total_seconds()
            print(f"\n \rightarrow Processing complete!")
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            print(f" | CSV results: {csv_path}")
            print(f"  Processing time: {processing time:.1f}s")
            def extract_reference_frame(video_path, output_path='reference_frame.jpg', frame_number=30):
      """Extract reference frame from video"""
     cap = cv2.VideoCapture(video_path)
     if not cap.isOpened():
           print(f" X Could not open video: {video_path}")
            return False
     cap.set(cv2.CAP_PROP_POS_FRAMES, frame_number)
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ret, frame = cap.read()
  if ret:
    cv2.imwrite(output_path, frame)
    print(f" \( \overline{\sigma} \) Reference frame saved: {output_path}")
    cap.release()
    return True
  else:
    print(" X Could not extract frame")
    cap.release()
    return False
def main():
  """Enhanced main function with better user experience"""
  print("="*70)
  print(" P ENHANCED YOLO PARKING DETECTION SYSTEM")
  print("="*70)
  print("\n \int Features:")
  print("• Multi-method vehicle detection (Standard + Enhanced + Histogram Equalization)")
  print("• Visual analysis fallback for missed vehicles")
  print("• Temporal smoothing for stable results")
  print("• Real-time CSV output with detection methods")
  print("• Interactive parking space selection")
  print("\n \bullet Attributions:")
  print("• YOLO Algorithm: Ultralytics YOLOv8")
  print("• COCO Dataset: Microsoft")
  print("• Enhanced detection logic: Original implementation")
  print("="*70)
  detector = YOLOParkingDetector()
  # Get video path
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video_path = "Cam1.mp4"
if not os.path.exists(video_path):
  print(f" X Video file not found: {video_path}")
  return
# Load or create parking configuration
if os.path.exists('parking_spaces_config.json'):
  use_existing = input("\n 🐪 Found existing parking configuration. Use it? (y/n): ").lower()
  if use_existing == 'y':
    if not detector.load_parking_config():
      print(" \times Failed to load config")
      return
  else:
    print(" km Extracting reference frame...")
    if extract_reference_frame(video_path):
      if not detector.select_parking_spaces('reference_frame.jpg'):
         return
    else:
      return
else:
  print(" 🚵 Extracting reference frame for parking space selection...")
  if extract_reference_frame(video_path):
    if not detector.select_parking_spaces('reference_frame.jpg'):
      return
  else:
    return
if not detector.parking_spaces:
  print(" \times No parking spaces configured!")
  return
# Process video
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output_video = input("\n '\begin{array}' Output video name (default: enhanced_yolo_parking.mp4): ").strip()
if not output_video:
    output_video = "enhanced_yolo_parking.mp4"

csv_output = input(" \index CSV output name (default: parking_analysis.csv): ").strip()
if not csv_output:
    csv_output = "parking_analysis.csv"

print(f"\n \index Starting enhanced processing...")
detector.process_video(video_path, output_video, csv_output)

print(f"\n \index All done! Check your output files:")
print(f" \index Video: {output_video}")
print(f" \index Config: parking_spaces_config.json")

if __name__ == "__main__":
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main()