1. Introduction to Computer Vision

What is Computer Vision?

 Define computer vision as the field that enables computers to interpret and make decisions based on visual data.

• Applications in Traffic Management

- Discuss how computer vision is used in traffic monitoring, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR), vehicle classification, and congestion detection.
- Explain how these applications can enhance safety, reduce congestion, and improve traffic law enforcement.

2. Basic Principles of Image Processing

• Image Representation

- o Explain how images are represented as matrices of pixel values.
- Briefly touch on grayscale vs. color images (RGB channels) and how image data can be interpreted numerically.

Common Preprocessing Techniques

- Grayscale Conversion: Reduces computational complexity by eliminating color information.
- Blurring and Smoothing: Reduces noise to improve object detection accuracy.
- Edge Detection: Identifies the boundaries of objects (e.g., Canny edge detection for clear contours).

3. Introduction to Key Computer Vision Concepts

• Feature Detection

 Explain the concept of "features" in an image, such as edges, corners, and textures, which can be crucial for recognizing patterns.

• Object Detection and Classification

- Define object detection and its significance in identifying different vehicle types or license plates.
- Briefly introduce popular object detection models, like YOLO (You Only Look Once) and SSD (Single Shot Detector), which are used in real-time applications.

• Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) Overview

- Provide an overview of CNNs, emphasizing their importance in image classification tasks.
- Discuss how CNNs work by learning filters that detect specific features in images, making them ideal for detecting cars, license plates, and other objects.