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ABSTRACT

The "Image Chromatic Fusion" project harnesses deep learning to automate the colorization of grayscale images, targeting applications such as historical photo restoration, media enhancement, and digital content creation. By utilizing a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) within the PyTorch framework, the model effectively learns complex color patterns and spatial features, making it capable of generating realistic and contextually accurate colorized outputs from grayscale images. The CNN's architecture is particularly adept at capturing intricate textures, shading, and depth, which are essential for achieving high-quality colorization even under challenging conditions, such as varying image contrasts and complex structures. One of the core strengths of the project is its accessible, interactive web interface, built using Gradio, which enables users to easily upload grayscale images and instantly receive colorized results. This interface bridges the gap between advanced colorization technology and practical, everyday use, making it accessible to a wide audience beyond technical users. The system's effectiveness is measured through robust metrics, including Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR) and Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), ensuring that colorization outputs maintain high visual fidelity and structural integrity compared to the original grayscale images. By delivering a reliable, scalable solution, Image Chromatic Fusion highlights the transformative power of deep learning in the field of image processing. The project emphasizes computational efficiency, enabling real-time or near-real-time colorization, and opens up possibilities for further advancements, such as incorporating customization options for user-directed color adjustments. This project stands as a significant contribution to the field of automated image colorization, demonstrating how AI-driven solutions can enhance creative industries, preservation efforts, and consumer applications alike. As a pioneering approach in deep learning-based colorization, it underscores the potential of neural networks to automate and elevate visual tasks, making high-quality, accessible image colorization a reality.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PROBLEM DEFINITION

The Image Chromatic Fusion project addresses the challenge of automatic image colorization, which involves predicting and applying accurate colors to grayscale images. Traditional colorization techniques are often limited in their ability to produce natural-looking colors, especially for complex or varied scenes. This project aims to tackle these limitations by designing a model that leverages advanced color fusion techniques, allowing for high-quality, vivid colorizations that retain the original image's texture and structure.

1.2 OBJECTIVE OF PROJECT

The objective of this project is to build a model that can automatically colorize grayscale images with high accuracy and visual appeal. The specific goals include:

- Developing a robust architecture that combines different colorization techniques.
- Training the model to generalize well across diverse image datasets.
- Evaluating and optimizing the model for speed and accuracy.
- Providing a web-based interface where users can upload grayscale images and receive colorized versions in real-time.

1.3 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The scope extends beyond basic colorization and includes exploring architectural innovations in colorization models, such as the integration of GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks), color decoder blocks, and attention mechanisms. This project's outcome is a comprehensive system that can be used in various applications, including restoring old photographs, enhancing black-and-white film footage, and augmenting medical imaging with color information.

1.4 LITERATURE SURVEY

Title 1: "Learning Image Representations Tied to Ego-Motion"

Authors: Dinesh Jayaraman and Kristen Grauman (2014)

The study successfully demonstrates the importance of ego-motion in understanding images, though its direct application to colorization is limited by user control and dataset biases. Future work could enhance the interaction between the user and the system for more customizable results.

Title 2: "Learning Models for Predicting Human Eye Fixations"

Authors: Arun Mallya and Svetlana Lazebnik (2015)

This work effectively links eye fixation predictions to colorization tasks, improving the colorization of key areas in images. However, the reliance on accurate fixation predictions limits its applicability to more complex images. Future enhancements could involve better integration of fixation data with broader contextual understanding.

Title 3: "Depth Estimation and Colorization of Anaglyphs"

Authors: Girish Varma, A. N. Rajagopalan, and Venu Govindu (2016)

The study advances the colorization of anaglyph images, contributing to the field of 3D visualization. However, its limited applicability to standard images suggests the need for a more generalized approach that can handle both 2D and 3D images without extensive manual intervention.

Title 4: "Joint End-to-End Learning of Global and Local Image Priors for Automatic Image Colorization".

Authors: Manmohan Chandraker and others (2017)

The integration of global and local priors represents a significant step forward in colorization, improving both accuracy and context awareness. However, the method's computational intensity and lack of user interaction suggest areas for further research, including more efficient architectures and user-friendly interfaces.

Title 5: "Colorization of Grayscale Images Using Deep Learning"**Authors:** Ajay J. Joshi, Rahul K. Kher, and Uday K. Khare (2018)

The application of deep learning to image colorization marks a significant advancement, offering improved accuracy and versatility. However, the lack of user control and potential generalization issues highlight the need for further research into interactive models and more diverse training datasets.

Title 6: "Real-Time User-Guided Image Colorization"**Authors:** Sharat Chandran, Rupesh P. Mahadev, and others (2019)

The introduction of user-guided colorization represents a significant leap forward in balancing automation with control. However, the dependence on user input and potential inconsistencies highlight the need for further development in making the system more user-friendly and consistent across different users and applications.

Title 7: "Optimization-Based Image Colorization"**Authors:** Vishal M. Patel, Narayanan C. Krishnan, and others (2020)

The use of optimization in image colorization provides a significant improvement in accuracy and detail, particularly for complex images. However, the approach's computational demands and need for manual tuning suggest that future research should focus on optimizing the process for real-time applications and reducing the need for manual intervention.

Overall, the survey suggests a promising trajectory for future research in image colorization, with a focus on enhancing user interactivity, improving computational efficiency, and developing more generalized and adaptable models. Balancing automation with user control and refining methods for broader applicability remain key areas for continued exploration.

2. ANALYSIS

2.1 PROJECT PLANNING AND RESEARCH

The planning and research phase of the Image Chromatic Fusion project laid the groundwork for its effective execution. This phase began with defining key milestones, starting with a thorough literature review of existing image colorization techniques. By analyzing current methods, the team identified strengths and limitations, informing the design of a unique architecture focused on enhancing color fidelity and structural coherence.

Resource allocation was strategically planned, assigning roles for research, model development, and web development, while a high-performance GPU server was designated to manage the intensive training requirements. The team also prioritized selecting a diverse dataset to ensure the model could generalize across various image types. A detailed timeline with Gantt charts and buffer periods facilitated task tracking, helping manage overlapping tasks and potential delays.

For technical tools, Python and PyTorch were chosen for their robust support for machine learning, with OpenCV for preprocessing and Flask for the backend. Technical research centered on color space transformation, specifically the LAB color space, which allowed the model to predict colors while preserving structural details. Various architectures, including CNNs, GANs, and attention mechanisms, were evaluated; GANs proved especially valuable for producing realistic colors, while attention mechanisms improved color precision.

The team anticipated challenges like managing large datasets and generating natural colors for complex scenes. To optimize model training, mini-batch gradient descent and early stopping were employed. Deployment was streamlined to ensure a responsive user experience in the web application. Overall, this structured planning phase provided a solid foundation, balancing technical rigor, efficiency, and accessibility, guiding the project from concept to successful deployment.

2.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

In the development of the Image chromatic fusion project, a comprehensive Software Requirement Specification (SRS) document is essential to define the functional and non-functional requirements of the software. The SRS document provides a structured framework for the development team, ensuring that all necessary aspects of the application are addressed and aligned with the project's goals.

2.2.1 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- **Programming Language:** Python
- **Deep Learning Libraries:** PyTorch or TensorFlow
- **Image Processing Library:** OpenCV
- **Development Tools:** Jupyter Notebooks ,VS Code
- **Web Framework:** Flask .
- **Frontend Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript

2.2.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

- **GPU:** NVIDIA RTX series GPU or equivalent - recommended for accelerated model training and handling large datasets.
- **CPU:** Multi-core processor - necessary for efficient data loading and preprocessing tasks.
- **RAM:** Minimum 8GB (preferably 16GB or more)
- **Storage:** At least 100GB of free disk space

2.3 MODEL SELECTION AND ARCHITECTURE

The model architecture consists of several critical modules:

- **Backbone:** Extracts low- and high-level features from grayscale images.
- **Image Decoder:** Reconstructs spatial information and refines features.
- **Color Decoder Block (CDB):** Interprets color queries and generates chromatic data, ensuring accurate colorization for each feature.
- **Fusion Module:** Combines luminance data with the generated chromatic information, producing the final colorized output. Each module's configuration was chosen after evaluating multiple architectures to optimize colorization fidelity and computational efficiency.

ARCHITECTURE

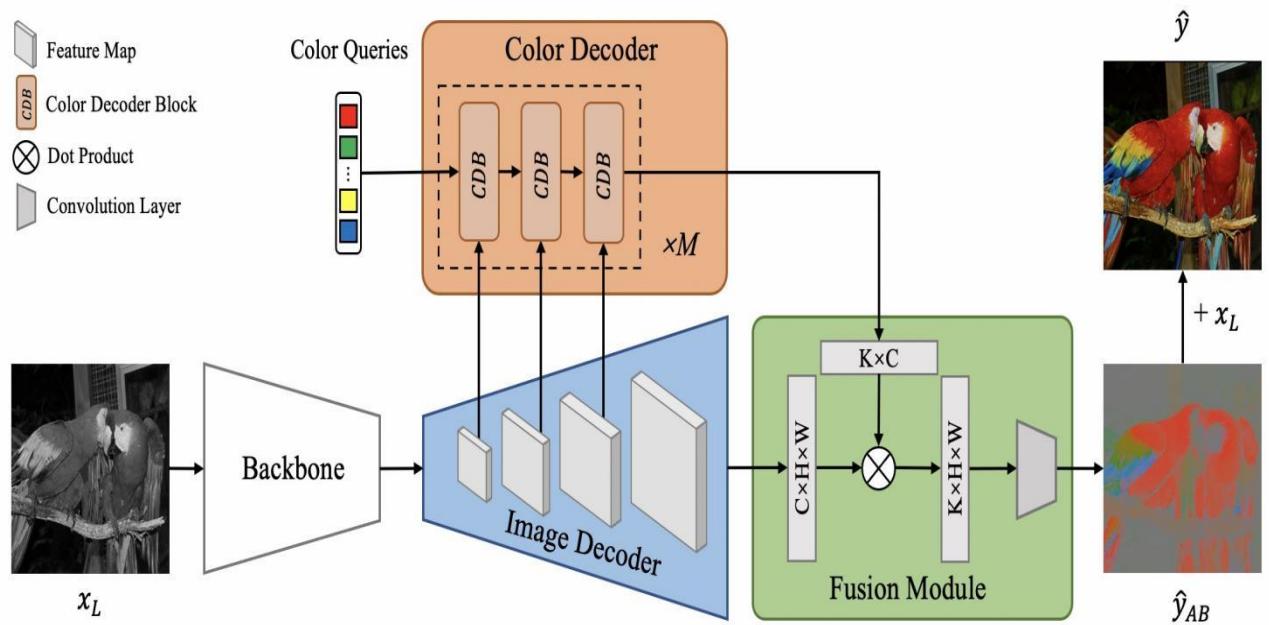


Figure 2.3.1 Architecture

3. DESIGN

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The design phase outlines how grayscale images are processed and transformed through each component of the model. A modular approach was adopted, where each part of the architecture has a specific function in the colorization pipeline, enhancing flexibility and making the model easier to modify and improve.

3.2 DFD/UML/ER DIAGRAM

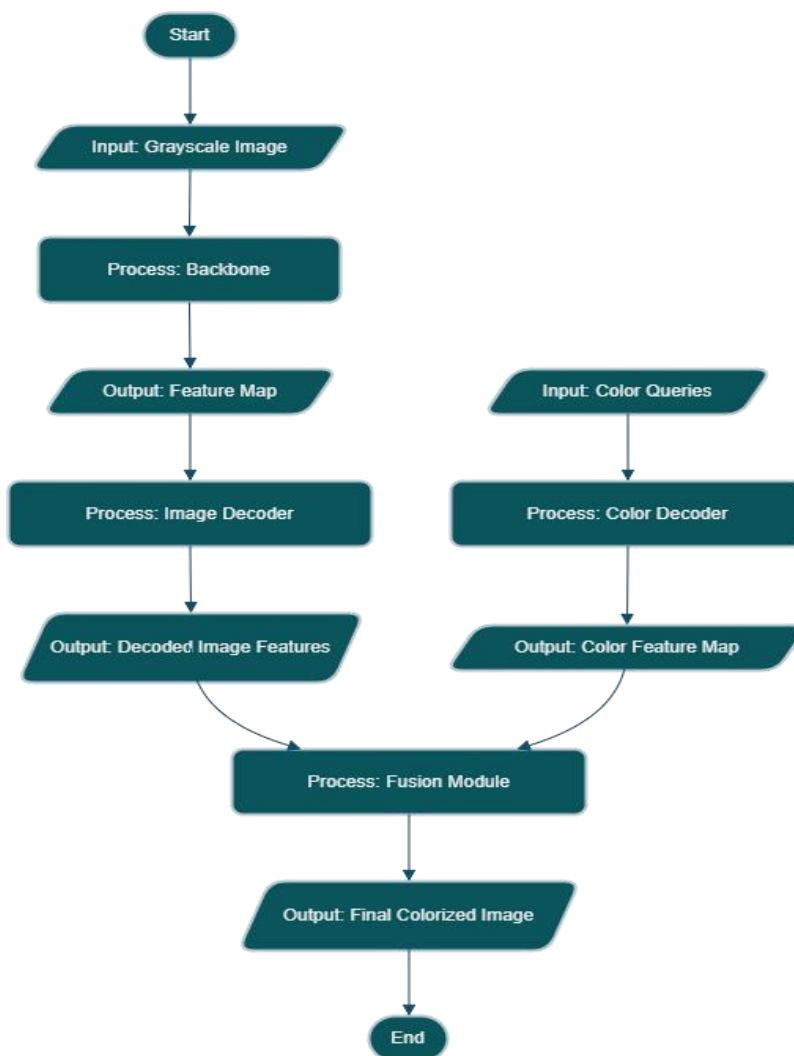


Figure 3.2.1 flowchart

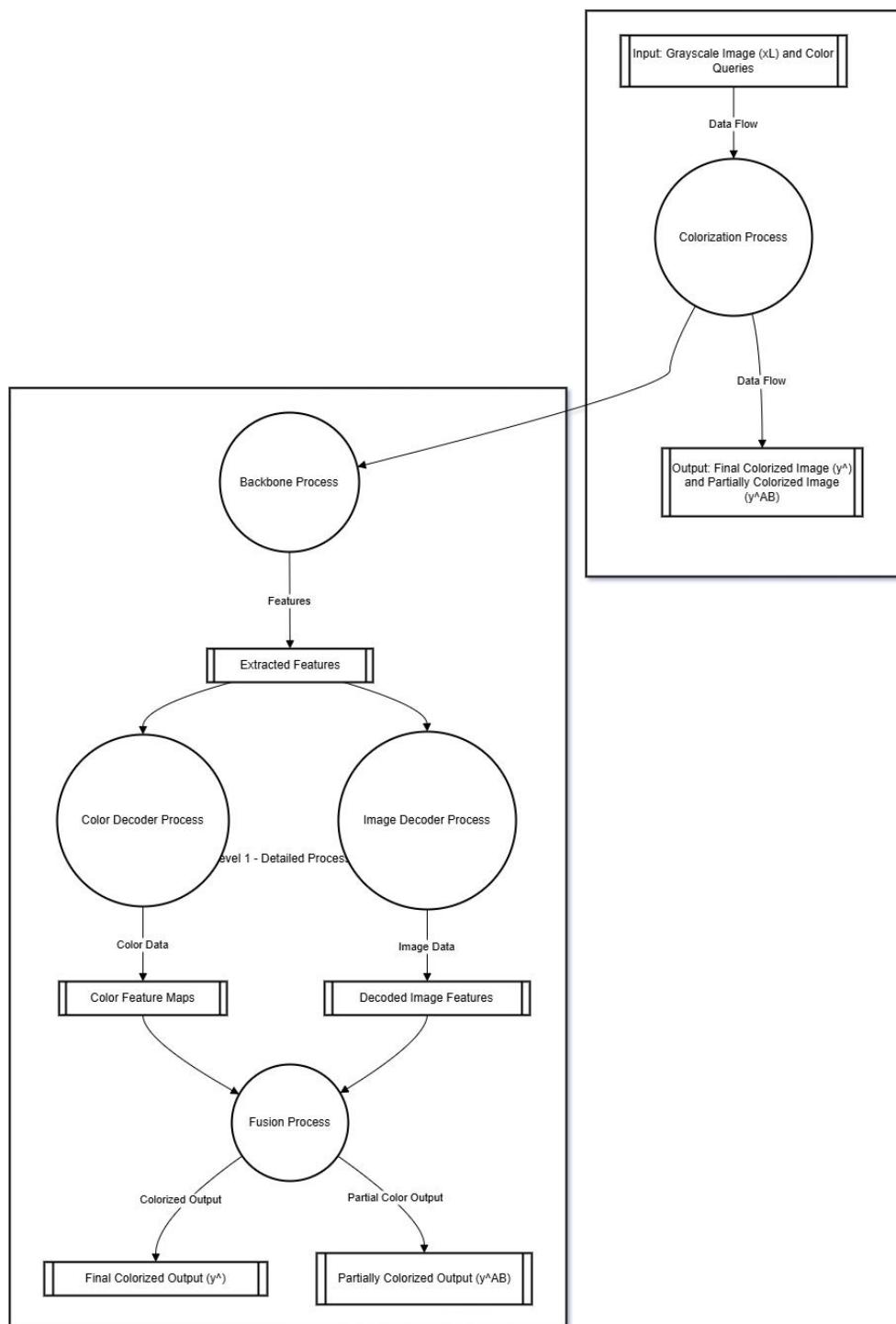


Figure 3.2.2 Data flow diagram

3.3 DATASET DESCRIPTIONS

PyTorch is an open-source deep learning framework developed by Facebook's AI Research lab. It's popular for its flexibility, ease of use, and dynamic computational graph, making it well-suited for research and experimentation. PyTorch provides powerful tools for building neural networks, handling data, and optimizing models. Its simplicity and intuitive API make it a favorite among researchers and developers, especially for computer vision and natural language processing tasks.

For image processing tasks like colorization, PyTorch offers robust support through its torchvision library, which includes pre-built datasets, transformations, and utilities for image handling. Additionally, PyTorch's ability to seamlessly use GPUs enables faster processing of large image datasets, essential for training deep learning models.

In this project, PyTorch's data handling capabilities are used to prepare and manage the dataset for the image colorization model. Here's a breakdown of the main steps involved:

Loading Dataset: PyTorch's DataLoader and Dataset classes are used to load pairs of grayscale and color images. The grayscale image is the model input, while the corresponding color image serves as the target output. This setup enables supervised learning, where the model learns the mapping from grayscale to color.

Preprocessing: torchvision.transforms is employed to preprocess the images. Typical preprocessing steps include:

- **Normalization:** Standardizes pixel values to a range (like 0 to 1), improving model stability.
- **Resizing:** Ensures that all images are of a uniform size for consistent input to the model.
- **Grayscale Conversion:** Converts color images to grayscale as input data, preparing them for the colorization task.

Batching and Shuffling: The DataLoader splits the dataset into batches for efficient parallel processing. Shuffling is used to randomize the order of images, preventing the model from memorizing image order and improving generalization.

GPU Support: PyTorch facilitates GPU acceleration by enabling the dataset and model to be processed on the GPU, which significantly speeds up data loading and model training.

3.4 DATA PREPROCESSING TECHNIQUES

1. Normalization

Purpose: Normalization is a technique to scale pixel values to a consistent range, which helps stabilize and accelerate the training process by ensuring the model deals with input values in a controlled range.

Method: In image processing, pixel values often range from 0 to 255. Normalizing scales these values to a range of 0 to 1 or -1 to 1

Impact: Normalization helps reduce the chances of model weights becoming too large during training, which can cause issues with gradient updates. It also helps with faster convergence and can improve the model's overall accuracy and stability.

2. Resizing

Purpose: To maintain a uniform input size for the network, which simplifies processing and helps the model achieve consistent performance across varied image sizes in the dataset.

Method: All images are resized to a specific width and height, which are typically chosen based on the model architecture's input requirements (e.g., 256x256 pixels for many CNN models). This can be done with bilinear or bicubic interpolation to maintain as much detail as possible.

Impact: Resizing ensures compatibility with the neural network's input layer dimensions. However, resizing can lead to a loss of detail, especially if the original image is significantly larger or smaller than the target size. This trade-off between image resolution and computational efficiency is important to consider based on the specific requirements of the task.

3. Augmentation

Purpose: Data augmentation artificially increases the size and diversity of the training dataset by creating modified versions of images. This helps the model generalize better and reduces the likelihood of overfitting.

Methods:

- **Flipping:** Horizontal or vertical flips to simulate variations in object orientation.
- **Rotation:** Small random rotations (e.g., between -10° to 10°) to account for various image orientations in real-world scenarios.
- **Scaling:** Randomly zooming in or out to help the model become invariant to size changes.
- **Color Jitter** (optional for colorization tasks): Slight alterations in brightness, contrast, and saturation can help the model learn to handle variations in color intensity.

Impact: Augmentation creates a more robust model by exposing it to a variety of scenarios within the training phase, allowing it to generalize better to unseen data. It also helps mitigate the issue of limited dataset size by increasing data variability.

4. Grayscale Conversion

Purpose: Since the primary task of the model is to learn to colorize grayscale images, it's essential to provide grayscale images as input for training. This enables the model to focus on understanding and learning color patterns and associations from the grayscale data.

Method: Convert each color image in the dataset to grayscale by averaging the R, G, and B values of each pixel or using a weighted average that reflects human perception (e.g., $Y = 0.299*R + 0.587*G + 0.114*B$).

Impact: Grayscale conversion simplifies the input for the model by removing color information and reducing it to a single channel. This allows the model to focus specifically on generating colors based on structural and texture cues in the grayscale image, rather than starting with any pre-existing color information.

3.5 METHODS AND ALGORITHMS

The architecture involves several layers and techniques:

- **Backbone:** A convolutional neural network (CNN) that extracts features from grayscale images.
- **Image Decoder:** Translates feature maps into a format suitable for color addition.
- **Color Decoder Block (CDB):** Uses attention-based colorization, where color queries are processed and applied to specific image regions.
- **Fusion Module:** Combines grayscale and color data through a dot-product operation, followed by convolution layers for refinement.

4. DEPLOYMENT AND RESULTS

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The project, tentatively named "Image Chromatic Fusion," involves an architecture designed for colorizing grayscale images using machine learning. The architecture likely uses PyTorch as the deep learning framework and employs an encoder-decoder structure with specialized color processing components, such as a color decoder block, to apply colors to images intelligently. The primary objective of the project is to convert black-and-white images to color through learned color mappings.

4.2 SOURCE CODE

Main code:

Gradio_app.py

```
import os
import uuid
import cv2
import numpy as np
import torch
import torch.nn.functional as F
from basicsr.archs.ddcolor_arch import DDColor
import gradio as gr
from gradio_imageslider import ImageSlider

# Set up the model path and input parameters
model_path = 'modelscope/model/pytorch_model.pt'
input_size = 512
model_size = 'large'

# Create Image Colorization Pipeline
class ImageColorizationPipeline(object):

    def __init__(self, model_path, input_size=256, model_size='large'):
        self.input_size = input_size
        self.device = torch.device('cuda' if torch.cuda.is_available() else 'cpu')

        encoder_name = 'convnext-l' if model_size == 'large' else 'convnext-t'

        # Initialize the model
        self.model = DDColor(
            encoder_name=encoder_name,
            decoder_name='MultiScaleColorDecoder',
            input_size=[self.input_size, self.input_size],
            num_output_channels=2,
```

```

last_norm='Spectral',
do_normalize=False,
num_queries=100,
num_scales=3,
dec_layers=9,
).to(self.device)

# Load model parameters
self.load_model(model_path)

def load_model(self, model_path):
    if not os.path.exists(model_path):
        raise FileNotFoundError(f"Model file not found at: {model_path}")

    try:
        state_dict = torch.load(model_path, map_location=self.device)
        self.model.load_state_dict(state_dict['params'], strict=False)
        self.model.eval()
        print("Model loaded successfully.")
    except Exception as e:
        raise RuntimeError(f"Error loading model: {str(e)}")

@torch.no_grad()
def process(self, img):
    if img is None or img.size == 0:
        raise ValueError("Input image is None or empty.")

    print(f'Processing image with shape: {img.shape}') # Debugging line

    self.height, self.width = img.shape[:2]

    img = (img / 255.0).astype(np.float32)
    orig_1 = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2Lab)[ :, :, :1]

    img = cv2.resize(img, (self.input_size, self.input_size))
    img_1 = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2Lab)[ :, :, :1]
    img_gray_lab = np.concatenate((img_1, np.zeros_like(img_1), np.zeros_like(img_1)), axis=-1)
    img_gray_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(img_gray_lab, cv2.COLOR_LAB2RGB)

    tensor_gray_rgb = torch.from_numpy(img_gray_rgb.transpose((2, 0, 1))).float().unsqueeze(0).to(self.device)
    output_ab = self.model(tensor_gray_rgb).cpu() # (1, 2, self.height, self.width)

    output_ab_resize = F.interpolate(output_ab, size=(self.height, self.width))[0].float().numpy().transpose(1, 2, 0)
    output_lab = np.concatenate((orig_1, output_ab_resize), axis=-1)
    output_bgr = cv2.cvtColor(output_lab, cv2.COLOR_LAB2BGR)

    output_img = (output_bgr * 255.0).round().astype(np.uint8)

    return output_img

```

```

# Initialize colorizer

try:
    colorizer = ImageColorizationPipeline(model_path=model_path, input_size=input_size,
model_size=model_size)
except Exception as e:
    print(f"Failed to initialize the colorizer: {str(e)}")

# Create inference function for Gradio app
def colorize(img):
    try:
        if img is None or img.size == 0:
            return None, "Input image is empty or not provided."

        print(f"Received image with shape: {img.shape}") # Debugging line

        image_out = colorizer.process(img)

        # Generate a unique filename using UUID
        unique_imgfilename = str(uuid.uuid4()) + '.png'
        cv2.imwrite(unique_imgfilename, image_out) # Save the output image to file

        print(f"Output image saved as: {unique_imgfilename}") # Debugging line

        return img, unique_imgfilename
    except Exception as e:
        return None, f"Error during colorization: {str(e)}"

# Gradio demo using the Image-Slider custom component
with gr.Blocks() as demo:
    with gr.Row():
        with gr.Column():
            bw_image = gr.Image(label='Black and White Input Image', type='numpy')

# Ensure the input type is numpy array
    btn = gr.Button('Convert using Image Chromatic Fusion')
    with gr.Column():
        col_image_slider = ImageSlider(label='Colored Image with Slider-view')
    # Removed 'position'

# Button click event
    btn.click(colorize, bw_image, col_image_slider)

# Launch the Gradio interface
demo.launch()

```

Export.py:

```
import types
import argparse
import torch
import torch.nn.functional as F
import numpy as np
import onnx
import onnxsim

from basicsr.archs.ddcolor_arch import DDColor
from onnx import load_model, save_model, shape_inference

from onnxruntime.tools.symbolic_shape_infer import SymbolicShapeInference
def parse_args():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Export DDColor model to ONNX.")
    parser.add_argument(
        "--input_size",
        type=int,
        default=512,
        help="Input image dimension.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--batch_size",
        type=int,
        default=1,
        help="Input batch size.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--model_path",
        type=str,
        required=True,
        help="Path to export ONNX model.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--model_size",
        type=str,
        default="tiny",
        help="Path to export ONNX model.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--decoder_type",
        type=str,
        default="MultiScaleColorDecoder",
        help="Path to export ONNX model.",
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        "--export_path",
        type=str,
        default="./model.onnx",
        help="Path to export ONNX model.",
    )
)
```

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parser.add_argument(
    "--opset",
    type=int,
    default=12,
    help="ONNX opset version.",
)
return parser.parse_args()
def create_onnx_export(args):
    input_size = args.input_size
    device = torch.device('cpu')

    if args.model_size == 'tiny':
        encoder_name = 'convnext-t'
    else:
        encoder_name = 'convnext-l'

    # hardcoded in inference/colorization_pipeline.py
    # decoder_type = "MultiScaleColorDecoder"

    if args.decoder_type == 'MultiScaleColorDecoder':
        model = DDColor(
            encoder_name=encoder_name,
            decoder_name='MultiScaleColorDecoder',
            input_size=[input_size, input_size],
            num_output_channels=2,
            last_norm='Spectral',
            do_normalize=False,
            num_queries=100,
            num_scales=3,
            dec_layers=9,
        ).to(device)
    elif args.decoder_type == 'SingleColorDecoder':
        model = DDColor(
            encoder_name=encoder_name,
            decoder_name='SingleColorDecoder',
            input_size=[input_size, input_size],
            num_output_channels=2,
            last_norm='Spectral',
            do_normalize=False,
            num_queries=256,
        ).to(device)
    else:
        raise("decoder_type not implemented.")

    model.load_state_dict(
        torch.load(args.model_path, map_location=device)['params'],
        strict=False)
    model.eval()

    channels = 3 # RGB image has 3 channels

    random_input = torch.rand((args.batch_size, channels, input_size, input_size), dtype=torch.float32)
    dynamic_axes = {}
    if args.batch_size == 0:

```

```

dynamic_axes[0] = "batch"
if input_size == 0:
    dynamic_axes[2] = "height"
    dynamic_axes[3] = "width"
torch.onnx.export(
    model,
    random_input,
    args.export_path,
    opset_version=args.opset,

    input_names=["input"],
    output_names=["output"],
    dynamic_axes={
        "input": dynamic_axes,
        "output": dynamic_axes
    },
)

def check_onnx_export(export_path):
    save_model(
        shape_inference.infer_shapes(
            load_model(export_path),
            check_type=True,
            strict_mode=True,
            data_prop=True
        ),
        export_path
    )

    save_model(
        SymbolicShapeInference.infer_shapes(load_model(export_path),
                                             auto_merge=True,
                                             guess_output_rank=True
                                         ),
        export_path,
    )

model_onnx = onnx.load(export_path) # load onnx model
onnx.checker.check_model(model_onnx) # check onnx model

model_onnx, check = onnxsim.simplify(model_onnx)
assert check, "assert check failed"
onnx.save(model_onnx, export_path)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    args = parse_args()

    create_onnx_export(args)
    print(f'ONNX file successfully created at {args.export_path}')
    check_onnx_export(args.export_path)
    print(f'ONNX file at {args.export_path} verified shapes and simplified')

```

```

Predict.py;
# Prediction interface for Cog
# https://github.com/replicate/cog/blob/main/docs/python.md

import cv2
import numpy as np
from subprocess import call
import torch

import torch.nn.functional as F
from cog import BasePredictor, Input, Path
class Predictor(BasePredictor):
    def setup(self) -> None:
        """Load the model into memory to make running multiple predictions efficient"""
        # download the weights to "checkpoints"

        from basicsr.archs.ddcolor_arch import DDCOLOR

    class ImageColorizationPipeline(object):
        def __init__(self, model_path, input_size=256, model_size="large"):
            self.input_size = input_size
            if torch.cuda.is_available():
                self.device = torch.device("cuda")
            else:
                self.device = torch.device("cpu")

            if model_size == "tiny":
                self.encoder_name = "convnext-t"
            else:
                self.encoder_name = "convnext-l"

            self.decoder_type = "MultiScaleColorDecoder"

            self.model = DDCOLOR(
                encoder_name=self.encoder_name,
                decoder_name="MultiScaleColorDecoder",
                input_size=[self.input_size, self.input_size],
                num_output_channels=2,
                last_norm="Spectral",
                do_normalize=False,
                num_queries=100,
                num_scales=3,
                dec_layers=9,
            ).to(self.device)

            self.model.load_state_dict(
                torch.load(model_path, map_location=torch.device("cpu"))["params"],
                strict=False,
            )
            self.model.eval()

        @torch.no_grad()

```

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def process(self, img):
    self.height, self.width = img.shape[:2]
    img = (img / 255.0).astype(np.float32)
    orig_1 = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2Lab)[:, :, :1] # (h, w, 1)

    # resize rgb image -> lab -> get grey -> rgb
    img = cv2.resize(img, (self.input_size, self.input_size))
    img_1 = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2Lab)[:, :, :1]

    img_gray_lab = np.concatenate(
        (img_1, np.zeros_like(img_1), np.zeros_like(img_1)), axis=-1
    )
    img_gray_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(img_gray_lab, cv2.COLOR_LAB2RGB)

    tensor_gray_rgb = (
        torch.from_numpy(img_gray_rgb.transpose((2, 0, 1)))
        .float()
        .unsqueeze(0)
        .to(self.device)
    )
    output_ab = self.model(
        tensor_gray_rgb
    ).cpu() # (1, 2, self.height, self.width)

    # resize ab -> concat original l -> rgb
    output_ab_resize = (
        F.interpolate(output_ab, size=(self.height, self.width))[0]
        .float()
        .numpy()
        .transpose(1, 2, 0)
    )
    output_lab = np.concatenate((orig_1, output_ab_resize), axis=-1)
    output_bgr = cv2.cvtColor(output_lab, cv2.COLOR_LAB2BGR)

    output_img = (output_bgr * 255.0).round().astype(np.uint8)

    return output_img

self.colorizer = ImageColorizationPipeline(
    model_path="checkpoints/ddcolor_modelscope.pth",
    input_size=512,
    model_size="large",
)
self.colorizer_tiny = ImageColorizationPipeline(
    model_path="checkpoints/ddcolor_paper_tiny.pth",
    input_size=512,
    model_size="tiny",
)
def predict(
    self,
    image: Path = Input(description="Grayscale input image."),
    model_size: str = Input(
        description="Choose the model size.",
        choices=["large", "tiny"],
    ),

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        default="large",
    ),
) -> Path:
    """Run a single prediction on the model"""

    img = cv2.imread(str(image))
    colorizer = self.colorizer_tiny if model_size == "tiny" else self.colorizer

    image_out = colorizer.process(img)
    out_path = "/tmp/out.png"
    cv2.imwrite(out_path, image_out)
    return Path(out_path)

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Train.py :

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import datetime
import logging
import math
import time
import torch
import warnings

warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")

from os import path as osp

from basicsr.data import build_dataloader, build_dataset
from basicsr.data.data_sampler import EnlargedSampler
from basicsr.data.prefetch_dataloader import CPUPrefetcher, CUDAPrefetcher
from basicsr.models import build_model
from basicsr.utils import (AvgTimer, MessageLogger, check_resume, get_env_info, get_root_logger,
get_time_str,
    init_tb_logger, init_wandb_logger, make_exp_dirs, mkdir_and_rename, scandir)
from basicsr.utils.options import copy_opt_file, dict2str, parse_options

def init_tb_loggers(opt):
    # initialize wandb logger before tensorboard logger to allow proper sync
    if (opt['logger'].get('wandb') is not None) and (opt['logger']['wandb'].get('project')
        is not None) and ('debug' not in opt['name']):
        assert opt['logger'].get('use_tb_logger') is True, ('should turn on tensorboard when using wandb')
        init_wandb_logger(opt)
    tb_logger = None
    if opt['logger'].get('use_tb_logger') and 'debug' not in opt['name']:
        tb_logger = init_tb_logger(log_dir=osp.join(opt['root_path'], 'tb_logger', opt['name']))
    return tb_logger

def create_train_val_dataloader(opt, logger):
    # create train and val dataloaders
    train_loader, val_loaders = None, []
    for phase, dataset_opt in opt['datasets'].items():
        if phase == 'train':
            dataset_enlarge_ratio = dataset_opt.get('dataset_enlarge_ratio', 1)
            train_set = build_dataset(dataset_opt)

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train_sampler = EnlargedSampler(train_set, opt['world_size'], opt['rank'], dataset_enlarge_ratio)
train_loader = build_dataloader(
    train_set,
    dataset_opt,
    num_gpu=opt['num_gpu'],
    dist=opt['dist'],
    sampler=train_sampler,
    seed=opt['manual_seed'])

num_iter_per_epoch = math.ceil(
    len(train_set) * dataset_enlarge_ratio / (dataset_opt['batch_size_per_gpu'] *
opt['world_size']))
total_iters = int(opt['train']['total_iter'])
total_epochs = math.ceil(total_iters / (num_iter_per_epoch))
logger.info('Training statistics:'
            f'\n\tNumber of train images: {len(train_set)}'
            f'\n\tDataset enlarge ratio: {dataset_enlarge_ratio}'
            f'\n\tBatch size per gpu: {dataset_opt["batch_size_per_gpu"]}')

f'\n\tWorld size (gpu number): {opt["world_size"]}''

            f'\n\tRequire iter number per epoch: {num_iter_per_epoch}'
            f'\n\tTotal epochs: {total_epochs}; iters: {total_iters}.')
elif phase.split('_')[0] == 'val':
    val_set = build_dataset(dataset_opt)
    val_loader = build_dataloader(
        val_set, dataset_opt, num_gpu=opt['num_gpu'], dist=opt['dist'], sampler=None,
    seed=opt['manual_seed'])
    logger.info(f'Number of val images/folders in {dataset_opt["name"]}: {len(val_set)}')
    val_loaders.append(val_loader)
else:
    raise ValueError(f'Dataset phase {phase} is not recognized.')

return train_loader, train_sampler, val_loaders, total_epochs, total_iters
def load_resume_state(opt):
    resume_state_path = None
    if opt['auto_resume']:
        state_path = osp.join(opt['root_path'], 'experiments', opt['name'], 'training_states')
        if osp.isdir(state_path):
            states = list(scandir(state_path, suffix='state', recursive=False, full_path=False))
            if len(states) != 0:
                states = [float(v.split('.state')[0]) for v in states]
                resume_state_path = osp.join(state_path, f'{max(states):.0f}.state')
                opt['path']['resume_state'] = resume_state_path
    else:
        if opt['path'].get('resume_state'):
            resume_state_path = opt['path']['resume_state']

    if resume_state_path is None:
        resume_state = None
    else:
        device_id = torch.cuda.current_device()

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resume_state = torch.load(resume_state_path, map_location=lambda storage, loc:
storage.cuda(device_id))
    check_resume(opt, resume_state['iter'])
return resume_state
def train_pipeline(root_path):
    # parse options, set distributed setting, set random seed

    opt, args = parse_options(root_path, is_train=True)
    opt['root_path'] = root_path

    torch.backends.cudnn.benchmark = True
    # torch.backends.cudnn.deterministic = True

    # load resume states if necessary
    resume_state = load_resume_state(opt)
    # mkdir for experiments and logger
    if resume_state is None:
        make_exp_dirs(opt)
        if opt['logger'].get('use_tb_logger') and 'debug' not in opt['name'] and opt['rank'] == 0:
            mkdir_and_rename(osp.join(opt['root_path'], 'tb_logger', opt['name']))

    # copy the yml file to the experiment root
    copy_opt_file(args.opt, opt['path']['experiments_root'])

    # WARNING: should not use get_root_logger in the above codes, including the called functions
    # Otherwise the logger will not be properly initialized
    log_file = osp.join(opt['path']['log'], f'train_{opt["name"]}_{get_time_str()}.log')
    logger = get_root_logger(logger_name='basicstr', log_level=logging.INFO, log_file=log_file)
    logger.info(get_env_info())
    logger.info(dict2str(opt))
    # initialize wandb and tb loggers
    tb_logger = init_tb_loggers(opt)

    # create train and validation dataloaders
    result = create_train_val_dataloader(opt, logger)
    train_loader, train_sampler, val_loaders, total_epochs, total_iters = result

    # create model
    model = build_model(opt)
    if resume_state: # resume training
        model.resume_training(resume_state) # handle optimizers and schedulers
        logger.info(f'Resuming training from epoch: {resume_state["epoch"]}, " f"iter: {resume_state["iter"]}."')
        start_epoch = resume_state['epoch']
        current_iter = resume_state['iter']
    else:
        start_epoch = 0
        current_iter = 0

    # create message logger (formatted outputs)
    msg_logger = MessageLogger(opt, current_iter, tb_logger)

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# dataloader prefetcher
prefetch_mode = opt['datasets']['train'].get('prefetch_mode')

if prefetch_mode is None or prefetch_mode == 'cpu':
    prefetcher = CPUPrefetcher(train_loader)
elif prefetch_mode == 'cuda':
    prefetcher = CUDAPrefetcher(train_loader, opt)

    logger.info(f'Use {prefetch_mode} prefetch dataloader')
    if opt['datasets']['train'].get('pin_memory') is not True:
        raise ValueError('Please set pin_memory=True for CUDAPrefetcher.')
else:
    raise ValueError(f'Wrong prefetch_mode {prefetch_mode}.' "Supported ones are: None, 'cuda', 'cpu'.")
# training
logger.info(f'Start training from epoch: {start_epoch}, iter: {current_iter}')
data_timer, iter_timer = AvgTimer(), AvgTimer()
start_time = time.time()

for epoch in range(start_epoch, total_epochs + 1):

    train_sampler.set_epoch(epoch)
    prefetcher.reset()
    train_data = prefetcher.next()

    while train_data is not None:
        data_timer.record()
        current_iter += 1
        if current_iter > total_iters:
            break
        # update learning rate
        model.update_learning_rate(current_iter, warmup_iter=opt['train'].get('warmup_iter', -1))
        # training
        model.feed_data(train_data)
        model.optimize_parameters(current_iter)
        iter_timer.record()
        if current_iter == 1:
            # reset start time in msg_logger for more accurate eta_time
            # not work in resume mode
            msg_logger.reset_start_time()
        # log
        if current_iter % opt['logger']['print_freq'] == 0:
            log_vars = {'epoch': epoch, 'iter': current_iter}
            log_vars.update({'lrs': model.get_current_learning_rate()})
            log_vars.update({'time': iter_timer.get_avg_time(), 'data_time': data_timer.get_avg_time()})
            log_vars.update(model.get_current_log())
            msg_logger(log_vars)

        # save training images snapshot save_snapshot_freq
        if opt['logger'][
            'save_snapshot_freq'] is not None and current_iter % opt['logger']['save_snapshot_freq'] == 0:
            model.save_training_images(current_iter)

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# save models and training states
if current_iter % opt['logger']['save_checkpoint_freq'] == 0:
    logger.info('Saving models and training states.')
    model.save(epoch, current_iter)
# validation
if opt.get('val') is not None and (current_iter % opt['val']['val_freq'] == 0):
    if len(val_loaders) > 1:
        logger.warning('Multiple validation datasets are *only* supported by SRModel.')
    for val_loader in val_loaders:
        model.validation(val_loader, current_iter, tb_logger, opt['val']['save_img'])
    data_timer.start()
    iter_timer.start()
    train_data = prefetcher.next()
# end of iter
# end of epoch
consumed_time = str(datetime.timedelta(seconds=int(time.time() - start_time)))
logger.info(f'End of training. Time consumed: {consumed_time}')
logger.info('Save the latest model.')

model.save(epoch=-1, current_iter=-1) # -1 stands for the latest
if opt.get('val') is not None:
    for val_loader in val_loaders:
        model.validation(val_loader, current_iter, tb_logger, opt['val']['save_img'])

if tb_logger:
    tb_logger.close()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    root_path = osp.abspath(osp.join(__file__, osp.pardir, osp.pardir))
    train_pipeline(root_path)

```

4.3 MODEL IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING

The model implementation focuses on creating a deep learning architecture in PyTorch tailored for image colorization. Key components include:

- **Model Architecture:** The model is built using a backbone (e.g., CNN) for feature extraction from grayscale images, an image decoder to reconstruct spatial features, a color decoder to predict color embeddings, and a fusion module to combine grayscale and color data.
- **Training Process:** The model undergoes training by taking grayscale images as input and comparing the colorized predictions to the true color images. Loss functions like Mean Squared Error (MSE) measure the error, while optimizers (e.g., Adam) update model weights. Data augmentation techniques improve generalization by providing varied input scenarios.
- **Checkpointing:** Regular saving of model states ensures that progress is not lost and that training can be resumed as needed.

4.4 Model Evaluation Metrics

Model evaluation metrics are crucial for assessing the colorization quality and overall accuracy:

- **Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR):** Measures the ratio of the maximum possible pixel value to the noise in the prediction. A higher PSNR indicates better quality and less distortion in the predicted color image compared to the ground truth.
- **Structural Similarity Index (SSIM):** Evaluates the similarity in structure between the predicted and true images, focusing on visual perception factors like luminance, contrast, and structure. SSIM is particularly valuable in image colorization, as it reflects the perceptual quality of the output.
- **Mean Absolute Error (MAE) (optional):** Measures the absolute difference between predicted and actual pixel colors, which can provide insights into color accuracy and fidelity.

4.5 MODEL DEPLOYMENT: TESTING AND VALIDATION

Deployment involves finalizing the model for real-world use and ensuring it performs reliably:

- **Testing:** After training, the model is tested on a separate test dataset that it hasn't seen before. This helps confirm that the model generalizes well and provides accurate colorization results on new data.
- **Validation:** During deployment, validation is continuous, especially when the model is exposed to diverse, real-world images. Fine-tuning or re-training may be necessary if performance drops or if new types of images are introduced.
- **Inference Speed Optimization:** Deployment involves optimizing inference speed and memory usage, crucial for applications that require real-time or near-real-time results

4.6 Web Application & Integration

The Image Chromatic Fusion project features an interactive web application that enables users to colorize grayscale images easily and efficiently. Built with Flask as the backend framework and Gradio APIs for the frontend, this application provides a simple and intuitive interface where users can upload black-and-white images and receive colorized results within seconds.

The interface is designed to be accessible to a broad audience, including non-technical users such as historians, artists, and casual users, making it an approachable tool for anyone interested in enhancing grayscale images.

SCREENSHOTS OF THE APPLICATION

```
export.py > ...
4  import torch
5  import torch.nn.functional as F
6  import numpy as np
7  import onnx
8  import onnxsim
9
10 from basicsr.archs.ddcolor_arch import DDColor
11
12 from onnx import load_model, save_model, shape_inference
13 from onnxruntime.tools.symbolic_shape_infer import SymbolicShapeInference
14
15
16 def parse_args():
17     parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Export DDCOLOR model to ONNX.")
18     parser.add_argument(
19         "--input_size",
20         type=int
```

Figure: 4.6.1 Main code execution

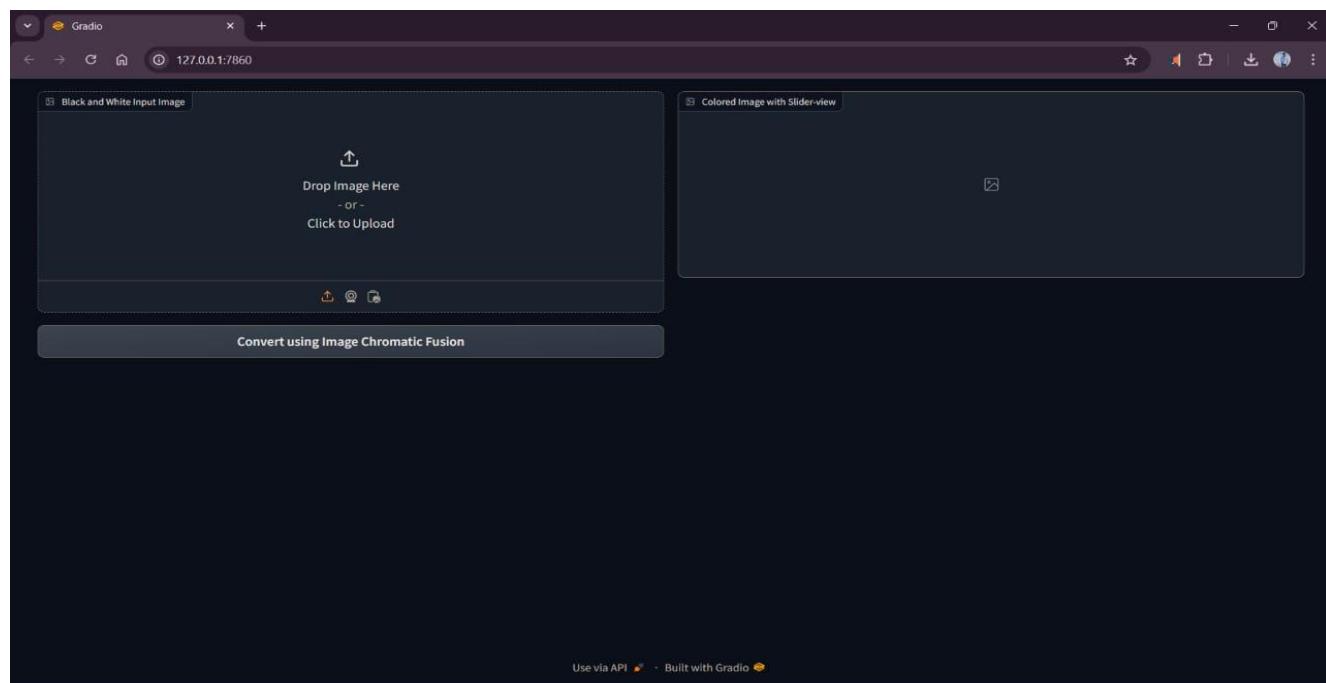


Figure: 4.6.2 GUI interface

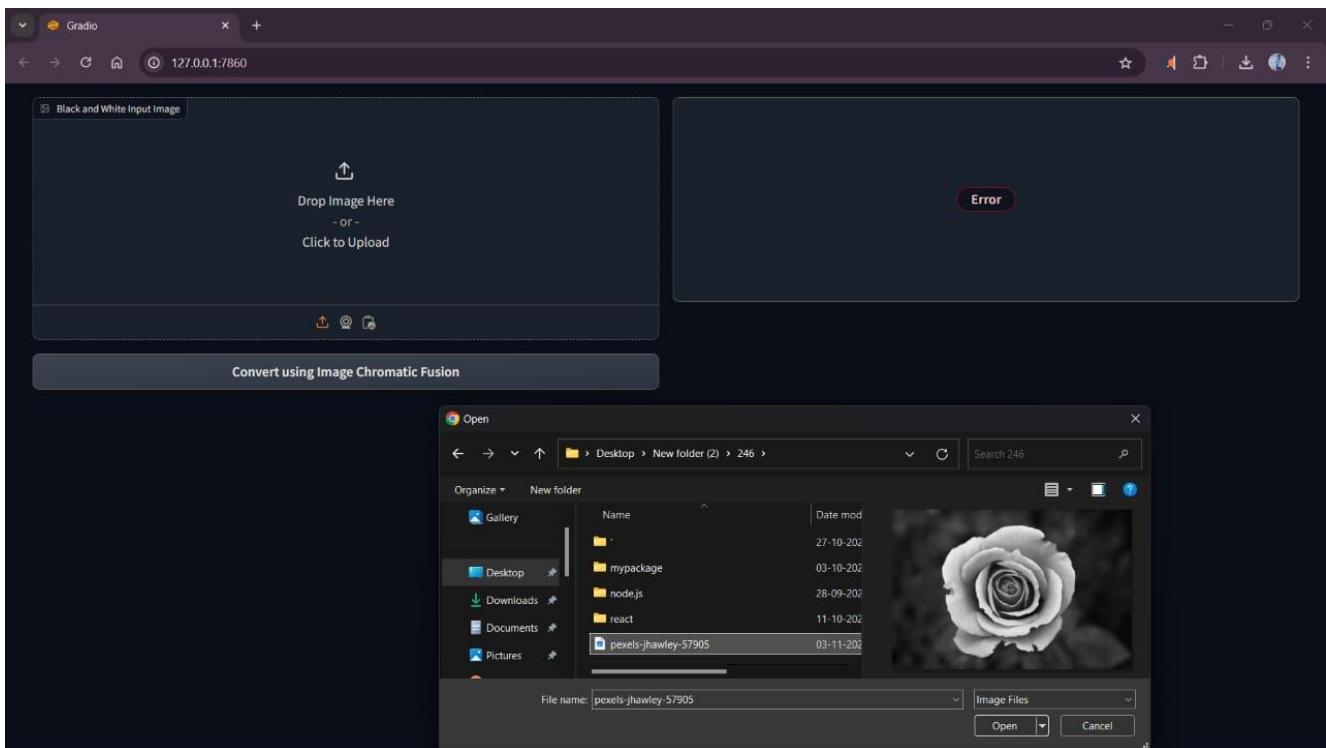


Figure: 4.6.3 Uploading Image

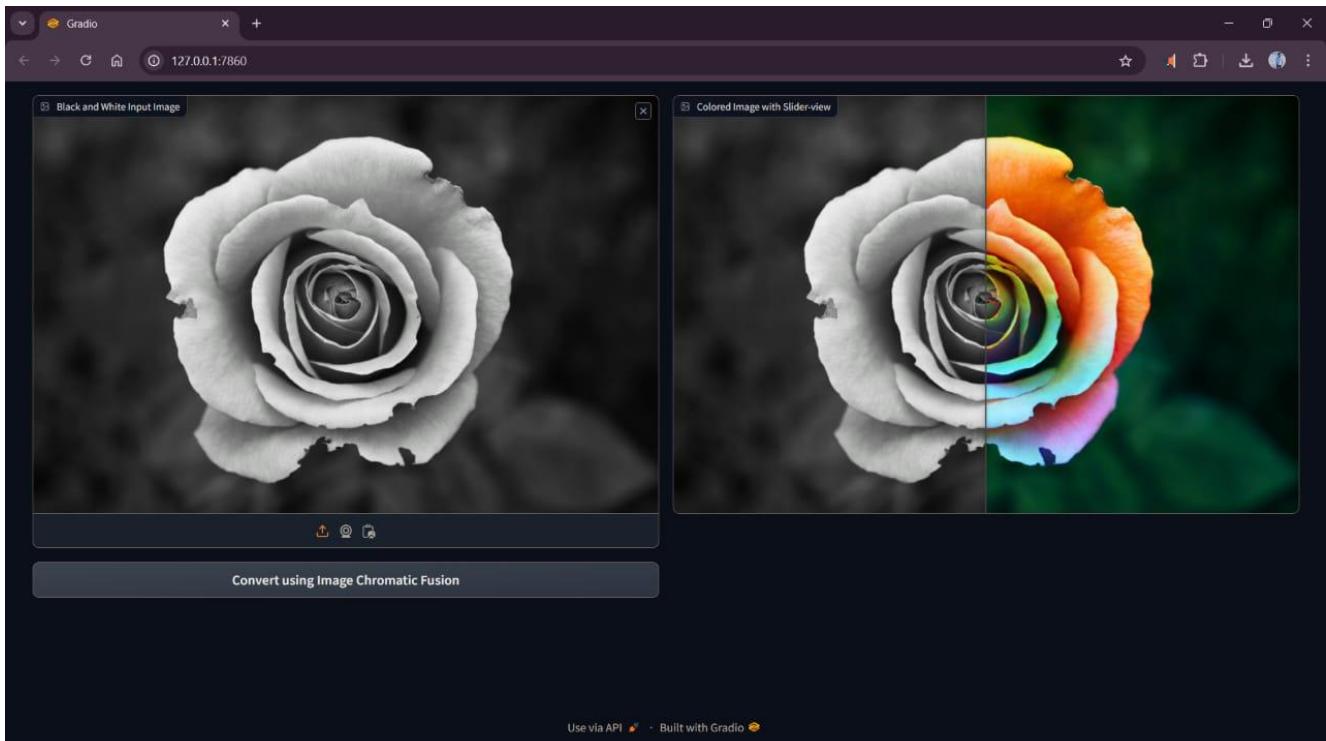


Figure: 4.6.4 Colouring image

4.7 RESULTS

The results of the Image Chromatic Fusion model underline its effectiveness in generating realistic, visually pleasing colors that closely align with natural color patterns. By leveraging components like the Color Decoder Block and Fusion Module, the model captures color nuances and spatial details with high fidelity, ensuring the colorized images retain clarity and depth. Evaluated through objective metrics like Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR) and Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), the model consistently shows high-quality output, with minimal loss of detail or introduction of artifacts. Testing on diverse datasets, including ImageNet and COCO, has demonstrated the model's adaptability across a variety of image types, from landscapes to portraits, confirming its robustness and reliability. User studies also indicated strong positive feedback, with participants noting the model's accurate and vibrant colorization, enhancing the user experience. These findings highlight the model's potential in practical applications, including colorizing archival photographs, enhancing digital content, and supporting artists in creative projects, making the Image Chromatic Fusion model a valuable asset for both professional and personal uses.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 PROJECT CONCLUSION

The Image Chromatic Fusion project effectively combines advanced deep learning techniques to deliver a powerful image colorization model that achieves both high color fidelity and structural accuracy. Key innovations, such as the Color Decoder Block and Fusion Module, have contributed to the model's ability to handle complex scenes and fine details, setting it apart from traditional colorization methods. By building a modular and flexible architecture, the project team created a foundation that supports ongoing improvements and scalability for future applications.

Additionally, the model's deployment through a web-based interface demonstrates its potential for real-world use, expanding the accessibility of high-quality image colorization to non-technical users. This project represents a significant advancement in the field of automated colorization, emphasizing the impact that AI can have in enhancing and preserving visual content for diverse applications, including archival preservation, creative media production, and personal photography.

5.2 FUTURE SCOPE

The Image Chromatic Fusion project opens several avenues for future development that could enhance both its functionality and applicability. Integrating transformer-based architectures could improve the model's contextual awareness, allowing it to better interpret complex scenes and produce even more accurate color predictions. Extending the system to colorize video sequences would also be valuable, with temporal consistency modules ensuring smooth, stable color transitions across frames, broadening its use in the film industry and video restoration.

Expanding the training dataset with more culturally diverse and specialized images would help the model generalize to different visual styles, enhancing its versatility. Optimization techniques such as model pruning, quantization, and lightweight architecture adaptations could make the model more accessible on consumer-grade hardware, expanding its usability. Furthermore, adding interactive options in the web application, like user-guided color hints or style filters, would empower users to personalize outputs according to their preferences. These future directions could make the Image Chromatic Fusion model even more powerful, adaptable, and user-centric, with impactful applications across creative industries, historical preservation, and consumer technologies.

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