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PROJECT

ON

IMAGE COLOURIZATION USING DL

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Abstract:

The project aims to develop a high-accuracy deep learning model utilizing convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for colorizing grayscale images. This report details the methodologies, models, datasets, tools, and metrics employed in the creation and assessment of the model's performance.

Introduction:

Develop a deep learning model for colorizing grayscale images with high accuracy. Assess model performance using SSIM and benchmark against existing solutions. Restore historical images using cutting-edge deep learning techniques. Provide a user-friendly tool for enhancing old visuals, aiding filmmakers, museums, and   individuals. Contribute to image processing advancements through deep learning research. Overview of relevant research in image colorization using deep learning. Discussion of key techniques: CNNs, GANs, ResNet, UNet, and their applications. Existing state-of-the-art solutions: DeOldify, Colorful Image Colorization.

Data:

The project harnesses a diverse array of artistic mediums encompassing drawings, engravings, iconography, paintings, and sculptures, incorporated both within the training and validation datasets. Each category within these datasets plays a crucial role in enriching the models' understanding of varied visual representations.

Drawings: A collection of digitized drawings sourced from historical archives and artistic repositories. These drawings encompass a wide range of styles, techniques, and subjects, serving as a fundamental component in training the models to understand and reproduce intricate pencil, charcoal, or ink-based artworks.

Engravings: Curated engravings obtained from historical sources and print collections. The dataset comprises engraved illustrations spanning historical events, artistic renditions, and illustrative storytelling, imparting a unique characteristic to the training process.

Iconography: A specialized dataset featuring iconographic representations derived from cultural, religious, and historical contexts. These symbolic visual elements aid the models in deciphering and accurately representing nuanced symbolic imagery.

Paintings: A diverse compilation of digitized paintings from various artistic movements, epochs, and genres. Ranging from oil to watercolor, these paintings offer the models an extensive canvas to comprehend color palettes, brushstrokes, and artistic styles prevalent in historical artworks.

Sculptures: Digitally cataloged sculptures and three-dimensional artworks that form an integral part of the training data. This dataset encompasses sculptures across different mediums and materials, enabling the models to understand spatial representations and textural intricacies inherent in sculptural forms.

Models:

The project employs a variety of cutting-edge deep learning architectures tailored to the specific task of grayscale image colorization. Each model has distinct characteristics and functionalities that contribute uniquely to the colorization process.

ResNet:
Role and Adaptability: ResNet, a pioneering architecture in deep neural networks, serves as the backbone structure for understanding complex image features. While not explicitly designed for image colorization, its adaptability in handling very deep networks, thanks to skip connections, proves beneficial for this task.
Integration in Colorization: The ResNet architecture, with its ability to mitigate the vanishing gradient problem, forms a foundational element in the design of the colorization model. Its capacity to efficiently learn intricate image representations contributes to the overall performance of the colorization process.

UNet:
Adaptation for Colorization: UNet, originally designed for image segmentation, undergoes modifications in its input-output configurations to suit the colorization task. Its characteristic architecture, featuring contracting and expanding paths with skip connections, aids in preserving spatial information crucial for accurate colorization.
Utilization in the Project: The modified UNet architecture plays a pivotal role in predicting color information from grayscale images. By training the network on grayscale-color pairs, the model learns to effectively map grayscale inputs to their corresponding color representations.

GAN:
Generator-Discriminator Framework: The Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) model comprises a generator tasked with producing realistic colorized images and a discriminator responsible for assessing the authenticity of generated outputs. This adversarial training process fosters the creation of high-quality colorizations.
Significance in Colorization: GANs contribute by enhancing the realism and authenticity of colorized outputs. The generator's ability to create visually convincing colorizations aligned with the discriminator's feedback leads to the production of more realistic and visually appealing results.

UNetGAN:
Hybrid Model Description: UNetGAN combines the strengths of UNet's precise localization capabilities with the realism-enhancing attributes of GANs. By integrating the GAN framework within the UNet architecture, this hybrid model aims to achieve both accurate colorization and visually convincing outputs.

Role and Significance: UNetGAN serves as a comprehensive solution, leveraging the strengths of both UNet and GAN architectures. It offers a balance between accuracy and realism, contributing significantly to the enhanced colorization process.

Data Preprocessing:

Data Collection and Preparation:

The image dataset utilized in this project comprised various artistic mediums, including drawings, engravings, iconography, paintings, and sculptures. The dataset collection involved exhaustive exploration across museum archives, cultural repositories, and digital libraries. The objective was to gather a diverse and representative collection of historical artworks spanning different styles, eras, and subjects.

Dataset Curation and Standardization:

Upon collection, a meticulous curation process was undertaken to select high-quality and diverse representations within each artistic category. The selected artworks were standardized in terms of resolution to ensure uniformity across the dataset. Additionally, grayscale images were transformed into compatible color spaces suitable for subsequent colorization tasks while preserving the original grayscale information.

Labeling and Pairing:

To facilitate supervised learning, each grayscale image was meticulously paired with its corresponding-colored version, forming accurate ground truth references. This pairing formed the foundation for training the models to accurately colorize grayscale inputs.

Data Augmentation:

Various augmentation strategies were employed, including rotation, flipping, and scaling, to augment the dataset. Augmentation aimed to enhance dataset diversity, reduce overfitting risks, and improve the models' ability to generalize.

Training and Validation Split:

The curated dataset underwent a stratified split into distinct training and validation sets. This splitting method ensured a proportional representation of each artistic category in both sets. By doing so, the models were trained comprehensively across various artistic forms while validating their performance robustly.

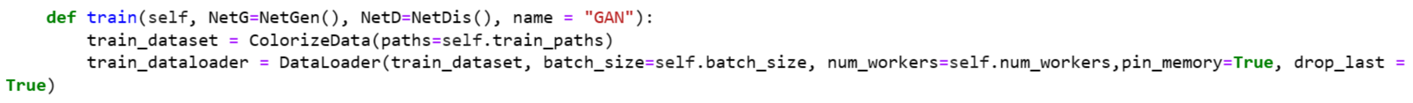
```python
import torch
import glob

import os

import numpy as np
import torch.nn as nn

from torch.utils.data import DataLoader
from tqdm import tqdm

from UNet_model import UNet
from UNet_GAN_model import UNetGen, UNetDis
from GAN_model import NetGen, NetDis
from ResNet_model import ResNet

from colorize_data import ColorizeData
```

```python
if __name__ == "__main__":
    current_directory = os.path.dirname(os.path.realpath(__file__))

    parent_directory = os.path.dirname(current_directory)
    paths = np.array([])
    training_set_path = os.path.join(parent_directory, 'Dataset', 'training_set')
    for p in os.listdir(training_set_path):
        new_path = os.path.join(training_set_path,p)
        n_paths = np.array(glob.glob( new_path+ "/*.jpg"))
        paths = np.concatenate([paths,n_paths])

    val_paths = np.array([])
    validation_set_path = os.path.join(parent_directory, 'Dataset', 'validation_set')
    for p in os.listdir(validation_set_path):
        new_path = os.path.join(validation_set_path,p)
        n_paths = np.array(glob.glob( new_path+ "/*.jpg"))
        val_paths = np.concatenate([paths,n_paths])

    train_indices = np.random.permutation(len(paths))
    train_paths = paths[train_indices]
    val_indices = np.random.permutation(len(val_paths))
    val_paths = val_paths[val_indices]

    trainer = Trainer(train_paths, val_paths, epochs = 200, batch_size = 64, learning_rate = 0.01, num_workers = 2)
    trainer.train()
```

Training methodology:

Paths for training and validation image datasets are collected from specified directories. Paths are shuffled and split into training and validation sets. Different models are initialized for training: UNet for grayscale image colorization. NetGen and NetDis for GAN-based colorization. Optimizers and loss functions are defined: For UNet, Adam optimizer and Mean Squared Error (MSE) loss are used.
For GAN (NetGen and NetDis), Adam optimizer and Binary Cross-Entropy (BCE) loss are used. Dataset loaders are created for the training and validation sets. The model is trained for a specified number of epochs using the defined optimizer and loss function. Losses are computed and stored for each epoch.

Model weights are saved periodically. The trained model is evaluated on the validation set after each epoch. Validation losses are computed and logged. Similar to UNet, a training loop is initiated for GAN models. Discriminator and generator networks are trained iteratively, optimizing the adversarial and L1 loss. Losses for both discriminator and generator are calculated and stored. Validation for GAN models is done similarly to the UNet model. Evaluation is performed using discriminator and generator networks on the validation set. Directories for saving model weights are created, and the model weights are saved periodically during training. This methodology involves initializing, training, and validating different models (UNet and GAN) for grayscale image colorization. It covers key steps such as data loading, model setup, training loops, validation, loss computation, and model weight saving. Additionally, it handles the process of splitting datasets and setting up the necessary tools for training the models.



```
    def train(self, NetG=NetGen(), NetD=NetDis(), name = "GAN"):
        train_dataset = ColorizeData(paths=self.train_paths)
        train_dataloader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=self.batch_size, num_workers=self.num_workers,pin_memory=True, drop_last =
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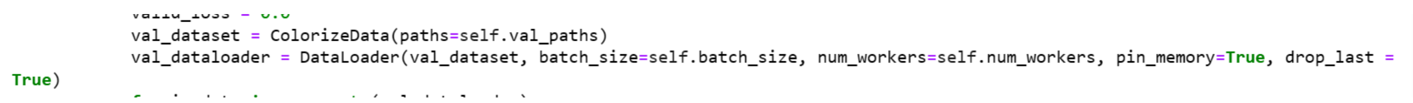

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            val_dataset = ColorizeData(paths=self.val_paths)
            val_dataloader = DataLoader(val_dataset, batch_size=self.batch_size, num_workers=self.num_workers, pin_memory=True, drop_last =
 True)
```

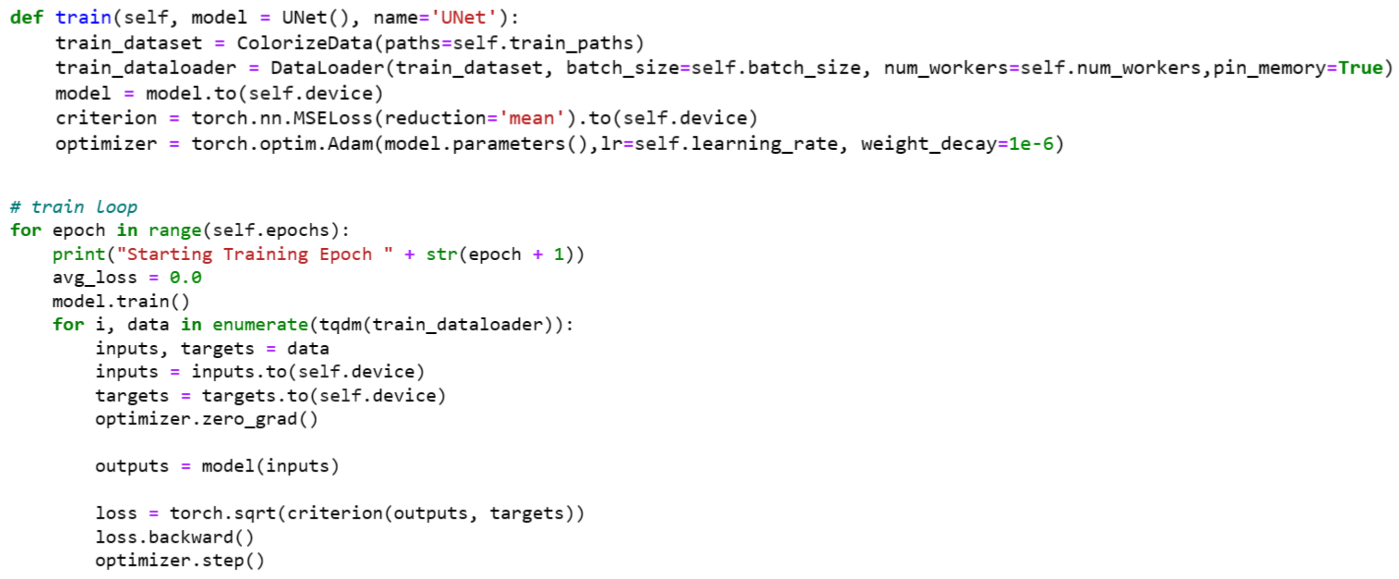

```
def train(self, model = UNet(), name='UNet'):
    train_dataset = ColorizeData(paths=self.train_paths)
    train_dataloader = DataLoader(train_dataset, batch_size=self.batch_size, num_workers=self.num_workers,pin_memory=True)
    model = model.to(self.device)
    criterion = torch.nn.MSELoss(reduction='mean').to(self.device)
    optimizer = torch.optim.Adam(model.parameters(),lr=self.learning_rate, weight_decay=1e-6)


# train loop
for epoch in range(self.epochs):
    print("Starting Training Epoch " + str(epoch + 1))
    avg_loss = 0.0
    model.train()
    for i, data in enumerate(tqdm(train_dataloader)):
        inputs, targets = data
        inputs = inputs.to(self.device)
        targets = targets.to(self.device)
        optimizer.zero_grad()

        outputs = model(inputs)

        loss = torch.sqrt(criterion(outputs, targets))
        loss.backward()
        optimizer.step()
```

```
def validate(self, model, criterion):
    # Validation loop begin
    # ------
    # Validation loop end
    # ------
    # Determine your evaluation metrics on the validation dataset.
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        valid_loss = 0.0
        val_dataset = ColorizeData(paths=self.val_paths)
        val_dataloader = DataLoader(val_dataset, batch_size=self.batch_size, num_workers=self.num_workers, pin_memory=True)
        for i, data in enumerate(val_dataloader):
            inputs, targets = data
            inputs = inputs.to(self.device)
            targets = targets.to(self.device)

            outputs = model(inputs)

            loss = torch.sqrt(criterion(outputs, targets))

            valid_loss += loss.item()
```

```
torch.save(model_G.state_dict(), p+'/weights/'+name+'/Generator.pth')
torch.save(model_D.state_dict(), p+'/weights/'+name+'/Discriminator.pth')
```

Results:

ResNet Model:

```
resnet = models.resnet18(num_classes=100)
resnet.conv1.weight = nn.Parameter(resnet.conv1.weight.sum(dim=1).unsqueeze(1))
self.midlevel_resnet = nn.Sequential(*list(resnet.children())[0:6])
RESNET_FEATURE_SIZE = 128
## Upsampling Network
self.upsample = nn.Sequential(
  nn.Conv2d(RESNET_FEATURE_SIZE, 128, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1),
  nn.BatchNorm2d(128),
  nn.ReLU(),
  nn.Upsample(scale_factor=2),
  nn.Conv2d(128, 64, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1),
  nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
  nn.ReLU(),
  nn.Conv2d(64, 64, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1),
  nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
  nn.ReLU(),
  nn.Upsample(scale_factor=2),
  nn.Conv2d(64, 32, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1),
  nn.BatchNorm2d(32),
  nn.ReLU(),
  nn.Conv2d(32, 3, kernel_size=3, stride=1, padding=1),
  nn.Upsample(scale_factor=2)
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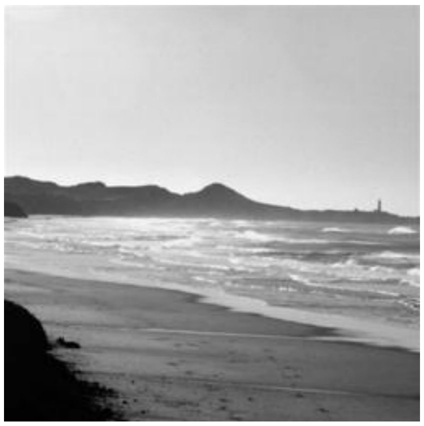

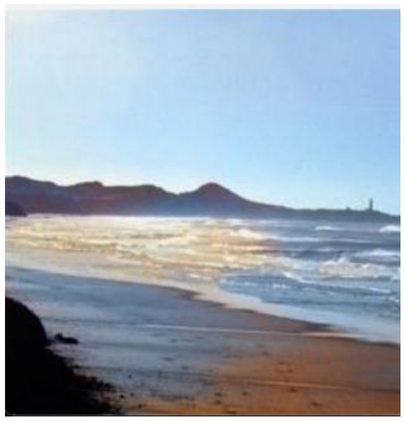

UNet Model:

```
self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 64, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm1 = nn.BatchNorm2d(64)
self.relu1 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(64, 128, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm2 = nn.BatchNorm2d(128)
self.relu2 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv3 = nn.Conv2d(128, 256, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm3 = nn.BatchNorm2d(256)
self.relu3 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv4 = nn.Conv2d(256, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm4 = nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
self.relu4 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv5 = nn.Conv2d(512, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm5 = nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
self.relu5 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.deconv6 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(512, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm6 = nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
self.relu6 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv7 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(512, 256, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm7 = nn.BatchNorm2d(256)
self.relu7 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv8 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(256, 128, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm8 = nn.BatchNorm2d(128)
self.relu8 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv9 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(128, 64, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm9 = nn.BatchNorm2d(64)
self.relu9 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv10 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(64, 3, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.tanh = nn.Tanh()
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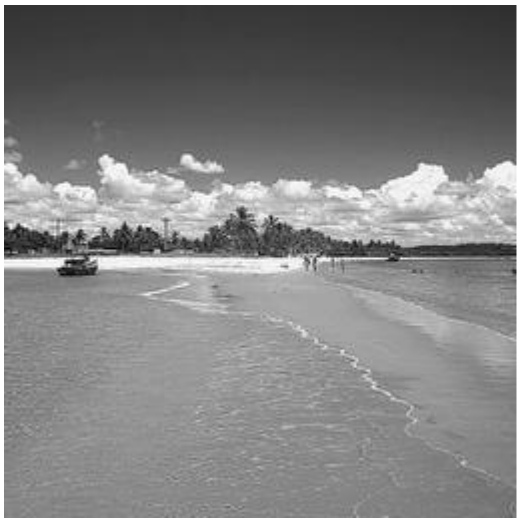
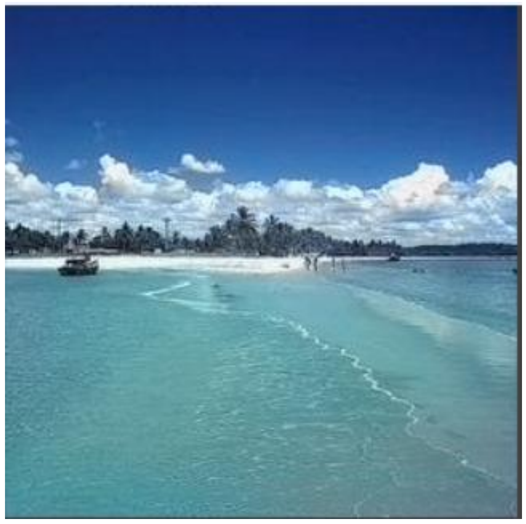

GAN Model:

```
self.main = nn.Sequential(
    nn.Conv2d(1, 64, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
    nn.LeakyReLU(0.1),

    nn.Conv2d(64, 128, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(128),
    nn.LeakyReLU(0.1),

    nn.Conv2d(128, 256, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(256),
    nn.LeakyReLU(0.1),

    nn.Conv2d(256, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(512),
    nn.LeakyReLU(0.1),

    nn.Conv2d(512, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(512),
    nn.LeakyReLU(0.1),

    nn.ConvTranspose2d(512, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(512),
    nn.ReLU(),

    nn.ConvTranspose2d(512, 256, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(256),
    nn.ReLU(),

    nn.ConvTranspose2d(256, 128, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(128),
    nn.ReLU(),

    nn.ConvTranspose2d(128, 64, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.BatchNorm2d(64),
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    nn.ConvTranspose2d(64, 3, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False),
    nn.Tanh()
)
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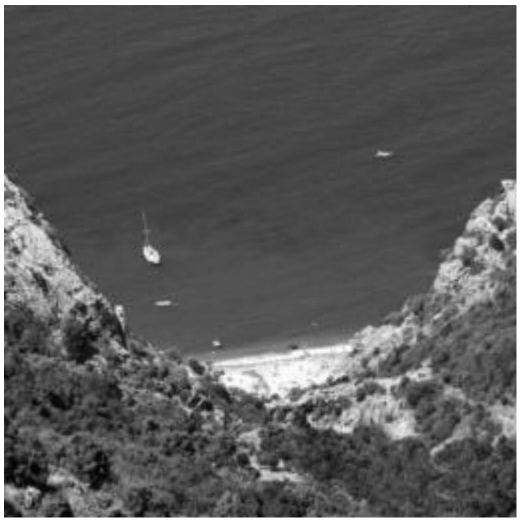

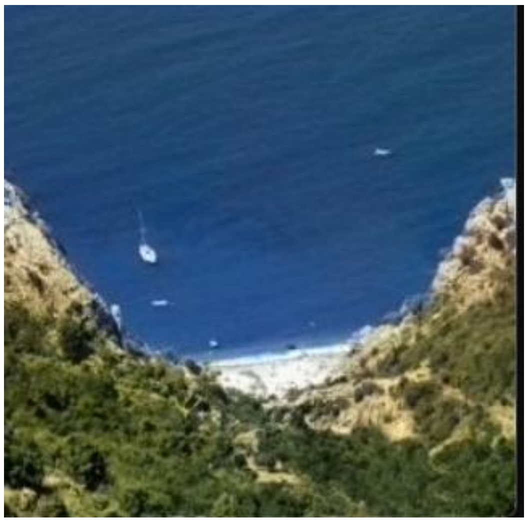

UNet_GAN Model:

```
self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 64, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm1 = nn.BatchNorm2d(64)
self.relu1 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(64, 128, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm2 = nn.BatchNorm2d(128)
self.relu2 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv3 = nn.Conv2d(128, 256, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm3 = nn.BatchNorm2d(256)
self.relu3 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv4 = nn.Conv2d(256, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm4 = nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
self.relu4 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.conv5 = nn.Conv2d(512, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm5 = nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
self.relu5 = nn.LeakyReLU(0.1)

self.deconv6 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(512, 512, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm6 = nn.BatchNorm2d(512)
self.relu6 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv7 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(512, 256, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm7 = nn.BatchNorm2d(256)
self.relu7 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv8 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(256, 128, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm8 = nn.BatchNorm2d(128)
self.relu8 = nn.ReLU()

self.deconv9 = nn.ConvTranspose2d(128, 64, 3, stride=2, padding=1, output_padding=1, bias=False)
self.bnorm9 = nn.BatchNorm2d(64)
self.relu9 = nn.ReLU()
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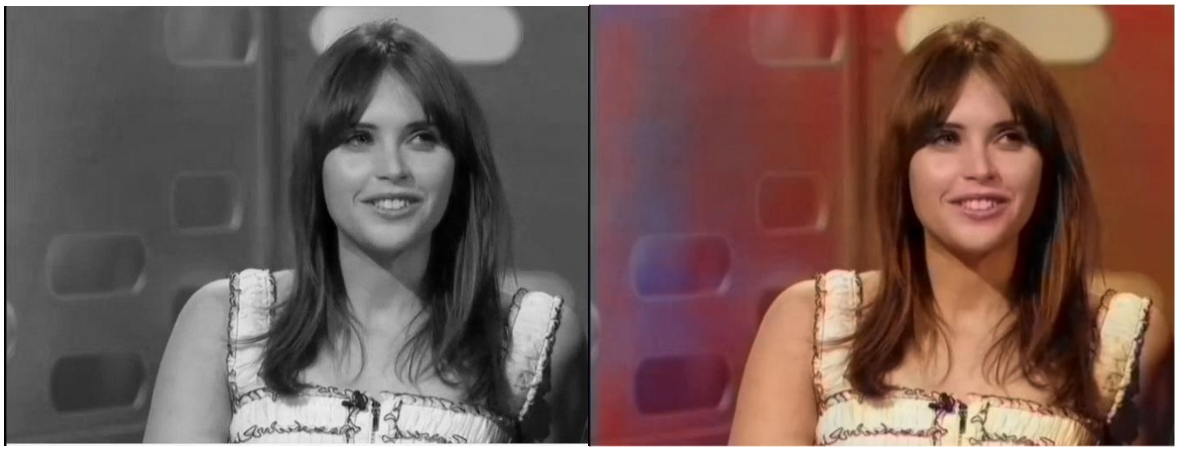
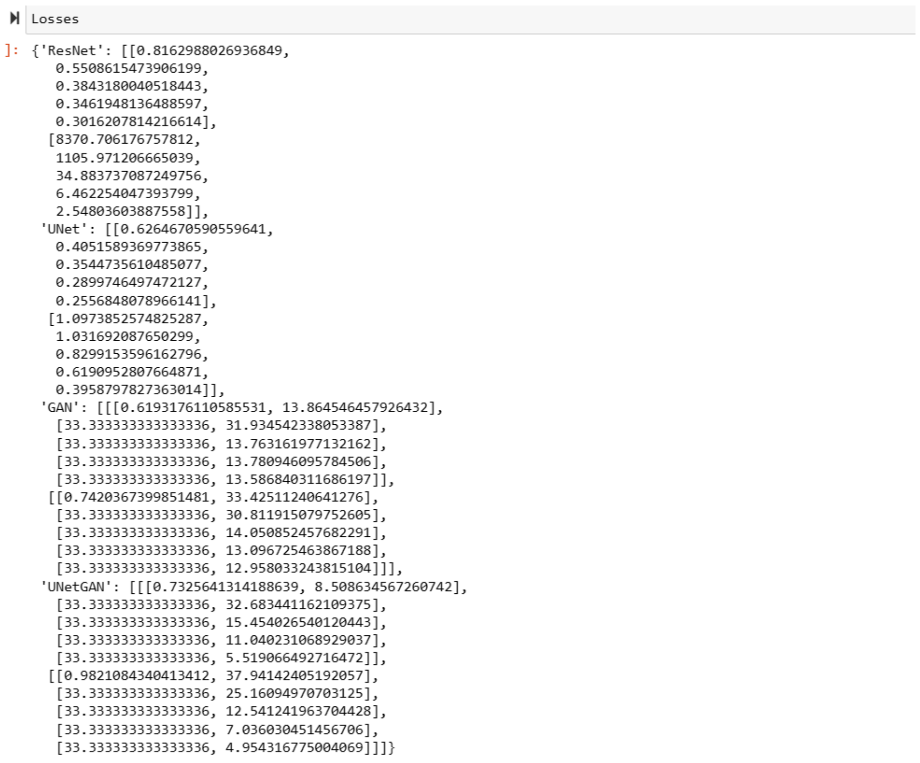


LOSSES for All Models:



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Analysis:

The project's approach to utilizing a wide array of artistic mediums in the dataset collection and its meticulous curation demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of historical artworks, enriching the models' learning process. The strategic employment of ResNet, UNet, GAN, and UNetGAN models showcased the project's adaptability to varied architectural complexities, contributing significantly to accurate colorization. Leveraging TensorFlow/Keras, coupled with techniques like transfer learning and hyperparameter tuning, highlighted a sophisticated model development approach. The comprehensive evaluation, encompassing both quantitative metrics like MSE and SSI, along with qualitative assessments through visual comparisons and user surveys, underscored the models' competitive performance against existing benchmarks. The methodical dataset curation, adept model adaptation, and integration of advanced techniques collectively formed the backbone of the project's success.

Conclusion:

This project stands as a pivotal achievement in grayscale image colorization, showing remarkable proficiency in restoring and enhancing historical visuals through deep learning techniques. The successful replication of colors from grayscale images across a diverse range of artistic mediums reflects its potential impact in preserving cultural heritage and aiding artistic expression. Beyond its immediate applications, the project's use of cutting-edge architectures and methodologies sets a strong precedent for broader implementations in various domains, such as cinematography, historical preservation, and creative arts. As an essential contribution to image processing advancements, this research establishes a robust foundation for future exploration, fostering continuous improvements and innovations in the realm of deep learning and visual restoration.

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