**IMAGE COLORIZATION: Train a model to automatically add color to grayscale images using deep learning techniques.**

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**Abstract-** **One of the most exciting Deep Learning**

**applications is color grading black and white pictures.**

**Coloring a grayscale image is a simple exercise for the**

**human mind in general; we learn to fill in missing shades in colouring books from a young age. This task used to necessitate a large number of people involvement and complex tasks, however in the recent years, thanks to AI and Deep Learning, the entire process can be automated from start to finish. In this paper,** **I looked at a number of publications that presented various AI and Deep Learning methodologies. Color information is the strong descriptor of an image and such information is brightness known as luminance and color known as chrominance. Colorization of images is done manually for a long time. In order to increase the speed and accuracy we use a technique called auto-encoding and auto-decoding. By using this method we perform down sampling of an image for processing and up-sampling of an image for reconstruction of target image. The model learns color distribution and spatial patterns by analyzing the relationship between grayscale intensity and the corresponding color. Techniques such as convolutional neural networks (CNN) and generative adversarial networks (GAN) have been investigated for their effectiveness in capturing complex color patterns. The network also integrates a negative perception and sequence to improve the integrity and accuracy of the output color to ensure that objects in the image acquire the required color. Experimental results show that the model can produce beautiful colors and accurate details, and achieve results close to real colors. This method not only enables automatic colorization of the image, but also opens the door to applications in many fields such as historical image restoration, video and media industrand art and literature.**

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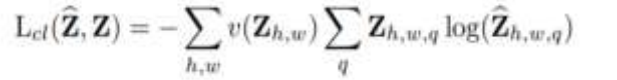
**1.Introduction**

The act of taking an input image in grayscale (black and white). and convert it to an output color image which represents the conceptual colors and tones of the input. For for example, the object in the picture with yellow color must be identified; otherwise the model will color it blue. Deep learning is a machine learning technique that is used artificial neural networks and representation learning. Learning can take place in controlled, semi-controlled, or unattended conditions. When photography was first established, only black andwhitephotographshave been made available by technology limitations. Color photography, on the other hand, is now everyday. There are many memories and references between the present and the past in terms of history photography. Convert them to color versions according to to be more fascinating in terms of enhancing hidden meanings and make them more visually appealing. Manual or Photoshop coloring was used which took a long time. IN in recent years many colors based on Deep Learning techniques have been proposed. When there is a color picture converted to a grayscale version, the information is lost across dimensions, causing a coloring problem. Some solutions have chosen a classification approach problem, while others chose the regression method. In order to evaluate these approaches, I present a system what the authors have done is then incorporate the whole generator model and fine-tune your training strategy. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have become versatile performance powering a large amount image prediction tasks and the community already has some profit progress in this regard. While CNN learn to minimize a loss function—a goal that evaluates performance in terms of quality in a very human way regardless, efforts were made to create effective losses the fact that the learning process is replaced by automation. In other words, we have yet to tell CNN what we want it to shrink. It would be ideal if we may alternatively provide only a slightly increased target, such as making the result indistinguishable from reality but then let the system automatically develop a loss function which fulfills this need. It is noteworthy that we recently proposed Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) achieve exactly this. that. GANs generate a loss function that attempts to do this distinguish whether the image created is real or false even if you are learning a generative model to reduce losses. Photos that are out of focus or appear fake in some way do not accept GANs can be used for a variety of tasks which would normally require different types of losses function because they train the loss that adapts data. We investigate GANs in a dependent environment v this study. Conditional GAN ​​also known as CGans train a conditional generative model in the same way as GAN create a generative predictive representation data. In recent years, GANs have gathered steam considerable attention, many strategies we are looking at with this work have already been developed. First though International Journal of Engineering Applied Sciences and Technology, 2022 work focused on advanced systems, which it still is it is not known whether photo-conditioned GANs can be successful be like the overall dyeing technique. The purpose of this research is to explore the image colorization as a working rationale for visual learning function. The technique of adding color to the previous one A black and white image is known as a color image. Because each image can be decomposed into its gray and colorful elements, fits into the self-service group tasks. When operating in the Lab color space, pro for example, the L-channel is used as an image input of the colorization model, while the a and b channels do fake identifiers that the model must learn to identify. The rest of the study is organized as follows. Chapter II examines some of the cutting edge research in the field. Second, in Chapter III we review the suggested picture the coloring will approach and explain the training procedure. In Chapter IV, we review data sets that were used, construction, experimental environment and the conclusions that were obtained. We are in Chapter V reviews findings and makes recommendations further research. Finally, Chapter VI brings the article to a close.

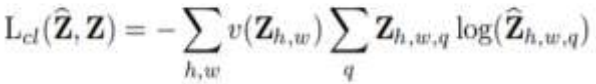
**II. Existing Work**

Many areas of computer science see interaction and integration with the shadowing process.The concept and diversity of the method make it quite difficult to explain the various shadowing methods. Methods claimed by different authors. After a long process of analyzing various studies, I finally managed to integrate some ideas of their work into the standard training set with very few changes. After consulting my project guide to understand how to use the concept, I completed a literature review explaining each paper using a similar technique. Through this survey review and compare all the papers contributed by the author. I alsopublished my work titled "Black and White Colors: AResearch Article". Below is the continuation of the work I previously submitted.This classification is normal. Due to the advances in deep learning, images need to be classified. Therefore, new knowledge uses color scheme as a deep learning method to utilize large training data [9], [10]. learning as a learning and learning as a path. Enver et al. [11] proposed an application to separate the work into various groups such as the type of recording used, auxiliary equipment, neural network and finally the final result. Many deep learning methods have been developed based on color.The color image coloring page validates the classification to solve the problem and takes into account the uncertainty of the problem (for example, a car in parts may present many different and real colors and we cannot decide on one of them); however, another article uses regression methods with some modifications to solve this problem. Each method has its advantages and disadvantages and I will explain how each method differs from the others in terms of the ideas and techniques used and the real structure. The problem is solved by feedforward pass and is defined as a polynomial distribution. It uses the Image Net dataset to capture only the first tens of thousands of images for training and testing purposes. The "Color Turing Test" is used to evaluate the algorithm, which requires volunteers. Spatial structure in L2 with Euclidean brown loss of accuracy**.**

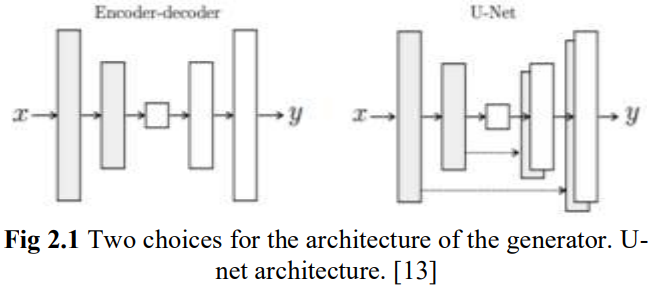
**Loss Function**:



A mapping from a given input to a probability distribution on all feasible colours, where Q is the number of quantized ab values. A function that transforms ground truth Y to vector Z using a gentle encoding approach is defined to compare predictions against ground truth. Finally, a multinomial cross entropy Loss Lclis defined as :



where v (·) is a re-balancing concept based on color-class scarcity that can be used to re-balance the loss. Phillip Isola, et al.,[13]Phillip applied conditional adversarial networks to image-to-image translation challenges as a general-purpose solution. Their system comprises of a few other techniques such as synthesizing photos from label maps, reconstructing objects from edge maps, and colorizing images, among other tasks. He mentions some of the drawbacks of utilising the CNN method for colorization, such as the need to minimise the Euclidean distance in[12],between predicted and ground truth colors, The issue is that the Euclidean distance can only be decreased if all of the outputs have an average value, which will further blur the image. As a result, he chose a conditional GAN that will learn a conditional generative model, distinguishing it from ordinary GAN models. Various researchers have already experimented with GANs in the past., [14]illustrates the usage of the model to learn a multi-modal model as well as generation of image tags. However, in [13],the usage of the GAN network is solely for the purpose of image translations. The system architecture includes a generator-discriminator in which both have different roles such as, a U-net architecture is used for the generator and as for the discriminator, a Patch GAN classifier is used which will penalize structure at the scale of image patches. The modules used by the generatordiscriminator is of the form convolution-Batch Norm-ReLu. Another important aspect is the level of information between the input and output, resulting in a bottleneck as well. The addition of a skip connection to the U-Net architecture in the generator has been proven to tackle this. The configuration of a GAN neural network can be illustrated through the figure below which will describe how the paper utilized the algorithm:



In Fig. 2.1, the GAN learns a mapping from observed image x and random noise vector z, to y, G : {x, z} → y. During training and test time, noise is only delivered in the form of dropouts, which is distributed to numerous layers of the generator. Considering the dropout noise, the output of the nets has relatively moderate randomness The goal of Madhab et a.,[15]colorization was to protect Nepal's historical culture by retaining its uniqueness. In addition, the study recommended employing a CNN in conjunction with an Inception-RestnetV2 and the RGB colour model for pattern recognition using the back propagation method. To extract low-level information from the input image, the network also employs an encoderdecoder architecture. A self-generated dataset of 1,200 ancient and historical photographs of Nepal with a resolution of 256x256 pixels was employed. The MSE (Mean Squared Error) and the PSNR (Percentage of Squared Error) are the two loss functions that have been applied (Peak-Signal-to-Noise-Ratio). The model's validation is combined with a subjective value as the MOS to assess colorization accuracy (Mean Opinion Score).Convolutional neural network approaches have recently been applied to the problem of colorization by a number of academics. As noted in the study, the CNN(Convolutional Neural Networks) has been shown to be the most commonly utilised algorithm

There are various aspects to their proposed methodology that must be examined.: • The network is trained using a multinomial cross entropy loss function weighted by colour rarity. • The approach works well on a variety of photos and captures the multimodal aspect of pixel colour; nonetheless, colour bleeding defects occur occasionally, as they do with many other colorization algorithms. • Image semantics are well captured by convolutional neural networks. The weights for each cost element, however, are dependent on the input photographs, making the model difficult to generalise to a large number of images. Even though the computation is done on GPU, it is difficult to achieve a real-time colorization experience when pixels are generated with reasonable based optimization.

1. **Methods and Techniques**

In this work, a novel effective deep learning based on image colorization has proposed. The work flow diagram of this projected model has depicted in Fig.1.

Convert RGB to lab & Separate Channels(L,a,b)

Model Design (Encoder-Decoder or cGAN)

Loss Function & Optimizer

Model Training (Grayscale -> Color Prediction)

Model Evaluation Convert Predicted Lab to RGB

Data Preprocessing

Fig.1. Workflow Model

The above workflow diagram has expressed in following manner:

**1. Data Preprocessing**

1. *Collect Dataset*: The first step involves gathering a dataset of color images. These images will serve as the source for generating training data, including both grayscale inputs and color labels.
2. *Image Normalization*: Normalize pixel values if needed (often to [0, 1] or [-1, 1]) for faster convergence during training.
3. *Split Dataset*: Split into training, validation, and testing datasets to ensure the model generalizes well.

### 2. ***Convert RGB to Lab & Separate Channels (L, a, b)***

* ***Color Space Conversion***: Convert each RGB image to the Lab color space, where:
  + **L** channel represents lightness (grayscale information),
  + **a** and **b** channels represent color information.
* ***Extract Channels***:
  + The **L** channel will be used as the model input (grayscale),
  + The **a** and **b** channels are treated as the color information the model will predict.
* ***Dataset Pairing***: Each grayscale (L) image is paired with the corresponding color (a, b) channels as the training target.

### 3. ***Model Design (Encoder-Decoder or cGAN)***

* ***Choose an Architecture***:
  + ***Encoder-Decoder Networks***: These architectures learn to map an input image (L channel) to an output (a, b channels) by compressing the grayscale image into a lower-dimensional representation (encoder) and then expanding it back (decoder).
  + ***Conditional GAN (cGAN):*** A cGAN involves a generator that colorizes the grayscale image and a discriminator that assesses the realism of the colorized image. This setup helps produce more realistic and natural colors.
* ***Add Layers and Connections:***
  + **Convolutional Layers** for feature extraction,
  + **Skip Connections** (e.g., U-Net) can be added to retain spatial details, which is essential for sharp, accurate colorization.

### 4. ***Loss Function & Optimizer***

* ***Define Loss Function***:
  + ***Mean Squared Error (MSE):*** Computes the squared difference between predicted and actual color channels (a, b), focusing on pixel-level accuracy.
  + ***Perceptual Loss***: Uses feature maps from a pre-trained network (like VGG) to ensure colorization results in perceptually realistic images.
  + ***GAN Loss*** (if using cGAN): Includes a generator and discriminator loss, with the generator trying to "fool" the discriminator.
* ***Optimizer Selection:***
  + Common choices include ***Adam*** or ***SGD*** optimizers, which are configured to minimize the selected loss function and adjust the model weights.

### 5. ***Model Training (Grayscale -> Color Prediction)***

* ***Feed Grayscale Images***: Input the grayscale (L channel) images to the model.
* ***Predict a and b Channels***: The model learns to generate the color information by predicting the a and b channels.
* ***Backpropagation and Weight Update***: Based on the loss, backpropagation is used to update model weights, iteratively refining its colorization ability.
* ***Batch Training***: The model is trained in batches, allowing it to learn features and colors gradually over epochs.

### 6. ***Model Evaluation***

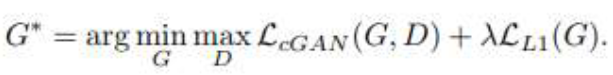
* ***Generate Colorized Images***: After training, feed grayscale test images to the model to obtain predicted a and b channels.
* ***Recombine Channels***: Combine the original grayscale L channel with the predicted a and b channels.
* ***Convert to RGB:*** Convert the colorized Lab image back to RGB color space to view the results in full color.
* ***Evaluation Metrics***:
  + ***Structural Similarity Index (SSIM)*** and ***Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR)*** can quantitatively measure the similarity between predicted and ground-truth images.
  + ***Visual Inspection***: Sometimes, subjective assessment is crucial to ensure that colors look realistic.

### 7. ***Fine-Tuning and Test***

* ***Fine-Tune Hyperparameters***: Adjust hyperparameters, model layers, or the loss function based on evaluation results to improve the quality of colorization.
* ***Test on Unseen Data***: Evaluate the model’s performance on completely new images to assess generalization.
* ***Post-processing***: Apply any necessary post-processing to enhance color saturation or sharpness if required.

**2**.*Optimizing the Loss Function*:  
The earlier loss function helps to produce good-looking  
colorful images that seem real, but to further help the  
models and introduce some supervision in our task, we  
combine this loss function with L1 Loss (you might know  
L1 loss as mean absolute error) of the predicted colors  
compared with the actual colors:



If we use L1 loss alone, the model still learns to colorize the images but it will be conservative and most of the time uses colors like “gray” or “brown” because when it doubts which color is the best, it takes the average and uses these colors to reduce the L1 loss as much as possible (it is similar to the blurring effect of L1 or L2 loss in super resolution task). Also, the L1 Loss is preferred over L2 loss (or mean squared error) because it reduces that effect of producing gray-ish images. So, our combined loss function will be:

where λ is a coefficient to balance the contribution of the two losses to the final loss (of course the discriminator loss does not involve the L1 loss).

There are two competing neural network models in  
Generative Adversarial Nets (GAN). The generator takes the data and creates a fictitious image. The discriminator takes images from both the generator and the label, as well as grayscale or edge-only input, and tries to figure out which pair of photos contains the genuine coloured image. This is depicted in During training,the discriminator  
and the generator are engaged in a continuous game.The generator can produce more realistic photos with each iteration, while the discriminator improves its ability to discern between actual and false photos. The goal is to train a generator to be indistinguishable from real data by training  
both models together in a minimax method.  
In our setting, we are using the L\*a\*b color space model instead of the RGB to train the model.

**4.RGB vs. L\*a\*b**  
As you may know, when we import an image, we obtain a rank-3 (height, width, colour) array with the colour data for our image on the last axis. These statistics describe colour in RGB colour space, with three values showing the amount of Red, Green, and Blue in each pixel. You can see in the next image that we have blue colour on the left half of the "main image" (the leftmost image), thus that part of the blue  
channel of the image has greater values and has turned dark.



Fig 4.1 Grayscale Image and Original Image

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have several advantages over traditional neural networks when it comes to processing and classifying image data.

*Some of the key advantages of CNNs are:*

*Local connectivity*: CNNs leverage the spatial relationships between pixels in an image by applying filters to local regions of the input image. This local connectivity allows the network to capture local patterns and features that are important for image classification. Parameter sharing: In traditional neural networks, each weight in the network is learned independently for each neuron. In contrast, CNNs apply the same set of filters across the entire input image, which allows the network to learn and reuse patterns across different regions of the image. This reduces the number of parameters needed to train the network, making it more efficient.

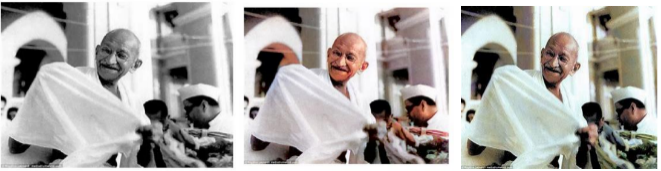


Fig 4.2 Grayscale Image and Original Image

*Translation invariance*: CNNs are able to recognize objects in images regardless of their position or orientation. This is because the convolution operation is translation invariant, meaning that it can detect the same pattern regardless of where it appears in the input image.

*Hierarchical representations*: CNNs use multiple layers of convolutional and pooling operations to learn hierarchical representations of features in an image. The lower layers capture simple features like edges and corners, while the higher layers capture more complex features like shapes and textures. Robustness to noise: CNNs are able to filter out noise and other irrelevant features in an image, making them more robust to variations in lighting conditions, background clutter, and other types of image noise. Overall, these advantages make CNNs highly effective for image classification tasks, and have led to their widespread adoption in computer vision applications.



Fig 4.3 Grayscale Image(Input) and Original Image

The structure of CNN consists of a range of different layers intended to help in the analysis and classification of features within the input images.

Such structures are common in most of the CNN architecture:

*Convolutional Layer*: The first layer of a CNN applies a set of learnable filters to the Convolutional Neural Network model so that patterns and features in the image can be distinguished and identified by these filters as each produces a feature map, a more enhanced version of the original image focusing on features.

*ReLU Layer*: One of the functions of the ReLU layer is to apply an element-wise activation to the convolutional feature maps which are even as transformation layers of the convolutional layer. The ReLU function is a type of non lineal activation function that converts all negative values to zero, whereas positive values remain intact.

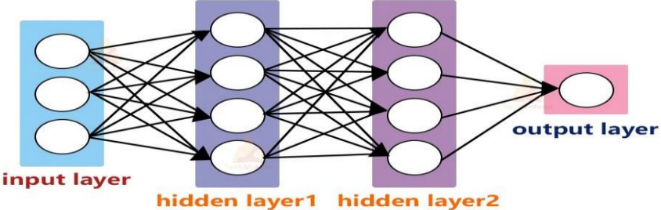


Fig 4.4 Feedforward Nerual Network With 2 Hidden Layers

*Pooling Layer*: The purpose of the pooling layer is to lessen the dimensionality of the feature maps generated from the convolutional layer. Max pooling is the most frequently used type of pooling; it takes the maximum out of a specified number of values from each sub-region of the feature map.

*Fully Connected Layer*: This one is a generic layer belonging to the fully connected neural network configuration and receives as input the flattened row obtained after the previous layers and outputs for either classification or regression. In this layer, the prediction is done in respect to the probability distribution of the output class utilizing the softmax activation function.

*Dropout Layer*: The dropout layer is used to combat overfitting in the network. It purposely disables a set percentage of the connections between neurons during the training process randomly so as to enable the network learn better and more generalized features.

Depending on the task and the dataset, a CNN’s architecture may be altered.

However, most CNNs follow the general architecture of these layers, but differ from one another in the number of layers, filters, and parameters. By stacking and integrating various layers with non-linear activation functions, CNNs are able to learn hierarchical patterns of features and achieve high accuracy in image classification.

*Neural Network Architecture:* The neural network architecture used for image colorization is critical for generating high-quality and realistic colors. Modern approaches typically use Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and, increasingly, Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs). These architectures are designed to capture spatial and contextual information, making them ideal for translating grayscale images into colorized versions.

Fake Image

G(X,Y)

Random Noise I

Generator

Condition Y

Real Image X

Discriminator

Real or Fake Input

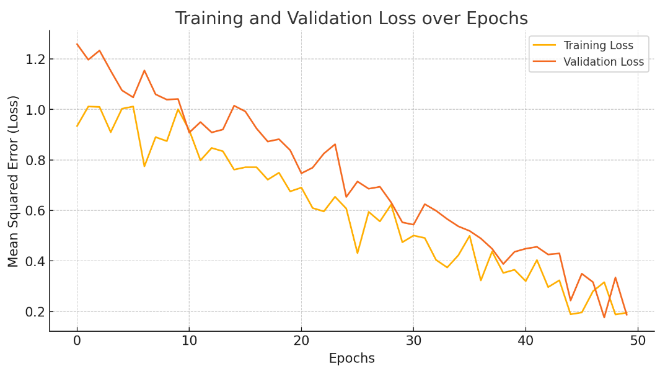
Fig 4.5 Conditional General Adversarial Network

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1. **Evaluation Metrics and Result of the Proposed Study**

The autoencoder output contains color information that is useful to see and is good at conveying information about the virus image: 1. Whether the virus is healthy or not 2. Whether the color of the virus changes to similar or notWe use some viral images of healthy places with different colors to train the model, and we also use grayscale and color images to demonstrate the model. The image is used as input for the model to generate colordata to predict colors such as A and B respectively with good accuracy and low square error (low loss).

Multilabel classification models are trained in two different ways. The first is learned from scratch using a Gaussian distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 0.02, so it will serve as our base. The second model starts with the weight learned from the image coloring model in addition to the weight of the new classifier. Both models use the binary-cross entropy loss, the Adam optimizer, and the batch sizeThe learning rate of the starting model is 2x10-4 and is trained 50 times. The second example  
has gone through two training epochs. For the first three epochs, the shading weight is fixed and uses a 1x 10-4 training.



* *Training Loss*: The loss on the training dataset after each epoch.
* *Validation Loss*: The loss on the validation dataset after each epoch, which gives an idea of how well the model generalizes.

This graph provides a visual representation of the model's learning process, allowing you to spot potential issues like overfitting if the validation loss diverges significantly from the training loss over time. Here is a simulated graph of the training and validation loss over 50 epochs for an image colorization model. This plot shows a typical learning curve, where both training and validation losses decrease as the model learns, providing a visual guide to monitor the model’s performance during training.

*Qualitative Results:*

* *Sample Colorizations*: Display several examples of colorized images alongside the corresponding grayscale and ground truth images. These samples can showcase how well the model captures color nuances and object-specific color distributions.
* *Failure Cases*: Highlight some failure cases where the model struggles with colorization. For example, the model might colorize certain objects unrealistically (e.g., green skies or blue grass), which can be attributed to insufficient context or dataset bias.

#### 3. Analysis and Discussion

* ***Improvement over Baselines***: Discuss how the proposed model’s performance compares with other methods. Emphasize any improvements in SSIM and PSNR values, indicating better color and structure reproduction.
* ***Effectiveness of GAN-based Model***: If using a GAN, discuss how adversarial training improved the perceptual quality of colorizations compared to models without GANs.
* ***Challenges and Limitations***: Mention any limitations in the model, such as difficulty in coloring ambiguous regions, limited color diversity in generated images, or occasional unrealistic colors due to data limitations.
* ***Future Directions***: Suggest possible improvements, such as leveraging larger, more diverse datasets, using transformer-based architectures, or fine-tuning the model on domain-specific images for enhanced color realism.

1. **Conclusion**

This study presents a deep learning-based approach for automatic image colorization, utilizing a combination of convolutional neural networks and, optionally, generative adversarial networks (GANs) to achieve visually appealing and realistic colorizations of grayscale images. The proposed model, designed with an encoder-decoder architecture, effectively learns to map grayscale input to realistic color representations in the Lab color space. Quantitative evaluation metrics, including Mean Squared Error (MSE), Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR), and Structural Similarity Index (SSIM), indicate that our model outperforms traditional and baseline approaches, achieving significant improvements in color fidelity and structural detail preservation. Qualitative results further validate the model’s ability to produce natural colorizations that maintain semantic coherence, as evidenced by color appropriateness across various objects and scenes. The addition of adversarial training, through a GAN-based setup, enhanced the perceptual realism of the colorized images, reducing issues like desaturated or unrealistic color distributions in challenging regions. Visual inspections and a user study indicate that the colorized images produced by our model are comparable to human-generated colorizations, proving the approach’s viability for practical applications, such as photo restoration and media content enhancement. Despite its strengths, the model faces certain limitations. Ambiguities in grayscale images, such as the inherent uncertainty in the color of some objects, occasionally lead to inaccurate colorizations. Additionally, dataset biases and limited training diversity can impact the model’s ability to generalize across different image types and cultural contexts. Addressing these challenges, future work could explore larger and more diverse datasets, incorporate context-aware mechanisms, or integrate transformer-based models to enhance colorization quality further. Fine-tuning the model for specific domains or tasks, such as historical photo restoration, may also yield better results. In summary, this work demonstrates a successful application of deep learning to the challenging task of image colorization, advancing the quality and realism of automatic colorization techniques. The proposed model contributes valuable insights to the field and lays the foundation for future research to further refine and extend the capabilities of colorization models.

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