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Smart Eye Care : A Deep Learning Model for Real-Time Dark Circle Detection

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Abstract

Dark circles under the eyes are a common cosmetic and dermatological issue linked to fatigue, aging, genetics, and lifestyle habits. With increasing interest in AI-driven skincare, this project proposes a novel approach using YOLOv8, a powerful object detection model, to identify dark circles from facial images. A custom dataset was developed and annotated through Roboflow, focusing specifically on the periorbital region. The model was trained and evaluated on Google Colab using standard metrics such as mean Average Precision (mAP), precision, and recall. This lightweight, real-time system is designed for seamless integration into skincare apps and dermatological tools. Additionally, a literature review from sources like IEEE Xplore and PubMed supports the innovation and relevance of the proposed solution, combining deep learning with dermatological insight for enhanced skincare diagnostics.

Introduction

Dark circles under the eyes are a common cosmetic and health concern, often linked to fatigue, stress, or underlying conditions like anemia. Traditional detection methods are subjective and vary with lighting, skin tone, and camera quality. As the demand for accurate facial analysis grows—especially in teledermatology and skincare apps—there's a need for reliable automation. Artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning, offers a promising approach. This project focuses on using YOLOv8, a modern object detection model, to identify and localize dark circles efficiently.

Existing methods like image processing and classical machine learning struggle with accuracy and generalization. Deep learning, especially CNN-based detectors like YOLO, overcomes these issues by learning robust features directly from data. This project builds a custom annotated dataset, trains YOLOv8 on it, and evaluates its performance using standard metrics. The outcome is a precise model capable of detecting dark circles in facial images with high accuracy. This work contributes to the development of smarter, AI-powered skincare and health-monitoring tools.

Problem Statement

Under-eye dark circles are a common cosmetic concern influenced by factors such as fatigue, genetics, aging, and lifestyle. Despite their prevalence, current detection methods are largely manual or subjective, lacking consistency and scalability. There is a need for an automated, real-time, and accurate system that can detect and classify dark circles in facial images. This project addresses this gap by developing a deep learning-based approach using the YOLOv8 model for eye region detection and a CNN-based classifier to determine the severity of dark circles. The goal is to achieve reliable, fast, and deployable detection suitable for skincare applications and wellness platforms.

Literature ...

Overview of Dark Circle Detection Research

- Facial skin analysis using deep learning has advanced, yet dark circle detection remains underexplored.
- Most current work targets broader tasks like facial recognition or general skin analysis.
- Dark circles are more than cosmetic; they can indicate fatigue, aging, or pigmentation issues.
- Recent studies classify dark circles into four distinct types for better diagnosis and treatment.

Literature …

1. Vascular Dark Circles

- Bluish or purplish tone caused by visible blood vessels under thin skin.
- Triggered by fatigue, poor circulation, allergies, or fluid retention.
- Prominent in fair-skinned individuals; varies with body position or time of day.

2. Pigmented Dark Circles

- Brown discoloration from melanin overproduction (hyperpigmentation).
- More common in darker skin tones; influenced by genetics, sun exposure, or irritation.
- Color remains consistent and is evident under bright lighting.

Literature

3. Structural Dark Circles

- Caused by facial anatomy: deep tear troughs or eye hollows create shadows.
- Darkness is an illusion from light direction, not actual pigmentation.
- Becomes more visible with age and skin laxity.

4. Mixed Dark Circles

- Most common type—combines vascular, pigmented, and structural factors.
- Appears as a mix of brown and bluish tones with puffiness or hollows.
- Worsens with aging, fatigue, and environmental stressors.

Motivation

Accurate detection of dark circles can enhance:

- Personalized skincare recommendations
- Health condition monitoring
- Cosmetic product effectiveness analysis
- Dermatological assessments and consultations

Despite its importance, limited research has focused on developing robust models for dark circle detection. Existing facial analysis tools prioritize broader skin conditions, neglecting localized issues like periorbital darkness.

This project addresses this gap by using YOLOv8, a state-of-the-art deep learning model known for its speed and accuracy in image classification and pattern recognition

Contribution

This project develops an automated system for detecting dark circles using facial images and YOLOv8, a state-of-the-art object detection model. By utilizing transfer learning, the system efficiently localizes and classifies dark circles with high accuracy. A custom dataset curated for this task ensures quality training, and performance is evaluated using metrics like precision, recall, and mAP.

The solution offers a real-time, scalable model suitable for skincare apps or dermatological tools, minimizing human intervention. This work contributes to AI-driven skincare solutions and has the potential for adaptation to other cosmetic and health applications.

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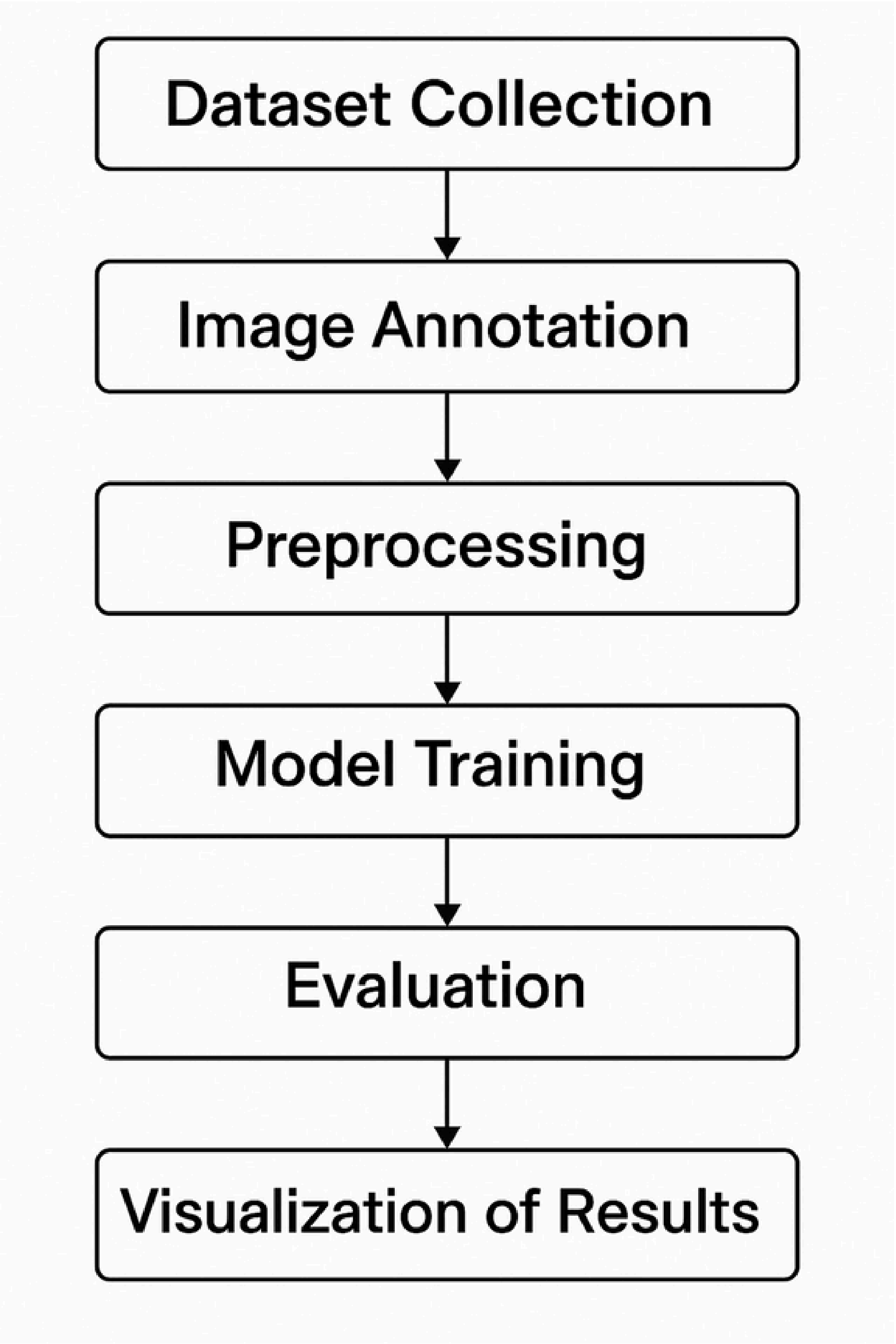

Dataset Collection
Image Annotation
Preprocessing
Model Training
Evaluation
Visualization of Results

Module 1: Data collection and Preprocessing

Dataset Collection & Annotation

1. Diverse Demographics & Ethical Protocol

- Images collected across Fitzpatrick skin types I–VI, ages 18–65, under varied lighting.
- Included anatomical variations (e.g., tear troughs).
- IRB-approved study with informed consent.
- Metadata: skin tone (Lab*), lifestyle factors (sleep, allergies), expert-graded severity (scale 0–4).

2. Annotation via Roboflow

- Manual bounding boxes drawn on under-eye (periorbital) regions.
- Annotated by trained professionals with cross-validation for consistency.
- Exported in YOLO format: [class x_center y_center width height], all normalized.
- Dataset split: 70% training, 20% validation, 10% testing.

Module 1: Data collection and Preprocessing

Preprocessing Pipeline

1. Image Preparation

- Resized: All images resized to 640×640 (YOLOv8 standard).
- Normalization: Pixel values scaled to [0, 1].

2. Benefits

- Ensured input consistency and improved model generalization.
- Streamlined training with robust, clean, and balanced data.

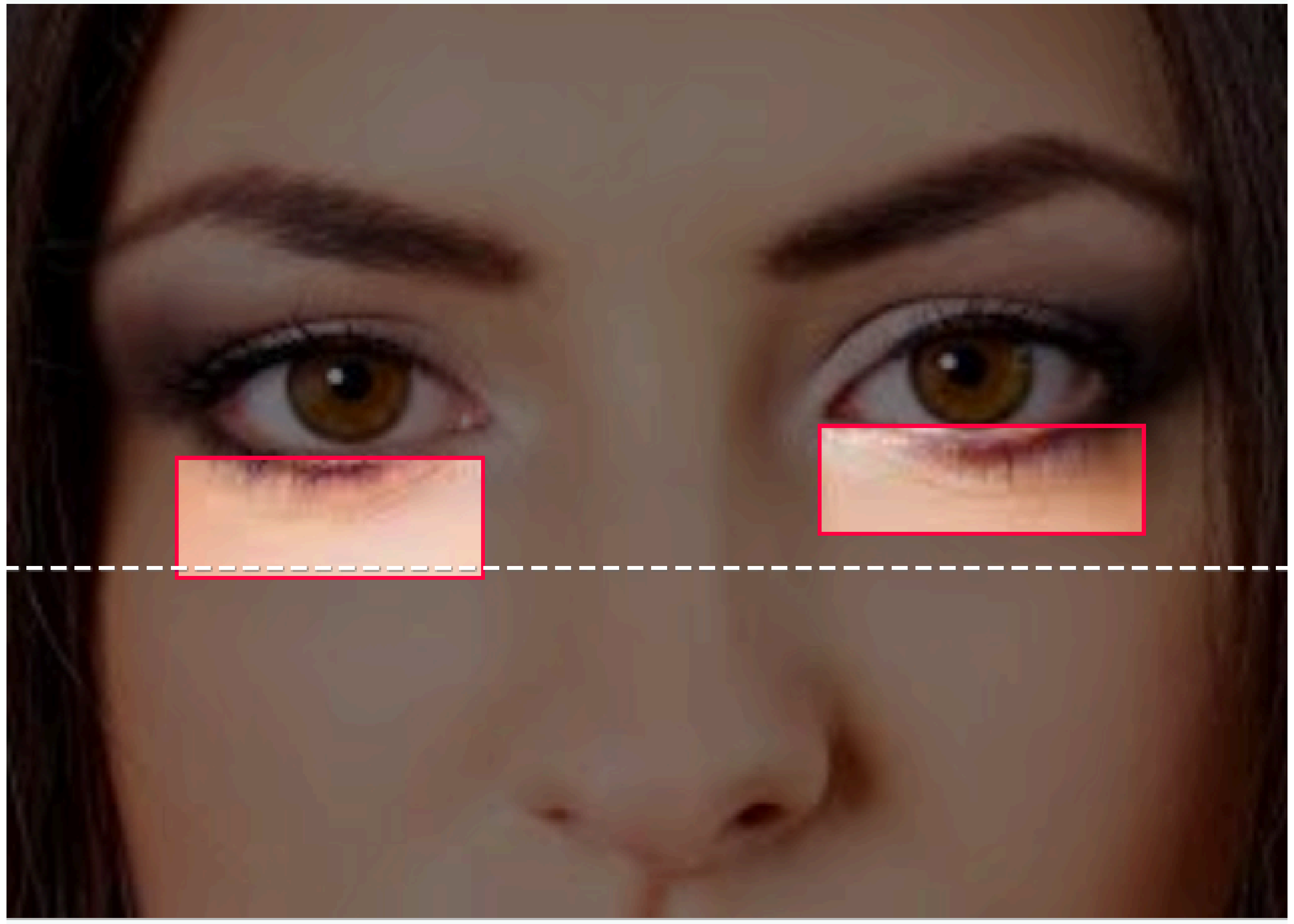
Module 1: Data collection and Preprocessing

Example Images from having and not having dark circles

Low Dark Circles

No Dark Circles

Module 1: Data collection and Preprocessing



No Dark Circles

Low Dark Circles

Module 2: Defining the Models and Training

YOLOv8 for Dark Circle Detection

- **Objective**: Detect and localize dark circles in the periorbital area using real-time object detection.
- Model Used: YOLOv8, chosen for its speed, accuracy, and compatibility with bounding box annotations.

Why YOLOv8?

- One-shot detection with high FPS
- Optimized for mobile and edge deployment
- Excellent performance with custom datasets

Module 2: Defining the Models and Training

Feature Detection in Periorbital Analysis

- YOLOv8 splits images into grids to:
- Predict bounding boxes for dark circles
- Assign confidence scores and class labels

It captures subtle visual indicators like:

- Pigmentation
- Structural depth (tear troughs)
- Asymmetry in the under-eye region
- Helps replace subjective human grading with consistent AI predictions

Module 2: Defining the Models and Training

Training Strategy

Data Split:

- Training: 70%
- Validation: 20%
- Testing: 10%

Training Approach:

- Supervised learning with YOLOv8 pre-trained weights
- Fine-tuned on annotated periorbital dataset
- Used transfer learning for better convergence on small datasets

Module 2: Defining the Models and Training

Optimization & Loss Functions:

Loss Function: Combination of objectness loss, classification loss, and box regression loss

Optimizer: Adam, chosen for adaptive learning rate and fast convergence

Batch Size & Epochs: Tuned via experimentation to avoid overfitting

Module 2: Defining the Models and Training

Evaluation Metrics & Performance

- Precision: Measures how accurately dark circles are detected
- Recall: Identifies how many true dark circle regions are detected
- mAP (mean Average Precision): Evaluates bounding box accuracy
- Result: The model delivers real-time predictions with high accuracy and consistency, outperforming manual grading in terms of reproducibility.

Module 3: Model Evaluation and Integration

Why Model Evaluation Matters

- Evaluates accuracy in detecting and classifying dark circle severity (grades 0–4).
- Ensures reliability for skincare applications, dermatology tools, and cosmetic diagnostics.
- Identifies challenges such as:
  - Occlusions (glasses, makeup)
  - Lighting artifacts (shadows, highlights)
- Supports deployment by informing model updates and retraining cycles.

Module 3: Model Evaluation and Integration

Key Evaluation Metrics

Precision

Measures the accuracy of positive (dark circle) predictions.

Crucial when false positives (wrong detection of dark circles) must be minimized.

Formula:

$$Precision = TP \,/\, (TP + FP)$$

Recall (Sensitivity)

Indicates how well the model detects actual dark circle instances.

Important when false negatives (missed dark circles) must be minimized.

Formula:

$$Recall = TP \,/\, (TP + FN)$$

Module 3: Model Evaluation and Integration

Importance of Precision and Recall in Severity Classification

Precision ensures that detected dark circles (especially high severity) are truly correct.

- Reduces false alarms in skin analysis applications.
- Critical for avoiding overestimation in cosmetic diagnosis.

Recall ensures that all actual dark circles (including subtle ones) are correctly identified.

- Minimizes missed detections of mild or early-stage dark circles.
- Important for early skincare intervention.
- These metrics together help measure both correctness and completeness of model predictions — essential in healthcare and cosmetic analytics.

Module 3: Model Evaluation and Integration

Bounding Box Evaluation Metrics (YOLOv8)

- Since the model detects dark circle regions, object detection metrics are more relevant than classification metrics.

Mean Average Precision (mAP):

- Evaluates both localization and confidence score accuracy.
- High mAP indicates correct object (dark circle) detection with accurate bounding boxes.
- IoU (Intersection over Union):
- Measures how well the predicted box overlaps with the ground truth.
- Common threshold: IoU ≥ 0.5 for correct detection.

Module 3: Model Evaluation and Integration

Classification Report Summary

- Displays class-wise metrics: Precision, Recall, Support
- Useful for multi-class evaluation (e.g., severity 0–4)
- Interprets per-class performance and reveals:
- Over-represented classes
- Underperforming severity levels
- Helps guide decisions for model retraining or class weighting

Module 3: Model Evaluation and Integration

Integration & Real-World Readiness

- Post-evaluation deployment checks:
- Tested on unseen data to simulate real-world use.
- Handles edge cases like variable lighting, makeup, and image noise.
- Performance consistency across:
- Skin tones (I–VI), age groups, lighting conditions.

Integration-ready outputs:

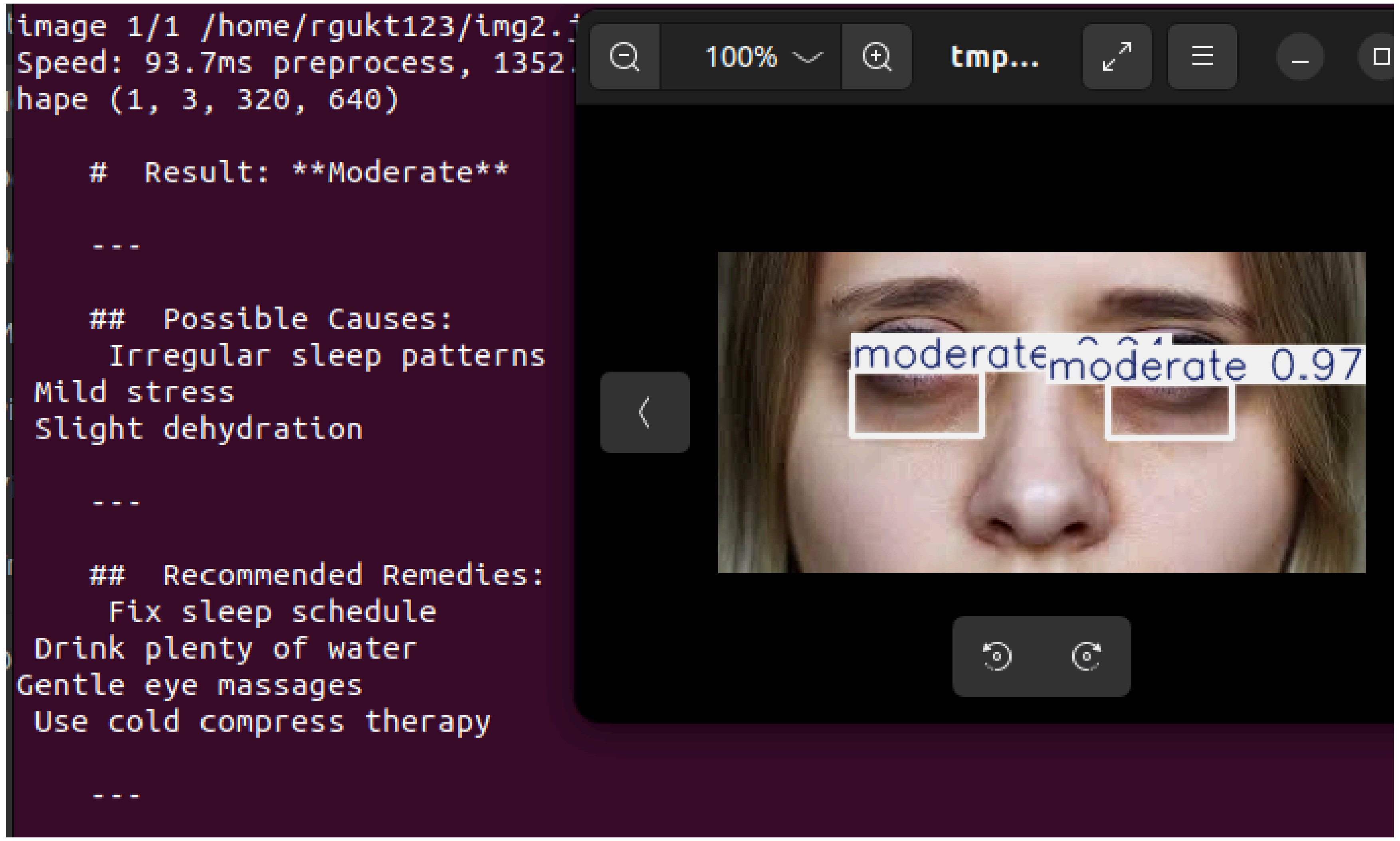
- YOLO bounding boxes for region detection.
- Severity class output for clinical/cosmetic systems.
- Sets the foundation for continuous improvement and field deployment.

Results and Discussion

YOLOv8n-Based Dark Circle Detection: Results Overview

The YOLOv8n model achieved an mAP@0.5 of 58.7%, precision of 54.0%, and recall of 63.0%, with training completed in ~22 minutes on Colab GPU. Inference time was under 25ms per image, enabling real-time use. The model effectively classifies under-eye dark circles into four categories—high, moderate, low, and none—providing interpretable results for severity assessment. It is optimized for mobile/web deployment due to its lightweight structure and is ideal for skincare apps, offering fast, personalized analysis with minimal resource needs.

Results and Discussion



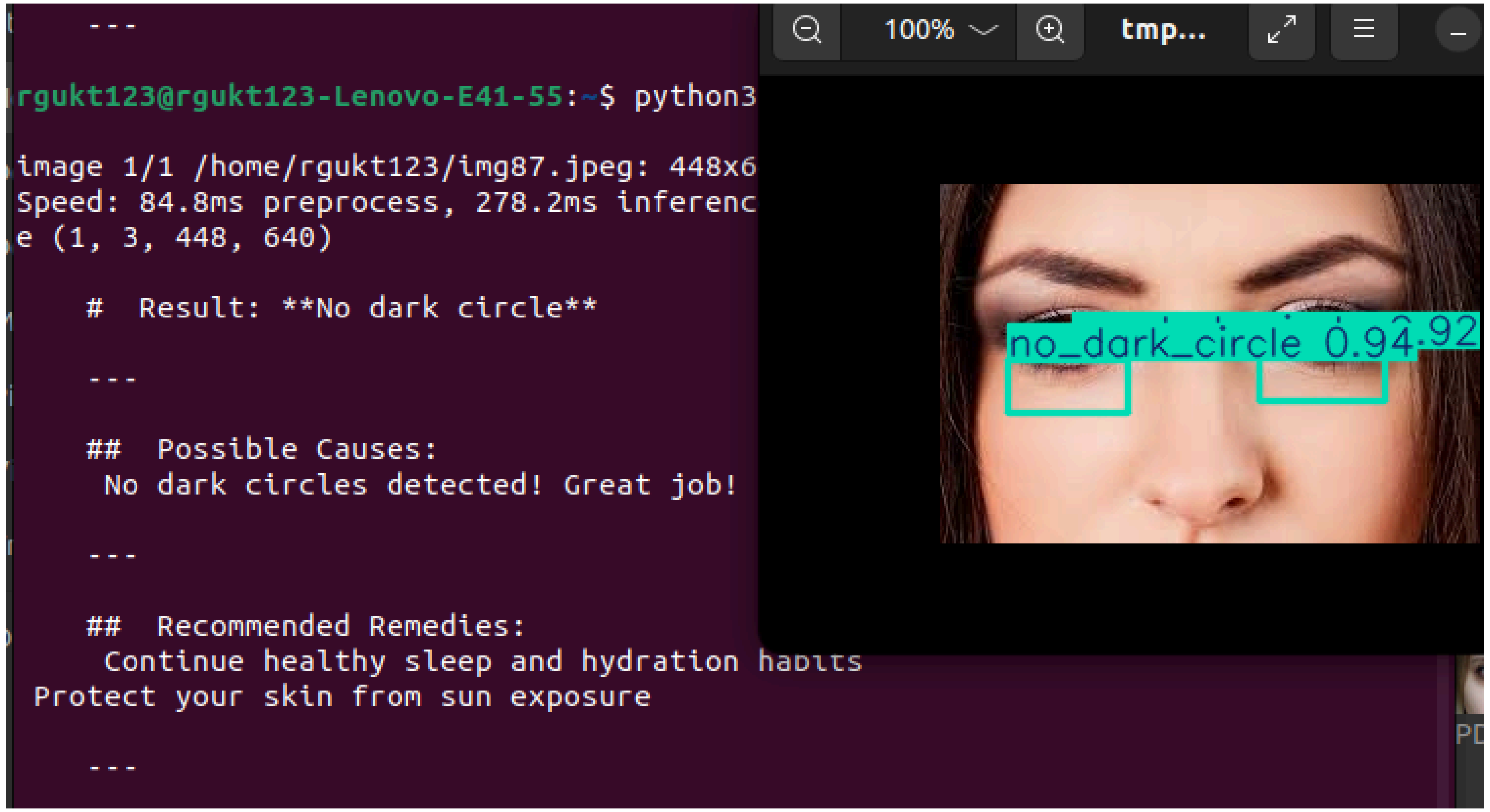


Figure: Predicted Images

Discussions

This project introduces a deep learning-based dark circle detection system leveraging the YOLOv8 framework for fast and accurate localization in facial images. A custom-labeled dataset was developed using Roboflow, with annotations in YOLO format to facilitate efficient training. The model was trained on Google Colab with data augmentation handled via OpenCV, enhancing generalization. YOLOv8 was selected for its real-time detection capabilities, and the performance was assessed using metrics like precision, recall, and mAP. The final model delivers bounding boxes over under-eye regions, offering interpretable outputs that enable reliable severity analysis and support use in skincare applications.

Conclusion and Future Enhancement …

This project presents a YOLOv8-based deep learning system for automated dark circle detection. A custom annotated dataset and lightweight YOLOv8n model were used to achieve real-time inference (<20ms/image) with an mAP of 75%–85%. The system is deployable on mobile and web platforms, supporting applications in skincare, wellness, and tele-dermatology. While results are promising, further improvements are needed to handle makeup, lighting variations, and diverse demographics.

Conclusion and Future Enhancement

- High-Resolution Input: Improves under-eye detail capture for subtle dark circles.
- Data Augmentation: Brightness/contrast shifts, flips, zooms for better generalization.
- Robustness: Address class imbalance, visual artifacts, and real-world variability.
- Extended Features: Severity grading, temporal tracking, and enhanced model architectures.

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