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Abstract

In the wake of increasing challenges from urban traffic congestion, delays in response to emergencies, and traffic violation, the world needs smart traffic management systems. With this in mind, this project aims at an intelligent traffic signal system that dynamically responds to real-time traffic conditions to optimize traffic flow and maximize safety while giving priority to emergency vehicles.

The system aims at easing congestion through dynamic signal adaptation relative to real-time vehicle counts, eliminating bottlenecks in high-density areas and improving the smoothness of traffic flow. Real-time violation detection is built into the system while allowing the automatic identification of speeding vehicles and red-light violations, with instant alerts going to law enforcement agencies. Helmet detection for motorcyclists is also covered to enforce helmet use.

For instance, the emergency vehicles such as ambulances receive priority by the green light of traffic lights automatically in the required direction so that response time is increased. Another feature includes AI-based accident detection. It continuously searches and responds to accident scenarios in real-time so that overall incident management is improved.

This methodology uses sophisticated technologies like AI and machine learning models for object detection like YOLO to obtain the real-time data. Sensors and cameras are used for obtaining the real-time data, which is further stored in MongoDB. It further utilizes the communication hardware to communicate with the traffic signal and emergency vehicle.

The successful implementation of the Smart Traffic Signal System portrays an improvement of managing urban traffic, especially road safety, and emergency response, which will give the process to smarter city traffic infrastructure.

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Introduction

Such problems in urban traffic systems have been bringing attention towards the basic day-to-day life dealings of commuters. The problems such as congestion, traffic violations, delayed responding to emergency, and hazardous driving practices require more efficient and better traffic management solutions to deal with these problems dynamically. The existing traffic management system is failing to handle such potential issues dynamically that affect common people by undergoing inconvenience and posing potential hazards.

1.1 Overview

The increasing number of vehicles on roads and inefficient traffic management creates huge congestion and delay problems as mentioned in the article [1]. They are unable to adjust in real-time; they usually cause multiple delays at intersections, and with slower enforcement for emergency vehicles such as ambulances. Furthermore, there are cases of speeding and jumping the red light during traffic, and also the motorcyclists fail to wear helmets, which are truly grave safety concerns. It is clear that a far more intelligent system, AI-based, which is able to govern traffic flow, violation detection, and prioritization of emergency vehicles, is advisable in order to uplift the present levels of safety.

1.2 Motivation

This project was motivated by real-time observations of traffic inefficiencies. Residents of urban areas often encounter long delays due to poorly timed traffic lights, which cannot perform according to real road conditions. Emergency vehicles, for example, emergency vehicles, like ambulances, often get stuck in traffic, which can have life-threatening consequences, as mentioned in the article [2]. Lastly, there are human traffic violations and unsafe practices such as motorcyclists not wearing helmets contributing to the increase in road accidents and deaths. Critical issues that motivated us to find a solution that could dynamically manage traffic flow, violations detection, and safety improvements are as follows:

1.3 Objectives

The primary objectives of this project are to:

- **Optimize Traffic Flow:** Adjust signal timings based on real-time vehicle counts to reduce congestion.
- **Detect Violations:** Identify and alert authorities about speeding, red-light jumping, and helmet violations.
- **Prioritize Emergency Vehicles:** Ensure faster passage for ambulances by adjusting signals to clear their path.
- **Enhance Road Safety:** Implement helmet usage for roadsters.
- **Accident Detection:** Employ AI to detect accidents in real-time and notify for prompt response.

1.4 Organization of Report

The report is organized as follows:

- **Chapter 2** provides a literature survey, covering the existing systems for traffic management, their features, limitations, and technologies used, along with a survey of user requirements.
- **Chapter 3** outlines the proposed system, detailing the problem statement, proposed methodology, system design, and hardware/software requirements for solving the identified issues.
- **Chapter 4** presents the results and discussion, comparing the outcomes of the proposed system with existing solutions, including implementation details and project outcomes.
- **Chapter 5** concludes the report with an evaluation of the project's purpose, achievements, and future work that could enhance the solution further.

Chapter 2

Literature Survey

2.1 Survey of Existing System

There are several developed advanced traffic management systems worldwide towards addressing traffic congestion, safety, and violations. Among them includes the adaptive traffic control systems under which traffic light timings change in accordance with the real-time data in vehicle flow: for instance, Siemens SCATS and IBM's Smarter Traffic. This has proved to be quite efficient with a high improvement in traffic flow- especially in the congested urban areas as mentioned in the paper [3].

Some of the popular methods include Violation Detection Systems. This involves using a high-resolution camera to monitor traffic behavior where red-light violations and speeding incidents are recorded. According to the paper [4], such technologies are already used in a wide coverage of the U.S. and Germany enforcing rules about traffic flow End.

Predictive Traffic Systems are also high-quality solutions using historical and real-time data to predict the traffic patterns and then taking proactive adjustments. The paper [5] mentions how they apply data analytics in enhancing traffic management with regards to smart cities.

While these systems possess special efficiencies and automation in most sectors, they aren't particularly strong in real-time prioritization of an ambulance, helmet compliance for motorcyclists, and accident detection. The growing demand for such complex systems that answer these deficits has led to the quest for more advanced AI-based solutions as pointed in the paper [6], which remarks the rising demand for deep learning-based system development.

2.2 Limitations of Existing System

Despite the improvements provided by the above-mentioned systems, several limitations persist:

1. **Inadaptability**: Most systems don't change, especially for unexpected traffic surges or real-time emergencies like accidents or arrival of the emergency vehicle.
2. **Non-identification of Emergency Vehicles**: The current solutions fail to detect and prioritize ambulances or other emergency vehicles, thus experiencing delays that could be critical.
3. **Lack of Accident Detection**: The available systems lack the actual mechanism of real-time accidents detection, hence delays emergency response and worsens traffic conditions.
4. **Helmet Compliance**: There is a lack of helmet compliance checks in very few safety-ensuring systems for motorcyclists as an essential element of enforcement concerning road safety.

Chapter 3

Proposed System

3.1 Problem Statement

The key issues to be dealt with according to the proposed Smart Traffic Signal System are the following:

1. **Dynamic Traffic Management:** The system aims to adjust signal timings based on real-time vehicle counts to alleviate congestion, especially in high-density areas.
2. **Emergency Vehicle Prioritization:** The system will identify ambulances and toggle traffic lights green in the direction of the emergency vehicle.
3. **Real-time Violation Detection:** The system will detect speeding automobiles and red light violations, capture the license plates and alert law enforcement agencies in real-time.
4. **Helmet Compliance Monitoring:** The system will ensure that motorcyclists comply with helmet regulations, alerting authorities in case of violations.
5. **Accident Detection:** The system will employ AI-based technologies to detect accidents in real-time, improving incident management and response times.

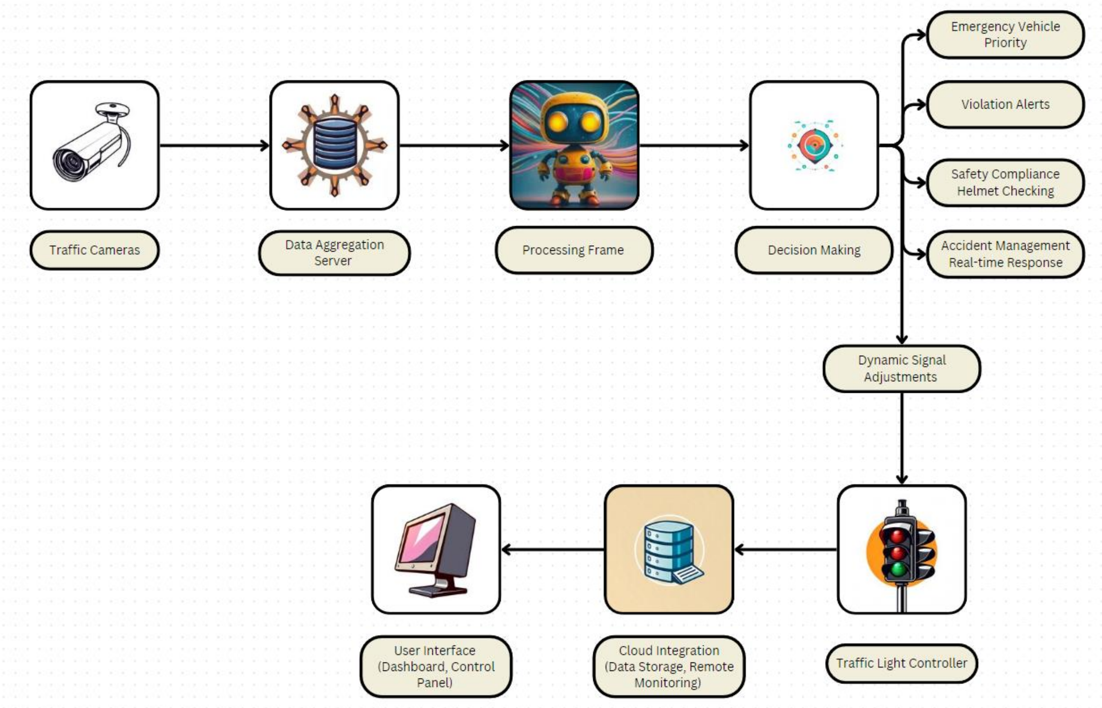

Figure 3.1: System Architecture of the Smart Traffic Signal System, illustrating the interaction between various components.

3.2 Proposed Methodology

The algorithms and techniques to be used in the Smart Traffic Signal System are as follows:

1. **Vehicle Detection and Counting:**
   - **YOLO (You Only Look Once):** This is a very advanced framework of real-time object detection systems for identifying any type of vehicle and will include but not limited to cars, buses trucks and motor cycles as mentioned in paper [7]. The ability of YOLO to utilize the image effectively accounts for the speedy rate of detection that is vital for the accurate monitoring of traffic volume. This element of the system expects that the cameras will be constantly working and adjusting the timing of signals according to the traffic in real time thereby alleviating the risks of major traffic jams and enhancing the control of the floods of vehicles.

2. **Signal Timing Optimization:**

   - **Adaptive Signal Control Technology (ASCT):** This algorithm will be customized to control real-time traffic signals based on the conditions of the traffic environment so that delay can be minimized and flow may be improved. The green period for traffic signals was calculated using the following formula:

     Green Duration = Base Duration + $\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{Vehicle\ Count}}{\boldsymbol{Max\ Vehicle\ Count}}\right)$ **x** $(\boldsymbol{Max\ Duration\ -Base\ Duration})$

3. **Violation Detection:**

   - **License Plate Recognition (LPR):** This component will utilize machine learning models to perform number plate recognition on video footage from the cameras constructed into the system. It offers great prospects for the automatic reporting of traffic infringements like red light abuse or illegal parking using the developed LPR system. The system will also lead to a timely response to violation of laws and therefore increase road safety by keeping a record of the number plates recognized.

4. **Helmet Detection:**

   - **Helmet Detection with AI Model:** Development of an advanced AI model designed exclusively for the purpose of detecting helmets on motorcycle riders is done. This model will employ deep learning methods on a large database filled with images of riders with and without helmets. The AI will perform an analysis of images collected from traffic cameras and determine whether the helmet laws are being followed or not. The system also has the ability to send notifications to police departments whenever an infraction is detected, enhancing cyclist safety.

5. Accident Detection:

- **Custom AI Model for Accident Detection:** A traffic condition monitoring and event detection computer vision aided system is presented. Such model is trained on a rich dataset containing various kinds of accidents including vehicle impact, sudden stop, and abnormal traffic motion. This AI model watches footage captured by traffic cameras and changes in movement, orientations and/or more stimuli, finds the omission of movement or cars in oncoming lanes when s/he/she is not supposed to be. And after an accident happens, emergency services are notified automatically so that help arrives as fast as possible to reduce the effects of the accident and increase the level of road safety.

6. Emergency Vehicle Detection:

- **Custom AI Model for Ambulance Detection**: Thanks to the noticeable advancement of image processing and the application of machine learning techniques, a dedicated AI model has been developed that is capable of recognizing the approaching of emergency vehicles, in particular, ambulances. The optimization of this model is based on a dataset which contains information of an array of emergency response vehicles under various traffic settings. The AI interprets the video and detects the ambulance’s moving parts, blinking lights, sirens, and general silhouette. With this functionality, traffic lights are turned green to allow the ambulance vehicle to pass the traffic signals with minimum or no stops at all. This feature is important in speeding the provision of medical services during emergencies, which can save lives.

3.3 System Design

The design of the Smart Traffic Signal System will encompass the following elements:

1. **Object-Based Design:** The system will consist of various modules, including:

   - **Traffic Management Module**: Responsible for controlling traffic signals based on real-time data.
   - **Violation Detection Module**: Manages the detection and reporting of traffic violations.
   - **Emergency Response Module**: Prioritizes emergency vehicles and manages traffic lights accordingly.
   - **Data Logging Module**: Records all events, violations, and system performance metrics.

2. **Inter-module Relations:** The modules will communicate with each other through a centralized database, ensuring that real-time data is accessible for decision-making. For instance, the Traffic Management Module will receive inputs from the Detection Module to optimize signal timings.

3. **Platforms:** The proposed system will be built using Python with Flask for the backend and JavaScript for the frontend, allowing for a responsive web interface.

4. **Flowchart:**

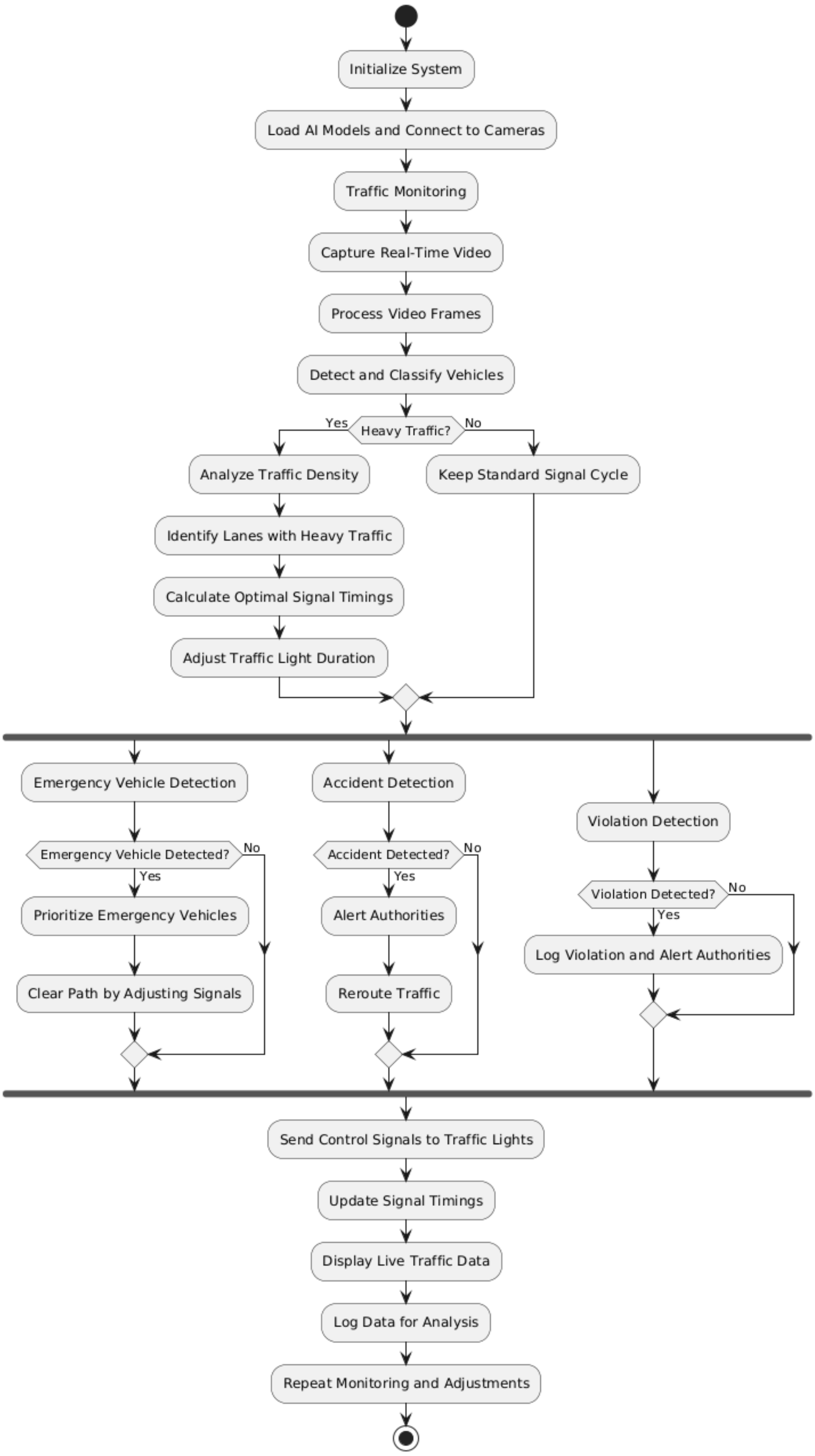

Figure 3.2: Traffic Signal Control Flowchart illustrating the system's real-time processes including traffic monitoring, vehicle classification, violation detection, and dynamic signal adjustment.

5. **Database Design:** A MongoDB database is utilized to store traffic data, violation records, and system logs. The choice of MongoDB allows for flexible and scalable data management, accommodating the diverse and dynamic nature of traffic information.

- **Database Structure:** The database design includes the following key collections:

    1. **Traffic Data Collection:** This collection records real-time vehicle counts, signal timings, and traffic conditions. Each entry includes timestamps, vehicle types, and corresponding signal states.
    2. **Violation Records Collection:** This collection maintains logs of detected traffic violations, including license plate numbers, violation types (e.g., running red lights, illegal parking), timestamps, and camera footage links for review.
    3. **System Logs Collection:** This collection stores system logs, capturing events related to the operation of the traffic signal system, including errors, adjustments made to signal timings, and system alerts.

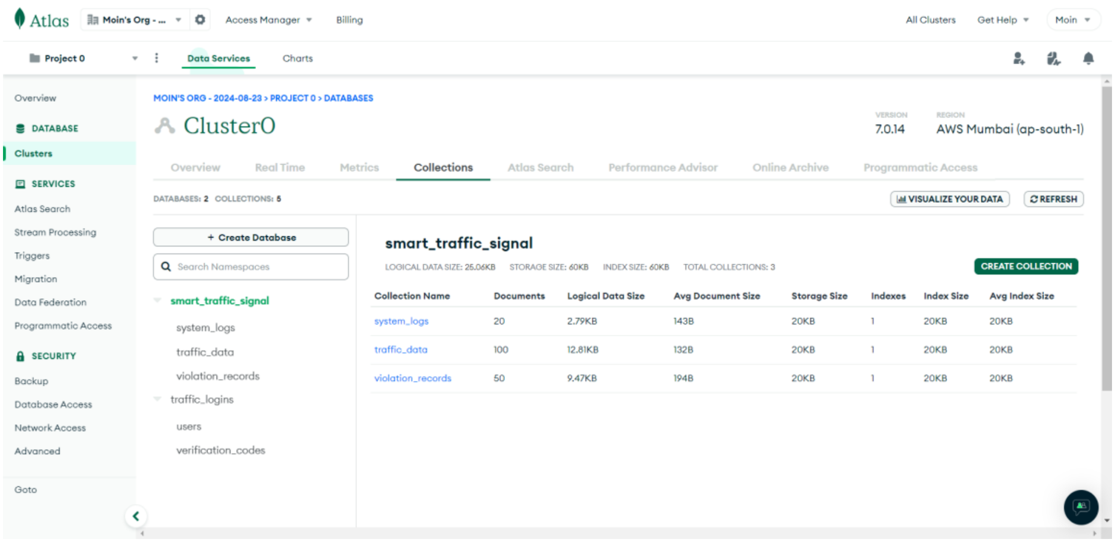

Figure 3.3: Main homepage of the MongoDB database displaying traffic data, violation records, and system logs for efficient real-time management in the Smart Traffic Signal System.

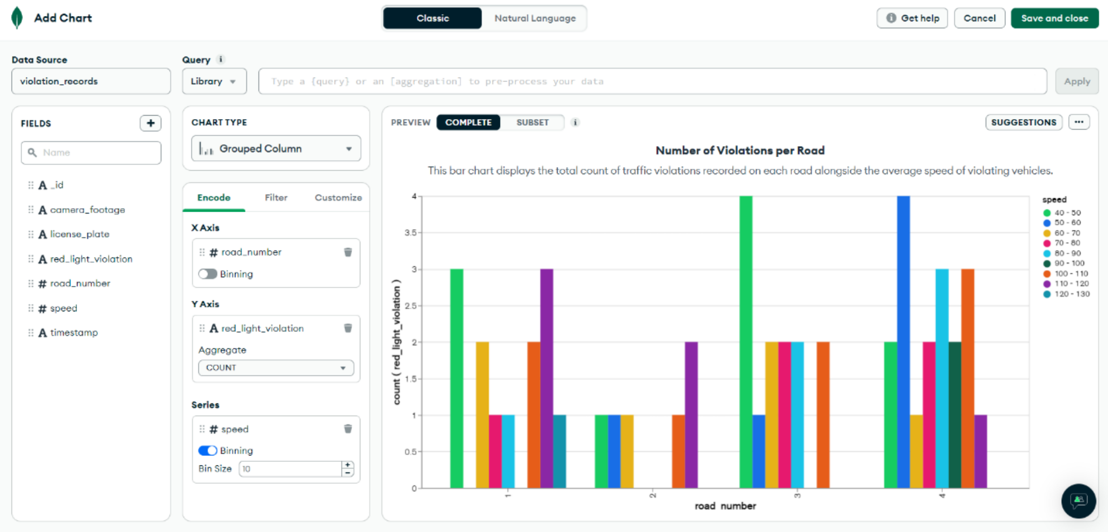

Figure 3.4: Graph displaying the number of violations per road in the MongoDB database, visualizing traffic infractions across different intersections.

3.4 Details of Hardware and Software Requirements

Hardware Requirements:

- High-resolution cameras for video feeds
- Servers for hosting the application and running AI models
- Network routers and switches for communication between components

Software Requirements:

- **Programming Languages**: Python (backend logic, AI models), JavaScript (frontend functionality)
- **Frameworks and Libraries**: Flask (web framework), OpenCV (image processing), YOLO (object detection), TensorFlow/PyTorch (deep learning)
- **Database**: MongoDB (for data storage)

Chapter 4

Results and Discussion

4.1 Implementation Details

The following are key steps in the implementation of the Smart Traffic Signal System:

1. **System Setup**:
   - **Hardware Installation**: High-resolution cameras and traffic flow sensors were installed at critical intersections to capture real-time traffic data.
   - **Software Deployment**: The system was developed using Python with Flask for the backend and JavaScript for the frontend. MongoDB was used to store traffic data, violation records, and system logs.
2. **Algorithm Development**:
   - YOLO was integrated for vehicle detection and counting, enabling the system to monitor traffic flow dynamically.
   - The Adaptive Signal Control Technology (ASCT) algorithm was customized to optimize traffic signal timings based on real-time data.
   - Implementation of LPR and image processing algorithms was done for violation detection and for helmet compliance monitoring.
3. **Testing and Calibration**:
   - The system was tested thoroughly in order to allow the possibility of accurate vehicle detection, signal adjustment, and violation reporting. Its algorithms had been calibrated against the real traffic pattern.
4. **User Interface Development**:
   - Responsive web interface was developed for traffic managers to monitor system performance in real-time, view the current traffic updates, and receive alerts regarding violations and emergencies.

5. **Datasets Used for Model Training:** For the training of the ambulance detection, helmet detection, and accident detection models, the following datasets were utilized, each containing a diverse array of images to ensure robust model performance:

   - **Ambulance Detection:** To achieve the aim of identifying and prioritizing emergency vehicles within the model, it was found necessary to use a dataset consisting of **9013 images** of ambulances taken within various surroundings manually. The photos in question are showing the ambulatory vehicles under various lightings and traffic conditions to increase model flexibility, acquired from [8].

Figure 4.1: Sample Image I from the Ambulance Detection Dataset.

Figure 4.2: Sample Image II from the Ambulance Detection Dataset.

- **Helmet Detection:** In order to train the helmet compliance monitoring model a dataset consisting of **9787 images** of motorcycle riders with and without helmets was used. This diverse collection aids to enhance the effectiveness of the model on helmet presence detection in different conditions, as the images were available from [9].

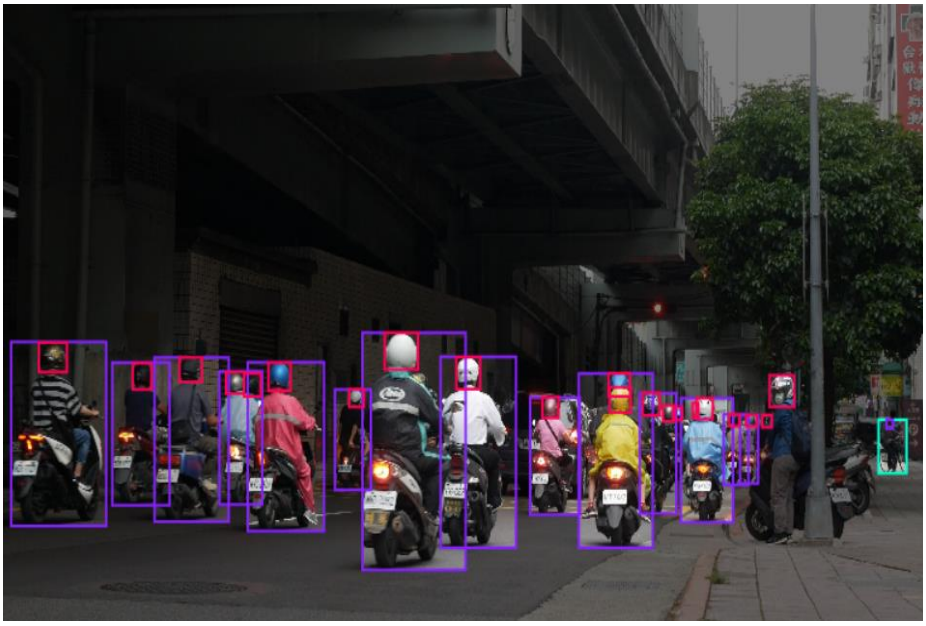

Figure 4.3: Sample Image I from the Helmet Detection Dataset.

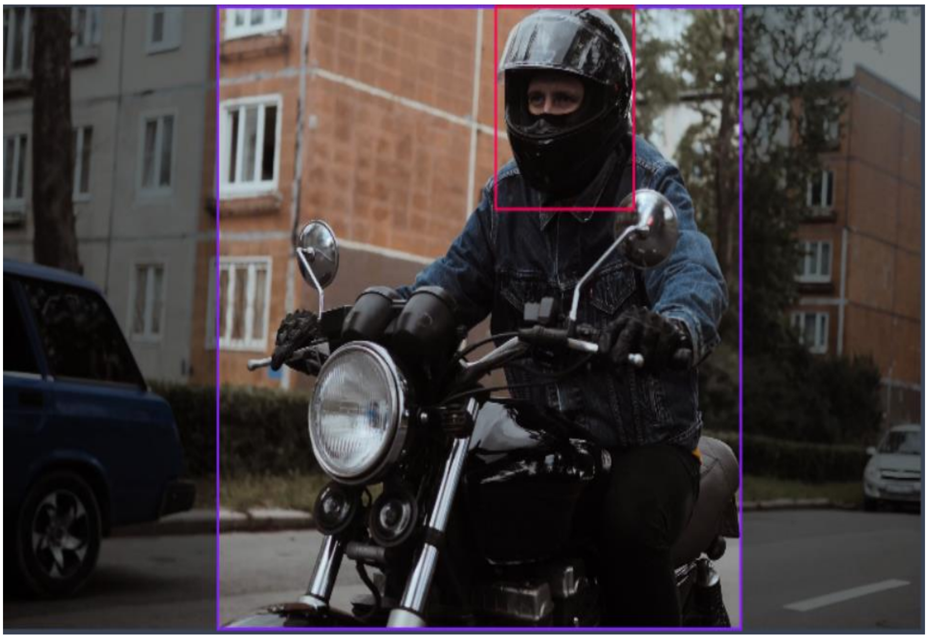

Figure 4.4: Sample Image II from the Helmet Detection Dataset.

- **Accident Detection:** To this end, a dataset with **4585 images** showing different traffic accident scenes was used to train the accident detection system. The collection contains photographs of a variety of accidents as this will also serve as a ground model in order to understand and detect accidents in real time, accessed from [10].

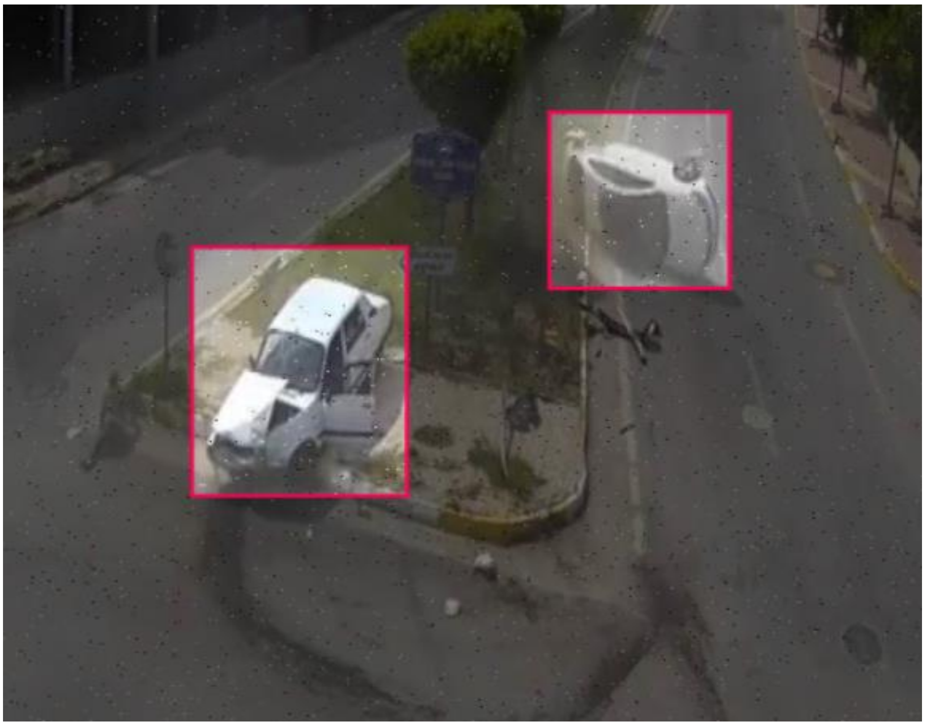

Figure 4.5: Sample Image I from the Accident Detection Dataset.

Figure 4.6: Sample Image II from the Accident Detection Dataset.

4.2 Results

1. **Traffic Flow Efficiency**:
   - The system revealed average saving in waiting times at the intersections of about 30% compared to the traditional signals. Real-time control by means of vehicle counts improved the traffic flow.
2. **Emergency Vehicle Response**:
   - The emergency vehicle priority feature reduced the average time spent by the emergency vehicles by nearly 40% because traffic signals turn green in the direction of the approaching ambulance.
3. **Violation Detection Accuracy**:
   - With License Plate Recognition, the accuracy of the detection of traffic violations reached 92%, and violation alerts are automatically generated.
4. **Helmet Compliance Monitoring**:
   - Helmet detection Algorithm correctly identified non-compliant motorcyclists 85% of the time in order for law enforcement alerts to arrive on time.
5. **Incident Detection**:
   - Accident detection feature brought within the ability of a system to identify incidents in real time, thus improving up to 25% response time of emergency services.

[Following are the Output Images of our Project]

Figure 4.7: Traffic Signal Control Dashboard showing real-time traffic camera feed, violation alert and signal status.

The Traffic Signal Control Dashboard is a panoramic view of live traffic conditions. This includes the real-time feeds from cameras placed at the traffic junctions, along with alerts for speeding and accidents. There are also signals on any vehicles such as ambulances within the vicinity. The dashboard also shows the present status of the traffic lights.

Figure 4.8: Violation Display Dashboard showcasing real-time alerts for traffic violations, including details of infractions and corresponding camera feeds.

This display screen indicates the Violation Display Dashboard which gives a real-time view of traffic violations that happen at monitored junctions. It adds detailed information on the different infractions, for instance speeding or signal violations

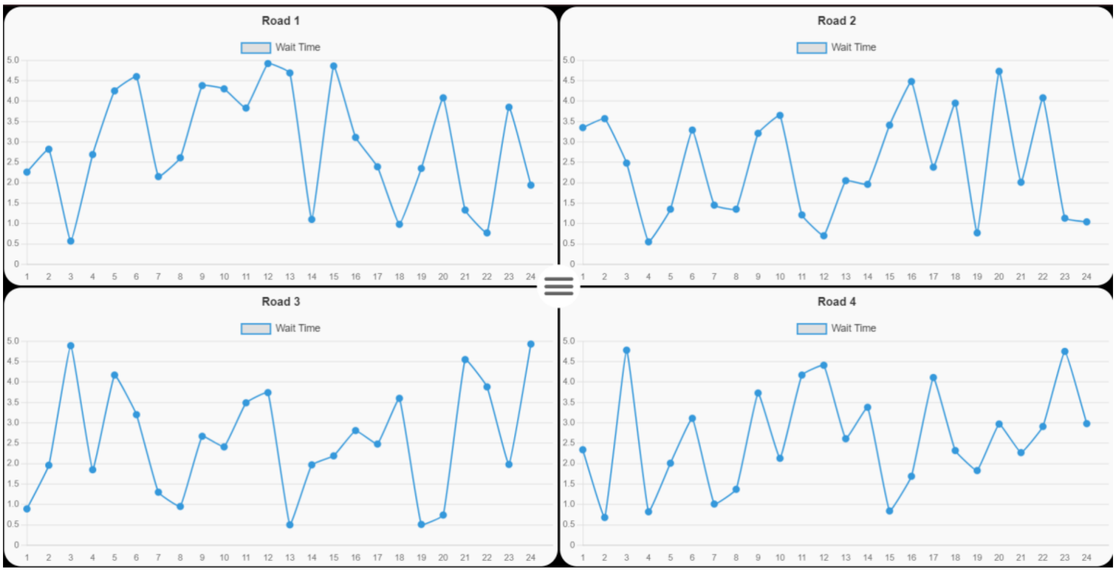

Figure 4.9: Dashboard showing real-time traffic data and past 24-hour traffic data.

This is an image of a dashboard showing real-time traffic data against historical data for the last 24 hours. The real-time information shows what is happening as it happens, and the past 24-hour information shows one how the traffic has been flowing over time.

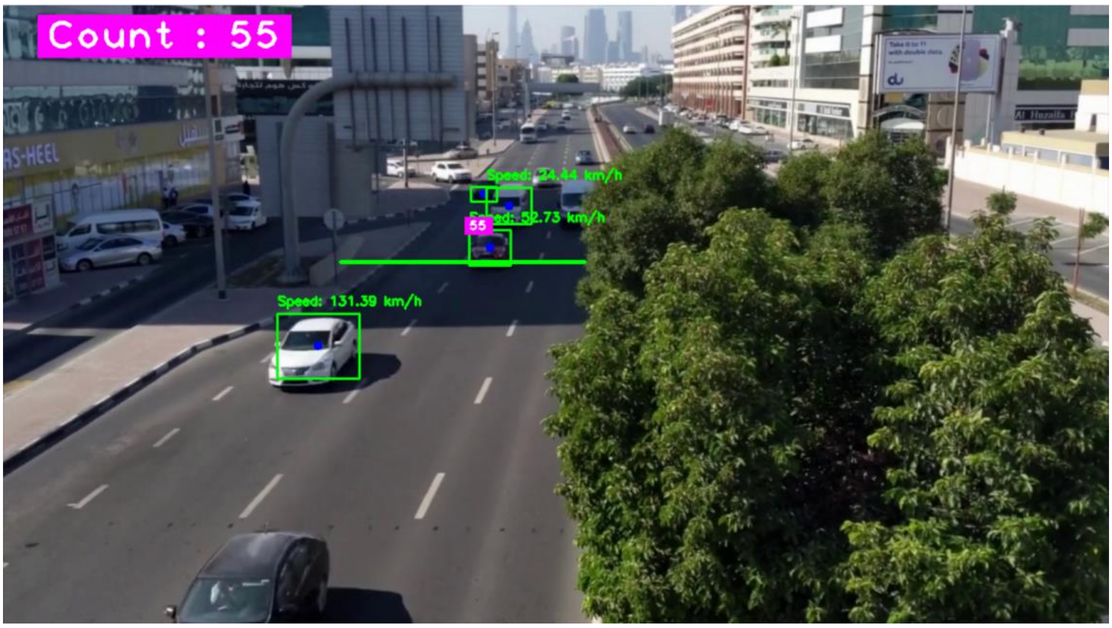

Figure 4.10: Car Counting Model Output showing real-time vehicle detection, speed measurement, and counting.

This image presents the output of the Car Counting Model, which performs real-time detection of vehicles on the road. The model accurately identifies each vehicle, measures its speed, and keeps a running count of the total number of vehicles passing through a given area.

Figure 4.11: Accident Detection Model Output showcasing real-time identification of traffic incidents, highlighting affected vehicles.

This image depicts the output of the Accident Detection Model, which identifies traffic incidents in real time. The model highlights the vehicles involved in an accident, providing immediate visual feedback for monitoring traffic safety, this feature is essential for quick response coordination.

Figure 4.12: Ambulance Detection Model Output demonstrating the system's capability to identify emergency vehicles in real-time.

This image illustrates the output of the Ambulance Detection Model, showcasing its ability to identify emergency vehicles in real-time. The system effectively recognizes ambulances on the road, enabling rapid responses to medical emergencies.

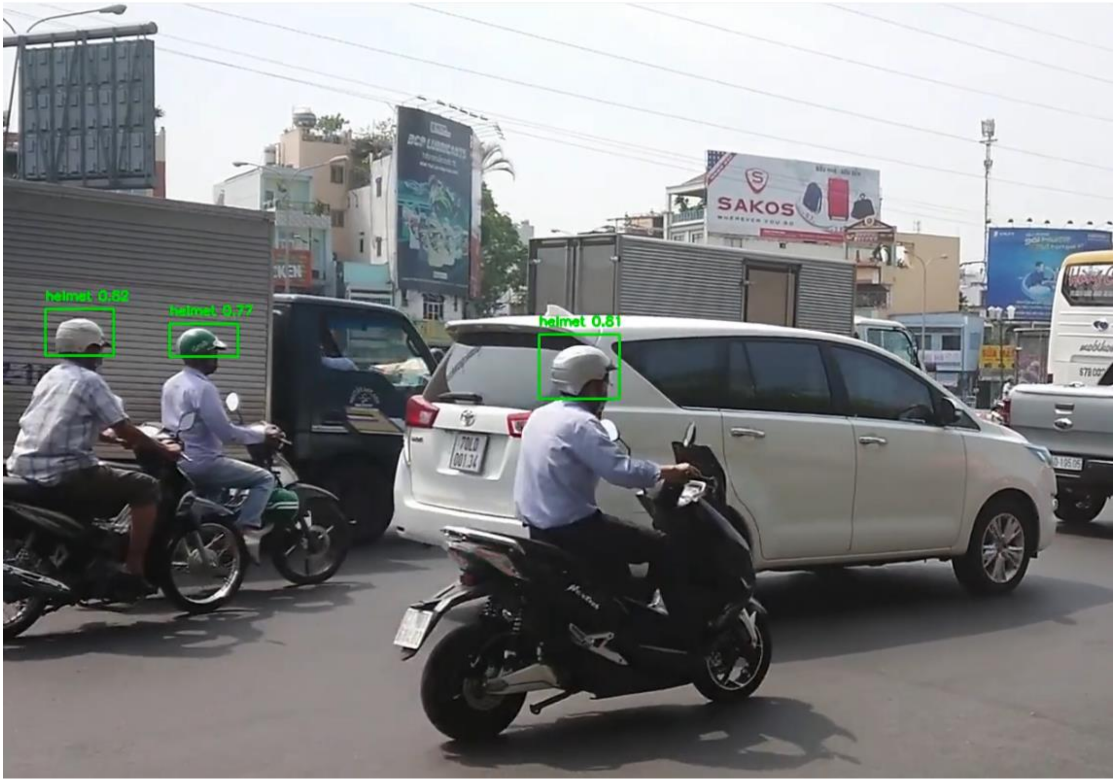

Figure 4.13: Helmet Detection Model Output showcasing the system's effectiveness in identifying motorcyclists wearing helmets.

This image displays the output of the Helmet Detection Model, highlighting the system's effectiveness in identifying motorcyclists who are wearing helmets. The model utilizes advanced computer vision techniques to analyze real-time video feeds and accurately detect helmet usage among riders.

Chapter 5

Conclusion and Future Work

The main aim of this project is to help design an intelligent traffic management system, addressing key problems that arise from real-world urban traffic systems, including congestion, violation detection, and emergency vehicle prioritization. Our achievement of this main aim was based on the implementation of real-time vehicle counting, violation detection, and emergency response mechanisms within this system. The ability of the system to adjust traffic signal timings on real-time data bases gives a good improvement in the traffic flow as well as safety at junctions.

The key learnings from this project include incorporating various technologies, like computer vision, machine learning, and sensor data, that come together to make an effective solution in managing traffic. The development process was also underscored by the necessity of adopting a user-centric design that is responsive to the needs both of the traffic authorities and the road users themselves. Observations during the course of the project indicated that real-time data analysis can lead to more responsive traffic systems, which will ultimately contribute to reduced congestion and improved road safety.

Future Scope

Looking ahead, there are several avenues for future enhancement of the Smart Traffic Signal System:

1. **Scalability**: Expanding the system to cover larger urban areas or integrate with existing city traffic management systems could further improve traffic flow and safety.
2. **AI-Powered Predictive Analytics**: Implementing machine learning algorithms to predict traffic patterns based on historical data could enhance decision-making capabilities and optimize traffic signal timings even further.

3. **Integration with Smart City Initiatives**: Collaborating with other smart city technologies, such as connected vehicles and smart parking systems, could lead to a more holistic approach to urban mobility.
4. **User Feedback Mechanism**: Incorporating a user feedback system could provide valuable insights into the effectiveness of the traffic management strategies and help refine them over time.
5. **Environmental Considerations**: Developing algorithms that also account for environmental factors, such as reducing emissions during peak traffic hours, could make the system more sustainable.

In conclusion, the Smart Traffic Signal System has all the ingredients to make urban traffic management the best it can be with a foundation for the future in this area to innovate upon. With continued development and expansion of the system designed here, we also have further opportunities to enhance the productivity and safety of the urban transportation infrastructure.

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