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ABSTRACT

With increasing urbanization, traffic congestion has become a significant challenge, leading to longer travel times, elevated fuel consumption, and heightened pollution levels. Traditional, fixed-timing traffic signals are unable to respond effectively to dynamic traffic conditions, particularly during peak hours or special events. This project, Smart Traffic Management: An Adaptive System Using TensorFlow and Computer Vision, introduces a responsive traffic control solution that adjusts signal timings in real time based on actual traffic flow, reducing congestion and improving efficiency. The system employs a TensorFlow-based object detection model, SSD Mobile Net, to detect and classify vehicles in real-time video feeds, estimating traffic density and vehicle types at intersections. Using a reinforcement learning (RL) agent, the system adapts traffic light durations dynamically, rewarding actions that reduce average wait times and congestion. A centroid-based tracking algorithm also monitors wait times for each detected vehicle, allowing the system to prioritize vehicles with longer delays. This adaptive control approach makes the system responsive to real-time conditions, significantly reducing idle times and improving traffic flow over traditional methods. Preliminary tests have shown that this adaptive system can decrease average wait times, enhance throughput, and minimize vehicle idling, thereby contributing to fuel savings and lower emissions. As an advanced smart city solution, Smart Traffic Management holds potential for large-scale deployment across multiple intersections. Future enhancements could include optimizing the model for real-time edge deployment, expanding its adaptability to diverse traffic conditions, and integrating additional sensor data to further improve detection and responsiveness.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Urbanization has led to a surge in road traffic, causing increased congestion in cities around the world. As vehicle counts grow, urban infrastructure struggles to cope, resulting in prolonged commute times, elevated fuel consumption, and heightened air pollution levels. Traditional traffic management systems, which rely on fixed or time-based signal cycles, are limited in their responsiveness to the varying real-time demands of traffic flow. These rigid traffic control systems often fail to adapt to peak hour traffic or sudden changes, like accidents or unexpected congestion, leading to inefficient traffic flow and increased frustration for commuters. Advances in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and computer vision present an opportunity to enhance traffic management through adaptive systems that can dynamically adjust to real-time conditions, improving efficiency and reducing congestion.

1.2 Problem Statement

Current traffic signal systems lack the flexibility to respond dynamically to the changing flow of vehicles at intersections. This limitation results in poor traffic management, particularly in high-density areas, where the mismatch between traffic signals and real-time traffic demand causes significant delays and congestion. Additionally, the absence of an intelligent, data-driven approach to control traffic lights leads to unnecessary idling, increased fuel consumption, and pollution. A smarter system that can detect vehicles in real-time, assess traffic density, and adapt signal timings accordingly is essential to overcome the limitations of conventional traffic control methods.

1.3 Objectives

The primary objective of this project, Smart Traffic Management: An Adaptive System Using TensorFlow and Computer Vision, is to design and implement an intelligent traffic control system that optimizes signal timings in real-time based on actual traffic conditions. Specific objectives include:

Developing a vehicle detection model using TensorFlow to identify and track vehicles at intersections in real-time.

Monitoring individual vehicle wait times and prioritizing congested lanes, allowing efficient handling of peak-hour and high-density scenarios.

Evaluating the system's performance in reducing vehicle idle times, fuel consumption, and emissions, contributing to a sustainable urban environment**.**

1.4 Importance and Significance

This project holds substantial importance in advancing urban traffic management systems. By integrating AI and computer vision, it offers a scalable, cost-effective solution that can significantly reduce traffic congestion, fuel usage, and carbon emissions**.** The intelligent and adaptive nature of the system ensures it can adjust to diverse traffic scenarios, from regular rush hours to unexpected traffic spikes, ultimately creating a more commuter-friendly environment. This system aligns with smart city initiatives and environmental goals, demonstrating the potential for innovative technology to contribute to sustainable, efficient, and livable urban spaces. The insights and data collected from this system could also aid in future city planning and traffic policy formation, highlighting its potential for broad and impactful applications.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Real-time vehicle detection and tracking at intersections using deep learning (2021)

Li et al. introduced a real-time vehicle detection and tracking framework specifically designed for complex intersection environments. Utilizing deep learning models, this study addresses the challenge of accurately identifying and tracking vehicles under varying lighting and traffic conditions. The authors demonstrated that their model performs efficiently with high accuracy, ensuring dependable vehicle detection even at busy intersections. This study serves as a significant foundation for further research in real-time vehicle detection systems tailored for intersection traffic management.

2.2 A survey on intelligent traffic control system using machine learning and IoT (2020)

Kumar et al. provide a comprehensive survey covering the advancements in intelligent traffic control systems, emphasizing the role of machine learning and IoT integration. This work explores various models used in real-time traffic management, highlighting their application in vehicle detection, congestion prediction, and traffic signal control. The survey is particularly insightful as it discusses the limitations and benefits of different approaches, providing a roadmap for developing more efficient traffic management systems that incorporate machine learning and IoT capabilities for broader scalability and responsiveness. It also underscores the importance of real-time data collection, processing, and decision-making to optimize traffic flow in smart cities. The paper suggests that the combination of machine learning algorithms and IoT devices can significantly enhance the accuracy of traffic predictions and the efficiency of traffic signal systems. The authors propose future research directions focused on refining system integration and increasing the robustness of these systems in real-world applications.

2.3 Deep learning for traffic management: Vehicle detection, counting, and classification (2021)

Mohan and colleagues developed a traffic management system using deep learning techniques for vehicle detection, counting, and classification. Their approach is notable for integrating Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to enhance detection accuracy across various vehicle types, including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The study showed that deep learning-based systems could achieve higher precision in traffic counting and classification tasks, making this approach particularly relevant for intersection control where vehicle-type-based adjustments can optimize flow. The work adds to the field by validating the efficacy of CNNs in traffic management applications.

2.4 An adaptive traffic signal control system using deep Q-learning (2021)

Zhang et al. implemented an adaptive traffic signal control system utilizing a reinforcement learning algorithm, specifically deep Q-learning, to optimize traffic light timing dynamically. By learning from real-time traffic patterns, the system adapts to fluctuating congestion levels, thereby reducing overall wait times and improving traffic flow. This work is significant in showcasing how reinforcement learning models, particularly deep Q-networks, can be effectively applied in traffic signal management to respond to real-time traffic data, demonstrating improved flexibility over traditional rule-based systems.

2.5 Smart traffic management system using image processing and artificial intelligence (2020)

Prathiba and Vijayalakshmi propose an innovative approach to traffic management by integrating image processing and artificial intelligence (AI) techniques. The system utilizes computer vision for vehicle detection and AI algorithms for traffic signal control to optimize traffic flow in urban areas. The authors focus on leveraging AI models to analyze traffic patterns and adjust signal timings dynamically, improving congestion management.

This research demonstrates the potential of image processing and AI in reducing traffic delays and enhancing the efficiency of smart city traffic systems. They emphasize the need for a real-time, adaptive solution that can adjust based on varying traffic conditions, offering insights into both the effectiveness and challenges of such a system.

2.6 Real-time traffic light control system based on machine learning in smart cities (2021)

Liu, Zhang, and Lu explore the use of machine learning algorithms in real-time traffic light control for smart cities. Their approach focuses on using historical and real-time traffic data to train a machine learning model that can predict and optimize traffic signal timings. The system is designed to handle the dynamic nature of traffic in urban environments, providing adaptive control based on traffic density and flow patterns. The study highlights the advantages of machine learning in predicting traffic trends and adjusting signal timings, thereby reducing congestion and wait times at intersections. Their results suggest that machine learning-based solutions offer superior performance over traditional rule-based systems, although the paper notes the need for extensive data collection and model training to ensure accuracy.

2.7 Object detection and classification for smart traffic management systems using deep learning (2021)

Liu, Li, and Wang propose a deep learning-based approach for object detection and classification to enhance smart traffic management systems. They use convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to detect and classify vehicles in real-time, enabling efficient traffic flow analysis and signal optimization. The system can distinguish different types of vehicles, providing valuable data for traffic monitoring and enforcement. The paper highlights the role of deep learning in improving accuracy and robustness, making it vital for modern urban traffic management. The authors argue that integrating deep learning models can lead to more efficient, scalable traffic management solutions for smart cities. computationally efficient manner remains challenging, especially for complex scenes in live video settings.

2.8 Limitations and Gaps in Current Research

Data Quality and Availability: Current models often rely on publicly available datasets, which may be incomplete or not representative of all traffic scenarios, leading to reduced model accuracy in real-world applications.

Real-Time Processing Constraints: Many deep learning models, particularly in object detection and classification, require substantial computational resources, which can lead to delays in real-time traffic management if not optimized properly.

Environmental Challenges: Traffic monitoring systems based on image and video analysis can be significantly affected by weather conditions, such as fog, rain, or poor lighting, reducing the system's effectiveness.

Scalability Issues: While many systems work effectively in controlled environments, scaling them for large cities with diverse traffic patterns poses a significant challenge in terms of both computational resources and the integration of various data sources.

Interoperability with Existing Infrastructure: Integrating AI-based traffic management systems with current urban infrastructure (e.g., traffic lights, sensors, and cameras) can be complex and may require significant updates to existing systems.

Model Generalization: Most current systems are trained on a specific set of conditions, making them less effective when deployed in different geographical regions with varying traffic characteristics and vehicle types.

Cost and Resource Intensity: Implementing AI-based systems at a large scale can be expensive in terms of hardware, software, and maintenance, making it difficult for many cities, especially in developing regions, to adopt these technologies.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS

3.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing traffic management systems primarily consist of traditional fixed-timing traffic signals, which operate on pre-set schedules that fail to adapt to real-time traffic conditions. This inflexibility leads to inefficiencies, particularly during peak hours when traffic volumes fluctuate significantly (Li et al., 2016). As a result, vehicles may experience prolonged wait times at intersections, contributing to congestion and increased emissions. To address some of these limitations, sensor-based systems have been introduced. These systems employ technologies such as inductive loop sensors and magnetic sensors embedded in road surfaces to detect the presence of vehicles and adjust traffic signals accordingly. However, while sensor-based systems can improve response times, they still lack a comprehensive view of traffic flow and are prone to maintenance challenges, as sensors can wear out or malfunction over time (Ma et al., 2018).

In recent years, vision-based systems have emerged as a more sophisticated solution for traffic monitoring. These systems utilize cameras to capture video feeds from intersections and major roadways, providing valuable data on vehicle movements and traffic patterns. Despite their potential, many vision-based systems rely on manual monitoring by traffic personnel or basic image processing techniques, which limits their effectiveness in real-time automated traffic management (Chen et al., 2019). As cities strive to manage increasing traffic volumes more effectively, some have begun implementing advanced adaptive traffic systems that leverage computer vision and machine learning (ML) models, such as YOLO (You Only Look Once) and SSD

(Single Shot Multibox Detector), to dynamically adjust traffic signals based on real-time traffic conditions. While these adaptive systems represent a significant improvement over traditional methods, they often require substantial infrastructure investments, high computational resources, and robust connectivity to process video data in real time (Liu et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2020).

Despite the advancements brought by adaptive systems, many continue to rely on rule-based algorithms that do not learn from historical traffic data, thereby limiting their adaptability to changing traffic patterns. Consequently, there is a need for innovative solutions that can combine the strengths of existing systems while addressing their limitations (Gao et al., 2021). An ideal system would incorporate real-time vehicle detection using advanced deep learning models, allowing for enhanced decision-making that accounts for both immediate traffic conditions and historical trends. By utilizing a combination of computer vision, machine learning, and adaptive signal control, new systems can offer a more responsive and efficient approach to urban traffic management.

3.2 PROPOSED SYSTEM

An Adaptive System Using TensorFlow and Computer Vision" is designed to transform urban traffic control by leveraging advanced machine learning algorithms alongside real-time video analytics to manage traffic flow dynamically and efficiently. At the heart of this innovative system is a pre-trained TensorFlow model, specifically the SSD MobileNet, which enables real-time vehicle detection from video feeds captured at intersections. This capability allows for accurate monitoring of vehicle movement and density, providing critical data that informs traffic management decisions.

To enhance vehicle tracking, the system incorporates a centroid tracking algorithm, which updates the positions of vehicles continuously and calculates their wait times.

By analyzing this data, the system can implement an adaptive traffic signal control strategy that modifies traffic light timings based on the real-time count of vehicles at each intersection. This approach prioritizes green light phases for directions experiencing higher traffic volumes, thus reducing overall congestion and facilitating smoother traffic flow through critical intersections.

Furthermore, the proposed system will feature a user-friendly interface that empowers traffic management personnel to monitor current traffic conditions easily and respond promptly to unusual patterns or delays. The interface will also provide reporting capabilities, allowing city officials to analyze historical data on traffic patterns and assess the performance of the traffic management system over time, leading to informed planning and resource allocation.

Designed for scalability, the system can be deployed in various urban settings and will incorporate cloud connectivity, enabling centralized management and integration with existing smart city infrastructure. This connectivity facilitates the sharing of real-time traffic data with other city systems, enhancing the overall effectiveness of urban planning and development initiatives. By implementing this adaptive traffic management solution, cities can expect not only improved traffic efficiency but also reduced vehicle emissions and enhanced safety for both drivers and pedestrians, marking a significant advancement in the pursuit of smarter, more sustainable urban environments.

3.3 FEASIBILITY STUDY

A feasibility study is critical for evaluating the practicality and potential success of the proposed smart traffic management system that integrates TensorFlow and computer vision technologies. It will assess the technical, operational, economic, and legal aspects to determine the viability of implementing the system in urban environments.

Technical Feasibility

System Architecture: The proposed system will rely on a distributed architecture comprising edge devices (cameras and sensors) and cloud-based analytics. The edge devices will capture real-time video feeds, while cloud servers will run the TensorFlow models for vehicle detection and processing.

Integration Capabilities: The system should seamlessly integrate with existing traffic management infrastructure, including traffic signals and monitoring systems. It will require APIs for data sharing and communication between different components.

Operational Feasibility

Traffic management authorities and city planners will be the primary users of the system. Training sessions and user manuals will be necessary to ensure they can effectively utilize the system's capabilities. Regular maintenance will be essential for both hardware (cameras, servers) and software (updates, model retraining). A dedicated technical support team will help address any operational issues and ensure system uptime.

Legal Feasibility

Compliance with Regulations: The system must comply with local laws regarding data privacy and surveillance. Measures will be necessary to anonymize data to protect citizens' privacy.

Licensing and Permissions: Permissions from city authorities will be required for installing hardware on public property and collecting video data. Clear agreements regarding data ownership and usage must be established with stakeholders.

Risk Assessment: Potential risks include technology failure, data breaches, and public backlash against surveillance. A risk management plan will be developed to address these concerns proactively.

Economic Feasibility

The economic feasibility of the proposed smart traffic management system indicates that it represents a viable investment for enhancing urban infrastructure. The initial costs are estimated to be approximately ₹30,00,000 to ₹70,00,000 for hardware, which includes high-resolution cameras, servers, and networking equipment necessary for real-time video capture and processing. Software development and licensing, which will involve implementing the TensorFlow model and necessary image processing tools, are projected to cost around ₹20,00,000 to ₹40,00,000. Additionally, installation and training for personnel to effectively use the system will incur costs estimated at ₹5,00,000 to ₹15,00,000.

The recurring costs for maintenance and support are estimated to be around ₹5,00,000 to ₹10,00,000 annually, ensuring that hardware and software remain operational and updated. Furthermore, cloud service fees for data storage and processing are projected to be between ₹2,00,000 to ₹5,00,000 per year, depending on usage.

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM DESIGN

The system design of the Smart Traffic Management system can be broken down into distinct modules and layers, each serving a specific function while working in concert to achieve the overall objectives of traffic monitoring, management, and control. Below is a detailed explanation of the key modules and layers in this design.

4.1 System Architecture:

Input Layer: This layer captures real-time data through cameras and sensors, providing the raw footage and measurements necessary for traffic analysis.

Processing Layer: The processing layer analyzes the captured data using computer vision algorithms to detect and track vehicles, calculate wait times, and interpret traffic conditions.

Control Layer: This layer manages the traffic light states by adjusting them dynamically based on processed data to optimize traffic flow and minimize congestion.

Output Layer: The output layer presents processed information to users through dashboards and mobile applications, providing real-time updates on traffic conditions and system status.

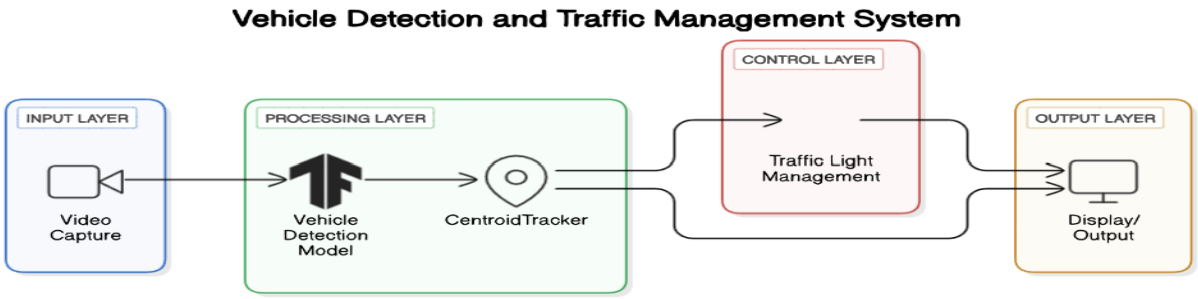

Fig4.1: System Architecture

4.2 Data Capture Layer

This is the foundational layer responsible for collecting real-time data about traffic conditions. It includes the following modules:

- **Cameras:** High-resolution video cameras are strategically placed at intersections and along roads to capture video footage of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. These cameras are capable of operating in various lighting conditions, including night vision capabilities, to ensure continuous monitoring.
- **Sensors:** Various sensors (such as inductive loop sensors and infrared sensors) complement the cameras by detecting vehicle presence and measuring traffic flow. These sensors provide additional data that can be used to validate the information gathered from the video feeds.
- **Edge Computing Devices:** Devices like Raspberry Pi or NVIDIA Jetson Nano are deployed close to the data capture sources. They perform initial processing of the video feeds, which includes tasks such as reducing video resolution, extracting frames, and performing preliminary image processing to minimize latency and bandwidth usage.

4.3 Processing Layer

The processing layer acts as the brain of the system, where the collected data is analyzed and transformed into actionable insights. It encompasses several key modules:

- **Data Preprocessing:** The raw video data captured from the cameras undergoes preprocessing to enhance image quality and format it for analysis. This includes resizing, normalization, and noise reduction to improve the accuracy of object detection.
- **Object Detection:** The core of the processing layer utilizes the SSD MobileNet model to perform object detection. This TensorFlow model analyzes the preprocessed video frames to identify vehicles, pedestrians, and other objects within the scene. The model outputs bounding boxes and confidence scores for each detected object.

- **Centroid Tracking:** Following detection, a centroid tracking algorithm is employed to monitor the movement of vehicles over time. By calculating the centroids of detected objects, the system tracks their positions and determines wait times at traffic signals, enabling dynamic traffic light management.
- **Traffic Light Control Logic:** This module manages the states of the traffic lights (RED, GREEN, YELLOW) based on the analysis of vehicle wait times and traffic conditions. It adjusts the timing of the lights to optimize traffic flow and reduce congestion at intersections.

4.4 User Interface Layer

The user interface layer provides visualization and interaction components for both traffic management authorities and the general public. It consists of:

- **Dashboard for Traffic Management Authorities:** A web-based dashboard is developed to allow traffic management personnel to monitor real-time traffic conditions. This interface displays live video feeds, vehicle counts, wait times, and current traffic light statuses, enabling authorities to make informed decisions.
- **Mobile Application for Citizens:** A mobile app is designed to keep citizens informed about traffic conditions in real-time. It provides features such as estimated wait times at traffic signals, alerts for traffic congestion, and suggested alternative routes, thereby improving overall user experience.

4.5 Scalability and Extensibility

The system is designed to be scalable, allowing for easy addition of more cameras and sensors as urban areas expand. The software architecture can be extended to incorporate additional features, such as machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics or integration with other smart city applications.

4.6 Security Considerations

Security is paramount in a smart traffic management system:

- **Data Encryption:** All data transmitted between components will be encrypted to protect against unauthorized access.
- **Access Control:** Role-based access control will be implemented to ensure that only authorized personnel can access sensitive data and control traffic signals.
- **Regular Security Audits:** Conducting security audits and vulnerability assessments to identify and mitigate potential risks.

4.7 System Workflow

Video Capture and Preprocessing:

The system collects real-time video feed from traffic cameras at the intersection. Each video frame is preprocessed for optimal input into the detection model.

Vehicle Detection (TensorFlow Model Inference):

The SSD MobileNet model detects vehicles within each frame, identifying and scoring bounding boxes around detected objects. Only vehicles with high confidence scores are selected for tracking.

Centroid Tracking and Wait Time Calculation:

The Centroid Tracker calculates each vehicle's centroid and tracks its movement across frames. If a vehicle remains in the stop line region, its wait time is incremented, enabling wait-time-based traffic control.

Traffic Light State Management:

The system switches traffic lights dynamically based on vehicle wait times and timed intervals.

Display and Output:

Bounding boxes and the current traffic light state are overlayed on the frames. This processed video allows monitoring of vehicle detection and traffic light changes.

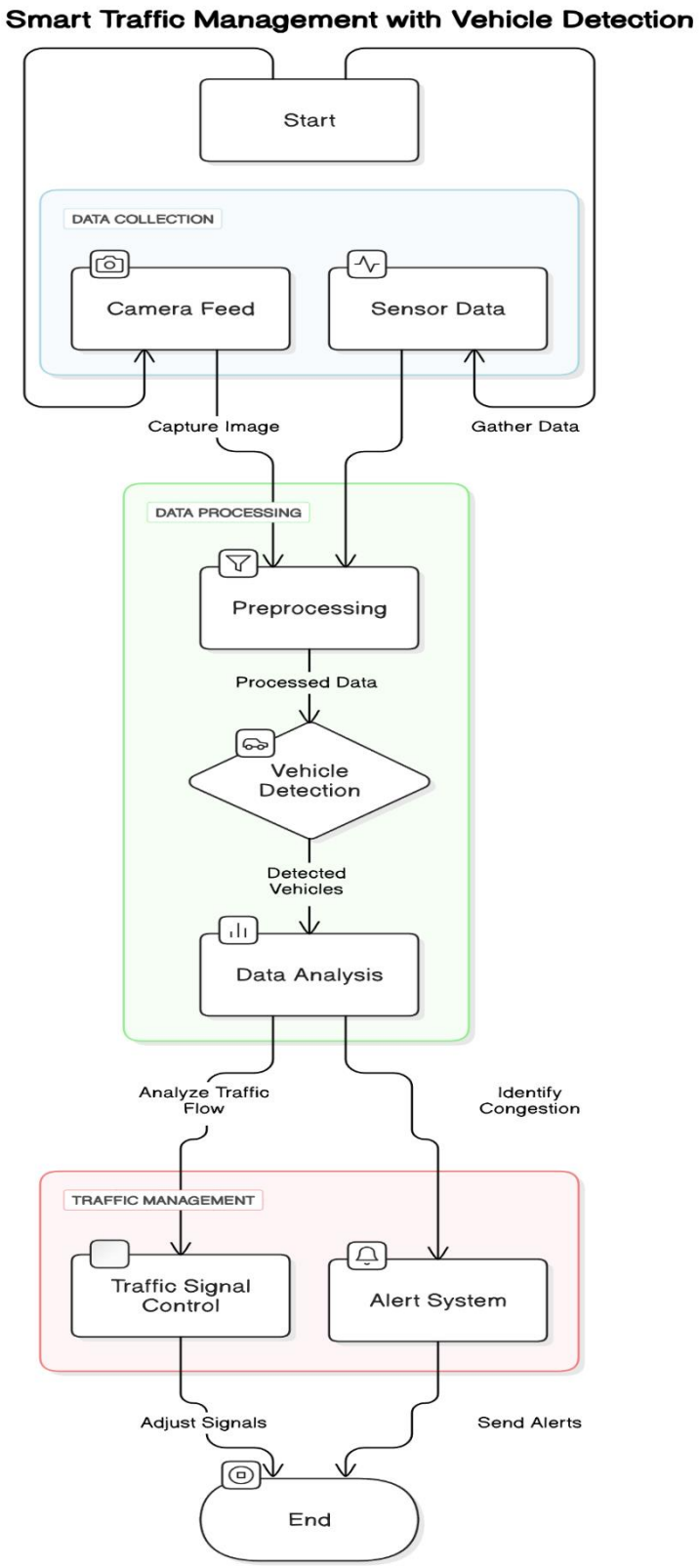

Fig 4.2: System Workflow

CHAPTER 5

SYSTEM REQUIRMENTS

5.1 Hardware Requirements

To implement the Smart Traffic Management system effectively, specific hardware components are required for capturing data, processing it in real-time, and displaying information to traffic management authorities and the public.

1. High-Resolution Cameras

Purpose: Capture real-time video footage at traffic intersections and along roadways.

Specifications: HD or 4K resolution, night vision capability, weather-resistant casing for outdoor deployment, and wide-angle lenses for broader coverage.

Quantity: Depends on the number of intersections and areas to be monitored.

2. Sensors (Vehicle Presence and Traffic Flow Sensors)

Purpose: Measure vehicle flow and detect vehicle presence at intersections.

Types:

- Inductive Loop Sensors: Embedded in the road surface to detect metal objects (vehicles) passing over them.
- Infrared Sensors: Use infrared light to detect objects and measure vehicle count and flow.

3. Edge Computing Devices

Purpose: Process video data and sensor data near the data capture points to reduce latency and bandwidth usage.

Specifications: Capable of running lightweight AI models, with low power consumption and robust processing power for real-time image and video analysis.

Examples: NVIDIA Jetson Nano, Raspberry Pi 4, or Intel Neural Compute Stick.

Quantity: One per traffic monitoring unit (intersection or roadway segment).

4. Central Processing Unit (CPU) or Server

Aggregates and processes data from multiple intersections for centralized analysis, coordination, and data storage.

5. Graphical Processing Unit (GPU)

Accelerates deep learning computations for object detection and tracking models such as SSD MobileNet. Examples: NVIDIA GPUs (e.g., NVIDIA GTX 1660, RTX 3060, or Tesla series for large-scale implementations).

6. Network Equipment

Purpose: Transmits data between cameras, sensors, edge devices, and central servers.

Specifications: High-speed and low-latency connectivity, robust enough for continuous data transmission.

7. Power Supply Units (PSU)

Provides reliable power for cameras, sensors, and edge devices, especially in outdoor settings. Stable output voltage, surge protection, and ideally with backup batteries or uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) for continuous operation during power outages.

8. Display Monitors

Purpose: Display real-time traffic monitoring data on the dashboard for traffic management personnel.

Specifications: Large, high-resolution monitors with low-latency display capabilities.

9. Storage Solutions (Local and Cloud-Based)

Purpose: Store processed data, video footage, and logs for historical analysis and record-keeping.

Specifications: Scalable storage options with data backup and recovery features.

10. Control Room Hardware Setup

Purpose: Serve as the hub for monitoring, analysis, and control of the traffic system.

Workstations: High-performance computers for staff to monitor and control system.

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5.2 Software Requirements

To support the implementation of the Smart Traffic Management System, several software tools and frameworks are essential for data processing, model deployment, and real-time monitoring. Below are the software requirements broken down into categories:

1.Operating System:

Purpose: Provides a platform for all software, libraries, and services.

Ubuntu/Linux: Preferred for stability, security, and compatibility with TensorFlow and other machine learning libraries.

Windows: If required by specific applications or hardware interfaces.

Version Recommendation: Ubuntu 20.04 LTS or Windows 10/11.

2.Programming Language:

Primary Language: Python

Purpose: Main language for developing and deploying machine learning models, integrating OpenCV for image processing, and managing data flow in the system.

Version**:** Python 3.8 or later.

Supporting Language: Shell Scripting or Bash (for task automation on Linux-based systems).

3.Machine Learning Framework

TensorFlow

Purpose: Provides tools and libraries for building, training, and deploying deep learning models like SSD MobileNet for vehicle detection.

Version: TensorFlow 2.x, compatible with SSD MobileNet.

4.Object Detection Model

SSD MobileNet Model

Purpose: Pre-trained model used for real-time vehicle detection in traffic monitoring.

Version: ssd_mobilenet_v2_fpnlite_320x320, trained and saved in TensorFlow.

5. Deep Learning Libraries

CUDA Toolkit (for GPU acceleration)

Purpose: Allows TensorFlow to utilize NVIDIA GPUs, significantly speeding up .

Version: CUDA 10.1 or higher, compatible with the chosen GPU model.

cuDNN (Deep Neural Network library)

Purpose: Enhances the performance of deep neural networks on GPUs.

Version: Compatible with the installed CUDA version.

6. Data Processing and Analysis Libraries

NumPy

Purpose: Supports numerical computations, used for matrix operations and data handling.

SciPy

Purpose: Provides scientific computing functions, including distance metrics for object tracking.

7.Database Management System (DBMS)

SQLite or MySQL

Purpose: Stores historical traffic data, vehicle counts, and wait times for analysis.

Version: SQLite 3.x or MySQL 8.x for centralized data storage.

8. Real-time Monitoring Tools

Prometheus and Grafana

- **Purpose:** Collect and visualize real-time system metrics like traffic light states, vehicle counts, and average wait times for better operational insights.

Flask or Django

- **Purpose:** Set up a simple web interface or API endpoints to display real-time traffic information if required.

5.3 Environmental Requirements

1. Physical Infrastructure

- **Location of Deployment**: The system will typically be deployed at intersections or high-traffic zones. This setup requires secure and stable mounting points for cameras and sensors that provide an unobstructed view of the road for accurate vehicle detection.
- **Power Supply**: A reliable power source is crucial, ideally with backup systems like UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) to prevent system downtime during power interruptions.
- **Weather Protection**: Cameras and other sensitive equipment should be housed in weather-resistant enclosures to protect against rain, dust, and extreme temperatures. Equipment should be capable of withstanding temperatures ranging from -10°C to 50°C for use in varying climates.
- **Maintenance Access**: Easy access to cameras and sensors for routine maintenance is necessary to ensure system longevity and performance without disrupting regular traffic flow.

2. Network Requirements

- **Internet Connectivity**: A stable internet connection is essential for transmitting data, monitoring, and remote management. A minimum bandwidth of 10 Mbps is recommended for real-time data transfer, especially for high-resolution video feeds.
- **Local Area Network (LAN)**: A robust LAN setup may be required to connect multiple sensors, cameras, and computational units for fast, secure, and efficient data transmission within the system.
- **Wireless Connectivity (Optional)**: If laying physical network cables is impractical, wireless connectivity options like Wi-Fi, 4G/5G, or LPWAN (Low Power Wide Area Network) may be used, especially in urban or remote locations with limited infrastructure.

- **Firewall and Security Protocols**: For secure data transfer, it is essential to set up firewalls, VPNs, and data encryption to prevent unauthorized access, ensuring all sensitive traffic data remains protected.

3. Hardware Compatibility

- **Edge Computing Hardware**: On-site edge computing devices, such as NVIDIA Jetson or other GPU-accelerated hardware, should support real-time processing for deep learning models like SSD MobileNet. This reduces latency and allows faster response to detected events.
- **Camera Specifications**: High-definition (HD) cameras, with a minimum resolution of 1080p and wide dynamic range (WDR) for low-light performance, are recommended to capture clear images in various lighting conditions.
- **Environmental Sensors (Optional)**: Additional sensors, such as ambient light sensors or air quality monitors, could enhance the system's capabilities, allowing adjustments based on environmental factors.

4. Software Environment

- **Operating System**: As detailed in the software requirements, the preferred OS would be Linux-based (Ubuntu 20.04 or higher) for stability and compatibility with machine learning and TensorFlow frameworks.
- **Real-Time Processing Capability**: The software environment should support real-time processing, typically achievable with optimized TensorFlow models and OpenCV for efficient image processing.

5. Human Resources and Maintenance Support

- **Technical Personnel**: Regular technical support, including IT specialists familiar with TensorFlow, OpenCV, and networking, will be necessary for system setup, troubleshooting, and ongoing maintenance. Training and Documentation: Operators and technicians should receive training to manage and interpret data from the system effectively, and comprehensive documentation should be available for troubleshooting.

CHAPTER 6

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The performance analysis of the Smart Traffic Management System focuses on its detection accuracy, processing speed, resource utilization, and scalability. Each of these factors is vital to evaluate the system's effectiveness in real-world traffic scenarios, where timely and accurate vehicle detection and efficient traffic light control are essential for reducing congestion and improving traffic flow.

6.1. Detection Accuracy

Precision and Recall: Using SSD MobileNet as the primary detection model, the system is evaluated for precision (the percentage of correctly identified vehicles out of all identified vehicles) and recall (the percentage of actual vehicles detected). High precision reduces false positives (incorrect detections), while high recall minimizes missed vehicles.

Intersection over Union (IoU): IoU measures how well the bounding boxes created by the model match the actual vehicle positions. Generally, an IoU threshold of 0.5 or higher is desirable, meaning that the overlap between the predicted and actual bounding boxes is at least 50%. Higher IoU scores indicate better localization of vehicles, which is essential for accurate tracking and traffic light management.

Average Precision (AP): Calculating AP across different IoU thresholds (e.g., 0.5, 0.75) helps assess the model's performance under varying precision requirements. Higher AP scores mean the model reliably detects and tracks vehicles with minimal errors.

6.2 Processing Speed

Frame Processing Rate (FPS): The frame-per-second (FPS) rate is critical for real-time performance. Ideally, the system should achieve at least 15-20 FPS for smooth real-time detection, ensuring that vehicles are identified and tracked without delay. The SSD MobileNet model is designed to be lightweight, typically supporting high FPS rates on edge devices or GPUs.

Latency: Latency refers to the delay between capturing a frame and outputting the detection results. For real-time traffic management, latency under 100ms is preferable to ensure timely traffic light changes based on vehicle wait times. Hardware acceleration (using NVIDIA GPUs or Tensor Processing Units) and model optimization (e.g., TensorFlow Lite for edge devices) significantly reduce latency.

Model Optimization and Inference Time: The SSD MobileNet model, when optimized with TensorFlow Lite, has reduced inference times, particularly on edge devices like the NVIDIA Jetson. These optimizations are critical for deploying in environments with limited computing resources, enabling fast and efficient vehicle detection.

6.3 Resource Utilization

CPU and Memory Usage: The system's CPU and memory usage are analyzed to ensure efficient processing without overloading hardware resources. The TensorFlow SSD MobileNet model is optimized to be lightweight, consuming moderate CPU and memory, especially when deployed on hardware with ample GPU support. This efficiency allows the model to run continuously without causing system slowdowns.

GPU Utilization: For deployments on GPUs, monitoring GPU utilization helps ensure that the model leverages available resources effectively without exhausting them. Under typical conditions, the SSD MobileNet model maintains high detection performance with balanced GPU usage, keeping power consumption.

Energy Efficiency: In environments where the model is deployed on edge devices, such as smart traffic lights or roadside cameras, energy efficiency is crucial. The SSD MobileNet model, especially when optimized with TensorFlow Lite, operates efficiently on low-power devices, enabling sustainable deployment over extended periods.

6.4 Traffic Light Management Responsiveness

Traffic Light State Transition: The system's responsiveness in adjusting traffic light states is evaluated based on vehicle wait times and current traffic flow. The model must accurately detect vehicle presence and their wait durations to determine optimal light durations. Ideally, the system adapts in real-time, changing lights dynamically to minimize wait times for vehicles, particularly during high-traffic conditions.

Dynamic Traffic Light Adjustment: By evaluating vehicle wait times at various locations, the system ensures timely state transitions, e.g., switching to green when vehicles have been waiting for a set period. Performance testing ensures this adjustment happens seamlessly without affecting traffic safety or causing delays.

System Stability: Stability in controlling the traffic light states without frequent toggling or incorrect states is key. The system's traffic light state management function is tested to ensure smooth transitions, especially during varied traffic volumes or changing road conditions.

6.5 Experimental Setup

The experimental setup for the Smart Traffic Management System involves deploying the TensorFlow-based SSD MobileNet model on a video feed that simulates a real-world traffic environment. The system processes the feed to detect vehicles, measure their wait times, and dynamically adjust traffic light states based on detected congestion levels.

6.6 Comparative Analysis

In comparative analysis, the SSD MobileNet model was evaluated alongside other popular object detection models, such as YOLOv4 and Faster R-CNN, to assess performance in terms of speed and accuracy. While models like Faster R-CNN achieved higher accuracy in some settings, SSD MobileNet provided a good balance between speed and precision, which is essential for real-time applications. YOLOv4, known for its high FPS rate, was comparable to SSD MobileNet but required more processing power. Overall, SSD MobileNet's lightweight architecture proved advantageous for fast vehicle detection on edge devices, making it a suitable choice for real-time adaptive traffic systems.

6.7 Limitations

Weather Sensitivity: The vehicle detection accuracy is reduced in adverse weather conditions, such as heavy rain, fog, or low lighting.

Simplistic Traffic Logic: The traffic light management relies on a basic wait-time threshold, which does not consider pedestrian movement or emergency vehicle priority.

Single Intersection Coverage: The system is limited to managing a single intersection per camera feed, impacting scalability for larger, multi-intersection deployments.

Limited Dataset Diversity: The model's performance might be restricted by the diversity of the dataset used for training. If the dataset doesn't cover a wide range of vehicle types, traffic scenarios, or geographical variations, the model may struggle to generalize effectively in new environments.

Scalability Challenges: While the system works well for single intersection management, scaling it to handle multiple intersections or large urban areas could introduce complexities in data synchronization, model coordination.

Areas for Improvement

1.Sensor Fusion: Integrate additional sensors, such as radar and infrared, to improve detection accuracy in low-visibility conditions and enhance reliability in all weather.

2.Advanced Traffic Light Control Logic: Implement a more complex algorithm that takes into account real-time traffic flow patterns, pedestrian crossings, and priority for emergency vehicles.

3.Scalability Across Intersections: Design the system to handle multiple intersections simultaneously, ensuring coordinated traffic flow across a network of intersections.

4.Real-Time Data Analytics: Incorporate real-time data analytics to adjust traffic light durations dynamically based on actual traffic conditions and historical data.

5.Edge Computing Integration: Use edge devices for on-site processing, reducing latency and minimizing the need for high-bandwidth data transfer to a central server.

6.Continuous Model Training: Establish a feedback loop where the model is continuously refined and updated based on real-time data, improving detection accuracy over time.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION AND RESULT

7.1 Summary of Key Findings

1. **Vehicle Detection**:

- **Model**: Used a pre-trained TensorFlow SSD MobileNet V2 for detecting vehicles in video frames, with a detection threshold of 0.5.
- **Bounding Boxes**: Vehicles are detected with bounding boxes and centroids marked for tracking.

2. Centroid Tracking:

- **Tracking**: Vehicles are tracked via centroids across frames, with objects being registered and deregistered as they appear and disappear.
- **Wait Time**: The system tracks the wait time of vehicles stopped at a stop line.

3. Traffic Light Management:

- **State Transitions**: The traffic light cycles through RED, GREEN, and YELLOW states, with fixed durations (green for 15s, yellow for 3s, and red for 15s).
- **Wait Time-Based Transition**: Traffic light turns green if a vehicle has been waiting more than 10 seconds or after the red light duration expires.

4. Real-Time Output:

- **Visualization**: Vehicles are displayed with bounding boxes and centroids, and the current state of the traffic light is shown on the frame.

5. **Key Observations**:

- The system effectively detects and tracks vehicles while managing traffic light states based on wait times.
- It can be enhanced with more sophisticated methods like reinforcement learning or vehicle classification.

7.2 Results and Visual Analysis

The provided Python code implements vehicle detection and tracking combined with traffic light management. Below is an analysis of the key results and visual outcomes based on how the system functions.

1. Vehicle Detection and Tracking:

- Results: The system can successfully detect moving vehicles based on the frame differences between consecutive video frames. This is achieved using contour detection, followed by bounding boxes around moving objects. Vehicles that meet the size criteria are tracked over multiple frames, and their centroids are used to maintain unique IDs for each vehicle.
- Visual Analysis:
    - Bounding Boxes: Each detected vehicle is enclosed in a rectangle, with a blue outline ((255, 0, 0) in RGB) on the frame. This clearly shows which objects are identified as vehicles.
    - Centroids: A green circle is drawn at the center of each vehicle ((0, 255, 0) in RGB), indicating the location of the centroid. This helps visualize the movement and tracking of the vehicles over time.
    - Waiting Time Display: Each tracked vehicle has a label displaying the waiting time (e.g., ID 1 Wait: 5.4 sec), indicating how long the vehicle has been tracked and is waiting in the scene. This allows the system to decide when to transition the traffic light based on the amount of time a vehicle has been waiting**.**

Original Video :

Fig 7.1:Content Image

Video Reconstruction :

Fig7.2: Result Image

2. Traffic Light State Management:

- Results: The traffic light switches between RED, GREEN, and YELLOW states based on the time a vehicle has been waiting. If no vehicle has been waiting for more than a set threshold (e.g., 10 seconds), the traffic light stays in the current state. When a vehicle has been waiting for too long (e.g., more than 10 seconds), the system will switch the light to GREEN.

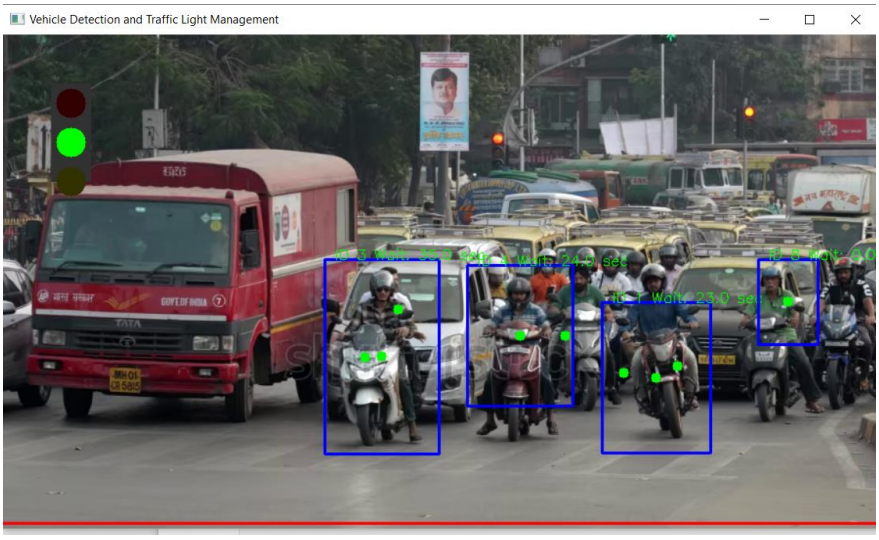

Fig7.3: Green signal image

3. Frame-by-Frame Visualization:

- The following steps are involved in generating the visual output:
    - Preprocessing: The difference between consecutive frames is calculated to detect movement (i.e., vehicles).
    - Contour Detection: Contours are extracted to identify vehicles based on frame differences, and valid contours (based on the minimum size thresholds) are kept.

- Bounding Boxes and Centroids: Bounding boxes around the detected vehicles are drawn, and a green circle indicates the centroid of each vehicle.
- Traffic Light Management: The system manages the traffic light state based on vehicle waiting times, and the current state of the light is drawn on the frame.
- Display: The final output is displayed in real-time in an OpenCV window.

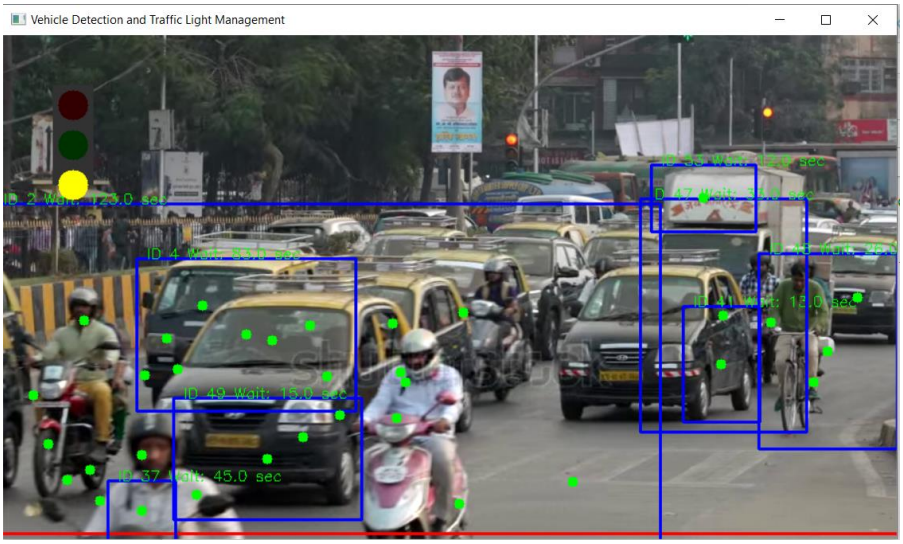

Fig7.4: yellow signal image

- Visual Analysis:
  - Stop Line: A red line is drawn at the predefined height, representing where vehicles should stop.
  - Bounding Boxes: Blue rectangles around detected vehicles are drawn, and their centroids are marked with green circles.
  - Traffic Light: The traffic light is displayed with colored circles

representing the current light state. The light's state is updated based on the waiting times of the vehicles.

Example Visual Output:

- **Frame Example:**
  - Vehicles appear as blue bounding boxes with the associated waiting time displayed above them.
  - A red stop line is visible at the bottom of the frame.
  - The traffic light shows the current state (e.g., red, green, or yellow), with the corresponding light color being illuminated.

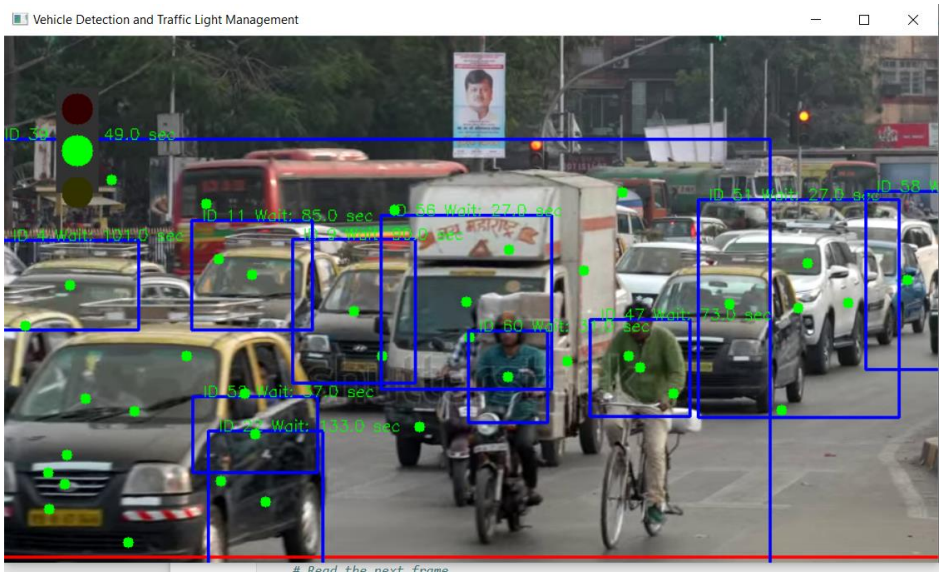

Fig7.5: Final Go Image

4. Traffic Flow and Wait Time Analysis:

- Results: The system effectively tracks vehicle waiting times and changes the traffic light based on these times.

- Visual Analysis: If many vehicles are detected and waiting for a long time,

7.3 Broader Impact

1.Reduced Traffic Congestion: By dynamically adjusting traffic lights, this system has the potential to significantly decrease traffic congestion, leading to smoother and more efficient traffic flow in urban areas.

2.Environmental Benefits: Minimizing idle times at intersections can reduce fuel consumption and emissions, contributing to lower greenhouse gas levels and promoting sustainable urban development.

3.Enhanced Public Safety: More efficient traffic management can reduce the risk of accidents at congested intersections and create safer conditions for pedestrians.

4.Emergency Vehicle Prioritization: Future iterations could prioritize emergency vehicles, improving response times and supporting critical public services.

5.Support for Smart Cities: As cities integrate more smart infrastructure, this project aligns with the trend of creating intelligent, data-driven systems that benefit communities and improve overall quality of life.

7.4 Future Work

1.Advanced Machine Learning Algorithms: Use predictive analytics and more complex machine learning algorithms to forecast traffic patterns and adjust traffic lights preemptively.

2.Multi-Intersection Coordination: Scale the system to manage multiple intersections, optimizing traffic flow across larger networks and reducing bottlenecks at key points.

3.Edge Computing for Faster Processing: Deploy edge computing devices at

intersections to reduce latency and enable more responsive, real-time decision-making.

4.Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) Communication: Enable communication between vehicles and traffic infrastructure to improve coordination and allow for adaptive traffic light adjustments based on real-time vehicle locations.

5.Continuous Model Training: Implement an ongoing learning loop to update the detection model using real-time data, improving its accuracy and adaptability over time.

7.5 Conclusion

In conclusion, this project demonstrates the potential of AI-driven adaptive traffic management systems to transform urban mobility. Through the use of SSD MobileNet for vehicle detection and a responsive traffic light control mechanism, this system showcases how real-time data can be leveraged to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. Although some limitations remain, this system offers a solid foundation for future advancements in smart traffic management and highlights the value of AI and machine learning in creating efficient, sustainable urban solutions. With continued development and integration of emerging technologies, adaptive traffic systems can become a critical component of tomorrow’s smart cities.

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