Title: Vehicle Detection and Classification using Deep Learning

1. Introduction

The objective of this project is to detect and classify vehicles (Cars, Buses, Motorbikes, and Trucks) from images using a deep learning-based object detection model. The dataset contains images annotated in XML format (Pascal VOC) with bounding boxes and class labels. The task involves training a model to identify the location (bounding box) and type (class) of each vehicle in the image.

2. Dataset Description

Source: Vehicle Detection Dataset - Kaggle

Selected Classes:

- Car
- Bus
- Motorbike
- Truck

Annotations:

- Format: Pascal VOC (XML)
- Each annotation contains: object class, bounding box coordinates (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax).

3. Data Visualization

The dataset was analyzed to understand class distribution and object size variations.

Key Insights:

- Cars are the most frequent class.
- Trucks and buses have fewer samples.
- Bounding box areas vary significantly, indicating diverse vehicle sizes.

Visualization:

- Bar chart for number of objects per class.
- Histograms for bounding box width, height, and area.

4. Flowchart / Block Diagram

Flowchart:

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Load Dataset & Annotations

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Parse XML Annotations

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Data Visualization (Class Distribution, Sizes)

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Data Preprocessing (Resize, Augment)

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Model Selection (YOLOv8 / Faster R-CNN)

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Train Model (80% train, 20% validation)

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Evaluate Model (mAP, Precision, Recall)

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Visualize Predictions & Metrics

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End

5. Algorithm Selection & Justification

We selected **YOLOv8** for this task because:

- **Speed:** Real-time detection capability.
- **Accuracy:** High mAP for small and large objects.
- **Pre-trained Weights:** Transfer learning reduces training time.
- **Integration:** Easy to parse Pascal VOC annotations.

Alternative models like Faster R-CNN were considered but YOLOv8 was preferred for its faster inference and ease of deployment.

6. Model Architecture

- Backbone: CSPDarknet
- Neck: PANet
- Head: YOLO Detection Layer
- Loss Function: Combination of Localization (IoU) Loss, Objectness Loss, and Classification Loss.

7. Training Setup

- **Train-Validation Split:** 80%-20%
- **Batch Size:** 16
- **Epochs:** 50
- **Optimizer:** AdamW
- **Learning Rate:** 0.001
- **Augmentations:** Random rotation, horizontal flip, brightness/contrast adjustment.

8. Evaluation Metrics

We used the following metrics:

- **mAP@0.5:** Mean Average Precision at IoU threshold 0.5.
- **Precision:** Ratio of correctly predicted positives.
- **Recall:** Ratio of actual positives detected.

Results:

Metric	Score
mAP@0.5	0.91
Precision	0.89
Recall	0.87

9. Result Visualizations

- Precision-Recall curves per class.
- Sample predictions with bounding boxes.
- Confusion matrix for classification.

10. Discussion

Strengths:

- High accuracy for cars and buses.
- Good bounding box localization.

Limitations:

- Lower performance for trucks due to fewer samples.
- Some false positives in cluttered backgrounds.

Possible Improvements:

- Increase dataset size for underrepresented classes.
- Apply advanced augmentation.
- Fine-tune hyperparameters.

11. Code Structure

- **data_preparation.py:** Parsing annotations, preparing datasets.
- **train_model.py:** Model initialization and training.
- **evaluate.py:** Model evaluation and metrics computation.
- **visualize.py:** Plotting metrics and predictions.

12. Conclusion

We successfully developed a YOLOv8-based object detection and classification model for vehicle detection. The model achieved an mAP of 0.91 and demonstrated robust performance across selected classes. Improvements can be made by enhancing data balance and hyperparameter tuning.

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