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Abstract

1.1 Summary of Objectives

The primary objective of this project is to optimize traffic signal timings at key urban intersections in Mangalore using traditional traffic engineering principles (Webster's method) combined with modern computer vision and simulation tools. By collecting and analyzing real-world traffic data, the project aims to:

- **Improve traffic flow and reduce congestion:** Design traffic signal plans that minimize vehicle delays and enhance movement efficiency at critical city junctions.
- **Assess the impact of current and proposed signal timings:** Quantitatively measure how revised signal timings can lower wait times, reduce stoppages, and improve intersection performance.
- **Demonstrate the use of innovative methodologies:** Apply advanced tools including YOLOv8 computer vision for automated vehicle detection, Python, and Streamlit web application for user-friendly signal timing optimization, making the process data-driven and accessible rather than purely manual.
- **Provide actionable planning recommendations:** Generate clear suggestions for city planners and engineers regarding signal upgrades, intersection control, and best practices based on field data, validated calculations, and simulation results.
- **Integrate field observations and standards:** Ensure all work aligns with IRC:106-1990 standards and standard traffic engineering practices, using actual intersection measurements for grounded recommendations.
- **Document challenges and adaptive solutions:** Record practical issues faced during fieldwork and data collection, and demonstrate creative problem solving.

In essence, this project seeks to create a comprehensive blueprint for data-informed traffic signal optimization in Indian urban settings, combining theory, field practice, and technology for measurable improvements.

1.2 Key Design Features

- **Intersection Selection and Classification:** The project involves the careful selection of two urban intersections in Mangalore, each representing distinct operational characteristics—one signalized (Jyoti Circle) and one manually controlled (Hampankatta junction). This selection enables the study to address diverse urban traffic challenges.
- **Data-Driven Approach:** Location-specific video data and manual counts form the basis for accurate traffic volume assessment. The use of an Insta360 camera, adopted to overcome adverse weather and equipment shortages, ensures comprehensive observation of vehicular movements with minimal manpower.
- **Automated Vehicle Detection using YOLO:** Implementation of YOLOv8 (You Only Look Once) deep learning framework for real-time vehicle detection, classification, and counting from recorded traffic videos. The system accurately identifies multiple vehicle classes (cars, buses, two-wheelers, trucks) and automatically converts counts into Passenger Car Units (PCUs) using IRC standards, eliminating manual counting errors, reducing labor requirements, and enabling scalable, reproducible traffic analysis across multiple intersections.
- **Standards-Based Methodology:** All analyses, designs, and recommendations are grounded in established traffic engineering norms, such as IRC:106-1990 and Webster's method, offering reliability and consistency with professional standards.
- **Quantitative Signal Optimization:** The project applies Webster's formula to determine optimal cycle lengths and allocate green splits for each phase, forming the foundation of the signal design for the studied intersections.
- **Streamlit Web Application:** A user-friendly Streamlit interface integrates YOLO-based vehicle detection, Webster signal timing calculation, and SUMO simulation in a single workflow, enabling accessible traffic signal optimization without requiring command-line expertise.
- **User-Friendly Outputs:** Traffic flows, signal phases, and delays are visualized using charts and diagrams integrated within Jupyter Notebooks. This approach improves the clarity of results and supports communication with technical and non-technical stakeholders alike.
- **Practical Reporting and Documentation:** The entire workflow is systematically documented, covering site selection, data collection, modeling, optimization, and recommendations. Special attention is given to recording encountered challenges, adaptive responses, and decision-making transparency.

Through these design features, the project ensures a robust, standards-aligned, and innovative approach to urban traffic signal optimization.

1.3 Overview

Urban intersections are critical nodes in any city's road network, serving as convergence points for multiple traffic streams and dictating overall flow characteristics. In cities like Mangalore, rapid urbanization and increased vehicular density have turned intersection management into an urgent engineering challenge. Poorly optimized traffic signals often lead to congestion, longer delays, inefficient movement, and heightened risk of accidents, especially during peak hours. Reliable signal timing plans can substantially improve roadway performance, minimize travel delays, and support sustainable urban mobility.

This project investigates two significant intersections in Mangalore: one under standard signalized operation (Jyoti Circle) and another operating with manual police control (Hampankatta Circle). By collecting field data through automated YOLO-based vehicle detection from recorded videos, analyzing site-specific traffic volumes, and applying Webster's method for signal timing optimization, the study seeks to quantify intersection performance and propose actionable upgrades validated through SUMO microsimulation.

1.4 Findings

The optimized results of the project provide clear, actionable outputs that enhance intersection efficiency based on actual field observations. Using automated YOLOv8 vehicle detection to extract traffic volume data (PCUs) from video footage at both Jyoti Circle and Hampankatta Circle, the team applied Webster's formula to calculate optimal signal timings. This process yielded optimal cycle times ranging from 60 to 92 seconds depending on traffic demand, with precise green splits allocated for each lane and movement.

Validation through SUMO microsimulation confirmed the effectiveness of the Webster-based approach. The simulation provided detailed performance metrics including average delay, waiting time, travel time, and throughput, demonstrating the practical applicability of the optimized signal timings in realistic traffic scenarios.

In addition to the quantitative results, the project produced detailed signal phasing diagrams that visually represent the recommended timing strategies for each intersection. These diagrams illustrate the sequence and duration of green, amber, and red phases for every movement, providing city engineers and planners with a practical reference for implementation. SUMO simulation outputs, including network files, traffic light programs, and performance metrics, offer comprehensive evidence of the improvements achieved through systematic signal timing optimization. The approach and results demonstrate

a robust methodology for transforming traffic management with data-driven design validated through microsimulation.

Chapter 2

Introduction

2.1 Background and Significance

Urban traffic congestion poses a critical challenge in rapidly growing Indian cities like Mangalore, where mixed traffic conditions and ever-increasing vehicle ownership rates strain existing road infrastructure. Intersections serve as major potential bottlenecks, and inefficiencies in their operation often lead to increased travel delays, higher fuel consumption, elevated emission levels, and reduced safety for all road users. Conventional traffic signal plans, whether outdated or based on intuition rather than data, fail to cope with dynamically fluctuating demand patterns, resulting in unpredictable traffic flow and commuter frustration.

This project addresses these concerns by introducing a systematic, data-driven methodology for optimizing signal timings at key urban intersections. By employing a combination of automated field data collection using YOLOv8 computer vision for vehicle detection and counting, standard engineering practices (Webster's method), and SUMO microsimulation for validation, the study generates precise signal plans tailored to real-world traffic conditions. The significance of this project lies not only in its immediate improvements—such as reduced vehicle delays and better intersection throughput—but also in its demonstration of how modern tools and best practices can be effectively adapted for Indian urban environments. The project offers a replicable and scalable model through a user-friendly Streamlit web application, enabling accessible traffic signal optimization for other cities aiming to move from reactive to proactive, evidence-based traffic signal management, ultimately supporting safer, more efficient, and sustainable urban mobility.

2.2 Problem Statement

Urban intersections in Mangalore consistently struggle with severe congestion, prolonged vehicle delays, and erratic traffic flow. These challenges are largely attributed to suboptimal signal timings and the reliance on manual signal control, which tends to be inconsistent and unable to adapt to real-time traffic fluctuations. Existing signal plans, where they exist, are often outdated and fail to reflect the evolving patterns of traffic demand, resulting in mixed and unpredictable vehicular movements.

As a consequence, road users regularly experience poor intersection throughput, longer wait times, and increased frustration. These inefficiencies also contribute to higher emissions from idling vehicles, wasted fuel, and compromised safety for drivers, commuters, and pedestrians. The absence of a reliable, data-driven foundation for intersection management perpetuates these issues, making it difficult for local authorities to provide efficient and equitable urban mobility.

2.3 Main Objectives of the Project

1. Selection and classification of two critical urban intersections in Mangalore for detailed study (Jyoti Circle and Hampankatta Circle)

2. Comprehensive field data collection using video recording and automated YOLOv8-based vehicle detection and counting to capture accurate traffic volumes and movement patterns, converting detected vehicles into Passenger Car Units (PCUs)

3. Documentation of site conditions, traffic distribution, and congestion patterns during peak and off-peak hours

4. Application of standard traffic engineering formulas (Webster's method) to calculate optimal signal cycle lengths and green time allocations

5. Development of a Streamlit web application that integrates YOLO vehicle detection, Webster signal timing calculation, and SUMO simulation in a unified, user-friendly interface

6. Quantitative evaluation of intersection performance metrics including average vehicle delay and queue length

7. Validation of optimized signal timings using SUMO microsimulation to evaluate performance metrics under realistic traffic conditions

8. Creation of detailed signal phasing diagrams and visualization charts to clearly present recommended timing strategies for each intersection

9. Systematic reporting of workflow, challenges encountered during fieldwork, and adaptive solutions implemented to ensure data integrity

10. Formulation of evidence-based recommendations for future signal upgrades and operational improvements at the studied locations

2.4 Scope and Limitations of the Project

2.4.1 Scope of the Project

The scope of this project encompasses the detailed study, analysis, and optimization of traffic signal timings at two critical urban intersections in Mangalore. It covers comprehensive field data collection using both manual counts and modern video analytics to accurately quantify traffic volumes and movement patterns. The project applies standard traffic engineering methodologies, such as Webster's formula, alongside machine learning models to design and recommend optimal signal cycles and green splits tailored to each site. Furthermore, it involves the creation of visualization tools—including signal phasing diagrams and charts—to clearly communicate proposed improvements. The project's recommendations are intended to serve as a replicable framework for similar intersections facing congestion issues and provide actionable insights for local authorities seeking effective, data-driven traffic management solutions.

2.4.2 Limitations of the Project

Several limitations constrain the outcomes of this project. The study is restricted to only two intersections within the city, which may limit the generalizability of the findings to all urban situations in Mangalore. Field data was collected over a limited time period and may not fully capture seasonal, weekly, or special-event fluctuations in traffic patterns. Equipment constraints, weather-related disruptions, and occasional manual measurement errors could also have influenced the accuracy of certain observations. Additionally, the scope for implementing and testing adaptive real-time signal control was limited due to resource and time constraints; as a result, recommendations are based on periodic data analysis rather than on dynamic, continuous traffic monitoring. External factors—such as pedestrian behavior, unauthorized street usage, and enforcement of traffic rules—were considered only to the extent observable during the field study, and may affect the practical impact of the proposed signal changes.

2.5 Research Methodology and Approach

1. Selected two representative intersections in Mangalore: one signalized (Jyoti Circle), one manually controlled (Hampankatta junction)

2. Conducted comprehensive field data collection using Insta360 camera video recordings during peak and off-peak periods

3. Developed and deployed YOLOv8-based automated vehicle detection system to

process videos, identify vehicle classes, and calculate Passenger Car Units (PCUs) for each approach

4. Tabulated traffic volumes and movement patterns for all approaches to each intersection
5. Applied Webster's method (as per IRC:106-1990) to calculate optimum signal cycle length and allocate green times based on observed demand
6. Developed a Streamlit web application that provides an integrated workflow for vehicle detection, signal timing optimization, and simulation validation
7. Created optimized signal phasing diagrams and visualized results for recommended timing strategies
8. Documented practical fieldwork challenges and employed adaptive solutions to ensure accurate data collection and analysis
9. Ensured all design and calculation steps adhered to specifications outlined in IRC codes for signalized intersection design and operation
10. Prepared actionable recommendations and clear documentation for future intersection management and implementation by local authorities

Chapter 3

Methodology

3.1 Objective Definition

The primary goal of this project is to develop a data-driven, automated framework for optimizing traffic signal timings at urban intersections. The specific objectives are as follows:

- **Data Collection & Intersection Selection:** To identify and select representative signalized and non-signalized intersections in an urban setting (Mangalore) for a comparative case study, ensuring feasibility for field data collection.
- **Automated Traffic Analysis:** To design and implement a computer vision-based system using YOLO object detection to automatically count vehicles and convert them into Passenger Car Units (PCU) from recorded traffic video feeds.
- **Signal Timing Optimization:** To develop a computational model that utilizes the extracted PCU data to calculate optimal signal cycle lengths and green time splits for each approach of an intersection, primarily based on Webster's method.
- **Validation & Visualization:** To validate the optimized signal timings by computing performance metrics like average vehicle delay and to generate intuitive phase diagrams for clear visualization of the proposed signal cycle.

3.2 Selection of Study Intersections

The project began with identifying suitable intersections within Mangalore city for signal optimization. Potential sites were shortlisted using Google Maps, Google Earth, and field reconnaissance visits. Selection was based on traffic density, presence or absence of signals, feasibility of camera placement, and safety for manual observation.

Two intersections were finalized:

- **Jyoti Circle** – A busy three-arm junction, manually controlled by traffic police.
- **Hampankatta Circle** – A four-arm intersection with non-functional signals and movement restrictions via barricades.

These intersections were approved as practical and representative study locations.

3.3 Field Data Collection

3.3.1 Initial Plan

The team initially planned to deploy multiple cameras on tripods to capture traffic movements in each leg of both intersections.

3.3.2 Challenges Faced

Field data collection was affected by:

- Continuous heavy rainfall
- Limited availability of tripods

3.3.3 Revised Data Collection Setup

To overcome these challenges, a 360° Insta360 camera was used for each intersection. This single-device approach allowed:

- Complete intersection coverage
- Reduced manpower
- Lower risk of missing turning movements

Each intersection was recorded for 30 minutes, and the videos were processed for further traffic analysis.

3.4 Development of Analytical Framework in Python

3.4.1 Streamlit Web Application Development

A comprehensive Streamlit web application was developed to provide an integrated workflow for traffic signal optimization. The application performs:

- Vehicle detection and PCU calculation using YOLOv8
- Optimum cycle time calculation using Webster's Method
- Green split allocation for each approach
- Phase diagram visualization

- SUMO simulation execution and metrics extraction

The application provides a user-friendly interface that eliminates the need for command-line operations, making traffic signal optimization accessible to engineers and planners without extensive programming knowledge.

3.5 YOLO-Based Vehicle Detection and PCU Estimation

A two-stage computational system was built for vehicle detection and signal optimization.

3.5.1 Stage 1: Streamlit-YOLO Application

A custom Streamlit application was developed where users upload traffic videos from each approach. The app performs:

- Vehicle detection using YOLOv8
- Tracking of inbound vehicles using ROI masks
- Conversion of detected counts into Passenger Car Units (PCUs) using IRC factors
- Export of PCU values into a unified JSON file

This forms the core input for signal timing calculations.

3.5.2 Stage 2: Signal Timing and Phase Diagram Generator

The Streamlit application integrates Webster signal timing calculation directly into the workflow:

- Reads PCU data from the JSON output
- Computes optimum cycle time using Webster's method
- Calculates effective green, amber, and red times for NS and EW phases
- Generates a complete phase diagram using Plotly to visualize the signal sequence
- Validates proportional green allocation based on actual demand

The phase diagram clearly shows the sequence and duration of green, amber, and red phases for each approach, ensuring that NS and EW phases never overlap (only one phase group is green at a time).

3.6 Case Study Analysis for Selected Intersections

The system demonstrates dynamic adaptation to different intersection types, automatically detecting whether an intersection is 3-way (T-junction) or 4-way (crossroads) based on the approaches present in the signal plans. This capability enables appropriate network generation, routing logic, and signal timing optimization for each intersection type.

3.6.1 Jyoti Circle (3-Arm T-Junction)

The total PCU was around 6,802, with highly unbalanced demand (dominant NS flow). The system automatically detected this as a 3-way intersection (missing East approach) and:

- Generated appropriate T-junction network with only NB, SB, and WB approaches
- Applied T-junction routing logic (no through movements where not applicable)
- Predicted minimal cycle length ($\sim$60 s) appropriate for the traffic volume
- Allocated green split skewed toward the dominant direction (NS $\approx$ 36.5 s vs W $\approx$ 9.8 s)

The dynamic network generation created 4 nodes, 6 edges, and 7 connections appropriate for a T-junction geometry.

3.6.2 Hampankatta Circle (4-Arm Intersection)

Total PCU reached 10,680, with heavy bus traffic. The system detected this as a 4-way intersection and:

- Generated complete 4-way network with all approaches (NB, SB, EB, WB)
- Applied standard routing logic with through movements available
- Predicted longer cycle length ($\sim$92 s) to handle higher saturation
- Allocated balanced green splits according to proportional PCU distribution

The network generation created appropriate geometry for a full crossroads intersection.

Both cases validated the model's ability to adapt to demand and intersection configuration, demonstrating that the system works seamlessly for both 3-way and 4-way intersections without manual configuration.

3.7 Validation and Interpretation

Signal timing calculations were cross-verified against:

- Webster's analytical cycle time formula
- Phase-wise saturation flow considerations
- PCU-based proportional green time distribution
- IRC:106-1990 standards for signalized intersections

The Webster-based signal plans were validated through SUMO (Simulation of Urban MObility) microsimulation. The SUMO validation process involved:

- Dynamic network generation for 3-way and 4-way intersections based on detected approaches
- Traffic light program creation from Webster signal timing plans
- Route generation based on PCU values from field data
- Running simulations under realistic traffic conditions
- Extracting performance metrics including average delay, waiting time, travel time, throughput, and time loss

SUMO simulation results provide detailed performance metrics that validate the effectiveness of the Webster-based signal timing optimization:

- Average vehicle delay per vehicle
- Average waiting time at intersections
- Average travel time through the intersection
- Vehicle throughput (vehicles per hour)
- Total time loss compared to free-flow conditions

This microsimulation validation provides concrete evidence that the Webster-based signal optimization framework produces effective signal timing plans validated in realistic traffic scenarios.

Chapter 4

IRC Standards and Assumptions

This project strictly adheres to Indian Roads Congress (IRC) standards for traffic engineering and signal optimization. This chapter documents the specific standards, tables, formulas, and assumptions adopted from IRC publications.

4.1 IRC:106-1990 - Guidelines for Capacity of Urban Roads in Plain Areas

4.1.1 Document Overview

IRC:106-1990 titled "Guidelines for Capacity of Urban Roads in Plain Areas" published by the Indian Roads Congress provides comprehensive guidelines for capacity analysis of urban roads. The document was first published in November 1990 and has been reprinted in April 2007 and March 2016 [1].

4.1.2 Passenger Car Unit (PCU) Conversion Factors

The fundamental basis for traffic volume assessment in this project is derived from IRC:106-1990, Section 7, titled "Passenger Car Units". The standard states:

> *"Urban roads are characterised by mixed traffic conditions, resulting in complex interaction between various kinds of vehicles. To cater to this, it is usual to express the capacity of urban roads in terms of a common unit. The unit generally employed is the 'Passenger Car Unit' (PCU), and each vehicle type is converted into equivalent PCUs based on their relative interference value."*
> (Section 7.1, IRC:106-1990)

PCU Conversion Table

This project adopts Table 1 from IRC:106-1990 (Section 7.2), which provides recommended PCU factors considering that these factors are "predominantly a function of the physical dimensions of the various vehicles" and are also "affected to a certain extent by increase in its proportion in the total traffic."

Table 4.1: Recommended PCU Factors for Various Types of Vehicles on Urban Roads (IRC:106-1990, Table 1)

Vehicle Type	**Equivalent PCU Factors**	
	Percentage composition of Vehicle type in traf	
	5%	**10% and above**
Fast Vehicles		
1. Two wheelers (Motor cycle or scooter etc.)	0.5	0.75
2. Passenger car, pick-up van	1.0	1.0
3. Auto-rickshaw	1.2	2.0
4. Light commercial vehicle	1.4	2.0
5. Truck or Bus	2.2	3.7
6. Agricultural Tractor Trailer	4.0	5.0
Slow Vehicles		
7. Cycle	0.4	0.5
8. Cycle rickshaw	1.5	2.0
9. Tonga (Horse drawn vehicle)	1.5	2.0
10. Hand cart	2.0	3.0

4.1.3 Application in This Project

In this project, the YOLOv8-based vehicle detection system classifies vehicles into multiple categories (cars, buses, two-wheelers, trucks). These detected counts are converted into PCUs using the factors from Table 4.1. The specific PCU values used are:

- **Two-wheeler (Motorcycle/Scooter):** PCU = 0.5
- **Car (Passenger car):** PCU = 1.0
- **Bus:** PCU = 3.0 (averaged for simplicity, based on composition)
- **Truck:** PCU = 3.0 (averaged for simplicity, based on composition)

4.1.4 Design Service Volumes and Level of Service

IRC:106-1990 defines Level of Service (LOS) as "a qualitative measure describing operational conditions within a traffic stream, based on service measures such as speed, travel time, freedom to manoeuvre, traffic interruptions, comfort and convenience" (Section 5.1).

The standard recommends (Section 8.1):

> *"Considering the need for smooth traffic flow, it is not advisable to design the road cross-sections for traffic volumes equal to the maximum capacity which will become available normally at LOS E... As a compromise solution, it is recommended that normally LOS C be adopted for design of urban roads. At*

this level, volume of traffic will be around 0.70 times the maximum capacity and this is taken as the 'design services volume' for the purpose of adopting design values."

4.1.5 Recommended Design Service Volumes

IRC:106-1990, Section 8.3, Table 2 provides recommended design service volumes for different categories of urban roads:

Table 4.2: Recommended Design Service Volumes - PCUs Per Hour (IRC:106-1990, Table 2)

S. No.	Type of Carriageway	Arterial*	Sub-arterial**	Collector***
1.	2-Lane (One-Way)	2400	1900	1400
2.	2-Lane (Two-Way)	1500	1200	900
3.	3-Lane (One-Way)	3600	2900	2200
4.	4-Lane Undivided (Two-Way)	3000	2400	1800
5.	4-Lane Divided (Two-Way)	3600	2900	-
6.	6-Lane Undivided (Two-Way)	4800	3800	-
7.	6-Lane Divided (Two-Way)	5400	4300	-
8.	8-Lane Divided (Two-Way)	7200	-	-

* Roads with no frontage access, no standing vehicles, very little cross traffic.

** Roads with frontage access but no standing vehicles and high capacity intersections.

*** Roads with free frontage access, parked vehicles and heavy cross traffic.

4.1.6 Peak Hour Factor

As per IRC:106-1990, Section 6.1:

"The urban peak hour traffic constitutes about 8-10 per cent of the total daily traffic depending on various factors including the importance of the road in the network."

Section 6.3 further states:

"A design period of 15-20 years should be adopted for arterials and sub-arterials, and 10-15 years for collector and local streets."

4.2 IRC SP:41 - Guidelines for the Design of At-Grade Intersections in Rural and Urban Areas

4.2.1 Document Overview

IRC SP:41 titled "Guidelines for the Design of At-Grade Intersections in Rural and Urban Areas" provides comprehensive guidelines for intersection design, signal timing, and capacity analysis [2].

4.2.2 Signal Timing Formulas

Webster's Optimum Cycle Time Formula

The fundamental formula for calculating optimum cycle length is derived from IRC SP:41, Section H(23):

$$C_o = \frac{1.5L + 5}{1 - Y} \tag{4.1}$$

Where:

- C_o = Optimum cycle time (seconds)
- L = Total lost time per cycle (seconds)
- Y = Sum of critical flow ratios (ratio of flow to saturation flow for all phases)

Effective Green Time Calculation

The effective green time for each phase is calculated as:

$$G_e = C_o - L \tag{4.2}$$

Where:

- G_e = Total effective green time available (seconds)
- C_o = Optimum cycle time (seconds)
- L = Total lost time per cycle (seconds)

Green Time Allocation

Green time for each approach is allocated proportionally based on traffic demand:

$$g_a = \frac{y_a}{Y} \times (C_o - L) \tag{4.3}$$

Where:

- g_a = Green time allocated to approach 'a' (seconds)
- y_a = Flow ratio for approach 'a' (flow/saturation flow)
- Y = Sum of all critical flow ratios
- C_o = Optimum cycle time (seconds)
- L = Total lost time per cycle (seconds)

4.2.3 Saturation Flow Rate

IRC SP:41, Section 7.6.1.1 defines saturation flow as:

> *"The saturation flow is the flow which would be obtained if there is a continuous queue of vehicles and they were given 100 per cent green time. It is generally expressed in vehicles per hour of green time."*

The basic saturation flow formula (Section 7.6.1.1) is:

$$s = 525 \times W \text{ PCU/hour} \tag{4.4}$$

Where:

- s = saturation flow (vehicle per hr)
- W = width of approach road (in m, measured from kerb to the inside of the central median or centre of the approach whichever is nearer)

The standard notes: "This expression is valid for widths from 5.5 m to 18 m."

4.2.4 Lost Time Assumptions

IRC SP:41, Section 7.6.2 defines lost time:

> *"Lost time: It is the time during which no flow takes place. It may be:"*
>
> 1. *"Theoretical lost time per cycle (L) = The sum of lost time in each phase and this period with of signal shows red or red and amber. It can be expressed by,"*
>
> $L = nI_a$
>
>   Where n = number of phases
>
> I_a = average lost time per phase (adding up all red periods or suppose amber)

2. *"Physical lost time for the average signals cycle the lost time caused by starting delays and reduced flow during the amber period amounts to about 2 seconds per phase."*

4.2.5 Project-Specific Assumptions

Based on IRC SP:41 guidelines, this project adopts the following standard timing assumptions:

- **Amber Time:** 3 seconds per phase
- **All-Red Time:** 2 seconds per phase (for clearance)
- **Total Lost Time per Phase:** 5 seconds (start-up loss + clearance)
- **Total Lost Time (L):** 12 seconds for two-phase operation (2 phases × 6 seconds)
- **Base Saturation Flow:** 1800 PCU/hour per lane (simplified from 525W formula)
- **Minimum Cycle Length:** 60 seconds (practical lower limit)
- **Maximum Cycle Length:** 120 seconds (to avoid excessive delays)

4.2.6 Minimum Cycle Length Recommendation

IRC SP:41, Section 7.6.3.2 states:

> *"The minimum cycle length recommended is preferably 120 seconds being the maximum acceptable delay for drivers of vehicles and pedestrians."*

However, the document also notes that minimum cycle length could be as low as:

$$C_o = (1.5L + 5)(1 - Y)^{-1} \text{ seconds} \tag{4.5}$$

Where practical constraints and driver psychology suggest 60 seconds as a reasonable minimum.

4.2.7 Webster's Average Delay Formula

IRC SP:41 provides Webster's delay formula for calculating average vehicle delay at signalized intersections:

$$d = \frac{C(1-\lambda)^2}{2(1-y)} + \frac{x^2}{2q(1-x)} \tag{4.6}$$

Where:

- d = average delay per vehicle (seconds)
- C = cycle time (seconds)
- λ = effective green time ratio (g/C)
- y = flow ratio (q/s)
- x = degree of saturation (q/capacity)
- q = flow rate (vehicles per hour)

A simplified version commonly used is:

$$d = \frac{C(1 - g/C)^2}{2(1 - y)} = \frac{C(1 - \lambda)^2}{2(1 - qC/gs)} \tag{4.7}$$

4.2.8 Intersection Capacity

IRC SP:41, Section 7.6 defines intersection capacity as:

> *"Capacity = (g × s)/C vehicles per hr"*

Where:

- g = effective green time per cycle (in seconds)
- s = the saturation flow (vehicle per hr)
- C = cycle time in seconds

4.2.9 Signal Phase Design

IRC SP:41, Section 7.5 discusses signal design and phase configuration:

> *"Determination of cycle lengths and green periods in signal phasing alongwith typical design of signal timings are discussed in Section H(23) of IRC: 93-1985."*

The standard recommends proper phase sequencing with:

- Green phase (actual movement)
- Amber phase (warning, 3 seconds)
- Red phase (stop)
- All-red phase (clearance, typically 2 seconds)

4.3 Integration with Machine Learning Models

4.3.1 Synthetic Dataset Generation

The synthetic dataset for training ML models was generated using IRC-compliant formulas:

1. **Base Traffic Generation:** Random PCU values generated for each approach (N, S, E, W) ranging from 100 to 4000 PCU, representing varied traffic conditions from low to very high demand.

2. **Flow Ratio Calculation:** For each approach, flow ratio calculated as:

$$y_a = \frac{q_a}{s_a} \tag{4.8}$$

   where q_a is the arrival flow rate (PCU/hr) and s_a is saturation flow (1800 PCU/hr/lane).

3. **Cycle Time Calculation:** Using Webster's formula (Equation 4.1) with IRC-compliant lost time values.

4. **Green Time Allocation:** Using proportional allocation (Equation 4.3) based on IRC SP:41 guidelines.

5. **Delay Calculation:** Using Webster's delay formula (Equation 4.7) with IRC-compliant parameters.

4.3.2 Real-World Adjustments

While the base calculations follow IRC standards strictly, the ML models are trained on datasets that include real-world variations:

- **Time-of-day effects:** Peak hours (0.8-1.2× base saturation flow)
- **Weather impacts:** Reduced saturation flow during adverse weather (0.7-0.85× base)
- **Special events:** Traffic surges (1.15-1.4× base demand)
- **Day-of-week patterns:** Weekend vs. weekday variations (0.8-1.0× base)
- **Directional bias:** Realistic unbalanced flows per IRC observations

These adjustments ensure that while the fundamental engineering principles remain IRC-compliant, the ML models learn to adapt to real-world variations not captured by deterministic formulas.

4.4 SUMO Simulation Parameters

The SUMO microsimulation validation uses IRC-compliant parameters:

- **PCU Conversion:** Vehicle generation rates based on Table 4.1
- **Signal Timings:** Both Webster-based and ML-based plans use IRC-compliant cycle times, green splits, amber, and all-red periods
- **Saturation Flow:** Network capacity calibrated to approximate 1800 PCU/hour/lane as per IRC standards
- **Performance Metrics:** Average delay, throughput, and LOS assessment aligned with IRC definitions

4.5 Compliance Summary

This project ensures full compliance with IRC standards:

Table 4.3: IRC Standards Compliance Matrix

IRC Standard	**Section/Table**	**Application in Project**
IRC:106-1990 Table 1	PCU Factors	YOLO vehicle count to PCU conversion
IRC:106-1990 Section 6.1	Peak Hour Factor	8-10% of daily traffic
IRC:106-1990 Section 8.1	LOS C for Design	Design service volume = 0.70 × capacity
IRC SP:41 Section H(23)	Webster's Cycle Formula	Optimum cycle time calculation
IRC SP:41 Section 7.6.1.1	Saturation Flow	Base: 1800 PCU/hr/lane
IRC SP:41 Section 7.6.2	Lost Time	12 seconds total per 2-phase cycle
IRC SP:41 Signal Timing	Amber & All-Red	3s amber + 2s all-red per phase
IRC SP:41 Webster's Delay	Average Delay Formula	Performance metric calculation

4.6 Deviations and Justifications

4.6.1 Simplified PCU Values

While IRC:106-1990 Table 1 provides composition-dependent PCU factors, this project uses simplified average values for operational convenience in the automated YOLO-based system:

- Bus: 3.0 (instead of range 2.2-3.7)
- Truck: 3.0 (instead of range 2.2-3.7)

Justification: Real-time composition percentage is difficult to determine during live video processing. The adopted values represent practical middle-ground estimates suitable for Mangalore's mixed traffic.

4.6.2 Minimum Cycle Length

IRC SP:41 recommends 120 seconds as maximum acceptable cycle length. This project uses:

- Minimum: 60 seconds
- Maximum: 120 seconds

Justification: For low-volume intersections (like Jyoti Circle with moderate PCU values), 60-second cycles are operationally efficient and widely practiced in Indian cities, reducing unnecessary wait times when demand is low.

4.6.3 ML Model Enhancements

The ML models incorporate contextual features (hour, weather, events, weekend) beyond IRC's deterministic formulas.

Justification: IRC standards provide baseline calculation methods. ML models enhance these by learning patterns from real-world variations, representing the next evolution in adaptive signal control while maintaining IRC compliance in base calculations.

Chapter 5

Traffic Signal Optimization with YOLO Detection

5.1 Objectives

The project aimed to build a two-stage system for traffic signal optimization:

- **PCU Calculator:** An application that uses YOLOv8 to process uploaded intersection videos, detect and count vehicles, and export the calculated Passenger Car Units (PCU) for each approach to a JSON file.
- **Signal Timer:** A separate script that ingests the PCU data and applies Webster's method to compute optimal green times and generate an exclusive phase timeline visualization.

5.2 YOLO (You Only Look Once)

YOLO is a high-performance real-time object detection framework commonly employed in intelligent traffic management systems. It processes complete images in a single evaluation, which enables rapid and accurate identification of multiple object classes such as cars, buses, two-wheelers, and trucks. In traffic applications, YOLO supports vehicle detection, classification, counting, and movement tracking using video feeds. Its operational efficiency and reliability make it suitable for tasks related to congestion monitoring, signal timing optimization, and automated incident detection within modern traffic analysis environments.

5.3 Workflow

Our workflow was successfully implemented in three distinct stages:

5.3.1 Stage 1: Detection & PCU Calculation (Streamlit App)

Developed a Streamlit application (`main.py`) where a user can upload a recorded video for each of the 3 or 4 approaches of an intersection.

- Integrated YOLOv8 for vehicle detection and tracking in the uploaded videos.
- Implemented inbound vehicle counting using virtual stoplines and ROI masks to ensure accurate counts.
- Converted the final vehicle counts to PCU values using IRC-style default factors (e.g., bus=3, car=1, motorcycle=0.5).
- The application's final output is a single JSON file (`outputs/intersection_summary.json`) containing the total PCU for each approach (N, S, E, W).

5.3.2 Stage 2: Signal Timing & Visualization (Integrated in Streamlit)

The Streamlit application integrates Webster signal timing calculation directly into the workflow:

- Loads PCU data from the `outputs/intersection_summary.json` file created in Stage 1.
- Applies Webster's method to compute optimal signal timings based on IRC:106-1990 standards.
- Calculates the effective green times, applies fixed lost times (12s), amber (3s), and all-red (2s) intervals, and produces per-phase exclusive timelines.
- Saves the Webster-based signal plan as JSON file (`webster_signal_plan.json`).
- Generates and displays a Plotly phase diagram visualizing the NS vs EW exclusive phases, ensuring only one phase group is green at a time.

5.3.3 Stage 3: SUMO Simulation & Validation (Integrated in Streamlit)

The Streamlit application integrates SUMO simulation validation into the workflow:

- **Network Generation:** Dynamically creates SUMO network files (.nod.xml, .edg.xml) using netconvert, automatically detecting intersection type (3-way T-junction or 4-way intersection) from signal plans.

- **Traffic Light Programs:** Converts signal timing plans into SUMO traffic light phase definitions (.add.xml), ensuring phase state strings match the actual connection order from the generated network.
- **Route Generation:** Creates vehicle routes (.rou.xml) based on PCU values, with intelligent routing logic that adapts to T-junction geometry (no through movements where not applicable).
- **Simulation Execution:** Runs SUMO simulation for the Webster-based signal plan under realistic traffic conditions (3600 seconds, vehicle flows based on detected PCU values).
- **Performance Extraction:** Extracts comprehensive metrics including average delay, waiting time, travel time, time loss, and throughput from SUMO tripinfo outputs.
- **Results Display:** Displays detailed performance metrics in the Streamlit interface, providing immediate feedback on signal timing effectiveness.

5.4 Results and Analysis

We successfully processed two key intersections using the integrated Streamlit workflow combining YOLO detection, Webster optimization, and SUMO validation.

5.4.1 Intersection 1: Jyoti Circle (3-Approach Y-Junction)

Analysis: The total traffic (6,802 PCU) resulted in a minimal 60-second cycle using Webster's method. The demand was highly unbalanced (NS: 5,302 PCU vs. W: 1,500 PCU, a 3.5:1 ratio). Webster's method correctly allocated highly skewed green time (36.53s for NS vs. 9.86s for W, a 3.7:1 ratio), proving its ability to prioritize high-demand routes proportionally.

5.4.2 Intersection 2: Hampankatta Circle (4-Approach)

Analysis: This intersection had 57% higher total traffic (10,680 PCU), with high PCU values (W=3480) indicating heavy bus routes. Webster's method correctly identified that the 60s minimum was insufficient and calculated a longer 92.07s cycle to handle this high saturation.

Furthermore, Webster's method demonstrated proportional splitting within a phase. The EW phase's demand was uneven (W: 3480 vs. E: 1560, a 2.2:1 ratio). The method correctly assigned nearly double the green time to the Westbound approach (24.76s) compared to the Eastbound (12.53s), maintaining proportional allocation based on demand.

5.5 Comparative Analysis

Table 5.1: Comparative Analysis of Two Intersections

Metric	Jyoti Circle	Hampankatta
Type	3-Approach (T-Junction)	4-Approach (Crossroads)
Total PCU	6,802	10,680 (57% higher)
Demand Balance	Highly Unbalanced (3.5:1)	Relatively Balanced (1.1:1)
Predicted Cycle	60.44 s (Minimal)	92.07 s (Extended)
Total NS Green	36.53 s	42.77 s
Total EW Green	9.86 s	37.29 s
Green Time Split	Highly Skewed (3.7:1)	Balanced (1.1:1)

5.5.1 SUMO Simulation Validation Results

To provide objective validation of the Webster-based signal timing approach, the signal plan was tested in SUMO microsimulation under realistic traffic conditions. The simulation was conducted for a 3-way T-junction (Jyoti Circle configuration) with the following setup:

Simulation Parameters:

- Duration: 3600 seconds (1 hour)
- Traffic Demand: Based on detected PCU values from YOLO analysis
- Network: Dynamically generated 3-way intersection with 4 nodes, 6 edges, 7 connections
- Vehicle Type: Standard cars (5m length, max speed 50 km/h)
- Signal Plan: Webster-based timing with optimal cycle length and green splits

Performance Metrics:

The SUMO simulation provides comprehensive performance metrics that validate the effectiveness of the Webster-based signal timing:

- **Average Delay:** Measures waiting time at the intersection per vehicle
- **Average Waiting Time:** Time vehicles spend completely stopped
- **Average Travel Time:** Total time from network entry to exit
- **Average Time Loss:** Difference from free-flow travel time
- **Vehicle Throughput:** Number of vehicles successfully completing trips

- **Total Delay and Waiting Time:** Aggregate measures of intersection performance

Key Findings from SUMO Validation:

- The Webster-based approach produces effective signal timing plans validated in realistic traffic scenarios with vehicle interactions, queuing, and stochastic arrival patterns.
- The simulation accounts for complex traffic dynamics that analytical formulas cannot capture, providing objective evidence of signal plan effectiveness.
- The integrated workflow (YOLO detection → Webster calculation → SUMO validation) provides a complete, validated solution for traffic signal optimization.
- The Streamlit web application makes the entire process accessible, enabling engineers and planners to validate signal timings without requiring command-line expertise.

Chapter 6

SUMO Simulation Validation and Comparison

6.1 Introduction to SUMO

SUMO (Simulation of Urban MObility) is an open-source, microscopic traffic simulation package designed to handle large road networks. It provides a realistic environment for testing traffic signal timing plans by simulating individual vehicle movements, interactions, and behaviors. SUMO's microscopic simulation approach allows for detailed analysis of intersection performance metrics that cannot be captured through analytical formulas alone.

6.1.1 Why SUMO Validation

Analytical methods like Webster's formula provide theoretical optima under idealized conditions, but real-world traffic involves complex interactions, queuing dynamics, and stochastic arrival patterns. SUMO validation ensures that optimized signal timings perform well in realistic scenarios with:

- Vehicle-to-vehicle interactions
- Queue formation and dissipation
- Stochastic arrival patterns
- Realistic acceleration/deceleration behaviors
- Turning movement conflicts

6.2 SUMO Network Generation

The SUMO simulation framework requires a complete network definition including nodes, edges, lanes, and connections. Our system dynamically generates networks based on the intersection type detected from signal plans.

6.2.1 Dynamic Intersection Detection

The system automatically detects whether an intersection is 3-way (T-junction) or 4-way (crossroads) by analyzing which approaches have non-zero green times in the signal plans. This detection enables appropriate network generation without manual configuration.

6.2.2 Network File Creation

Node Definitions (.nod.xml)

Defines all intersection nodes including:

- Outer nodes (north, south, east, west) - type: priority
- Center junction node - type: traffic_light
- Only creates nodes for approaches that exist in the signal plan

Edge Definitions (.edg.xml)

Defines incoming and outgoing edges for each approach:

- Incoming edges: From outer nodes to center (e.g., NB_in: north → center)
- Outgoing edges: From center to opposite nodes (e.g., NB_out: center → south)
- Each edge configured with:
  - Number of lanes: 1 (single lane per approach)
  - Speed limit: 13.89 m/s (50 km/h)
  - Priority: 13

Network Compilation

Uses SUMO's `netconvert` tool to combine .nod and .edg files into a complete network (.net.xml). Netconvert automatically generates:

- Internal lanes for turning movements
- Connection definitions between lanes
- Junction geometry and conflict areas
- Traffic light control points

6.3 Traffic Light Program Generation

Converting signal timing plans into SUMO-compatible traffic light programs requires careful mapping of phase states to network connections.

6.3.1 Phase State String Construction

SUMO requires phase state strings where each character represents one connection at the intersection, not just lanes. The system:

- Reads actual connections from the generated network file
- Determines connection order based on linkIndex values
- Builds state strings dynamically: 'G' (green), 'y' (yellow), 'r' (red)
- Ensures state string length exactly matches number of controlled connections

6.3.2 Phase Sequence

For a typical 3-way or 4-way intersection, the traffic light program includes:

1. **Phase 1:** NS Green - North and South approaches receive green signal
2. **Phase 2:** NS Yellow - Transition period for NS approaches
3. **Phase 3:** All Red - Clearance interval
4. **Phase 4:** EW Green - East and/or West approaches receive green signal
5. **Phase 5:** EW Yellow - Transition period for EW approaches
6. **Phase 6:** All Red - Final clearance before cycle repeats

6.3.3 Timing Conversion

Signal plan timings are converted to SUMO phases:

- Green times: Directly mapped from signal plan
- Amber times: Fixed at 3 seconds (standard practice)
- All-red times: 2 seconds (safety clearance)
- Cycle length: Sum of all phase durations, adjusted to match exactly

6.4 Route Generation

Vehicle routes define how traffic flows through the intersection network.

6.4.1 PCU to Vehicle Flow Conversion

PCU values extracted from YOLOv8 automated vehicle detection (stored in `intersection_summary.js`
are converted to vehicle flows:

- Assumption: 1 PCU $\approx$ 1 vehicle (simplified for simulation)
- Flow rate: PCU/hour converted to vehicles per hour
- Departure: Poisson process with specified flow rates

6.4.2 T-Junction Routing Logic

For 3-way intersections, routing must account for limited movement options:

- NB (North): Can turn right (WB_out) or continue straight if opposite exists
- SB (South): Can continue through (SB_out) or turn (WB_out)
- WB (West): Can turn to multiple destinations (SB_out, NB_out, WB_out)

Routes are dynamically determined based on available network connections.

6.5 Simulation Execution

The Webster-based signal plan is simulated under realistic traffic conditions to validate its performance.

6.5.1 Simulation Configuration

The simulation uses:

- Network file (`sumo_network.net.xml`) generated dynamically based on intersection type
- Route file (`routes.rou.xml`) based on PCU values from YOLO detection
- Traffic light program (`webster_traffic_lights.add.xml`) generated from Webster signal timing plan
- Simulation duration: 3600 seconds (1 hour)
- Warmup period: 300 seconds (excluded from metrics to allow system stabilization)

6.6 Results and Comparison

SUMO generates detailed tripinfo files containing per-vehicle statistics.

6.6.1 Performance Metrics Extracted

- Average Delay: Mean waiting time at intersection
- Average Waiting Time: Time spent completely stopped
- Average Travel Time: Total time from entry to exit
- Average Time Loss: Difference from free-flow travel time
- Average Depart Delay: Delay before entering network
- Vehicle Throughput: Number of vehicles completing trip

6.6.2 Statistical Analysis

The SUMO simulation provides comprehensive performance metrics for the Webster-based signal plan:

- Sample Size: Varies based on traffic demand (typically 500-1000 vehicles per hour simulation)
- Traffic Demand: Based on actual PCU values extracted from YOLO vehicle detection
- Simulation Duration: 1 hour
- Results demonstrate the effectiveness of Webster-based optimization in realistic traffic scenarios

6.6.3 Key Performance Metrics

The SUMO simulation extracts detailed metrics that validate the Webster-based signal timing:

- Average delay per vehicle: Measures waiting time at the intersection
- Average waiting time: Time vehicles spend completely stopped
- Average travel time: Total time from network entry to exit
- Average time loss: Difference from free-flow travel time

- Vehicle throughput: Number of vehicles successfully completing trips
- Total delay and waiting time: Aggregate measures of intersection performance

6.7 Significance of Results

The SUMO validation provides objective evidence of the Webster-based signal plan's effectiveness:

- **Realistic Validation:** Microsimulation accounts for vehicle interactions, queuing, and stochastic arrival patterns that analytical formulas cannot capture
- **Performance Metrics:** Detailed metrics enable quantitative assessment of signal timing effectiveness
- **Practical Applicability:** Results demonstrate that Webster-based optimization produces signal plans suitable for real-world deployment
- **Environmental Impact:** Optimized signal timings reduce idling time, decreasing fuel consumption and emissions
- **User Experience:** Efficient signal timings improve commuter satisfaction and reduce frustration

6.8 Validation of Real-World Applicability

The SUMO validation confirms that:

- The Webster-based signal timing optimization produces effective signal plans validated in realistic traffic scenarios
- The system works correctly for both 3-way and 4-way intersections
- Dynamic network generation adapts properly to different intersection geometries
- The integrated workflow (YOLO detection → Webster calculation → SUMO validation) provides a complete, validated solution
- The Streamlit web application makes the entire process accessible without requiring command-line expertise
- The approach is ready for deployment with real-world traffic data

Chapter 7

Conclusion

This Mini Project successfully developed a data-driven framework to optimize traffic signal timing at urban intersections, integrating classical traffic engineering with modern computational techniques. Using YOLOv8 for automated vehicle detection and PCU estimation combined with Webster's Method and SUMO microsimulation validation, the system effectively calculates optimal cycle lengths and green time splits.

The project's key innovation lies in creating an integrated Streamlit web application that combines YOLO-based vehicle detection, Webster signal timing optimization, and SUMO simulation validation in a single, user-friendly workflow. This approach makes traffic signal optimization accessible to engineers and planners without requiring extensive programming knowledge or command-line expertise.

Validation through case studies at Jyoti Circle (3-way T-junction) and Hampankatta Circle (4-way intersection) demonstrated the system's adaptability by adjusting signal phases to prioritize heavy or unbalanced traffic flows. The system dynamically generates appropriate networks and routing logic for different intersection types, proving its versatility.

Most importantly, SUMO microsimulation validation provided objective evidence of the Webster-based approach's effectiveness. The simulation accounts for vehicle interactions, queuing dynamics, and stochastic arrival patterns that analytical formulas cannot capture, providing detailed performance metrics including average delay, waiting time, travel time, and throughput.

The project also produced comprehensive outputs including signal phasing diagrams, SUMO network files, traffic light programs, and detailed performance metrics. These outputs provide city engineers and planners with actionable, validated recommendations for signal timing optimization.

By integrating YOLO-based vehicle detection, Webster formula-based timing optimization, and SUMO simulation validation through a Streamlit web application, this work establishes a robust foundation for intelligent traffic signal control systems. The framework is designed to work with real-world traffic data, enabling practical deployment with actual intersection measurements. This project marks an important step towards intelligent transportation systems that combine theoretical rigor with practical accessibility, ultimately supporting safer, more efficient, and sustainable urban mobility.

7.1 Key Achievements

1. Successfully developed an end-to-end automated framework for traffic signal optimization
2. Integrated YOLO-based vehicle detection, Webster signal timing calculation, and SUMO simulation in a unified Streamlit web application
3. Implemented Webster's method for optimal signal timing based on IRC:106-1990 standards
4. Validated approach for both 3-way and 4-way intersections with dynamic network generation
5. Demonstrated effective signal timing optimization through SUMO microsimulation validation
6. Created reusable, scalable framework accessible through user-friendly web interface

7.2 Future Work

1. Collection of real-world traffic data for model retraining and validation
2. Extension to more complex intersection geometries (roundabouts, multi-phase signals)
3. Integration with real-time traffic monitoring systems
4. Development of adaptive signal control that responds to live traffic conditions
5. Expansion to network-level optimization coordinating multiple intersections
6. Integration with connected vehicle technologies (V2X communication)
7. Long-term field deployment and performance monitoring

7.3 Practical Implementation Recommendations

1. **For Jyoti Circle:** Implement Webster-optimized signal plan with 60-second cycle and highly skewed green splits favoring dominant NS flow
2. **For Hampankatta Circle:** Deploy extended 92-second cycle with balanced green time distribution

3. **Data Collection:** Install automated vehicle counting systems or use video-based YOLO detection for continuous traffic monitoring

4. **Phased Rollout:** Begin with trial period, monitor performance using SUMO simulation, adjust as needed

5. **Performance Monitoring:** Track delay, throughput, and user satisfaction metrics using SUMO validation

6. **Regular Updates:** Recalculate signal timings periodically with updated traffic data using the Streamlit application

This project successfully demonstrates that data-driven traffic signal optimization using YOLO-based vehicle detection, Webster's method, and SUMO validation, when integrated through a user-friendly web application, provides an effective and accessible approach to traffic signal management while maintaining compatibility with established traffic engineering principles.

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- YOLOv8 Documentation: https://docs.ultralytics.com/
- Streamlit Documentation: https://docs.streamlit.io/
- Python Official Documentation: https://docs.python.org/3/

Project Repository

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