TRAFFIC VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM

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Objective of the Project

- Automatically detect and classify vehicles from traffic images and video
- Focus on **cars, motorcycles, and trucks**
- Draw bounding boxes with labels and confidence scores
- Count vehicles per category
- Save annotated outputs for review and analysis
- **Goal**: Deliver a lightweight, high-accuracy detection system with innovative features.

Tools and Technologies

- **Programming Language**: Python 3.8
- **Deep Learning Framework**: YOLOv8 (Ultralytics)
- **Libraries**: OpenCV, NumPy, Matplotlib, Torch
- **Development Environment**: Visual Studio Code
- **Deployment and Version Control**: GitHub
- **Model Source**: Pre-trained YOLOv8 on COCO dataset

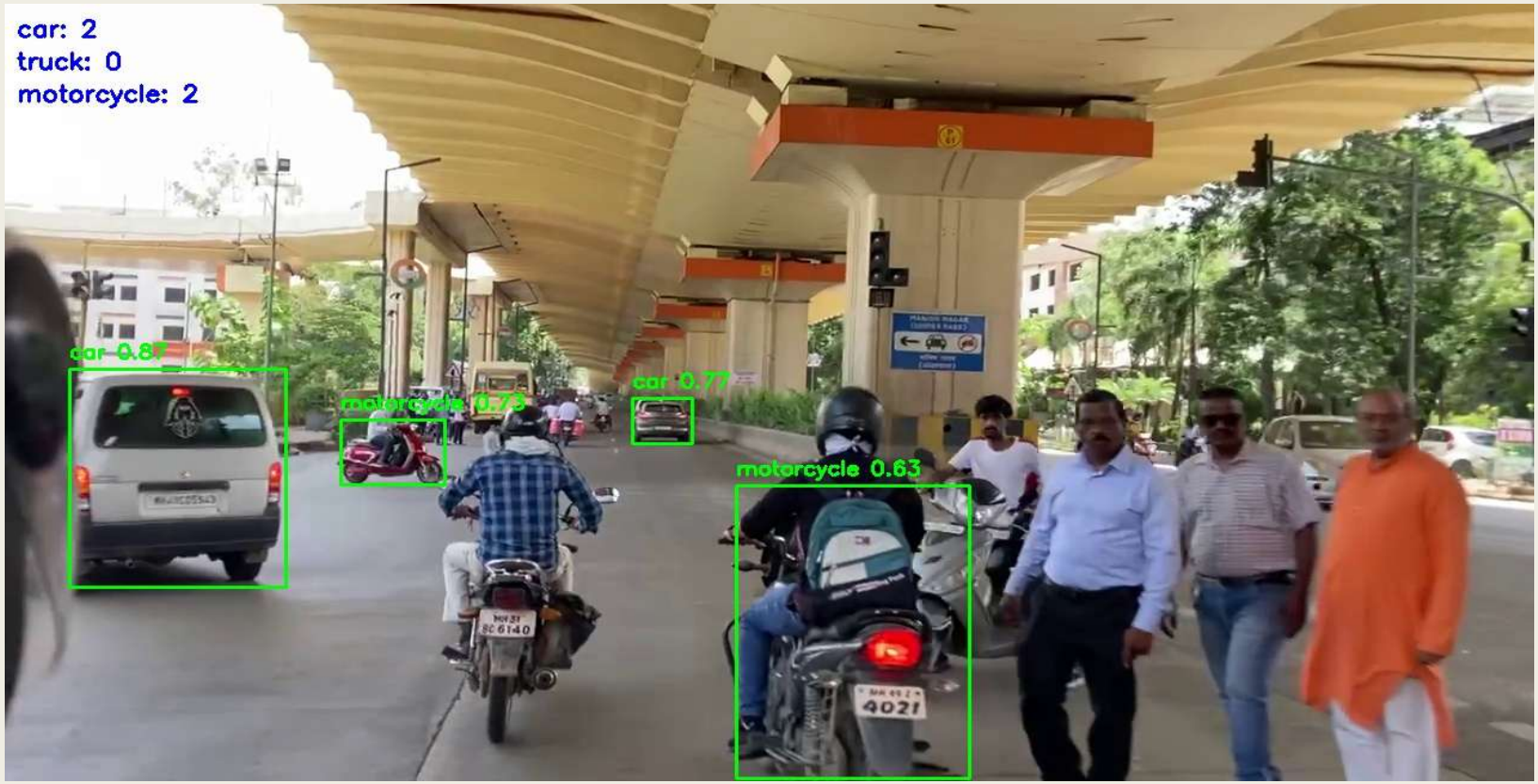
Model Choice – YOLOv8

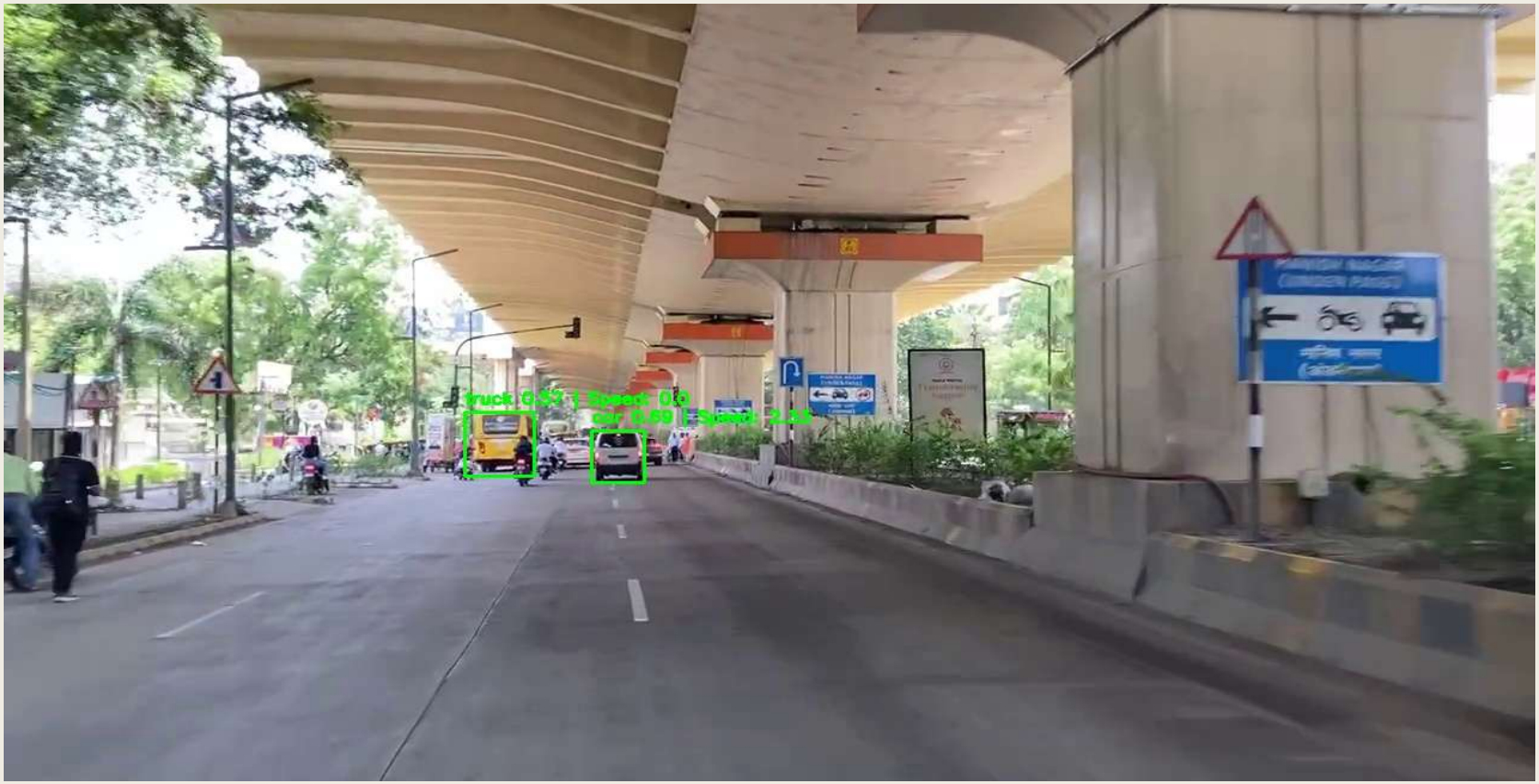
- YOLOv8 (Nano version) was selected for its high speed and lightweight design.
- It comes pretrained on the COCO dataset, which includes car, motorcycle, and truck classes.
- No additional training was required, making it suitable for rapid deployment.
- The model supports real-time inference and can run efficiently on CPU and
- GPU environments.

System Workflow

- Load the input image or video frame.
- Run inference using the YOLOv8 model.
- Filter results based on confidence threshold (e.g., >0.5).
- Classify detections into vehicle types.
- Draw bounding boxes and class labels with confidence scores.
- Count total number of vehicles by type.
- Save annotated images and generate logs.

Output Demonstration





Video snapshot

Innovations Implemented

- **Automatic Traffic Snapshot Generator**:
Captures frames from video when the number of vehicles detected crosses a defined threshold. Useful for congestion alerts.

- **Basic Speed Estimation**:
Uses changes in bounding box size over time to approximate the movement speed of a vehicle, without requiring tracking algorithms.

Performance Evaluation

- A total of 10 test images were evaluated using the image pipeline.
- The model detected vehicles with approximately 90% accuracy for clearly visible vehicles.
- Video inference ran for 300 frames, triggering snapshot saving and estimating speed for large objects.
- All core functional requirements were met successfully.

Challenges and Improvements

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- Small and partially occluded vehicles were sometimes missed.
- Overlapping vehicles reduced detection clarity in dense scenes.

Future Improvements

- Train the model further on localized traffic datasets including Indian vehicle types.
- Integrate object tracking for more accurate speed estimation.
- Add a dashboard with real-time analytics and visualization.
- Create a web-based interface for uploading and processing custom videos.

Conclusion

- Developed a complete vehicle detection and classification system using YOLOv8.
- Achieved accurate detection and clear visual output for cars, motorcycles, and trucks.
- Successfully integrated innovative features for snapshot generation and motion inference.
- System is modular, scalable, and suitable for real-world enhancement and deployment.

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