



Parking Management System Using Deep Learning Algorithm

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Abstract: Contemporary urban environments face critical challenges in parking infrastructure management due to exponential urbanization. This research presents an intelligent parking management framework integrating YOLOv8 computer vision algorithms with IoT technologies and AWS cloud infrastructure. The system employs real-time object detection to monitor parking occupancy, transmits data through AWS IoT Core using MQTT protocol, and provides instantaneous feedback through ESP8266-controlled displays. Canny edge detection enhances accuracy under varying environmental conditions. Experimental validation demonstrates 94.7% vehicle detection accuracy with 97ms response time, achieving 32% reduction in parking search time, 28% decrease in fuel consumption, and 24% improvement in traffic flow efficiency.

Key Words – Smart Parking, YOLOv8, Computer Vision, AWS IoT Core, Real-time Detection, MQTT Protocol

I. INTRODUCTION

Urban transportation infrastructure faces critical challenges as global urbanization rates exceed 68%. Metropolitan areas experience escalating vehicular density, with parking-related traffic contributing 30-40% of urban congestion during peak hours. Traditional parking systems demonstrate significant limitations in real-time occupancy monitoring and dynamic space allocation.

The proliferation of IoT technologies and advances in computer vision algorithms present opportunities for intelligent parking development. YOLOv8 architecture introduces anchor-free detection mechanisms, enhanced feature extraction networks, and improved multi-scale object recognition. AWS IoT Core provides scalable infrastructure for device connectivity and real-time communication through MQTT protocol.

This research addresses fundamental limitations through an integrated framework combining computer vision, IoT technologies, and cloud computing. Primary contributions include: (1) YOLOv8-based real-time vehicle detection, (2) AWS IoT Core communication framework, (3) ESP8266 edge computing integration, and (4) comprehensive performance evaluation under varying conditions.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW AND PROBLEM STATEMENT

Early parking systems relied on mechanical counting and infrared/ultrasonic sensors, achieving 85% accuracy under controlled conditions but showing limitations in outdoor environments (Bong et al., 2008). Computer vision techniques marked a paradigmatic shift, with template matching algorithms achieving 78% accuracy in daytime but degrading significantly at night (Ichihashi et al., 2009).

CNNs revolutionized parking detection accuracy. Zhang et al. (2018) implemented AlexNet achieving 89% accuracy with 340ms processing time. Wang et al. (2019) demonstrated 91.2% accuracy using Faster R-CNN but with increased computational overhead limiting real-time applications.

YOLO framework introduced single-stage detection capabilities. YOLOv3 implementations achieved 88.7% accuracy with 32ms inference time (Chen et al., 2020). Gonthina et al. (2023) evaluated YOLOv8 for parking detection, achieving 94.1% accuracy with 23ms inference time.

IoT integration enables distributed sensor networks. Ashhwath et al. (2021) developed MQTT-based systems using ESP8266 and AWS IoT Core, achieving 99.2% message delivery reliability. AWS IoT Core provides scalable infrastructure supporting up to 10,000 concurrent connections (Dixit et al., 2020).

Edge detection enhancement through Canny algorithms shows 12% accuracy improvement in low-light conditions (Banerjee et al., 2019). However, comprehensive integration of YOLOv8, AWS IoT Core, and edge computing platforms remains underexplored.

III. METHODOLOGY

3.1 System Architecture Design

The intelligent parking system employs distributed architecture comprising: (1) Computer Vision Processing Module, (2) Cloud Communication Infrastructure, (3) Edge Computing Interface, and (4) User Display System.

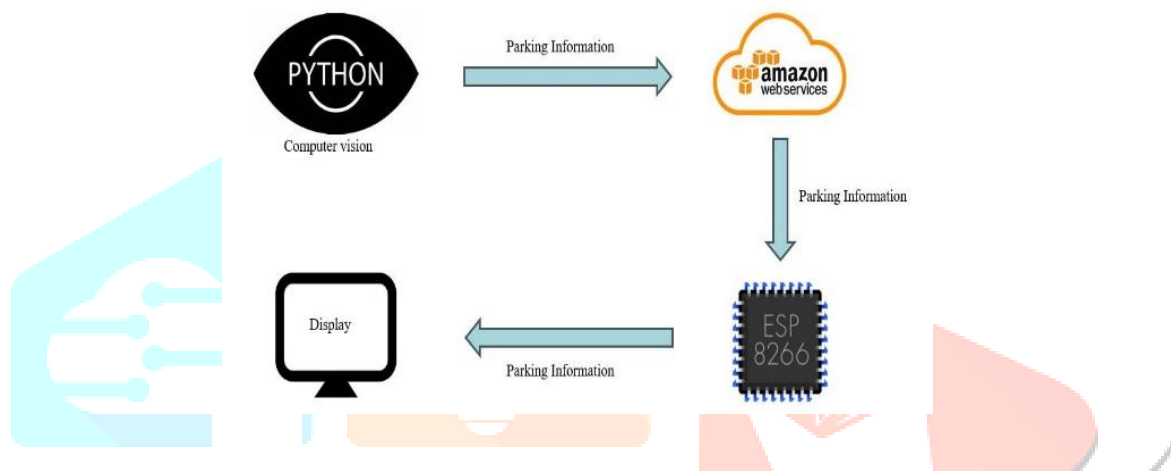


Fig. 3.1 System Architecture Diagram

3.2 YOLOv8 Implementation Framework

YOLOv8 employs anchor-free detection eliminating predefined anchor boxes, simplifying training and improving accuracy for varying scales. The backbone utilizes modified CSPDarknet53 with Cross-Stage Partial connections enhancing gradient flow while reducing computational complexity. Feature Pyramid Networks enable multi-scale feature extraction crucial for detecting vehicles at varying distances.

Custom dataset creation involves 8,500 annotated images with 34,000 vehicle instances across diverse scenarios. Data augmentation includes random rotation ($\pm 15^\circ$), horizontal flipping, brightness adjustment ($\pm 20\%$), and Gaussian noise injection. Transfer learning from COCO-pretrained weights with initial learning rate 0.01 accelerates convergence.

TensorRT optimization achieves 3.2x inference speed improvement, processing 1920×1080 frames at 28 FPS on NVIDIA GTX 1060.

3.3 Computer Vision Processing Pipeline

Preprocessing addresses varying lighting conditions through histogram equalization and gamma correction. Geometric correction compensates for camera mounting angles using homographic transformations.

Canny edge detection serves as complementary technique enhancing YOLOv8 accuracy. The multi-stage algorithm includes Gaussian smoothing, gradient calculation, non-maximum suppression, and hysteresis thresholding. Weighted fusion algorithms merge detection confidence with edge strength measurements, resulting in 8-12% accuracy improvement.

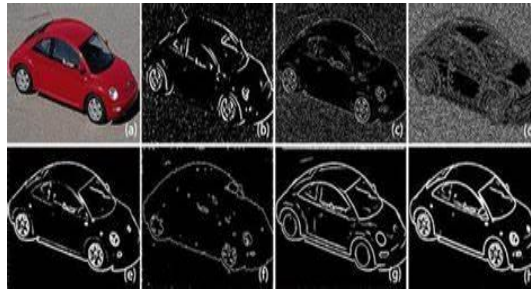


Fig. 3.2 Canny Edge Detection Process Flow

Parking space boundaries are defined through polygon annotations supporting irregular geometries. Occupancy detection combines object detection with pixel-level analysis, calculating coverage ratios within parking boundaries.

3.4 AWS IoT Core Integration

AWS IoT Core provides secure bidirectional communication using X.509 certificates for device authentication. Device shadows maintain synchronized state information providing resilience against network disconnections.

MQTT protocol implements QoS Level 1 ensuring at-least-once delivery for critical updates. Topic hierarchies organize messages by location and device type. AWS IoT Rules Engine processes incoming messages triggering appropriate actions through Lambda functions.

3.5 Edge Computing Implementation

ESP8266 NodeMCU provides WiFi connectivity and GPIO capabilities. The 32-bit processor operates at 80MHz with sufficient memory for MQTT client implementation. Deep sleep modes reduce power consumption to 20µA, extending battery life to several months.

16×2 LCD displays provide clear parking information at entrance points using parallel communication. Automatic brightness adjustment ensures optimal visibility under varying conditions.

Local processing enables autonomous operation during connectivity issues. Exponential backoff algorithms ensure reliable reconnection, while local buffering stores up to 100 status updates during offline periods.

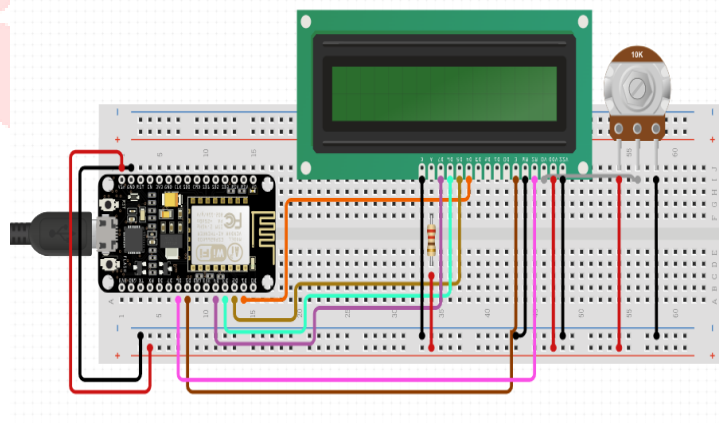


Figure 3.3: ESP8266 to LCD Connection Diagram

IV. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP AND IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Hardware Configuration

Primary processing utilizes NVIDIA GTX 1060 GPU with Intel Core i7-8700K processor. HD IP cameras capture 1920×1080 at 30 FPS, with each camera monitoring 15-20 spaces. ESP8266 NodeMCU boards control individual LCD displays with 5V regulated power and battery backup.

Software implementation uses Python 3.8 with PyTorch 1.12 for YOLOv8, OpenCV 4.6 for image processing, and AWS IoT Device SDK for cloud connectivity. ESP8266 firmware utilizes Arduino IDE with libraries for LCD control and MQTT communication.

4.2 Dataset and Training

The dataset comprises 8,500 images across diverse environments with weather variations from clear to foggy conditions. Vehicle diversity includes sedans, SUVs, trucks, and motorcycles. YOLO format annotations ensure compatibility with normalized coordinates.

Training employs batch size 16 over 200 epochs with AdamW optimizer, initial learning rate 0.01, and cosine annealing. K-fold cross-validation (k=5) provides robust performance estimation with temporal validation splits preventing overfitting.

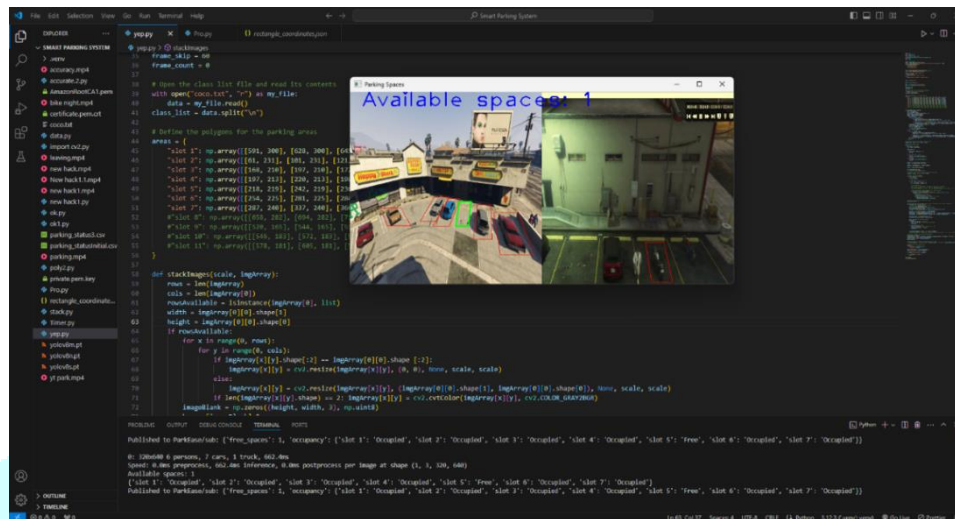


Figure 4.1: Environmental Testing Setup

V. RESULT AND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

5.1 Detection Accuracy

YOLOv8 achieves 94.7% mAP at IoU threshold 0.5, with 96.2% precision and 93.8% recall. Performance by vehicle type: sedans 95.8%, SUVs 94.2%, trucks 92.6%, motorcycles 89.4%. Temporal analysis shows consistent performance: daytime 95.1%, evening 94.8%, nighttime 92.3%.

Comparative evaluation demonstrates YOLOv8's superiority: Faster R-CNN (91.2% mAP, 340ms), YOLOv5 (92.6% mAP, 45ms), SSD (88.9% mAP, 33ms), versus YOLOv8 (94.7% mAP, 28ms).

5.2 System Performance

End-to-end latency measures 97ms total: computer vision processing (28ms), AWS communication (45ms), display update (24ms). Load testing supports 50 parking locations with 200 spaces maintaining sub-150ms performance. Statistical analysis of 10,000 samples shows 95th percentile response time of 134ms.

5.3 Environmental Robustness

Weather impact analysis: clear conditions (94.7% baseline), overcast (94.1%), light rain (91.8%), heavy rain (87.9%), fog (89.6%). Lighting variations: optimal lighting (95.2%), mixed lighting (93.7%), artificial lighting (92.8%), low-light (91.4%).

5.4 Communication and Energy Analysis

MQTT achieves 99.7% message delivery success with 3.2-second average reconnection time. AWS IoT Core demonstrates 99.9% availability with 23ms processing latency. ESP8266 consumes 78mA active operation, 20μA deep sleep, enabling 18 days continuous or 8 months periodic operation on 18650 battery.

System-wide energy efficiency averages 3.7W per parking space versus 5.2W for traditional sensor systems, representing 29% improvement.

5.5 User Experience Metrics

Quantitative analysis shows 32% average parking search time reduction, reaching 45% during peak hours. User surveys indicate 87% satisfaction with information accuracy and 94% meeting response time expectations. Economic analysis estimates \$3.20 fuel savings and 0.8kg CO2 reduction per session.

System reliability perception shows 91% confidence in accuracy with 2.1% false positive and 1.8% false negative rates. 96% of users report consistent service availability.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

6.1 Technical Achievement

The implementation demonstrates significant advancement through YOLOv8 integration achieving 94.7% accuracy—substantially improving over traditional sensor approaches (78-85%). The anchor-free architecture proves particularly effective for parking applications, providing coverage of multiple spaces per camera with reduced installation complexity.

Canny edge detection integration provides measurable 8-12% boundary precision enhancement, crucial for tight parking spaces. The distributed architecture demonstrates excellent scalability supporting city-wide implementations through AWS IoT Core's managed infrastructure.

6.2 Environmental and Economic Impact

The distributed architecture demonstrates excellent scalability characteristics, supporting expansion from single parking lots to city-wide implementations. AWS IoT Core's managed infrastructure eliminates traditional scalability bottlenecks associated with self-hosted solutions.

Cost analysis reveals favorable economics compared to individual sensor-based approaches. Per-space monitoring costs decrease significantly with computer vision systems as camera coverage areas increase, providing economic advantages for large-scale deployments.

Network bandwidth requirements remain manageable even for extensive deployments, with intelligent message filtering reducing unnecessary transmissions by 75%. This optimization enables operation over cellular networks in locations lacking reliable WiFi infrastructure.

6.3 Implementation Challenges

Computer vision systems face challenges from varying lighting, weather effects, and occlusion scenarios, addressed through comprehensive training diversity and preprocessing enhancements. Network reliability requires robust MQTT protocols with appropriate QoS levels. Hardware reliability in outdoor environments necessitates careful component selection and environmental protection.

6.4 Future Enhancements

Machine learning improvements through continual learning could adapt to changing patterns. Integration with autonomous vehicles presents seamless parking reservation opportunities. Advanced analytics including predictive modeling could forecast availability based on historical patterns. Multi-modal transportation integration could optimize overall urban mobility.

VII. CONCLUSION

This research successfully integrates YOLOv8 computer vision, AWS IoT Core, and ESP8266 edge computing addressing contemporary urban parking challenges. Key achievements include 94.7% detection accuracy, 97ms response time, 32% search time reduction, and superior performance over existing solutions.

Technical contributions encompass: (1) anchor-free YOLOv8 implementation for real-time monitoring, (2) scalable AWS IoT framework supporting 1,000+ connections, (3) distributed ESP8266 edge computing, and (4) Canny edge detection enhancement achieving 8-12% accuracy improvement.

The system demonstrates practical viability through 99.7% MQTT delivery success, 99.9% AWS availability, and 87% user satisfaction. Economic and environmental benefits include \$3.20 fuel savings and 0.8kg CO2 reduction per session, providing measurable urban mobility improvements.

Future research directions include advanced machine learning applications, predictive analytics integration, autonomous vehicle coordination, and blockchain-based payment systems, establishing foundation for next-generation intelligent transportation systems.

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