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Abstract: Food security and sustainable agriculture rely heavily on the timely detection and classification of plant diseases. In this study, we investigate the performance of the You Only Look Once (YOLO) object detection algorithm—specifically versions v5, v7, and v8—for identifying seven common tomato leaf diseases: Mosaic Virus, Leaf Miner, Septoria, Spider Mites, Early Blight, Yellow Leaf Curl Virus, and Late Blight. We trained and validated each YOLO variant using a comprehensive dataset comprising annotated images of diseased tomato leaves. YOLOv8 achieved the highest performance, with a mean Average Precision (mAP) of 85%, followed by YOLOv7 (84.7%) and YOLOv5 (83%). Additionally, YOLOv8 demonstrated the fastest inference time, indicating its suitability for real-time or near real-time disease detection applications. Our findings emphasize YOLOv8's potential in enhancing agricultural productivity through accurate and efficient disease identification. The proposed framework offers practical implications for precision farming by aiding early disease management, optimizing crop yield, conserving resources, and promoting sustainable agricultural practices through advanced deep learning techniques.

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1. Introduction

Tomatoes are one of the most important crops for the world's food supply and farmland because of their widespread production and usage. Sadly, several illnesses may hurt tomato plants and lower their output and quality. An early identification is still important to properly treat and reduce these illnesses. Agricultural disease detection has lately seen a change thanks to deep learning algorithms, which provide faster and more accurate results than older methods. Among the most widely used methods for accurately finding and naming tomato leaf diseases is the You Only Look Once version 8 (YOLO v8) algorithm. One of the main uses of field robots in precise agriculture is disease identification. The aim of this work was to identify the detecting accuracy, complexity, and performance measures of a deep learning-based model for farming disease identification. The model was influenced by the deep learning model when it came to performing high-level vision tasks (Ahmed, & S. 2023). YOLO (You Only Look Once), a new application of object recognition technology, is used in the suggested method to identify plant diseases. At 45 frames per second, YOLO studies leaf shots in real time and beats current object recognition methods. The picture is split into several grid units before editing. Bounding boxes and class odds are forecast by a single neural network, which also performs a review. This successfully improves the recognition of illness both in terms of speed and accuracy (Morbekar et al., 2020).

The most widely traded farm product from the country these days is tomatoes. To raise farming output, therefore, more work is needed. One factor that might have a major effect on farming output is the frequency of illnesses brought on by bacteria, fungus, and viruses. Still, identifying a patient may be expensive and take a while. Plant diseases are being identified using deep learning methods, and the results seem good. This study uses YOLO v8, YOLO v7, and YOLO v5 to correctly identify

and group the following seven common tomato leaf diseases: Leaf Miner, Mosaic Virus, Septoria, Spider Mites, Early Blight, Late Blight, and Yellow Leaf Curl Virus. The goal is to build an accurate early diagnosis system by fully training on big data sets that include captioned pictures of ill tomato leaves. These technologies are meant to protect the purity of the food supply chain and maintain steady tomato output by giving farms proactive disease control capabilities.

2. Literature Review

Researchers (Liu, et al., 2020) is the first group. Make benefit of Yolo V3, which identifies pests and tomato diseases using a better convolutional neural network. In order to improve the Yolo V3 model's feature layer and achieve multi-scale feature recognition, this project aims to create a realworld collection of tomato diseases and pests. Additionally, the model's speed and detection accuracy will be improved, and tomato disease and pest types and places will be quickly and precisely found. The aforementioned work has greatly improved the field of tomato pest picture recognition in natural settings and given a model for the clever identification and engineering application of plant illnesses and pest detection (Ahmed & S, 2023). An study of tomato plant disease recognition using YOLO models. Computer Vision and Machine Learning in Agriculture. In this study, the YOLO-5 showed better selection scores in terms of recognition accuracy, precision, memory, and F-1 score. Conversely, YOLO-5 tiny has a longer detection time but a better recognition accuracy. This study made use of the freely available Tomato Disease Multiple Sources data collection. Within the Second Group of researchers is (Wang, X et al., (2021). Use YOLO-Dense to spot anomalies in tomatoes grown in greenhouses. According to the testing results, a single picture of the YOLO-Dense network may show the mAP of 96.41% and the detecting time of 20.28 ms, respectively. In a difficult natural setting, the YOLO- Dense model beat SSD, Faster R-CNN, and the original YOLOv3 network in tomato anomaly recognition. (Lawal, & M. O., 2021). Additionally, identify tomatoes using the updated YOLOv3 framework. It was found that the YOLO-Tomato models beat other state-of-the-art methods. With an AP of 98.3% and a detection time of 48 ms, the YOLO-Tomato-A model, the YOLO-Tomato-B model, and the YOLO-Tomato-C model each had an AP of 99.3% and a detection time of 44 ms and 52 ms, respectively. (Zeng et al., 2023). used YOLO and mobile deployment to provide a quick, low-cost way of tomato identification in real time. The testing results showed that, in comparison to the original YOLOv5s, the better model's mAP was 0.969 and its number of parameters and floating-point operations per second (FLOPs) were squeezed by 78% and 84.15%, respectively. In comparison, the CPU platform showed a 64.88% boost in performance with a detecting speed of 42.5 ms. An Androidbased real-time tomato monitoring application (app) was built in this study after the quantization of the better model with the use of the Nihui convolutional neural network (NCNN) framework. According to testing data, the 16-bit quantized model did 268% better on the mobile side with less math power than the original YOLOv5s, hitting a 93% correct detection rate and an average detection frame rate of 26.5 frames per second (fps). Furthermore, the model size dropped by 51.1%. The Third Group is made up of experts (Pham et al., 2021). Make use of AI-powered methods to find and detect tomato leaf disease. The majority of the leaves that could be seen were recognized and sorted using this leaf identification method. When it came to disease recognition, the model did best when it found healthy leaves (F1-score: 0.97) and Yellow Leaf Curl sickness (F1-score: 0.93). Using a two-class identification model that included the sickness class (illness) and the non-disease class (healthy) in the real trials showed the viability of the suggested models. 88% of the sick patients and 86% of the healthy cases were properly spotted by the model. This poor result stems from the failure to intentionally cause the expected disease in the tomato plant in order to build a big enough dataset. (Li et al., 2022) Implement Yolo-JD: An Image-Based Deep Learning Network for Jute Disease and Pest Identification YOLO-JD, a deep learning network, is presented in this study to identify jute diseases from photos. To easily extract picture features, we updated the core design of the YOLO-JD platform with three new modules: the Sand Clock Feature Extraction Module (SCFEM), the Deep Sand Clock Feature Extraction Module (DSCFEM), and the Spatial Pyramid Pooling Module (SPPM). We have made a brand-new, extensive picture library with ten groups for jute pests and sicknesses.

YOLO- JD offers the best recognition accuracy among other cutting-edge tests, with an average mAP of 96.63%. Numerous inspectors Use YOLO methods to improve identification (Leng et al., 2023). Effective Model for Detecting Maize Leaf Blight in a Range of Complicated Field Circumstances: CEMLB-YOLO. Experimental results based on the NLB dataset show that the proposed model gets 87.5% mAP@0.5 accuracy, which is 5.4% higher than the original model. Among others, (Rajamohanan, & Latha, 2023) Classify Tomato Leaf Disease Using an Enhanced Yolo v5 Model with a Field Dataset. The goal of this work was to use both publicly available and private data to find the best hyperparameters for the classification and identification of parts of healthy and sick leaves. Testing the model on the test dataset, the YOLO v5 model showed an amazing 93% success rate. By using this method, farmers will be able to spot damaged leaves more quickly and take fast action to stop the spread of viruses that harm tomato plants. Furthermore, a number of scientists (Mohandas et al., 2021). The YOLOv4-tiny allows for the real-time discovery and identification of plant leaf diseases. The goal of this work is to show the use of a personalized model known as YOLOv4-tiny for the identification and analysis of plant leaf diseases, as well as the offering of a preventive strategy for their avoidance. People may now interact with the technology and quickly identify leaf sickness thanks to an Android app that links to it (Anjanadevi et al., 2020). A deep learning model may be used to identify plant diseases. Preventing illnesses and spotting them early are key to improving farming output. We trained datasets from Plant Village and Plant Doc using the updated and modified improved-detect DCNN model. The potato, corn, and tomato plants acted as our main training and testing areas for the models. A collection of plant shots, including both healthy and broken tomato leaves, was used for our tests. The results of the tests are compared with the most advanced models, such as ResNet-101, Mobile Net, and Dark Net-19. The suggested method works better at finding and localizing plant diseases. yields ideal and exact computational results. We have included the findings and relevant models in the parts below.

Author(s) and Year	Dataset/Topic	Accuracies	Contributions
Lyu et al. (2022	Citrus psylli d	mAP@0.5 of	Lightweight YOLO-
	detection in natural	97.18% for citrus	SCL model for citrus
	environments	psyllids detection	psyllid detection
Qiu et al. (2022)	Citrus HLB detection	Micro F1-scores of	YOLOv5l-HLB2
	from digital images	85.19% for recognizing	model and
		five HLB symptoms	'HLBdetector' app
			development
Aswini &	Citrus greening	Overall F1 score of	YOLOv7 for
Vijayakumaran (2023	disease diagnosis in	92% for YOLOv7	diagnosing citrus
	citrus leaves and		greening disease
	fruits		
Chen et al. (2020)	Detection of citrus in	Accuracy increase of	Improved YOLOv4
	orchard environment	3.15% over original	for citrus detection in
	using YOLOv4	YOLOv4	orchards
Qadri et al. (2023)	Detection and	Precision: 99.8%,	YOLOv8 for
	segmentation of plant	Recall: 99.3%, mAP50:	increased detection
	leaf disease using	99.5%, F1-score: 0.999	speed and accuracy in
	YOLOv8	for bounding box	plant disease
			segmentation

3. Materials and Methods

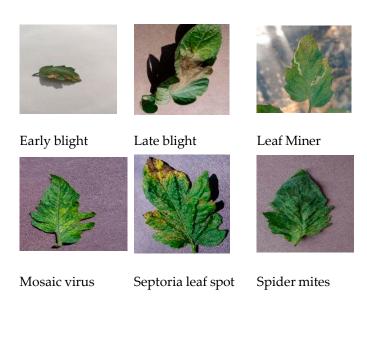
3.1. Dataset Collection

For this farming study, data was gathered through a mix of field trips and online sources. I began by visiting nearby gardens and farms to watch tomato plants directly and gather relevant information on leaf diseases. These field visits offered useful insights into the physical signs and differences of tomato leaf illnesses.

In addition to these trips, I utilized various online tools to boost my knowledge of common farming practices and the challenges associated with tomato production. This helped in finding and recognizing disease trends more effectively.

The final collection consists of 700 pictures of tomato leaf diseases, gathered from both field notes and confirmed online sources. All photos were saved in JPG file for ease of access and efficient use of storage. The pictures were then divided into specific disease types to allow a more organized and thorough analysis in the later steps of the study.

The sample of leaf diseases image dataset is shown Below:





Yellow Leaf Curl Virus

Figure 3.1. Sample of dataset.

Analyzing data patterns, trends, and connections in a dataset using statistical analysis allows for the extraction of useful insights and the making of well-informed decisions.

Table 3.1. Details of dataset.

Serial No	Class name	No of Images	Format
1	Early Blight	100	JPG
2	Late Blight	100	JPG
3	Leaf Miner	100	JPG
4	Mosaic Virus	100	JPG
5	Septoria	100	JPG
6	Spider Mites	100	JPG
7	Yellow Leaf Curl Virus	100	JPG

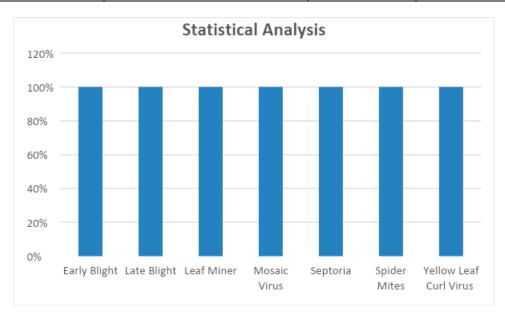


Figure 3.2. Statistical view of dataset.

3.2. General Methodological Outlook

To spot tomato leaf disease, the suggested approach aims to carefully evaluate and compare the YOLOv5, YOLOv7, and YOLOv8 methods using an organized way. Gathering, planning, training, and analyzing the model's performance using known measures like Mean Average Precision (mAP) and Intersection over Union (IoU) are all part of the process. Additionally, optimization methods like regularization and fine- tuning will be used to enhance the model's effectiveness and accuracy. Practical evaluation in farming situations and with respect to social problems provide complete insights, proven models, and improvements in using deep learning for sustainable agriculture and food security.

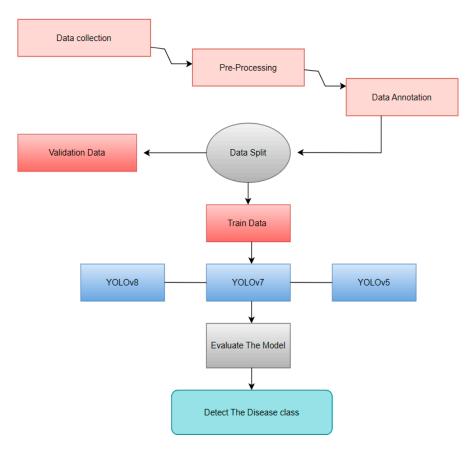


Figure. Proposed Methodology.

3.2.1. Data Annotation

In machine learning and computer vision, annotation refers to the process of labeling or tagging images or datasets to offer ground truth information. This is especially useful for evaluating and training models such as YOLOv5, YOLOv7, and YOLOv8. This entails locating and labeling particular items or features within an image, such as diseased tomato leaves—for example, those infected by Leaf_Miner, Mosaic_Virus, Early_Blight, Yellow_Leaf_Curl_Virus, Late_Blight, Spider_Mites and Septoria. An important stage in supervise learning is annotation, which helps algorithms understand and identify patterns, forms, and traits linked to various tomato leaf disease classes.

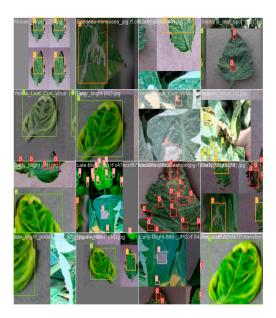


Figure 3.6. Number of instances Annoted class.

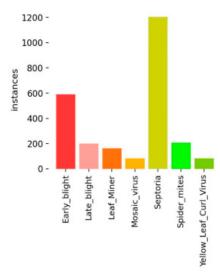


Figure 3.7. Image annotation result.

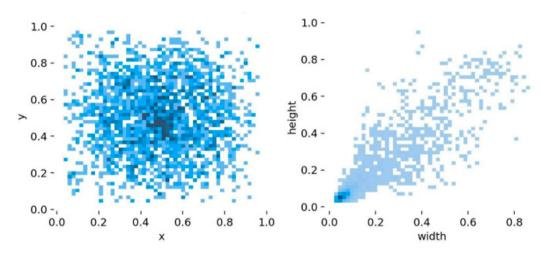


Figure. Labeling instances.

3.2.2. Implementation Architecture

YOLOv5

The You Only Look Once (YOLO) family of computer vision models includes the YOLOv5 model. YOLOv5 is often used in object identifying apps. With accuracy rates ranging from small (s), medium (m), large (l), to extra-large (x), YOLOv5 is offered in four main versions. Furthermore, every version has a different exercise time.

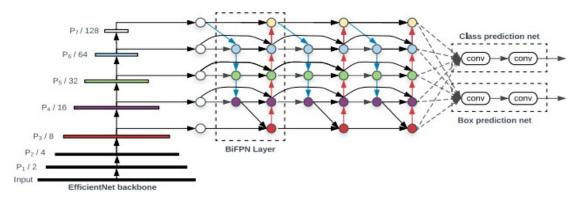


Figure. YOLOv5 architecture.

YOLOv7

The YOLO (You Only Look Once) v7 is the most current model in the lineup. YOLO models are single stage object scanners. To combine visible frames, a YOLO model uses a backbone. After mixing and combining in the neck, these traits are sent to the head of the network. YOLO predicts what kinds of items should have bounding boxes drawn around them, as well as their places.

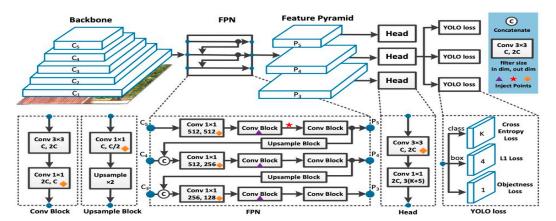


Figure. YOLOv7 architecture.

YOLOv8

For tasks including instance segmentation, object recognition, and picture classification, the most recent and advanced YOLO model, YOLOv8, is useful. YOLOv8 was made by the same company that created the famous and industry defining YOLOv5 model, Ultralytics. YOLOv8 has a lot of improvements and changes over YOLOv5 in terms of design and developer experience.

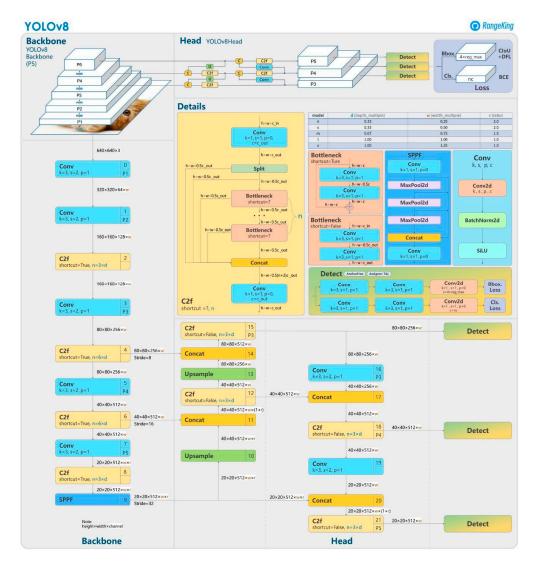


Figure. YOLOv8 architecture.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. Result Analysis

After training the model the results are plotted in the table.

Class	Precision	Recall	mAP50	mAP50-90
Early_blight	77%	62%	70%	29%
Late_blight	79%	75%	81%	36%
Leaf_Miner	96%	93%	94%	53%
Mosaic_virus	86%	94%	95%	54%
Septoria	63%	54%	55%	17%
Spider_mites	97%	97%	98%	59%

Yellow_Leaf_Curl_Virus 96%	92%	97%	65%
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4.2. Validation Graphs from YOLOv8

After training with 100 epochs this result graph given:

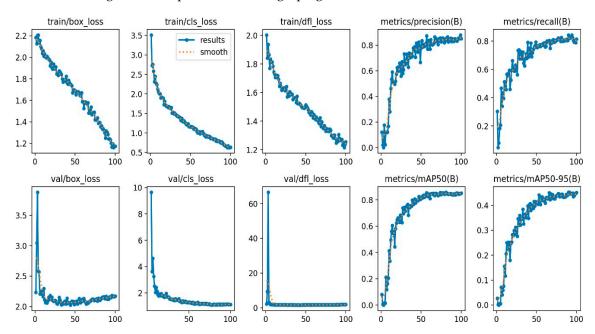


Figure 4.1. Displaying the progress of training and the metrics for model evaluation over 100 epochs.

After completing 100 Epochs result. But In this fig showing the $1^{\rm st}$ 20 Epoch for training the Model and Results.



Figure 4.2. Disease detection after training the model.

A confusion matrix works similarly to a scoreboard, showing the accuracy with which, a model predicts events. Let's say you want a machine to be able to distinguish between a bunch of apples and oranges. You can see how many times the machine got it right and wrong by looking at the confusion matrix. This is Figure 4.3 shows misunderstanding of YOLOv8 Model After Completing the Training process:

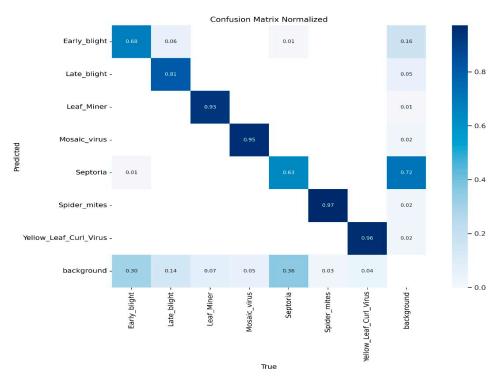


Figure 4.3. Confusion matrix for the trained YOLOv8m model.

To determine the weighted good average of a classifier's precision and recall value, the F1 score is an essential metric. All Curve Shown in bellow:

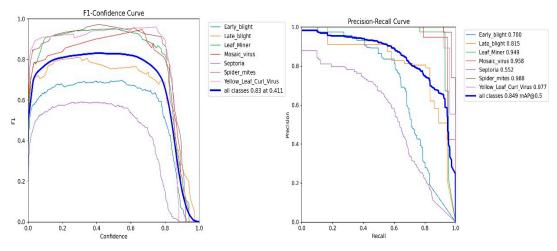


Figure 4.4. F1, Precision-Recall Curve.

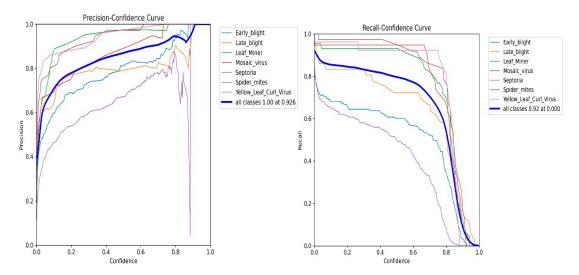


Figure 4.5. Precision, Recall Curve.

5. Limitations

Despite hopeful results, this study has several drawbacks. The model was trained on a specific dataset, which may limit its performance on unknown pictures with different lighting, backgrounds, or camera qualities. The system currently works only on tomato leaf diseases and does not allow cross-crop identification. Additionally, while YOLOv8 is efficient, its real-time performance on low-powered mobile or edge devices has not yet been fully tried. Finally, the model does not currently measure the intensity level of diseases, which could be important for treatment choices.

6. Future Work

In future work, we plan to apply the YOLOv8 model on mobile and edge devices to allow real-time disease identification in the field. Expanding the collection with varied pictures under different situations will help improve model stability. We also aim to expand the system to spot diseases in other crops and measure disease intensity levels. Integrating the system with IoT tools like drones or sensors could further support automatic, large-scale tracking. These improvements will make the system more useful and powerful for sustainable agriculture.

7. Conclusion

This study shows the usefulness of YOLO-based deep learning models in correctly finding and labeling tomato leaf illnesses. Among the tested versions, YOLOv8 beat YOLOv7 and YOLOv5 in terms of both precision and processing speed, getting a mean Average Precision (mAP) of 85%. Its better speed and processing efficiency make YOLOv8 highly suitable for real-time farming uses. By giving farmers with a fast and accurate tool for early disease identification, this study adds to better food management, reduced costs, and more sustainable farming practices. The suggested framework has the potential to be applied in mobile or edge devices, allowing approachable and low-cost options for disease tracking in the field. Future work will study model application in real-world settings and the merging of additional plant species to expand its usefulness across various farming contexts.

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