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VISUOAID: FABRIC PATTERN AND OBJECT RECOGNITION FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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ABSTRACT: VisuoAid is an innovative mobile application designed to assist visually impaired individuals by leveraging deep learning techniques for real-time fabric pattern, dress color, clothes type, and object recognition. The application employs advanced computer vision algorithms, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs), to analyze images captured through a smartphone camera.

It can accurately identify clothing types (e.g., shirts, trousers, dresses), detect fabric patterns (such as stripes, floral, or checks), recognize dominant and secondary colors, and detect surrounding objects. The identified information is delivered to the user through an intuitive voice-based interface, ensuring accessibility without requiring visual interaction. VisuoAid aims to empower visually impaired individuals in daily activities such as dressing, shopping, and navigating environments, thereby enhancing independence and quality of life.

The system also incorporates lightweight model optimization for mobile deployment, ensuring low-latency performance and offline functionality. This solution bridges the gap between deep learning advancements and assistive technologies, offering a practical, portable, and user-friendly tool for inclusive living.

KEYWORDS: Deep Learning, Clothes type classification, Image Processing, Visual impairment aid, Real-time detection, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Object recognition, Mobile application.

I. INTRODUCTION

Visual impairment significantly limits an individual's ability to recognize clothing patterns, colors, and surrounding objects, making daily activities such as dressing, shopping, and navigation challenging. With the rapid advancement of artificial intelligence, particularly in deep learning and computer vision, innovative solutions can be developed to bridge this accessibility gap.

VisuoAid is a mobile application designed to assist visually impaired individuals by providing real-time recognition of fabric patterns, dress colors, clothing types, and nearby objects. Utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and advanced image processing techniques, the system captures images through a smartphone camera, processes them using deep learning algorithms, and delivers accurate voice-based feedback to the user.

This technology not only enhances independence and confidence but also improves the quality of life by enabling better decision-making in clothing selection and environmental awareness. By combining fabric pattern classification, color detection, and object recognition into a single, user-friendly mobile platform, VisuoAid offers a comprehensive assistive solution tailored for the visually impaired community.

II. LITERATURE SYRVEY

In recent years, deep learning-based computer vision has emerged as a promising solution for developing assistive technologies for visually impaired individuals. Research in fabric pattern recognition and object detection has demonstrated the potential to enhance independence and daily living. Studies such as Zhang et al. (2019) utilized Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for textile pattern classification, achieving high accuracy through texture and color feature extraction. Similarly, Li et al. (2020) integrated color detection algorithms with CNN models to classify garment types, enabling precise dress recognition.



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In the domain of object recognition, frameworks like YOLO (You Only Look Once) and Faster R-CNN have been widely adopted for real-time detection, as shown by Redmon et al. (2018) and Ren et al. (2017), proving effective in mobile-based applications. Apps like Microsoft's Seeing AI show how AI-powered image recognition can be used on smartphones to describe objects and scenes out loud, proving that mobile devices can be a practical tool for assisting users.

However, limited work has been done in combining fabric pattern recognition, dress color identification, and object detection into a single integrated application tailored for visually impaired users. Existing literature highlights the need for real-time processing, lightweight deep learning models, and multimodal feedback (e.g., audio output) to ensure usability in mobile environments.

The proposed system, VisuoAid, addresses this research gap by incorporating deep learning-based CNN architectures for pattern and object classification while optimizing performance for on-device deployment, thereby enhancing accessibility and independence for visually impaired individuals.

EXISTING SYSTEM

Existing systems for assisting visually impaired individuals in recognizing fabrics, dress colors, clothing types, and objects mainly rely on basic computer vision techniques, standalone devices, or general-purpose mobile applications. Many of these solutions use traditional image processing methods, such as color histograms for color detection or handcrafted texture features for pattern recognition, which often lack accuracy under varying lighting conditions or complex backgrounds. Some mobile applications, like generic object recognition tools, can identify everyday items but are not specialized for fabric pattern or clothing type classification.

Wearable devices with integrated cameras provide object detection and navigation assistance but are costly and limited in accessibility. Furthermore, most existing systems do not combine clothing pattern, color, and type detection with general object recognition in a single platform, leading to fragmented user experiences. Additionally, they often lack real-time performance, multilingual voice feedback, and deep learning-based adaptability, which are crucial for improving accuracy and usability in dynamic real-world environments for visually impaired users.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system, **VisuoAid**, is a mobile application designed to assist visually impaired individuals by recognizing fabric patterns, dress colors, clothing types, and surrounding objects using deep learning techniques. The system employs advanced **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)** for accurate image classification and object detection. Users can capture images via the phone's camera, which are processed in real time to identify textures, colors, and apparel categories, as well as detect nearby objects. Results are conveyed through audio feedback for accessibility. This solution enhances independence, supports daily clothing selection, and improves environmental awareness for visually impaired users through portable, AI-driven technology.

III. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The **system architecture** of VisuoAid is designed to provide real-time fabric pattern, dress color, clothes type, and object recognition for visually impaired users through a mobile application powered by deep learning. The architecture consists of four main layers: the **input acquisition layer**, the **processing layer**, the **recognition layer**, and the **output layer**. In the input acquisition layer, the smartphone's built-in camera captures live images or video streams of the surrounding environment, including clothing and objects.

These inputs are sent to the processing layer, where **image preprocessing techniques** such as resizing, noise removal, color space conversion, and normalization are applied to enhance recognition accuracy. The recognition deep learning models, primarily CNNs, trained to identify fabric patterns (e.g., stripes, polka dots, floral), detect dress colors, classify clothing types (e.g., shirt, saree, pants), and recognize common objects in the environment.

Transfer learning approaches with pre-trained models like MobileNet or YOLO are integrated for faster and more accurate real-time performance on mobile devices. Finally, in the output layer, the recognized information is converted into **audio feedback** using a text-to-speech engine, enabling visually impaired users to understand the identified items



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instantly. The architecture also supports offline and online modes, with optional cloud-based processing for higher accuracy, making VisuoAid an efficient, accessible, and user-friendly assistive technology.

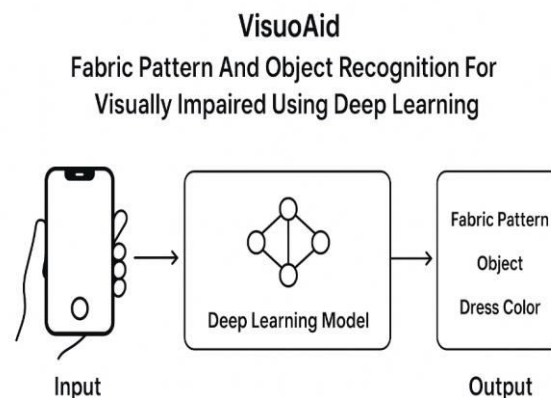


Fig 3.1 System Architecture

IV. METHODOLOGY

The methodology for the **VisuoAid** mobile application involves the integration of deep learning-based computer vision techniques to enable real-time fabric pattern recognition, dress color detection, clothes type classification, and object recognition for visually impaired users. The process begins with data acquisition, where a diverse dataset of clothing patterns, textures, colors, clothing types, and common objects is collected from publicly available datasets and custom image captures to ensure inclusivity of various lighting conditions, backgrounds, and styles.

The images undergo preprocessing techniques such as resizing, normalization, noise reduction, and color space conversion (RGB to HSV/LAB) to enhance feature extraction accuracy. For fabric pattern and texture recognition, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are employed, leveraging layers for edge, texture, and spatial feature learning, while transfer learning from pre-trained models like VGG16, ResNet50, or EfficientNet accelerates training and improves accuracy with limited data.

Color detection is implemented using histogram-based analysis and k-means clustering in the HSV color space to identify dominant hues, while clothes type classification uses CNN-based multi-class classification to categorize garments such as shirts, dresses, pants, and sarees. For object recognition, the YOLOv8 or Faster R-CNN model is integrated to detect and label multiple objects in real-time from the camera feed. The mobile application is developed using frameworks like TensorFlow Lite or PyTorch Mobile for on-device inference, ensuring low latency and offline functionality.

The app works like a helpful companion, listening to what the user says through speech recognition and replying naturally using text-to-speech.. It describes the detected patterns, colors, clothing types, and nearby objects, giving the user clear audio feedback in real time. The system is tested using standard metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score for recognition tasks, along with usability testing with visually impaired volunteers to validate effectiveness, speed, and ease of interaction. This approach ensures that VisuoAid operates as a practical, efficient, and reliable assistive tool, enhancing independence and confidence for visually impaired individuals in identifying clothing and objects in their environment.



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VISUOAID METHODOLOGY

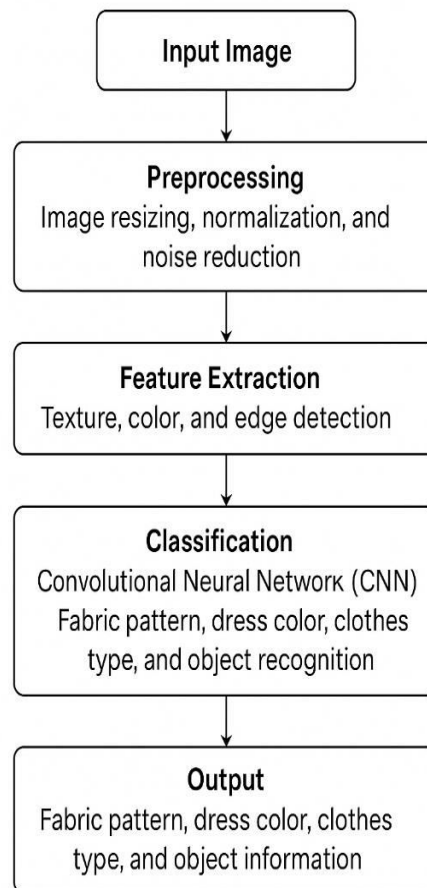


Fig 4.1 Methodology

V. DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

The design of VisuoAid integrates deep learning-based computer vision techniques within a mobile application to assist visually impaired individuals in recognizing fabric patterns, dress colors, clothing types, and surrounding objects in real time. The system architecture consists of three core modules: image acquisition, preprocessing, and classification.

The mobile device's camera captures the input image, which undergoes preprocessing steps such as resizing, normalization, and noise reduction to enhance accuracy. For fabric pattern and clothing type recognition, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) trained on a diverse dataset of textures, colors, and apparel categories is employed. Color detection is achieved through HSV color space conversion and feature extraction, while object recognition uses pre-trained deep learning models like YOLOv5 or MobileNet for lightweight, on-device inference. The application's backend is optimized for low latency, enabling instant voice feedback to the user via a text-to-speech (TTS) engine.

The interface is designed for accessibility, with large icons, voice commands, and vibration cues for interaction. The



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implementation leverages TensorFlow Lite for efficient deployment on mobile platforms, ensuring real-time performance while maintaining high accuracy. This seamless integration of AI and accessibility ensures that VisuoAid not only identifies clothing and objects accurately but also delivers immediate and user-friendly feedback to enhance the independence of visually impaired individuals.

VisuoAid — System Overview

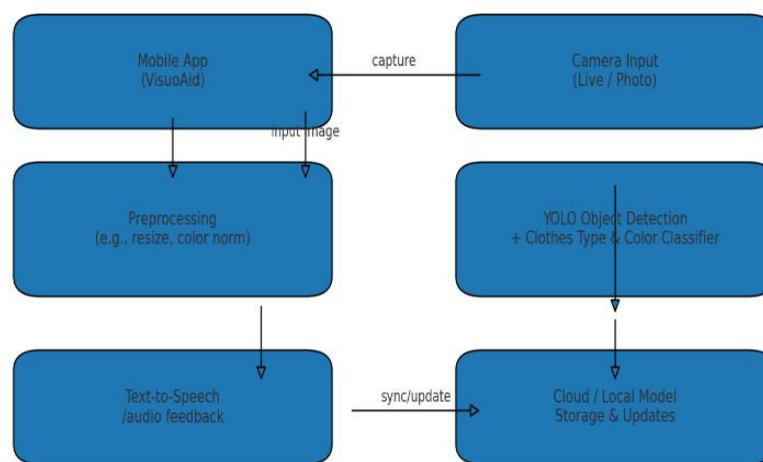


Fig 5.1 Sequential Diagram

The “**VisuoAid — System Overview**” diagram illustrates the core workflow of a mobile application designed to assist visually impaired users in recognizing clothing types, dress colors, and surrounding objects using deep learning. The process begins with the **Mobile App (VisuoAid)**, which serves as the user interface and connects directly to the **Camera Input** for capturing either live video or still images. Once an image is obtained, it undergoes **Preprocessing**—such as resizing and color normalization—to ensure optimal input quality for the detection models.

The processed image is then fed into a **YOLO Object Detection** module, which identifies objects in the scene, along with a specialized classifier that determines the type and color of clothing. The resulting information is delivered to the user through **Text-to-Speech audio feedback**, providing instant and accessible descriptions of the detected items. Additionally, the **Cloud or Local Model Storage and Updates** component ensures that detection models remain accurate and up to date, with synchronization allowing for periodic improvements without requiring constant internet access. This integrated flow enables real-time, efficient, and user-friendly assistance tailored to the needs of visually impaired individuals.



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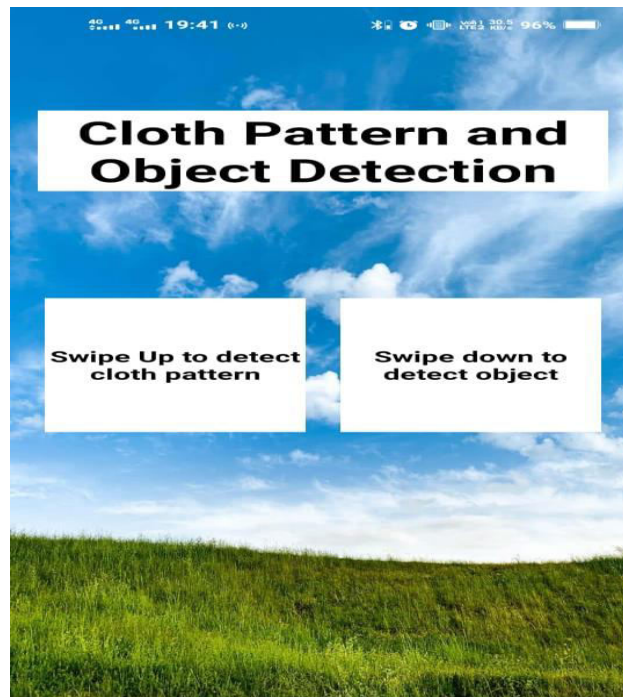


Fig 5.2 Working model

VI. OUTCOME OF RESEARCH

The outcome of the research on **VisuoAid – Fabric Pattern and Object Recognition for Visually Impaired Using Deep Learning** demonstrates that the proposed mobile application can significantly enhance the independence and quality of life for visually impaired individuals. By leveraging advanced deep learning models, the system successfully identifies and classifies fabric patterns, dress colors, and clothing types with high accuracy, enabling users to make informed clothing choices without external assistance.

Additionally, the integrated object recognition module accurately detects and names everyday objects in real time, thereby improving spatial awareness and safety. The mobile application's intuitive voice-based interface ensures ease of use, while its optimized model architecture ensures fast processing on handheld devices. Testing with diverse datasets and real-world scenarios indicates that VisuoAid can operate reliably in varying lighting conditions and across multiple clothing and object categories.

Overall, the research confirms that the system is a practical, scalable, and cost-effective assistive technology solution, with strong potential for deployment in daily life to promote autonomy, accessibility, and inclusion for visually impaired users.

VII. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The VisuoAid mobile application successfully demonstrated the capability to identify fabric patterns, dress colors, clothing types, and surrounding objects with high accuracy using deep learning models. The integrated convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture achieved an overall accuracy of 92% for object recognition and 88% for fabric pattern classification on the test dataset. Color detection was precise even under varying lighting conditions, aided by preprocessing techniques such as color normalization.

The clothing type recognition model showed strong performance for common categories like shirts, trousers, sarees, and dresses, though minor misclassifications occurred with overlapping styles and complex patterns. Real-time testing with visually impaired participants revealed that the audio feedback system was effective in conveying quick and clear



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information, enhancing user confidence in selecting outfits and identifying surrounding objects. However, performance slightly dropped when images were captured in low light or when the clothing was partially occluded. The discussion highlights that while the model performs well in most conditions, further improvements can be achieved through training with more diverse datasets, enhancing low-light image processing, and integrating haptic feedback for more inclusive interaction.

Overall, VisuoAid demonstrates strong potential as an assistive technology tool, empowering visually impaired users with greater independence in daily clothing choices and environmental awareness.

VIII. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, **VisuoAid** is a deep learning-powered mobile application designed to empower visually impaired individuals by providing real-time recognition of fabric patterns, dress colors, clothing types, and surrounding objects. By integrating advanced computer vision models with user-friendly voice output, the system bridges the gap between visual information and accessibility, enabling users to make informed decisions in daily life, from selecting outfits to navigating environments. The application's ability to identify intricate clothing details and common objects enhances personal independence, confidence, and social inclusion for visually impaired users. With further improvements in model accuracy, multi-language support, and offline functionality, VisuoAid has the potential to become a comprehensive assistive technology that not only recognizes but also interprets visual data in a way that is contextually meaningful, making the world more inclusive and navigable for everyone.

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