

# A Web-Based Plant Disease Detection System Using YOLO and Hybrid Localization Techniques for Precision Agriculture

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**Abstract**—Plant diseases have greatly affected crop production and food security in the world. Automated plant disease detection systems are vital owing to the emergence of deep learning technology; but most existing models are classified into disease categories and fail to locate the affected regions. Therefore, a hybrid model based on deep learning and computer vision is proposed in this paper to perform plant disease classification as well as approximate bounding box detection.

The proposed model employs the publicly available PlantVillage dataset, in which plant diseases are labeled, but there are no bounding boxes attached. In order to cope with this problem, the proposed model adopts a hybrid solution in which classification is carried out using a deep learning model while the localization is carried out by segmentation and contour detection methods. Web interface is developed for the purpose of predicting in real time, whereas the Jupyter Notebook interface is employed for training and visualization purposes.

It is shown from experimental results that the proposed model yields high levels of classification accuracy as well as interpretable localization results.

**Index Terms**—Plant disease detection, YOLO, deep learning, computer vision, bounding box, precision agriculture

## I. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture plays a vital role in catering to the needs of the world for its food supply. Diseases are among the factors responsible for causing plant loss and financial and productive loss. Detecting disease in plants early and correctly is crucial for preventing crop loss.

Detection using traditional methods involves manual inspections that can be time-consuming and cause errors. Due to improvements in computer vision and artificial intelligence, systems that can classify plant diseases through their leaf images are now available.

Although these classification algorithms have been effective, none of them can detect disease localization, which helps assess the amount of damage caused by disease. In this research, a hybrid model that uses computer vision and deep learning for both classification and localization is presented.

## II. PROBLEM DEFINITION

Although there are many publicly available datasets with data about various plant diseases, one of the main disadvantages is that there is a lack of bounding box information needed for implementing the algorithms of object detection type. Thus, it is impossible to use directly the detection architecture like YOLO since they require spatial information about the localization of regions containing disease in a picture.

Furthermore, one more disadvantage is connected with the complexity of converting a classification task into a localization task for a dataset. The problem is that there is no possibility of localization because PlantVillage dataset contains only label information for the whole picture, which does not allow specifying the location of the disease.

Finally, there is an evident need in creating interactive and user-friendly tools that can be easily used by both farmers and scientists. Unfortunately, the majority of existing applications do not contain a web-based interface. Besides, there is always a necessity to visualize the prediction results since a person has to understand what is happening in the picture.

Thus, the current research tries to implement all of these aspects to create the required product.

## III. LITERATURE SURVEY

Recent developments in the detection of plant diseases have made extensive use of deep learning and computer vision methods. There are multiple research efforts in which the efficacy of CNNs and other related architectures has been tested to classify plant diseases with high accuracy using leaves' images [1], [8], [18].

There have been multiple recent developments in the field of object detection. Specifically, YOLO is considered a popular object detection framework, as it is fast and efficient enough to allow real-time detection and localization. The use of the framework in image processing and identification of the objects is widely discussed in the literature [3]. Nevertheless, most of the studies are dedicated more to classification than

to object localization because of the absence of annotated datasets.

Artificial Intelligence is actively used in the field of agriculture for various purposes, such as precision farming, crop monitoring, and automated plant disease detection [4], [5], [13]. All of these solutions have been created to increase the production efficiency while reducing the amount of manual labor needed. Computer vision techniques are commonly used for monitoring plant health and detecting crop diseases [9], [15].

Image processing algorithms like segmentation and contours detection have been applied to find the impacted regions on the plants' leaves [6], [12]. In cases where spatial labels are not available, these algorithms become extremely useful since they allow localizing the regions which are diseased approximately.

Combining deep learning and image processing has also been considered as a way to enhance the efficiency of both classification and localization tasks [11], [17]. Additionally, incorporating AI-based systems into real-world applications such as smart agriculture and automated machinery is becoming increasingly important [10], [19], [20].

However, certain issues like limited data, poor interpretability, and the need for real-time implementation still exist. The motivation to design an integrated solution which incorporates classification, localization, and visualization comes from that.

#### IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system uses a multi-layered architecture with the following three major layers:

**Data layer** This layer takes care of acquiring the dataset, preparing it, and performing any required pre-processing on the acquired data in terms of image resizing and normalization among others.

**Processing layer** This layer comprises the heart of the proposed system since the YOLO model will be used here for classifying diseases on leaves and image processing methods like segmentation and contour detection will be performed here to detect the affected areas of the leaves.

**Application Layer** This layer is an easy-to-use GUI through which users will be able to upload the images of the plant leaves and get predictions as well as bounding boxes visualization.

AAs illustrated in Fig. 1, the architecture of the system is designed to analyze an input image of a plant leaf following a structured sequence of three stages of preprocessing, model inference, and localization. The initial step involves normalization and preparation of the input image in the data layer, followed by passing it to the processing layer for disease classification using the YOLO algorithm. At the same time, image processing methods will be used to detect the locations that are affected, which are enclosed using bounding boxes.

##### A. System Workflow Representation

The flowchart presented in Fig. 2 shows the overall architecture of the proposed framework. The initial step of the proposed system involves providing an input image of a leaf

of the plant, followed by preprocessing operations such as resizing and normalization.

The processed input image is next provided as input to two parallel modules. In the first module, the YOLO framework is used for performing the task of classifying the disease. For detecting the disease areas, image processing methods such as segmentation and contour detection have been employed.

The results obtained from both the modules are fused using hybrid localization for generating approximate bounding boxes.

#### V. METHODOLOGY

##### A. Dataset

**Description** The new Plant Diseases dataset, accessed via Kaggle, comprises a vast number of images of plants with various diseases along with their classes. The data contains a large number of images of leaves of different crops. These images have been tagged with labels corresponding to their classes. As a result, it can be used in supervised learning. Nonetheless, this dataset lacks annotations for object detection because it does not provide spatial information like bounding boxes.

##### B. Dataset Split Analysis

In the dataset split illustrated by the graph shown in Fig. 3, we can observe how the training and validation samples have been distributed in the various plant diseases categories. From the graph, we notice that there is a fairly equal distribution of the samples used for training and validation, thus avoiding any form of bias in favor of certain categories.

##### C. Preprocessing

Before feeding the data into the model, they are scaled to have the same size and normalized for uniformity in the entire set. To further enhance the diversity in the data set, the use of augmenting data through rotations, horizontal flips, and small-scale variations is used. This makes sure that overfitting is prevented during training.

##### D. YOLO-Based Prediction

YOLO performs its functions through grid division of the input image and prediction of class probabilities and possible coordinates of the bounding boxes around these objects. In this study, YOLO is applied mainly for feature extraction and prediction of disease classes since there is no annotation present for bounding boxes. Thus, YOLO learns discriminative features related to plant diseases and can predict their types based on these features.

##### E. Hybrid Localization

As bounding box annotations are not provided in the dataset, localization of affected areas is performed using classical computer vision approaches. Thresholding for colors, detecting edges, and finding contours are some of the classical approaches used in detecting regions that show signs of infection.

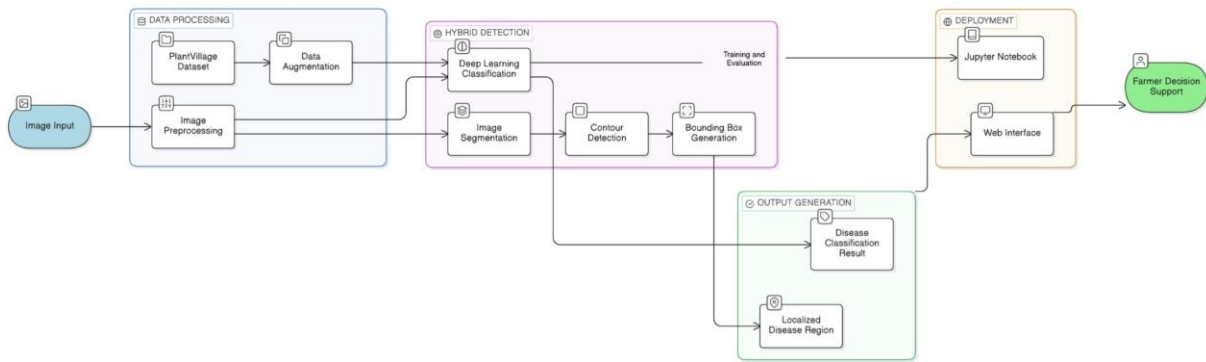


Fig. 1: System architecture showing data flow from input image to prediction and bounding box output.

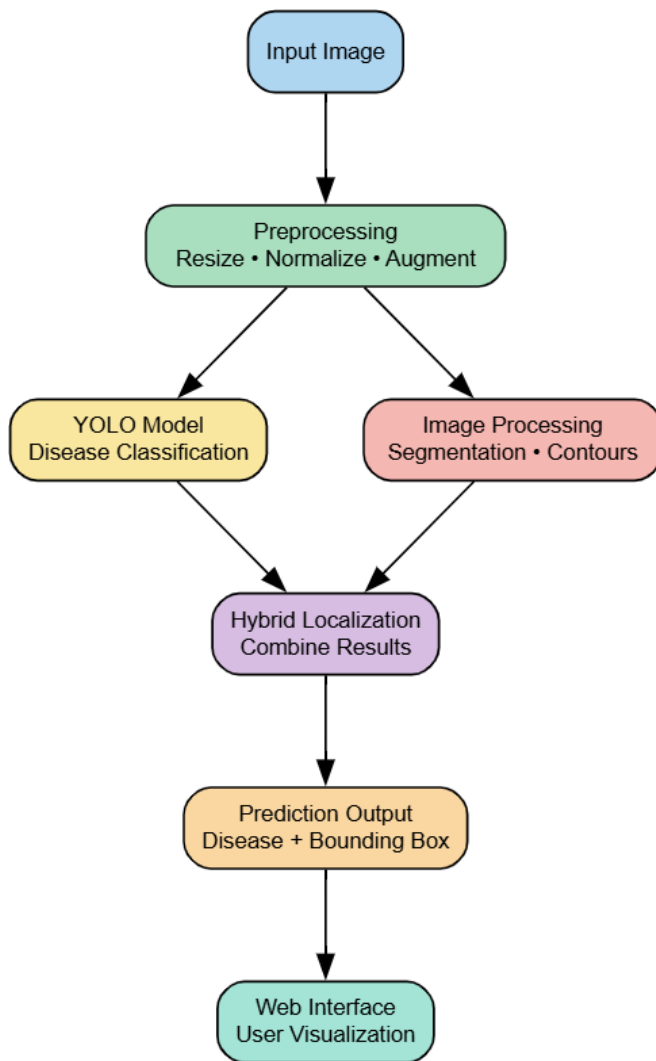


Fig. 2: Graphviz-based representation of the proposed system workflow showing data flow from input image to final prediction and visualization.

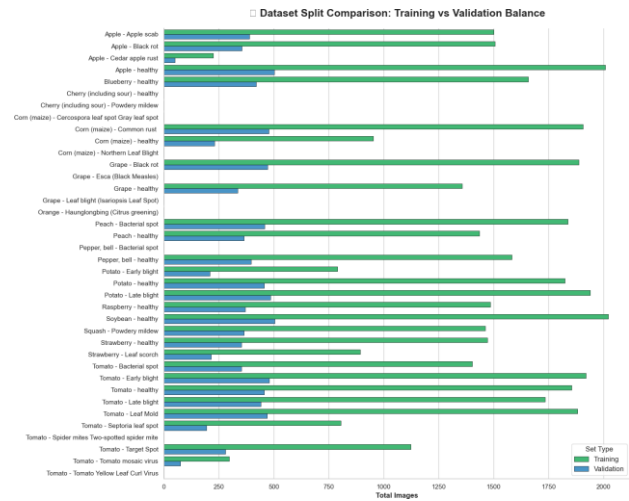


Fig. 3: Dataset split comparison showing distribution of training and validation samples across different plant disease classes.

- Color thresholding
- Edge detection
- Contour extraction

Contours are converted into bounding boxes.

## VI. MATHEMATICAL MODELING

Let dataset be:

$$D = \{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N \quad (1)$$

Prediction:

$$\hat{y} = f(x) \quad (2)$$

Loss:

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum (y - \hat{y})^2 \quad (3)$$

Bounding box representation:

$$B = (x, y, w, h) \quad (4)$$

## VII. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND VISUAL ANALYSIS

### A. Accuracy Curve

Accuracy plot demonstrates the process of learning by the model during the training sessions. Accuracy demonstrates how much the model learns from the training process and performs better at classifying input data. Increasing accuracy means successful learning process. Convergence in the training and validation accuracy means successful generalization.

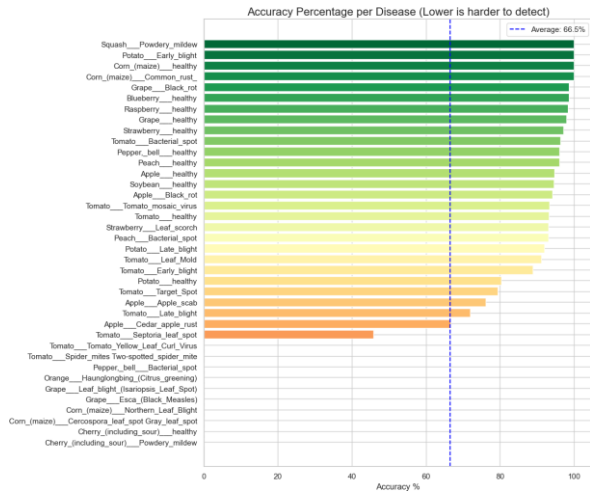


Fig. 4: Accuracy vs Epochs showing model learning progression and convergence behavior.

### B. Loss Curve

The loss graph shows how the error rate has been reduced over time in training and validation. If the loss decreases, then the model minimizes prediction errors. The smooth decrease in the training and validation losses is an indication of stable learning.

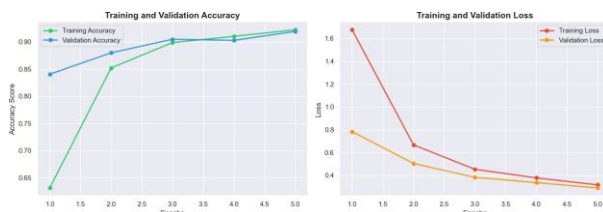


Fig. 5: Loss vs Epochs indicating reduction in model error during training.

### C. Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix is an important method that provides comprehensive insight into how well the classification model performs. The higher the value in the diagonal, the better the prediction of the model. Otherwise, any value found outside the diagonal is a result of wrong prediction.

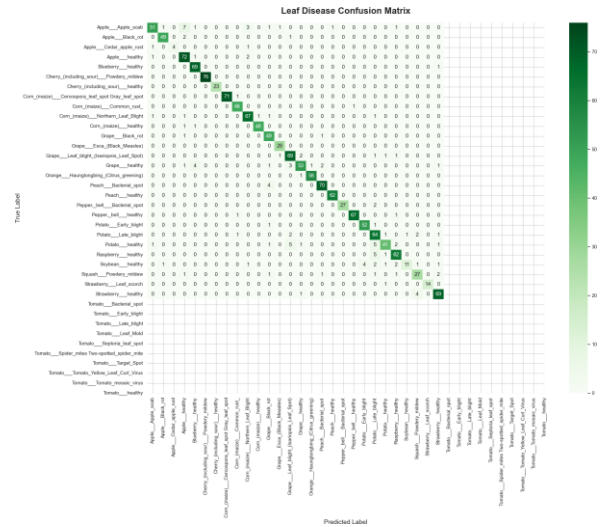


Fig. 6: Confusion matrix showing classification performance across different disease classes.

### D. ROC Curve

The ROC curve assesses the classifier's ability to discriminate between the various classes. The ROC curve is plotted using the true positive rate and the false positive rate. A curve that lies close to the upper left-hand side of the plot represents a high level of discrimination.

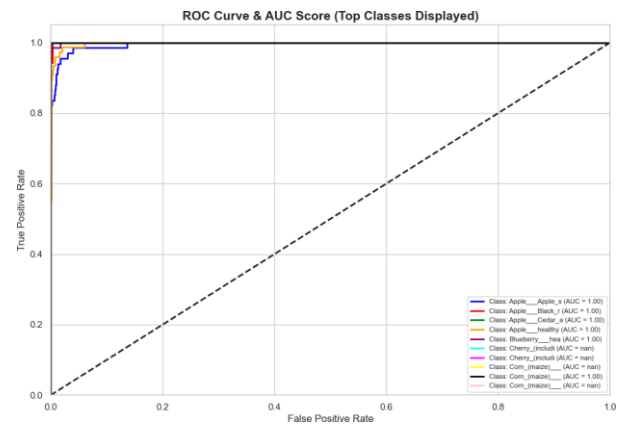


Fig. 7: ROC curve illustrating the classification capability of the model.

### E. Precision-Recall Curve

A precision recall curve shows the tradeoff between precision and recall for the classifier. It is especially helpful when dealing with data sets that have class imbalance. A larger area under the curve shows more reliable models.

### F. Bounding Box Output

The bounding box output is the end result of the algorithm where the disease in the detected image is emphasized using the input image. This is because the bounding box identifies the area in question to give localization and classification.

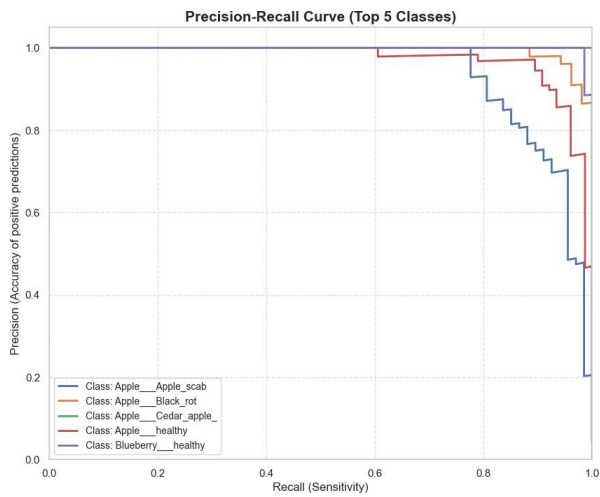


Fig. 8: Precision-Recall curve showing model performance and reliability.

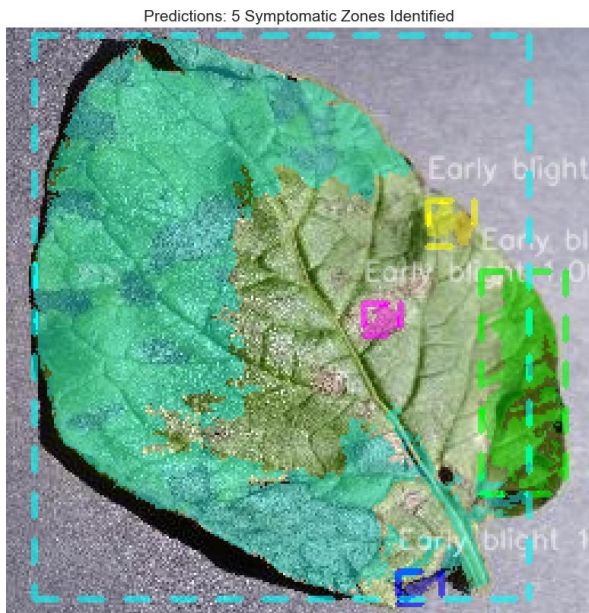


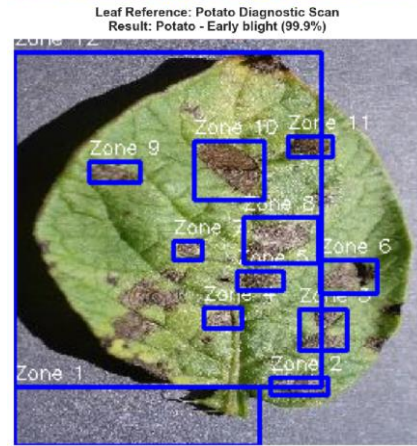
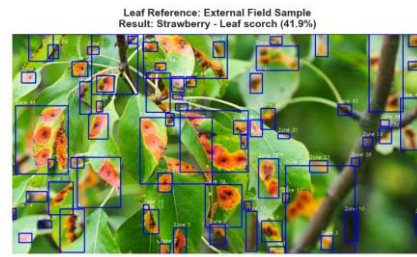
Fig. 9: Final output showing predicted disease along with bounding box localization of affected regions.

### G. Sample Output Results

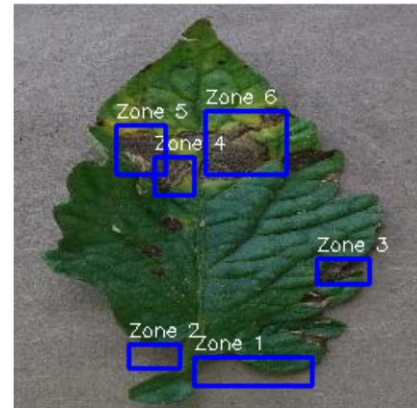
To further demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed system, sample outputs obtained from different plant leaf images are presented in Fig. 10. These results illustrate the model's ability to classify diseases and localize affected regions using bounding boxes under varying conditions.

### H. Comparative Analysis of Sample Predictions

The performance of the system across different samples is summarized in Table I. The table highlights the predicted disease class, confidence score, number of detected regions (zones), and severity level.



Leaf Reference: Tomato Early-Stage Analysis  
Result: Tomato - Early blight (46.8%)



Leaf Reference: Tomato Control (Healthy)  
Result: Tomato - healthy (77.4%)



Fig. 10: Sample outputs showing disease prediction and bounding box localization across different plant leaf images.

TABLE I: AI Leaf Diagnostic Report

Sample ID	AI Diagnosis	Confidence	Zones	Severity
External Field Sample	Strawberry - Leaf scorch	41.9%	69	High
Potato Diagnostic Scan	Potato - Early blight	99.9%	12	High
Tomato Early-Stage Analysis	Tomato - Early blight	46.8%	6	High
Tomato Control (Healthy)	Tomato - healthy	77.4%	0	N/A

### VIII. WEB INTERFACE IMPLEMENTATION

A web-based interface is developed using Streamlit. Users can upload images and obtain real-time predictions along with bounding box visualization.

### IX. RESULT ANALYSIS

TABLE II: Final Model Performance Metrics

Metric	Training	Validation
Accuracy (%)	92.23	91.93
Loss	0.3171	0.2901

TABLE III: Epoch-wise Training and Validation Performance

Ep	T Loss	T Acc	V Loss	V Acc	Remarks
1	1.6762	63.12%	0.7841	84.06%	Initial learning phase
2	0.6678	85.21%	0.5051	87.99%	Rapid improvement
3	0.4539	89.88%	0.3833	90.49%	Stable convergence
4	0.3787	91.02%	0.3372	90.29%	Minor fluctuation
5	0.3171	92.23%	0.2901	91.93%	Best performance

### X. CONCLUSION

This suggested mixed method ensures efficient integration of disease classification and location through deep learning based on the YOLO algorithm, along with the use of image processing methods. As the model makes use of the Plant Village dataset and solves the problem of lacking annotations for bounding boxes, it can classify plant diseases and mark affected areas via the bounding box method.

From experimental analysis of the model, it becomes clear that its classification accuracy rate is high, and at the same time, the process is stable during both the training and validation stages. In addition, the use of the web interface increases the usability of the developed application.

Overall, the suggested technique seems efficient for use in precision agriculture and intelligent farming systems.

### XI. FUTURE SCOPE

Extensions may be made to improve the functionality and performance of the designed system in the future. One of these improvements can be the use of a real-time camera-based detection system that will monitor the health of plants. The introduction of the mentioned extension will allow us to detect diseases promptly.

The second modification will involve the development of an application that will increase the accessibility of the proposed system for its users. A mobile application would allow people to carry out on-field detection by using only their smartphones, which makes the system more convenient in terms of usage.

The third improvement would involve the creation of fully annotated datasets, which will help us create better localizations of objects and use more sophisticated YOLO models to identify disease-causing objects. Furthermore, we can implement methods of explainability (such as Grad-CAM) to ensure increased user satisfaction.

Lastly, it is possible to expand the scope of applications of the system. By increasing the number of plants used to train our machine learning algorithm and including other types of diseases in our dataset, we can increase the robustness of our system.

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