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Fresh Fruit Detection Using Deep Learning

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***Abstract*—**The Fresh Fruit Identification System constitutes a notable advancement in the meals industry. Employing sophisticated technologies along with machine-getting-to-know and computer imagination and prescient, it complements the great evaluation and optimization of perishable items, mainly focusing on culmination and greens. This contemporary system employs advanced gadgets gaining knowledge of models, especially convolutional neural networks (CNNs), to meticulously analyze high-decision pics of processed meals. By rapidly and appropriately identifying objects based totally on attributes that include shade, texture, and shape, the machine guarantees no longer the simplest precision in categorization but also an in-intensity best evaluation. This entails defect detection and the assessment of ripeness, making sure that the most effective rate-satisfactory merchandise reaches customers. The implementation of sturdy and scalable systems has adeptly addressed demanding situations associated with facts, model education, and real-time processing. Consequently, the Fresh Food Identification System emerges as a pivotal contributor to raising the standards of the perishable meals supply chain, embodying a dedication to excellence and performance**.**

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I. INTRODUCTION

The excellent protection of fresh meal items, together with fruits, veggies, and seafood, are paramount concerns in the meals enterprise. Consumers have an increasing number of calls for amazing, nutritious, and safe produce. To meet those needs and conquer the restrictions of guide inspection strategies, the integration of the gadget-mastering era has emerged as a groundbreaking solution. Fresh meal detection, powered using device mastering and laptop imaginative and prescient, is at the leading edge of this transformative shift, redefining how we examine, sort, and guarantee the great of perishable goods. This novel approach leverages the abilities of synthetic intelligence and automation to bring in a brand-new generation of accuracy and performance. Traditionally, the assessment of clean food relied on human visible inspection, which is not the most effective exertions-in-depth however also susceptible to human mistakes and variations. Fresh food detection structures, however, offer a systematic and information-pushed technique. They examine the visible traits of food items with unprecedented precision and consistency, permitting rapid assessment and categorization. In this complete exploration, we delve into the multifaceted realm of sparkling food detection, delving into the middle technology, the big benefits it gives to the meals industry, and its capability to revolutionize the way we deal with, distribute, and eat perishable food items. We will analyze the methods that support these systems, their expected outcomes in terms of efficiency and accuracy, and the broader impact of this technology on the food delivery process. Our focus will be on how it helps to provide customers with fresher, safer, and higher-quality food products.

II. MOTIVATION

The demand for successful and reliable fresh fruit detection techniques has grown in today's fast-paced world. Fresh produce quality and safety are now top priorities due to the growing global population and emphasis on healthier lifestyles. Fruit inspection done the old-fashioned way is frequently labor-intensive, long, and susceptible to blunders made by people. However, the development of machine learning presents a viable way to address these issues. We can transform how we identify and evaluate fruit freshness by utilizing artificial intelligence, particularly with the help of sophisticated machine learning algorithms. By exactly identifying and sorting fresh fruits, machine learning techniques have the potential to boost efficiency, minimize waste, and eventually improve food safety and quality standards. The current study seeks to look into this potential.

III. OBJECTIVE

The current research aims to examine the efficiency and viability of using machine learning algorithms to recognize and classify fresh fruits. To create accurate simulations that recognize between various fresh fruit types based on visual characteristics like color, texture, and shape, the study utilizes the use of a range of machine learning techniques, which might involve convolutional neural networks, also known as CNNs, and support vector machines (SVMs). The study seeks to determine the efficiency of machine learning models in real-world scenarios by performing direct observation and research. The final goal is to create automated fruit inspection systems that enhance efficiency, reduce waste, and prevent the quality and safety of fresh produce in the agricultural and food processing areas.

IV. LITERATURE SURVEY

1. “Deep learning and machine vision for food processing”,2021 by Lili Zhu, Petros Spachos, Erica Pensini, Konstantinos N. Plataniotis. The paper provides an overview of traditional machine learning and deep learning techniques it discusses the machine vision techniques applied in food processing and also identifies the future trends in machine vision for food processing.

2. “Automatic Detection and Grading of Multiple Fruits by Machine Learning”,2019 by Anuja Bhargava1 & Atul Bansal. The paper presents a system for classifying and grading fruits using machine learning and the system uses multiple features and classifiers to differentiate fruit types and evaluate quality. The paper focuses on the automatic detection and grading of multiple fruits.

3. “A critical review on computer vision and artificial intelligence in the food industry”,2020 by Vijay Kakani, Van Huan Nguyen, Basivi Praveen Kumar, Hakil Kim, Visweswara Rao Pasupuleti. The paper provides insight into AI and computer vision technologies in the food industries and also discusses the potential of using Fourth Industrial Revolution technologies for sustainable food production.

4. “Monitoring Fresh Fruit and Food Using IoT and Machine Learning to Improve Food Safety and Quality”,2023 by Kutubuddin Kazi, Sunita Sunil Shende, Priyamangesh Nerker, Sayyed Liyakat. The paper presents an IoT and ML-based approach to monitoring fresh foods and provides accuracy and sensitivity results for the classification algorithm used. High-resolution cameras capture the images sent to a cloud server via IoT devices.

5. “An Artificial Intelligence Approach Toward Food Spoilage Detection and Analysis”,2022 by Ekta Sonwani, Urvashi Bansal, Roobaea Alroobaea, Abdullah M. Baqasah, and Mustapha Hedabou. Researchers aim to increase food shelf life and reduce wastage. The system detects the fruits and vegetable types using the CNN model and the system increases the shell life by 2 days. They proposed a smart system to track food quality using sensors that monitor gas emissions, humidity, and temperature to detect spoilage foods.

6. “Automatic food detection in egocentric images using artificial intelligence technology”,2018 by Wenyan Jia1, Yuecheng Li, Ruowei Qu, Thomas Baranowski, Lora E Burke, Hong Zhang, Yicheng Bai, Juliet M Mancino, Guizhi Xu, Zhi-Hong Mao, and Mingui Sun. The paper focuses on developing an AI algorithm for automatic food detection in egocentric images. The AI-based algorithm achieved 91.5% and 86.4% accuracy in food detection. It uses the Clarifai CNN to produce tag output from the input image.

7. “Real-time fruits quality detection with the help of artificial intelligence”,2020 by Punna Sai Priya, Naga Jyoshna, Sireesha Amaraneni, Jagannadha Swamy. The paper proposes a system for real-time fruit quality detection using AI. The system uses image processing and ML algorithms for classification and grading including feature extraction techniques like HOG and LBP. It uses deep learning for object prediction with audio sound and Yolov3 models are used for object identification and quality check. The goal is to develop a non-destructive and automated system for fruit grading.

8. “Machine learning techniques for analysis of hyperspectral images to determine the quality of food products”,2021 by Dhritiman Saha, Annamalai Manickavasagan. The paper identifies the research gaps and prospects in machine learning techniques for hyperspectral image analysis. Hyperspectral imaging is a powerful tool for nondestructive assessment of food quality. ML algorithms can analyze hyperspectral images with high accuracy. Effective wavelength selection reduces computational load and enhances real-time applications.

V. METHODOLOGY

1. Data Collection: We create an extensive selection of food that is perishable which includes a variety of appearances and freshness levels. Images with suitable metadata should be provided in this collection. And we provide categories such as "fresh," or "ripe” to describe the freshness status of each item in the collection. Gather an extensive dataset containing photos of foods that have been processed as well as those that have not, making sure to include a range of fruits and we acquire images of these fruits at various stages of freshness.

2. Data Preprocessing: Once the data has been collected we perform procedures such as resizing, normalizing pixel values, and perhaps further enhancing the data to boost variability to arrange the images, especially when acquiring information about fresh food features. Enrich the dataset via data augmentation techniques, which include rotation, flipping, and color adjustments, to boost the diversity of the training data.

3. Feature extraction: Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are implemented to automatically extract relevant features of foods from images. The features that are most indicating freshness include color, texture, and appearance. Convolutional Neural Networks, also referred to as CNNs, along with additional approaches may be used to extract relevant information from images and automatically identify aspects unique to fresh food items.

4. Labeling: Then we divide photos into two distinct groups: fresh and non-fresh. For the model to learn how to differentiate between fresh and non-fresh food items based on labeled samples, this crucial phase ensures accurate investigation.

5. Model Selection: We chose a machine learning model that is suitable for identifying fresh food. CNNs, or convolutional neural networks, are often used for classification of image purposes keeping in mind that CNNs are good at capturing the spatial patterns seen in images of fresh food.

6. Model Training: For model training, first we need to split the dataset into groups for training and validation. Then we train the chosen model on the training dataset, modifying its weights and biases in response to predict the errors, and slowly improve its performance. We added some described images to the model and adjusted its parameters to enhance its fresh food detection rate.

7. Evaluation and Deployment: First we analyze the trained model's performance on the test set to see how well it is capable of recognizing the freshness of the foods. Analyze misclassified samples to perform additional qualitative analysis and find potential areas for improvement. We determine to recall, accuracy, and precision to measure how well the model identifies fresh food. We deploy the trained model in real-time fresh food detection production situations. Developed effective error handling and monitoring processes to ensure the model's performance and reliability throughout a variety of usage environments.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULT DISCUSSION

VI.I IMPLEMENTATION

A. IMAGE COLLECTION

Our proposed algorithm uses five different kinds of fruits, i.e., apple, banana, pineapple, mango, and orange. The dataset contains fresh and rotten apples, bananas, pineapple, mango, and oranges with a total of 16000 images containing 3200 photos per fruit. To construct a fruit detection or classification system, a basic first step is to build a collection of fruit pictures classified by various types or classes. Images showing "fresh" and "rotten" fruits, for instance, must be part of the collection if the goal is to distinguish between the two. During training, the model utilizes these annotations as its foundation of truth, which helps it find the unique traits of each class. Finally, the size of the data is an important issue. Training a model to distinguish between fresh and rotting fruit needs a sufficient amount of images per category. Along with improving the model's performance, a larger data set size helps prevent overfitting by offering the underlying patterns a more accurate representation. Therefore, training an effective fruit classification algorithm with high accuracy and abstraction capabilities requires a well-curated dataset that contains some variety, detailed annotations, and ample data size.

B. IMAGE DIRECTORIES CREATION

It is easy to identify and access specific dataset subsets at various when photos are arranged into directories. The directory-based structure makes it possible to add data effectively via PyTorch and TensorFlow libraries during model training. A common feature of these libraries is the ability to import photos directly from directories that are labeled as sub-folders. The directory's structure provides an organized base for placing images in their respective categories, even if labels or tags are added later in the project. When additional images need to be added to the dataset, scalability becomes easy with a nicely organized directory organization. A crucial phase in organizing the dataset for machine learning tasks is to categorize the collected fruit images into directories or files. This process ensures that the dataset has been organized so it can be stored and managed efficiently in future stages, particularly while training and evaluating the model.

C. CONVERTING IMAGE INTO CANNY IMAGE

A crucial preprocessing step in the creation of a fruit detection system is the conversion of fruit images into Canny images using the Canny edge detection technique. The technique makes it possible to extract valuable data from the images, especially when it includes detecting the edges and curves of fruits. Fruits can be properly classified or identified due to the enhanced efficiency of feature extraction and analysis which results in the generation of Canny representations based on images.

- **GRAYSCALE CONVERSION**
  The fundamental step in the image processing pipeline is to convert the original color images into grayscale representations. Grayscale images are single-channel images having intensity values equal to each pixel's brightness. The image's data becomes easier by this conversion, making it possible to focus on the fundamental features of the objects in the image. The main motive for turning grayscale is to eliminate color information from an image while maintaining the underlying structure of the objects untouched. In doing so, essential characteristics like edges, forms, and textures remain intact in the final grayscale image. Although it reduces the image and enhances edge detection's accuracy and computational accuracy, this simplification is extremely useful for future edge detection methods. To make it possible to convert images in color to grayscale, a method is applied to replace the RGB values of each pixel with just one luminance value. Luminance, a weighted average of the RGB values, tends to be utilized for calculating this intensity value.

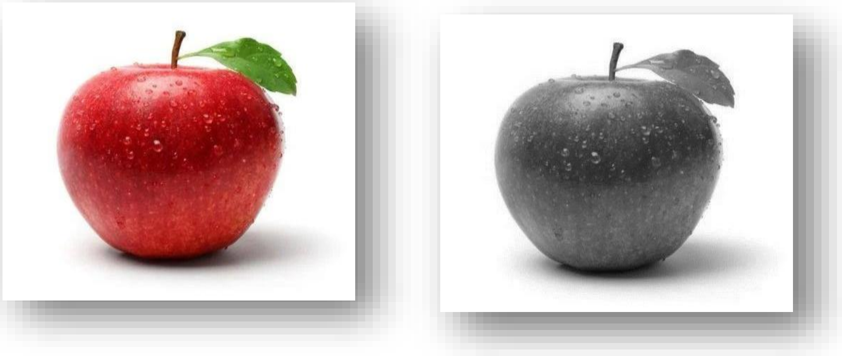

Fig.1 Grayscaling Image

- **CANNY EDGE DETECTION**
  One of the most essential algorithms in image processing, particularly when it comes to fruit detection, is the Canny edge detection technique. Fundamentally, this algorithm's primary objective is to accurately identify and determine edges in an image. The method works by carrying out precise methods that are supposed to effectively precisely achieve this objective. The fundamental phase of generating gradients occurs when the algorithm begins. Here, the gradient's magnitude and direction are obtained for each of the pixels in the image. This method of analysis effectively finds areas with significant differences in intensity, hence suggesting appropriate limits. The technique then switches to non-maximum suppression. The recognized edges are refined to a single pixel width in this stage, maintaining only local maxima in the gradient direction. This phase attempts to enhance the clarity and accuracy of the edges that have been determined by thinning them. The method utilizes double thresholding after non-maximum suppression to separate edge pixels into two categories: strong edges and weak edges. Strong edges are defined as pixels where gradient values are higher than a high threshold; weak edges are characterized as pixels whose gradient values lie between a high and low threshold. The method of dual thresholding enables the algorithm to distinguish between strong and weak edge characteristics in the image. Edge tracking via hysteresis is the final process in the Canny edge detection procedure. Here, continuous edges are created by linking pixels having weak edges with pixels with strong ones. This stage ensures the consistency and integrity of the discovered edges by tracing along the edges and taking note of the connections between neighboring pixels and their gradient strengths. After using this extensive method, a binary image is generated containing black pixels representing non-edges and white pixels showing edges that have been acknowledged.

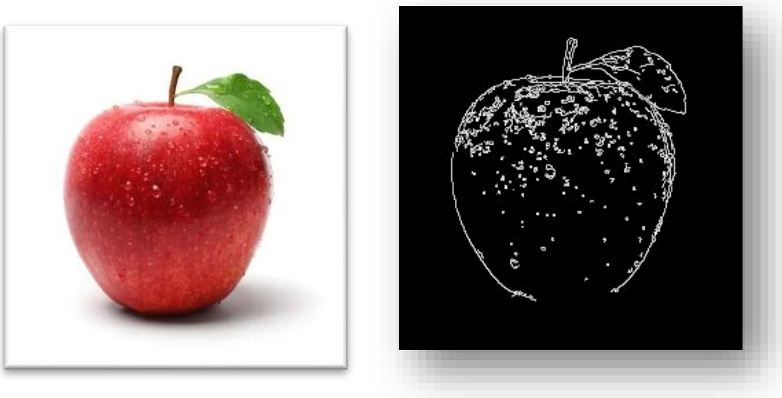

Fig.2 Canny Edge Detection

D. IMAGE PREPROCESSING

To improve the consistency and quality of the data, pre-processing of images is a crucial step before providing them to the machine learning model. Several important steps are involved in this step, which gets the images prepared to undergo efficient analysis and model training.

- **NORMALIZATION**
  Normalization is one of the primary pre-processing steps that involves reducing the image's pixel values to an appropriate range, generally between 0 and 1. The model becomes less sensitive to changes in brightness levels across different images due to this normalization, which ensures that all pixel values are within an identical range. The learning process of the model becomes stable and made more efficient by normalizing the pixel values.

- **RESIZING**
  Resizing images to a consistent dimension is an essential pre-processing step. This ensures consistency in width and height for every image, which is essential to model training. By ensuring that every image has an identical size, resizing also results in a decrease in computational complexity by simplifying the model's efficient processing of the images.

- **DATA AUGMENTATION**
  An optional yet helpful pre-processing method for increasing the dataset's variety and quantity is called data augmentation. Using this approach, the images are given modifications, such as rotation, flipping, and cropping. By including variations, these changes generate new versions of the images which enhance the model's ability to generalize to previously unknown data. By rotating the image, for illustration, the model gets more resilient as it gains the ability to recognize the same thing from many viewpoints.

- **SPLITTING DATA**
  The ultimate pre-processing step is to partition the dataset into training and testing sets. For a suitable evaluation of the model's performance, this division is important. The model usually gets trained on a subset of the dataset, resulting in the remaining set being used to evaluate the model's performance on data that has not been tested. This section offers significant information into the effectiveness of the model by assessing its ability to generalize to fresh, unseen images.

E. MODEL SELECTION

Finding various machine learning models to train on the already processed fruit images is the task of this stage. Models could vary in terms of their designs, levels of difficulty, and performance characteristics. MobileNet has been chosen as the most suitable one for the fruit classification work out of all the models that were taken into evaluation. A lightweight deep learning model called MobileNet has been developed for embedded and mobile vision applications.

The MobilenetV2 architecture is the one we are using. A convolutional neural network design named MobileNetV2 intends to operate well on mobile devices. The basis of it is an inverted residual structure, whereby the bottleneck layers are linked by residuals. Over 32×32 input sizes can be handled by MobileNetV2.

→ There are two distinct categories of blocks in MobileNetV2. Two distinct kinds of blocks are available: a residual block with a stride of as well as a shrinking block with a stride of 2.

→ For both forms of blocks, there are three levels.

→ In this instance, ReLU6 is used in a 1x1 convolution as the first layer.

→ The depth-wise convolution is the second layer.

→ Another 1x1 convolution without any non-linearity makes up the third layer. Utilizing RELU is intended to restrict the deep networks' capability to categorize exclusively to the non-zero volume part of the output domain, equivalent to a linear classifier.

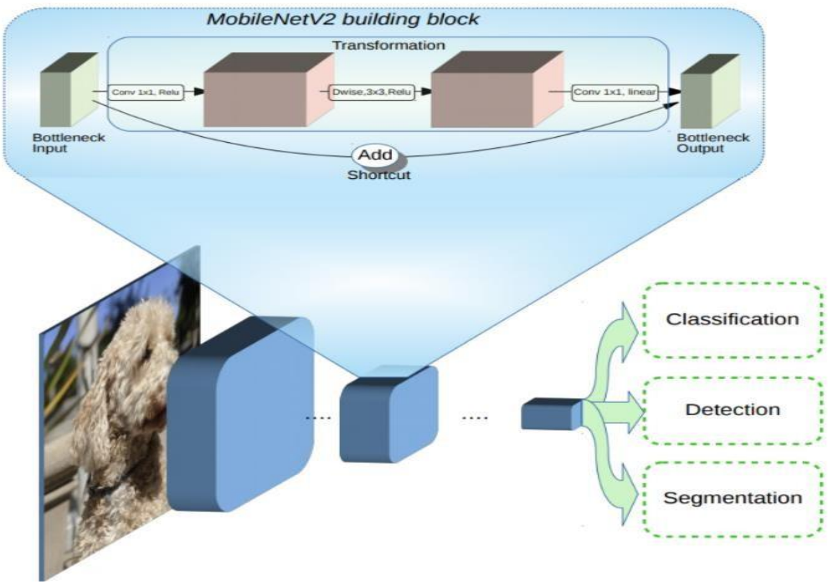

Fig.3 Architecture of MobileNetV2

VI.II SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

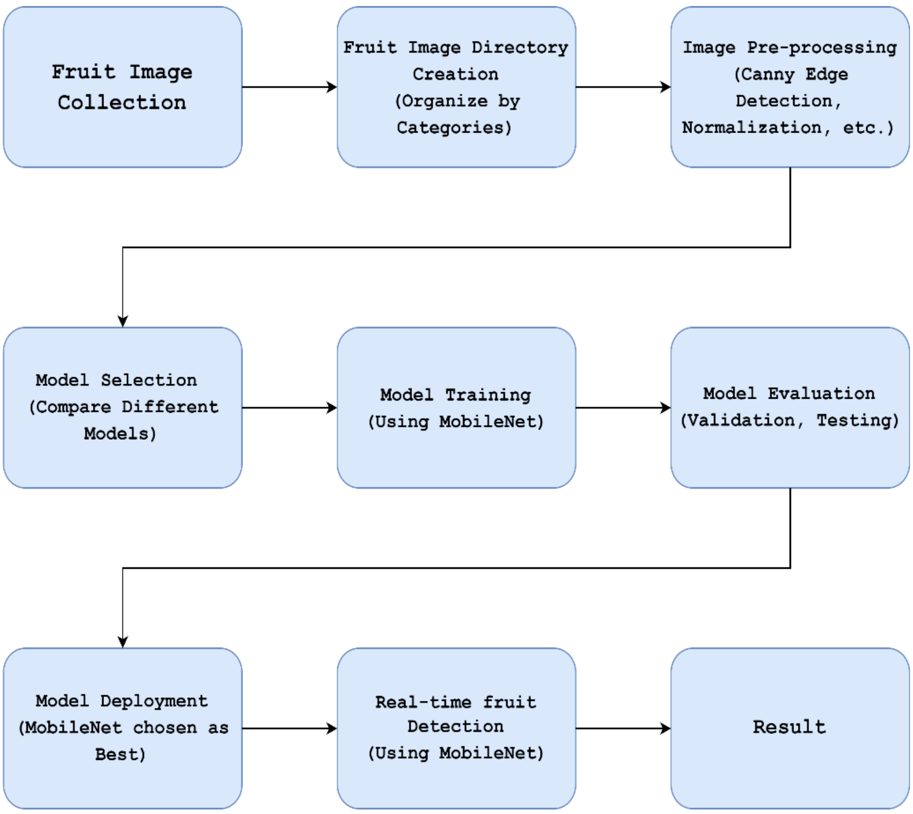

Fig.4 System Architecture

VI.III RESULT

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For an in-depth examination of the performance metrics of our proposed model, including accuracy and loss, we offer graphical representations in Fig.5. These graphs offer clarity regarding the model's behavior across a wide range of parameters during the training and validation stages, offering an in-depth view of the model's performance patterns.

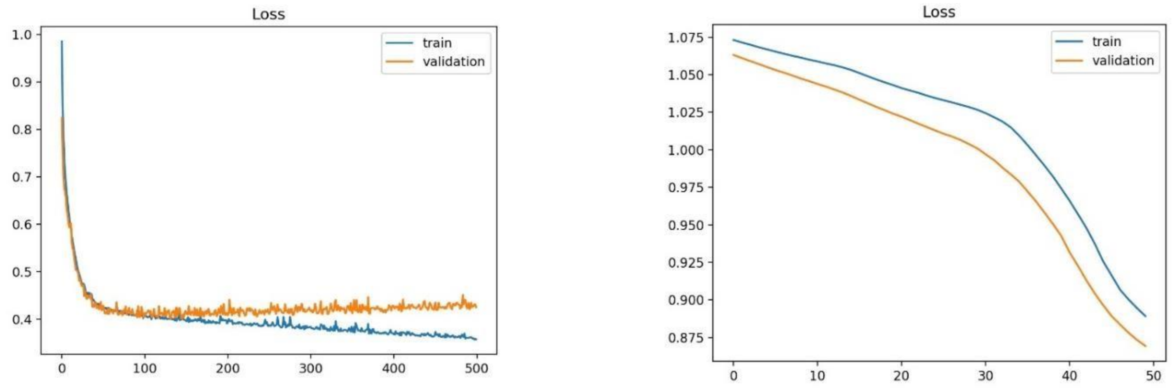

Fig.5 Accuracy Graphs of Training And Validation

Initially, there is a parallel fall in training and validation losses, demonstrating that the model is effectively extracting valuable trends from the training dataset. The ability of the model to enhance its predictions and include major fresh fruit properties is illustrated by the time frame of reducing losses.

Our fresh fruit detecting its frontend interface was designed by Streamlit, a flexible and friendly Python web application development framework. The machine learning model for fruit recognition may interact with the users via a user-friendly interface that we designed with Streamlit.

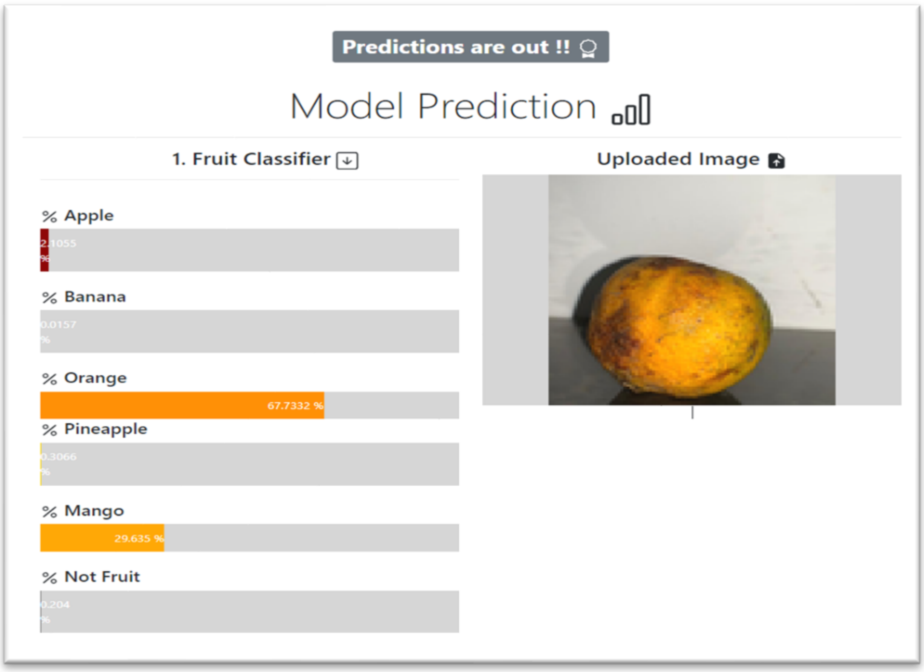

Fig.6 Prediction of Fruit

The front end's purpose was to offer a user-friendly interface that would enable users to upload images of fresh fruit and get quick predictions regarding the fruit's category and level of freshness. Users are provided with an appealing simple design of the online application, which includes interactive input features and upload buttons,

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when exploring it. For fast inspection, they may instantly upload images from their devices. In Fig.6 we upload an image of an orange to the fresh fruit detection project's Streamlit. After the algorithm analyzes the image and recognizes the fruit as an "Orange," it accomplishes so by smoothly combining a Streamlit with a machine learning model. The Model tells us that there are more than 60% of changes that the image we provided is an Orange.

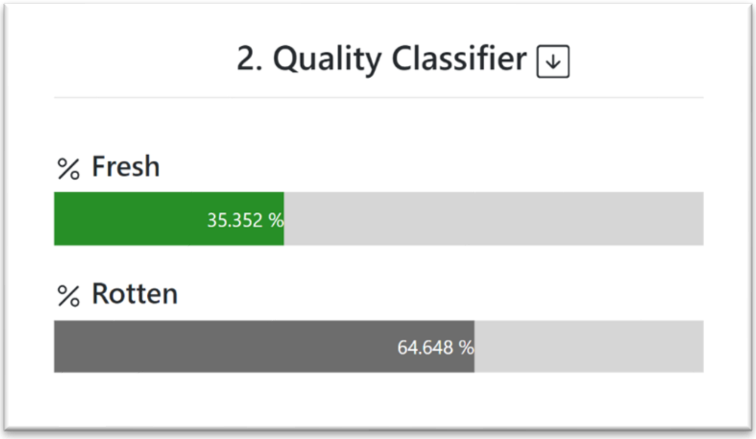

Fig.7 Freshness or Rotteness of Fruit

In the above Fig.7, The model informed us of the fruit's freshness that we supplied. As we uploaded an image of an Orange the model tells us that it is 35% fresh and near about 64% rotten. And if we upload any images other than fruits it will also give us the prediction percentage that the image we are uploading is not Fruit.

VII. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Enhanced Accuracy: One of the main expected benefits is an apparent rise in accuracy as compared to traditional testing techniques. A well-constructed CNN, or machine learning model, should precisely recognize and categorize fresh food products to reduce the risk of errors arising throughout inspections of quality.

2. Efficiency and Speed: It seems likely that the implementation of machine learning will improve the processes of food sorting and quality inspection, leading to increases in speed and efficiency.When the system gets better at identifying and categorizing fresh food, it may reduce significantly the duration of time required to do these tasks, which will boost production itself.

3. Consistency: Systems for detecting fresh food based on machine learning have to offer a high level of consistency in evaluating its quality. These systems, as compared to human inspectors, are neutral and never tainted ensuring consistent quality checks for each product they process.

4. Manpower Cost Reduction: Considerably less human labor may be needed when automation occurs through machine learning. This lowers expenditures and lowers the demand for a large staff to do labor-intensive, repetitive tasks.

5. Better Food Safety: By consistently detecting weaknesses defects, or waste products that a human inspection might fail, the system has the potential to contribute to enhancing food safety. As a result, the food supply chain becomes increasingly reliable and safe.

VIII. CONCLUSION

Putting it all up, our research demonstrated how machine learning methods may efficiently address the crucial problem of monitoring fresh food. By creating and putting into practice an accurate strategy, we successfully demonstrated how artificial intelligence can change how we evaluate and maintain records of perishable food items. We have successfully trained models that accurately distinguish between fresh and non-fresh fruit products across a wide range of categories, including fruits and vegetables, by leveraging a choice of datasets and advanced methods of feature extraction. The results we obtained demonstrate how important preprocessing and data quality are to increasing both the dependability and effectiveness of freshness classification algorithms. Additionally, our study of various machine learning models provided valuable data about the advantages and disadvantages of distinct techniques, leading prospects for research and refining processes. Looking ahead, there are many options for machine learning-based fresh food recognition. With implications that range from optimizing the supply chain and enhancing food quality control in retail and agriculture to offering customers tools for quick freshness tests, technology has an opportunity to completely change the way we handle food on an everyday basis. Ultimately, what we have discovered represents a significant advancement in the field of machine learning-based fresh food identification and establishes the foundation for upcoming advancements in assuring food safety, quality, and sustainability. We stay committed to utilizing artificial intelligence to solve critical problems and transform the production and consumption of food in the future as we continue to improve our strategy.

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