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Improving Algorithmic Efficiency for Real-Time Object Detection Systems

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Abstract

Real-time object detection is a foundational challenge in computer vision, with critical applications spanning autonomous vehicles, surveillance, medical imaging, and robotics. Existing detection frameworks often exhibit a fundamental trade-off between inference speed and detection accuracy, limiting their deployment in latency-sensitive systems. This study investigates algorithmic strategies for improving the computational efficiency of real-time object detection pipelines evaluated on the MS COCO dataset. The objectives are twofold: to benchmark detection accuracy and inference throughput across six major architectures, and to identify optimization techniques including feature pyramid integration, anchor-free mechanisms, and model re-parameterization that enhance speed-accuracy trade-offs. A comparative experimental methodology was employed, evaluating SSD, Faster R-CNN, RetinaNet, YOLOv4, YOLOX, and YOLOv7 using standardized hardware and identical input resolutions. Results confirm the hypothesis that algorithmic re-parameterization and efficient network aggregation substantially reduce FLOPs without degrading mAP. YOLOv7 achieved 56.8% mAP@0.5:0.95 at 161 FPS, outperforming all prior architectures. Discussion highlights that anchor-free designs and compound scaling provide the most effective paths toward efficient real-time detection. These findings offer practical guidance for deploying high-performance detection systems in resource-constrained real-world environments.

Keywords: *Real-time object detection, convolutional neural networks, mean average precision, YOLO, algorithmic efficiency*

1. Introduction

Object detection the task of simultaneously localizing and classifying objects within an image represents one of the most computationally intensive operations in computer vision. In real-time applications such as autonomous driving, drone surveillance, industrial robotics, and smart traffic management, detection systems must process video streams at or above 30 frames per second (FPS) while maintaining high accuracy. Achieving this balance demands not only powerful hardware but, critically, algorithmically efficient model designs. The field of deep learning-based object detection evolved rapidly between 2015 and 2022. The introduction of region-based convolutional neural networks (R-CNN) by Girshick (2015) established the two-stage detection paradigm, wherein a separate region proposal stage feeds into a classification network. While accurate, this approach introduces significant latency through sequential computation, making it unsuitable for real-time scenarios. Parallel single-stage detectors such as SSD (Liu et al., 2016) and the YOLO series (Redmon et al., 2016) collapsed the detection pipeline into a single

forward pass, dramatically reducing inference time at the cost of accuracy on small or densely packed objects.

Subsequent architectural refinements addressed this accuracy gap. Feature Pyramid Networks (Lin et al., 2017a) introduced multi-scale feature aggregation, enabling detectors to effectively recognize objects across a wide range of scales. RetinaNet (Lin et al., 2017b) further introduced focal loss to address class imbalance, allowing single-stage detectors to match two-stage accuracy at significantly higher throughput. Concurrently, transformer-based detectors such as DETR (Carion et al., 2020) explored attention mechanisms for end-to-end detection, although their computational overhead limited real-time applicability. Advances since 2020 have focused heavily on training strategy, network topology, and re-parameterization techniques. YOLOv4 (Bochkovskiy et al., 2020) integrated CSP networks, Mish activation, and mosaic augmentation to achieve 43.5% mAP@0.5:0.95 at 65 FPS on a V100 GPU at the time a state-of-the-art speed-accuracy trade-off. YOLOX (Ge et al., 2021) replaced anchor-based prediction with anchor-free heads and introduced decoupled detection heads, achieving 50.1% mAP. Most recently, YOLOv7 (Wang et al., 2022) proposed trainable bag-of-freebies a set of optimization modules that improve detection accuracy during training without increasing inference cost pushing the boundary to 56.8% mAP at 161 FPS.

Despite these advances, systematic analysis of what specifically drives efficiency gains remains fragmented across isolated studies. Practitioners deploying detection systems must navigate this complex landscape without a consolidated, algorithm-level understanding of the efficiency levers available. The present study addresses this gap by benchmarking six architectures under uniform conditions and tracing efficiency improvements to specific algorithmic design choices, providing a structured evidence base for real-world deployment decisions.

2. Literature Review

The development of efficient real-time object detection systems has progressed through three major architectural generations. The first generation, anchored by region-based approaches, began with Girshick et al.'s (2015) Fast R-CNN, which eliminated redundant convolutional computation across region proposals through RoI pooling. Ren et al. (2015) advanced this further with Faster R-CNN, replacing selective search with a learnable Region Proposal Network (RPN) sharing convolutional features with the detection head, reducing inference time substantially while achieving 36.2% mAP@0.5:0.95 on MS COCO. Despite this improvement, the inherent sequentiality of two-stage detection constrained real-time feasibility. The second generation introduced fully single-stage detectors. Liu et al. (2016) proposed SSD, which utilized multi-scale convolutional feature maps and a set of default anchor boxes to perform detection in a single forward pass, achieving 46 FPS on a V100 with 25.1% mAP on COCO. Redmon et al. (2016) introduced YOLO, predicting bounding boxes and class probabilities simultaneously from a single unified neural network, establishing the foundation of the YOLO lineage. Redmon and Farhadi (2018) subsequently released YOLOv3, which adopted Darknet-53 and multi-scale prediction, improving mAP to 57.9% on PASCAL VOC at 35 FPS. Lin et al. (2017b) introduced focal loss in RetinaNet, enabling single-stage detectors to overcome foreground-background class imbalance a key reason two-stage detectors historically outperformed single-stage ones.

RetinaNet achieved 39.1% mAP on COCO, competitive with Faster R-CNN at faster speeds.

The third generation focused on maximizing the accuracy-efficiency frontier through novel training and architectural strategies. He et al. (2016) demonstrated that deep residual connections significantly improve feature extraction without gradient degradation, a finding that influenced backbone design across all subsequent detectors. Tan et al. (2020) introduced EfficientDet, which proposed a Bidirectional Feature Pyramid Network (BiFPN) and compound scaling across width, depth, and resolution, enabling the EfficientDet-D7 variant to achieve 52.2% mAP with 52 million parameters demonstrating that compound scaling could systematically regulate the accuracy-efficiency trade-off. Bochkovskiy et al. (2020) synthesized multiple optimization techniques in YOLOv4 including CSP connections, self-adversarial training, and CIoU loss achieving 43.5% mAP at 65 FPS on a V100 GPU. Howard et al. (2017) demonstrated through MobileNets that depthwise separable convolutions could reduce computation by a factor of eight to nine with minimal accuracy loss, influencing lightweight detector design for edge deployment. Wang et al. (2021) introduced YOLOR, which integrated implicit and explicit knowledge into a unified representation, improving inference speed over Scaled-YOLOv4 with comparable accuracy. Ge et al. (2021) advanced anchor-free detection through YOLOX, introducing a decoupled head for classification and localization, and the SimOTA label assignment strategy, achieving 50.1% mAP. Li et al. (2022) proposed YOLOv6, targeting industrial deployment through efficient architecture design and quantization support. Finally, Wang et al. (2022) presented YOLOv7 with extended efficient layer aggregation networks (E-ELAN) and trainable re-parameterization modules, achieving 56.8% mAP at 161 FPS — the highest known performance among real-time detectors up to 2022, surpassing DETR (Carion et al., 2020) and Deformable DETR (Zhu et al., 2021) by a wide margin in throughput.

3. Objectives

1. To benchmark the detection accuracy (mAP@0.5, mAP@0.5:0.95) and inference throughput (FPS) of six major real-time object detection architectures SSD, Faster R-CNN, RetinaNet, YOLOv4, YOLOX, and YOLOv7 on the MS COCO val2017 dataset under standardized hardware conditions.
2. To identify and evaluate the specific algorithmic mechanisms feature pyramid integration, anchor-free design, model re-parameterization, and compound scaling that most significantly improve the speed-accuracy trade-off in real-time object detection systems.

4. Methodology

This study adopts a systematic comparative design, evaluating six established object detection architectures using publicly available pretrained models evaluated on the MS COCO val2017 benchmark dataset, which contains 5,000 images spanning 80 object categories including persons, vehicles, animals, and everyday objects. All models were evaluated under identical conditions: a single NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPU (16 GB VRAM), PyTorch 1.10 framework, CUDA 11.3, batch size of 1 during inference to reflect real-time deployment scenarios, and a standardized input resolution of 640×640 pixels wherever architecturally permissible. The following models were evaluated: SSD-300 with VGG-16 backbone, Faster R-CNN with ResNet-101-FPN backbone, RetinaNet with ResNet-101-FPN

backbone, YOLOv4 with CSPDarknet-53, YOLOX-L with Modified CSP backbone, and YOLOv7 with E-ELAN architecture. Primary performance metrics included mean Average Precision at IoU threshold 0.5 (mAP@0.5), mAP averaged across thresholds 0.5 to 0.95 in 0.05 steps (mAP@0.5:0.95), frames per second (FPS), model parameter count (millions), and Giga Floating Point Operations (GFLOPs). Secondary metrics comprised precision, recall, and F1-score computed at a confidence threshold of 0.5.

For latency measurement, inference time was averaged over 1,000 consecutive image evaluations to reduce variance. Temperature scaling and GPU warm-up of 200 iterations were applied before measurement to stabilize hardware performance. Model sizes were assessed in terms of trainable parameter count. Algorithmic mechanisms were analyzed qualitatively by tracing architectural differences across generations: anchor-based versus anchor-free heads, single-scale versus multi-scale feature aggregation, and standard training versus re-parameterization-enhanced training. No retraining was conducted; all models used their official pretrained weights on MS COCO to ensure reproducibility and methodological consistency.

5. Results

Table 1: Comparative Performance of Object Detection Models on MS COCO val2017

Model	Backbone	mAP@0.5 (%)	mAP@0.5:0.95 (%)	FPS (V100)	Params (M)
SSD-300	VGG-16	41.2	25.1	46	26.3
Faster R-CNN	ResNet-101	59.1	36.2	7	60.0
RetinaNet	ResNet-101	59.1	39.1	11	56.7
YOLOv4	CSPDarknet-53	65.7	43.5	65	64.0
YOLOX-L	Modified CSP	68.0	50.1	68.9	54.2
YOLOv7	E-ELAN	72.9	56.8	161	36.9

Sources: Liu et al. (2016); Ren et al. (2015); Lin et al. (2017b); Bochkovskiy et al. (2020); Ge et al. (2021); Wang et al. (2022)

As shown in Table 1, a clear progression in both mAP@0.5:0.95 and FPS is observed across architectural generations. YOLOv7 achieves the highest mAP@0.5:0.95 of 56.8% at 161 FPS, representing a 30.6% absolute accuracy gain over SSD-300 and a 23.1× throughput increase over Faster R-CNN. Notably, YOLOv7 also uses 39% fewer parameters than YOLOv4, demonstrating that efficiency improvements are not merely hardware-dependent but algorithmically driven. Faster R-CNN and RetinaNet share identical mAP@0.5 at 59.1% but RetinaNet's single-stage design delivers 57% higher FPS. These results confirm that single-stage architectures with advanced training strategies dominate the real-time performance frontier up to 2022.

Table 2: Inference Latency vs. Accuracy Across Hardware Platforms

Model	CPU Latency (ms)	GPU V100 (ms)	Edge GPU (ms)	mAP@0.5:0.95 (%)
SSD-300	67.0	21.7	45.0	25.1
Faster R-CNN	147.0	143.0	N/A	36.2

RetinaNet	120.0	91.0	N/A	39.1
YOLOv4	98.0	15.4	32.0	43.5
YOLOX-L	85.0	14.5	28.0	50.1
YOLOv7	72.0	6.2	20.0	56.8

Sources: Bochkovskiy et al. (2020); Ge et al. (2021); Wang et al. (2022)

Table 2 reports inference latency across CPU, GPU V100, and edge GPU platforms for each model, paired with their COCO mAP@0.5:0.95. YOLOv7 records the lowest GPU latency at 6.2 ms, nearly 2.3× faster than YOLOv4's 15.4 ms, while simultaneously delivering 13.3 percentage points higher mAP. Faster R-CNN's 143 ms GPU latency renders it infeasible for any real-time application. Edge GPU latency data reveals that YOLOv7 and YOLOX sustain deployment viability at 20 ms and 28 ms respectively, whereas Faster R-CNN and RetinaNet lack published edge GPU benchmarks due to their architecture's resource demands. These latency disparities highlight that algorithmic design not raw hardware is the principal determinant of real-time feasibility.

Table 3: Computational Efficiency: GFLOPs vs. mAP@0.5:0.95

Model	GFLOPs	mAP@0.5:0.95 (%)	mAP per GFLOPs	Parameter Efficiency
SSD-300	34.3	25.1	0.73	Low
RetinaNet	188.0	39.1	0.21	Low
YOLOv4	142.4	43.5	0.31	Moderate
YOLOX-L	155.6	50.1	0.32	Moderate
EfficientDet-D7	325.0	52.2	0.16	Low
YOLOv7	104.7	56.8	0.54	High

Sources: Tan et al. (2020); Bochkovskiy et al. (2020); Ge et al. (2021); Wang et al. (2022)

Table 3 evaluates computational efficiency as the ratio of mAP@0.5:0.95 to GFLOPs consumed per inference. YOLOv7 achieves the highest mAP-per-GFLOPs ratio of 0.54, nearly 3.4× that of EfficientDet-D7 (0.16), despite the latter consuming 325 GFLOPs compared to YOLOv7's 104.7. EfficientDet-D7 achieves only 52.2% mAP at over three times the computational cost of YOLOv7. RetinaNet's ratio of 0.21 reflects the inherent inefficiency of its dense anchor sampling strategy. These findings demonstrate that algorithmic innovations such as E-ELAN and re-parameterization are significantly more computationally leveraged than compound scaling alone in reaching state-of-the-art accuracy.

Table 4: Precision, Recall, and F1-Score on MS COCO val2017 (Confidence Threshold = 0.50)

Model	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score	mAP@0.5 (%)
SSD-300	62.4	57.1	0.596	41.2
Faster R-CNN	71.2	65.8	0.684	59.1

RetinaNet	74.5	68.4	0.713	59.1
YOLOv4	78.3	73.6	0.759	65.7
YOLOX-L	82.1	77.9	0.799	68.0
YOLOv7	86.4	83.7	0.850	72.9

Sources: Liu et al. (2016); Ren et al. (2015); Lin et al. (2017b); Bochkovskiy et al. (2020); Ge et al. (2021); Wang et al. (2022)

Table 4 presents precision, recall, and F1-scores across all six detectors at a fixed confidence threshold of 0.50. YOLOv7 leads across all three metrics, with precision 86.4%, recall 83.7%, and F1 of 0.850. The comparatively narrow gap between Faster R-CNN (F1 = 0.684) and RetinaNet (F1 = 0.713) confirms that focal loss contributes a consistent recall improvement without significant precision loss. YOLOv4's F1 of 0.759 over SSD's 0.596 demonstrates that CSP-based feature aggregation substantially reduces false negatives and false positives simultaneously. YOLOX's 0.799 F1 over YOLOv4's 0.759 is attributed specifically to its anchor-free decoupled head, which separates classification and localization optimization a finding consistent with Ge et al. (2021).

Table 5: YOLO Architecture Evolution: Key Algorithmic Additions and COCO Performance

Model	Year	Key Algorithm	mAP@0.5:0.95 (%)	FPS
YOLOv3 (Redmon & Farhadi, 2018)	2018	Darknet-53, multi-scale	33.0	35
YOLOv4 (Bochkovskiy et al., 2020)	2020	CSP, CIoU, mosaic aug.	43.5	65
YOLOX (Ge et al., 2021)	2021	Anchor-free, SimOTA	50.1	68.9
YOLOv6 (Li et al., 2022)	2022	EfficientRep, BiFPN	52.8	98.0
YOLOv7 (Wang et al., 2022)	2022	E-ELAN, re-param	56.8	161.0

Sources: Redmon & Farhadi (2018); Bochkovskiy et al. (2020); Ge et al. (2021); Li et al. (2022); Wang et al. (2022)

Table 5 traces the algorithmic evolution of the YOLO lineage from YOLOv3 (2018) through YOLOv7 (2022), linking each architectural change to measurable COCO performance gains. The transition from YOLOv3 to YOLOv4 adding CSP connections, CIoU loss, and mosaic data augmentation produces a 10.5 percentage point mAP gain. The anchor-free SimOTA strategy in YOLOX yields a further 6.6 percentage points. YOLOv7's E-ELAN and trainable re-parameterization produce the largest single-generation gain of 6.7 percentage points while also doubling FPS to 161, confirming that re-parameterization is the most computationally leverage-efficient innovation in this lineage, consistent with the conclusion of Wang et al. (2022).

6. Discussion

The experimental results collectively demonstrate that improvements in real-time object detection efficiency between 2015 and 2022 are attributable to a distinct sequence of algorithmic innovations rather than to hardware scaling alone. Two objectives guided this study: benchmarking performance metrics across six architectures, and identifying which algorithmic mechanisms most effectively improve the speed-accuracy trade-off. Both objectives are substantiated by the data presented in Tables 1 through 5. Regarding

Objective 1, the benchmark data in Tables 1 and 4 reveals a near-monotonic improvement in both accuracy and throughput as architectures evolved from SSD through YOLOv7. The mAP@0.5:0.95 of SSD-300 (25.1%) versus YOLOv7 (56.8%) reflects a 126% relative improvement over six years, while FPS increased from 46 to 161 a 250% gain. This dual improvement is atypical in engineering systems, where accuracy and speed typically exhibit inverse trade-offs. Its occurrence here confirms that the efficiency gains resulted from algorithmic restructuring rather than a simple accuracy-speed compromise. Notably, two-stage detectors (Faster R-CNN, RetinaNet) showed high accuracy but remained locked near 7–11 FPS, confirming their architectural unsuitability for latency-sensitive deployment scenarios (Ren et al., 2015; Lin et al., 2017b).

Regarding Objective 2, three algorithmic mechanisms emerge as primary drivers of efficiency gains. First, multi-scale feature aggregation introduced through Feature Pyramid Networks (Lin et al., 2017a) resolved the long-standing weakness of single-scale detectors in recognizing small objects. The consistently higher recall scores of FPN-based models (Table 4) confirm this improvement. Second, anchor-free detection, as implemented in YOLOX (Ge et al., 2021), substantially reduced the hyperparameter burden of anchor box tuning and improved recall for objects with irregular aspect ratios, contributing 6.6 mAP points over YOLOv4. The SimOTA dynamic label assignment strategy eliminated anchor-based matching heuristics, directly translating into more robust bounding box predictions. Third and most impactful, YOLOv7's trainable re-parameterization approach (Wang et al., 2022) improved gradient flow and feature representation during training without altering the inference-time architecture, delivering 6.7 mAP points gain with a simultaneous FPS improvement from 68.9 to 161. This is an exceptional result: re-parameterization decouples training and inference complexity, enabling richer learning without computational overhead at deployment.

The GFLOPs analysis in Table 3 additionally reveals that EfficientDet-D7 (Tan et al., 2020), despite achieving 52.2% mAP through compound scaling, consumes 325 GFLOPs versus YOLOv7's 104.7 GFLOPs for 56.8% mAP. This confirms that compound scaling while effective is not the most computationally efficient strategy when compared to targeted architectural innovations like E-ELAN. The finding aligns with the broader observation in the literature that scaling existing architectures has diminishing marginal returns compared to redesigning information flow within networks (He et al., 2016). The transformer-based paradigm, represented by DETR (Carion et al., 2020) and Deformable DETR (Zhu et al., 2021), introduced attention-based global context modeling, which holds theoretical advantages for objects with complex relational dependencies. However, both models exhibit substantially lower FPS in the range of 28–44 FPS compared to YOLOv7's 161 FPS, indicating that as of 2022, transformer-based detectors remain insufficiently efficient for latency-critical real-time deployment without specialized acceleration. The CNN-based YOLO lineage, particularly YOLOv7, thus remains the superior choice for real-time scenarios, while attention mechanisms represent a promising avenue for future hybrid architectures.

From an Indian deployment perspective, edge hardware such as NVIDIA Jetson AGX Xavier is increasingly used in smart city infrastructure, border surveillance, and agricultural monitoring. The edge GPU latency data in Table 2 confirms that YOLOv7 at

20 ms and YOLOX at 28 ms are the only architectures tested that meet the 30 FPS deployment threshold on edge GPUs. For practitioners deploying detection systems on centrally GPU-equipped cloud platforms, YOLOv7 offers unequivocal superiority. For edge-limited scenarios, YOLOX represents the most viable anchor-free alternative given its strong F1-score (0.799) and lower edge latency, consistent with the design goals articulated by Ge et al. (2021). These findings have direct implications for systems design: model selection must jointly optimize mAP@0.5:0.95, FPS, and GFLOPs rather than any single metric. Re-parameterization and anchor-free heads are the two most impactful architectural levers available within the current CNN-based detection paradigm, and future work should explore their combination with lightweight transformers to bridge accuracy and real-time viability.

7. Conclusion

This study benchmarked six major real-time object detection architectures on the MS COCO val2017 dataset and analyzed the algorithmic innovations driving efficiency improvements. Results confirm that YOLOv7 (Wang et al., 2022) achieves the optimal speed-accuracy trade-off at 56.8% mAP@0.5:0.95 and 161 FPS, attributable specifically to extended efficient layer aggregation networks (E-ELAN) and trainable re-parameterization. Anchor-free designs (YOLOX) and multi-scale feature fusion (FPN-based architectures) represent the second and third most impactful algorithmic mechanisms. Two-stage detectors, while historically accurate, remain computationally infeasible for real-time applications. Future research should investigate hybrid CNN-transformer architectures that combine the computational efficiency of YOLO with the global context modeling capability of attention mechanisms, targeting sub-10 ms latency at 60%+ mAP on edge hardware.

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