BRSSD10k : A SEGMENTATION DATASET OF BANGLADESHI ROAD SCENARIO

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Abstract

In this paper, we present a novel Bangladeshi Road Scenario Segmentation Dataset designed to advance autonomous driving technologies under the challenging and diverse road conditions of Bangladesh. This comprehensive instance segmentation dataset comprised 10,082 high-resolution images captured across nine major cities, including Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong, and Rajshahi, addressing the critical need for region-specific computer vision data in developing countries. Unlike existing autonomous driving datasets that primarily focus on western road conditions, BRSSD10k encompasses a wide range of environments unique to Bangladesh, including unstructured urban areas, hilly terrains, village roads, and densely populated city centers. The dataset features instance segmentation annotations with classes specifically tailored to reflect the distinctive elements of Bangladeshi roads, such as rickshaws, CNGs (auto-rickshaws), informal roadside stalls, and various nonstandard vehicles. To demonstrate its utility as a benchmarking tool for autonomous driving systems, we present comparative results from several state-of-the-art instance segmentation models tested on this dataset, achieving an mAP of 0.441. This evaluation not only showcases the dataset's effectiveness in assessing model performance but also underscores the need for adaptive algorithms capable of handling diverse and unpredictable urban environments in the context of autonomous navigation.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Autonomous driving technologies have made substantial progress in recent years, yet their development and testing remain predominantly focused on road conditions found in Western countries. This emphasis has resulted in a significant gap in resources for developing autonomous systems capable of navigating the diverse and challenging environments present in many developing nations. To address this issue, we introduce the Bangladesh Road Scenario Segmentation Dataset (BRSSD10k), a comprehensive instance segmentation dataset specifically designed to capture the unique road conditions in Bangladesh.

040 Existing datasets, such as Cityscapes Cordts et al. (2016) and Mapillary Vistas Neuhold et al. (2017), 041 were created with a focus on Western locations. While these datasets have been instrumental in ad-042 vancing computer vision for autonomous driving, they do not reflect the complexities of non-Western 043 environments. The Indian Driving Dataset (IDD) Varma et al. (2018), with 10,000 annotated images, 044 has advanced research in the subcontinent, yet even it does not fully encapsulate the intricate road scenarios found in Bangladesh. Cityscapes, with its 5,000 finely annotated images of urban scenes from German cities, remains a benchmark for structured environments, while IDD represents a step 046 toward more diverse scenarios by capturing the heterogeneous nature of Indian roads. However, nei-047 ther dataset comprehensively addresses the unique challenges posed by Bangladeshi roads, where 048 the interaction between formal and informal transportation systems presents distinct difficulties for 049 computer vision models. 050

Instance segmentation, which involves both classifying and delineating individual object instances within an image, is crucial for autonomous navigation in complex environments He et al. (2017).
 The dense traffic, non-motorized vehicles, and fluid road usage in Bangladeshi cities demand highly accurate and robust instance segmentation models. BRSSD10k was developed to meet these re-

054 quirements by offering a large-scale, finely annotated dataset that reflects the specific characteristics 055 of Bangladeshi roads. 056

Our contributions are as follows:

- 1. We present BRSSD10k, a dataset containing 10,082 high-resolution images and 138,052 instance segmentation annotations captured across nine major cities in Bangladesh.
- 2. We introduce novel classes specific to the road conditions in Bangladesh, including rickshaws, CNGs (auto-rickshaws), and informal roadside stalls, enabling the development of more contextually aware autonomous systems.
- 3. We provide benchmark results using state-of-the-art instance segmentation models, highlighting the unique challenges of Bangladesh's road conditions and establishing a new baseline for performance in such environments.
- **RELATED WORKS** 2

069 Table 1 presents a comparative analysis of BRSSD10k alongside three prominent datasets in au-070 tonomous driving research: Cityscapes, Mapillary Vistas, and the Indian Driving Dataset (IDD). 071 BRSSD10k, with 10,082 images, is comparable in size to IDD and offers twice the number of images 072 as Cityscapes, though less than Mapillary Vistas' 25,000. It matches IDD with 34 object categories, 073 positioning itself between Cityscapes' 30 and Mapillary Vistas' extensive 124 classes. While each 074 dataset has a unique geographic focus - Cityscapes on German urban areas, IDD on Indian cities, 075 and Mapillary Vistas offering global coverage - BRSSD10k concentrates on nine major Bangladeshi 076 cities, filling a crucial gap in representation of diverse urban environments in developing nations.

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Table 1: Comparison of Cityscapes, Mapillary Vistas, IDD, and BRSSD10k Datasets

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Feature	Cityscapes	Mapillary Vistas	IDD	BRSSD10k
Number of Images	5,000 images	25,000 images	10,000 images	10.082 images
Object Categories	30 classes	124 classes	34 classes	34 classes
Geographic Coverage	Primarily urban areas in Germany	Global coverage (multiple continents)	Primarily urban areas in India	Nine major cities in Bangladesh
Use Cases	Urban scene understanding	Autonomous driving, semantic segmentation	Autonomous driving, scene understanding	Autonomous driving in diverse conditions

3 DATASET

3.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

Let $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{I}_i, \mathbf{M}_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ be a training set of N labeled images $\mathbf{I}_i \in \mathcal{X}$ and their corresponding 090 ground-truth instance segmentation masks \mathbf{M}_i . Each \mathbf{M}_i is a set of instance masks $\{\mathbf{m}_{ij}\}_{i=1}^{K_i}$ 091 where K_i is the number of instances in image I_i , and each $m_{ij} \in \{0,1\}^{H \times W}$ represents a binary 092 mask for the j-th instance in the i-th image, with H and W being the height and width of the image, 093 respectively. 094

The task of instance segmentation is to learn a model $f_{\theta} : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$, where θ is a set of learnable 096 parameters. In this context, \mathcal{Y} represents the set of instance segmentation masks for the detected objects, along with their corresponding class labels and confidence scores. 097

098 Given a test image I from the diverse road scenarios of Bangladesh, the trained model predicts a set 099 of instance masks $\mathbf{M}_p = {\{\mathbf{m}_{pk}\}}_{k=1}^K$, where K is the number of detected instances. Each predicted mask $\mathbf{m}_{pk} \in [0,1]^{H \times W}$ is accompanied by a class label $c_k \in C$, where C is the set of predefined 100 101 classes specific to Bangladeshi road scenes (e.g., cars, rickshaws, pedestrians, roadside stalls), and 102 a confidence score $s_k \in [0, 1]$.

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104 3.2 CHALLENGES OF BANGLADESHI DATASETS 105

The complexity of Bangladeshi roads presents significant challenges for traffic modeling and anal-106 ysis, driven by a combination of ambiguous boundaries, diverse vehicle types, unpredictable pedes-107 trian behavior, and varied environmental conditions. Unlike the clearly defined road edges seen



Figure 1: Sample Images from BRSSD10k with Masked Annotations

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in datasets such as Cityscapes, Bangladeshi roads often transition seamlessly into unpaved areas, which may be drivable in some instances. This ambiguity often results in misclassifications by models trained on more structured datasets, leading to potential safety risks.

Moreover, the roadways are teeming with a wide variety of vehicles that reflect the local transport culture. In addition to traditional cars and trucks, the streets are filled with rickshaws, CNGs (compressed natural gas auto-rickshaws), and modified local vehicles such as 'Lagunas' and 'Nosimons.' These unique vehicles operate differently from standard vehicles, exhibiting variations in speed, maneuverability, and compliance with traffic regulations. This diversity extends to the conditions of the vehicles themselves, which often show signs of wear and tear and include many older models, contributing to the complexities of traffic interactions.

161 Pedestrian behavior in Bangladesh further complicates road dynamics. Individuals frequently cross streets at arbitrary locations rather than using designated crosswalks, increasing the potential for

conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians. Additionally, many road users, including rickshaws,
 CNGs, and motorcycles, often disregard traffic rules, leading to unpredictable traffic patterns and a
 lack of correlation with road signage, such as lane markings and traffic lights.

The presence of extensive information boards, including billboards and shop signs, adds another layer of complexity. These displays, especially in urban areas, provide valuable context for localization and mapping efforts, often highlighting landmarks or indicating nearby buildings. However, they can also create visual clutter that may confuse both human drivers and automated systems.

Moreover, the terrain in certain regions of Bangladesh, such as the hill tracts, introduces additional challenges. Roads in these areas can be narrow and winding, with steep gradients and sharp turns that require specialized navigation skills. The lack of well-defined road boundaries in these hill tracks, combined with unpredictable weather conditions and limited visibility, makes driving even more difficult. The unique geographical features of these regions necessitate careful consideration in traffic modeling to accommodate the specific behaviors of both vehicles and pedestrians in these environments.

We can see in Figure 1, the diversity and complexity of road environments in Bangladesh as captured 177 by the BRSSD10k dataset. The image includes four distinct road scenarios, each paired with its 178 corresponding segmentation map. These scenarios featured busy urban streets in cities, rural village 179 roads, expressways, and hill tracks. Each pair of images, an original photo and its segmentation map, 180 demonstrates the dataset's ability to accurately label and distinguish various road users, vehicles, 181 infrastructure, and natural features unique to Bangladesh. The segmentation maps provide detailed 182 annotations of objects, such as pedestrians, vehicles, buildings, and vegetation, showcasing high-183 quality labeling within the dataset. This visual representation highlights the comprehensive coverage 184 of different road types in Bangladesh, from dense city streets to remote hilly tracks and expressways. 185 The BRSSD10k dataset offers valuable resources for developing computer vision models capable of navigating the diverse and complex traffic conditions found in these varied environments.

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4 DATA ACQUISITION AND LABELING

 The Bangladesh Road Scenario Segmentation Dataset (BRSSD10k) was compiled through a rigorous process of data collection, preprocessing, and annotation. Our methodology ensured the capture of authentic and diverse road scenarios specific to Bangladesh, while maintaining high-quality annotations.

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4.1 DATA COLLECTION

We collected raw data exclusively using smartphone cameras to capture real-world road scenarios across Bangladesh. This approach allowed us to gather a wide range of urban and rural road scenes, reflecting the true diversity and challenges of the country's transportation infrastructure. Importantly, no images were sourced from online platforms, ensuring the dataset's originality and relevance to the specific context of Bangladesh.

BRSSD10k includes data from nine key locations: Dhaka, Sherpur, Mymensingh, Khulna, Sylhet,
Maowa, Juri, Rajshahi, and Chittagong. These locations were strategically chosen to represent
the country's diverse road conditions, covering major urban centers like Dhaka and Chittagong,
regional hubs such as Khulna and Sylhet, smaller towns like Sherpur and Juri, and areas with unique
geographic features like Maowa. This geographic variety ensures that the dataset reflects the full
spectrum of road scenarios in Bangladesh, including both congested city streets and rural roads.

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210 4.2 PREPROCESSING211

The collected videos were preprocessed to extract individual frames at a rate of one frame per sec ond. This extraction rate strikes a balance between capturing temporal variations and maintaining a
 manageable dataset size. Each extracted frame was standardized to a resolution of 1280x720 pixels,
 ensuring sufficient detail for complex scene analysis while considering computational efficiency for
 future model training. Additionally, some frames were extracted at a resolution of 848x478 pixels.

4.3 ANNOTATION PROCESS

The annotation process was carried out on the Roboflow platform, chosen for its robust features and collaborative capabilities. Our annotation team consisted of 10 trained annotators who were familiar with the local context and the specific requirements of our dataset.

4.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

To ensure the highest possible annotation accuracy, we implemented a two-stage validation process:

- 1. Initial Annotation: Each image was manually annotated by one of the 10 trained annotators.
- 2. Validation: Following the initial annotation, each image underwent a secondary review by two different individuals. This dual-validation approach helped in identifying and correcting any potential errors or inconsistencies in the annotations.

This meticulous process of data acquisition, preprocessing, and multi-stage annotation validation was designed to minimize errors and ensure the reliability of our dataset. The resulting BRSSD10k dataset provides a high-quality, context-specific resource for advancing autonomous driving research and development in Bangladesh and similar developing countries.



DATASET STATISTICS



Figure 2: Class distrubution of BRSSD10k Dataaset

5.1 CLASS DISTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

Figure 2 exhibits a diverse and imbalanced class distribution, reflecting the complexity of urban Bangladeshi road scenes. Person instances (22,357) dominate the dataset, followed closely by veg-etation (17,659), highlighting the densely populated and green urban environments. Road infrastructure elements such as roads (12,419) and poles (14,174) are well-represented. Notably, autorickshaws (12,937) and three-wheelers (8,795) have high instance counts, underscoring their prevalence in Bangladeshi traffic. However, the dataset shows significant class imbalance, with critical but less frequent objects like traffic lights (38), construction vehicles (28), and road blockers (13)

being underrepresented. This imbalance poses challenges for model training and emphasizes the need for specialized data augmentation or balancing techniques to ensure robust detection across all classes, particularly for safety-critical objects in autonomous driving applications.

5.2 LOCATION WISE IMAGE DISTRIBUTION

Table 2 presents the geographical distribution of images in our dataset across various locations
in Bangladesh. The dataset comprises a total of 10,082 images collected from nine distinct regions. Khulna contributes the largest portion with 3,011 images, followed by Sylhet (1,508) and Juri (1,244). Maowa, Dhaka, and Mymensingh provide 1,020, 930, and 897 images respectively. Sherpur accounts for 741 images, while Chittagong contributes 563. Rajshahi has the smallest representation with 168 images. This diverse geographical spread enhances the dataset's ability to capture regional variations, potentially improving the robustness and generalizability of models trained on this data.

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Dhaka	930
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Mymensingh	897
Khulna	3011
Sylhet	1508
Maowa	1020
Juri	1244
Rajshahi	168
Chittagong	563
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6 DATASET CLASS DEFINITION

BRSSD10k introduces a novel class definition system tailored to Bangladesh's unique road environments. Our approach balances comprehensiveness with practicality, addressing the specific challenges of autonomous driving in this region.

6.1 VEHICLE CLASSES

We adopt the vehicle classification from the BadODD dataset Baig et al. (2024), chosen for its scalability and relevance to Bangladesh's diverse vehicle types. This system efficiently categorizes the wide range of motorized and non-motorized vehicles prevalent on Bangladeshi roads.

6.2 ROAD ENVIRONMENT CLASSES

To capture the complexity of local road scenarios, we introduce several key classes:

- Road: Primary driving surface.
- **Road_sign:** Traffic and informational signage.
- Road_divider: Includes roadside and median dividers, and temporary barriers.
- Road_blocker: Obstacles or intentional road blockades.
- Speed_breaker: Common speed control structures.
- Toll: Identifies toll plazas for navigation through checkpoints.
- Rail_crossing: Critical for safety at railway intersections.
- Garbage_bin: Often encroaching on urban road space.
 - Poster: Suspended advertisements that may obstruct passage.

- Wall and Gate: Important for identifying building entrances.
 Fence: Common in rural areas, delineating boundaries.
 6.3 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSES
 We further enhance the dataset's utility with classes such as:
 Animal: Annotation of livestock commonly encountered on roads.
 Pole, Overbridge, Billboard: Key urban infrastructure elements.
 Sidewalk: Pedestrian pathways.
 - Sky: For horizon detection and scene understanding.
 - Traffic_light: Essential for traffic management.
 - Vegetation: Affects road visibility and navigation.

This class system is designed to capture the full spectrum of elements in Bangladesh's complex road scenarios. Notable inclusions like rail crossings, garbage bins, and animals reflect real-world challenges often overlooked in datasets from more developed regions.

The **Road_sign** class, for instance, enables future integration with OCR technologies, potentially allowing autonomous systems to interpret and act on signage information in real-time. Similarly, the detailed categorization of road dividers and blockers addresses the fluid nature of traffic management in many Bangladeshi urban areas.

By providing such a comprehensive yet locally relevant classification, BRSSD10k offers a robust foundation for developing autonomous driving systems capable of navigating Bangladesh's unique road environments. This approach not only enhances the dataset's immediate applicability but also contributes valuable insights to the broader field of autonomous driving research, particularly in diverse and challenging road conditions.

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7 MODEL TRAINING

354 7.1 DATASET SPLIT

The BRSSD10k dataset is divided into three subsets to support effective training and evaluation of models for autonomous driving technologies, as detailed in Table 3. The training set consists of 6,020 images, enabling robust model development by providing a comprehensive range of road scenarios. The validation set, comprising 2,018 images, facilitates the fine-tuning of model parameters and selection of optimal configurations to enhance generalization capabilities. Lastly, the test set, with 2,044 images, serves as an unbiased benchmark for assessing model performance on unseen data, ensuring rigorous evaluation.

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7.2 Models

In this study, we evaluate the performance of four state-of-the-art object detection models on our
 BRSSD10k dataset: YOLOv5 Jocher (2020), YOLOv8 Jocher et al. (2023) and YOLOv9 Wang et al.
 (2024). Each model represents a different approach to object detection and instance segmentation,
 allowing us to comprehensively assess their capabilities in the context of Bangladesh's complex road
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378 7.3 YOLOV5

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YOLOv5 is an improvement over previous YOLO versions, offering enhanced speed and accuracy.
 It utilizes a CSPNet backbone and PANet neck for feature extraction and aggregation, respectively,
 making it highly efficient for real-time object detection.

Loss Function: YOLOv5 employs a composite loss function consisting of three components:

$$L_{total} = \lambda_{coord} L_{box} + \lambda_{obj} L_{obj} + \lambda_{class} L_{class}$$
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where L_{box} is the bounding box regression loss (typically a combination of MSE and IoU loss), L_{obj} is the objectness loss, and L_{class} is the classification loss (typically cross-entropy).

7.4 YOLOv8

YOLOv8 further refines the YOLO architecture, introducing improvements in both speed and accuracy. It incorporates a more sophisticated backbone and neck structure, and introduces anchor-free detection heads for better performance.

Loss Function: YOLOv8 uses a similar composite loss function to YOLOv5, but with refined components:

$$L_{total} = \lambda_{box} L_{box} + \lambda_{cls} L_{cls} + \lambda_{dfl} L_{dfl}$$
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where L_{box} is the bounding box regression loss, L_{cls} is the classification loss, and L_{dfl} is the distribution focal loss for better localization.

7.5 YOLOv9

403 YOLOv9 represents the latest iteration in the YOLO family, introducing novel concepts such as
 404 programmable gradient information and implicit knowledge learning. These innovations aim to
 405 enhance the model's ability to generalize and perform well on diverse datasets.

Loss Function: YOLOv9's loss function builds upon YOLOv8's, with additional components to account for its new features:

$$L_{total} = \lambda_{box} L_{box} + \lambda_{cls} L_{cls} + \lambda_{dfl} L_{dfl} + \lambda_{aux} L_{aux}$$
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where L_{aux} represents auxiliary losses that help in training the implicit knowledge components.

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7.6 Hyperparameters

414 The hyperparameter configurations for training the YOLOv5, YOLOv8, and YOLOv9 models are 415 detailed in Tables 4 and 5, outlining the essential training parameters. Both YOLOv5 and YOLOv8 416 were trained for 100 epochs with a batch size of 16, using the AdamW optimizer and a learning 417 rate of 0.001. In contrast, the YOLOv9 model was specifically trained with a batch size of 2 to fit 418 within the memory constraints of the NVIDIA RTX 4080 SUPER, which has 16 GB of VRAM. This 419 adjustment in batch size was necessary to accommodate the model's requirements without exceeding the available VRAM. The consistent use of the same optimizer and learning rate across the models 420 facilitates comparative analysis of their performance, while the powerful GPU setup enables efficient 421 handling of complex datasets, enhancing the models' capabilities in segmentation tasks. 422

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Table 4: Hyperparameter configuration for YOLOv5 and YOLOv8 training

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9 CONCLUSION

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The Bangladesh Road Scenario Segmentation Dataset (BRSSD10k) represents a significant step 478 forward in addressing the unique challenges of autonomous driving in diverse and complex urban 479 environments. By providing a comprehensive, finely annotated dataset specific to Bangladesh's road 480 conditions, BRSSD10k fills a critical gap in the existing landscape of autonomous driving datasets. 481

482 Our work demonstrates the importance of region-specific data in developing robust and adaptable computer vision models for autonomous navigation. The inclusion of novel classes tailored to 483 Bangladesh's road scenarios, such as rickshaws, CNGs (auto-rickshaws), and informal roadside 484 structures, enables more accurate and culturally aware autonomous systems. Furthermore, the 485 benchmark results presented highlight the unique challenges posed by Bangladesh's road condi-



Reproducibility Statement To facilitate the reproducibility of our results, we have provided all the hyperparameter configuration in the paper. Additionally, a comprehensive package containing our training and inference notebooks, along with detailed instructions for their use. This package is available as a compressed file, which includes sample images for testing purposes. The notebooks are accompanied by information about our system specifications to ensure transparency regarding the computational environment used in our experiments. Link to the file: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qeD3h2CzN9C6IshsVydGVbBVGPummsTF/view?usp=sharing

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