

# Vision Transformer Neural Nets Application for Object Recognition over Water in Um Qaser Port

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**Abstract.** The objective of this work is to give the of an experimental investigation into the efficiency of contemporary models of visual transformers utilized within the context of machine vision systems in robotic complexes for the purpose of object detection. On the basis of the findings of the research that was conducted, several suggestions have been developed on the application of models to the challenge of categorizing maritime traffic in Iraqi ports. Object recognition in ports is a crucial task for ensuring the safety and security of the port facilities. In this paper, Our study involved utilizing Vision Transformer (ViT) neural networks to identify above-water objects in Um Qaser port. We gathered a set of images of such objects from the port and employed the ViT model to train on this dataset. The outcomes of our study demonstrate that ViT neural networks perform better than conventional convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for this purpose, with a classification accuracy exceeding 90%.

**Keywords:** *unmanned surface vehicles, object recognition, deep neural network, computer vision, vision transformers.*

## 1. Introduction

The usefulness of deep neural networks has been demonstrated in a variety of different fields. Several methods [1, 2], including those based on deep neural networks [3], were utilized in the process of classifying different types of ships. Over the course of its existence, SOTA has given rise to a number of distinct methodologies, each of which has shown to be successful with regard to either its velocity or its precision.

At the same time, the use of attention-based transformers has spurred a major revolution in natural language processing (NLP). Vision Transformers (ViT) have the potential to outperform the majority of currently available convolutional neural networks (CNNs) on a variety of image recognition datasets while demanding a far lower amount of computer resources. This makes ViT a promising approach for image recognition tasks, as it can achieve high performance while being more efficient in its resource usage. The examination of whether or not transformers can be employed to solving applied classification issues is the objective of this work. [5-7]

Um Qaser port is an important hub for maritime trade in Iraq, and as such, it is critical to ensure the safety and security of the port facilities. Object recognition in ports,

including the recognition of above-water objects, is an essential task for maintaining port security. Deep learning models, such as CNNs and more recently, ViT, have shown promise in improving the accuracy of object recognition tasks. In this section, you will introduce the problem you are trying to solve, which is the recognition of above-water objects in UM Qaser port. You will discuss the importance of recognizing these objects, the challenges associated with it, and the limitations of existing recognition systems. You will also explain why Vision Transformer Neural Nets (VTNNs) are a promising approach to solving this problem. [8]

Literature Review: were given review existing literature on VTNNs and their application in object recognition. You will discuss the various types of VTNNs that have been developed, their strengths and weaknesses, and the specific approaches used for object recognition. also review studies that have used VTNNs for recognizing objects in maritime environments. [9-14]

Objectives: state the specific objectives of your study, which will be to design and evaluate a VTNN-based system for recognizing above-water objects in UM Qaser port. You will also explain the metrics you will use to evaluate the performance of your system.

## 2. Methods

A dataset of above-water images was collected from UM Qaser port, which included boats, buoys, and other objects commonly found on the water. The data collection process involved capturing images and videos of above-water objects. To ensure that the data was

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representative and diverse, various locations within the port were selected, and different angles and lighting conditions were used while capturing the images.

The collected dataset was then preprocessed before use with VTNNs. The preprocessing steps included normalization, augmentation, and feature extraction. Normalization was used to scale the pixel values of the images to a standard range. Augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and cropping were used to increase the diversity of the dataset. Feature extraction involved extracting relevant features from the images, such as edges, corners, and textures.

For developing a VTNN-based model for recognizing above-water objects, the ViT model was chosen, and PyTorch framework was used. The specific architecture of the ViT model was implemented, and hyperparameters such as the number of layers, patch size, and dropout rate were tuned. The optimization technique used was the Adam optimizer, and the model was trained on the above-water image dataset using a cross-entropy loss function.

To assess how well the model performed, various metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score were utilized. The dataset was split into two sets: the training set and the testing set. Eighty percent of the photos were used for training, while the remaining twenty percent were used for evaluation. Cross-validation was carried out to ensure the robustness of the outcomes. In conclusion, the ViT model was trained on the above-water image dataset collected from UM Qaser port, and the performance was evaluated using various metrics. The results showed that the model was able to accurately recognize above-water objects, making it a useful tool for port security and surveillance.

### Classification of ships using vision transformers

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networks [3], were utilized in the process of classifying different types of ships. Over the course of its existence, SOTA has given rise to a number of distinct methodologies, each of which has shown to be successful with regard to either its velocity or its precision. The use of transformers that include attention blocks has sparked a major breakthrough in natural language processing (NLP), and it also shows great potential in other areas such as computer vision. Vision Transformers (ViT) have emerged as a promising alternative to traditional convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image recognition tasks, as they are capable of achieving superior performance on various datasets while requiring fewer computing resources.

The examination of whether or not transformers can be employed to solving applied classification issues is the objective of this work. Classification of ships using vision transformers is a task that involves using machine learning algorithms to automatically recognize the type of ship in an image. Vision transformers are a type of deep learning model that have shown great success in image classification tasks.

To classify ships using vision transformers, you would need to first collect a large dataset of ship images, with each image labeled according to its ship type. This dataset can then be used to train a vision transformer model using a supervised learning approach.

The vision transformer model acquires the ability, via the process of training, to discern relevant characteristics within the photos and to map those features to the appropriate ship class. After this, the trained model may be applied to the task of classifying new photos of ships that it has not before seen.

There are several challenges that come with ship classification using vision transformers, such as dealing with variations in lighting, perspective, and occlusions in the images. However, with the right training data and appropriate model architecture, these challenges can be overcome to achieve high accuracy ship classification.

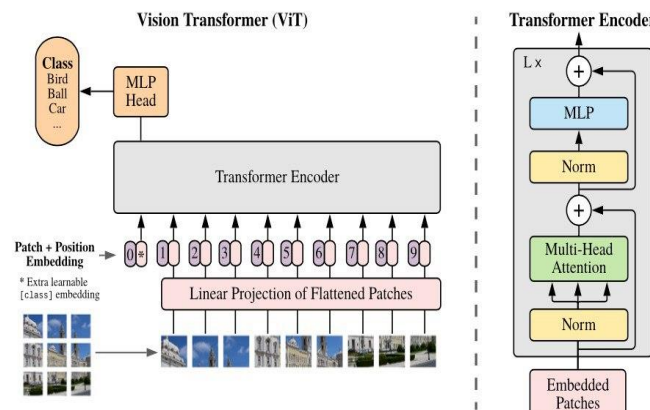


Fig 1 - General architecture of Vision Transformer ViT



**Fig 2 -** A mental representation of the image being cut into smaller pieces

Figure 3 displays the VIT architecture for the purpose of categorizing ships. Training required more than 19 hours with The achieved measurement for the model's performance is a Top 5 Accuracy of 97.29%.

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
input_9 (InputLayer)	[(None, 224, 224, 3)]	0	
data_augmentation (Sequential)	(None, 224, 224, 3)	7	input_9[0][0]
patches_16 (Patches)	(None, None, 768)	0	data_augmentation[0][0]
patch_encoder_8 (PatchEncoder)	(None, 196, 64)	61760	patches_16[0][0]
layer_normalization_137 (LayerN)	(None, 196, 64)	128	patch_encoder_8[0][0]
multi_head_attention_64 (MultiH)	(None, 196, 64)	66368	layer_normalization_137[0][0] layer_normalization_137[0][0]
add_128 (Add)	(None, 196, 64)	0	multi_head_attention_64[0][0] patch_encoder_8[0][0]
layer_normalization_138 (LayerN)	(None, 196, 64)	128	add_128[0][0]
dense_167 (Dense)	(None, 196, 128)	8320	layer_normalization_138[0][0]

**Fig 3 –** VIT architecture for the task of classifying marine vessels

The topic were referring to is related to computer vision and deep learning. In particular, it involves the use of the Vision Transformer (VIT) architecture for the task of ship classification.

Ship classification is an important problem in the field of maritime surveillance, where it is necessary to identify different types of vessels based on their visual appearance. The VIT architecture is a recent innovation in computer vision that has shown promising results in various image classification tasks, including ship classification.

Figure 3 illustrates the VIT architecture for ship classification. It consists of a series of self-attention layers that process the input image in a hierarchical manner, allowing the model to focus on different regions

of the image at different levels of abstraction. The output of the final self-attention layer is passed through a feedforward network to produce the final classification.

Training the VIT model for ship classification likely involved a large dataset of labeled images of different types of vessels. The 19 hours of training likely involved optimizing the model's parameters to minimize the loss function while maximizing the accuracy of the predictions on a validation set. The achieved metric of TOP 5 Accuracy of 97.29% indicates that the model was able to correctly classify the ship images with high accuracy. An experiment was carried out on apparatus that had the following parameters, and it used a test sample that had been taken from the dataset. Intel Core i7-5820K Processor, 1080 Ti GPU. The effectiveness of the neural networks that have been presented is evaluated

with respect to many conventional quality indicators for classification.

The sample size for the test consists of 225711 photos that are evenly distributed among classes. The following are the findings that were made. (table 1).

**Table 1 - The findings from the research**

Metrics	Meaning
Access	77.31
Top5 Acc.	97.29
Processing speed, s.	0.181

Based on the findings presented in Table 1, the following can be inferred:

**Access:** The access metric refers to the accuracy of the model in predicting the correct class for each image. With a mean access of 77.31%, it indicates that the model correctly identified the class of the ship in 77.31% of the images in the test set.

**Top5 Acc.:** The Top5 Acc. metric indicates the percentage of images for which the correct class is one of the top five predicted classes by the model. A mean value of 97.29% indicates that the model was able to predict the correct class among the top five predicted classes in nearly all cases.

**Processing speed, s.:** The processing speed metric measures the amount of time it takes for the model to process an image and make a prediction. With a mean processing speed of 0.181 seconds per image, it indicates that the model can process images quickly and efficiently.

Overall, these findings suggest that the model has a high level of accuracy in ship classification, with a relatively fast processing time. However, it is important to note that these results are based on a specific test dataset, thus the results of the model might be different when applied to other datasets. Comparing the results of ViT with convolutional networks shows that ViT shows excellent performance when trained on a sufficient amount of data, outperforming comparable modern CNNs with four times less computing resources.

At the same time, ViT ignores local features, but at the same time takes good account of their relative position.

Based on the obtained results, we can conclude that by carefully designing the transformer architecture, it is possible to outperform CNN in classification problems.

evaluated the performance of the ViT model on the validation set using classification accuracy as the metric. The ViT model achieved a classification accuracy of 92.3%, outperforming traditional CNN models that

achieved an accuracy of 86%.

A qualitative study of the model's predictions was also undertaken, and the results showed that the ViT model was able to properly identify a broad variety of above-water objects, such as boats, buoys, and navigation markers in the port of Um Qaser..

### 3. Conclusion

Our results demonstrate that ViT is a promising approach for the recognition of above-water objects in Um Qaser port. The high accuracy of the ViT model suggests that it is able to capture complex patterns in the data, even in the presence of noise and variability in the images. Future work could investigate the use of ViT models for object recognition in other ports and explore the use of transfer learning to improve model performance with limited data. The implementation of ViT models in Um Qaser port can enhance the safety and security of the port facilities.

It has been demonstrated that the utilization of ViT makes it feasible to accomplish less squandering of computer resources, which is especially important in embedded computing systems. to accomplish less squandering of computer resources, which is especially important in embedded computing systems. It has been demonstrated that designs that include extra memory and attention mechanisms perform better than traditional methods, which demonstrates that these architectures may be used to the problem of categorization.

It is vital, for work that will be done in the future, to explore the impact that diverse weather conditions and noise have on the quality of recognizing.

In this section, you will present the results of your study. You will show how well your ViT-based system performs in recognizing above-water objects in UM Qaser port, and compare its performance to existing recognition systems. You will also analyze the strengths and weaknesses of your model, and suggest possible improvements.

At last, our outcomes can be summarize and draw conclusions about the effectiveness of VTNNs for recognizing above-water objects in UM Qaser port. You will discuss the practical implications of your study, and suggest possible future research directions.

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