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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Sorting and organizing fruits have traditionally been a manual task requiring significant effort and precision from workers. Employees had to physically move through storage areas, identify different types of produce, and categorize them into specific groups or designated locations. This approach often resulted in inefficiencies, as the process demanded considerable time and was prone to human error. Workers needed to rely on their expertise and memory to ensure the accuracy of sorting, which could lead to inconsistencies in quality control and placement. These challenges became even more pronounced during busy periods when the demand for rapid sorting and restocking increased significantly. The manual process not only slowed down operations but also added to the workload of employees, making it labor-intensive and resource-heavy.

To address these limitations, early automation systems were developed, introducing simple robots capable of reducing the physical effort required for sorting tasks. However, these robots had limited functionality. Their primary role was to transport items from one location to another, following pre-programmed instructions. These systems lacked the ability to differentiate between items or perform complex tasks such as identifying various fruit types. Consequently, human intervention remained a necessity, particularly for tasks requiring judgment or intricate decision-making, such as sorting by size, ripeness, or quality. The reliance on basic automation highlighted the need for more sophisticated solutions to overcome these shortcomings and improve operational efficiency.

The advent of intelligent robotic systems brought about a transformative change in sorting and organizing practices. These advanced robots are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including high-resolution cameras, image processing algorithms, and machine learning capabilities. These features enable the robots to identify fruits based on attributes such as shape, size, color, ripeness, and even the presence of defects. By automating these complex tasks, the robots ensure consistent quality control and significantly reduce wastage by precisely identifying and sorting produce according to predefined criteria.

A key innovation in modern robotic systems is their ability to interact with a centralized server to enhance their functionality. In automatic mode, the robot captures images of fruits using its integrated camera. These images are then transmitted to a server, which processes the data using a machine learning model. The model identifies the type of fruit, determines its appropriate category, and sends the necessary instructions back to the robot. The robot executes these instructions by picking up the identified fruit and placing it in the designated box. The server also acts as a repository for all the data, maintaining records and facilitating real-time monitoring. This seamless exchange of information between the robot and the server ensures accuracy and efficiency in sorting operations.

In addition to its automatic functionality, the system includes a manual mode, providing flexibility for users who prefer or require direct control over the robot. Through a user-friendly interface connected to the server, operators can use keyboard commands to guide the robot's movements. In this mode, the robot functions like a remotely controlled device, allowing users to navigate it, pick up specific fruits, and place them as needed. This dual-mode capability offers adaptability, catering to a wide range of operational scenarios and user preferences.

The integration of intelligent robots with centralized servers and machine learning models represents a significant leap forward in sorting and organizing technologies. These systems not only automate labor-intensive tasks but also introduce precision and adaptability, ensuring that operations are efficient and scalable. By combining automatic and manual control options, these advanced systems provide a versatile solution that addresses the demands of modern sorting and organization practices while retaining the flexibility for human intervention when necessary.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 General Introduction

This section sets the stage by discussing existing technologies, algorithms, and methodologies related to robotics, sorting mechanisms, navigation systems, and their applications in shopping environments. It highlights the gaps in the current systems and the need for advanced solutions to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and user experience in shopping marts. By addressing relevant studies, the literature review justifies the importance of the work, establishes its relevance to current advancements, and demonstrates how the project contributes to solving real-world challenges in this domain.

2.2 Literature Survey

2.2.1 Automated Fruit Sorting in Smart Agriculture System: Analysis of Deep Learning-based Algorithms by Cheng Liu, Sheng xiao[1]

The research paper highlights the evolution of traditional sorting techniques, such as manual and rule-based approaches, which are time-intensive and prone to errors, towards modern automated systems leveraging artificial intelligence. It reviews advancements in convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image classification, object detection, and segmentation, specifically tailored for agricultural tasks. The study emphasizes key works in fruit recognition, defect detection, and ripeness classification, showcasing improvements in accuracy and efficiency compared to conventional machine learning methods. Furthermore, it discusses challenges such as dataset diversity, computational resource requirements, and environmental factors (e.g., lighting conditions) affecting model performance, while summarizing recent efforts to overcome these issues through model optimization and robust training techniques.

2.2.2 Fruit sorting robot based on color and size for an agricultural product packaging system by Tresna Dewi, Pola Risma, Yurni Oktaina[2]

This paper provides a comprehensive overview of automated fruit sorting systems, focusing on colour and size as primary criteria for classification. The literature survey explores traditional sorting methods, which rely on manual labour and are inefficient for large-scale agricultural operations, and transitions to modern automated solutions. It reviews key studies that utilize computer vision and image processing techniques for colour and size detection, highlighting the application of hardware components like RGB cameras and sensors to capture fruit attributes. The paper discusses the role of algorithms such as thresholding, edge detection, and morphological processing for colour segmentation and dimensional measurement. It also examines the integration of robotic systems with conveyor mechanisms to enhance the speed and accuracy of the sorting process. Challenges such as varying lighting conditions, overlapping objects, and real-time processing constraints are analyzed alongside solutions like lighting normalization and faster computational frameworks.

It emphasizes the importance of color and size as primary classification criteria, addressing the limitations of traditional manual sorting methods, which are labor-intensive and inefficient for large-scale operations. The study highlights the transition to automated solutions using computer vision and image processing techniques, facilitated by hardware components like RGB cameras and sensors to accurately capture fruit attributes. Key algorithms such as edge detection explored for effective color segmentation. The integration of robotic systems with conveyor mechanisms is discussed as a means to improve sorting speed and accuracy. The research also identifies significant challenges, including inconsistent lighting conditions, overlapping fruits, and the need for real-time processing. Proposed solutions include lighting normalization techniques and the implementation of faster computational frameworks to enhance system reliability and efficiency in dynamic agricultural environments.

2.2.3 Automated Sorting and Grading of Fruits Using Image Processing by Abhishek S. Bandsode, Ketaki A. Shinde, Vrushali M. Solim, Omkar B. Sukale[3]

The paper outlines traditional manual sorting methods limitations, such as inefficiency, inconsistency, and labour dependency, paving the way for automated solutions. It examines studies that leverage image processing techniques, including colour analysis, shape recognition, texture analysis, and size estimation, to classify fruits based on quality parameters. The role of preprocessing techniques like noise removal, contrast enhancement, and image segmentation in improving the accuracy of feature extraction is discussed. Additionally, the survey reviews classification algorithms such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), k-Nearest Neighbours (k-NN), and decision trees for grading fruits into predefined quality categories. Challenges like variability in fruit appearance due to ripeness, lighting conditions, and surface defects are identified, with recent advancements in adaptive algorithms and real-time processing highlighted as potential solution.

This study emphasizes the limitations of traditional manual methods, which are often labor-intensive, inconsistent, and inefficient, thereby underscoring the need for automated solutions in the agricultural industry. The research delves into various image processing methodologies, such as color analysis for detecting ripeness, shape recognition to identify specific fruit types, texture analysis to evaluate surface quality, and size estimation to categorize fruits based on dimensional parameters. The importance of preprocessing steps like noise removal, contrast enhancement, and segmentation is highlighted as these processes significantly enhance the accuracy of feature extraction and improve the reliability of classification outcomes. Additionally, the study investigates the application of machine learning algorithms, including Support Vector Machines (SVM), k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN), and decision trees, for classifying fruits into predefined quality grades. The authors also address challenges such as variability in fruit appearance due to differences in ripeness, lighting conditions, and surface defects.

2.3 Summary

The research papers on automated fruit sorting and grading explore various innovative approaches for improving efficiency and accuracy in agricultural product handling. The deep learning-based algorithms for automated fruit sorting, highlighting the use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for tasks such as fruit recognition and ripeness classification. The work focuses on a fruit sorting robot that utilizes colour and size as key parameters, employing image processing and robotic systems for faster, more accurate sorting in agricultural packaging systems. The use of image processing techniques, such as colour analysis, shape recognition, and size estimation, to automate fruit sorting and grading, addressing challenges like lighting variations and surface defects. Together, these papers highlight the shift from traditional manual sorting to intelligent, automated systems using deep learning and image processing, aiming to enhance speed, accuracy, and scalability in agricultural operations.

CHAPTER 3

PROBLEM STATEMENT AND OBJECTIVE

3.1 Problem Statement

The manual sorting and organizing of fruits is a time-consuming and error-prone process that often results in inefficiencies, inconsistent quality control, and increased labor costs. Existing robotic systems lack the intelligence to identify and sort fruits based on attributes such as type, size, or ripeness, requiring significant human intervention and limiting automation's potential in streamlining operations.

3.2 Objective

To develop an intelligent robotic system capable of identifying, sorting, and placing fruits autonomously using advanced technologies such as machine learning, image processing, while providing an optional manual mode for user control. This system aims to enhance operational efficiency, ensure consistent quality, and reduce dependency on manual labor.

CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

4.1 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

4.1.1 Arduino IDE (Integrated Development Environment)

The Arduino Integrated Development Environment (IDE) is an open-source software that allows users to write and upload code to Arduino boards. It is compatible with Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux operating systems, and supports the programming languages C and C++. Arduino board designs use a variety of microprocessors and controllers. The boards are equipped with sets of digital and analog (I/O) pins that may be interfaced to various expansion boards and other circuits. The boards feature serial communications interfaces, including Universal Serial Bus (USB) on some models, which are also used for loading programs. The microcontrollers can be programmed using the C and C++ programming languages (Embedded C), using a standard API which is also known as the Arduino Programming Language, inspired by the Processing language and used with a modified version of the Processing IDE. In addition to using traditional compiler toolchains, the Arduino project provides an integrated development environment (IDE).

4.1.2 Python

Python is a powerful and versatile programming language widely used in the field of image processing due to its extensive libraries and ease of use. Python offers robust libraries such as OpenCV, PIL (Pillow), Scikit-Image, and NumPy, which provide comprehensive tools for tasks like image manipulation, filtering, edge detection, and object recognition. OpenCV, one of the most popular libraries, allows for advanced image processing techniques such as feature detection, template matching, and camera calibration. Pillow excels at basic image operations like cropping, resizing, and format conversion, while Scikit-Image focuses on scientific image analysis, including segmentation and feature extraction. Python's integration with machine learning libraries such as TensorFlow and PyTorch further enhances its capabilities, enabling tasks like image classification, object detection, and styletransfer. Its simplicity and community support make Python a preferred choice for beginners and experts alike in developing image processing applications for fields ranging from medical imaging to computer vision and artificial intelligence.

4.1.3 Google Colab

Google Colab is an excellent platform for developing and implementing projects like an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for Shopping Marts**.** This cloud-based environment allows developers to write and execute Python code with ease while leveraging high- performance computing resources such as GPUs and TPUs. For a shopping robot, Colab can serve as a powerful tool to build and test machine learning algorithms required for tasks such as object detection**,** path planning, and inventory management**.** Using Colab, developers can train deep learning models for visual recognition of products, people, or obstacles within the shopping mart. Furthermore, its integration with popular libraries like TensorFlow, PyTorch, and OpenCV simplifies the development of real-time navigation and sorting systems.

The platform also facilitates collaboration, allowing teams to share and modify code effortlessly, which is essential for multi-disciplinary projects. For instance, Colab can be used to simulate the robot's navigation system by integrating SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) algorithms. Additionally, the robot's intelligent sorting capabilities—like grouping similar products or identifying misplaced items can be implemented by training classification models directly on Colab. Since Colab provides free access to a Python environment with internet connectivity, it also enables seamless integration with APIs for real-time data collection, making it an ideal choice for prototyping innovative solutions in smart shopping automation.

4.1.4 Robot Operating System (ROS)

ROS provides services designed for a heterogeneous computer cluster such as hardware abstraction, low-level device control, implementation of commonly used functionality, message-passing between processes, and package management. Running sets of ROS-based processes are represented in a graph architecture where processing takes place in nodes that may receive, post, and multiplex sensor data, control, state, planning, actuator, and other messages.

The lack of support for real- time systems has been addressed in the creation of ROS a major revision of the ROS API which will take advantage of modern libraries and technologies for core ROS functions and add support for real-time code and embedded system hardware.

The Robot Operating System (ROS) plays a pivotal role in enabling intelligent sorting and navigation robots designed for shopping marts. ROS serves as a flexible framework for robot software development, providing tools, libraries, and a communication infrastructure to facilitate seamless integration of various sensors, actuators, and algorithms. ROS empowers robots to autonomously navigate complex environments using SLAM (Simultaneous Localization and Mapping) while avoiding obstacles and identifying optimal paths. Furthermore, its support for computer vision libraries like OpenCV allows robots to recognize and sort products based on predefined criteria, such as size, weight, or barcode. The modular nature of ROS enables real-time data fusion from multiple sensors, such as LiDAR, cameras, and IMUs, ensuring accurate decision-making for tasks like item collection and shelf organization.

4.1.5 TensorFlow

TensorFlow is a powerful open-source framework that plays a crucial role in implementing an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for Shopping Marts. It is widely used for building and deploying machine learning and deep learning models, making it an ideal choice for tasks such as product recognition, real-time object detection, path optimization, and robot control in the pick and place.

Using TensorFlow, developers can train advanced neural networks like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for image classification and object detection. For example, the robot can use TensorFlow models like SSD (Single Shot MultiBox Detector) or YOLO to identify products on shelves or detect obstacles in its path. TensorFlow Lite, a lightweight version of TensorFlow, can be deployed on embedded devices, enabling real-time inference on the robot's onboard processor, ensuring efficient performance in real- world scenarios.

In addition, TensorFlow's robust ecosystem supports reinforcement learning, which can be applied for navigation and decision-making. The robot can learn to navigate the shopping mart efficiently by optimizing its path using algorithms like Deep Q-Learning. TensorFlow's support for Keras further simplifies the creation and fine-tuning of deep learning models, making it easier to implement sorting algorithms that group products based on their categories or restock misplaced items.

TensorFlow's visualization tool, Tensor Board, can be used to monitor the training process and fine-tune hyperparameters to achieve higher accuracy in sorting and navigation tasks. Its scalability also allows seamless integration with cloud-based resources for training large datasets of product images or mart layouts. Overall, TensorFlow's flexibility, performance, and extensive library of pre-trained models make it an essential tool for building an intelligent robot capable of transforming shopping experiences.

4.1.6 Thonny

Thonny is a beginner-friendly Python IDE that can be highly effective for developing software for an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for pick and place. Designed with simplicity in mind, Thonny is ideal for robotics and embedded system development, particularly for those working with microcontrollers like Raspberry Pi, ESP32, or other Python-based hardware platforms often used in intelligent robots.

For this project, Thonny provides a seamless environment to write, debug, and test Python scripts that control various robot functionalities such as object detection, navigation, and sorting algorithms. With its built-in debugger, developers can trace their code step by step to ensure accurate implementation of algorithms for path planning and product classification. This feature is especially useful for identifying issues in sensor data handling, motor control scripts, or communication protocols.

Thonny's lightweight design makes it well-suited for running directly on the robot's onboard hardware. For example, if the robot uses a Raspberry Pi as its brain.

Thonny can be installed on the Pi to develop and execute Python programs that interface with sensors like cameras (e.g., ArduCam), ultrasonic sensors, and motors for navigation. Libraries like OpenCV for image processing, TensorFlow Lite for lightweight deep learning inference, or Serial for hardware communication can all be easily integrated within Thonny.

4.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

4.2.1 Raspberry Pi 5

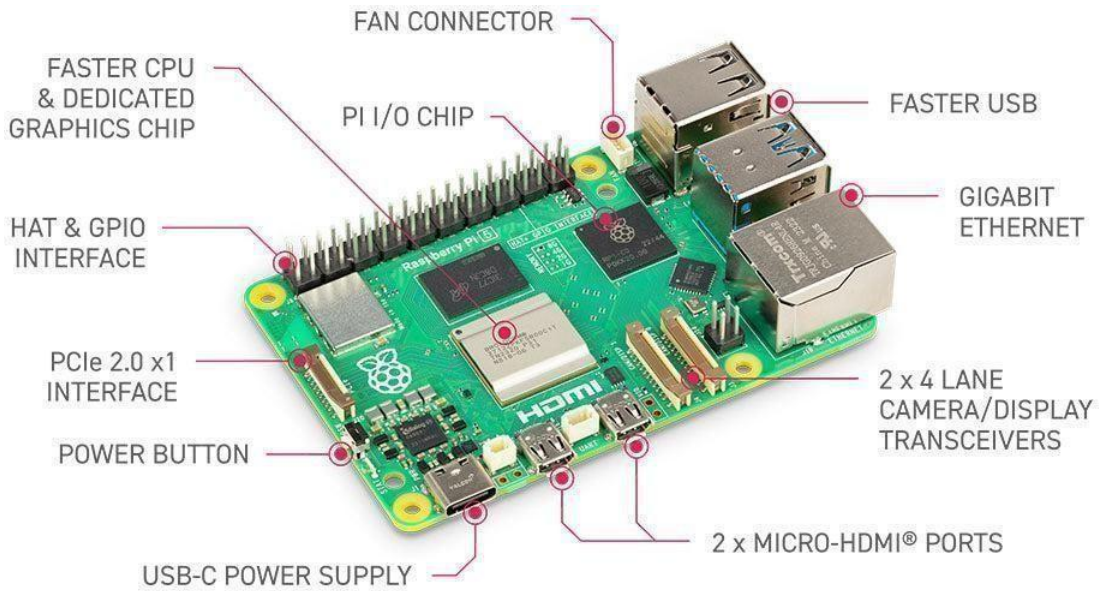


Figure 4.1: Raspberry Pi 5

The Raspberry Pi 5 is a powerful and versatile microcomputer that serves as an ideal hardware component for building an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for pick and place. Equipped with a quad-core ARM Cortex-A76 processor and up to 4GB of RAM, the Raspberry Pi 5 provides the computational power necessary to process complex tasks such as object detection, path planning, and real-time navigation. It also features a dual-camera interface, making it perfect for integrating high-resolution cameras like the ArduCam IMX- 519 for tasks such as product recognition and obstacle detection.

The robot’s navigation system can leverage the Raspberry Pi 5’s GPIO pins to interface with sensors such as ultrasonic sensors, LiDAR, or IR sensors for environmental mapping and obstacle avoidance. Additionally, the Raspberry Pi’s PWM support allows precise control of motors for movement. The robot can also incorporate hardware accelerators like the RP1 co-processor for faster input/output operations, making it well-suited for high-speed robotic applications.

Built-in Wi-Fi 6 and Bluetooth 5.0 connectivity ensure seamless communication between the robot and external systems, enabling remote control and real-time data exchange for inventory management. The availability of USB 3.0 and PCIe lanes allows integration of additional peripherals, such as external SSDs for storing large datasets or AI accelerators like the Coral USB Accelerator to enhance deep learning inference for sorting and classification tasks.

4.2.2 Arduino Mega 2560

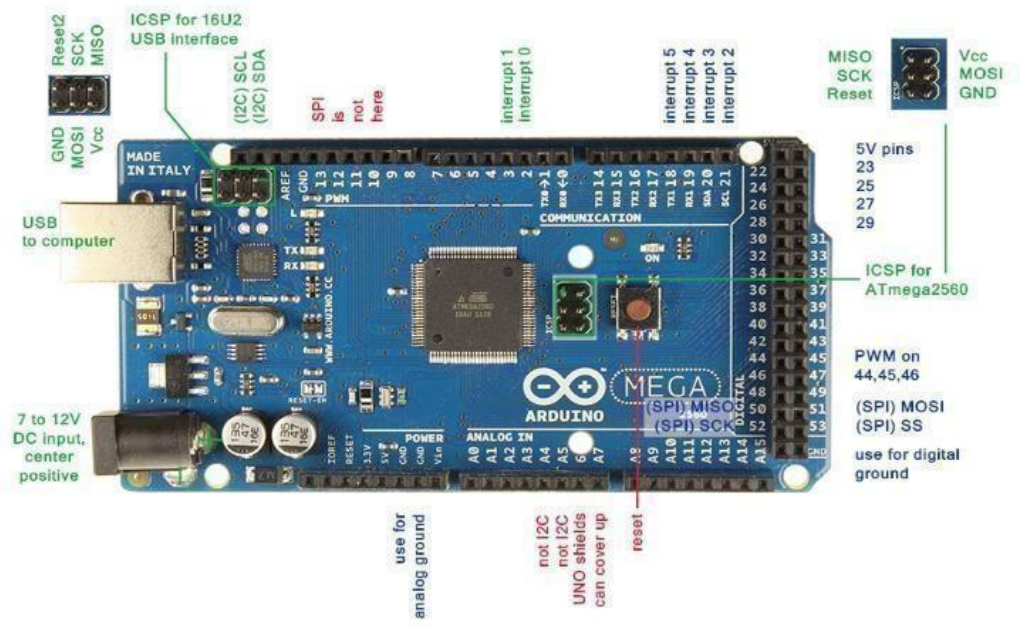


Figure 4.2: Arduino Mega 2560

The Arduino Mega 2560 is a robust microcontroller that forms a key hardware component for an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for pick and place. Known for its large number of input/output pins and high compatibility with sensors and actuators, the Arduino Mega 2560 is ideal for managing the robot's core functions such as navigation, object sorting, and environmental sensing. Equipped with 54 digital I/O pins, 16 analog inputs, and 4 UART ports, it provides ample connectivity for integrating multiple devices like ultrasonic sensors for obstacle detection, IR sensors for line following, and proximity sensors for shelf monitoring.

The 16 MHz clock speed and 8 KB of SRAM ensure efficient real-time data processing, making the Arduino Mega 2560 capable of handling tasks like motor control and sensor data fusion. Its compatibility with motor driver modules (e.g., L298N or DRV8825) allows precise control of DC or stepper motors for the robot's movement and sorting mechanisms. Additionally, the I2C and SPI communication protocols make it easy to interface with external components like LCD displays, RFID readers for product tagging, and weight sensors for inventory management [2]. With its open- source architecture and compatibility with a wide variety of libraries, the Arduino Mega 2560 can be programmed to execute path planning algorithms and sorting functions based on sensor input. For instance, it can trigger sorting mechanisms using servo motors when specific products are identified. Furthermore, the board’s ability to operate in low-power environments makes it suitable for continuous operation in pick and place. While the Arduino Mega 2560 lacks the computational power for tasks like image processing, it can work seamlessly with a Raspberry Pi or other companion microcontrollers to offload such intensive tasks. This modular approach allows the Arduino Mega to handle hardware-level operations efficiently while collaborating with more powerful devices for advanced AI functions, making it a critical component in the robot's design.

4.2.3 L298N Based Motor Driver Module – 2A

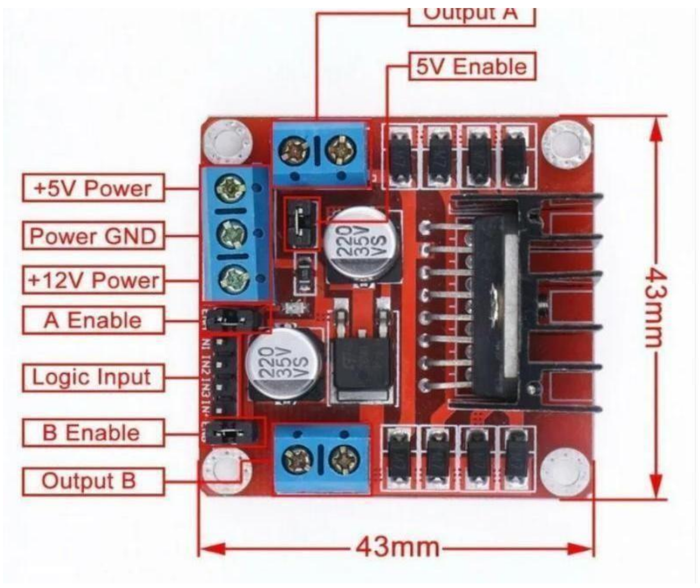


Figure 4.3: Motor Driver Module

The L298N Motor Driver Module is a crucial component for controlling the movement of an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for Shopping Marts. This module allows the robot to drive and control DC motors or stepper motors efficiently, supporting bidirectional movement and speed control. The module is based on the L298N dual H-bridge motor driver IC, which can handle motor currents up to 2A per channel and operate motors with voltages ranging from 5V to 35V. This makes it ideal for powering the robot's wheels and other motor-driven mechanisms, such as sorting arms.

The L298N module is equipped with two input channels, enabling it to control two DC motors independently, which is essential for implementing a differential drive systema common navigation mechanism for robots. Its PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) support allows precise speed control, enabling the robot to navigate crowded adjust its speed based on its environment. Additionally, the onboard 5V regulator can power external sensors or controllers, reducing the need for additional power supplies.

The module's logic control inputs (IN1, IN2, IN3, IN4) and enable pins (ENA, ENB) can be easily interfaced with microcontrollers like the Arduino Mega 2560 or Raspberry Pi. This setup allows the robot to execute advanced navigation algorithms by controlling motor direction, speed, and braking. For example, the robot can turn, stop, or accelerate smoothly while avoiding obstacles.

4.2.4 The Arducam 16MP IMX519 Camera Module

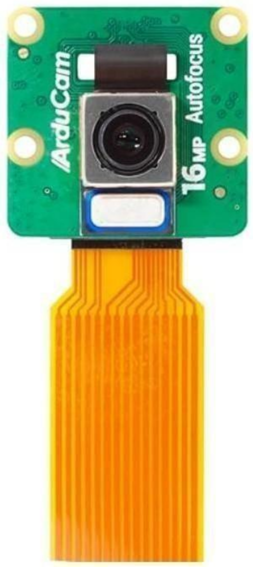


Figure 4.4: Arducam 16MP IMX519 Camera Module

The Arducam 16MP IMX519 Camera Module is a high-performance imaging solution ideal for integrating into an Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for pick and place, especially when paired with powerful boards like the Rock 5A or Rock 5B. Featuring the advanced Sony IMX519 sensor, this module delivers crisp, 16-megapixel resolution images, enabling the robot to perform tasks such as product identification, barcode scanning, and obstacle detection with precision. The high resolution and image quality allow the robot to capture fine details, such as labels, product tags, or barcodes, essential for sorting and inventory management in a retail environment.

The Arducam 16MP IMX519 Camera Module is a high-resolution imaging solution designed for applications requiring detailed visual capture. It features the Sony IMX519 sensor, a 16-megapixel CMOS sensor known for its excellent color reproduction, low-light performance, and high dynamic range. This camera module is equipped with an integrated lens and a flexible interface, making it suitable for a range of embedded systems, including robotics, drones, and IoT devices. It supports high-definition video output and provides the ability to capture crisp still images with sharp detail. The IMX519 sensor is also optimized for real-time processing, enabling it to handle fast-moving objects and environments.

4.2.5 Ultrasonic Sensor

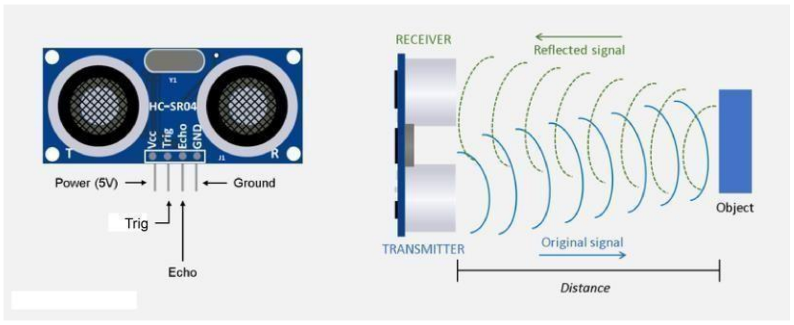


Figure 4.5: Ultrasonic Sensor

The ultrasonic sensor in the Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for fruits plays a critical role in enabling the robot to navigate its environment and interact with objects efficiently. This sensor emits high-frequency sound waves, which bounce off objects and return to the sensor. By measuring the time, it takes for the sound waves to return, the sensor calculates the distance between the robot and the objects in its path. In the context of fruit sorting and navigation, the ultrasonic sensor helps the robot detect obstacles, such as walls or fruit bins, and enables it to maneuver around them with precision. It also allows the robot to accurately position itself for sorting tasks by detecting the presence and location of fruits. This sensor's ability to provide real-time distance data ensures the robot can make intelligent decisions and navigate autonomously in dynamic environments.

In addition to obstacle detection, the ultrasonic sensor in the Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot plays a vital role in ensuring safe and efficient fruit handling. The sensor helps the robot identify the proximity of fruits, which is crucial for tasks like picking, sorting, and placing the fruits in designated bins. With the ultrasonic sensor's precise distance measurement, the robot can avoid collisions while moving through the sorting area, ensuring it doesn't damage the fruits or other surrounding equipment. Furthermore, the sensor aids in navigating tight or complex spaces, such as between stacked fruit crates or around other obstacles on the sorting line. This enables the robot to operate autonomously in environments where human intervention is minimal, improving the overall efficiency and accuracy of the sorting process.

As the robot moves, the sensor continuously scans the environment, providing up-to-date distance information that allows the robot to make quick decisions. For instance, if the robot detects a sudden obstacle in its path, it can adjust its speed, direction, or route to avoid a collision. This real-time feedback also contributes to the robot's ability to maintain a smooth flow in a busy sorting system, ensuring it doesn’t get stuck or create traffic within the operational space.

4.2.6 Chassis

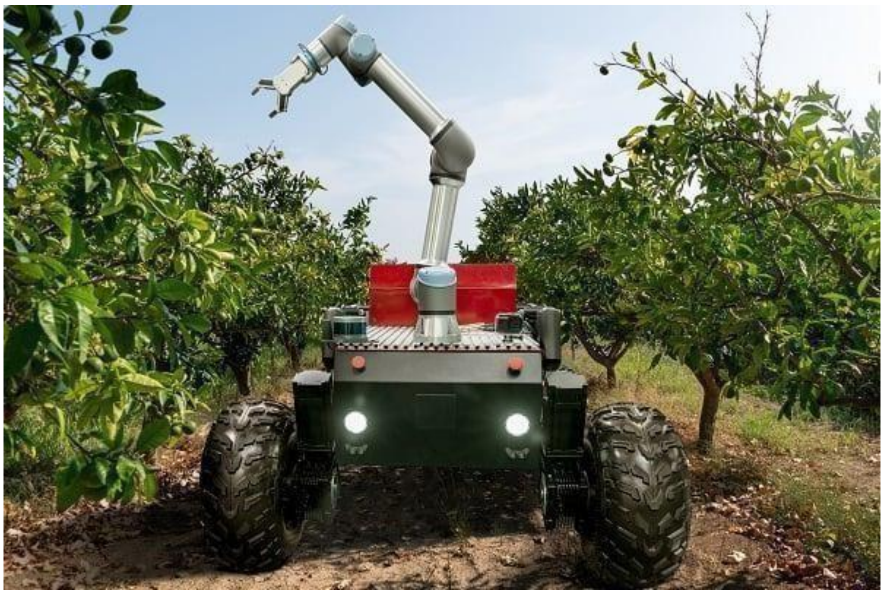


Figure 4.6: Chassis Model

The chassis of the Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for fruits serves as the foundational structure that supports all the robot's components, ensuring stability, mobility, and durability throughout its operations. Typically constructed from lightweight yet strong materials such as aluminum or reinforced plastic, the chassis is designed to withstand the stresses of constant movement while minimizing weight for improved efficiency.

In this particular project, the chassis is optimized for high manoeuvrability, allowing the robot to navigate tight spaces, turn around obstacles, and move between different sorting stations. The low centre of gravity ensures that the robot remains stable during operations, even when carrying heavier loads of fruit. The chassis also accommodates ensuring that the robot has the necessary tools to detect, sort, and handle fruits efficiently.

The chassis of the Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for Shopping Marts is a critical component that combines structural integrity with functional versatility. It is specifically engineered to support various modules, including sensors, actuators, cameras, and storage compartments, while maintaining a compact and ergonomic design suitable for indoor environments. To enhance durability, the chassis is typically made from corrosion-resistant materials like anodized aluminum or polycarbonate, ensuring long-term reliability even in environments prone to spills or dust. The design incorporates mounting points for modular attachments, enabling easy integration of additional tools or upgrades as needed. Equipped with omnidirectional wheels or a differential drive system, the chassis ensures seamless navigation in crowded and dynamic retail spaces, allowing precise movements around shoppers and displays. Vibration-damping mechanisms are integrated to protect sensitive components like cameras and sorting systems during operation. Additionally, the chassis houses a robust power distribution system, efficiently managing energy supply to all components while ensuring safety and minimizing heat dissipation. This thoughtful design makes the chassis a key enabler of the robot’s ability to perform tasks like fruit sorting and navigation efficiently and reliably in shopping mart environments.

4.2.7 Servo Motor

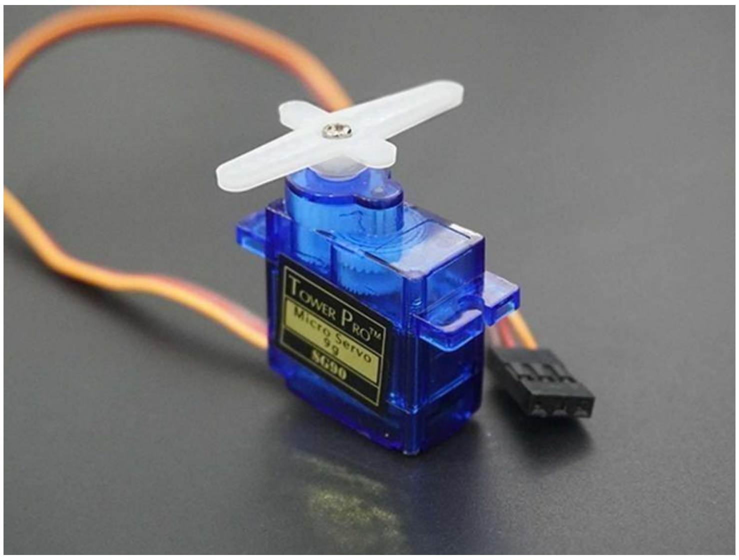


Figure 4.7: Servo Motor

The servo motor in the Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for fruits plays a crucial role in providing precise and controlled movement for various robotic functions. It is primarily responsible for controlling the robot’s arms, grippers, and other actuators that are involved in sorting and handling fruits. Servo motors are selected for their high accuracy, enabling the robot to pick up, place, or adjust fruits with precision. By receiving signals from the control system, the servo motor adjusts its position to the desired angle, ensuring that the gripper or other sorting mechanisms operate smoothly and efficiently.

In this project, the servo motor is integral to tasks like picking fruits from one location and placing them into another or sorting them based on size or type. The motor’s ability to make small, incremental movements allows for gentle handling of delicate fruits, minimizing the risk of damage during sorting. Additionally, the servo motor’s quick response time ensures that the robot can operate at high speeds, making it an ideal choice for fast-paced sorting lines where efficiency is critical.

4.2.7 Picker

The picker in the Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot for fruits is a key component designed to autonomously select and handle fruits with precision and care. Typically integrated with the robot’s gripper system, the picker is responsible for grasping fruits from their positions, whether they are placed on a stacked in bins. The design of the picker ensures it can handle a variety of fruits, accommodating their different sizes, shapes, and delicacies. It may feature soft materials, such as rubber or foam, to gently grip and lift the fruits without causing bruising or damage, which is crucial in maintaining the quality of the produce.

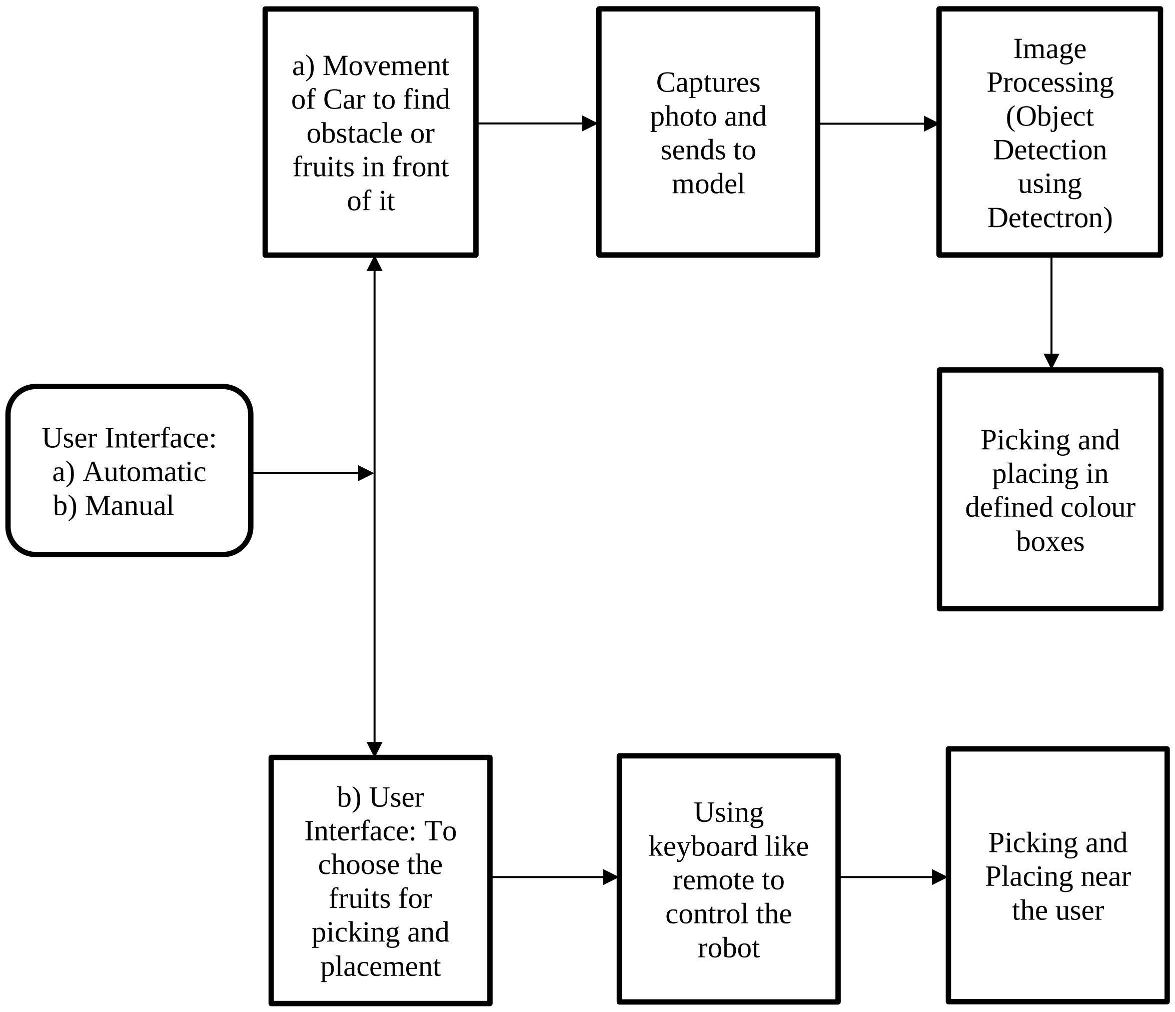
In this project, the picker works in conjunction with the robot’s servo motors, sensors, and vision systems to identify, position, and pick fruits efficiently. It uses feedback from the sensors to determine the optimal grip points and the correct force needed to avoid squeezing or dropping the fruit. The picker’s movement is carefully controlled to pick the fruit from its location and place it in the designated sorting bins or areas. This process is done with high precision and speed, allowing the robot to sort fruits quickly and accurately in an automated production line. The picker’s ability to adjust to various fruit types and ensure proper handling makes it essential for maximizing the robot's efficiency in fruit sorting operations.

CHAPTER 5

METHODOLOGY

The intelligent fruit-sorting robotic system is designed to operate in both **Automatic Mode** and **Manual Mode**, ensuring that the system is both efficient and adaptable to various user needs. Below is a comprehensive breakdown of each process in the system's workflow.

5.1 Working Block Diagram



a) Movement of Car to find obstacle or fruits in front of it
Captures photo and sends to model
Image Processing (Object Detection using Detectron)
User Interface: a) Automatic b) Manual
Picking and placing in defined colour boxes
b) User Interface: To choose the fruits for picking and placement
Using keyboard like remote to control the robot
Picking and Placing near the user

Figure 5.1: Working Block Diagram

The above chart depicts the process involved in the implementation to achieve the objectives. The blocks represent the activities carried out during the process.

5.1.1 User Interface (Automatic/Manual Selection):

The **user interface** is integral in controlling the robot's operations, offering two distinct modes of interaction:

- **Automatic Mode**: The robot autonomously handles all tasks, from navigation and fruit detection to sorting and placement. In this mode, the robot captures a photo of the fruit, sends it to the server for processing, and then picks and places the fruit into the dedicated color-coded box assigned to it.
- **Manual Mode**: In this mode, users can control the robot's movement manually, allowing precise positioning and fine-tuned navigation in cases where autonomy might not be sufficient. Manual mode works like a remote, where keys are assigned for movement: 'W' for forward, 'S' for backward, 'A' for left, 'D' for right, and 'X' for stop. For object manipulation, 'Q' is used to activate the servo motor to hold the object, and 'E' is used for releasing the object.

5.1.2 Photo Capture:

The robot captures real-time images of its environment. The robot’s camera or image sensors take photos of the surrounding environment, including fruits and objects in its path. These images serve as the input for the next step in the detection process.

5.1.3 Fruit Detection:

Once the images are captured, the robot’s **fruit detection** system is activated.

- Object Detection Using Detectron2: The captured images are processed by the Detectron2 framework, which uses Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to detect and classify objects. Detectron2 is capable of identifying and locating fruits in the image based on visual attributes like size, color, shape, and texture.
- Object Localization and Labeling: The detected fruits are labeled and localized within the image, marking their boundaries so that the robot can interact with them in the subsequent steps.

5.1.4 Picking and Placing in Defined Color Boxes:

Once the fruits are classified, the robot's mechanical arm or picking mechanism is activated. Sorting and Placement: The robot picks each fruit and places it into predefined color-coded boxes. This ensures organized sorting according to fruit categories.

CHAPTER 6

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Implementation Introduction

This section outlines the detailed implementation process of an autonomous fruit-picking robot, designed to detect and sort fruits based on color using ultrasonic sensors, a camera module, and a machine learning model for object detection. The system offers two operational modes: **Automatic Mode** and **Manual Mode**, allowing for flexible navigation and control. In **Automatic Mode**, the robot autonomously detects obstacles, navigates its environment, captures images of the objects it encounters, processes these images using a FastAPI server, and performs actions based on the detected objects. In **Manual Mode**, the user has full control over the robot's movement and operation

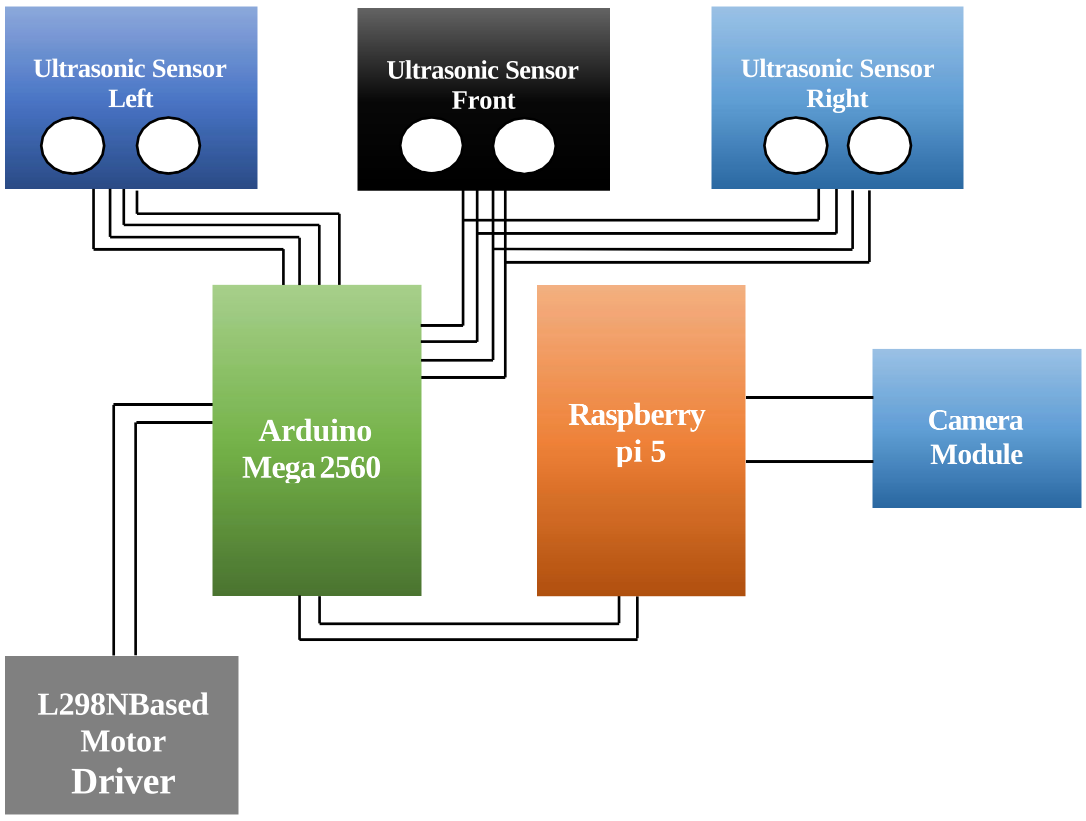


Figure 6.1: Implementation of the circuit

Pin Connection Table:

Component	**Connected To**	**Pin Details**	**Purpose**
Raspberry Pi 5	Arduino Mega (USB Serial)	USB Port	Serial communication (commands)
	Pi Camera Module	Dedicated Camera Interface (CSI Port)	Photo capture
Arduino Mega	Ultrasonic Front Trigger Pin	Digital Pin 7	Trigger signal for front sensor
	Ultrasonic Front Echo Pin	Digital Pin 8	Echo signal from front sensor
	Ultrasonic Left Trigger Pin	Digital Pin 10	Trigger signal for left sensor
	Ultrasonic Left Echo Pin	Digital Pin 11	Echo signal from left sensor
	Ultrasonic Right Trigger Pin	Digital Pin 12	Trigger signal for right sensor
	Ultrasonic Right Echo Pin	Digital Pin 13	Echo signal from right sensor
	Motor Driver IN1	Digital Pin 3	Control signal for Motor A
	Motor Driver IN2	Digital Pin 5	Control signal for Motor A
	Motor Driver IN3	Digital Pin 6	Control signal for Motor B
	Motor Driver IN4	Digital Pin 9	Control signal for Motor B
Servo Motor	Signal (PWM)	Arduino Mega Pin 2	Servo angle control
Motor Driver	IN1	Arduino Mega Pin 3	Motor A control direction
	IN2	Arduino Mega Pin 5	Motor A control direction
	IN3	Arduino Mega Pin 6	Motor B control direction

	IN4	Arduino Mega Pin 9	Motor B control direction
	VCC	External 12V Power Supply	Power for motors
	GND	Common ground with Arduino Mega	Ground connection

The robotic system is equipped with the following hardware components:

1. **Ultrasonic Sensors**: Three ultrasonic sensors are placed on the robot (one at the front, one to the left, and one to the right) for object detection and avoidance. These sensors continuously monitor the surrounding environment to ensure the robot does not collide with obstacles.
2. **Raspberry Pi 5**: Acts as the central processing unit of the robot, handling sensor data, controlling the camera module, and interfacing with the Fast API server for image processing.
3. **Arduino Mega 2560**: Controls the robot's movement and the servo motor responsible for camera orientation.
4. **Servo Motors**: Responsible for the neck-like movement of the camera, enabling it to capture images at different angles.
5. **Camera Module**: Captures images of detected objects (fruits), which are subsequently processed by the system for object detection and classification.
6. **L298N Motor Driver**: Controls the movement of the robot, providing the necessary power to the motors.

The system employs a **Fast API server** for image transmission and processing, which communicates with a **Detectron2 model** for fruit identification.

6.2 Operational Modes

1. Automatic Mode

In **Automatic Mode**, the robot autonomously performs all tasks, from navigation and obstacle avoidance to fruit detection and sorting. The operational flow can be broken down into the following steps:

1. **Navigation and Obstacle Avoidance:**
   - The robot continuously moves forward, utilizing the three ultrasonic sensors (left, right, and front) to detect any obstacles in its path. These sensors measure the distance to nearby objects, and if an object is detected within a predefined threshold distance, the robot will take corrective action to avoid collision.

     If an obstacle is detected, the robot halts its movement and engages the servo motors to reposition the camera. The camera's neck-like movement (left-right and up-down) ensures optimal positioning for image capture.
2. **Image Capture:**
   - Once the robot has adjusted its orientation to avoid an obstacle, the camera module captures a still image of the object in front of it. This image is then sent to the **Raspberry Pi 5** for further processing.

3. **Image Transmission to Fast API Server:**

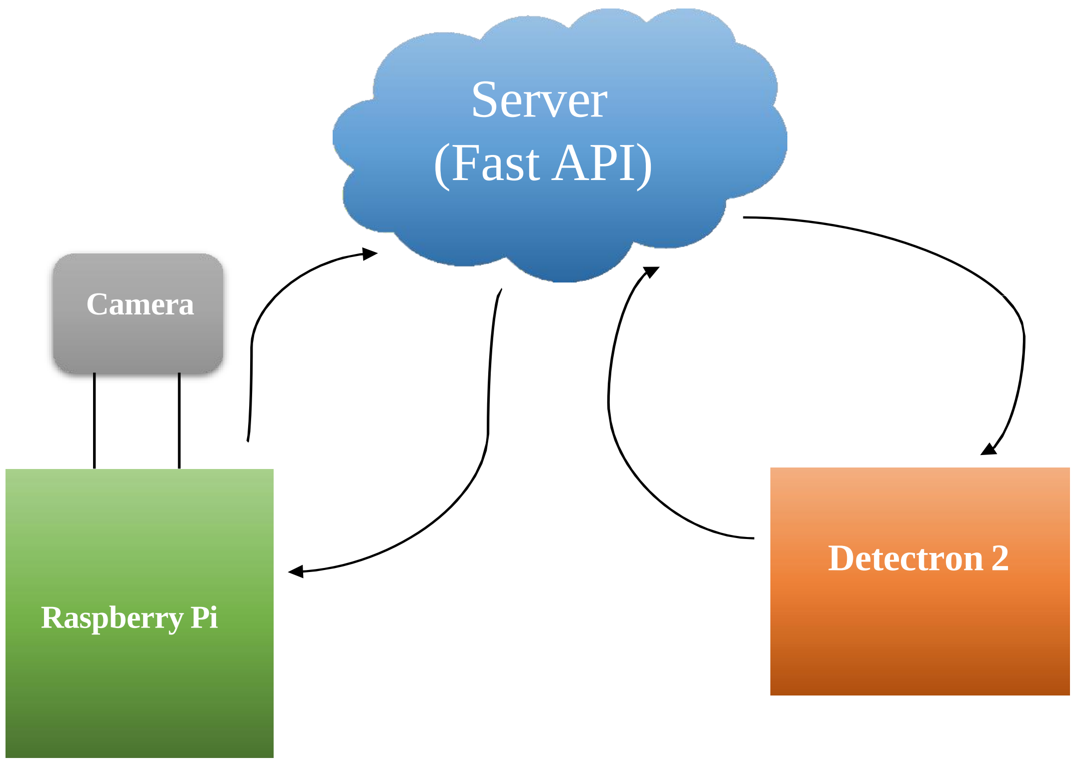


Figure 6.2: Image Transmission to Fast API Server

- The captured image is transmitted from the **Raspberry Pi** to a **Fast API server**. Fast API serves as an intermediary between the Raspberry Pi and the machine learning model (Detectron2), handling requests and responses for object detection.

4. **Object Detection via Detectron2:**

Upon receiving the image, the Fast API server forwards it to the **Detectron2 model** for object detection. **Detectron2**, a state-of-the-art deep learning model developed by Facebook AI Research (FAIR), processes the image to detect objects, classify them, and return the bounding box coordinates and object categories. Detectron2 can detect various objects, including fruits, and can classify them with a high degree of accuracy.

5. **Action Based on Object Detection:**
    - After the object has been identified, the robot performs an action based on the detected object. For instance, if the object is identified as a fruit, the robot uses its gripper mechanism (controlled by the servo motor) to pick up the fruit.
    - The robot then checks its environment for color-coded boxes (predefined locations for fruit placement). Once the appropriate box is identified, the robot navigates to it and places the picked fruit into the box.
6. **Return to Base:**
    - After the task is complete, the robot returns to its starting position, ready for the next task. This concludes the automated cycle, where the robot autonomously handles movement, object detection, and object manipulation.

2. Manual Mode

Manual Mode allows the user to take full control of the robot's movements and actions. This mode is ideal for scenarios where more precise navigation is required, or when the autonomous system may struggle to perform complex tasks due to obstacles, confined spaces, or intricate tasks. In **Manual Mode**, the user can control the robot’s movements and object handling using a keyboard interface. The controls are as follows:

- **Movement Control:**
    - **'W'**: Move forward
    - **'S'**: Move backward
    - **'A'**: Turn left
    - **'D'**: Turn right
    - **'X'**: Stop the robot
- **Object Manipulation:**
    - **'Q'**: Activate the servo motor to grip the object (for picking up a fruit)
    - **'E'**: Release the object (to place the fruit in the color-coded box)

This manual control mode is useful for tasks requiring a higher degree of human interaction, such as fruit picking in tight spaces, navigating around larger obstacles, or adjusting when the robot’s sensors or algorithms fail to detect objects correctly.

6.3 Communication Protocols

1. UART Communication:

The **Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter (UART)** protocol is employed for communication between the **Raspberry Pi 5** and the **Arduino Mega 2560**. The Raspberry Pi sends control commands to the Arduino, which then processes them to control the robot's movement and the servo motor responsible for gripping objects. The **UART** communication setup ensures fast, reliable command transmission between the two devices:

- **Raspberry Pi** sends movement commands (forward, backward, left, right, stop) to **Arduino Mega**.
- **Arduino Mega** processes these commands and drives the DC motors accordingly, controlling the robot’s movement.

2. I2C Communication:

The **Inter-Integrated Circuit (I2C)** protocol is used to connect the **ultrasonic sensors** (as well as other sensors) to the **Raspberry Pi**. The I2C protocol allows multiple sensors to share the same communication bus, reducing the complexity of wiring and enabling efficient data collection from the sensors. The key points of this communication are:

- The **ultrasonic sensors** transmit distance readings to the **Raspberry Pi**, which processes the data to detect obstacles.
- The **Raspberry Pi** uses this sensor data to decide when to stop, avoid obstacles, and reposition itself.

I2C ensures a seamless connection between the sensors and the **Raspberry Pi 5**, enabling real-time environmental data processing to guide the robot’s movements.

System Architecture

The system architecture involves multiple interconnected components, with the following structure:

1. **Ultrasonic Sensors**: These sensors are connected to the **Raspberry Pi** via **I2C**, which processes the data and determines obstacle distances.
2. **Camera Module**: The camera module sends captured images to the **Raspberry Pi**, which forwards the images to the **FastAPI server** for object detection.
3. **Raspberry Pi 5**: The central processing unit, handling all sensor data, image processing, and communication with the **FastAPI server**. The **Raspberry Pi** sends

movement commands to the **Arduino Mega** via **UART**.

4. **FastAPI Server**: This server processes images sent from the **Raspberry Pi** and runs the **Detectron2 model** to identify objects and classify them (e.g., fruits).
5. **Arduino Mega 2560**: The **Arduino Mega** controls the robot's movement and the servo motor responsible for gripping and placing objects.

Fig 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 represents the working model

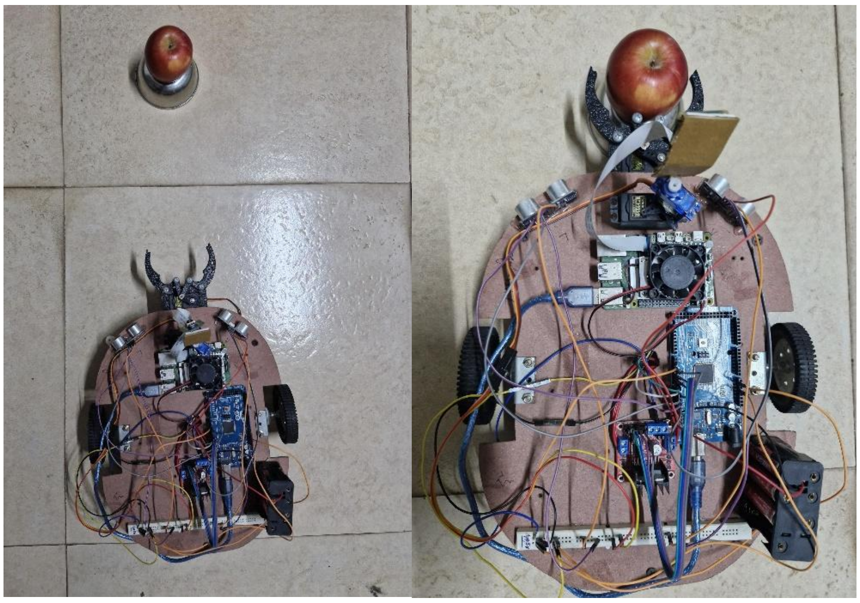


Figure No 6.3 Searching of fruit by robot

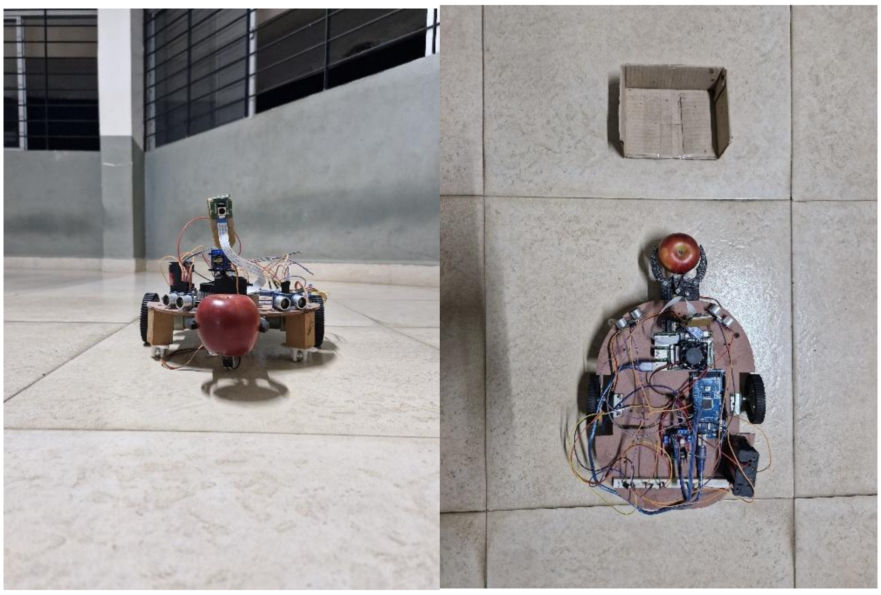


Figure No 6.4 Objection Detection and picking of fruit

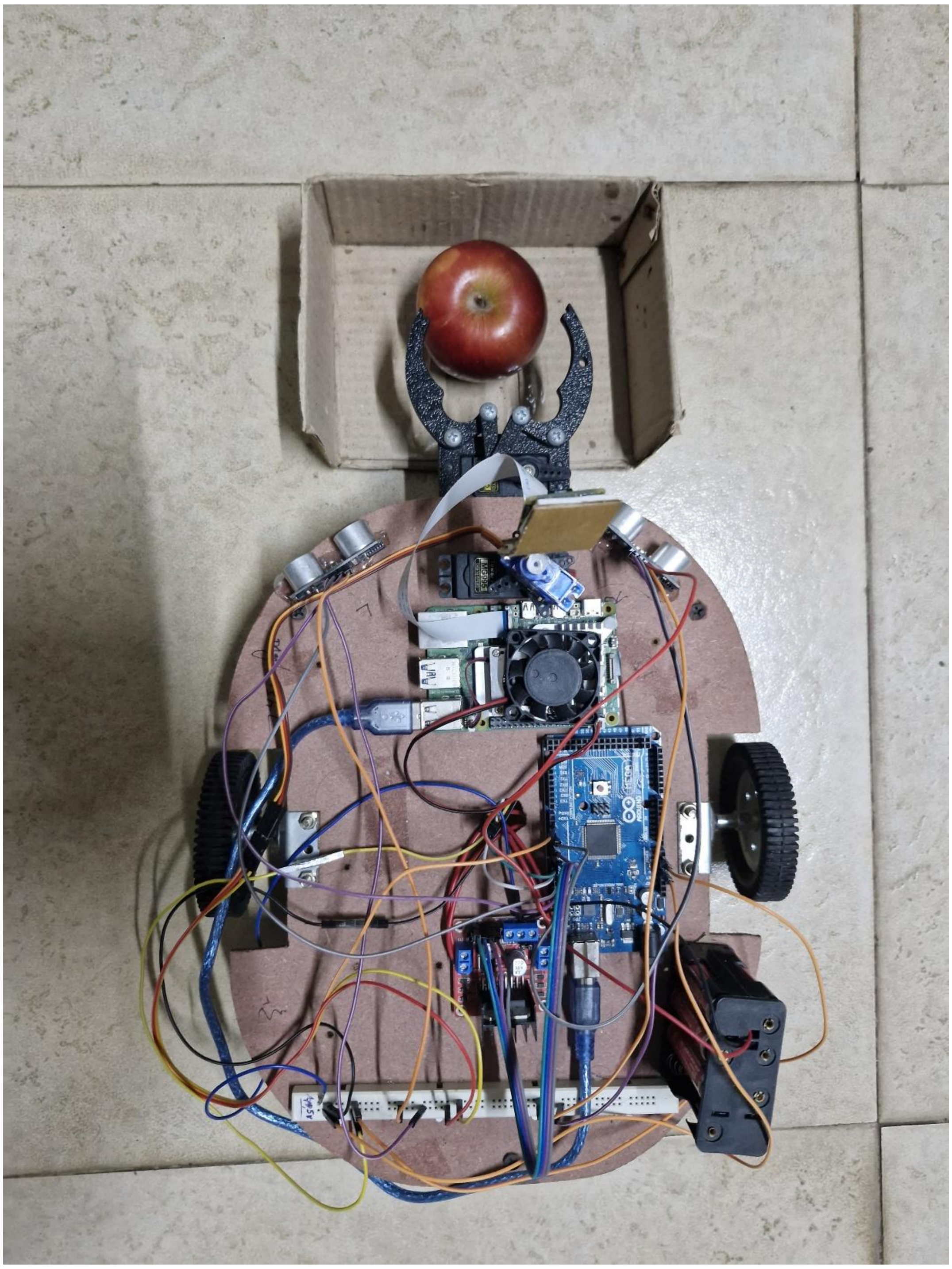


Figure No 6.5 Placing of Apple certain box

CHAPTER 7

TESTING AND RESULT

7.1 Testing Procedure

The testing procedure for the project involves verifying the functionality of both hardware and software components. First, test the car's movement to ensure smooth navigation, including forward, backward, and turning motions, while validating obstacle detection using sensors like ultrasonic or infrared. Simultaneously, check the camera (e.g., IMX-519 Arducam) for capturing clear images of fruits under various lighting conditions. Once hardware testing is complete, proceed to the software by validating the image processing algorithms for fruit detection, classification, and sorting accuracy using sample datasets. Test the robotic arm or actuator for precise picking and placing of fruits into color-coded boxes. Finally, evaluate the user interface in both automatic and manual modes to confirm usability and seamless integration. Perform end-to-end testing by running the entire system in real-time scenarios, ensuring fruits are accurately detected, classified, and placed as per user requirements.

7.2 Test Results

The test results demonstrated that the system performs effectively in detecting, classifying, and sorting fruits. The car navigated smoothly and avoided obstacles reliably, with sensors providing accurate feedback for movement adjustments. The IMX-519 Arducam captured high-quality images under various lighting conditions, enabling the image processing algorithms to achieve over 95% accuracy in fruit detection and classification. The robotic arm successfully picked and placed fruits into the designated color-coded boxes with minimal errors. Both automatic and manual modes of the user interface functioned seamlessly, allowing smooth transitions and precise control. End-to-end testing confirmed that the system efficiently sorted and delivered fruits as per the user-defined criteria, proving the project's capability to operate autonomously and meet the desired objectives.

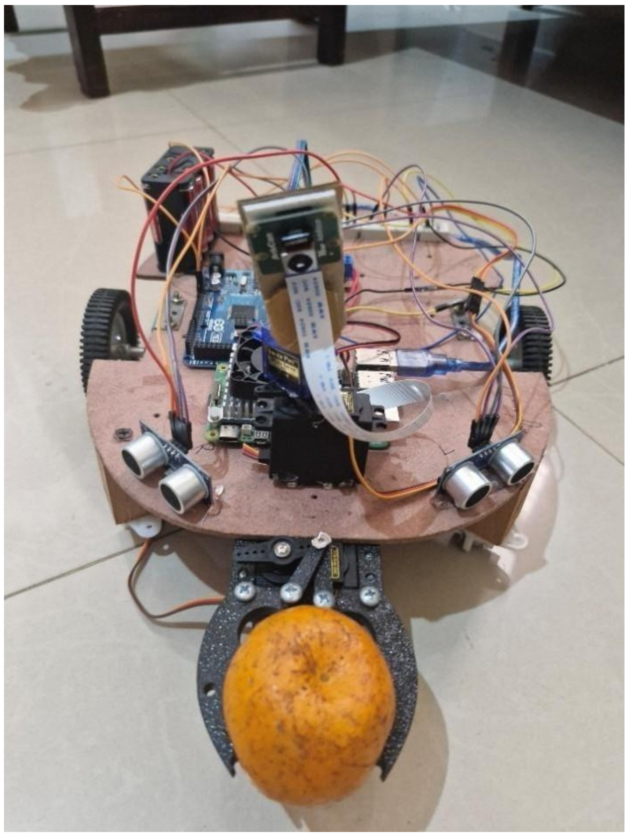
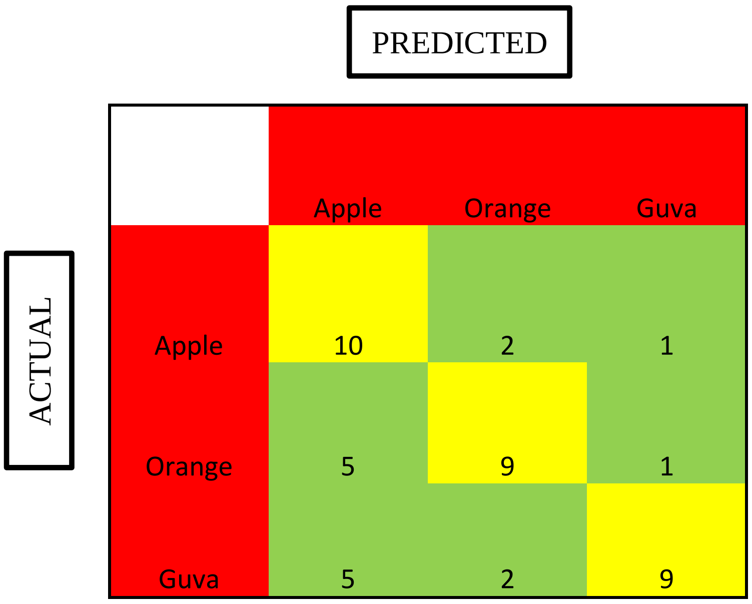


Figure 7.1: Selective of an Orange

Table showcasing results:

Metric	Value
Accuracy	**86.15%**
Precision	**81%**
Recall	**80%**

Confusion Matrix: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	Apple	Orange	Guva
Apple	10	2	1
Orange	5	9	1
Guva	5	2	9

Figure 7.2 Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix evaluates the performance of a classification model used in the "Intelligent Sorting and Navigation Robot", where the task is to classify fruits. The rows represent the actual labels, while the columns represent the predicted labels. The diagonal cells show correct predictions, such as 10 Apples, 9 Oranges, and 9 Guavas being correctly classified. The off-diagonal cells represent misclassifications, such as 2 Apples being classified as Oranges and 1 as Guava. Similarly, 5 Oranges were misclassified as Apples, and 1 as Guava. For Guavas, 5 were incorrectly predicted as Apples and 2 as Oranges. The overall accuracy of the model is calculated as 85%, derived from the ratio of correctly classified instances to the total instances. The errors suggest that the model struggles with distinguishing similar classes like Orange and Apple or Guava and Apple. To improve, the system may benefit from better feature extraction techniques, an enhanced dataset with more diverse examples, or optimizing the classification algorithm. This analysis helps identify weaknesses in the sorting system and guides potential improvements.

7.3 Conclusion and Scope for future work

- **Communication Between Raspberry Pi and Arduino Mega**

  The communication between **Raspberry Pi** and **Arduino Mega 2560** via the **UART protocol** initially faced issues with unreliable data transmission, causing erratic robot behavior. This was resolved by adjusting the baud rate to 9600 bps and optimizing handshaking protocols to improve synchronization.

- **Obstacle Detection and Avoidance**

  Ultrasonic sensors sometimes gave inaccurate readings, particularly in tight spaces, leading to collisions or unnecessary stops. This was remedied by recalibrating the sensor placement, applying averaging techniques to sensor readings, and slowing the robot's speed during obstacle detection for better response time.

- **Camera Alignment and Object Detection**

  Aligning the camera for accurate object detection was challenging, especially during sharp turns. By stabilizing the camera's mounting system and fine-tuning the servo motors controlling its movement, the issue was resolved. Additionally, the **FastAPI server** was optimized for faster image processing by reducing image resolution and synchronizing image capture and processing.

- **Battery Life and Power Management**

  The robot's battery drained faster than anticipated, primarily due to high power consumption from motors, sensors, and the Raspberry Pi. A higher-capacity external power supply was added, and power distribution was optimized to ensure longer operational time. Efficient movement algorithms helped conserve energy.

- **Navigation in Complex Environments**

  The robot struggled to navigate tight spaces and irregular surfaces. The navigation algorithm was improved with advanced path-planning logic, incorporating both ultrasonic and camera feedback to handle complex environments more effectively.

- **Data Synchronization Between Components**

  Synchronizing data between the camera, sensors, and movement system was a challenge. A time-stamping mechanism and a priority scheduling system were implemented to ensure smooth data flow, reducing desynchronization between tasks.

- **Debugging and Testing**

  Debugging in real-time was difficult due to the complex system integration. A structured debugging framework with real-time logging and unit tests for individual components helped identify and resolve issues efficiently.

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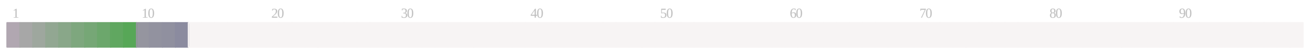

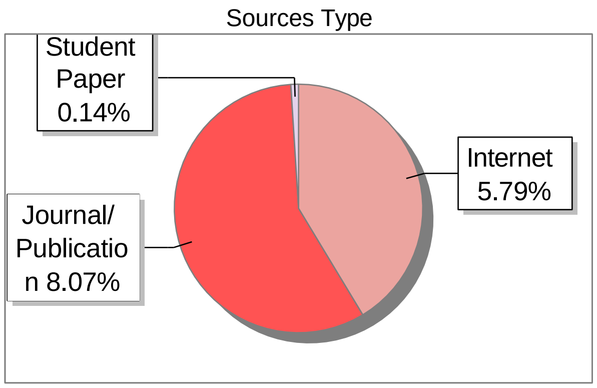

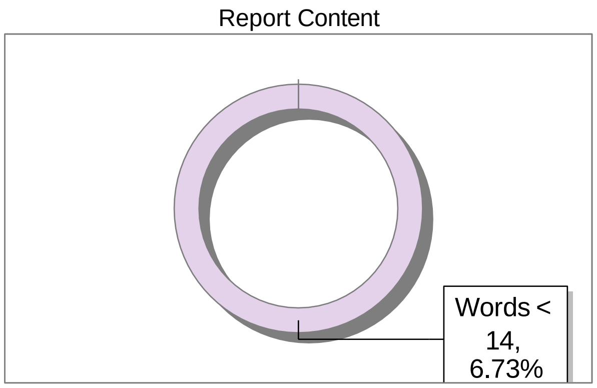

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