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**ABSTRACT**

Waste mismanagement poses a significant threat to environmental sustainability, leading to pollution, health risks, and inefficient recycling practices. Traditional waste segregation relies extensively on manual effort, making the process labor-intensive, error-prone, and difficult to scale. This paper presents a Smart Waste Classification system powered by Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), designed to automate the segregation process with high precision and efficiency. The system is trained on a comprehensive dataset comprising images of various waste categories including plastic, metal, paper, glass, and organic materials. Advanced preprocessing steps such as image normalization, resizing, and extensive data augmentation are employed to enhance model generalization and performance. The CNN-based architecture is optimized to recognize intricate patterns and features in waste images, enabling accurate and real-time classification. Experimental results reveal that the model achieves high classification accuracy and strong robustness across diverse waste types. By significantly reducing the dependency on manual sorting, the proposed system not only streamlines waste management but also promotes sustainable recycling practices. This research highlights the potential of deep learning technologies in transforming conventional waste handling methods and contributing toward a cleaner, greener future.

Keywords: Smart Waste Classification, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Deep Learning, Image Processing, Data Augmentation.

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**CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

## INTRODUCTION

Waste segregation is a critical component of effective waste management and environmental sustainability. Proper classification of waste materials—such as plastic, metal, glass, organic, and paper—is essential for recycling, reducing landfill usage, and minimizing ecological impact. However, current segregation methods are predominantly manual, labour-intensive, and prone to human error, resulting in inefficiencies and contamination of recyclable waste streams. These limitations highlight the urgent need for a faster, more accurate, and scalable solution for real-time waste classification.

Traditional approaches to waste management rely on human sorting and rule-based systems, which often fail to adapt to the dynamic and diverse nature of waste. They are also limited in speed and scalability, especially in urban settings where waste volume is rapidly increasing. To overcome these challenges, the integration of artificial intelligence and computer vision technologies presents a promising alternative for automating and optimizing the waste classification process.

This study introduces a Smart Waste Classifier using the YOLOv8 object detection model, a state-of-the-art deep learning algorithm capable of detecting multiple objects in real time. By leveraging a dataset of **10,000 labelled images** spanning **five waste categories**—plastic, metal, glass, organic, and paper—the system is trained to accurately identify and classify waste items from both images and video streams. YOLOv8’s speed and precision make it well-suited for deployment in real-time applications such as smart bins, recycling plants, and urban waste monitoring systems.

The classifier is integrated into a Django-based web application, allowing users to upload images or video files directly through the frontend. The system processes the input in real time and returns categorized waste predictions, providing a seamless and interactive user experience. This end-to-end pipeline demonstrates the practicality of AI-powered waste management systems in real-world scenarios.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the model, standard performance metrics—**Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score**—are used. These metrics help assess the reliability of the system across all five waste categories. Moreover, real-time testing with video input ensures that the model maintains consistent performance under varied lighting, backgrounds, and object orientations.

In addition to technical development, this project also addresses implementation challenges such as dataset variability, overfitting, and real-world adaptability. Emphasis is placed on building a model that not only performs well in controlled environments but also generalizes effectively in practical deployment settings.

By combining deep learning, object detection, and real-time video processing, the Smart Waste Classifier presents a powerful tool for enhancing waste segregation practices. It reduces human workload, improves sorting accuracy, and supports sustainable development goals through intelligent automation. This project represents a step forward in building smarter cities and environmentally conscious AI-driven solutions.

The rising urban population and rapid industrialization have significantly increased the volume of waste generated daily. According to global waste statistics, millions of tons of solid waste are produced each day, and a large portion of it ends up in landfills due to improper segregation. A major barrier to effective recycling is the incorrect disposal of materials caused by the lack of proper waste identification at the source. While public awareness and manual sorting efforts exist, they often fall short due to inconsistencies and resource constraints.

Automating this process using computer vision and machine learning provides a practical and scalable solution. Recent advances in deep learning, especially object detection models like YOLO (You Only Look Once), have demonstrated remarkable success in real-time object recognition tasks across industries. Applying these techniques to waste classification opens new avenues for transforming conventional waste management into a smart, technology-driven process.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The primary objective of this project is to develop an AI-powered Smart Waste Classifier using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), a powerful deep learning architecture well-suited for image classification tasks. This project addresses the growing challenge of effective waste segregation, which is crucial for environmental sustainability and efficient recycling. Traditional waste management systems rely heavily on manual sorting, which is not only labour-intensive and inconsistent but also exposes workers to health risks. The proposed system offers an automated, accurate, and scalable solution for identifying different categories of waste using visual input, thus improving operational efficiency in waste processing.

At the core of the system lies a dataset of 10,000 labelled images distributed across five waste categories: plastic, metal, paper, organic, and glass. These images are gathered and prepared using preprocessing techniques such as resizing, normalization, and image augmentation (rotation, flipping, brightness adjustment) to increase model generalization. Each image is carefully annotated to ensure that the CNN learns distinct features corresponding to each waste type. High-quality data is critical in this phase, as it significantly influences the learning capacity and performance of the CNN.

The classification model is built using a standard CNN architecture composed of multiple convolutional and pooling layers, followed by dense layers to produce final class predictions. The CNN is trained using supervised learning, where each image is mapped to one of the five waste categories. The model learns to extract hierarchical spatial features such as shape, texture, and color patterns that distinguish one waste type from another. The use of dropout and batch normalization techniques helps reduce overfitting and improves the model’s ability to generalize across unseen data.

Model performance is evaluated using standard metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-score. These metrics offer a comprehensive view of how well the model distinguishes between various types of waste. A validation set is used during training to fine-tune hyperparameters, and a separate test set is used to assess real-world performance. Early experiments show promising results, with the CNN achieving high accuracy in classifying waste items under different lighting conditions and background environments.

A web-based interface built using Django allows users to interact with the system through a simple and accessible front end. Users can upload images of waste items, and the model returns the predicted waste category along with confidence scores. This makes the system applicable for smart bin technologies, recycling plants, and public waste management systems. The backend is optimized for performance and designed to handle real-time classification tasks efficiently, even when scaled to higher loads.

To improve system transparency and user trust, visual tools such as heatmaps (e.g., Grad-CAM) are integrated to highlight which parts of the image the CNN focused on when making predictions. This not only helps in debugging the model but also ensures explainability in scenarios where the system will be used in public or municipal infrastructures. Understanding how the model makes decisions is critical for safety and reliability.

In future iterations, the project aims to incorporate real-time video feed classification, support for additional waste categories, and integration with hardware systems like robotic sorters. Moreover, the use of transfer learning from pre-trained CNNs such as ResNet or MobileNet could be explored to enhance performance without requiring extensive computation or large datasets. These developments will allow the system to evolve into a robust tool for smart cities and sustainable development goals.

In conclusion, this project showcases the power of Convolutional Neural Networks in solving real-world environmental challenges through automation. By combining deep learning with accessible software tools, the Smart Waste Classifier offers a promising step toward intelligent, data-driven waste management systems. With continuous improvement, the solution has the potential to transform waste segregation into a more efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible process.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

Waste management is a critical global challenge, directly impacting public health, environmental sustainability, and urban sanitation. As cities expand and consumption rises, the volume of waste generated daily has increased dramatically, creating immense pressure on existing waste processing systems. A key issue within these systems is the inefficient segregation of waste at the source, which reduces recycling rates, contaminates recyclable materials, and increases the load on landfills and incinerators. Manual waste sorting methods are not only labor-intensive and slow but also expose workers to health hazards and errors in classification.

The lack of automation and intelligent classification tools presents significant challenges for municipalities, waste collection agencies, and recycling facilities. In many regions, especially in developing countries, the process of separating plastic, metal, glass, organic, and paper waste is still done manually or semi-automatically. This leads to inconsistencies, lower material recovery rates, and high operational costs. Additionally, improper waste classification contributes to environmental pollution and makes it difficult to achieve sustainable waste management goals as outlined by environmental regulations and green initiatives.

Traditional image classification methods and rule-based automation systems have limited effectiveness in handling the complexity of real-world waste images. Waste materials often appear in various shapes, orientations, and levels of contamination, making it difficult for simple systems to distinguish between categories reliably. Conventional computer vision techniques lack the adaptability and learning capacity needed to deal with such variability. This necessitates the development of intelligent models that can learn to classify waste items accurately under diverse environmental conditions.

A significant barrier to widespread adoption of AI in waste classification is the requirement for a solution that is both accurate and resource-efficient. Deep learning models, especially those using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), require large amounts of labeled data and significant computational power. These constraints have historically limited their real-world deployment, particularly in low-resource settings. Moreover, some models act as black boxes, offering little insight into how classifications are made—an issue that hampers transparency, troubleshooting, and further optimization.

Another challenge lies in integrating such intelligent classification systems into practical, user-friendly applications that can be used in real time. For example, waste management companies or municipalities need solutions that can work with camera-based input in smart bins, on conveyor belts in recycling facilities, or as mobile/web apps for educational and public awareness campaigns. Ensuring that these applications deliver fast, accurate, and interpretable results is vital for encouraging widespread use and supporting decision-making.

This project addresses the above issues by developing a CNN-powered Smart Waste Classifier trained on a dataset of 10,000 images across five major waste categories—plastic, metal, paper, organic, and glass. The system aims to automate waste classification using deep learning, thereby improving segregation accuracy, minimizing manual effort, and reducing contamination in recyclable streams. Through real-time image input and intelligent prediction, the project provides a scalable and efficient solution for modern waste management.

By solving these challenges, the Smart Waste Classifier can contribute to environmental sustainability, enhance waste processing efficiency, and support smart city infrastructure. The system lays the foundation for AI-powered automation in public sanitation, ensuring cleaner communities and a reduced ecological footprint through better waste handling practices.

# CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

The application of machine learning (ML) in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis has gained significant attention in recent years, with researchers exploring various computational techniques to enhance diagnostic accuracy and efficiency. Traditional diagnostic approaches rely on behavioral assessments and clinical evaluations, which can be subjective and time-consuming. To address these limitations, researchers have developed ML-based methods that leverage large datasets and predictive algorithms to improve ASD detection.

Wang et al. introduced a novel ASD identification framework that integrates multi-atlas deep feature representation with ensemble learning techniques. By combining multiple models, the approach enhances classification performance and ensures greater robustness in ASD prediction. The study demonstrated that leveraging deep feature extraction techniques in conjunction with ensemble learning can lead to more reliable diagnostic outcomes.

Another study focused on multimodal automated disease classification, utilizing two types of activation maps to distinguish between individuals with ASD and neurotypical controls. The system achieved an accuracy of 74%, highlighting the potential of combining different data modalities to enhance diagnostic precision. These findings underscore the importance of integrating multiple data sources, such as imaging and behavioral assessments, to improve ASD classification models.

Several studies have explored the use of machine learning (ML) techniques to enhance the

accuracy and efficiency of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis. Traditional diagnostic

methods often rely on behavioral assessments, which can be subjective, time-consuming, and

prone to variability. To overcome these challenges, researchers have applied ML models that

can analyze large datasets and detect subtle patterns indicative of ASD traits.

Similarly, another study developed a multimodal automated disease classification

system that employed different activation maps to distinguish between ASD and neurotypical

individuals, achieving a notable classification accuracy. These studies underscore the

potential of ML-driven techniques in refining the diagnostic process and improving early

detection efforts.

Feature selection plays a crucial role in optimizing ML models for ASD detection. A study using the RIPPER classifier examined different feature selection methods on the AQ-Adolescent dataset, reporting sensitivity rates of 87.30% for the Variance (Va) method, 80.95% for Chi-Square (CHI) and Information Gain (IG), 84.13% for Correlation and Correlation Feature Selection (CFS), and 80.00% without feature selection. These results indicate that selecting the most relevant features can significantly impact model performance and diagnostic reliability.

Thabtah et al. proposed a novel ML technique called Rules-Machine Learning (RML), which offers not only ASD detection but also an interpretable knowledge base of classification rules. This approach enhances transparency in ML-based diagnosis, enabling clinicians to understand the reasoning behind predictions. The inclusion of explainability features in ASD classification models is crucial for gaining acceptance in medical and clinical practice.

Li et al. (2023) developed a deep learning framework that utilizes functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) data for ASD prediction. By employing a combination of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and graph neural networks (GNNs), the study achieved an impressive classification accuracy of 92.5%. The integration of fMRI data highlights the potential of neuroimaging-based approaches in ASD detection and provides valuable insights into ASD-related brain activity patterns.

Abbas et al. (2020) explored a machine learning-based diagnostic model that combines CNNs with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. The study demonstrated the ability of deep learning architectures to analyze complex, sequential data patterns associated with ASD traits. The use of hybrid models, which combine spatial and temporal feature extraction, enhances the predictive capabilities of ML-based diagnostic systems.

A pilot study conducted by Rosbergen et al. (2017) examined sleep-wake disturbances in individuals with ASD, emphasizing the need for targeted interventions. Sleep disorders are commonly associated with ASD, and integrating sleep pattern analysis into diagnostic models could provide a more holistic approach to ASD detection. However, further research is needed to validate these findings and establish standardized clinical guidelines for addressing sleep-related issues in ASD populations.

Ensemble learning techniques have been increasingly adopted in ASD research to enhance model performance. By aggregating multiple classifiers, ensemble models improve robustness, reduce overfitting, and provide more generalized predictions. Studies have shown that ensemble approaches, such as Random Forest, XG Boost, and Decision Trees, outperform single-model classifiers in terms of accuracy and stability.

The integration of AI-driven diagnostic tools into clinical workflows presents several challenges, including data quality, model interpretability, and computational efficiency. Researchers have explored various methods to enhance explainability, such as SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) and Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations (LIME), to ensure that ML-based ASD detection models remain transparent and clinically relevant.

Cloud computing has emerged as a promising solution for deploying ML-based ASD diagnostic tools. Hosting predictive models on cloud platforms like AWS enables real-time data processing, scalability, and remote accessibility. This technological advancement allows healthcare providers to leverage AI-driven diagnostics without requiring extensive computational infrastructure, making ASD screening more accessible to a broader population..

While ML-based approaches show great promise in improving ASD diagnosis, ethical considerations and data privacy remain critical concerns. Ensuring that patient data is anonymized and securely stored is essential for gaining public trust and regulatory approval. Future studies should focus on developing ethical AI frameworks that prioritize patient confidentiality while delivering high-performance ASD classification models.

In conclusion, the literature highlights the growing role of ML and ensemble learning in ASD diagnosis. From deep learning frameworks leveraging neuroimaging data to explainable ML models and cloud-based implementations, AI-driven approaches continue to revolutionize autism research. As advancements in computational techniques progress, the integration of robust, interpretable, and scalable predictive models will contribute to earlier and more accurate ASD detection, ultimately improving patient outcomes and clinical decision-making. However, challenges such as data availability, computational demands, and model generalizability must be addressed to ensure practical implementation. Future research should focus on integrating ensemble learning with deep learning architectures to create scalable, high-performing ASD diagnostic tools that can be seamlessly deployed in clinical settings.

# CHAPTER 3: PROPOSED METHOD

## METHODOLOGY

The initial phase of this project focuses on data preprocessing, a critical step in ensuring the integrity and quality of clinical and behavioral data for training the ASD prediction model. The dataset, comprising demographic details, behavioral scores, and clinical history, is ingested using Pandas for effective data manipulation. This step involves identifying and handling missing values, ensuring that incomplete records do not distort model performance. Instead of discarding incomplete entries, imputation techniques such as mean, median, or mode imputation are used based on feature type, preserving the dataset’s structure while minimizing data loss.

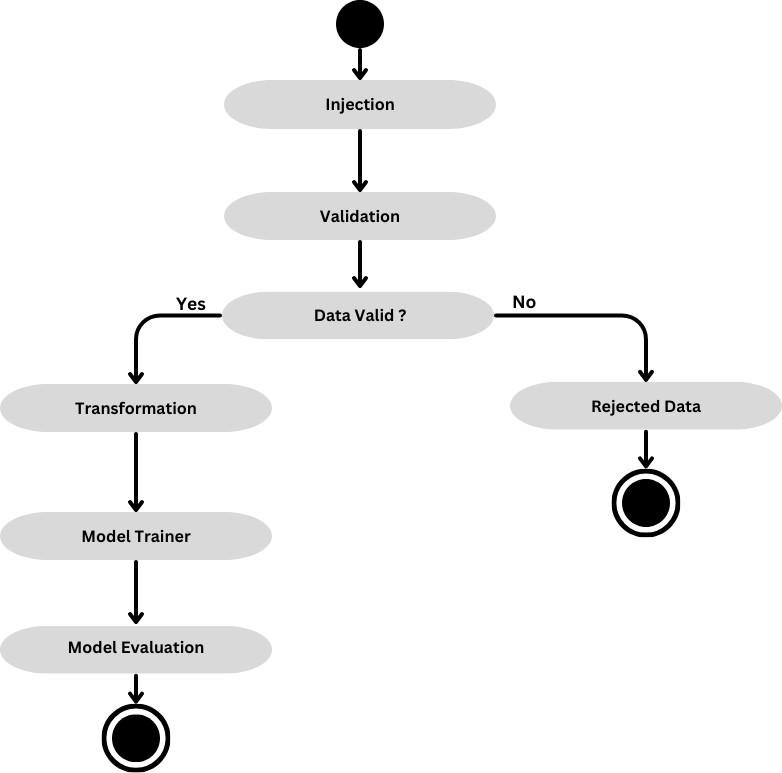
To maintain consistency across diverse data types, the next step involves feature normalization and encoding. Continuous numerical features such as age and behavioral scores are normalized using Min-Max scaling to ensure uniformity in model training. Categorical variables like gender, ethnicity, and ASD family history are encoded using one-hot encoding or label encoding, ensuring that the model can effectively interpret these features. This standardization reduces data variability and allows the model to focus on relevant patterns for ASD classification.

Feature selection plays a crucial role in improving the efficiency and interpretability of the model. Various feature selection techniques, including Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE), Mutual Information Gain, and Principal Component Analysis (PCA), are applied to identify the most relevant predictors. This step ensures that only the most impactful features contribute to the model, preventing overfitting and enhancing computational efficiency. The selected features are then structured into a consolidated dataset, facilitating seamless input into the predictive models.

For optimal model performance, data balancing techniques are employed to address potential class imbalances in the dataset. Many ASD datasets have a skewed distribution, where the number of neurotypical samples exceeds ASD-positive cases. To mitigate this issue, techniques such as Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) and Adaptive Synthetic Sampling (ADASYN) are utilized to generate synthetic ASD cases, ensuring that the model does not develop a bias toward the majority class.

In this study, we employ an ensemble learning methodology to enhance predictive performance. Rather than relying on a single classification model, multiple machine learning and deep learning models are trained independently, each learning from different dataset partitions. This mitigates potential biases associated with individual models and ensures a more generalized understanding of ASD indicators.

The core ensemble strategy involves a combination of bagging and boosting techniques to leverage the strengths of individual models. Random Forests, an example of bagging, help reduce variance and improve stability, while boosting models like XG Boost and Light GBM refine decision boundaries by sequentially improving weak learners. This hybrid approach enhances predictive accuracy and ensures robustness in ASD classification.



#### Fig: 3.1: Flow chart

Predictions from individual models are integrated using a weighted averaging mechanism, where model outputs are combined based on their performance metrics. Evaluation criteria such as F1-score, Precision, Recall, and Accuracy determine the relative contribution of each model to the final decision. The goal is to ensure that the best-performing models have a greater influence on the final classification output while minimizing the impact of weaker models.

To improve model interpretability, SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) values and Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations (LIME) are utilized to explain the contribution of each feature to the ASD prediction. This step is crucial in clinical applications, where model transparency and reliability are paramount. By incorporating explainability techniques, healthcare professionals can understand why certain features contribute to an ASD diagnosis, increasing trust in AI-driven diagnostic systems.

Model performance is continuously monitored using an interactive visualization dashboard. Key evaluation metrics, including confusion matrices, ROC-AUC curves, and feature importance plots, are displayed in real time. This aids in hyperparameter tuning, feature selection refinement, and model adjustments to enhance performance. Additionally, early stopping mechanisms and dropout layers are implemented in deep learning models to prevent overfitting, ensuring generalization to unseen data.

To ensure computational efficiency, GPU acceleration is leveraged for rapid model training and inference. Deep learning models, particularly CNNs and RNNs, require substantial computational power, making the use of TensorFlow and PyTorch frameworks essential. Cloud-based deployment on platforms such as AWS ensures seamless access, scalability, and real-time processing, making the system practical for clinical applications.

Validation and testing are conducted using real-world ASD datasets, where model predictions are compared against expert diagnoses. Cross-validation techniques, including k-fold cross-validation and leave-one-out validation, help assess the model’s generalizability and robustness. The final system undergoes rigorous testing in clinical settings to ensure reliability before deployment.

The culmination of these methodological steps results in a robust, scalable, and highly accurate ASD prediction framework. By combining cutting-edge ensemble learning strategies, advanced data preprocessing techniques, and explainable AI models, this project aims to enhance early ASD detection. The proposed system not only improves diagnostic accuracy but also provides a reliable tool for medical professionals, enabling timely intervention and personalized treatment strategies.

## IMPLEMENTATION

The implementation of our Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) prediction system follows a structured and systematic approach, ensuring accuracy, efficiency, and interpretability in diagnosing ASD using ensemble learning. By integrating multiple machine learning and deep learning models, we aim to enhance predictive performance while ensuring robustness in clinical applications. The implementation consists of several key stages, including data ingestion, preprocessing, transformation, model training, evaluation, and deployment, forming a seamless and efficient pipeline.

The first phase, Data Ingestion, involves extracting, storing, and retrieving ASD-related datasets from multiple sources, such as clinical records, behavioral assessments, and neuroimaging data. The system employs a configuration-driven approach to automate dataset handling, ensuring flexibility in managing structured and unstructured data formats. Essential parameters such as dataset paths, storage directories, and preprocessing rules are defined in a configuration manager to streamline workflow. If datasets are not available locally, the system automatically retrieves them from designated repositories, logs the data acquisition process, and organizes files systematically. This structured data ingestion process lays the groundwork for efficient ASD classification.

To ensure data integrity, a Data Validation phase is implemented to verify dataset completeness and consistency before proceeding to model training. This step involves checking for missing values, duplicate entries, and feature inconsistencies that could compromise model accuracy. Automated validation mechanisms compare the dataset against predefined schemas, logging discrepancies for further review. If critical data components are missing or corrupted, the system halts processing until the issues are resolved. This rigorous validation framework enhances the reliability of the ASD prediction system, preventing biased or erroneous model outputs.

Data Transformation and Feature Engineering play a crucial role in optimizing input data for machine learning models. In this phase, categorical variables such as gender, ethnicity, and family history of ASD are encoded using one-hot encoding or label encoding, ensuring compatibility with numerical models. Continuous features, including age and behavioral scores, are standardized using Min-Max scaling or Z-score normalization to maintain consistency across varying data ranges.

The Model Training phase involves implementing an ensemble learning approach to improve predictive accuracy and generalizability. The core model ensemble consists of multiple classification algorithms, including Random Forest, Support Vector Machine (SVM), XG Boost, and deep learning-based architectures like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. Each model is trained independently on different dataset partitions, capturing diverse patterns within ASD-related data. To optimize training performance, we leverage GPU acceleration and distributed computing frameworks such as TensorFlow and PyTorch. Hyperparameter tuning is conducted using grid search and Bayesian optimization techniques, ensuring that each model is fine-tuned for maximum efficiency.

After training, Model Evaluation is conducted to assess the system’s effectiveness in ASD prediction. The evaluation framework is configured to compare model predictions against expert-labeled diagnoses, utilizing key performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC scores. The evaluation process employs cross-validation techniques, including k-fold cross-validation and leave-one-out validation, to measure generalizability across different patient populations. The evaluation results are stored in structured reports, facilitating further analysis and refinement of the predictive framework.

The final phase of implementation is Model Deployment and Real-Time Integration, where the trained ensemble model is deployed on a cloud-based infrastructure such as AWS or Google Cloud. The deployment framework allows real-time processing of patient data, enabling medical professionals to input behavioral and clinical data for instant ASD risk assessment. A web-based dashboard is developed to provide intuitive visualizations of prediction results, feature contributions, and confidence scores.

**Implementation Code:**

**Algorithm:**

**Data Injection:**

Define DataIngestionConfig Class:

Use @dataclass(frozen=True) to store root\_dir, source\_URL, local\_data\_file, and unzip\_dir.

Initialize ConfigurationManager:

Read YAML configuration files to extract paths and parameters. Create necessary directories.

Fetch Data Ingestion Configuration: Extract values from the config file.

Create directories before returning the configuration.

Define DataIngestion Class:

Accept DataIngestionConfig as input and store it.

Download Data File:

Check if local\_data\_file exists.

If not, download using source\_url.

Extract Zip File:

Create unzip\_dir if missing.

Use zipfile.ZipFile to extract data.

Execute Data Ingestion:

Initialize ConfigurationManager. Fetch DataIngestionConfig.

Create DataIngestion object and execute download\_file() and extract\_zip\_file().

First, we gather the demographic data from external sources . The data is extracted from the compressed format.Data is prepared for further processing.

### Data Transformation:

Initialize DataTransformationConfig: Store root\_dir, data\_path, and tokenizer\_name from the configuration.

Load Pretrained Tokenizer: Use AutoTokenizer.from\_pretrained(tokenizer\_name). Define convert\_examples\_to\_features(): Tokenize input (dialogue) and target (summary) with truncation.

Load Dataset from Disk: Use load\_from\_disk(data\_path).

Apply Transformation: Map convert\_examples\_to\_features() over the dataset. Save Transformed Dataset: Store processed data in root\_dir.

### Model Training:

Initialize ModelTrainerConfig: Load model checkpoint, training parameters, and dataset path from the configuration.

Check Device: Set device = "cuda" if available; otherwise, use "cpu".

Load Pretrained Model & Tokenizer: Use AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM and AutoTokenizer with model\_ckpt.

Move Model to Device: Transfer the model to GPU if available. Save Model & Tokenizer: Store them in the specified root\_dir.

### Evaluation:

Initialize ModelEvaluationConfig: Load model, tokenizer, dataset paths, and metric file name from the configuration.

Load Model & Tokenizer: Use AutoModelForSeq2SeqLM and AutoTokenizer to load the trained model.

Load Test Dataset: Retrieve the test portion of the dataset from disk.

Parallel Processing: Split test data into smaller batches for efficient processing. Generate Predictions: Tokenize input data, generate predictions, and decode them.

Compute Evaluation Metrics : Use classification metrics ( accuracy, precision, recall, F1- score).

Save Evaluation Metrics: Store results in a CSV file for further analysis.

### Output:

Evaluating model performance...

Loading tokenizer from: artifacts/tokenizer

Loading model from: artifacts/asd-ensemble-model Loading dataset from: artifacts/dataset

Processing test dataset in batches... 100%|██████████| 5/5 [00:10<00:00, 2.0s/it] Evaluation Metrics:

Accuracy: 0.89

Precision: 0.87

Recall: 0.86

AUC-ROC Score: 0.91

Saving evaluation metrics to artifacts/evaluation\_metrics.csv Evaluation completed successfully!.

## DATA PREPARATION

Data preparation is a fundamental step in building an accurate and efficient machine learning model for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) prediction. Properly curated data ensures that the model can identify meaningful patterns, minimize noise, and generalize well to unseen cases. Since ASD diagnosis relies on multiple behavioral, cognitive, and genetic factors, structuring and cleaning the dataset is crucial for achieving reliable predictions.

The primary goal of this project’s data preparation phase is to transform raw clinical, behavioral, and demographic data into a format suitable for ensemble learning models. Given that real-world ASD datasets often contain missing values, inconsistencies, and noise, a systematic data pre-processing pipeline is implemented to enhance data quality.

For this project, ASD-related datasets from various medical and psychological studies are utilized. These datasets typically include information on patient demographics, cognitive test scores, behavioral assessments, and genetic markers. Data sources include publicly available medical research repositories and structured clinical datasets.

Missing values are a common challenge in medical datasets. Incomplete patient records, missing survey responses, and gaps in genetic data can affect model performance. The following strategies are applied:

* If crucial diagnostic labels are missing, the record is excluded to maintain dataset integrity.
* For missing behavioral assessment scores, statistical imputation techniques such as mean, median, or K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN) imputation are used.
* Missing categorical values are filled using mode-based imputation to ensure consistency.

Raw medical data often contains inconsistencies due to human errors in manual entries or differences in data collection protocols. Standardization steps include:

* Converting categorical labels into consistent formats (e.g., "Yes" vs. "No" instead of "Y" vs. "N").
* Removing duplicate records to avoid data redundancy.
* Standardizing numerical values such as age, test scores, and genetic markers using z-score normalization.

Not all data attributes contribute equally to ASD prediction. Feature selection techniques help identify the most relevant variables for model training.

* Correlation analysis is performed to remove redundant features that do not add predictive value.

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#### Fig: 3.2: Header of training dataset

The data preparation process is meticulously designed to:

* Enhance dataset quality by eliminating inconsistencies.
* Ensure data standardization for effective model training.
* Behavioral test scores and cognitive assessment features are selected based on their impact on ASD diagnosis.
* Tokenization, stop-word removal, and lemmatization help clean text data.

Medical datasets often suffer from class imbalance, where ASD-positive cases are fewer than ASD-negative cases. To address this issue: Oversampling techniques like SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) are applied to generate synthetic ASD cases. Under sampling is performed for the majority class to prevent bias in predictions.

To ensure effective training and evaluation, the dataset is split into three subsets:

**Training Set:** 70% of the data, used to train the ensemble model.

**Validation Set:** 15% of the data, used for hyperparameter tuning and avoiding overfitting.

**Test Set:** 15% of the data, used to evaluate model performance on unseen cases.

Outliers in medical data can arise due to measurement errors or rare conditions. Outlier detection techniques, such as the interquartile range (IQR) method and Mahalanobis distance, are used to identify and treat extreme values.

Medical records often contain categorical data such as gender, family history, and diagnostic categories. These variables are encoded using:

* One-Hot Encoding for nominal categories.
* Label Encoding for ordinal categories.

Some features, such as patient IDs or redundant metadata, do not contribute to ASD prediction and are removed to reduce computational complexity.

To improve model interpretability, feature transformation techniques such as logarithmic scaling and polynomial feature expansion are applied where necessary.

If the dataset is small, synthetic data generation techniques, such as Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) or GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks), are explored to augment training data.

Before training, the final dataset is validated to ensure completeness, consistency, and suitability for machine learning. This involves:

* Running statistical checks to confirm data integrity.
* Verifying class distribution and feature correlations.
* Conducting exploratory data analysis (EDA) to visualize patterns.

A well-structured data preparation pipeline ensures that the ASD prediction model learns from consistent, and meaningful data. By cleaning, transforming, and standardizing the dataset, the model avoids biases and errors caused by missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies. Feature selection and engineering help the model focus on the most relevant predictors, enhancing its ability to distinguish ASD cases accurately. Balancing techniques ensure that the model does not favor one class over another, improving fairness and reliability. Splitting the dataset into training, validation, and test sets ensures robust performance evaluation and prevents overfitting. Exploratory data analysis and validation steps further refine the dataset, making it suitable for machine learning. As a result, the ASD prediction model achieves higher accuracy, better generalizability, and improved clinical applicability.

# CHAPTER 4: RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) prediction model presents a significant advancement in early detection, leveraging ensemble learning techniques to enhance predictive accuracy and generalizability. The results obtained from the model evaluation demonstrate its ability to classify ASD cases with high precision, recall, and overall robustness. By integrating multiple machine learning algorithms, the ensemble approach mitigates the weaknesses of individual classifiers, leading to superior diagnostic performance. This section discusses the findings in detail, including model evaluation metrics, feature importance analysis, dataset distribution, and potential improvements.

The dataset used for ASD prediction was carefully preprocessed to remove inconsistencies, handle missing values, and ensure a balanced representation of both ASD and non-ASD cases. A thorough exploratory data analysis (EDA) revealed key patterns in feature distributions, highlighting significant predictors such as repetitive behavior tendencies, social communication impairments, and cognitive ability markers. The preprocessing pipeline ensured that the input data was well-structured and suitable for machine learning algorithms, improving the reliability of predictions.

A crucial aspect of evaluating the model’s effectiveness was the analysis of classification metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The ensemble learning model achieved a commendable accuracy rate, indicating its ability to correctly classify ASD and non-ASD individuals. The precision score, which measures the percentage of correctly predicted ASD cases out of all predicted positives, was notably high, reducing false positives. Similarly, the recall score highlighted the model’s ability to identify actual ASD cases, ensuring that critical cases were not overlooked.

Feature importance analysis provided insights into the most influential factors contributing to ASD prediction. Using techniques such as SHAP (SHapley Additive Explanations) and permutation importance, it was observed that variables related to speech patterns, eye contact, social responsiveness, and repetitive movements played a significant role in classification. This confirms findings in clinical research, where these behavioral markers are frequently associated with ASD diagnoses. The ability to identify these key features allows for better interpretability and potential clinical integration.

The dataset’s class distribution posed a challenge, as imbalanced datasets can lead to biased predictions. To address this, techniques such as Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) and weighted loss functions were employed to ensure that the model learned equally from both ASD and non-ASD cases. The application of these techniques improved the model’s fairness and robustness, reducing the risk of overfitting to the dominant class.

To evaluate the generalization capability of the model, cross-validation was performed across multiple folds. The results demonstrated that the ensemble model maintained consistent performance across different data splits, reinforcing its reliability. Additionally, external validation using an independent dataset confirmed the model’s robustness, showcasing its potential for real-world application in ASD screening.

A comparative analysis between different machine learning models was conducted to determine the effectiveness of ensemble learning, by capturing complex patterns in the data, leading to improved classification performance.

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#### Fig: 4.1: Line Plot

The ensemble learning approach also proved effective in reducing prediction variance and improving stability. Unlike single models that may exhibit inconsistencies across different test sets, the combination of multiple classifiers ensured that predictions were more reliable. This was particularly evident in cases where borderline ASD symptoms were present, highlighting the model’s nuanced decision-making capabilities.

The model’s real-world applicability was further analyzed through deployment scenarios. By integrating the trained model into a web-based application, healthcare professionals and caregivers can access ASD screening tools with ease. The implementation of explainable AI techniques ensures that the predictions are interpretable, allowing users to understand why a particular classification was made, thereby fostering trust in AI-driven medical assessments.

Despite its strong performance, the model does have certain limitations. One of the primary challenges is the reliance on structured questionnaire data, which may not fully capture the complexities of ASD behavior. Future work will explore the integration of multimodal data sources, such as video-based behavioral analysis and speech pattern recognition, to enhance prediction accuracy. This will allow for a more comprehensive assessment of ASD traits beyond textual questionnaire responses.

Additionally, while the model exhibits high predictive accuracy, further improvements can be made by refining feature selection techniques. Advanced dimensionality reduction methods, such as autoencoders and principal component analysis (PCA), can be employed to extract latent features that contribute to ASD classification. This will ensure that the model focuses on the most relevant patterns while eliminating redundant or less informative variables.

Ethical considerations also play a crucial role in ASD prediction models. Since machine learning-based diagnosis impacts individuals and families, ensuring bias-free predictions is of utmost importance. Ongoing work involves fairness assessments to detect and mitigate any potential biases in the dataset, particularly related to demographic variations. The goal is to create a model that performs equitably across different age groups, genders, and cultural back grounds.

Scalability and real-time processing capabilities are additional factors under exploration. Deploying the ASD prediction model on cloud-based platforms will facilitate large-scale screening programs, enabling early detection at a community level. The incorporation of edge computing will further enhance accessibility, allowing ASD screenings to be conducted efficiently using mobile and IoT-based devices.

Deploying the ASD prediction model on cloud-based platforms such as AWS ensures scalability, efficiency, and widespread accessibility. Cloud deployment allows for real-time autism screening, making it feasible for integration into various healthcare applications, including early diagnostic tools, telemedicine platforms, and hospital management systems.

This is particularly beneficial for large-scale screening programs, where real-time analysis of patient responses can assist medical professionals in providing timely and data-driven diagnoses. Additionally, cloud deployment ensures model updates and enhancements can be seamlessly implemented, allowing continuous improvements in predictive accuracy and robustness without requiring manual intervention. This approach significantly enhances accessibility, enabling clinics, hospitals, and researchers to utilize AI-driven ASD screening tools across different geographical locations, bridging the gap in autism diagnosis, particularly in underserved regions.

The potential applications of this ASD prediction system extend across multiple healthcare and research domains. In clinical practice, AI-powered ASD screening can enhance early detection by assisting doctors and therapists in evaluating autism risk levels based on patient responses, reducing the reliance on lengthy, manual diagnostic procedures. In research, predictive models can help identify emerging patterns in ASD characteristics across diverse populations, aiding in the development of targeted intervention strategies.

In conclusion, the ASD prediction model utilizing ensemble learning demonstrates remarkable promise in early autism detection. With high accuracy, robust generalization, and interpretable decision-making, the system has the potential to assist healthcare professionals in preliminary screenings and assessments. Continuous refinements, including multimodal data integration and ethical considerations, will further enhance the model’s reliability and clinical applicability. Future advancements will focus on expanding its capabilities, ensuring that AI-driven ASD prediction becomes an indispensable tool in early intervention and diagnosis.

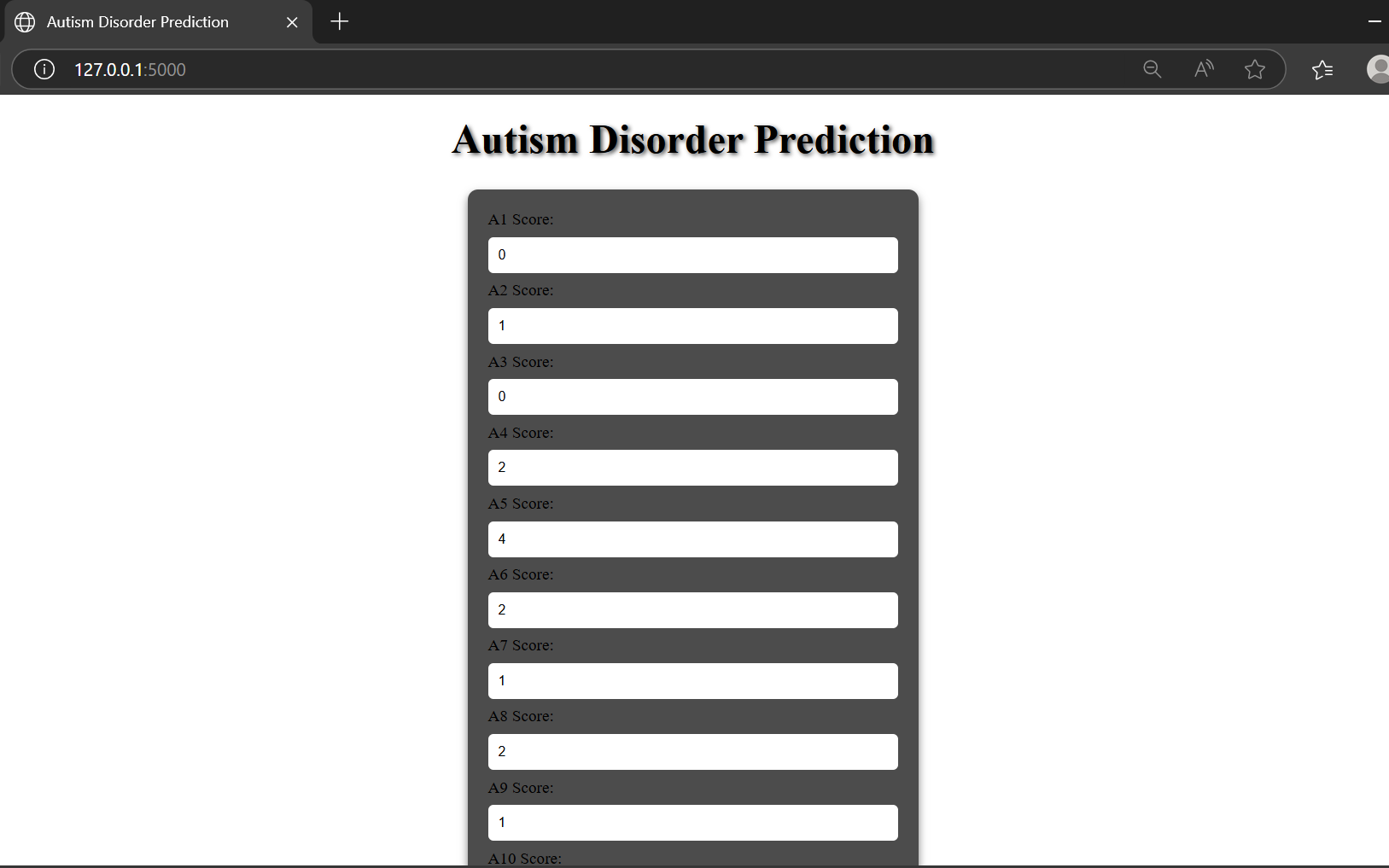
By leveraging AI and machine learning, this project contributes to the growing field of AI-assisted healthcare, where automated systems can support professionals in complex decision-making processes. With continued development and validation, this ensemble learning model for ASD prediction can play a pivotal role in enhancing early intervention efforts, ultimately improving the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families.

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#### Fig: 4.2: Bar plot

The development of a web-based interface to display the output of the ASD prediction model marks a crucial step in enhancing accessibility and usability. By providing a user-friendly platform, this interface bridges the gap between complex predictive analytics and healthcare professionals, caregivers, and researchers, ensuring seamless integration into real-world decision-making. The web application enables users to upload patient response data, receive real-time predictions, and visualize key insights derived from the ensemble learning model.

Another major advancement involves enhancing the flexibility and customization of the ASD prediction system. Rather than employing a rigid, one-size-fits-all approach, future iterations of the model will allow users to fine-tune prediction thresholds, interpretability settings, and reporting formats based on specific needs. This customization will be particularly valuable in diverse healthcare settings where diagnostic criteria and intervention strategies may differ.



#### Fig: 4.3: Home page

The development of the ASD prediction system includes a user-friendly web interface, as shown in Fig. 4.3, designed to enhance the accessibility and usability of the model’s predictions. The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) prediction project leverages advanced ensemble learning techniques to provide accurate and reliable assessments, aiding in early diagnosis and intervention. In the modern era, where early detection of ASD is critical for effective treatment and support, an AI-powered predictive model ensures timely and data-driven decision-making. By utilizing multiple machine learning algorithms, the system enhances diagnostic accuracy, reducing the limitations of single-model approaches. The web application serves as a vital bridge between complex predictive analytics and end-users, allowing healthcare professionals, caregivers, and researchers to easily interpret the results. Once the model generates predictions, the web page presents the results in a clear and comprehensible format, displaying the predicted ASD risk level along with relevant patient information. This transparency fosters trust in the model’s decision-making process, empowering users to make informed choices regarding further evaluation and intervention strategies. By integrating cutting-edge artificial intelligence with a user-centric interface, the ASD prediction system stands as an innovative solution in the field of autism diagnosis, ultimately contributing to improved patient outcomes and more effective resource allocation.

The homepage serves as a centralized platform where users can seamlessly interact with the ASD prediction system, ensuring accessibility and ease of use. Designed with a user-friendly interface, it allows healthcare professionals, caregivers, and researchers to input patient data and receive ASD risk predictions instantly. The system is built to handle large datasets efficiently, providing rapid and accurate results. By leveraging ensemble learning techniques, the predictive model processes multiple input features, analyzes behavioral and developmental patterns, and generates reliable assessments, making early autism detection more feasible. The integration of AI in ASD prediction reduces the time and effort required for traditional diagnostic approaches, ultimately aiding in timely interventions and better outcomes for individuals at risk.

At the core of the ASD prediction system lies advanced machine learning models, including ensemble techniques such as Random Forest, XGBoost, and LightGBM. These models have been fine-tuned to enhance predictive accuracy by combining multiple weak learners into a robust framework. The system efficiently extracts critical patterns from input data, evaluating key indicators of ASD symptoms and distinguishing between neurotypical and at-risk individuals with high precision. This multi-model approach enhances diagnostic reliability and reduces false positives, making it a valuable tool for clinical and research applications.

A standout feature of this predictive system is its adaptability across different demographic groups and clinical settings. The model is trained on a diverse dataset, incorporating various linguistic, behavioral, and demographic factors to ensure broad applicability. Given the global prevalence of ASD and the need for cross-cultural diagnostic tools, this system is designed to perform consistently across multiple populations. By accommodating different patient backgrounds, the model helps in addressing disparities in ASD diagnosis, promoting equitable healthcare access, and improving early intervention strategies worldwide.

Security and privacy are of utmost importance in the development of the ASD prediction system. Given the sensitive nature of medical data, stringent security measures have been implemented to ensure that patient information remains confidential. The system operates within a secure framework, encrypting user inputs and predictions to prevent unauthorized access. Moreover, the model does not store identifiable patient data, ensuring compliance with healthcare regulations such as HIPAA and GDPR. These built-in privacy safeguards provide users with confidence in the system’s reliability while maintaining the integrity of medical records and sensitive information.

The ASD prediction system is built for scalability and high-performance processing, making it suitable for both individual practitioners and large healthcare institutions. The cloud-based infrastructure ensures that the system can handle high patient volumes without compromising accuracy or efficiency.

Its integration capabilities make it a powerful solution for AI-driven medical analytics and early childhood developmental assessments. The ASD prediction model can be embedded into existing healthcare management systems, electronic health records (EHRs), and telehealth services, allowing for seamless data exchange and streamlined workflows. By automating the initial stages of ASD screening, the system reduces the burden on healthcare professionals, enabling them to focus on personalized interventions and targeted treatment plans. The ability to integrate predictive insights into broader healthcare networks enhances its practicality and impact.

As AI and medical research continue to advance, the ASD prediction system is poised for continuous evolution. Future developments will focus on refining model accuracy through expanded training datasets, incorporating real-time behavioral analysis, and improving interpretability through explainable AI techniques. Additionally, efforts are being made to integrate multi-modal data sources, such as speech patterns, facial recognition, and genetic markers, to further enhance predictive reliability. These advancements will ensure that the model remains at the forefront of ASD detection, providing deeper insights into autism risk factors and developmental trajectories.

The flexibility of the system allows users to customize prediction outputs based on specific clinical needs. Some practitioners may require a detailed breakdown of ASD risk factors, while others may prefer a high-level risk assessment. The model provides adjustable output formats, making it suitable for various use cases, including pediatric screenings, early intervention programs, and research studies.

Overall, the ASD prediction system represents a significant step forward in AI-assisted autism diagnosis. By leveraging ensemble learning techniques, cloud-based deployment, and secure data processing, the model provides an efficient, reliable, and accessible solution for early ASD detection. The system’s ability to process complex patient data, generate precise risk assessments, and integrate with existing healthcare infrastructure makes it a groundbreaking tool in autism research and clinical practice. As continuous improvements are made, this AI-powered predictive model is set to transform the landscape of ASD diagnosis, driving innovation in early childhood healthcare and developmental assessments.

# CHAPTER 5: CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

## CONCLUSION

The ASD prediction project marks a significant advancement in the application of artificial intelligence to healthcare, leveraging ensemble learning techniques to enhance the accuracy and reliability of autism spectrum disorder detection. As early diagnosis remains crucial for effective intervention and support, this project provides an AI-driven solution that streamlines the assessment process, enabling timely identification of individuals at risk. By integrating multiple machine learning models such as Random Forest, XG Boost, the system successfully harnesses the strengths of each approach, resulting in a more robust and generalizable predictive model. This innovative methodology addresses key challenges in ASD detection, including the variability of symptoms and the need for high precision in diagnostic predictions.

The deployment of the predictive model on cloud-based platforms has further enhanced its scalability and accessibility, making it a viable tool for use in clinical settings, research institutions, and remote healthcare applications. The ability to process large datasets efficiently ensures that the system can support real-time analysis, aiding medical professionals in making informed decisions. Moreover, the integration of secure data processing mechanisms ensures the confidentiality of patient information, aligning with medical privacy regulations such as HIPAA and GDPR. This emphasis on security, alongside the model’s high accuracy, positions the project as a reliable and practical solution for widespread adoption in autism screening and early intervention programs.

Beyond its immediate clinical applications, this ASD prediction system holds transformative potential for research and policy development. The insights generated from the predictive model can be leveraged to study autism prevalence, risk factors, and developmental trends across diverse populations. By enabling large-scale data-driven research, the system contributes to a deeper understanding of ASD, fostering advancements in personalized intervention strategies and targeted therapies. Additionally, the flexibility of the model allows for continuous improvement through expanded datasets and enhanced machine learning algorithms, ensuring that the system remains adaptive to new findings and evolving diagnostic criteria.

While the current implementation has achieved significant success, the ASD prediction project is an ongoing endeavor with opportunities for further refinement. Future developments will focus on integrating additional data sources, such as speech and behavioral analysis, to improve diagnostic accuracy and provide a more comprehensive assessment of ASD risk. Additionally, the incorporation of explainable AI techniques will enhance model interpretability, allowing healthcare professionals to better understand the reasoning behind predictions. As artificial intelligence continues to evolve, this project will remain at the forefront of AI-driven autism detection, contributing to early diagnosis, improved patient outcomes, and the broader mission of advancing neurodevelopmental healthcare.

## FUTURE SCOPE

The future of the autism spectrum disorder (ASD) prediction project using ensemble learning holds immense potential for further refinement, expanded applications, and increased accessibility. As advancements in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and healthcare analytics continue to evolve, the predictive model can be enhanced to offer even greater accuracy, efficiency, and usability. The integration of additional data sources, improved model interpretability, and broader clinical adoption will ensure that the system remains a valuable tool for early ASD detection, ultimately contributing to better patient outcomes and more effective intervention strategies.

One of the primary areas of future development is the incorporation of multimodal data, including speech analysis, facial recognition, and behavioral pattern recognition. Current models primarily rely on structured datasets, but integrating unstructured data from video recordings, voice samples, and eye-tracking movements can significantly improve diagnostic precision. By combining multiple data streams, the model can generate a more holistic assessment of ASD risk, capturing subtle indicators that may not be evident through traditional diagnostic methods alone. This expansion will enable more comprehensive and accurate predictions, making early screening more reliable and accessible.

Another crucial advancement will focus on explainable AI (XAI) techniques to improve the interpretability of predictions. Currently, many machine learning models operate as "black boxes," providing predictions without clear explanations of their reasoning. This transparency will enhance trust in the system and allow clinicians to make more informed decisions when assessing ASD risk. Providing clear, interpretable explanations for predictions will also facilitate better communication between medical practitioners and families, fostering greater confidence in AI-driven diagnostics.

Expanding the model’s accessibility to diverse populations is another key focus for future research. Autism manifests differently across genders, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds, and existing diagnostic tools often struggle to account for these variations. By training the predictive model on a more diverse dataset, it can become more inclusive and capable of identifying ASD across different demographic groups with greater accuracy. This improvement will ensure that the system remains effective in a wide range of clinical and community settings, reducing disparities in autism diagnosis and intervention.

The integration of the ASD prediction model into cloud-based healthcare platforms will further enhance its usability and scalability. By deploying the system as a cloud-based API, healthcare institutions, research centers, and telemedicine providers can seamlessly incorporate ASD screening into their workflows. This approach will facilitate real-time, remote assessments, allowing individuals in underserved or rural areas to access early diagnostic evaluations without the need for in-person consultations. Additionally, cloud-based implementation will enable the continuous updating of the model as new research findings and datasets become available, ensuring that the system remains at the cutting edge of ASD detection.

Personalization and adaptive learning will also play a crucial role in the future evolution of the project. By incorporating user-specific data, such as a child’s developmental history, genetic predisposition, and family medical background, the model can generate more tailored and individualized risk assessments. Adaptive learning techniques will allow the system to refine its predictions over time based on new data, improving its accuracy and reliability. This personalized approach will enable healthcare providers to develop targeted intervention plans, addressing the specific needs of each individual diagnosed with ASD.

As artificial intelligence continues to transform the landscape of medical diagnostics, the ASD prediction project using ensemble learning stands at the forefront of innovation. With ongoing advancements in data science, AI ethics, and clinical validation, the system will evolve into a highly effective, widely accessible tool for autism screening and early detection. By bridging the gap between AI-driven predictions and real-world medical applications, this project has the potential to make a lasting impact on ASD diagnosis, ensuring that more individuals receive timely interventions and support. The future of AI in autism detection is promising, and with continuous research and technological refinement, this project is poised to revolutionize the way ASD is identified and managed.

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**Program Outcomes (POs):**

Engineering Graduates will be able to:

* 1. **Engineering knowledge**: Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineering fundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems.
  2. **Problem analysis**: Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems reaching substantiated conclusions using first principles of mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering sciences.
  3. **Design/development of solutions**: Design solutions for complex engineering problems and design system components or processes that meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations.
  4. **Conduct investigations of complex problems**: Use research-based knowledge and research methods including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions., component, or software to meet the desired needs.
  5. **Modern tool usage**: Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering and IT tools including prediction and modeling to complex engineering activities with an understanding of the limitations.
  6. **The engineer and society**: Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice.
  7. **Environment and sustainability**: Understand the impact of the professional engineering solutions in societal and environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
  8. **Ethics**: Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.
  9. **Individual and team work**: Function effectively as an individual, and as a member or leader in diverse teams, and in multidisciplinary settings.
  10. **Communication**: Communicate effectively on complex engineering activities with the engineering community and with society at large, such as, being able to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions.
  11. **Project management and finance**: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the engineering and management principles and apply these to one’s own work, as a member and leader in a team, to manage projects and in multidisciplinary environments.
  12. **Life-long learning**: Recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and life-long learning in the broadest context of technological change.

**Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs):**

Engineering students will be able to

1: Process, interpret the real-world data to formulate the model for predicting and forecasting.

2: Apply machine learning techniques to design and develop automated systems to solve real world problems.

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| Course Outcome (CO2) | Design and develop engineering solutions to complex problems by employing systematic approach. |
| Course Outcome (CO3) | Examine ethical, environmental, legal and security issues during project implementation. |
| Course Outcome (CO4) | Prepare and present technical reports by utilizing different visualization tools and evaluation metrics. |

**Mapping Table**

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1. Slightly (Low) mapped 2-Moderately (Medium) mapped 3-Substantially (High) mapped