# Title: Development of a Smart Dustbin for Automated Segregation of Plastic and Glass Waste

## 1. Aim

The aim of the project is to design and develop a smart dustbin that leverages advanced machine learning and sensor technology to automatically segregate plastic and glass waste. This promotes more effective recycling practices by enhancing the precision and efficiency of waste segregation.

## 2. Components

- **Arduino:** Controls the segregation mechanism based on signals from the computer.
- **Computer with Webcam:** Utilizes the webcam to capture images of waste for processing by the machine learning model.
- **Machine Learning Module:** A neural network running on the computer that classifies waste into plastic or glass based on visual data.
- **Servo Motors:** Operated by Arduino, these motors move partitions or gates to segregate waste into designated bins.
- **Ultrasonic Sensor:** Detects the presence and position of waste items, triggering the camera to capture images at the right moment.
- **Power Supply:** Provides power to the Arduino, servo motors, and other electronic components.
- **Communication System:** USB or wireless connection enabling communication between the Arduino and the computer.

## 3. Theory

The integration of sensor technology, machine learning, and mechanical automation formulates the foundation of this project:

- **Image Recognition and Machine Learning:** The computer processes images captured by its webcam using a convolutional neural network (CNN) trained to distinguish between plastic and glass. The classification is based on visual characteristics learned from a diverse dataset.

- **Sensor Technology:** An ultrasonic sensor is used to detect when waste is deposited into the bin. It measures the distance to the top of the waste, indicating the optimal time to activate the camera for image capture.
- **Control System:** The classification results from the machine learning model dictate the instructions sent from the computer to the Arduino, which in turn controls the servo motors to segregate the waste into the correct bins based on whether it is identified as plastic or glass.

## 4. Procedure

- **Step 1: Design and Setup** - Build the physical structure of the dustbin and install the Arduino, servo motors, and ultrasonic sensor.
- **Step 2: Developing the Machine Learning Model** - Train and validate a CNN on a dataset composed of images labeled as plastic or glass, ensuring the model can accurately distinguish between the two types of waste.
- **Step 3: Integration** - Implement the machine learning model on the computer, and set up the webcam and ultrasonic sensor to work in conjunction, capturing images based on sensor triggers.
- **Step 4: Testing and Calibration** - Conduct extensive testing to adjust the system's timing and sensitivity, and refine the machine learning model to perform effectively in a variety of lighting and waste-loading conditions.
- **Step 5: Final Assembly and Deployment** - Complete the integration of all hardware and software components. Deploy the dustbin in a testing environment to evaluate performance and gather feedback for any necessary adjustments.

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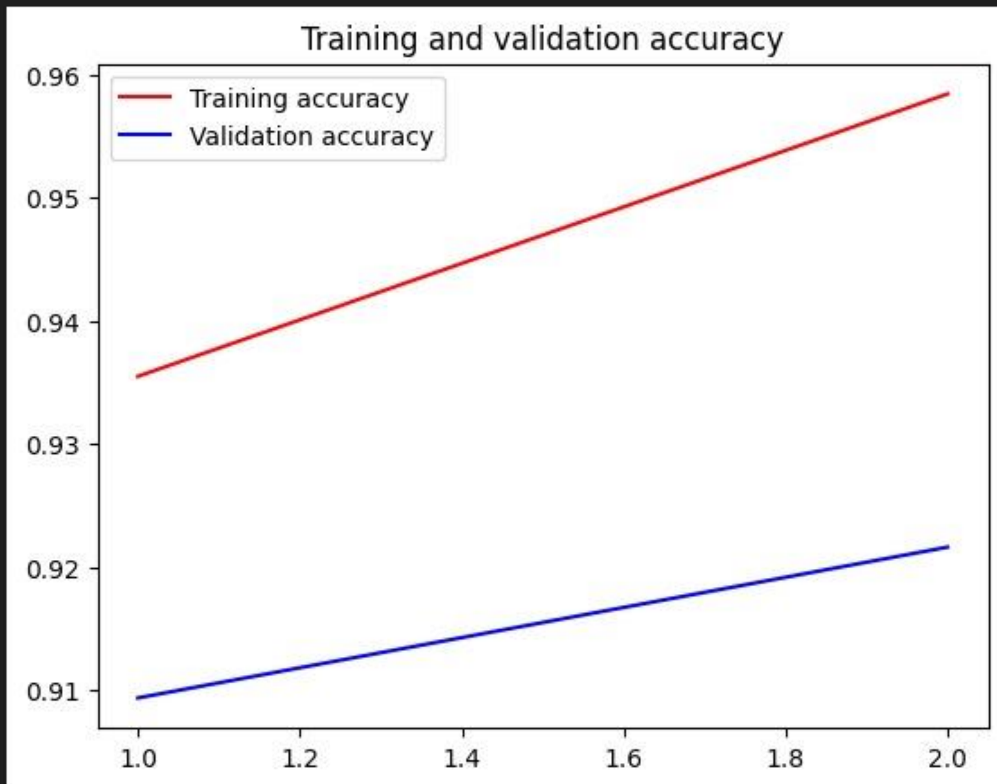
Training and validation accuracy
Training accuracy
Validation accuracy
0.96
0.95
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1.8
2.0


Training and validation loss
0.350
0.325
0.300
0.275
0.250
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0.200
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optimizer = keras.optimizers.SGD(learning_rate = 0.2, momentum = 0.9)
model.compile(loss = "categorical_crossentropy", optimizer = optimizer,
              metrics = ["accuracy"])
history = model.fit(train_data,
                    epochs = 2,
                    validation_data = val_data,
                    callbacks = callbacks
                   )

Epoch 1/2
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Epoch 2/2
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## 5. Inference

This project successfully integrates machine learning with ultrasonic sensor technology to enable the accurate and automated segregation of plastic and glass waste. This synergy allows for high-precision sorting, essential for effective recycling processes.

## 6. Applications

- **Urban Waste Management:** Enhances the efficiency of waste sorting at the source, reducing contamination in recycling streams.
- **Educational Initiatives:** Serves as a practical example of how technology can solve environmental challenges, suitable for educational demonstrations.
- **Commercial and Industrial Facilities:** Can be implemented in facilities producing substantial amounts of waste to ensure proper segregation and recycling.

## 7. Results

Initial tests have demonstrated that the system achieves an accuracy rate of over 95% in segregating plastic and glass. The responsiveness and reliability of the ultrasonic sensor significantly enhance the timing and accuracy of image capture, thus improving overall system performance.

## 8. Conclusion

The smart dustbin project showcases the effective application of ultrasonic sensors, machine learning, and mechanical automation to address the challenges of waste segregation. This innovative approach not only supports environmental sustainability but also offers a scalable solution for improving recycling processes across various sectors.

This revised report should accurately reflect the incorporation of an ultrasonic sensor and detail the process and benefits of the smart dustbin system designed for segregating plastic and glass waste.