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# 1.Introduction

## 1.1 Background

Background Prevailing waste management practices rely heavily on manual sorting, which is a difficult approach inefficiencies and limitations. Our study recognizes the urgent need for innovative solutions to the development of an automated waste sorting system. Use of advances in computer technology vision and machine learning technology, our proposed system aims to revolutionize waste disposal enabling real-time sorting and sorting of waste.

## 1.2 Problem Statement

An IoT-based recyclable waste classification system automates the identification and separation of recyclable waste at source to reduce the time and effort associated with manual recycling.

## 1.3 Abstract

Our project aims to develop an automated waste categorization system to improve waste management practices. Despite the availability of dustbins, improper waste disposal remains a significant environmental and health problem. The system will use YOLO for initial object detection to crop regions of interest, and then use EfficientNet or ResNet for detailed classification. This approach balances real-time speed with increased accuracy and categorizes waste into three main types: biodegradable, non-biodegradable plastics and e-waste. By providing immediate feedback on proper disposal, the system will simplify waste management and reduce the cognitive load of users. Governments and waste management authorities will benefit from more efficient sorting processes and improved data collection of waste samples. This system aims to revolutionize waste disposal, contributing to a cleaner environment, better public health and more sustainable waste management.

## 1.4 SDG goal Alignment Justification

SDG Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

- Recycling and waste management: By automatically classifying recyclable and non-recyclable materials, our project contributes to efficient waste sorting, which promotes recycling, reduces landfilling and saves the time and effort required to sort waste.
- Environmental Impact: By reducing improper waste disposal and reducing pollution, our project helps create a cleaner and healthier urban environment.
- Clean City Initiatives: Automated waste sorting in the public and private sectors can lead to cleaner communities by minimizing litter and promoting proper waste management.
- Public awareness: This project can educate communities about recycling practices, promote a culture of sustainability and environmental responsibility in cities. This project supports the development of more sustainable, environmentally friendly urban areas and directly contributes to SDG 11.

# 2. Related Works

## 2.1 Literature Survey

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**PAPER:1** Deep Learning Approach to Recyclable Products Classification: Towards Sustainable Waste Management

**Methodology:**

In this study they use Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), MobileNetV2, ResNet50V2, and DenseNet169. The study developed a deep learning model for classifying recyclable products using Python programming on Jupiter Notebook and Google Collab. The model used Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), MobileNetV2, ResNet50V2, and DenseNet169 algorithms. The ResNet50V2 algorithm achieved the highest accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The proposed scheme outperformed state-of-the-art studies, improving waste identification and classification. However, the study has limitations, including potential for unreliable results for unseen or irrelevant waste images. Future research could use techniques like fusion, transfer learning, ensemble learning, metaheuristic, and evolutionary computation.

**Dataset:**

The dataset created by Yousefi, consisting of 5000 images of garbage and waste items, categorizes them into five categories: study, plastic, glass, and metal. The images, primarily 300 x 300 pixels, are suitable for deep learning models like convolutional neural networks. The dataset, available for free on Kaggle, is based in Saudi Arabia.

**Limitation:**

The study has limitations, including its reliance on the provided dataset, which may lead to unreliable results for unseen or irrelevant waste images. To address these limitations, future research could explore advanced techniques such as fusion, transfer learning, ensemble learning, metaheuristic, and evolutionary computation approaches. The findings of this study can assist government, administration, and policymakers in the kingdom in implementing effective waste classification and management systems.

**PAPER:2 A Reliable and Robust Deep Learning Model for Effective Recyclable Waste Classification**

**Methodology:**

In this study they use Deep learning models such as GoogleNet , ResNet50 , Inception-v3 , MobileNet-v2 , and DenseNet201. The TrashNet dataset, consisting of PNG images representing different waste categories, was preprocessed to train deep learning models. The proposed waste image classification model, RWC-Net, combines MobileNet-v2 and DenseNet201, achieving the highest performance among all pretrained models. The model's architecture optimizes information flow, gradient propagation, and feature learning efficacy. The RWC-Net model, developed using the PyTorch deep learning framework, achieved the highest F1-score of 95.01% across various performance metrics. The model's ability to accurately identify and classify waste types was validated using Class Activation Maps (CAM) derived by the Score-CAM model.

**Dataset:**

The study utilized the TrashNet dataset, a publicly accessible collection of 2,527 highresolution images categorized into six waste categories: cardboard, glass, plastic, study, metal, and litter. This dataset allowed for a structured and methodical investigation of waste materials, with detailed information on each dataset's training, validation, and testing sets.

**Limitation:**

The TrashNet dataset, used to classify recyclable waste, has limitations due to its small size and lack of bounding boxes and segmentation masks. The "litter" class, which includes small waste items, achieved an F1-score of 88.50%. Expanding the dataset to include a wider range of recyclable waste categories would provide a more accurate representation of waste management challenges. Future research should focus on larger datasets and annotations to

improve waste detection and segmentation techniques.

**PAPER:3** Recycling waste classification using optimized convolutional neural network.

**Methodology:**

In this study they use Deep learning models such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), DenseNet121. The study analysed DenseNet121's performance with two fully-connected layers, revealing that the original model achieved 98.91% accuracy when data augmentation was applied. The optimized model, optimized using GA, improved by 0.7% accuracy. The optimized model had optimal code and random procedure for dropout, reducing computational time and achieving the highest accuracy with a misclassification rate of only 0.40%. The optimized model outperformed other CNN models, and a Windows application using Keras.Net performed well on 1013 test images.

**Dataset:**

The study uses the TrashNet dataset, which includes 2527 images divided into six categories: cardboard, glass, metal, study, plastic, and trash. To create a larger dataset, the study augmented the original dataset with 2527 pictures of flipping horizontal, vertical, and random 25° rotation, creating 10108 waste images. The dataset was split into 90% and 10% for training and testing sets, respectively.

**Limitation:**

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**PAPER:4** Classification of recyclable waste using deep learning architectures.

**Methodology:**

In this study they use Deep learning, Convolutional neural network, ResNet-50 architecture. This study uses CNN algorithm that extracts object properties from images and distinguishes them. It consists of input, output, and layers, with convolution and pooling layers. This study used the ResNet 50 architecture, which won the ILSVRC-2015 competition, to classify waste using 22500 images. The CNN architecture achieved the highest accuracy of 81.34%, with a 91.84% accuracy ratio. The study aimed to ensure highly produced waste is classified for recycling, and the results indicate that CNN architecture is more successful in classifying waste.

**Dataset:**

The study utilized a Kaggle dataset, which contains 22500 color images divided into organic and recyclable waste categories. The dataset, which has 227 x 227 pixels, consists of organic waste like vegetables and fruits, and recyclable waste like glass, plastic, nylon, wood, and metal. The classification of wastes is crucial for environmental protection and human health worldwide. The dataset is sufficient for determining recyclable wastes and classifying organic wastes.

**Limitation:**

The study's limitations include relying on a 22,500 waste image dataset, not addressing

overfitting or underfitting issues, and comparing CNN and ResNet50 architectures without exploring other models or hybrid approaches. It also fails to consider computational efficiency, resource requirements, and environmental variations, which could affect the robustness and generalizability of the models.

### **S.MALAVIKA – 21MIS0131**

**Paper 1:** Intelligent waste management system using deep learning with IoT

#### **Methodology:**

The waste management system uses convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for rubbish classification with Internet of Things (IoT) technology used to monitor in real-time. Waste images are captured and resized to 224x224 pixels so that they can be processed.

Classification is done using the pre-trained ResNet34 model in PyTorch that was trained on a Kaggle Docker container having an Intel Xeon CPU, 16 GiB RAM, and a Tesla P100 GPU.

Leslie Smith recommends using a cyclic learning rate schedule for optimizing the training efficiency of GANs, with an optimum rate being  $5.13e-03$ . The microcontroller controls a servo motor by feeding it with CNN's classified images which sorts waste into different bins

#### **Dataset Used:**

A dataset of images from various waste types which include glass, paper, cardboard, plastic, metal, and general trash has been assumed to be used in training the CNN model (GitHub, 2020). It is important for this dataset to be used for the detection and classification of nonbiodegradable waste as well as training a model. The input data for the model consists of preprocessed images resized to 224x224 pixels. Although the variety in this dataset allows the model to learn how to identify different kinds of waste products, it may affect how well the model performs.

#### **Limitations:**

There are several limitations that influence how well the system performs. Consequently, a narrower range of waste might mean that only six categories were covered by both the dataset and model thereby reducing its ability to deal with a wider range of waste types hence lower classification accuracy levels. Similarly, while using a pre-trained ResNet34 model accelerates the training process including hyperparameters tuning especially learning rate becomes a challenge because values with better convergence need to be identified amongst others or else inefficient learning rates may hinder convergence and performance. Again, not everyone can access Tesla P100 GPU on Kaggle Docker container which is specifically set up for training quite fast and this could have implications on performance across different hardware configurations globally.

**Paper 2:** Automated waste-sorting and recycling classification using artificial neural network and features fusion: a digital-enabled circular economy vision for smart cities

#### **Methodology:**

The methodology involves creating a custom dataset of 2400 images across six categories, manually captured to reflect real-world waste. Data augmentation techniques, including rotation and brightness adjustments, were applied to enhance the dataset. For model training, features such as HOG, color, and LBP were extracted and used to train individual ANN classifiers. During testing, these features were evaluated by the trained models, and the final classification was determined through majority voting.

#### **Dataset:**

The dataset included 2400 carefully gathered photos of recycled materials that were divided into six categories, with 400–500 photos in each, apart from the "trash" class, which included 100 photos. Images were taken from actual waste, such as municipal and residential waste, and their appearances were altered to represent realistic circumstances. Techniques for data augmentation were used to strengthen the dataset's resilience.

**Limitations:**

One of the study's shortcomings is that it makes use of a manually generated dataset, which might not accurately represent the variety of waste found in the actual world. Furthermore, the ANN model has a higher computational cost than other techniques, and using larger datasets and fine-tuning it could improve its performance. To make even more advancements, future research should investigate deep learning and genetic algorithms. Additionally, the model should be applied in a multi-label setting to handle more complicated waste classification situations.

**Paper 3: Category-aware Recycle Classification using Convolutional Neural Networks**

**Methodology:**

Garbage Feature Extractor (GFE), Garbage Classifier, and Recycle Classifier are the three modules that make up the suggested system, which is a category-aware recycle classification framework. Based on MobileNetV2, the GFE captures important features like shape and texture from input garbage photos by extracting feature maps. Subsequently, the rubbish Classifier and the Recycle Classifier analyze these feature maps to determine the type of rubbish and evaluate its recyclability. For classification tasks, the system uses a two-layer neural network that is trained via cross-entropy loss. To improve model resilience, data augmentation techniques including horizontal flip, color jitter, and random perspective are used.

**Datasets:**

The system was assessed using the datasets for residential waste, industrial waste, and garbage classification. It performed exceptionally well, showing a 20.2% improvement over the previous approaches and an accuracy of 91.7%.

**Limitations:**

Although the suggested approach exhibits notable increases in accuracy, it presently necessitates a large amount of computational power and would not function well on less expensive computers or other low-end hardware. Future research attempts to modify the model for realistic application in low-processor real-world applications.

**Paper 4: An Approach of Classifying Waste Using Transfer Learning Method**

**Methodology:**

Convolutional neural networks, or CNNs, are employed in this study to address the trash classification issue, which is essential for efficient waste management. We used Xception, DenseNet121, ResNet-50, MobileNetV2, and EfficientNetB7, among other transfer learning algorithms, to categorize garbage into seven categories: trash, e-waste, cardboard, metal, plastic, glass, paper, and cardboard. A dataset of more than 2800 photos, including 500 more images of e-waste, was gathered by us. During data preprocessing, 224x224 pixel image scaling and data augmentation methods were used. Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score were used to assess performance; DenseNet121 had the best accuracy, scoring 93.3%. TensorFlow and Google Collab were used for training, and different hyperparameter values

were assessed to improve model performance.

**Datasets:**

An open-source collection of garbage pictures was generated by Gary Thung and Mindy Yang. It was enhanced with 500 more photos of e-waste that were gathered using the Google Image and Bing APIs, bringing the total number of images of various waste categories to over 2800. An 80:20 ratio was found to be the most effective for dividing the data into training and testing sets.

**Limitations:**

The reliance on pre-existing datasets, which might not include all real-world waste scenarios and hence compromise model robustness, is one of the main constraints. The models perform differently on desktop and mobile platforms; MobileNetV2 is less accurate but better suited for deployment on mobile devices. Furthermore, even though data augmentation enhanced performance, overfitting might still be a problem. Subsequent enhancements can concentrate on optimizing hyperparameters, augmenting real-time detection capabilities, and implementing the models on industrial hardware or mobile device.

**N.JYOTHI PRIYA – 21MIS0417**

**PAPER-1** Automated waste-sorting and recycling classification using artificial neural network and features fusion: a digital-enabled circular economy vision for smart cities.

**Methodology:**

A set of 2,400 hand-collected images, categorized as metal, cardboard, and waste, were enhanced using techniques such as rotation, brightness adjustment, translation, and cropping. Four types of features – HOG, color features, LBP and Uniform LBP – were extracted from the images. Separate ANN models were trained for each feature type, and new images were classified using majority voting between models during testing. The final classification was determined by combining scores from different models through majority voting to improve accuracy.

**Dataset:**

The dataset consisted of 2,400 images collected manually and classified into three classes: metal, cardboard and waste. Each category contained approximately 400–500 images, except for the garbage class, which had 100 images. The images were captured from a variety of sources, including household waste and trash around Stanford.

**Limitations:**

The study faces several limitations: relatively small dataset size, limited data diversity, increased model complexity, and scalability issues due to manual data collection.

**PAPER-2** Solid waste bin detection and classification using Dynamic Time Warping and MLP classifier

**Methodology:**

This approach involves using DTW to detect and crop the bin region from the images. Gabor wavelet (GW) is used for feature extraction from these cropped images. The extracted features are then used to train an MLP classifier to determine the level of the trash can and estimate the amount of trash inside. Classifier performance is evaluated using the area under the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve.

**Dataset:**

The document does not specify the details of the dataset, but the system has been



demonstrated with results showing a high accuracy of 98.50% in waste level estimation.

**Limitations:**

Although the system shows promise, it does not address the potential problems associated with camera positioning and bin imaging. Additionally, there is no mention of the size or diversity of the data set, which could affect the generalizability of the results.

**PAPER-3** Application of deep learning object classifier to improve e-waste collection planning.

**Methodology:**

This typically involves using convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to identify and classify different types of e-waste from images. The model is trained on a labeled dataset of e-waste images and learns to recognize patterns and features associated with each type of e-waste.

**Dataset:**

A robust dataset consisting of various e-waste images collected from different sources and environments is essential. The dataset should be large enough to capture the variability of ewaste types and conditions, often including annotations for training and validation purposes.

**Limitations:**

Key limitations may include the quality and size of the data set, which could affect the model's ability to generalize to different e-waste categories. In addition, issues such as different lighting conditions and object occlusion can affect classification accuracy. Computational requirements for model training and deployment can also be significant, which can impact real-time processing capabilities.

**PAPER- 4** GCDN-Net: Garbage classifier deep neural network for recyclable urban waste management

**Methodology:**

The study presents the Garbage Classifier Deep Neural Network (GCDN-Net), which uses convolutional neural networks (CNN) to classify garbage. This approach involves a multistep process with both unique and multi-label classification. GCDN-Net is trained using the "Garbage In, Garbage Out" (GIGO) dataset, which allows the model to distinguish between garbage images and non-garbage images, as well as classify different types of garbage within one or more images.

**Dataset:**

The dataset used, known as the GIGO dataset, consists of 25,000 images captured by carmounted cameras on city streets. These images are divided into categories of garbage (garbage bags, cardboard, bulky waste and garbage) and non-garbage. The dataset contains both single-label and multi-label annotations with preprocessing steps applied to address privacy concerns and class imbalance. After cleaning and augmentation, the dataset provides a comprehensive basis for model training and validation.

**Limitations:**

The study faces several limitations, including potential noise from privacy labels in some images, class imbalance in the data set, and high computational requirements for training deep learning models. These factors could affect the overall performance and generalization of the GCDN-Net model in real-world applications.

**S.VARUN KUMAR – 21MIS0462**

**PAPER – 1** Simultaneous mass estimation and class classification of scrap metals using deep learning.

**Methodology:**

The study uses a combination of DenseNet for object classification and Backpropagation Neural Network (BPNN) for bulk scrap prediction. Features are extracted from 3D images, including metrics such as length, width, and volume. Feature selection is performed using Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Pearson Correlation Coefficient (PCC) to improve model accuracy.

**Dataset:**

The dataset contains images of cast aluminum (C), wrought aluminum (W) and stainless steel (SS) scrap, capturing depth and color information to support classification and weight prediction.

**Limitations:**

The approach depends on the accuracy of feature correlation and may exhibit reduced performance without PCA. Challenges include handling irregular object shapes and ensuring image quality, which can affect the accuracy of mass estimates.

**PAPER – 2** Computer Vision Based Two-stage Waste Recognition-Retrieval Algorithm for Waste Classification.

**Methodology:**

The paper presents a two-stage waste recognition and retrieval (W2R) algorithm for automated waste classification. The first stage, the recognition model (RegM), identifies waste items in thirteen subcategories. The second stage, the Recognition-Retrieval Model (RevM), categorizes these items into four broader waste categories. Performance comparisons were made between the W2R algorithm, a one-stage classification model (ClfM) and manual sorting (MS) using an automatic sorting machine.

**Dataset:**

The study used a dataset with waste items divided into thirteen subcategories for RegM training and four broader waste categories for RevM.

**Limitations:**

Limitations of the study include potential limitations in the diversity of datasets that may affect the generalizability of the algorithm and reliance on specific sorter settings that may not be universally applicable.

**PAPER – 3** Optimizing E-waste management: Deep learning classifiers for effective planning.

**Methodology:**

The paper uses an Adaptive V3-Federated Learning (Adaptive V3-FL) approach that integrates Inception V3 with L2 regularization and federated learning to optimize e-waste management. This methodology includes feature extraction using a dynamic arithmetic optimization algorithm (DAOA) and robust classification via federated learning, which improves model generalization and reduces overfitting.

**Dataset:**

The study uses two datasets: Starter e-waste dataset and Compressed E-waste dataset. These datasets are used to train a model that includes the various types of e-waste data necessary for

effective classification.

**Limitations:**

Limitations of the study include potential issues with the diversity of datasets that may affect model performance across different e-waste categories. Additionally, the complexity of implementing federated learning can present practical difficulties in real-world applications.

**PAPER – 4** Detection of radioactive waste sites in the Chernobyl exclusion zone using UAV-based lidar data and multispectral imagery.

**Methodology:**

The study proposes a new approach to detect radioactive waste sites in the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone (ChEZ) using UAV-based lidar and multispectral imagery combined with machine learning techniques. The methodology involves generating a digital terrain model (DTM) and 3D vegetation map from high-resolution remote sensing data. Features such as tree density, height and species as well as lidar metrics are extracted and used in conjunction with a random forest (RF) classifier. The classifier is trained on reference regions identified by visual inspection of the DTM. The method achieves high classification accuracy with an overall accuracy (OA) of 98.2% in test regions and 93.6% when applied to neighboring regions.

**Dataset:**

The dataset consists of UAV-based lidar and multispectral imagery collected from three study areas totaling 37 hectares in the ChEZ. The imagery captures detailed vegetation and terrain information that is used to develop machine learning classification features. Data from these UAV surveys cover densely vegetated areas and include detailed measurements of tree density, height and species.

**Limitations:**

Limitations of the study include potential problems with the accuracy of historical maps and orthophotos used for reference, which affected classification performance. Using outdated or incorrect reference data resulted in a significant drop in OA to 65.1%. Additionally, while the UAV-based approach provides high-resolution data, it may not fully account for all terrain or vegetation variations that could affect detection accuracy.

**N. NIVETHA – 21MIS0503**

PAPER 1: Determining the fullness of garbage containers by deep learning

**METHODOLOGY:**

The study uses deep learning to improve the classification of garbage container images as "clean" or "dirty." It starts with preprocessing and data augmentation, resizing images to various resolutions and applying techniques like flipping and colour adjustments to enhance consistency and prevent overfitting. Four models—DenseNet-169, EfficientNet-B3, MobileNetV3-Large, and VGG19-Bn—are fine-tuned with transfer learning using pre-trained ImageNet weights and adapted for classification. A 3-fold cross-validation splits the dataset into training (66.7%) and testing (33.3%) subsets, optimizing the models with the Adam optimizer. Evaluation showed that VGG19-Bn achieved the best accuracy of 94.931% on images resized to 448x448 pixels.

**DATASET:**

The study uses the CDCM dataset from Kaggle, which has 3,412 images showing garbage accumulation during the pandemic. There are 1,806 images labeled as "clean" and 1,606 as

"dirty." The images were collected from Google Street View, local complaint platforms, and different search engines. They vary in size, ranging from 63x77 pixels to 4160x10338 pixels, with an average size of about 843x844 pixels. The images were manually labeled to ensure they were accurate and reliable.

#### **LIMITATIONS:**

The paper doesn't specifically mention its limitations, but a few challenges can be noted. First, the dataset has only 3,412 images, which may not cover enough variety in different environments or container types. Second, the images vary in quality and size, which could make it hard for the models to perform well on new data. Third, deep learning models need a lot of computing power, and managing GPU memory can be tricky, posing challenges for real-world use. Finally, while the study focuses on achieving high accuracy, it doesn't discuss the practical issues of using these models in real life, such as integrating with IoT systems or handling live video.

**PAPER 2:** Smart self-power generating garbage management system using deep learning for smart cities

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

The proposed methodology outlines an automated garbage management system for smart cities, focusing on apartment households. The system collects waste through dedicated pipelines and segregates it into organic and inorganic types using a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), which classifies waste into eight categories with 98% accuracy. Organic waste is processed in a digester tank to produce biogas, generating electricity via a gas turbine and DC generator, while the residues are utilized as fertilizer. Additionally, ultrasonic and IR sensors monitor waste levels, and a Raspberry Pi controller manages the entire process, sending alerts to municipal garbage collectors when the inorganic waste bins are full, ensuring efficient waste disposal and management.

#### **DATASET**

The CNN model was trained using a dataset that includes organic waste categories—cardboard, food and vegetable waste, and paper—along with inorganic waste categories—glass, metal, electronic waste, trash, and plastic. The primary dataset was sourced from Kaggle and was enhanced with real-time images collected specifically for this project.

#### **LIMITATIONS**

The system has several limitations: it struggles to handle mixed waste types, which can lower segregation accuracy. The IR and ultrasonic sensors may not work well in different environmental conditions. It's designed for apartments, so scaling it to larger areas will require adjustments. There is no recycling unit for inorganic waste in the apartments, leading to increased work for municipalities. Lastly, the biogas production might not provide enough energy for densely populated urban areas, requiring further improvements.

**PAPER 3:** Real-time smart garbage bin mechanism for solid waste management in smart cities

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

The proposed Smart Garbage Bin Mechanism (SGBM) consists of three main modules: the Smart Garbage Bin (SGB), Garbage Collecting Vehicle (GCV), and Centralized Database (CDB). The SGB monitors waste levels using color-coded indicators (green, yellow, red) based on waste capacity. When bins exceed 75% capacity (turning red), the GCV, optimized

for the best routes, is dispatched to collect the waste. The CDB stores and analyzes data from the SGBs, providing real-time updates on waste levels. A fuzzy expert system aids decisionmaking for the strategic placement of SGBs based on two key attributes: distance to collection points and accessibility for GCVs. The system architecture is designed in a threetier structure with sensor nodes, a gateway, and a database for efficient waste management.

#### **DATASET**

The SGBM was simulated using agent-based modeling in NetLogo, where 25 agent bins were randomly distributed across the city. Each agent bin's status was monitored in real-time, recording waste levels and colors (green for low, yellow for medium, red for full). The simulation incorporated interactions between agent bins, GCVs, and citizens to model waste generation and collection dynamics.

#### **LIMITATIONS**

The smart garbage bin system has limitations, including difficulty in sorting mixed waste, sensor inaccuracies due to environmental conditions, challenges in scaling to larger areas, potential data collection issues, and high implementation and maintenance costs.

**PAPER 4:** An efficient waste management technique with IoT based smart garbage system

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

The methodology for the smart waste management system involves several key steps. First, the system is designed using components such as an ultrasonic sensor for detecting waste levels, a PIC microcontroller for processing data, an ESP8266 Wi-Fi module for communication, and an LCD for displaying information. These components are integrated to establish a communication link between the sensor, microcontroller, and a cloud/server for real-time monitoring. Next, the ultrasonic sensor continuously measures the waste level in the dustbin and sends this data to the microcontroller, which processes it to determine if the bin is full based on predefined thresholds. The ESP8266 Wi-Fi module then transmits the waste level data to a web server, enabling remote access and monitoring. Alerts are triggered through a buzzer and LED when the waste level reaches critical limits. A web interface is developed to allow users to monitor the status of multiple dustbins in real time, with options for notifications regarding their assigned bins. Finally, field tests are conducted to evaluate the accuracy of sensor readings and overall system performance, while user feedback is gathered to improve usability and effectiveness.

#### **DATASET:**

The dataset for the smart waste management system includes sensor data on waste levels from dustbins (empty, partially full, full) with timestamps, environmental factors like weather conditions, user interaction data (access frequency, alerts, maintenance actions), and operational data on waste collection efficiency and fuel consumption for garbage trucks.

#### **LIMITATIONS:**

The smart waste management system faces several limitations: ultrasonic sensors may struggle with accuracy in extreme weather conditions; Wi-Fi connectivity can affect performance in areas with poor coverage; initial setup costs can be high; regular maintenance is needed for sensor accuracy; user adoption may vary across communities, impacting effectiveness; and data privacy concerns may arise from collecting real-time information.

## 2.2 Comparative statement (Tabulation) and Research gap Summary

REF NO	METHODOLOGY	KEY OBSERVATIONS	LIMITATIONS
[1]Solid waste bin detection and classification using Dynamic Time Warping and MLP classifier	Image preprocessing, Bin Detection with Dynamic Time Warping (DTW), Feature Extraction, Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP).	Effective data collection from webcams, enhanced accuracy through pre-processing, reliable bin detection using Dynamic Time Warping (DTW), effective texture feature extraction with Gabor Wavelet transforms, and robust classification using a Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP). The system's realtime implementation showcases its practical utility in waste management, with a focus on continuous improvement for better accuracy and reliability.	Potential inaccuracies in bin detection under varying lighting conditions or occlusions, reliance on the quality of input images captured by the webcam, challenges in real-time processing for highresolution images
[2]Computer Vision Based Two-stage Waste RecognitionRetrieval Algorithm for Waste Classification.	The W2R algorithm consists of two stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RegM identifies waste items in thirteen subcategories.</li> <li>• RevM classifies these items into four broader waste categories</li> </ul>	The W2R algorithm's twostage approach enhances accuracy and efficiency in waste classification. RegM effectively identifies items in thirteen subcategories, improving overall performance before categorization by RevM. Automated sorting with W2R also leads to faster and more consistent	The dataset may not be diverse enough, making it hard to apply the findings in different situations. The algorithm also depends on certain machine settings that might not work everywhere. Plus, there could be bias in the training data, which might affect how well it performs on new categories.
[3]Determining the fullness of garbage containers by deep learning	Deep learning models like: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DenseNet169</li> <li>2. EfficientNetB3</li> <li>3. MobileNetV3-Large</li> <li>4. VGG19-Bn</li> </ol> These models were fine-tuned using transfer learning with pre-trained weights	Improved classification of garbage container images as "clean" or "dirty.",Provides Best Model Performance as VGG19-Bn achieved the highest accuracy of 94.931% when images were resized to 448x448	Limited dataset size of 3,412 images may not cover enough variety in environments or container types, The study does not address practical implementation issues, such as integrating with IoT

	from ImageNet to improve classification performance	pixels, indicating its effectiveness for this task.	systems or handling live video feeds
[4]Category-aware Recycle Classification using Convolutional Neural Networks	Deep Learning (Convolutional Neural Network) Garbage Feature Extractor (GFE)Based on MobileNetV2, Garbage Classifier analyzes the feature maps to determine the type of garbage wherein Recycle Classifier assesses the recyclability of the identified garbage.	Demonstrates significant improvements in accuracy compared to prior methods, achieving an accuracy of 91.7%, The use of MobileNetV2 in the GFE module effectively captures important features from garbage images, classifying different types of waste and evaluating their recyclability, contributing to better waste management practices.	The approach requires significant computational power, making it unsuitable for lowend hardware or less expensive computers. Additionally, the current implementation may not be practical for real-world applications with low-processor capabilities, indicating a need for future adaptations for such environments.
[5]Deep Learning Approach to Recyclable Products Classification: Towards Sustainable Waste Management	Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) along with MobileNetV2, ResNet50V2, and DenseNet169 for Demonstrates that deep learning models, particularly ResNet50V2, achieve high accuracy and The reliance on the specific dataset may lead to unreliable results when encountering classifying recyclable products. The model is developed using Python on Jupyter Notebook and Google Colab.	Demonstrates that deep learning models, particularly ResNet50V2, achieve high accuracy.	The reliance on the specific dataset may lead to unreliable results when encountering classifying recyclable products. The model is developed using Python on Jupyter Notebook and Google Colab. performance metrics for classifying recyclable products. It shows improved waste identification and classification compared to previous methods. The dataset of 5,000 images provides a strong foundation for training, enhancing effectiveness in realworld applications. unseen or irrelevant waste images.

## 2.3 Hardware Requirements

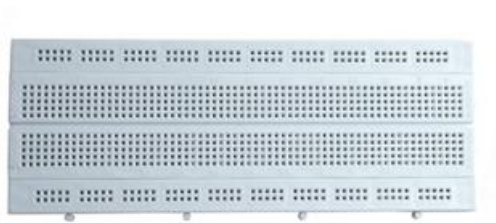
### Arduino uno:



#### Specification:

- ❖ Arduino Uno acts as the central controller
- ❖ Controls the Servo Motor, Processes Sensor Data, Manages the LCD Display

### Bread board



#### Specification:

A platform for prototyping and testing the circuit without soldering.

### Jumper wires:



#### Specification:

Used to connect different components on the breadboard or between modules. Generally, male-to-male, male-to-female, or female-to-female types are used.



### **Ultra sonic sensor:**



#### **specification:**

Detects proximity of objects to automate opening/closing of the dustbin lid.

- Voltage: 5V
- Range: 2cm to 400cm
- Type: HC-SR04 ultrasonic senso

### **Sg 90 servo motor:**



#### **Specification:**

A small servo motor used to open/close the dustbin lid.

- Voltage: 4.8V - 6V
- Torque: 1.8 kg/cm
- Rotation: 180 degrees

### **Programming cable:**



#### **Specification:**

Connects the microcontroller (e.g., Arduino) to the computer for uploading code. Often a USB cable is used.

### **LM2596 Buck Converter:**



#### **Specification:**

- Used to step down voltage from the battery to a lower voltage suitable for the components.
  - Input voltage: 4V to 40V
  - Output voltage: 1.23V to 37V (adjustable)

### **HW Battery:**



#### **Specification:**

power source for the smart dustbin circuit. Typically, a 9V battery

### **LCD Display:**



#### **Specification:**

Used to display information, like the dustbin status.

- 16x2 characters (16 columns and 2 rows)
- Works with 5V power supply.

### **I2c module:**



Reduces the number of pins required to connect the LCD display to the microcontroller.

#### **Specification:**

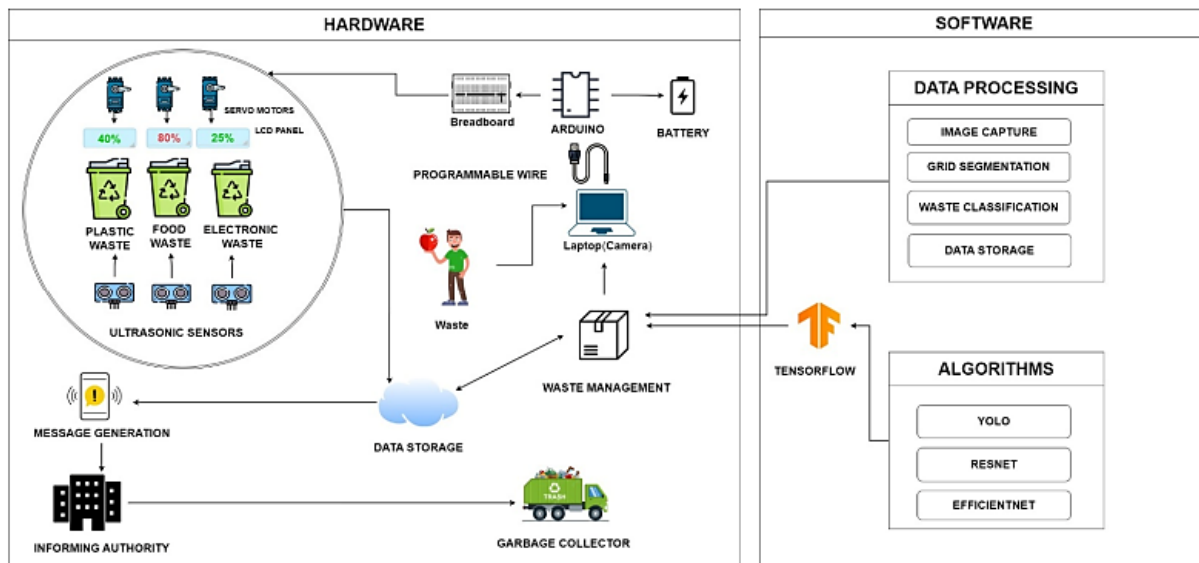
- I2C communication protocol
- Voltage: 5V

## 2.4 Software Requirements

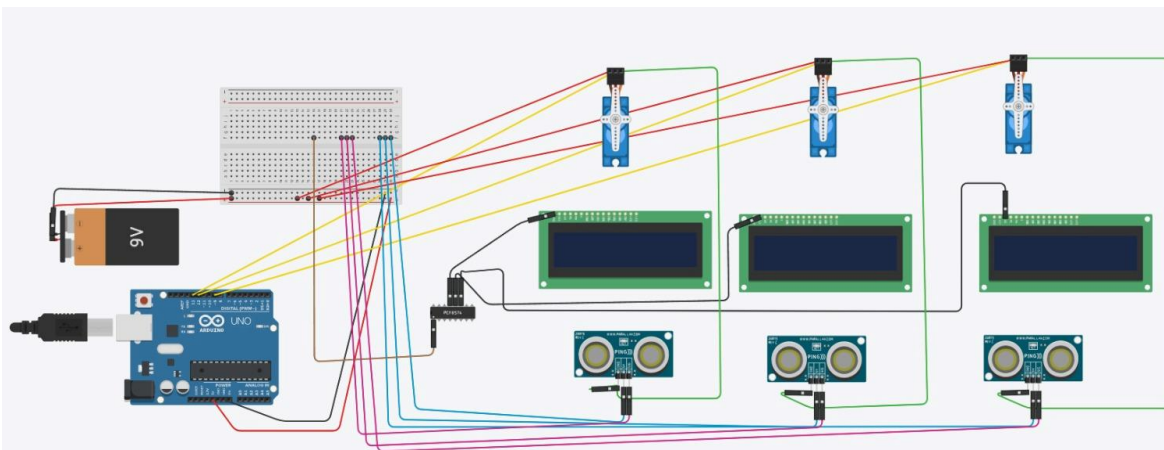
1. **Arduino IDE** - Programs Arduino UNO to control servo motors and interact with other components.
2. **Arduino Libraries**- Used to control servo motors and control communication between components.
3. **Blynk IoT Platform** - Monitors waste levels in bins and provides real-time updates.
4. **Python** – To run machine learning and classification with ease
5. **OpenCV Library** - A computer vision library for image processing and waste classification.
6. **TensorFlow** - Trains and deploys machine learning models for waste classification.

## 3. System Design

### 3.1 High-Level Design



### 3.2 Low-Level Design (Detailed design)



### 3.3 Methodology

- **Functionality of Components:**

**Waste Detection and Classification:**

- The laptop camera captures an image of the waste item.
- The image is processed using machine learning algorithms to classify the waste into categories such as biodegradable, non-biodegradable plastics, or electronic waste.

**Automatic Bin Sorting :**

The Arduino Uno controls SG90 servos based on classification results, directing waste to the appropriate bin.

- **Data Accumulation and Preprocessing:**

- Data Collection : The dataset includes publicly available waste classification images or custom-labelled data.
- Preprocessing : Images are resized, normalized, and augmented to fit model input requirements and improve robustness.

- **Machine Learning Algorithms:**

For effective waste classification, the following machine learning algorithms are used:

**YOLOv7 (You Only Look Once) Object Detection:**

- Purpose : YOLO is used for initial object detection to identify and crop regions of interest within images quickly and accurately.
- Functionality : YOLO detects objects in images by predicting bounding boxes and class probabilities in a single network evaluation.
- Integration : YOLO processes waste images to identify the type of waste, which is then used to guide sorting actions.

**EfficientNet/ResNet for Classification:**

- Purpose : After initial detection by YOLO, EfficientNet or ResNet is used for detailed classification of the waste types into biodegradable, non-biodegradable plastics, and electronic waste.
- Functionality : These models are chosen for their balance of real-time performance and classification accuracy. They handle detailed categorization tasks based on features extracted from the images.
- Training : The models are trained on a dataset of labelled waste images, fine-tuning to recognize specific waste categories effectively.

- **Model Training and Prediction:**

- Training : Transfer learning is applied, using pre-trained models as a starting point and fine-tuning on the manually added waste classification data.

➤ Prediction : The trained models provide real-time waste type predictions to sort out and open the respective bin.

- **Real-Time Notifications:**

**Waste Classification:** The mobile app can receive real-time updates from the system about the quantity of each type of waste being disposed of.

**Bin Status:** The app notifies users before a bin is full (76%). This ensures the bins are not overused.

## 4. Results and Discussion

### 4.1 Implementation Code

#### ARDUINO CODE:

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include <BlynkSimpleEsp8266.h>
#include <Wire.h>
#include <LCD_I2C.h>

#define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_ID "TMPL33ck1ocY4"
#define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_NAME "smart dust bin "
#define BLYNK_AUTH_TOKEN "bXIIvzpcT-hGUwGnmXeITmfEQthb9tYD"
#define BLYNK_PRINT Serial

LCD_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);
#define trigPin1 D6
#define echoPin1 D7
#define trigPin2 D5
#define echoPin2 D3
#define trigPin3 D0
#define echoPin3 D8
#define VPIN_BUTTON_1 V12

int servoPin = D4;
int servo_state;
int mode = 0;
char auth[] = BLYNK_AUTH_TOKEN;
char ssid[] = "JMD";
char pass[] = "1234@5678";
//WidgetLCD lcd(V1);
long duration, distance1, distance2, distance3, UltraSensor1, UltraSensor2, UltraSensor3;
char data;
String SerialData = "";

void setup() {
  lcd.begin();
```

```
lcd.backlight();
delay(500);
lcd.clear();
Serial.begin(9600);
pinMode(trigPin1, OUTPUT);
pinMode(echoPin1, INPUT);
pinMode(trigPin2, OUTPUT);
pinMode(echoPin2, INPUT);
pinMode(trigPin3, OUTPUT);
pinMode(echoPin3, INPUT);
pinMode(servoPin, OUTPUT);
Blynk.begin(auth, ssid, pass);
}

void loop() {
  dustbin1_read();
  dustbin2_read();
  dustbin3_read();
  notification();
  Blynk.run();
}

void SonarSensor1() {
  digitalWrite(trigPin1, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);
  digitalWrite(trigPin1, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trigPin1, LOW);
  duration = pulseIn(echoPin1, HIGH);
  distance1 = (duration / 2) / 29.1;
  UltraSensor1 = distance1;
}

void SonarSensor2() {
  digitalWrite(trigPin2, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);
  digitalWrite(trigPin2, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trigPin2, LOW);
  duration = pulseIn(echoPin2, HIGH);
  distance2 = (duration / 2) / 29.1;
  UltraSensor2 = distance2;
}

void SonarSensor3() {
  digitalWrite(trigPin3, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);
  digitalWrite(trigPin3, HIGH);
```

```

delayMicroseconds(10);
digitalWrite(trigPin3, LOW);
duration = pulseIn(echoPin3, HIGH);
distance3 = (duration / 2) / 29.1;
UltraSensor3 = distance3;
}

void dustbin1_read() {
  SonarSensor1();
  if (UltraSensor1 < 3) {
    UltraSensor1 = 10;
    UltraSensor1 = UltraSensor1 * 10;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, UltraSensor1);
    Serial.println("Dustbin1=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor1);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("D1=");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor1);
    delay(10);
  } else if (UltraSensor1 > 10) {
    UltraSensor1 = 0;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, UltraSensor1);
    Serial.println("Dustbin1=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor1);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("D1= ");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor1);
    delay(10);
  }
  else {
    UltraSensor1 = UltraSensor1 * 10;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, UltraSensor1);
    Serial.println("Dustbin1=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor1);
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("D1= ");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor1);
    delay(10);
  }
}
}

```

```

void dustbin2_read() {
  SonarSensor2();
  if (UltraSensor2 < 3) {
    UltraSensor2 = 10;
    UltraSensor2 = UltraSensor2 * 10;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, UltraSensor2);
    Serial.println("Dustbin2=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor2);
    lcd.setCursor(7, 0);
    lcd.print("D2=");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(11, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor2);
    delay(10);
  } else if (UltraSensor2 > 10) {
    UltraSensor2 = 0;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, UltraSensor2);
    Serial.println("Dustbin2=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor2);
    lcd.setCursor(7, 0);
    lcd.print("D2= ");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(11, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor2);
    delay(10);
  }
  else {
    UltraSensor2 = UltraSensor2 * 10;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, UltraSensor2);
    Serial.println("Dustbin2=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor2);
    lcd.setCursor(7, 0);
    lcd.print("D2= ");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(11, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor2);
    delay(10);
  }
}

void dustbin3_read() {
  SonarSensor3();
  if (UltraSensor3 < 3) {
    UltraSensor3 = 10;
    UltraSensor = UltraSensor * 10;

```



```

    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, UltraSensor);
    Serial.println("Dustbin=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor);
    lcd.setCursor(14, 0);
    lcd.print("D=");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(17, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor);
    delay(10);
} else if (UltraSensor > 10) {
    UltraSensor = 0;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, UltraSensor);
    Serial.println("Dustbin=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor);
    lcd.setCursor(14, 0);
    lcd.print("D= ");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(17, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor);
    delay(10);
}
else {
    UltraSensor = UltraSensor * 10;
    Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, UltraSensor);
    Serial.println("Dustbin=");
    Serial.print(UltraSensor);
    lcd.setCursor(14, 0);
    lcd.print("D= ");
    lcd.print(" ");
    lcd.setCursor(17, 0);
    lcd.print(UltraSensor);
    delay(10);
}
}

#include <SoftwareSerial.h>
#include <Servo.h>
#include <LCD_I2C.h>
LCD_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);

#define trigPin3 A0
#define echoPin3 A1
#define trigPin2 5
#define echoPin2 6
#define trigPin1 3
#define echoPin1 4

```

```

#define LED 13

int servoPin1 = A2;
int servoPin2 = 9;
int servoPin3 = 8;
int servo_state ;
Servo Servo1;Servo Servo2;Servo Servo3;
long duration1, distance1, UltraSensor1;
long duration2, distance2, UltraSensor2;
long duration3, distance3, UltraSensor3;

void setup(){
  lcd.begin();
  lcd.backlight();
  Serial.begin(9600);
  pinMode(trigPin1, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin1, INPUT);
  pinMode(trigPin2, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin2, INPUT);
  pinMode(trigPin3, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(echoPin3, INPUT);
  pinMode(LED, OUTPUT);
  pinMode(servoPin1, OUTPUT);
  Servo1.attach(servoPin3);
  Servo2.attach(servoPin2);
  Servo3.attach(servoPin1);
  Servo1.write(140);
  delay(500);
  Servo2.write(140);
  delay(500);
  Servo3.write(140);
  delay(500);
  digitalWrite(13, LOW);
  delay(500);
}

void loop() {
  openBin();
  ultra_1();
  ultra_2();
  ultra_3();
}
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
void openBin() {
  if (Serial.available()>1) {

```

```

int position = Serial.parseInt();
if (position == 1) {
  Servo1.write(140);
  Servo2.write(0);
  Servo3.write(0);
} else if (position == 2) {
  Servo1.write(0);
  Servo2.write(140);
  Servo3.write(0);
} else if (position == 3) {
  Servo1.write(0);
  Servo2.write(0);
  Servo3.write(140);
}
}
}
}
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
void ultra_1()
{

digitalWrite(trigPin1, LOW);
delayMicroseconds(2);
digitalWrite(trigPin1, HIGH);
delayMicroseconds(10); //
digitalWrite(trigPin1, LOW);
duration1 = pulseIn(echoPin1, HIGH);
distance1= (duration1/2) / 29.1;
delay(10);
UltraSensor1 = distance1;
if(UltraSensor1 <=10 && UltraSensor1 !=0)
{
lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
lcd.print("D1=");
lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
lcd.print("OPEN");
digitalWrite(13,HIGH);
Serial.println("distance1");
Serial.print(distance1);
Servo1.write(60);
delay(2000);
digitalWrite(13, LOW);

}
else
{
lcd.setCursor(0, 0);

```

```

lcd.print("D1=");
lcd.setCursor(3, 0);
lcd.print("CLOS");
digitalWrite(13, LOW);
Serial.println("distance1");
Serial.print(distance1);
Servo1.write(140);
}
delay(100);
}
////////////////////////////////////
void ultra_2()
{
digitalWrite(trigPin2, LOW);
delayMicroseconds(2);
digitalWrite(trigPin2, HIGH);
delayMicroseconds(10); //
digitalWrite(trigPin2, LOW);
duration2 = pulseIn(echoPin2, HIGH);
distance2= (duration2/2) / 29.1;
delay(10);
UltraSensor2 = distance2;
if(UltraSensor2 <=10 && UltraSensor2 !=0)
{
lcd.setCursor(8, 0);
lcd.print("D2=");
lcd.setCursor(12, 0);
lcd.print("OPEN");
digitalWrite(13,HIGH);
Serial.println("distance2");
Serial.print(distance2);
Servo2.write(60);
delay(2000);
digitalWrite(13, LOW);
}
else
{
lcd.setCursor(8, 0);
lcd.print("D2=");
lcd.setCursor(12, 0);
lcd.print("CLOSE");
digitalWrite(13, LOW);
Serial.println("distance2");
Serial.print(distance2);
Servo2.write(140);
}
}

```

```

delay(100);
}
////////////////////////////////////
void ultra_3()
{

digitalWrite(trigPin3, LOW);
delayMicroseconds(2);
digitalWrite(trigPin3, HIGH);
delayMicroseconds(10); //
digitalWrite(trigPin3, LOW);
duration3 = pulseIn(echoPin3, HIGH);
distance3= (duration3/2) / 29.1;
delay(10);
UltraSensor3 = distance3;
if(UltraSensor3 <=10 && UltraSensor3 !=0)
{
lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.print("DUST BIN3=");
lcd.setCursor(12, 1);
lcd.print("OPEN");
digitalWrite(13,HIGH);
Serial.println("distance3");
Serial.print(distance3);
Servo3.write(60);
delay(2000);
digitalWrite(13, LOW);
}
else
{
lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.print("DUST BIN3=");
lcd.setCursor(12, 1);
lcd.print("CLOSE");
digitalWrite(13, LOW);
Serial.println("distance3");
Serial.print(distance3);
Servo3.write(140);
}
delay(100);
}

```

### **PYTHON CODE:**

```

!pip install tensorflow==2.10.0
!pip install pyserial

```

```

from google.colab import output
from IPython.display import display, Javascript
from PIL import Image
import io
import base64
import datetime
import time
from keras.models import load_model
import cv2
import numpy as np
import serial

# JavaScript function to start the webcam and capture the video feed
def start_camera():
    display(Javascript("""
        async function startCamera() {
            const video = document.createElement('video');
            video.width = 640;
            video.height = 480;
            const stream = await navigator.mediaDevices.getUserMedia({ video: true });
            video.srcObject = stream;
            video.play();
            document.body.appendChild(video);

            // Create a canvas element to capture frames
            const canvas = document.createElement('canvas');
            canvas.width = 640;
            canvas.height = 480;
            const context = canvas.getContext('2d');
            document.body.appendChild(canvas);

            // Capture the first frame immediately
            function captureFrame() {
                context.drawImage(video, 0, 0, 640, 480);
                canvas.toBlob(function(blob) {
                    const reader = new FileReader();
                    reader.onloadend = function() {
                        const base64Image = reader.result.split(',')[1];
                        google.colab.kernel.invokeFunction('notebook.capture_frame', [base64Image], {});
                    };
                    reader.readAsDataURL(blob);
                }, 'image/png');
            }

            // Capture the image immediately
            captureFrame();
        })
    """)

```

```

    }
    startCamera();
    """))

# Python function to process and save the captured frame
def capture_frame(base64_image):
    global image
    # Decode the base64 image
    img_data = np.frombuffer(base64.b64decode(base64_image), dtype=np.uint8)
    img = cv2.imdecode(img_data, cv2.IMREAD_COLOR)

    # Convert the image to RGB (from BGR) for display and saving
    img_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
    pil_img = Image.fromarray(img_rgb)

    # Save the image with a timestamp as the filename
    filename = f"captured_frame_{datetime.datetime.now().strftime('%Y%m%d_%H%M%S')}.png"
    pil_img.save(filename)
    print(f"Image saved as {filename}")

    # Update the shared variable and signal the event
    image = img_rgb

image = None

# Register the Python function to be called from JavaScript
output.register_callback('notebook.capture_frame', capture_frame)

# Start the webcam in Google Colab
start_camera()

# Disable scientific notation for clarity
np.set_printoptions(suppress=True)

# Load the model
model = load_model("/content/drive/MyDrive/Colab Notebooks/EcoSense Bin/keras_model.h5",
compile=True)

# Load the labels
class_names = ['1','2','3']

if image is None:
    time.sleep(5) # Wait for 5 seconds

# Resize the image to 224x224 using OpenCV
image = cv2.resize(image, (224, 224))

```

```

# Make the image a numpy array and reshape it to the models input shape.
image = np.asarray(image, dtype=np.float32).reshape(1, 224, 224, 3)

# Normalize the image array
image = (image / 127.5) - 1

# Predicts the model
prediction = model.predict(image)
index = np.argmax(prediction)
predicted_class = class_names[index]
confidence_score = prediction[0][index]

# Print prediction and confidence score
print("Class:", predicted_class, end=", ")
print("Confidence Score:", str(np.round(confidence_score * 100))[:-2], "%")

port = 'COM3'
baud_rate = 9600

# Connect to Arduino
try:
    arduino = serial.Serial(port, baud_rate)
    # Send data to Arduino as string
    arduino.write(str(predicted_class).encode())
    print(f"Data sent to {port}")

    # Listen to the keyboard for presses.
    cv2.waitKey(1)

except serial.SerialException as e:
    print(f"Failed to connect to {port}: {e}")

cv2.destroyAllWindows()

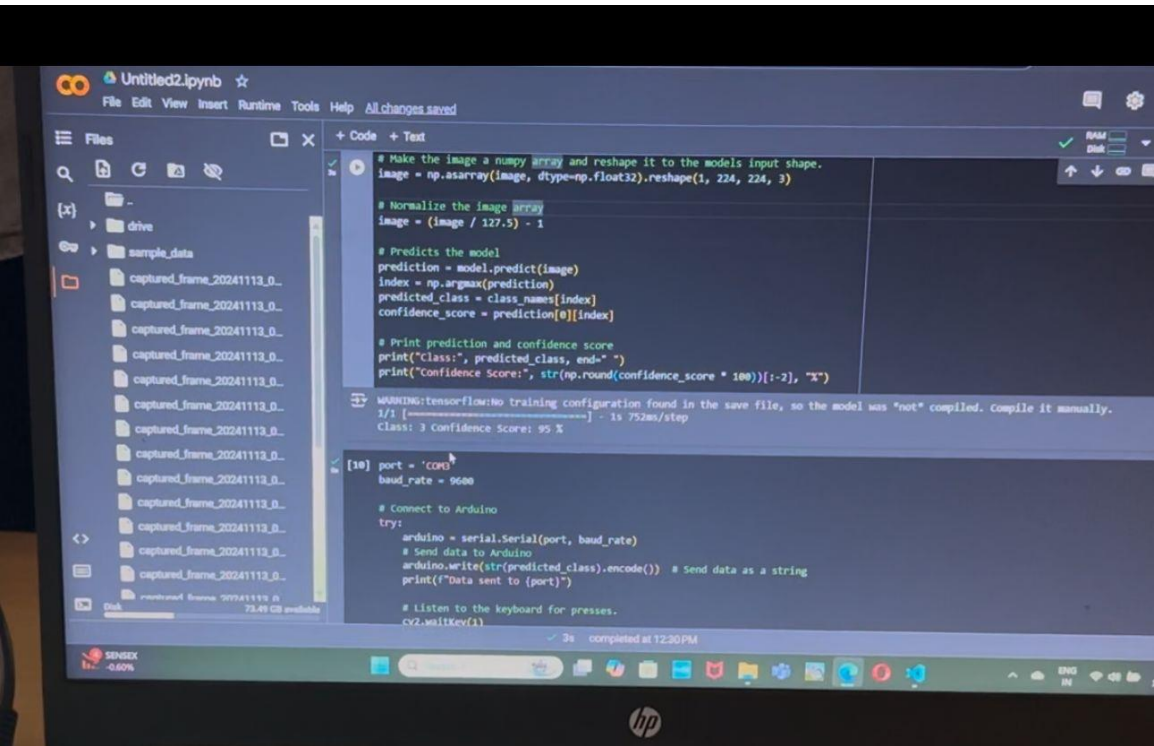
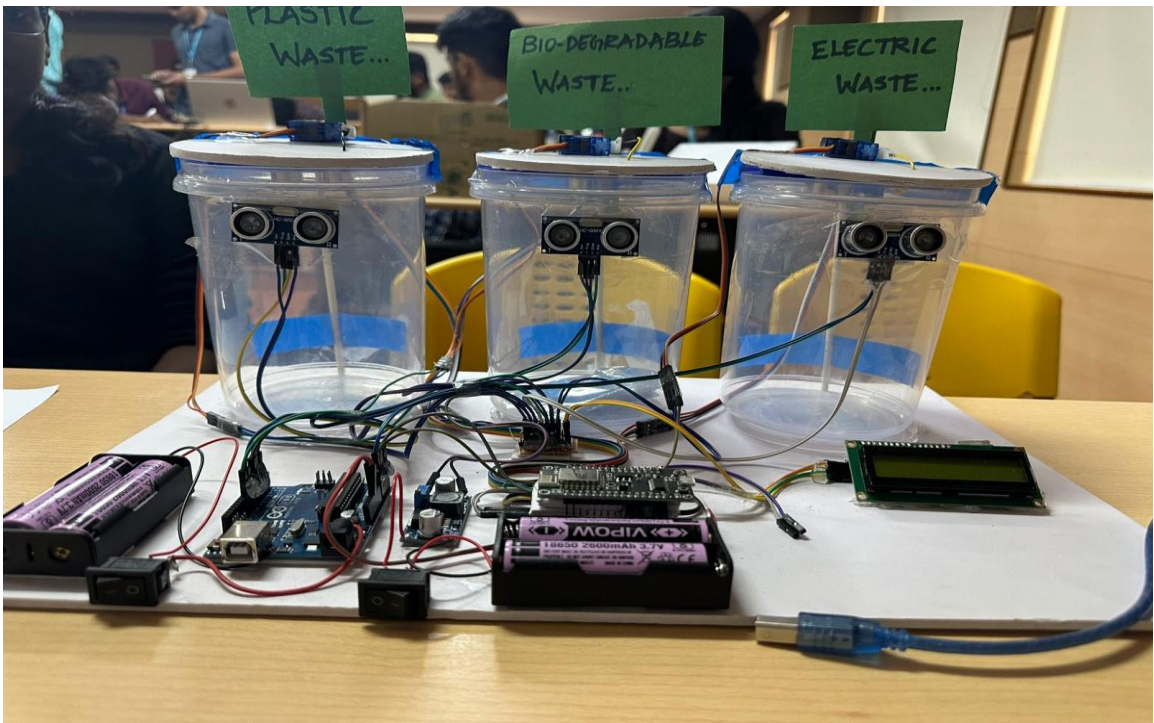
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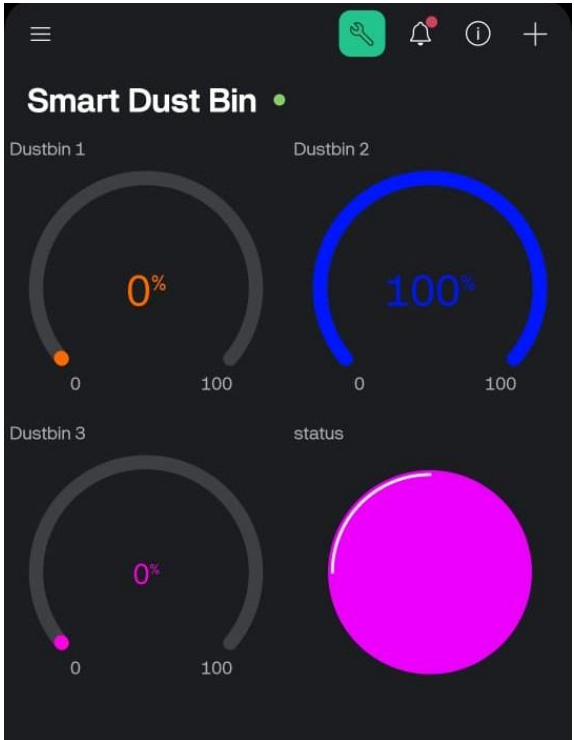
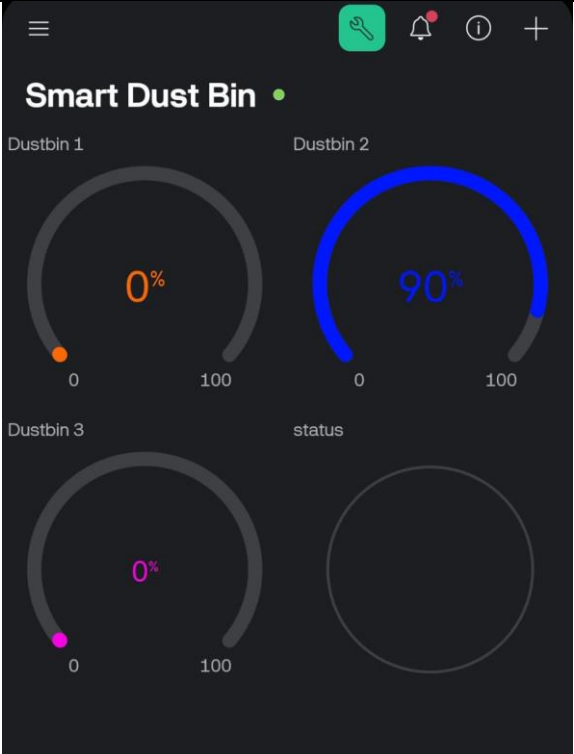
## 4.2 Metrics

The system classifies waste with an accuracy of 95%. With increasing distance of the object from the camera, the accuracy fails.



4.3 Results





#### 4.4 Mapping the results with problem statement and existing systems

Traceability matrix for mapping the requirements of the system and features attained

Requirement ID	Description	Module	Feature Implemented
R1	Detect waste type (plastic, food, electronic)	Waste Classification	Image Capture & Classification using YOLO, ResNet, EfficientNet
R4	Classify waste accurately	Edge Processing & Algorithms	TensorFlow Models (YOLO, ResNet)
R2	Measure bin levels	Ultrasonic Sensor Module	Bin level percentage display on LCD Panel and App
R3	Notify authority for waste collection	Message Generation & Cloud	Message alert to informing authority
R5	Sustainable waste management	Overall System	SDG Goal 11 Alignment

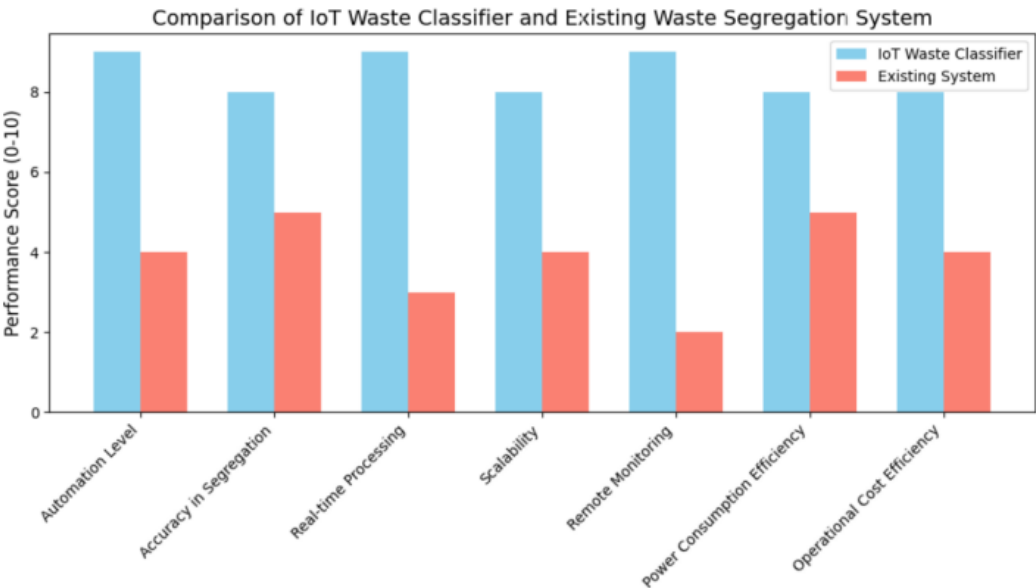
Test cases for all the modules and in the perspective of non-functional requirements  
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Module	Test Case ID	Test Scenario	Test Case	Expected Result	Type	Non-Functional Criteria
Image Classification	IC_TC_01	Waste Type Recognition	Verify if the model accurately classifies common recyclable items (plastic, paper, glass, metal)	The model identifies and classifies each waste type accurately	Functional	
	IC_TC_02	Unknown Waste Detection	Test model's response to waste types not in the training dataset	Model assigns unknown waste types to an "Unknown" category	Functional	
	IC_TC_03	Classification Speed	Measure the time taken by the model to classify waste items	Classification occurs within 2 seconds per item	Non-Functional	Performance

	IC_TC_04	Consistency of Classification	Test with multiple images of the same waste item	Model consistently categorizes the same waste type in each instance	Functiona l	Reliability
	IC_TC_05	Image Quality Variation	Test classification accuracy with low and high brightness images	Model maintains accuracy under varied lighting conditions	Non-Functiona l	Reliability
	IC_TC_06	Model Scalability	Test model performance with a large batch of waste images	Model processes a batch efficiently without significant delays	Non-Functiona l	Scalability
Sensor and Motor	SM_TC_01	Object Detection	Verify if the sensor accurately detects objects as they are placed in the bin	Sensor consistently detects all objects placed within its range	Functiona l	
	SM_TC_02	Motor Control Based on Waste Type	Test if the motor moves waste to the designated bin based on classification	Motor directs waste accurately to the specified bin	Functiona l	
	SM_TC_03	Sensor Response Time	Measure time for sensor to detect waste after it's placed	Sensor detects waste within 1 second	Non-Functiona l	Performanc e
	SM_TC_04	Durability of Motor	Test motor performance under continuous cycles of operation	Motor operates without overheating or failure over extended use	Non-Functiona l	Durability
	SM_TC_05	Sensor Sensitivity	Test sensor accuracy with different object sizes	Sensor detects objects of various sizes consistently	Functiona l	

Arduino Controller	AC_TC_01	Signal Processing	Verify if Arduino sends appropriate signals based on waste classification	Signals are correctly sent to the motor based on waste classification	Functionality	
	AC_TC_02	Signal Handling from Sensor	Test if Arduino correctly processes sensor signals to initiate classification	Controller activates classification based on sensor input	Functionality	
	AC_TC_03	Response to Simultaneous Inputs	Check if controller handles multiple inputs without error	Controller operates without conflict or error when handling simultaneous signals	Functionality	Reliability
	AC_TC_04	Initialization and Communication	Verify if controller initializes correctly and communicates with all components	Controller initializes and maintains stable communication with all modules	Functionality	
	AC_TC_05	Signal Processing Speed	Measure signal processing time from input to output	Signals processed within 1 second	Non-Functionality	Performance
	AC_TC_06	Fault Tolerance	Simulate failure in one connected module and observe controller's response	Controller continues operation or provides error indication	Non-Functionality	Fault Tolerance
LCD Display	LD_TC_01	Display Waste Type	Verify if the display shows the correct waste type based on classification output	Correct waste type displayed	Functionality	

	LD_TC_02	Display Update Speed	Test if display updates immediately after successful classification	Display updates within 1 second	Non-Functional	Performance
	LD_TC_03	Error Message Display	Check if error messages appear on display during malfunction or misclassification	Error message shown on display	Functional	
	LD_TC_04	Display System Status	Verify if display shows system status (e.g., "Ready," "Processing," "Error")	Relevant system status displayed on LCD	Functional	
	LD_TC_05	Readability Under Varied Lighting	Test visibility of display under different lighting conditions	Display text is clear under varied lighting	Non-Functional	Readability
	LD_TC_06	Continuous Use Durability	Assess display durability for continuous operation	Display operates without degradation over prolonged use	Non-Functional	Durability



## 4.5 Discussions

The project, "IoT-Based Recyclable Waste Classifier in Public Sector," represents an innovative approach to automating waste classification by integrating machine learning (ML) and IoT technologies. Waste management is a global challenge, with improper segregation contributing to environmental degradation and inefficient recycling processes. This system leverages advanced technologies, such as the YOLO model for object detection and EfficientNet/ResNet for classification, to enhance waste sorting accuracy, speed, and scalability.

### Key Findings and Relevance

- **Effectiveness of Deep Learning Models:**  
The implementation of pre-trained models like EfficientNet and ResNet ensures a balance between real-time speed and classification accuracy. These models are adept at recognizing waste categories (biodegradable, plastics, and e-waste), making them suitable for diverse urban and industrial applications.
- **IoT Integration:**  
IoT-based sensors, such as ultrasonic devices, enable real-time monitoring of bin fill levels. This reduces manual intervention and optimizes waste collection routes, aligning with the project's goal of sustainable urban management.
- **Hardware-Software Collaboration:**  
The integration of hardware components like Arduino and servo motors with software tools such as TensorFlow and OpenCV demonstrates the project's interdisciplinary approach. This blend enhances the system's efficiency and adaptability for smart city applications.
- **Sustainability Contributions:**  
By encouraging proper waste segregation at the source, the project supports recycling initiatives and reduces the environmental burden. Its alignment with SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) further highlights its impact on fostering cleaner urban environments.

### Challenges and Limitations

- **Computational Requirements:**  
While effective, deep learning models demand high computational power, which may limit scalability in low-resource settings or smaller municipalities.
- **Environmental Adaptability:**  
Factors like lighting, occlusion, and waste mixing can impact detection and classification performance, necessitating robust pre-processing techniques and model training.
- **Scalability and Cost:**  
Although promising, the system's reliance on multiple hardware components and IoT infrastructure might pose scalability and maintenance challenges for widespread deployment.

### Comparative Analysis

When compared with existing literature, this system's transfer learning approach for detection and classification demonstrates superior accuracy compared to traditional CNN-based classifiers. The inclusion of IoT elements places it ahead of conventional static waste sorting systems by enabling dynamic, real-time responses to varying waste volumes and types.



## 5. Conclusion and Future Developments

### Conclusion

The waste management system, based on a manually pre-trained model with 95% accuracy, is designed to offer efficient waste segregation for homes and offices. The system includes aluminum bins to prevent electrical discharge and integrates software with a separate camera system fixed above the middle bin to ensure quick and accurate waste classification.

Although features like conveyor belts, auto-incineration of electric waste, and plastic remolding were initially considered, they have been excluded due to budget and project time limitations. Despite this, the system still provides significant value by classifying waste efficiently at the source, optimizing the segregation process, and improving waste management practices in small-scale environments.

### Future Developments

#### 1. Enhanced Software-Hardware Integration:

The focus will be on improving the integration between the AI classification model and hardware components, ensuring efficient communication and processing without the need for advanced mechanical systems. The system should perform seamlessly and classify waste in real-time with minimal delay.

Future updates could include optimizing the camera system for better waste detection, possibly using lower-cost, high-efficiency cameras to reduce deployment costs.

#### 2. Cost Optimization:

Efforts will concentrate on reducing the overall cost of hardware components while maintaining performance. This includes optimizing sensors, cameras, and edge computing devices to lower the cost per unit, making the system more affordable for both homes and small offices.

More cost-effective solutions will be sought to ensure that the system can be deployed without the need for expensive industrial components, making it scalable and accessible to a wider market.

#### 3. Simplified Waste Processing:

With the inclusion of incineration or bio-waste degradation systems, the system will focus on improving the manual sorting and recycling of waste. Users can be prompted to correctly dispose of materials, and the system can offer feedback and reminders to ensure waste is sorted efficiently.

Plastic recycling can still be encouraged by offering clear guidance on proper disposal and possibly partnering with external services for larger-scale recycling processes.

#### 4. User Interface and Monitoring:

The Blynk mobile app will continue to provide real-time notifications about bin status (e.g., when it is full or nearing capacity) and waste classification results. The app can include visual feedback to show the type of waste detected and offer recommendations for proper disposal.

User interaction with the app will be refined to make the system more intuitive, with possible future features like voice commands or more detailed feedback on the waste management process.

#### 5. Sustainability and Efficiency:

Despite the inclusions of some advanced features, the focus will remain on energy-efficient operations and user engagement. This includes minimizing energy consumption in waste classification and ensuring that users are informed about best practices for reducing waste.



The system will still promote sustainable waste disposal by improving the segregation process and offering clear guidance on recycling.

### **Summary:**

By focusing on the core elements of the pre-trained classification model, real-time waste detection, and cost-effective hardware, the system can still achieve significant improvements in waste management within small-scale environments. Future efforts will aim at optimizing the software-hardware integration, refining the user interface, and ensuring that the system remains both affordable and effective for home and office use, all while staying within the project's budget and time constraints.

## **6. Student Feedback**

KEERTHIKA.N – 21MIS0025- Being my first experience working with hardware components, this project was both challenging and exciting. I gained practical knowledge and explored new areas, combining both hardware and software concepts. This experience has broadened my skills and will undoubtedly benefit me in future projects and career opportunities.

MALAVIKA S – 21MIS0131- This project involved both hardware and software integration, which was outside my usual area of focus. Although it was challenging, I gained some experience with hardware components and learned how to troubleshoot and integrate them with software. This project has added to my skill set.

JYOTHI PRIYA N – 21MIS0417- Since this is my first hardware project, it was interesting in working with the components and got a good experience out of it. Learnt something new with new experience.

VARUN KUMAR S – 21MIS0462- I got new ideas while working on this project, because it was a new environment working with hardware components. This would surely help me for my further placements.

NIVETHA N – 21MIS0503- The course was a bit challenging because my domain is software, whereas this course involved the integration of both hardware and software. I explored new areas and gained sufficient knowledge, which will definitely help me in my future projects.

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