



# WASTE CLASSIFICATION AND DETECTION USING COMPUTER VISION

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**Abstract :** The advent of artificial intelligence technologies has spurred innovations across various domains, and waste management is no exception. This project presents an AI-based garbage detection system designed to revolutionize the identification and classification of waste materials in diverse environments. Leveraging advanced computer vision and machine learning algorithms, the system automates the process of garbage detection and categorization, contributing to more efficient and sustainable waste management practices. Recent advancements in computer vision have opened up new avenues for addressing global concerns surrounding waste management. This study delves into leveraging computer vision techniques for precise waste classification and identification. The primary goal is to develop a robust algorithm capable of accurately recognizing and categorizing various waste containers. Utilizing deep learning algorithms like Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), content extraction and classification are performed. The dataset comprises images depicting diverse waste types including plastic, paper, glass, metal, and organic waste. The proposed system involves preprocessing, feature extraction, classification, and postprocessing stages. Image enhancement, normalization, and noise reduction enhance input image quality during preprocessing. Relevant features are extracted using pre-trained CNN models such as ResNet, VGG, or MobileNet. Transfer learning techniques optimize these models for garbage classification tasks. Classification involves training the modified CNN model with labeled data using optimization algorithms like Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) and ADAM. Postprocessing techniques like non-maximal suppression (NMS) address production forecasts and eliminate duplicate signals. Experimental results demonstrate the algorithm's effectiveness in accurately classifying and identifying waste types, contributing significantly to waste management efforts. Future research directions include real-time implementation, scalability, and integration with robotic systems for autonomous waste management in industrial and urban settings.

**Keywords:** Computer Vision, CNN model, Python, YOLO model, Optimization Algorithms.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Automated waste management using object detection is an innovative approach that leverages advanced Processes for improving waste collection and disposal. Traditional waste management systems often rely on Increased costs, inefficiencies, and environmental impacts result from manual labor. Machine learning algorithms are used in object detection, a subset of computer vision Analyze images to identify and classify objects. In the context of waste management, object detection systems can be deployed on Plastic waste can be detected and identified using different devices, such as cameras and drones. Wastes such as glass, paper, and organic matter. By automating waste collection and sorting, manual labor can be reduced. Minimizing human error. Cost-effectiveness: Automated waste management systems can reduce costs Improve recycling efficiency and collection routes by optimizing routes. Environmental Impact: By facilitating proper waste segregation and recycling, automated waste management helps to reduce landfill waste and its associated environmental impacts. Data-Driven Decision Making: The collected data allows authorities and waste management companies to make informed decisions to improve waste management practices. let's talk about waste classification and detection. With the rise of urbanization and industrialization, waste generation has surged, posing significant environmental and health risks. Proper waste management, which includes sorting recyclable materials from non-recyclables, is crucial for minimizing these risks and promoting sustainability. Specify whether the system will focus on image processing, video analysis, or a combination of both for garbage detection. The aim of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of YOLO for waste classification. The goal is to develop a system that can automatically classify waste with high accuracy. Waste classification is a critical task for sustainable waste management. It is the process of sorting waste into different categories, such as paper, plastic, glass etc., This helps to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills and incinerators, and it also helps to recover valuable resources. The specific objectives of this study are to collect a dataset of waste images, to train a YOLO model on the waste dataset, to compare the performance of the YOLO model to other waste classification methods. The expected results of this study are that YOLO will achieve better accuracy for waste classification. The YOLO model is expected to outperform other waste classification methods. The results of this study will contribute to the development of automated waste sorting systems.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

HARUNA ABDU MOHD HALIM MOHD NOOR (2022) Conducting a comprehensive review of existing deep learning models for detection and classification.[1]

Sujan Poudel and Prakash Poudyal (2022) The use of deep learning models for waste classification. The authors used the Trash Net dataset and added an organic class consisting of seven classes and 3242 images to train model.[2]

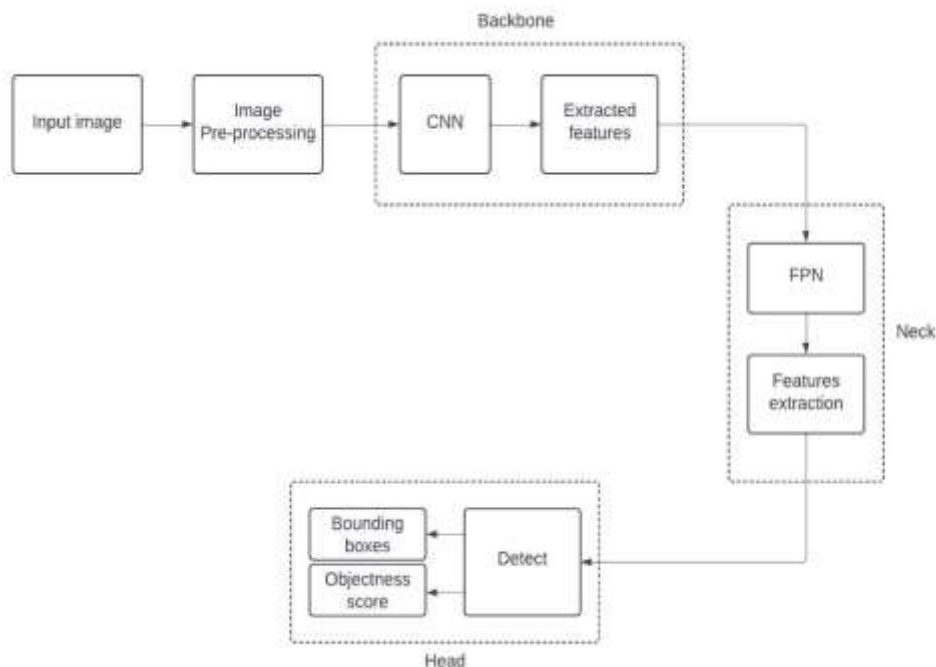
Ali Usman Gondal, Muhammad imran Sadiq, Tariq All, Muhammad Irfan, Ahmad Shal, Muhammad Aamir (2021) The use of deep learning techniques for waste classification, the development of a high-level system models with various layers and their responsibilities.[3]

A.Chandramohan ,Mendonca N.R.Shankar , N.U.Baheti , N.K Krishnan (2014) It includes the use of an IR proximity sensor, metal detection system, and capacitive sensing module to identify and segregate metallic, wet, and dry waste.[4]

Nonso Nnamoko, Joseph Barrowclough, and Jack Procter (2022) Conducting image classification tasks on experimental data to determine the class (organic or recyclable) to which a new, unseen observation belongs.[5]

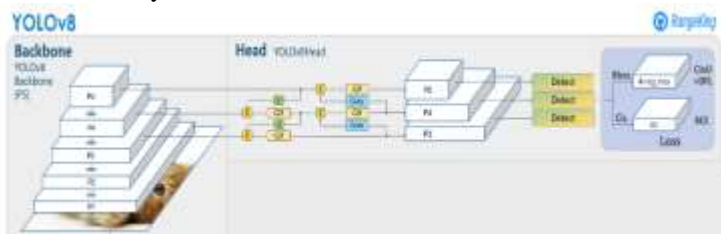
**III. PROPOSED SYSTEM**

This project aims to propose the system that introduces advanced features and technologies to address the limitations of the existing waste management system, promoting efficiency, sustainability and data driven decision making. Input Image:The input image is divided into a fixed grid based on the chosen YOLO version8. Each grid cell is responsible for predicting bounding boxes and object classes for objects within that cell. Backbone CNN:The input image is passed through a backbone CNN to extract features. This network learns hierarchical features at different scales. Neck:Some versions of YOLO have a "neck" architecture to further process features and aggregate information across different layers in the network.



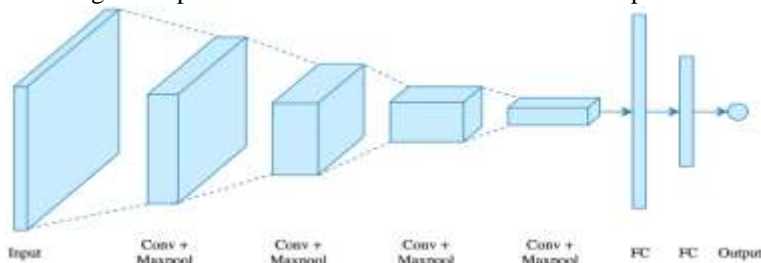
**YOLO Model:**

The YOLO model revolutionizes waste classification and detection with its single-shot processing, efficient multi-class classification, and precise bounding box regression. Customizable and adaptable, it integrates with post-processing techniques for real-time monitoring and analysis, offering a powerful solution for sustainable waste management practices with speed and accuracy.



**CNN Model:**

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) play a pivotal role in waste classification and detection using computer vision. Leveraging their ability to extract features from images, CNNs accurately identify and categorize waste materials, aiding in efficient waste management practices with their robust classification capabilities and adaptive learning algorithms.



**Python:**

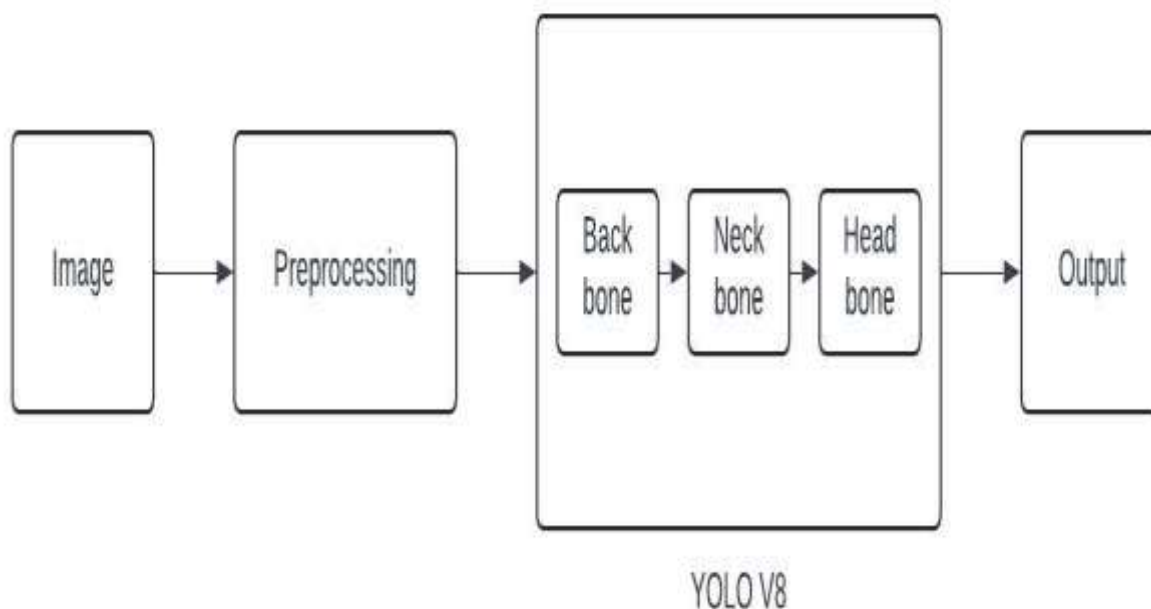
Python serves as a versatile and powerful tool in waste classification and detection using computer vision. With its rich ecosystem of libraries like OpenCV and TensorFlow, Python enables rapid development and deployment of sophisticated algorithms for image processing, machine learning, and real-time analysis, facilitating efficient waste management strategies.

**Computer Vision:**

Computer vision revolutionizes waste classification and detection by employing image processing techniques to identify and categorize waste materials. Utilizing algorithms such as object detection and image segmentation, computer vision systems accurately analyze images to differentiate between various types of waste, facilitating effective waste management practices and promoting environmental sustainability.



**IV. WORK FLOW**



**Work Flow Of Waste Classification and Detection Using Computer Vision**





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