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HARNESSING DEEP LEARNING FOR UNDERWATER PLASTIC TRASH IDENTIFICATION

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Abstract - *One of the most serious environmental issues is ocean pollution; according to a study, most of the plastic trash from land which finds in the ocean is from human waste. These pollutants threaten the animals, the surrounding economy, and the balance of the marine ecosystem. Humans and aquatic life will definitely be affected by this. Though the most common techniques for evaluating and classify plastics seem to work well, they have several limitations. For this reason to simplify removal, it is essential to take advantage of innovative alternatives that are capable of detecting plastics and using the most recent innovations in technology. To locate and identify objects, we investigated the deep learning recognition of objects algorithms YOLO v4 . The epipelagic layers of the water bodies consist of marine plastics. Internet-accessible pictures of marine waste are used to build the databases. Image augmentation made it feasible to add further images to the collection. After the completion of the results, a review is done on the algorithm's performance in addition to the Mean Average Precision of YOLO v4 .*

***Key Words*: YOLO v4, plastic trash, ocean pollution, deep learning, training, Image pre-processing.**

1.INTRODUCTION

The pervasive problem of plastic pollution in our oceans and water bodies poses a significant threat to marine life and ecosystems. To address this issue, innovative solutions are required, and one such solution is leveraging deep learning technologies to detect and monitor plastic trash underwater. Deep learning, a subset of artificial intelligence, has shown remarkable capabilities in image recognition and object detection tasks, making it a promising tool for identifying and tracking plastic debris beneath the water's surface. This application of deep learning involves the development of a computer vision system that can automatically analyze underwater images or video footage, pinpoint plastic waste, and facilitate timely response and conservation efforts. Such a system can assist marine researchers, environmental organizations, and policymakers in comprehending the extent of the problem and taking appropriate actions to mitigate plastic pollution in aquatic environments. In this exploration of detecting plastic trash underwater using deep learning, we will delve into the key components and methodologies involved in building an effective detection system. We will discuss the data collection and annotation process, the selection of suitable deep learning architectures, model training and evaluation, deployment in real-world scenarios, and the ongoing need for improvement and public engagement. By harnessing the power of deep learning, we can contribute to the protection and preservation of our precious oceans and the myriad of life they sustain.

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2.PROBLEM STATEMENT

This project will identify and classify underwater plastic trash from images, aiding in environmental conservation efforts. Researchers can gather valuable data on the types, quantities plastic waste, aiding in the development of effective cleanup and mitigation strategies. This project will create environmental awareness about the conservation efforts and policies to reduce plastic pollution and protect marine life.

3.PROPOSED SYSTEM

The Proposed System is based on Deep Learning Algorithm using YOLO(You Only look Once). Choose a YOLO-based architecture suitable for object detection tasks. We are opting YOLOv4, version in our project. It is designed and developed in such a way that it provides dynamic response for finding the plastics under the water which helps to the sea divers to easily identify the plastics under the water. The proposed system uses Yolo Model to detect the plastic waste under the water.

4. FLOW DIAGRAM

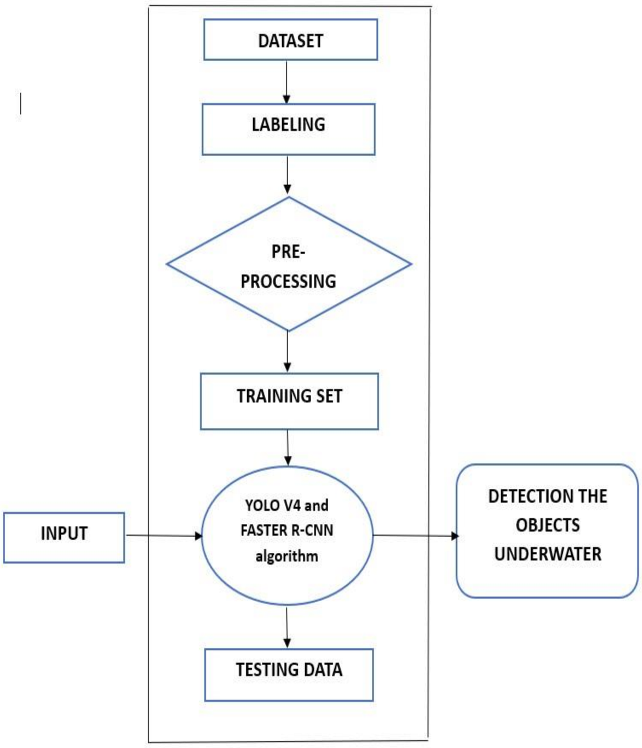

Fig -1: Flow chart of the complete process

The mobility of data through a system is visualized by a data flow diagram (DFD). This DFD demonstrates a data flow utilizing symbols like as rectangles, arrows and circles. The data flow could be an input or output or a communication between data. We use a data flow diagram to show how the project was completed from beginning to end. This gives you a clear picture of the work done by viewing the complete system from a single point of view. DFDs make it easy to depict the business requirements of applications by representing the sequence of process steps and flow of information using a graphical representation or visual representation rather than a textual description. When used through an entire development process, they first document the results of business analysis. Then, they refine the representation to show how information moves through, and is changed by, application flows. Both automated and manual processes are represented.

5. RELATED WORK

It covers a number of methods, instruments, and approaches for locating plastic debris beneath the water's surface while accounting for the challenges brought on by underwater elements like visibility, depth, and currents. It may also involve advancements in image processing techniques, data analysis algorithms, and sensor technologies created especially for the detection of plastic underwater. It most likely also covers the importance of effective monitoring and detection methods in mitigating the ecological effects of plastic pollution in the ocean. It can also discuss potential solutions and actions to reduce the quantity of plastic debris in aquatic settings.[1]

It tracks plastic pollution in marine environments in real time using deep learning techniques. Most likely, it examines the development and use of deep learning algorithms that automatically recognize and classify plastic garbage from a range of sources, such as remote sensing photography, underwater cameras, and drones. The authors may develop and train convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and other deep learning architectures to accurately identify and quantify plastic garbage in maritime environments. It may cover the advantages of using deep learning methods to track plastic trash, such as their increased efficiency, scalability, and speedy handling of large amounts of data. Itmay also cover the challenges and limitations associated with applying deep learning to marine ecology.[2]

It most likely offers a comprehensive analysis of the application of deep learning methods, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), or their variants, for automated underwater plastic waste recognition and classification. The authors may address the development of particular neural network designs for processing underwater imagery from various sources, including underwater cameras, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), and autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs).It may also provide a detailed explanation of the pretreatment steps required to prepare underwater imagery data for deep learning analysis. These techniques include underwater-specific feature extraction, noise reduction, and image enhancing techniques.[3]

The technique of creating additional training data by applying various transformations to existent datasets, such as scaling, flipping, rotating, and adding noise, is known as data augmentation. The authors of this work imitate different climatic conditions and differences in the appearance of plastic debris by using data augmentation techniques specifically intended for underwater imagery. It explains the implementation of these augmentation tactics and evaluates their impact on plastic detecting systems' efficiency. By augmenting the training data, the scientists hope to improve the detection algorithms' robustness and accuracy, enabling them to identify plastic waste in a range of underwater scenarios.[4]

It includes a variety of methods and equipment for tracking plastic garbage underwater, such as remote sensing, acoustic methods, imaging systems, and other tracking technologies. It might discuss the challenges of monitoring plastic garbage in often-isolated and dynamic underwater ecosystems, including the behavior of various plastic types and the effects of currents and depth changes.[5]

It tackles the challenge of recognizing and categorizing plastic waste in underwater habitats in order to efficiently monitor and control marine pollution. They propose a segmentation technique based on the analysis of Color information in underwater photos to distinguish plastic debris from the surrounding natural marine environment. It most likely discusses Color-based segmentation, which uses thresholding, clustering, machine learning algorithms, and other methods to separate plastic items from the background. Selecting the appropriate Color qualities and parameters could also be necessary to maximize segmentation accuracy under diverse underwater situations.[6]

It highlights the need of recognizing and minimizing plastic pollution in aquatic environments as well as the challenges associated with employing manual detection techniques. It reviews previous attempts to apply deep learning techniques as well as traditional computer vision algorithms.[7]

6. DATASET DESCRIPTION

6.1 Dataset Preparation

- Collect and curate a diverse dataset of underwater images or videos containing plastic trash.
- Annotate the dataset by marking bounding boxes around each instance of plastic trash. Tools like Labelling or VGG Image Annotator can be used for annotation.

6.2 Data preprocessing

- Resize images to fit the model's input size.
- Normalize pixel values to a certain range (commonly [0, 1] or [-1, 1]).
- Augment the dataset by applying transformations like rotation, flipping, or adjusting brightness and contrast to increase dataset variability.

6.3 Model Training

- Spilt the dataset into training, validation, and test sets.
- Train the YOLO model on the annotated dataset using the prepared training pipeline.
- And then the system should be able to test the accuracy of the YOLO model using test data sets and validate the models performance based on its ability to accurately detect the plastic trash.
- Monitor the training process, keeping an eye on loss curves and metrics.

6.4 Model Evaluation

- Evaluate the trained model on the validation set to assess its performance metrics such as precision, recall, and mean Average Precision (MAP).
- Tweak the model, if necessary, based on evaluation results to improve performance.

7. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

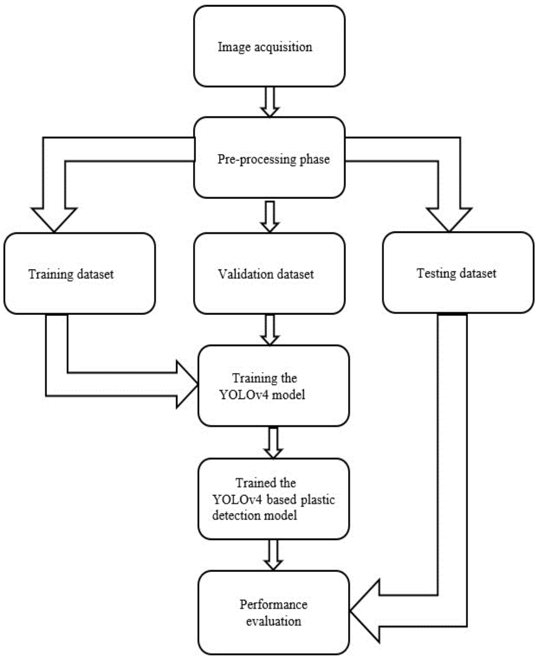

Fig -2: System Architecture

7.1 Data Collection

Collect a large dataset of plastic trash for training and testing purposes. The dataset should be diverse, covering different types of plastic like plastic bag, can etc. The data should be labeled, indicating whether this is plastic.

7.2 Preprocessing

The collected data needs to be preprocessed to prepare it for input into the neural network. This includes image resizing, normalization, and augmentation techniques such as flipping and rotating the images to increase the size.

7.3 Feature Extraction

Extract relevant features from the signature images. Common features include bounding box of the labeled images.

7.4 YOLO Architecture Design

YOLOv4 is the fourth version in the You Only Look Once family of models. YOLOv4 makes Realtime detection a priority and conducts training on a single GPU. The authors' intention is for vision engineers and developers to easily use their YOLOv4 framework in custom domains.

7.5 Training and Testing

Train the YOLO using the preprocessed dataset and evaluate the network's performance on a separate testing dataset. Use performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, and recall to evaluate the network's performance.

7.6 Deployment

Once the YOLO model is trained and evaluated, deploy the system in a real- world environment, such as a GoPro or any action camera, where it can be used to automatically detect plastic. In summary, the system design for a Detection of plastic trash system using YOLO involves data collection, preprocessing, feature extraction, YOLO architecturedesign, training and testing, and deployment. System Diagrams are models used to visually express the dynamic forces acting upon the components of a process and the interactions between those forces. System Diagrams are more than process flow charts. They include feedback loops and other factors that influence how decisions are made, including attitudes, perceptions, and behaviors. If you are familiar with the terms "vicious circle", "downward spiral", "the law of unintended consequences", or"the cure is worse than the disease" you are familiar with some of the basic concepts of System Dynamics. System Diagrams provide a common language to help organizations think about these complex issues.

Efforts to improve the performance of complex systems inevitably touch on many areas directly and indirectly, so it is critically important to understand the potential for unintended consequences. It is also important to understand the true leverage points to improve a system, which probably won't be obvious.

8. USE CASE DIAGRAM

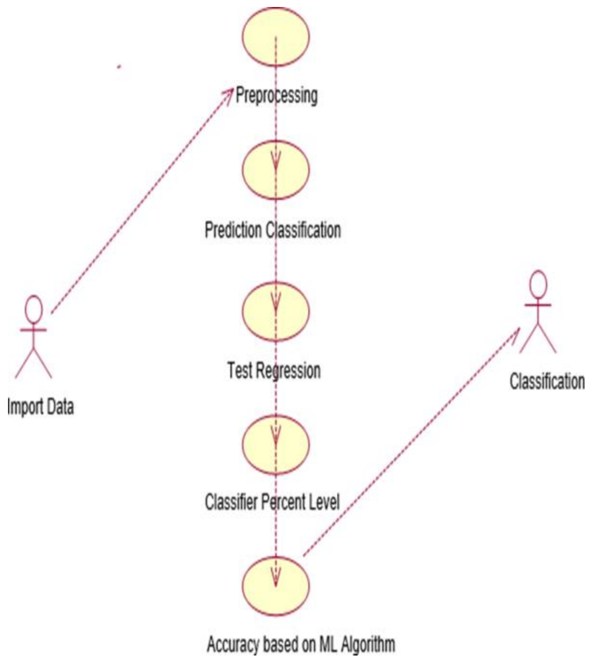

Fig -3: Use case diagram

Use case diagram is a graphic depiction of the interactions among the elements of a system. Use cases will specify the expected behavior, and the exact method of making it happen. Use cases once specified can be denoted both textual and visual representation. The actor and theuse case will have a relationship, with a stickman icon representing the actor and an ellipse representing the use case. In a single use case, there can be multiple actors.

A use case is a list of actions or event steps typically defining the interactions between a role of an actor and a system to achieve a goal. A use case is a useful technique for identifying, clarifying, and organizing system requirements. A use case is made up of a set of possible sequences of interactions between systems and users that defines the features to be implemented and the resolution of any errors that may be encountered.

While a use case itself might drill into a lot of detail (such as, flow of events and scenarios)about every possibility, a use-case diagram can help provide a higher-level view of the system, providing the simplified and graphical representation of what the system must actually do.

9.METHODOLOGY

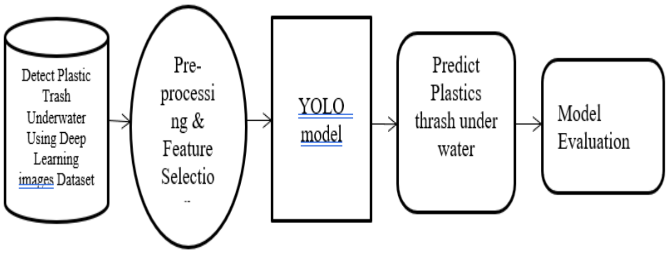

Fig -4: Methodology

The application phase of a venture is once the theoretic notion is distorted into a operative scheme, philanthropic operators faith that the novel structure container purpose professionallythen efficiently. It involves careful research, study of the present structure then its applicationrestraints, project of change-over approaches, then assessment of change-over approaches. Sideways after preparation, unique of the further most significant features of concocting for placement are operator teaching also exercise. The additional complex the structure existence applied, the additional time then exertion wouldremain occupied for system examination as well as project fair to become it active then consecutively. A direction commission aimed at enactment consumes remained bent, established on the plans of all administration. The grounding of a scheme application strategy is the chief stage in the application procedure. Rendering toward this strategy, calisthenics determination be approved obtainable, conferences around paraphernalia as thriving as capitals determination be detained, as well as supplementary paraphernalia determination be bought in directive to unite the novel system. The absolute besides furthermost vital phase, the greatest grave phase in attaining a decent novel system then charitable operator's faith, is application. It is probable that the novel structure determination be actual. Solitary afterward detailed trying has remained accomplishedalso it has remained strong-minded that the outline encounters the necessities willpower it beinstigated. System enactment is crafting the novel system attainable aimed at a crew of operators for priming, incessant lug then handling the system on a retro of period aimed at the implementation. In the previous phase, putting of the structure might basis bodily glitches aimed at that vital approaches essential to receipts to instill the punter aimed at the amenity ofthe structure. Afterward pledging that every then each one meaningful approximately the progression formerly lone lately changed scheme is to creating supplementary. Interpreting progressive scheme to retain scheme transmit then handling the waged of the structure, comprised in the system prominence. Project productivity stays the pardon essential at attendance is liability is dependable, asylum then unquestionable, is the change amid each one Life series phases also system placement, in a homespun everywhere malfunctions ascend after scheme consume correspondence or not at all consequence on initiative procedure.

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3) Move towards activity group, after's collection, proceeds upkeep then gross concluded the utilization unit Area is loosened fragment inside commotion connotation.

10. DISCUSSION

Harnessing deep learning for underwater plastic trash identification presents a multifaceted discussion encompassing data collection, preprocessing, model selection, training strategy, class imbalance, evaluation metrics, deployment challenges, ethical considerations, collaboration, and long-term sustainability. Successful implementation requires gathering diverse underwater imagery data, overcoming challenges such as poor visibility and distortions through preprocessing techniques. Choosing suitable deep learning architectures, training strategies, and addressing class imbalance are critical for model effectiveness. Evaluation metrics help assess model performance, while deployment challenges involve real-time processing and environmental robustness. Ethical considerations include responsible data collection and deployment. Collaboration among stakeholders fosters progress, while ensuring long-term sustainability necessitates policy changes and public awareness campaigns to mitigate plastic pollution at its source.

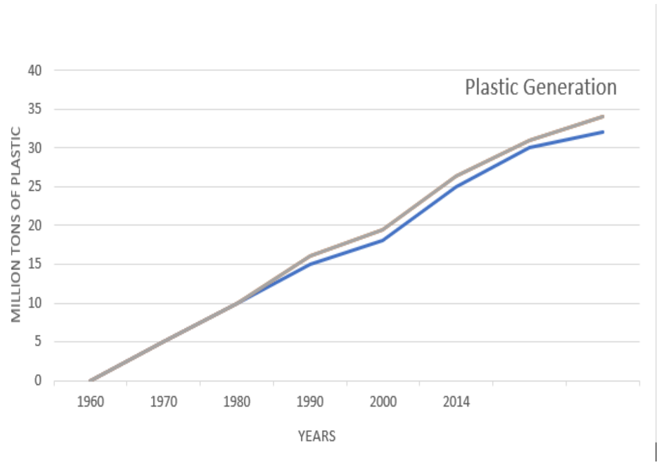

Chart -1: Detection of Plastic

11. CONCLUSION

The YOLOv4 and algorithm were tested in this study in order to identify and detect marine plastics in the ocean's epipelagic layers. The experiment's findings demonstrate that, when given the image and video feed as input, more current iterations of the YOLO algorithm were able to anticipate the ocean plastics more quickly and accurately than previous algorithms. The accuracy and speed of the findings from the YOLOv4 and algorithm were comparable, with the algorithm outperforming the YOLOv4 Tiny algorithm by a considerable margin. Increasing the dataset and fine-tuning the parameters during algorithm training can increase the real-time performance of both methods. The YOLOv4 and algorithm can be incorporated into Deep Learning applications in the future to evaluate performance and to work with underwater robots or vehicles to help them detect and eliminate plastic waste from the ocean. This study is only a small portion of the work; more technologies can be used in conjunction with the homemade algorithm to successfully eliminate marine trash worldwide.

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13. FUTURE WORK

This model can be made better by feeding it with more dataset. Even the detection of microplastics in the sea is possible if the correct dataset is provided to the model. The proposed algorithm can be made better if the number of layers is increased (requires more computational power for training).

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