

# Trash Classification using Convolutional Neural Networks

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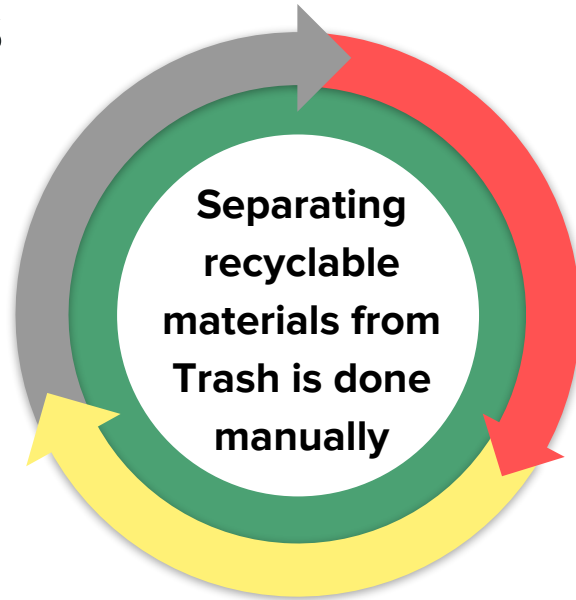
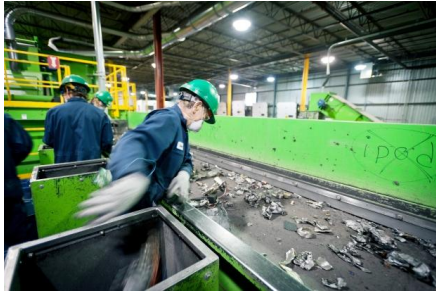
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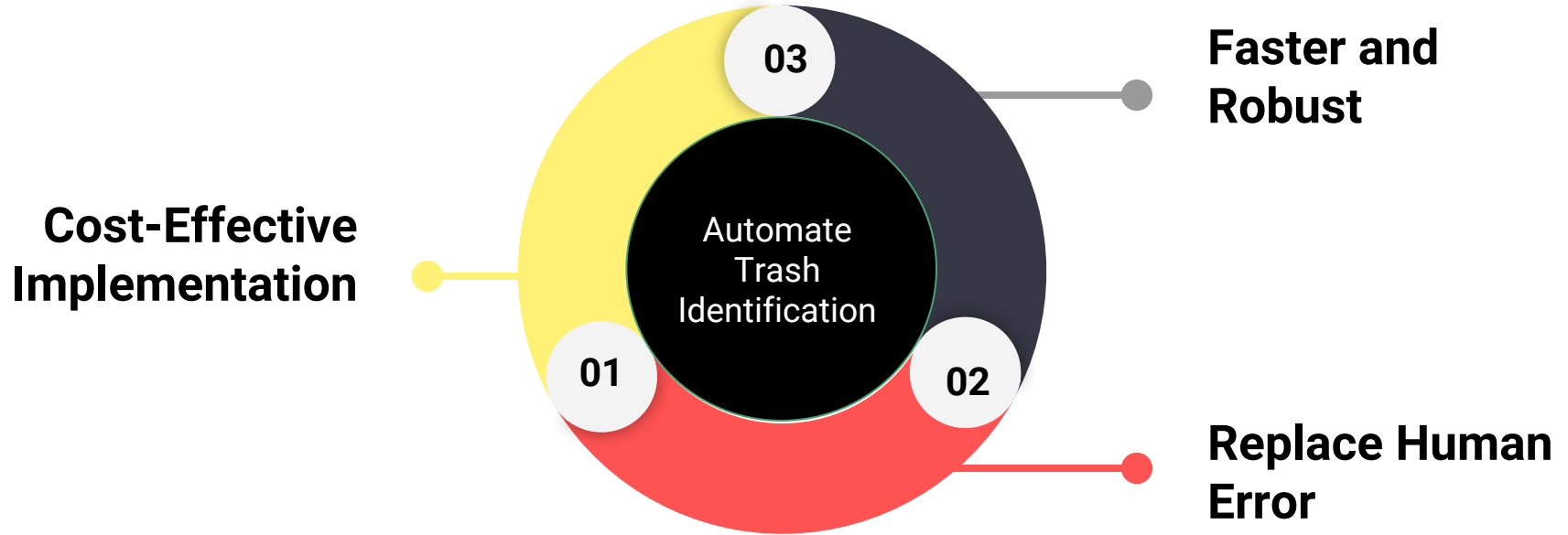
# 1. Problem Overview

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# Target Use Cases



# Problem Statement



# Key Goals: Trash Identification by AI



An illustration of a young girl with brown hair and a yellow headband, wearing a light blue dress and brown shoes, standing in a park. She is holding a black trash bag and is about to throw it into a green recycling bin. To her left is a yellow recycling bin, and to her right is a red recycling bin. All three bins have a white recycling symbol on them. The background shows a city skyline with blue buildings under a light blue sky with white clouds. There are green trees and bushes in the foreground and middle ground. Three circular labels are overlaid on the image: a red circle on the left, a green circle at the top, and a yellow circle on the right.

**Recycling  
Industries**

**Human**

**Earth**

## 2. Challenge and Novelty

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# Challenges

- Needs to work for trash identification in real-life scenarios
  - Can be almost anything: squished/stained/damaged, obscured by other trash/spills
- Dealing with highly imbalanced dataset
  - 137 trash images vs. 400-500 for the 5 recyclable categories
- Designing CNN architecture for base models
  - Several different combinations of layers to try
- Extensive hyperparameter tuning needed for base models
  - Kernel size, padding, stride, pooling-layer parameters

# Novelty

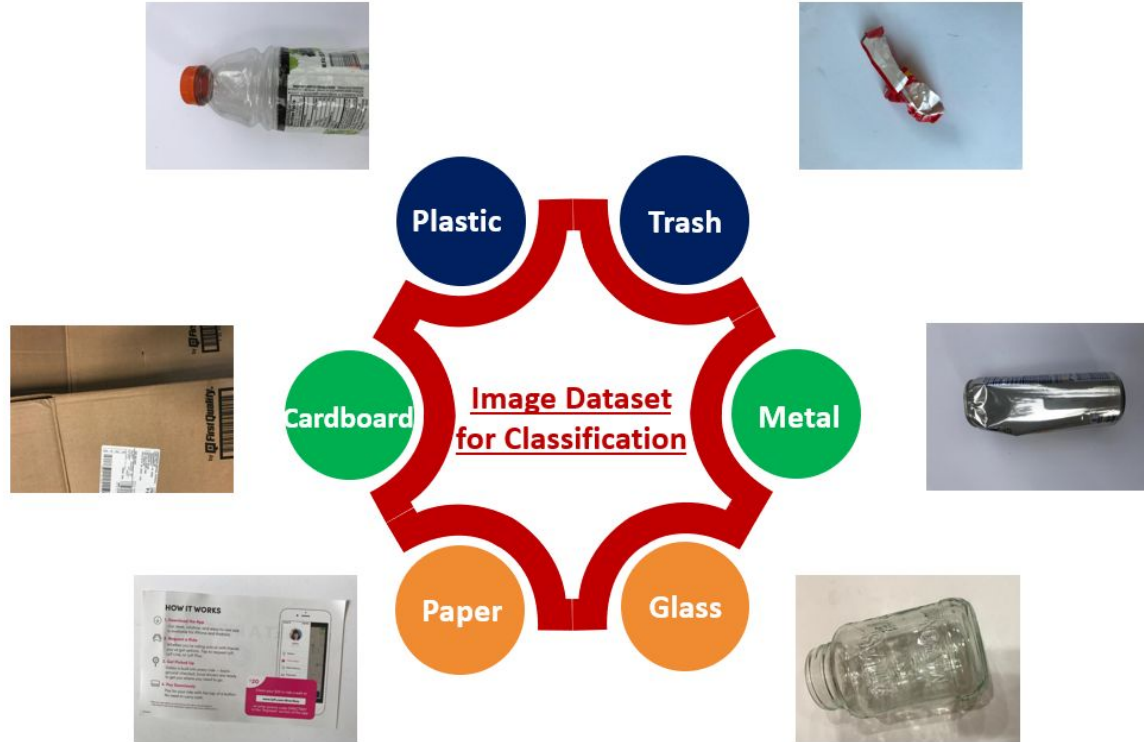
- Adding to the original TrashNet [1] dataset
  - Tedious work. Described in Section 3.
- Not a common image classification problem due to the unlimited possibilities/challenging nature of collecting images of trash
- Few papers for reference material
- Assist in automated waste management
- SmartNation



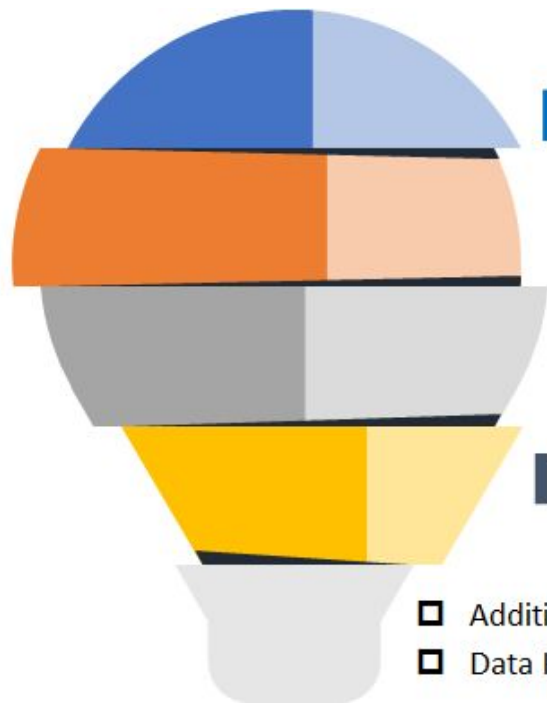
# 3. Dataset

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# Image Dataset for Classification



## Dataset Preparation



**Images classification**

**Image Augmentation**

**Additional images**

**Image Resizing**

- ❑ Additional images to enrich training dataset with variety of features
- ❑ Data Image resizing in order to bring all images of same size and shape

# Additional Images

- Adapt 'Trashnet' to Singapore/Asian context
- Combat class-imbalance problem
- Added 30 images of trash, like these:



# Data Augmentation

## Training Data:

- Flipping images vertically and/or horizontally
- Cropping
- Shear
- Zoom

## Test Data:

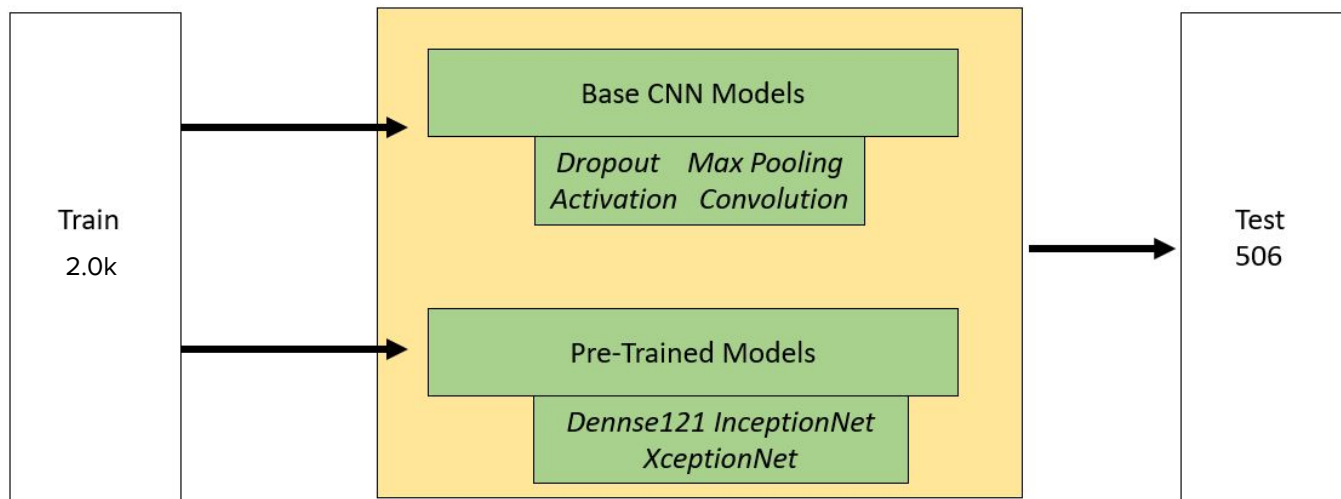
- Resizing only

# 4. Model Building

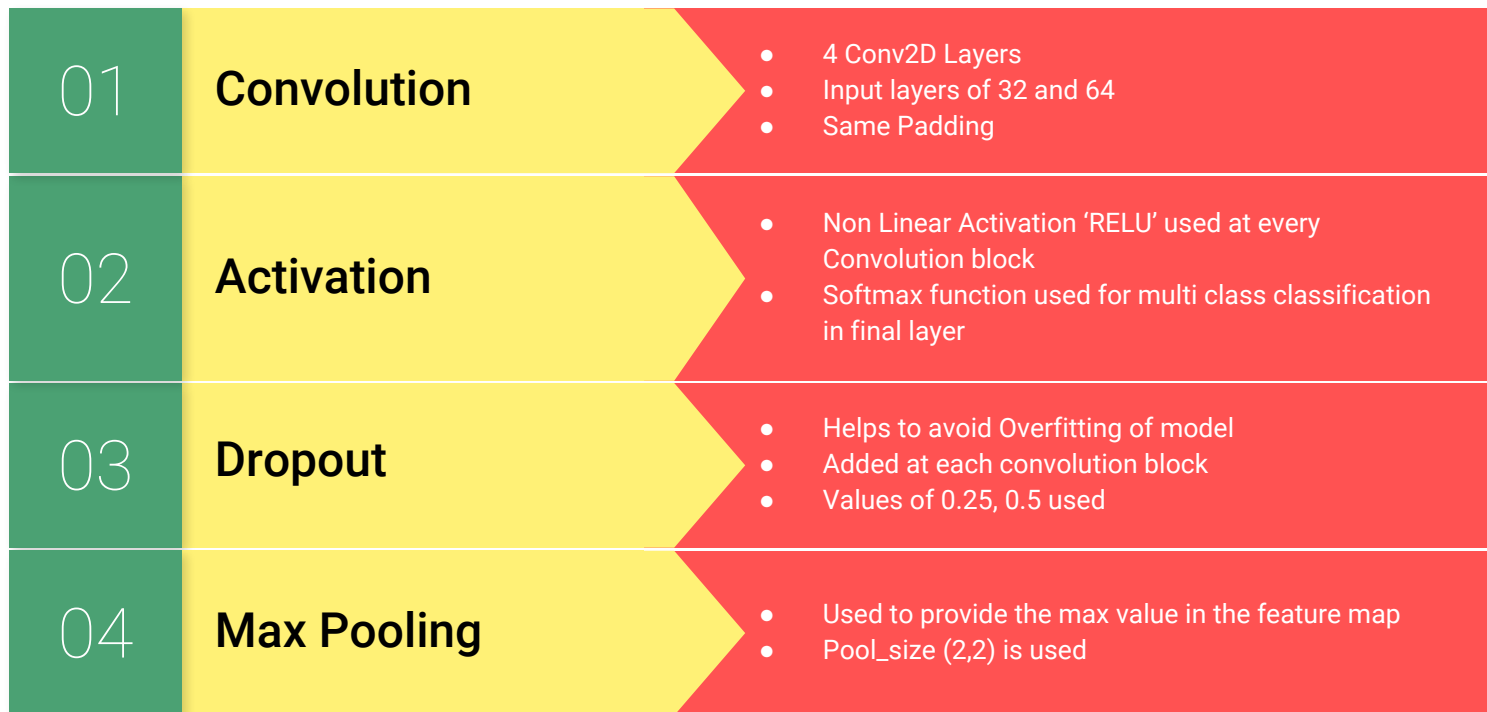
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# Modelling Process

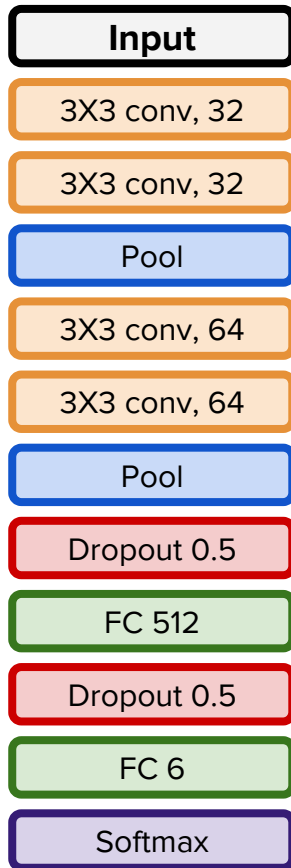


# Basic CNN Model



# Architecture

```
def getModel(num_classes):  
    model = Sequential()  
    model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3), padding='same',  
                    input_shape=X_train.shape[1:]))  
    model.add(Activation('relu'))  
    model.add(Conv2D(32, (3, 3)))  
    model.add(Activation('relu'))  
    model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))  
    model.add(Dropout(0.25))  
  
    model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3), padding='same'))  
    model.add(Activation('relu'))  
    model.add(Conv2D(64, (3, 3)))  
    model.add(Activation('relu'))  
    model.add(MaxPooling2D(pool_size=(2, 2)))  
    model.add(Dropout(0.25))  
  
    model.add(Flatten())  
    model.add(Dense(512))  
    model.add(Activation('relu'))  
    model.add(Dropout(0.5))  
    model.add(Dense(num_classes))  
    model.add(Activation('softmax'))  
    return model
```



# Tools/Technology

- Python3
- Keras (TensorFlow), Numpy, Pandas
- PyTorch (FastAI)
- ImageNet
- Google Colab + GPU (Tesla K80)

# Fine-Tuned Pre-trained (ImageNet) Models

- **Keras**

1. InceptionResNetV2
2. Densenet121
3. Xception

Optimizers: Adam, Adadelta, RMSProp

- **FastAI**

1. Resnet34
2. Resnet50

Optimizers: AdamW

# Tuning the Model Hyperparameters

- Grid Search
- Cyclical Learning Rates (FastAI)
- Bayesian Optimization (Keras)

# 5. Results and Analysis

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# Original Results

- Thung's original SVM model achieved 63% accuracy.
- Their neural network model achieved 27% accuracy.

**Our models performed significantly better.**



# vs Our Model Results

Architecture	Batch	Optimizer	Epochs	Data Augmentation, Tuning	Accuracy
AkankshitaNet	32	Adadelata	10	<b>Tuning:</b> Bayesian Opt.	23.9%
SpatikaNet	32	Adam	5	Yes - shear, zoom, horizontal flip ( <b>updated dataset</b> )	<b>50.97%</b>
TrinhNet	32	Adam	10	Shear, Zoom, Horizontal,Vertical flip ( <b>original dataset</b> )	25.30%
GaneshNet	32	Adam	4	Rescale, Shear, Zoom, Horizontal flip ( <b>original</b> )	23.33%
InceptionNetV2	20	Adadelata	100	None	89.13%
DenseNet121	20	Adam	40	None ( <b>original dataset</b> )	86.3%
XceptionNet	32	Adam	10	Shear, Zoom, Horizontal,Vertical flip ( <b>original dataset</b> )	91.9%
Resnet50 (FastAI)	20	AdamW	30	Learning Rate tuned using Cyclical Learning Rate	<b>93.38%</b>

# Analysis of Results

- Basic CNN without augmentation does not give optimal results on original dataset, but improves on updated dataset.
- All pre-trained models have quite good results (> 80% accuracy) compared to basic models. Thus, learning of waste sorting is feasible with modern deep learning based approaches.
- FastAI Model gives best results since it utilizes cyclical learning rates technique, which finds the optimal learning rate.
- Training with **cyclical learning rates** also achieves improved classification accuracy without a need to tune and often in fewer iterations.

## 6. Conclusion

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# Takeaways

- Data augmentation only slightly improves the result in some models (for our case)
- Pre-trained models work better than our own basic models.
- Building CNN Model from scratch needs extensive research in terms of layers architecture or hyperparameter tuning of parameters
- Diversity helps: different representation of images always helps in model training
- Data science is all about applying different ideas; there's always room for improvement
- Larger training dataset (balanced) can increase the prediction accuracy

# Future Extension

- To expand to more classification labels
- To increase the training image set
- To identify more than one object in the same frame
- Identifying particular scope of trash, example: food wastage, agro-products wastage, good yield vs. bad yield
- Stratified K-fold CV instead of just train-test split to reduce bias

Thank You!

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# 7. Appendix

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# References

1. G. Thung. Trashnet. GitHub Repository, 2016.
2. Leslie N Smith. Cyclical learning rates for training neural networks. In *Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2017 IEEE Winter Conference on*, pp. 464–472. IEEE, 2017.



# Workload Split

## **Akankshita:**

1. Base code (image loading, resizing, basic model)
2. Models: Base CNN 1 with Bayesian Opt, InceptionNetV2, FastAI
3. Presentation content

## **Spatika:**

1. Collection of new trash images, basic data augmentation code
2. Models - Base CNN 2 with updated dataset, DenseNet121
3. Presentation content

## **Trinh:**

1. Models - Base CNN 3 on original dataset, XceptionNet, data augmentation
2. Pretrained model code
3. Presentation content

## **Ganeshkumar:**

1. Skeleton presentation
2. Models - Base CNN 4 on original dataset, DenseNet201, data augmentation
3. Presentation content