Deep Learning Empowered Robot Vision for Efficient Robotic Grasp Detection and Defect Elimination in Industry 4.0 †

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Abstract: Robot vision, enabled by Deep Learning breakthroughs, is gaining momentum in the Industry 4.0 digitization process. The present investigation describes a robotic grasp detection application that makes use of a two-finger gripper and an RGB-D camera linked to a collaborative robot. The visual recognition system, which is integrated with edge computing units, conducts image recognition for faulty items as well as calculates the position of the robot arm. Identifying deformities in object photos, training and testing the images with a modified version of the You Look Only Once (YOLO) method and establishing defect borders are all part of the process. Signals are subsequently sent to the robotic manipulator to remove the faulty components. The adopted technique used in this system is trained on custom data and has demonstrated high accuracy and low latency performance as it reached a detection accuracy of 96% with 96.6 of correct grasp accuracy.

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1. Introduction

The introduction should briefly place the study in a broad context and define the purpose of the work and its significance. Industry 4.0, also known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, is a conceptual framework that is redefining the way industries operate, manufacture, and interact with the global economy. It emerges as a response to the growing need for greater efficiency, flexibility, and sustainability in manufacturing. Basically, Industry 4.0 means the integration of cyber-physical systems, the Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud Computing (CC) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the fabric of industrial operations [1]. The impact of this transformation is spreading throughout the manufacturing sector, impacting many aspects of production. It fosters a dynamic, connected ecosystem where machines, devices, and processes communicate seamlessly, enabling real-time data analysis and decision-making [2]. The tangible outcomes of Industry 4.0 include increased productivity, reduced production costs, improved product quality, and reduced time to market. Additionally, manufacturers will be able to respond more quickly to market fluctuations and customer demands, redefining the competitive landscape. Furthermore, in industrial production, the quality of manufactured things is critical to achieving client satisfaction. As a result, the procedure of quality control over created components should be followed before they reach their final destinations on the market. The procedure should begin on the production lines to allow for early detection of defects and deficiencies, utilizing emerging vision assessment technology to further improve the production rhythm with quality satisfaction. Vision sensors are widely utilized to address such concerns.
nowadays; however, inspection quality still must be improved [3]. To that aim, we are combining deep learning with created sensing cameras to create a monitoring application that enables early detection of manufactured objects on the manufacturing line using newly developed methodologies. Many works have been interested in adopting AI in industrial vision applications. The work [4] provides a methodology to recognize the class of an object while estimating its 6D pose through RGB-D data. Specifically, the proposed model adopts a global approach, first recognizing an object and the region of interest (ROI) from RGB images. The pose of the feature is then estimated using the relative depth information. Several works have focused on adopting robotic arms to induce many facilities in different applications. For instance, authors in [5] have proposed a robotic grasping system for automatically sorting garbage based on machine vision in complex backgrounds. To achieve the accurate grabbing of the target object, they adopted a deep learning scheme interested in the Region Proposal Generation and the VGG-16 model for object recognition and pose estimation. The machine vision system sends the information of the geometric center coordinates and the angle of the long side of the target object to the manipulator which completes the classification and grabbing of the target object.

The vision methods were adopted also for welding industrial applications. Vision-aided robotic welding has been applied in the industrial field for decades for the procedures of vision-aided robotic welding. Various methods in vision sensor calibration and hand-eye calibration have been illustrated. For example, the authors in [6] have presented a simple and robust hand-eye calibration strategy that requires minimal user interaction and makes use of a single planar calibration artifact. A simulation approach is used to further investigate and optimize the impact of robot position on the calibration process, and the resulting optimal robot positions are then experimentally validated for a real robot-mounted laser line sensor. Using the proposed optimum method, a semi-automatic calibration process, which requires only four manually scanned lines, is defined, and experimentally demonstrated.

On the other side, robots have known an important evolution to deal with applications of fruit and vegetable harvesting. Using different end-effectors, acceptable results have been reached for apples, tomatoes, sweet peppers, and cucumbers [7]. However, the performances of the used final effectors (harvesting speed, success rate, costs, etc.) compared with the performances of human operators have shown less efficiency than human operators in the harvesting processes [8]. Authors in [9] have combined an advanced RGB-D camera and DL policies with an arm robot for the assembly of mobile phone items. This system exploits a modified version of the YOLO (You Look Only Once) scheme to detect arbitrarily the pieces in industrial working space. To make the UR5 robot plan and execute its movement intelligently without any human operator training, the authors in [10], used a stereo vision camera and DL Faster-RCNN for object classification and recognition. A bench of investigations has been devoted to enhancing industrial manufacturing quality and efficiency relying on vision inspection and emerging DL methods [11]. T.P. Nguyen et al. have proposed a smart industrial vision inspecting system based on CNN to detect product defects like blow holes chipping, and cracks [12].

An approach based on learning eye-hand coordination for robotic grasping from monocular images was proposed in [13], to learn hand-eye coordination for grasping. A large CNN model was trained to predict the probability of the gripper movement which resulted in successful grasps. Another autonomous rock stacking method dedicated to construction in an indoor environment using an arm robot was investigated in [14]. This method employs gradient descent with random initial orientation to detect randomly placed objects in a stacking scene. Therefore, in every industrial manufacturing, ensuring excellent quality of manufactured commodities is essential. Early detection of product flaws is critical in quality control in manufacturing to better meet client needs. As a result, we examined in this work the performance of YOLOv5 for our custom data to defect inspection. Then the system is associated with a UR5 robot arm related to an RGB-D camera application.
The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. In Section II, we summarize the proposed system application. Then, the YOLOv5 algorithm is described in section III. The used data set description and annotation are depicted in section IV. The performance assessment metrics are discussed in section V. We comment on and discuss the obtained results in section VI. Finally, we provide the conclusion in Section VII.

2. The Proposed System Architecture

This section provides an overview of the overall application system, as depicted in Figure 1. The intelligent grasping system comprises three principal components: a robotic arm equipped with an integrated two-finger gripper for item manipulation, an RGB-D camera affixed to the arm for data acquisition, and an industrial conveyor belt for the transportation of manufactured items. The central element of this developed application is the collaborative UR5 robot. Due to its inherent capabilities, this robot serves as an asset for assisting human operators in assembly or inspection tasks. It possesses a 6-degree-of-freedom (6-DOF) configuration, accompanied by a control box and a user-friendly programming interface tailored for light assembly duties and automated workbench scenarios. Additionally, it is equipped with a two-finger gripper capable of handling objects weighing up to 5 kg, featuring a total pivotal motion range of 360 degrees. The RGB-D camera in this context fulfills a dual purpose. RGB images are utilized as data inputs, subject to processing within the processing units, aimed at feature extraction and classification of regions of interest (ROIs) for the detection of any defective areas. Simultaneously, the depth component, utilizing grayscale annotations, serves to estimate pose points for coordinating the 6D arm robot’s position. On the depth image, the X, Y, and Z coordinates are delineated on the corresponding side of the ROI. Depth information is derived from RGB images, enhancing pose estimation capabilities. To optimize system efficiency and practicality, we place a significant emphasis on decentralizing processing units, relocating the processing tasks to Edge units to enhance the localization and recognition of monitored data. Specifically, the proposed YOLOv5 model is designed to facilitate real-time data processing at the Edge unit, thereby improving the system’s overall performance.

![Figure 1. The proposed system architecture.](image)

3. You Look Only Once Algorithm

YOLOv5 [15] is an object detection model built on CNN. In a single forward pass, the YOLOv5 model takes an image as input and outputs the bounding boxes and class probabilities for all objects detected in the image. YOLOv5 has several improvements over previous versions, including a smaller model size, faster inference speed, and improved accuracy. It employs an innovative architecture that combines a CSP (Cross Stage Partial) backbone with an SPP (Spatial Pyramid Pooling) head, as well as other optimization techniques like multi-scale training and hyper-parameter optimization. YOLOv5 has achieved
cutting-edge performance on several object detection benchmarks, including COCO and Open Images, and is widely used in industry and academia for a variety of computer vision applications. Figure 2 illustrates the YOLOv5 architecture’s four basic components: the input, the backbone, the neck, and the output. The input block primarily contains data pre-processing, such as mosaic data augmentation and adaptive image filling. YOLOv5 integrates adaptive anchor structure calculation on the input to adapt to different datasets, making it possible to instantaneously set the initial anchor frame size whenever the dataset changes.

Figure 2. Yolov5 basic architecture.

The backbone network primarily employs a CSP and an SPP to retrieve feature maps of varying sizes from the input image via multiple convolution and pooling. The Bottle-neck CSP structure serves to lower computation and increase inference speed, whereas the SPP structure realizes feature extraction from multiple scales for the same feature map and can generate three-scale feature maps, which improves detection accuracy.

The neck network employs the FPN and PAN pyramid topologies. The FPN structure communicates contextual information characteristics from top to bottom feature maps. At the same time, the PAN structure transmits strong localization features from lower to higher feature maps. The above two structures collaborate to boost detection capabilities by fortifying features gathered from distinct network levels in Backbone fusion. Finally, the head output is primarily used as a final detection step to predict targets of various sizes on feature maps.

4. Data-Set Collection and Annotation

4.1. Data Set

To investigate the performance of the YOLOv5 model for our application, we collected a custom dataset comprising both defective and non-defective coils. This dataset was categorized into two distinct classes. Seventy percent of the data was allocated for training, while the remaining 30% was designated for testing. To be precise, the dataset comprises a total of approximately 1294 images, encompassing both “OK” and “Non-OK” pieces. These images were acquired using an RGB camera, capturing the object under study, primarily a metal part, from various angles. Additionally, the influence of lighting conditions on image quality and object characteristics was considered. We conducted image captures under five different lighting setups: one from the top and four from different positions, each focusing on centralizing the object. To accommodate the input requirements of the deep learning model, we adjusted the image size during the training process. It’s important to note that, to mimic real-world conveyor applications, the distance between the camera and the pieces varied along the vertical axis in the captured images.
the dataset generation, we classified the data into two classes: non-defective coils and defective ones. The definition of an ideal piece for production involves a green spool with 12 yellow coils. Consequently, any deviation from these specifications is categorized as a defective piece. Defective pieces are identified if they contain either more or fewer than 12 coils, or if the coils and spools exhibit different colors. Our simulation and testing procedures commenced with the training of the network, initially using a learning rate of 0.001 for 100 epochs. Subsequently, we continued training for an additional 40 epochs with a reduced learning rate of 0.0001. In Figure 3, we present sample images of faulty coils (Non-Ok) and non-defective coils (Ok) from our training and test data set used in our simulation. These images serve to highlight the uniqueness and distinct characteristics of each piece within our data set.

Figure 3. Training batches for defective and non-defective pieces.

4.2. Machine Learning Metric Measurements

During the YOLOv5 algorithm evaluation process, we put as mean measure accuracy; the detection model’s evaluation indicators are precision (P), recall (R), and F1 score. True positives (TP), False positives (FP), True Negatives (TN), and False Negatives (FN) are also discrimination values (FN). The predicted results are compared to the actual labels for evaluation purposes. If the model’s output is a correct prediction of a positive class, it is referred to as TP, and if it is a correct prediction of a negative class, it is referred to as TN. While false positive refers to the incorrect prediction of a positive class, false negative refers to the incorrect prediction of a negative class. On the other hand, accuracy is a performance criterion that shows the ratio of correct predictions to the total number of occurrences. Measures are also evaluated using precision and recall rates. Precision is the ratio of TP predictions to total positive predictions, and recall rate is the ratio of TP predictions to the sum of true positive and false negative predictions. F1 score is another measure used to report results that show the harmonic mean of recall rate and precision.

4.3. Robot Kinematics and Successful Grasp Accuracy

Time to detection is the amount of time needed to identify an object in an input image and create a plan for where to place or capture it. Given the temporal and substantive issues of the system, a real-time response must be given within the allotted time limits. In order to extract features and classify the images captured by the RGB-D camera, the
employed YOLOv5 algorithm is performed on a computer that functions as an Edge Computing center. Rapid processing speed and high accuracy are two critical features of our system, so the model meeting these needs is selected as the final scheme.

The processing and robot grasping time are very important for our application as they accelerate the overall task. To measure the total required time for each cycle, we calculate the time needed for the RGB-D camera to take the picture, the processing time on the edge unit, and the robot movement when required. Therefore, the total need time for each detection cycle is:

$$T_{total} = T_{pros} + T_{camera} + T_{UR5} + T_{pose}$$

where $T_{total}$, $T_{pros}$, $T_{camera}$, $T_{UR5}$, and $T_{pose}$ are the time duration for processing, the time need for RGB-D camera to take the picture of the piece, the required time for the UR5 to move and take the piece from the conveyor and the time needed from the camera to estimate the pose of the piece. If the piece after processing is detected non-defective the time required for both $T_{UR5}$ and $T_{pose}$ is null. It is to be noted that the time of the robot's movement is adjustable and can be set as desired.

We have selected YOLOv5 for our concrete application using the UR5 robot after assessing its accuracy and simulation time. We employ a computer that acts as an interface for Edge Computing. The UR5 controlling box is linked to a platform that incorporates the YOLOv5 concept. We utilize an intermediary tool that is Python-programmed to control the movement of the UR5 robot. The system operates as shown in Figure 4. After the conveyor is turned on, the components under study move until a sensor mounted on the conveyor detects them. The sensor then signals the conveyor to stop, and the camera snaps an image, which is then sent to processing central to apply the YOLOv5. There are two ways the inspected piece could be defective or not when the processing runs out. When a piece is defective, the system signals the UR5 robot to move, pick it up, and place it in a designated spot. If not, the conveyor receives a signal to move and prepares to receive a new piece, at which point the cycle is repeated.

![Figure 4. Robot inspection system flowchart.](image-url)

### 5. Results and Discussions

The experimental tests and training were carried out on the Google Colab platform. Different comparable datasets were utilized in this work for different power inductor parts with varied faults. Suitable sample size in varied faulty and non-defect components ensured the flexibility and dependability of the training results, as well as enhanced defect detection accuracy.
5.1. YOLOv5 Defect Detection Accuracy

Figure 5 illustrates how to evaluate the YOLOv5 data by utilizing bounding boxes to identify identified items, their class labels, confidence scores, and locations inside the image. It also evaluates the algorithm’s performance using performance measures, which is essential for assessing the accuracy and reliability of the algorithm.

The term train box loss shown in Figure 5 typically refers to the loss function associated with the bounding box predictions during the training of an object detection model YOLOv5. This loss function is crucial in guiding the model to learn how to accurately predict the locations of objects within an image. As shown during training the value decreases with increasing the number of epochs which means that the model is learning to predict bounding box coordinates accurately and assign appropriate confidence scores. Generally, when the model’s predictions align closely with the ground truth annotations in the training data, the box loss decreases. Typically, the phrase Train obj loss refers to the object loss that occurs during the training of an object detection model. This loss function is crucial in helping the model identify the proper items in the image. Classification loss and objectness loss are two of this function’s main components. As is apparent, this function decrements with epochs, which is in line with the training goal. By reducing this loss, the model is better able to categorize objects inside its bounding boxes. The object loss minimizes as the model’s predictions get closer to the ground truth class labels and objectness ratings in the training data.

In addition, the mAP score in the same Figure 5 provides a summary of the model’s overall performance in terms of object detection accuracy, considering all the classes or categories of objects in our custom dataset. As shown the metric/mAP reaches high scores near 1 at an IoU of 0.5 which indicates better object detection performance. That means also that the model is accurate in localizing and identifying objects with at least a 50% overlap with the ground truth.

Figure 6 presents the confusion matrix which is especially useful for understanding how well the model performs in terms of true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives. Figure 7 depicts the F1 versus confidence performance of the defective and non-defective data set. Typically shows how the F1 score, a standard assessment metric for object identification, evolves as confidence levels are changed. This sort of graph gives useful information on the trade-off between accuracy and recall in an object detection model at various confidence levels. It enables us to make informed decisions regarding the trade-off between accuracy and recall maximizing the performance of your object detection model for your unique job or application. As illustrated, the optimal F1 score is obtained with a confidence level of 0.415.
Figure 6. Confusion matrix performance.

Figure 7. F1 performance versus confidence.

Figure 8 shows the curve performance changes of precision versus confidence. As shown, the curve typically starts high and increases until it reaches 1 at the confidence 0.883. Besides, Figure 9 provides insight into how well YOLOv5 balances the trade-off between precision and recall across different confidence thresholds. In YOLOv5, as in many object detection models, precision represents the accuracy of positive predictions, and recall measures the model’s ability to detect all the true positive objects.
5.2. Robot Grasp and Delay Accuracy

The statistical findings of the practical assessment of the suggested fault identification application based on the YOLOv5 algorithm are shown in Table 1. The assessment was conducted using five distinct scenario situations, with the supervised item category on the conveyor changed each time, and the procedure repeated 100 times for each scenario. In the first scenario, we were utilizing a non-defective component to conduct the investigation. In addition to this, we have given several defective items with names ranging from defect type 1 to defect type 4 in the same condition. We have selected a distinct defect type for every single case. Meanwhile, it should be mentioned that each time we conducted the experiment, we tried to modify the piece’s position, the robot arm’s position, and the brightness of the lighting. It should be mentioned that every time we run the experience, we attempt to adjust the item’s location, the robot arm’s position, and the illumination from various corners that surround the piece. The table illustrates that the robot is 100% accurate in identifying the non-defective item out of 100 distinct experiences. The defect type 2 produced the same results, as it achieved an accuracy of 100%. In the
case of defect type 1, the robot misidentified two pieces because it did not recognize them well. In those tries, the defective parts were detected as non-defective, yielding a 98% proper grip accuracy for that experience. In the case of defect type 3, 95% of the proper detection accuracy was achieved despite 5 incorrect tries. We attempted to increase the complexity of the last scenario, defect type 4, by adding the hardest scenario possible to the system. Therefore, out of 100 attempts, 10 incorrect recognitions were made, yielding 90% accuracy in the grasp. In summary, the system’s total accuracy for each of the five scenarios that were tested for over 100 repetitions was 96.6% grasp success accuracy. This can be explained by the significant accuracy of the YOLOv5 algorithm that has been utilized to identify and categorize the pieces, as well as the accurate performance of the RGBD camera that is used to determine the exact location of the piece on the conveyor.

Table 1. Concrete grasp evaluation accuracy on UR robot.

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<th>Scenario</th>
<th>Average Time $T_{total}$ [s]</th>
<th>Correct Grasp</th>
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6. Conclusions

In industrial areas, AI algorithms are being adopted for various reasons, like enhancing and faster productivity and quality. In this paper, we are interested in investigating the performance and accuracy of the YOLOv5 algorithm in detecting defective features on a specific piece. The process relies on different conditions, like if the number of coil circles fits the required by the production charge requirement. In addition, even if the spills and the color is as defined in the desired piece. Furthermore, the distance between the coil circles may cause a problem for the dedicated application. Therefore, this is also considered by our system. In general, the power inductance pieces are of different shapes and forms, each one is specifically dedicated to a given application. Thus, considering this issue, is mandatory to make the process of production more rapid and intelligent relying on the effectiveness of the emerged AI algorithms. The use of YOLOv5 in our proposed industrial system has shown high performance in both accuracy and latency, which is nowadays required to improve the rate of production and quality. The YOLOv5 has reached an accuracy of 96% on our custom data and the correct grasp accuracy for studied scenarios reached an average of 96.6%.

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