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Fabric Defect Detection Based on Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract: Defect identification is crucial for maintaining product quality during the fabric production process. The use of artificial vision systems to automatically identify fabric flaws can better meet the needs of the manufacturing process if you take into account that the old manual methods for detecting fabric defects are time-consuming and inaccurate. We enhanced modified YOLO in this research to better detect fabric flaws. This technique boosts classification and detection performance without using more processing power. The outcomes of the experiment demonstrate how effectively with an attention module may increase classification accuracy. To boost recognition performance, focal loss function and central limitations are applied. Evaluations are done on the Fabric defect databases, which are accessible to the general public in kaggle. The obtained results show that the suggested technique works well when compared to other methods and has great fault detecting capability in the textile pictures gathered.

Keywords: *Fabric Detection, Textile Detection, Garments, Fabric Defect, Artificial intelligence.*

1. Introduction

The quality and cost of every textile product depend on the efficacy and efficiency of the automatic flaw detection, which is why it is regarded as a difficult work in the textile business. Every textile product's quality and price depend on the effectiveness and efficiency of automatic defect identification, resulting in it being considered as a challenging task in the textile industry. In the past, the textile industry used laborious human efforts to find flaws in the textile process of production. As in earlier, the garment industry relied on strenuous human labor to identify faults, primarily in the material production process. The primary downsides of the manual fabric flaw identification technique include lack of focus, human tiredness, and time requirements. The main drawbacks of the manually fabric fault detection method include loss of concentration, human fatigue, and time requirements. Factory fabric manufacturing settings need improved real-time performance of procedures. Additionally, as compared to normal samples, fabric flaws are quite uncommon, that leads to an unbalanced data set. It makes deep learning-based model training difficult, because of these factors, it is advised to use some automated techniques to find fabric production flaws, which can save labor costs. Automated procedure refines textile items using computer simulations, which can also result in greater inspection quality. Applications relying on digital computer vision and image processing can overcome the aforementioned restrictions and shortcomings. Advanced artificial intelligence (AI) methods have been used to facilitate the implementation of the autonomous inspection system. On the textile manufacturing production line, a variety of elements, including quality materials, operational elements, dyeing variety, fiber thickness, and human errors, has an impact on the end product. Defects in textile fabric often relate to flaws on the fabric's surface. There are many different kinds of fabric flaws, and the majority of them are brought on by issues with processes and equipment. Defects will lower the final product's quality and waste a lot of resources of all types. [1] The flaws in the earlier stage of the fabric production process will impact the subsequent step. Early fabric fault identification may therefore save business losses sooner and more effectively.

One of the most practical uses of AI algorithms in industry is automated fabric flaw identification, whose efficient deployment might increase fabric quality and save labor costs. [2, 3] The goal is to identify distinct irregular patterns in backdrops with complicated geometry. For identifying faults under various assumptions, several techniques have been developed. Several problems need to be resolved in order to enhance the efficacy of real-world fabric defect identification. Firstly, it takes a lot of time and effort to classify the many flaws in real-world items. It is challenging to compile an annotated dataset that covers all potential fabric textures due to the extensive diversity in both material goods and flaws. [4] As a result, pretrained detection algorithms frequently underperform when dealing with textiles that include hidden textures or materials. One of the most essential utilitarian objects for human is fabrics and clothing. The textile sector is expanding quickly thanks to a wide range of fabric models

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and appealing patterns. Rigid measures must be taken to monitor fabric quality during manufacturing in order to slow the growth of the textile industry. Therefore, manual fabric quality screening requires expert labor.

Dropped

Dye mark

Slub

Knot

Pin mark

Fig 1: Types of Defects

A crucial step in the textile industry's creation of fabrics is the inspection of fabric quality. Upwards of 65 types of fabric faults are established, few sample as shown in Fig 1. The textile sector now relies significantly on manual visual inspection techniques, which leads to incorrect inspection results and higher manufacturing costs overall. Defective fabric will lose between 45 and 65 percent of its initial cost [5]. As a result of the previous human detection method's poor accuracy and expensive cost, algorithms are progressively taking its place. It takes a long time, is inconsistent, costly, and prone to mistakes to conduct human inspection. Automatic machine inspection is now a practical method for tackling this difficult work because to recent developments in hardware and software in computer vision and artificial intelligence. [6, 7] However, a major influence on textile manufacturing efficiency is caused by high data transfer latency among endpoint devices and the cloud. The aforementioned issue may be successfully solved by edge computing, which delivers services close to end devices by putting network, processing, and storage resources at the boundary of the Internet. In order to increase the overall effectiveness and reliability of material screening and, meanwhile time, increase productivity and effectiveness in the textile sector, it is required and appropriate to design an automatic inspection process approach.

2. Related Work

Industrial settings frequently rely on expert inspectors to annotate datasets, which takes a lot of time and money. [8] A method due to self-comparison was used to precisely detect and segment fabric texture photos such that anomalies may be discovered via unsupervised learning. The self-feature distillation and reconstruction modules were both a part of the SFC design. These two modules were used to generate precise fiber anomaly localization and segmentation. The analysis of classifier can more accurately find the anomalies of surfaces with fiber texture as compared to more conventional techniques that work in image space. The three freely accessible databases underwent evaluations. The findings showed that our technique worked admirably in comparison to other methods and had great fault detecting capabilities in the textile photos gathered. A method for detecting fabric defects that is unsupervised, requires no human customization, and has excellent detection rates. This method may be extended to plain cloth and is mostly used with patterned materials. First, non-extensive standard deviation filtering with an appropriate window size is utilized to achieve this. The picture is then divided into blocks whose sizes correspond to the segmented of the cloth image. Third, a calculation is made to determine the square ratio across every sector median as well as the median of all block medians. [9] K-means clustering is used to categories the blocks into defective and non-defective ones based on all these distinctions.

Method is used to synthesize detection accuracy from the respective resolution channels and rebuild picture patched with a convolution de-noising auto-encoder network at various Gaussian pyramid levels. The indication for explicit pixel-wise prediction is the reconstructing residual of each picture patch. The final check result may be produced by segmenting and synthesizing the reconstructed residue mapping at each resolution level. The newly created technology for detecting fabric defects offers a number of significant benefits. It may first be taught using a limited number of examples without defects. [10] This is crucial in circumstances when it would be impossible and impractical to gather large numbers of flawed samples. According to our findings, the multi-modal integration technique makes it more reliable and accurate than general inspection methods and enables it to handle a variety of textile fibers, from basic to sophisticate. According to experimental findings, the suggested model is reliable and produces generally strong performance with high accuracy and respectable recall rates. First, using a genetic algorithm, the Gabor filter is modified to match the texture data of a fabric picture that is not faulty [11]. In order to identify flaws on faulty fabric photographs, an optimized Gabor filter is modified, and the defective fabric images to be identified have the same texture backdrop as the corresponding defect-free fabric images. The importance of the suggested strategy is in choosing Gabor filter parameters from a wide range of options to create the best Gabor filter using a genetic algorithm and to successfully detect defects in patterned fabric. In the flaw identification on textiles, high success and accuracy with minimum computing time online are obtained, indicating that the suggested technique may be used in practice.

Existing systems for defect detection used in industry are complicated, time-consuming, not resilient, and require specialist knowledge because of hand-crafted feature extraction and pipeline architecture. In addition, existing approaches for broad object segmentation based on deep learning need a significant amount of human annotations at the region-level. Instead, [12] provided Defect GAN, which just needs a small number of human annotations, for flaw identification in poorly supervised learning. Images from the training dataset are simply classified into two categories—negative and positive—in the real world. Defect GAN has impressive localization capabilities for defect areas although having trained on illustration rather than region-level labels. On the datasets CCSD-NL and DAGM 2007, Defect GAN can perform as well as or even better than Seg Net, the supervised learning technique. A mechanism depends on the ambient factors and the material characteristics of the surfaces it is monitoring. Implementation in industrial applications is hampered by the environment because of dusty or resonant working environments. The process of describing a flaw and categorizing it entails a number of subjective judgments. The primary characteristics of a defect rely on the detection process's targeted accuracy and resolution because fault sizes might vary between industrial applications. Each commercial quality assurance application should first define a product quality standard before creating and putting an automation system in place [13].

One of the most fascinating issues in computer vision is the identification of local fabric flaws. The automated visual assessment of texture pictures to find flaws is a crucial part of texture analysis. [14] Classify and discuss the many methodologies for fabric defect identification that have been put out in the past. With a thorough list of references to some recent research, this study aims to give an overview on fabric defect detecting methods. The objective is to analyze cutting-edge methods for visual inspection and decision-making processes that can distinguish between characteristics retrieved from normal and faulty areas. With the template-based correction (TC) approach, defects in pictures with periodic structures may be found. This technique applies correction to minimize the impact of lattice misalignment after segmenting a fabric picture into lattices based on variation regularity. Additionally, defect-free lattices are selected to provide an average template that serves as a uniform reference. Additionally,[15] the defect identification process consists of two steps finding faulty lattices and highlighting defects. Defect shape outlining produces pixel-level results via threshold segmentation, whereas faulty complex and long finding is centered on categorization for defect-free as well as defective patterns, which incorporates an enhanced E-V approach with template-based rectification and centralized processing.

3. Methodology

The past two decades have seen a lot of interest in fabric defect identification using digital image processing, and several different methods have been put out in the literature. [16] Indicated that thresholding alone could find 90% of the flaws in a simple cloth. Table 1 compares visual assessment performed by humans with automated inspection. However, the majority of techniques utilized today for fabric defect localization or identification are computationally costly and inaccurate, especially when several patterns and prints are present. Due to the lack of mathematical complexity like in earlier approaches, the computing time is also significantly increased. The algorithm in this article is easier to implement and more effective.

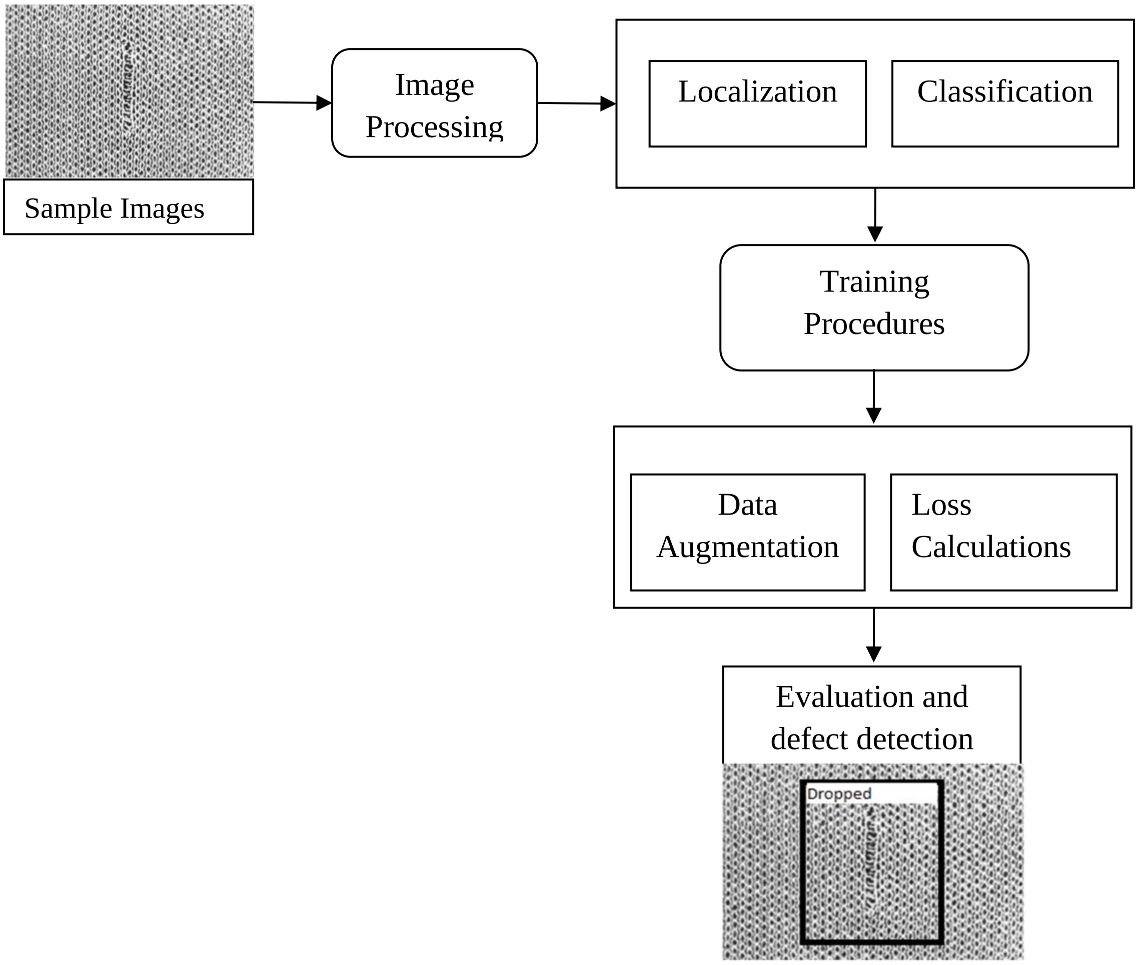

Fig 2: Defect Detect System

3.1 Automated Image Processing

Inexpensive, high-quality picture collection is now possible because to recent advancements in imaging technology, while speedy, low-cost pattern recognition and image processing are now possible thanks to recent advancements in computer technology. As a result, automated image-based inspection presents a desirable substitute for human inspection. Picture segmentation often aims to categorize image regions as one of relative motion, such as fibers and holes or areas with and without flaws. Gray level thresholding, which compares each picture area's grey level to a predetermined grey level (threshold), is a popular method for segmenting images. If an area's grey level exceeds the threshold, it is labeled as white; if not, it is labeled as black. [17] The objective of threshold determination is to identify the least amount of fault-free picture areas as black in addition to labeling all damage locations as black to maintain the size and form of defects.

Despite the abundance of accessible algorithms, research is still difficult. The necessity, difficulties, and procedures of an automated system for detecting fabric defects are discussed in this work. Additionally, the article offers every technology that may be used in an autonomous system for detecting fabric defects. [18] Therefore, it is essential to find, identify, and stop these flaws from happening again. A computer-based vision system is typically the core of an automated inspection system. These methods do not experience the disadvantages of human visual assessment because they are computer-based.

3.1.1 Localization and Classification

For comparison, YOLO is used to build models for detecting defects in yarn-dyed fabrics. Then, super-parameter optimization is used to enhance YOLO-VOC for defect localization and classification. YOLO9000, the YOLO9000 network model's architecture. The input data for the network is 544 * 544 pixels using color channels. This network model's structure is condensed to 24 layers, with 19 convolutional layers, 5 max-pooling levels, and an average pooling layer in the final convolution layer. With the exception of the final convolution layer, all convolution layers employ the Leaky ReLU activation function. The network model's regression function is the softmax function. The loss is calculated by the algorithm using the Sum-Squared Error (SSE) approach.

3.2 Training

Loss Functions: A weighted mixed loss function is proposed to optimise the network after it has undergone multitask learning training.

$$L_T = -\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}[y_i \ln p_i + (1-y_i)\ln(1-p_i)],$$

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Where the sample label is represented by y_i, pi is the outcome likelihood of the widely used defects detecting head, and N is the number of samples.

Determining the precise flaw is referred to as a multiclass issue. The following definition and usage of a SoftMax loss function is given:

$$L_S = -\sum_{i=1}^{K}\tilde{y}_i \log s_i,$$

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Date Augmentation

We used several fabric fault pictures from a textile mill in our work. To expand the amount of picture, we apply broken hole, fly yarn, and drop needle as well as random real-time data augmentation. We then flip the image in both the horizontal and vertical directions and distort it. The database of fabric defects includes three kinds of flawed photos — vertical, horizontal, and holes—along with three masking images for each sample of a flawed image. The majority of fabric flaws are woven-in. These fabric flaws come in different degrees of visibility. [19] However, although certain fabric flaws may be fixed both during and after weaving, others cannot. The feel of the cloth determines the texture of the fabric. They can be categorized as hard, soft, silky, glossy, smooth, velvety, etc. The variety of weaves utilized determines the various textures of the cloth. In the textile business, materials such as cotton, silk, woolen, velvet, and linen are utilized to create many classifications and types of fabric goods. The two different categories of textile fabric are nature fabric and synthetic fabric.

4. Experiment and Result

The number of network model iterations as well as the length of the learning rate in an experiment have an impact on its accuracy. [20] To improve the capacity of the network model, the experiment compares different learning rates. By altering the amount of iterations and learning rate, two optimization techniques were provided. The proportion of data that can be identified across all test samples is known as the global recognizable ratio. The proportion of samples in a class that can be identified across all samples in that class is referred to as the class recognizable ratio. Broken holes are the easiest to spot because of their clear and straightforward structural features. Since drop needle contains so many various types of structures in the database, it is not very simple to find it. Since fly yarn has no unique features and has a limited sample size, it is the most challenging to identify.

Table 1:

Examination	Contrasting automated inspection with visual inspection form examination	
	Visual	Automatic
Defect Detection	69%	81%+
Objectivity Error	51%	98%
Type of Fabric	99%	69%
Examination Time	25 m/min	110 m/min

Due to the importance of fabric defect identification in the textile sector, a YOLOv5 based automated approach for detecting fabric flaws is presented. Network could execute fabric faults in real time with a respectable level of accuracy after knowledge distillation. To simultaneously discover general and specific flaws and to better take advantage of task complementarily, a multitask learning technique is presented.

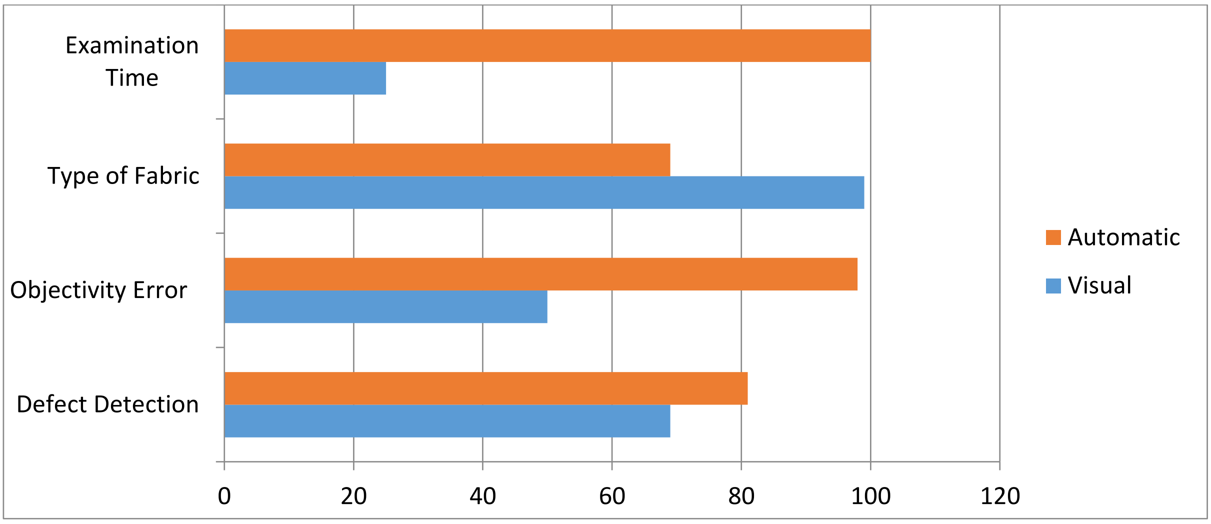

Fig: 3 Automated vs Manual Examination

Table 2: Training results

Model	YOLO9000	YOLOv5
Average recall	0%	87.2%
Average precision	0%	85.5%
Average predicted time	0.05s	0.021s

Databases: The number of normal pictures and the number. It contains labeled images with the rectangular locations to label the defects. One public database comes from the https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/rmshashi/fabric-defect-dataset.

5. Conclusions

To improve the effectiveness of defect detection, focal loss and center loss limitations are implemented. On both self-collected fabric photos and public datasets, evaluations are conducted. The suggested approach may be used to automatically detect textile problems, which can considerably increase the reliability of detecting defects and raise the degree of automation in the textile sector, according to comparisons with other widely used methods. The results of our experiments demonstrate that our system can automatically extract flaws' characteristics while only using a small number of negative samples. It not only satisfies the accuracy criteria, but also the demand for wide range of industrial inspection of flaws in yarn-dyed cloth. The primary goals of future study are to improve the evaluation outcomes and optimize the loss function.

Various texture databases are obtainable to test in garment using artificial image processing, however due to a shortage of testing samples and the frequent inaccuracy of such databases, many research have not produced adequate findings. Additionally, there is still a huge demand for systems that can detect genetic defects on any kind of material and build a comprehensive, reliable system for describing defects. There is a great need in industry to use multi-sensory systems to boost the efficiency of fault diagnosis due to a shortage of options. Deep learning is a young topic that has the potential to address this goal by addressing the hyper complexity and generalization needs of issues without significantly raising processing costs.

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