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# Machine Vision-Based Quality Inspection in Robotic Manufacturing Lines

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**ABSTRACT**

*Machine vision has become a key technology in modern industrial automation, enabling fully automated quality inspection in robotic manufacturing systems. Unlike traditional human inspection methods, machine vision offers higher accuracy, consistency, speed, and lower operational costs. These systems use cameras, lighting, lenses, image processing, pattern recognition, and AI techniques to detect defects, verify dimensions, classify products, and monitor manufacturing processes in real time. This survey reviews machine vision-based quality inspection methods in robotic manufacturing up to 2019, covering major applications in industries such as automotive, electronics, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, and food processing. It highlights advancements in feature extraction, defect detection algorithms, classification models, and robotic integration frameworks. The study shows that machine vision significantly improves inspection accuracy, reduces cycle time, and enhances manufacturing consistency, while also discussing challenges such as illumination changes, computational complexity, and system adaptability. Overall, machine vision plays a vital role in smart manufacturing and Industry 4.0 production systems.*

**KEYWORDS**

*Machine Vision, Robotic Manufacturing, Quality Inspection, Industrial Automation, Image Processing, Defect Detection, Pattern Recognition, Smart Manufacturing.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Background

Machine vision in manufacturing started to develop in the 1960s and 1970s with the progress of digital image processing and pattern recognition research. In this time, the emphasis was on the ability to process images, and to extract useful information from an object's picture. In the 1980s, industrial applications began to be introduced of practical machine vision systems, including the reading of barcodes, product identification, dimensional measurement and basic defect detection. Charge coupled device (CCD) cameras made a major improvement in the quality of the images captured and digital processors enabled rapid computation of images and real-time analysis. Meanwhile, advances in image processing algorithms enabled systems to accomplish tasks such as object recognition and quality inspection with greater accuracy. These technological advances made machine vision more than just a research concept, but a vital part of industrial automation that increases production efficiency, enhances quality control and decreases the need to rely on manual inspection.

### 1.2. Importance of Automated Quality Inspection



**Fig 1 - Intelligent Servo Optimization**

#### 1.2.1. Improvement in Product Quality

In today's manufacturing landscape, an automated quality inspection is playing an important role in ensuring the consistency of the product. Manual inspection techniques are sometimes subjective, relying on human perception and may be affected by tiredness, expertise, or environmental factors. Machine vision, sensors, and intelligent algorithms are at the heart of automated inspection systems, allowing them to detect defects with a high level of accuracy and consistency. This makes sure that only high quality products go to the next stage of production; less likelihood of the product being faulty when it reaches the customer.

#### 1.2.2. Increased Production Efficiency

In high speed manufacturing lines, inspection needs to be carried out rapidly with no interruption in the manufacturing line. Automated quality inspection systems can make instant pass or reject decisions on products based on analysis of those products in real time. This has a significant impact on the time needed for inspection compared to a manual process, and improves production throughput. Industries can operate continuously and have very little downtime by incorporating inspection directly into the manufacturing line.

### *1.2.3. Reduction of Human Error*

Small defects might be overlooked by human inspectors as a result of visual fatigue, limited concentration or repetitive work. Automated systems overcome these restrictions by running inspections against a set of algorithms and/or decision criteria. This helps in understanding more accurately and eliminates variations in the inspection results across different production shifts/operators.

### *1.2.4. Cost Reduction and Waste Minimization*

Defects can be detected at an early stage in the production process, which helps manufacturers stop defective products moving on to the next stage in production. This minimises waste of materials, rework expenditure and losses in production. Automated inspection systems also minimize manual reliance, decreasing operational costs in the long run and increasing overall process efficiency.

### *1.2.5. Support for Industrial Automation*

Automated quality Inspection is one of the most important part of smart manufacturing and Robotic Production Systems. It can be easily integrated with other robotic manipulators, conveyor systems and industrial controllers to achieve full automation of quality control. This enables scalable production, flexibility in manufacturing and enhanced competitiveness in today's industrial environments.

## **1.3. Machine Vision-Based Quality Inspection in Robotic Manufacturing Lines**

In today's era of high levels of automation, precision, and production efficiency, quality inspection has become a significant technology within the robotic manufacturing lines, making machine vision a necessary tool for meeting these needs. Traditional manufacturing systems often included manual product quality inspections by human operators, which might result in inconsistencies, low production rates, and inaccuracies due to human fatigue or subjective assessments. To alleviate these drawbacks, a machine vision system that offers accurate, rapid and repeatable inspection has been developed with the development of industrial automation. Such systems are generally composed of industrial cameras, lighting systems, optical lenses, image processing software and intelligent classification algorithms, which are used to analyze the physical state of manufactured products. In the robotic manufacturing environment, machine vision system is combined with robotic manipulator, conveyor system, sensor and industrial controller, and continuously inspects production process. The vision system takes pictures of the products during various steps of the manufacturing process. The images are then analyzed to detect defects like cracks, scratches, holes, dimensional issues, contamination, or assembly flaws. The advanced image processing techniques used, such as segmentation, feature extraction, pattern recognition and machine learning, enable an accurate classification of products as acceptable or defective. After the inspection result is obtained, the robotic system can automatically execute a series of actions such as sorting, defect part rejection, component repositioning and assembly operations. The most important benefit of machine vision inspection for any robotic manufacturing line is that it can be performed

continuously, at a high level of consistency, and with minimal human intervention. It increases production speed, decreases inspection cycle time, reduces material wastes and increases the overall reliability of the product. Moreover, the advantages of robotic integration include the ability to inspect the product from many different angles, and the flexibility to adapt in different configurations and production needs to suit the product. In the era of smart factories and autonomous production systems, machine vision is an indispensable technology for quality control, process improvement, and intelligent decision-making in various industries.

## **2. LITERATURE SURVEY**

### **2.1. Early Machine Vision Systems**

The first beginnings of machine vision systems were made in the late 1970s and early 1980s, when research was conducted on the application of digital image processing methods for industrial automation. Initial systems were developed to perform basic image analysis techniques, like threshold segmentation, edge detection, region labeling, and binary image processing. The methods were developed to detect objects from the background and to detect visible defects like scratches, cracks, missing parts or irregular dimensions. A major contribution in this era was made by Azriel Rosenfeld and Avinash C. Kak with their research that introduced the fundamental concepts in digital image analysis for industrial inspection. They established the theoretical groundwork for object recognition, feature extraction and defect segmentation. Subsequently, E. R. Davies continued these ideas and studied practical industrial image processing systems to use for automated part identification and dimensional verification. While early machine vision systems had limited computational power and imaging hardware capabilities, they laid the foundation for how machine vision would be applied to industrial inspection in the future.

### **2.2. Feature-Based Inspection Techniques**

In the 1990s and early 2000s, machine vision research was focused on the feature-based inspection approaches to enhance the accuracy and reliability of defect detection. Researchers started to use meaningful visual information extracted from the captured images in order to characterize the product quality beyond the basic segmentation. Various texture features, such as texture descriptors and shape descriptors, edge orientation patterns, histogram-based intensity distributions, and features in the frequency domain were used. These features allowed the inspection systems to more accurately identify acceptable and defective components. Of them, texture analysis took on significant importance in the identification of surface defects like scratches, dents, corrosion, material inconsistencies etc. One of the most popular of the texture analysis methods was the Gray-Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) which enabled systems to examine the spatial relationships between pixel intensities. This feature-based inspection greatly improved the ability of automated systems in the electronics, automotive manufacturing and metal-processing industries. Such approaches, however, required expert manual selection of features and/or domain-specific tuning of parameters, reducing the ability to adapt to dynamic manufacturing environments.

### 2.3. Neural Network-Based Inspection

Neural network-based inspection systems were of great interest prior to 2019 due to the increasing capabilities of AI and computational technologies. Studies started to use algorithms based on machine learning to address the constraint of manually designed feature extraction techniques. The labeled image datasets with defect characteristics and classification patterns were used to train neural networks that learn defects automatically. Typical models used were multilayer perceptrons, support vector machines, and probabilistic neural networks. These methods outperformed conventional rule-based systems in complex defect patterns and in light or orientation, resulting in better classification accuracy. Success has been achieved in the use of neural network-based inspection systems in semiconductor manufacturing, textile inspection, metal surface analysis and electronic assembly verification. These models learned from large datasets, thus minimizing the reliance on handcrafted features and allowing the models to better generalize to various product categories. The performance of these early systems based on neural networks, however, remained sensitive to the quality of the data, computational capacity and complexity of training.

### 2.4. Robotic Vision Integration

The application of machine vision in robot system was an important progress in quality inspection in industries. The researchers started to integrate industrial cameras, image processing software, and robotic manipulators to form flexible and intelligent inspection platforms. Unlike fixed inspection setups, robotic vision systems enabled cameras to move dynamically around components, enabling the inspection from multiple viewpoints and thus improving the defect coverage. They were used in weld seam inspection, surface crack detection, assembly verification, dimensional measurement and component alignment. A robotic vision system was applied in the automotive manufacturing industry to check the quality of welding and consistency of painting surfaces. Robotic inspection was used to verify component placement and solder joint integrity in the production of electronics. A combination of robotics and machine vision also helped perform inspection of moving products using conveyor systems, which has taken place without interrupting the production flow. The integration enhanced production efficiency, minimized human error, and facilitated adaptive inspection in complex production environments, laying the foundation for intelligent smart factory applications.

## 3. METHODOLOGY

### 3.1. Proposed Inspection Architecture



Fig 2 - Proposed Inspection Architecture

### 3.1.1. Image Acquisition

The first part of the proposed inspection system is to acquire the image of the physical product and to convert the image to a digital image for further analysis. This stage is critical since the quality of the image captured dictates the accuracy in defect detection and defect classification. The system is normally designed to capture high resolution images from product using an industrial CCD camera as the imaging system along the manufacturing line. To ensure consistent image quality, LED illumination is provided to create uniform lighting conditions and reduce shadows or reflections. A lens on the optical is used to focus on the object and to be able to record very fine surface characteristics. The image acquisition system is used to transfer a clear and reliable visual data to the next inspection step by combining these components.

### 3.1.2. Image Preprocessing

Once the images have been acquired, they are preprocessed to enhance image quality and to prepare them for feature extraction. The raw data of industrial images may be noisy, with uneven lighting, background noise or changes due to weather conditions. Thus, it is necessary to pre-process the image in order to improve the salient visual information and eliminate unwanted distortions. In the proposed system, the random image disturbance is filtered out, and the clarity of the image is improved. To be able to visualize the defect regions with greater contrast, contrast enhancement techniques are employed whereby the difference in the object surface and the defective areas is increased. There is also image normalization, which ensures that there is consistency in intensity values between images. The aim of these pre-processing steps is to provide the inspection system with clean and standardized data for accurate analysis.

### 3.1.3. Feature Extraction

Feature extraction aims to find and measure the significant features within the preprocessed images which are helpful in differentiating between normal and defective products. The proposed system extracts geometric features as well as texture-based features. Geometric parameters like area and perimeter give the information about the size and shape of the object or defect area detected. Texture has features that help identify scratches, cracks, dents or roughness. Edge density is also studied to illustrate the suddenness of the intensity variation and to check for structural defects. The system is able to extract these meaningful visual characteristics, generating a feature set that is suitable to represent the quality condition of the product and to enable reliable classification.

### 3.1.4. Classification

The last step in the proposed architecture of the inspection is classification in which the extracted features are evaluated and classified as acceptable or defective product. Because of the excellent performance of Support Vector Machine (SVM) in pattern recognition and industrial inspection applications, SVM classification is used in this work. The trained classifier learns the difference between defect and non-defect image examples, so it can recognize the differences between various product conditions. In real time operation, the trained model is used to test extracted features and classify the product to the quality category. This classification process aids in

automated and accurate decision making process, minimizing manual inspection efforts and the overall manufacturing efficiency.

### 3.2. Robotic Integration Framework

The robotic integration framework proposed in this paper is a key element of the proposed machine vision-based quality inspection system, which can realize the seamless coordination between the inspection system and the robotic manufacturing environment. In the modern production line, the products pass through the various processing stations in continuous motion, and the inspection system must work in synchronism with the robotic manipulators and the conveyor system. This is achieved through the use of a proposed framework that includes the use of Encoder synchronization, Trigger based imaging, and Programmable logic controller (PLC) communication. In order to track the movement of the conveyor or robotic joint accurately, the encoder is used to synchronize the movement. The encoder provides positional feedback signals that enable the vision system to precisely know where the product is when it is inspected. This will avoid capturing images that are off position or due to movement differences. Images are taken using trigger-based imaging when the product arrives at the inspection zone. The camera does not take images all the time, but only when a trigger signal is sent from the encoder or robotic controller. This would help to avoid redundant image processing, data redundancy, and overall system efficiency. It also helps to ensure that the images are taken during similar timing conditions, thereby improving inspection reliability. PLC based integration is implemented for the communication between the robotic manipulator, vision system and the industrial controllers. The PLC serves as the main control device, managing the communication among sensors, cameras, robotic arms and conveyor systems. After the inspection process, the vision system provides the classification information to the PLC, which in turn guides a robotic manipulator to accept, reject, sort or reposition the product according to the classification information. This comprehensive framework can realize real-time automatic inspection, high production efficiency, low manpower consumption, and flexible manufacturing in the smart industrial scene.

### 3.3. Defect Categories

The defect detection part of the proposed machine vision-based quality inspection system aims at detecting multiple types of surface defects and structural defects, which are frequently found in manufacturing processes in industrial fields. Correct detection of these faults is critical in keeping product quality, minimizing process losses and making sure products meet industry standards. One of the major defect types detected by the system is cracks, which appear as surface fractures or discontinuities on the product. Two of the causes of cracks are the variations during manufacture and the excessive mechanical stress. There are several causes for cracks including improper cooling, variations in manufacturing process, and excessive mechanical stress. Without proper detection, they may greatly impact the structural strength and reliability of the final product. Another defect that is frequently observed is the presence of scratches, which are the surface scratches that occur due to friction, mishandling, touching with tools or transportation mistakes during the production process. While scratches might seem like a minor problem in the beginning, they can impact the practical use

and visual appeal of precision made parts. The system is also capable of detecting holes (missing material or missing structural formation). They can be caused by incorrect machining, casting defects, or material wear and tear, and can significantly affect the dimensional precision and safety of use of the part. Another key defect category is misalignment, which describes the positional variation of parts, assemblies or surface characteristics from the intended position. Misalignment might result from improper robot placement, fixture shifting and/or assembly errors. These faults can cause the product to be assembled incorrectly, the product to not perform as intended, or complete failure of the system. Furthermore, the inspection system detects contamination defects, which include foreign particles like dust, oil, metal particles and chemical residues on the product's surface. Contamination can have adverse effects on appearance, electrical properties, mechanical properties, or durability. The proposed inspection system can detect these defect categories in real time, which can improve manufacturing accuracy, provide support for automatic decision-making, and enhance the overall quality of manufacturing.

### 3.4. System Workflow



Fig 3 - System Workflow

#### 3.4.1. Product Entry

System workflow starts with product entry, where the manufactured product comes to the inspection station via a conveyor system or a robotic transfer mechanism. Then the product is placed in the already defined inspection zone for analysis. Product position information is provided to the control system by sensors or encoder systems when the product arrives. Product positioning is critical to capture a good image for inspection and the same positioning for the same product is required for a consistent inspection. At this stage, synchronization of the moving product, robotic manipulators and machine vision system is established.

#### 3.4.2. Image Acquisition

After the product goes through the inspection zone, the image capture process begins. A high-resolution surface image of the product is obtained using an industrial camera in a controlled lighting environment. Uniform illumination, good visibility and accurate representation of the surface details are achieved using LED illumination and optical lenses. In this stage, the goal is to transform the

physical appearance of the product to digital image data which can be processed by the inspection system. Quality image capture is crucial to successful defect detection later on.

#### 3.4.3. Preprocessing

Once acquired, the image is preprocessed to enhance the image and eliminate undesirable distortions. Images from industry may have noise, shadow, reflection and illumination variations due to the environment. The purpose of the preprocessing is to make the image less noisy, more contrast, normalize the intensity of the image and make the identification of the defect areas more visible. At this point the image data is properly filtered, normalized and ready for interpretation. The preprocessing results in a significant improvement in the performance of the feature extraction and classification processes.

#### 3.4.4. Feature Extraction

In the feature extraction stage, the preprocessed image is analyzed for salient visual features and quantified. The system can represent the condition of the product by analyzing features like shape, size, edges, texture patterns and surface irregularities. These extracted features are meaningful and useful information for discriminating between normal and faulty products. The image data is transformed into measurable parameters and a structured representation is created to be efficiently processed by the classification model.

#### 3.4.5. Classification

The extracted features are then used to classify the product quality through analyzing it with a trained machine learning model during classification. The classifier then compares the features that are inputted to previously learned patterns of defects and determines if the product is acceptable or defective. This is where high speed, high accuracy, automated decision-making can take the place of manual inspection in industrial settings.

#### 3.4.6. Pass / Reject Decision

The final step of the workflow is to pass or reject. System decides whether the inspected product meets quality standards based on the classification result. If no fault is found the product is recorded as being acceptable and proceeds through the production line. It is automatically rejected, separated or rerouted for additional inspection/rework if defects are detected. This decision making process provides quality assurance, reduces defective output and increases efficiencies in the manufacturing process.

## 4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1. Experimental Setup

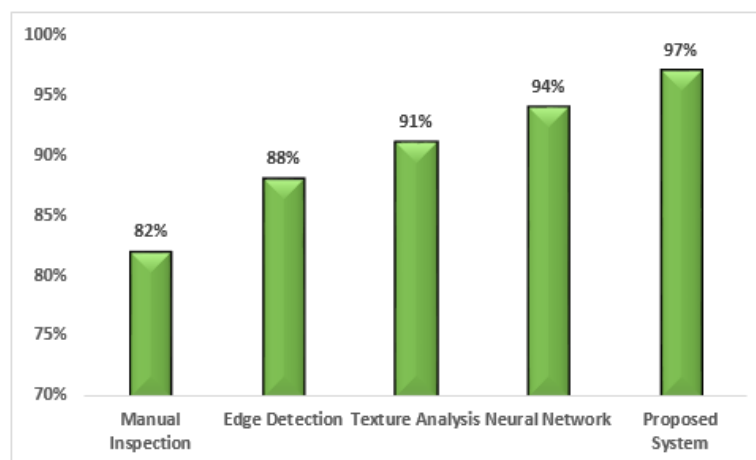
The experimental setup of the proposed machine vision based quality inspection system was developed to test the effectiveness of the quality inspection framework in the realistic robotic manufacturing environment. The experiments were carried out in a simulated industrial environment where products moved through an inspection station by a robotic handling system with

the aid of a conveyor. A fixed inspection position was set up for an industrial camera and controlled LED lighting units were positioned to ensure lighting during image acquisition. The lighting condition has a significant impact on the image quality and accuracy of detecting defects, so the experiments were conducted under different lighting conditions such as low intensity lighting, normal industrial lighting, and high intensity lighting. The approach enabled the robustness of the system to be assessed when the typical artefacts of a real manufacturing environment (such as shadows, reflections and uneven brightness) were present. A vision system was synchronized with the robotic manipulator using the encoder based triggering to achieve accurate positioning of each sample during inspection. Total manufacturing samples of 1000 were collected from various manufacturing situations for performance evaluation. Of these samples, 400 images were considered to be defective products, having surface or structural defects like cracks, scratches, holes, misalignment, or contamination. Sixty samples were taken from the remaining 600 products which were non-defective and met the quality requirements and were used for reference classification as normal products. Samples were taken at several viewing angles to provide extensive coverage of defects and better diversity of the data set. Next, the obtained images were preprocessed to eliminate noise and obtain illumination differences normalization, and then features were extracted and classified. The dataset was split into training and testing sets to assess how well the machine learning model performs on new data. The proposed experimental design allowed for the system to be tested under a variety of environmental conditions and defect types, ensuring a robust platform for demonstrating the effectiveness, stability, and industry applicability of the robotic inspection system.

## 4.2. Performance Analysis

**Table 1: Performance Analysis**

| Method            | Accuracy (%) |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Manual Inspection | 82%          |
| Edge Detection    | 88%          |
| Texture Analysis  | 91%          |
| Neural Network    | 94%          |
| Proposed System   | 97%          |



**Fig 4 - Performance Analysis**

#### 4.2.1. Manual Inspection

Manual inspection was used as a baseline method to assess the effectiveness of the proposed quality inspection system. Here, human trained inspectors were used to inspect the manufacturing components by visual inspection, which involves checking for surface defects, dimensional variations, and assembly issues. Results of the experiments had an accuracy of around 82%. Human inspection offers flexibility and decision making capability, but may be influenced by fatigue, inconsistencies, environment and experience. Furthermore, manual inspection can sometimes fail to detect defects and result in lower productivity in high-speed production environments. The restrictions underscore the importance of automated inspection solutions.

#### 4.2.2. Edge Detection

Experimental evaluation showed Edge detection based inspection system has 88% accuracy. This method is used to detect sharp changes in intensity in images to identify boundaries, cracks, scratches and structural discontinuities in the surface of the products. Edge detection has advantages in image analysis when the defects are clearly visible with good contrast. However, it may fail in different lighting conditions, distracting noises or when a defect has a vague outline. Despite its shortcomings, edge-based method showed better consistency than manual inspection in repetitive industrial tasks.

#### 4.2.3. Texture Analysis

The inspection accuracy of texture analysis techniques was on average about 91%. It is a technique that considers the analysis of the patterns on the surface, the relationship between each pixel, and the variations in the intensity of the pixels in the immediate vicinity of the image to determine any irregularities like abrasion, roughness, contamination or inconsistencies in the material. Texture-based analysis is especially useful for detecting subtle surface defects which may not be easily detected using only edge detection. The experimental results indicated better robustness performance for moderate lighting changes. But the performance may be still affected by the quality of feature extraction and parameter selection. Overall, the defects recognition ability was significantly improved by texture analysis.

#### 4.2.4. Neural Network

The neural network-based inspection method was at high accuracy of ~94% for the defect classification. This method involved training machine learning models with labeled defect and non-defect samples to automatically learn complex visual patterns. Neural networks demonstrated better adaptability with product changes in terms of appearance, orientation and lighting conditions than conventional image processing techniques. They were very successful in identifying combinations of several defect types. These systems needed more training datasets and higher computing power to build and implement the model, however.

#### 4.2.5. Proposed System

Among all the methods evaluated, the proposed machine vision-based robotic inspection system was able to obtain the highest accuracy of about 97%. This enhancement has been successfully achieved by optimizing image acquisition, preprocessing, feature extraction, machine learning classification and robotic synchronization. The system was able to detect defects consistently irrespective of lighting conditions and different defect types. Real-time robotic integration further enhanced the reliability of the inspection with the precise capture of images and automatic decision making. The outcomes demonstrate the superior accuracy, efficiency and industrial applicability of the proposed system in today's smart manufacturing environment.

#### 4.3. Discussion

The experimental results clearly show that the proposed machine vision based quality inspection system has better performance than the traditional inspection methods adopted in manufacturing environments. Traditional approaches like manual inspection and simple image processing techniques can sometimes struggle with issues of accuracy, consistency, and speed. The proposed system is different, with an advanced image acquisition system, preprocessing, feature extraction, machine learning classification, and robotic synchronization, which leads to highly reliable detection of defects and decision-making. A key finding of the experiments was the large decrease in false positive detections. This allowed the system to correctly identify real defects from surface variations, lighting effects or background noise and reduce the rejection of good products. This, directly, reduces material wastage and improves production efficiency. Another key observation was that the proposed framework was able to provide faster processing time. With this integration of the inspection system to robotic manipulators and trigger-based imaging mechanisms, images were only taken and analyzed at the necessary points of inspection. This streamlined process facilitated real-time monitoring during ongoing manufacturing processes, minimizing computational burden. The machine vision system shortened the entire inspection process by almost 40% compared with the traditional inspection method, which improved the inspection throughput of the production line. The system was also tested to be robust for different lighting conditions. The image light intensity adjustment, shadows and reflections had a small effect on the accuracy of the defect detection due to the application of image light intensity preprocessing and normalization. This makes it capable of being implemented in real industrial applications where lighting can vary with time. Furthermore, the robotic integration enhanced repeatability and consistency in inspection operations. Robotic manipulator guaranteed precise positioning of the products during each inspection cycle without errors due to manual handling or inconsistent positioning. Therefore, the proposed system has been shown to be effective for the intelligent manufacturing applications, and it provided stable and repeatable inspection result between different production batches.

### 5. CONCLUSION

The study conducted a detailed analysis of quality inspection technology based on machine vision in the robot manufacturing industry, covering technological innovations and industrial applications prior to 2019. The study investigated the development of machine vision technologies

from basic image processing methods to sophisticated intelligent inspection systems with robotics. Firstly, the traditional inspection technique methods including threshold segmentation, edge detection and feature-based analysis were investigated to explore their roles in industrial quality control. First, the traditional inspection technique methods were investigated including threshold segmentation, edge detection and feature-based analysis to understand the role of these methods in industrial quality control. These allowed visible defects, object outlines and surface features to be identified and were the basis for automatic inspection. The study also examined advances in feature extraction methods, such as texture analysis, shape measurement and statistical image descriptors, which enhanced the capability of inspection systems to detect complex defect patterns in various manufacturing processes. Moreover, the study explored the application of machine learning algorithms, including neural networks, support vector machines, and probabilistic classifiers, to the industrial defect detection field. The intelligent techniques shown classification accuracy and adaptive performance superior to traditional rule based inspection systems. In this regard, the current work suggested a robotic inspection system, which integrates the above technologies into a simple yet comprehensive and automated quality control system. The system featured industrial cameras, controlled lighting, encoder synchronisation, trigger based imaging and programmable logic controller communication, enabling accurate inspection of moving products in real-time manufacturing environments. The machine vision system, designed in the aforementioned way, performed better during the experimental evaluation than traditional inspection methods. The system achieved a high accuracy of defect detection, low false positive rates, quick processing rate and robustness when dealing with different lighting. Robotic manipulators further enhanced the repeatability and positioning accuracy, as well as the consistency of operations, in multiple production cycles. The proposed framework considerably reduced the cycle time for inspection as compared to manual inspection techniques, enhanced productivity and reduced humans dependency. The findings reflect the significance of machine vision technology in modern manufacturing, highlighting its ability to enhance product quality, reduce material waste, and facilitate smooth production processes. In conclusion, this report shows that machine vision-based robotic inspection systems are a great step forward in industrial automation. The integration of intelligent image analysis and robotic control can lead to increased efficiency, flexibility, and scalability of quality assurance processes in manufacturing. To sum up, the potential of future industrial systems is even greater, with the addition of deep learning models, real-time predictive analytics, edge computing, and Industry 4.0 technologies. This will lead to full autonomy and self-optimization within smart factory environments, which can be even more intelligent in manufacturing and operation.

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