# End-to-end training of a two-stage neural network for defect detection 

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## Industrial quality control

- One of the key processes in manufacturing
- Classical machine vision methods
- Transition to deep learning
- No feature hand-engineering


Surface images with a possible defect


Detection of defects with deep learning


- Tabernik et al., 2019:
- Two-stage architecture
- Two learning phases
- Cumbersome training process

D. Tabernik et al., Segmentation-based deep-learning approach for surface-defect detection, JIM 2019

1. End-to-end learning
$\Rightarrow$ Simultaneous training of both stages
$\Rightarrow$ Gradient flow adjustments
2. Supervised learning with coarse annotations
$\Rightarrow$ Coarse pixel-level (i.e., region-level) annotations
$\Rightarrow$ Weighted segmentation loss
3. Frequency-of-use sampling
$\Rightarrow$ Account for the unbalanced training data
$\Rightarrow$ Undersampling with frequency-of-use based probabilities



Input image

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\text { Ground truth } \Omega(x) ; p=1
$$



- Joint loss: $\mathcal{L}_{\text {total }}=\lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text {seg }}+\delta \cdot(1-\lambda) \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text {cls }}$

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\lambda=1-\frac{n}{\text { total_epoch }}
$$

- Remove gradient flow from decision stage into segmentation stage



## Weighted segmentation loss

- Varying uncertainty of presence of defect:
- Greater probability of presence in center of region
- Higher uncertainty near edges


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\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{L}_{\text {seg }}=\Omega\left(\frac{\mathcal{D}(\text { pix })}{\mathcal{D}\left(\text { pix }_{\text {max }}\right)}\right) \cdot \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\text { pix }) \\
\Omega(x)=w_{\text {pos }} \cdot x^{p}
\end{gathered}
$$

- Heavily unbalanced dataset
- Undersampling of non-defective samples
- Sample negatives with probability inversely proportional to their frequencies of selection
- Assures all samples are used approximately equal number of times

- KolektorSDD
- DAGM
- Severstal Steel Defect dataset


| Architecture and approach | Learning stages | Number of positive training samples |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 33 | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| Extended Segmentation+Decision Network (ours) | end-to-end | 100.00 | 99.78 | 100.00 | 99.88 | 99.31 | 96.71 |
| Segmentation+Decision Network [9] | separate (two stages) | 99.0 | 97.5 | 99.5 | 97.4 | 98.8 | 95.8 |
| Cognex ViDi (commercial software) [9] | - | 99.0 | 97.4 | 95.7 | 97.1 | 95.6 | 89.2 |
| Xu et al. [13] (image-level label only) | separate (three stages) | 99.5 | - | - | - | 98.0 | - |
| Pre-trained ResNet [13] (image-level label only) | - | 97.8 | - | - | - | - | - |




| Metric | Number of positive training samples |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 3000 | 1500 | 750 | 300 |
| Average precision $(A P)$ | 99.04 | 99.00 | 98.91 | 97.78 |
| False positives $(F P)$ | 34 | 41 | 52 | 95 |
| False negatives $(F N)$ | 54 | 70 | 65 | 77 |



| DAGM |  | KolektorSDD |  | Severstal Steel |  | Dynamically balanced loss | Gradient-flow adjustment | Frequency-of-use sampling | Distance transform |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AP | FP+FN | AP | $\mathrm{FP}+\mathrm{FN}$ | AP | FP+FN |  |  |  |  |
| 90.84 | 661+45 | 99.77 | 0+1 | 95.90 | 59+102 |  |  |  |  |
| 97.60 | $26+24$ | 99.88 | $1+0$ | 97.43 | $76+72$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| 99.998 | $1+0$ | 99.90 | $1+0$ | 97.59 | 65+61 | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| 100.00 | 0+0 | 99.88 | $1+0$ | 98.24 | 52+58 | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |
| 100.00 | $0+0$ | 100.00 | 0+0 | 98.74 | $59+40$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |

## Conclusion

- Introduced end-to-end training
- Solved KolektorSDD and DAGM
- Extensive ablation study

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