A Project Report on:

"Classification of Welding Defects in Radiographic Images"

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1) Abstract

This report describes the work that was carried out in trying to classify unlabeled welding defects in radiographic industry images, we start the report with some introduction to the concepts used throughout the project. After explaining some of the related work to this project we move on to explain about the problems we tackled and the analysis of the results which were obtained through the project. We finally end the report with the results obtained after running the images through a pretrained model and classifying them with respective sample label images.

2) Introduction

DATASET and what's in it?

T Radiography is one of the oldest techniques of Non Destructive Testing (NDT) inspection; it is still accepted as necessary for the control of welded joints in many industries such as the nuclear, oil piping, and aeronautical. The radiographic welded joint interpretation is a complex problem requiring expert knowledge because of the heterogeneity and the defect's nature, morphology, position (superficial or internal location), orientation and size. The dataset we received had a total of 3900 radiographic images of welding. Which included images of 30 different types of defects which had to be preprocessed and classified. The images varied in size from 187- 2366 along the high and 1025-6775 along the length, so it was very important to bring the images to equal sizes without loss of generality.

The main objective of this project is to take the raw data of X-rays images from the industry and classify them based on their type of defect. We are going to deal with around 30 types of defects. We received a dataset of radiographic images which were unlabelled and all of them consisting of 3,4 and 5 images stacked vertically. We needed a generic method that had to be incorporated to split these stacked images into its individual parts and the same was decided to be carried out using the Hough Transform and Morphology techniques. The latter yields better results in determining the horizontal lines which were used as a reference. The data images were then split accordingly, as the images were equally spaced.

This was followed by feature extraction, an important step in Image segmentation. Feature extraction is a type of dimensionality reduction where a large number of pixels of the image are efficiently represented in such a way that interesting parts of the image are captured effectively. We decided to go with pre trained CNN models for this task because of time constraints. Transfer learning is the most popular approach in deep learning. In this, we use pre-trained models as the starting point in computer vision. Choosing the optimal pre trained model is important as our problem should be comparable to the problem the model was trained on to get better predictions. We decided to run our dataset with Resnet50 and Inception v3 models.

3) Related work

Wang at el used an automatic computer-aided identification system to recognize different types of welding defects in radiographic images. To separate defects from the background, image-processing techniques such as background subtraction and histogram thresholding were used. To represent each defect, 12 numeric features were taken out or extracted. 2 well known classifiers which are fuzzy k-nearest neighbors and multi-layer perceptron neural network classifiers were used to classify the extracted feature values. Their performances are tested and compared using the bootstrap method.

Moghaddam, Alireza Azari in their paper had developed their own algorithm for classifying 3 defects in welding images namely Lack of Penetration(LOC), Effect undercut(EUC) and Incomplete fusion(IF) and compared it with widely used classifiers SVM and Fuzzy k-nearest neighbor. It proved to be better at classification than the other two. The started with thresholding for image segmentation and extracted the features of the segmented images to run through their algorithm. The results showed superior accuracy.

4) Methodology

Analysing Data

The first task that was given to us was the analysis of the data. It comprised of 3.9k images which had radiographic images which varied in dimensions, so we found the size of the each image and placed the the sizes into an excel sheet named "image_size_file" that has been submitted along with this report, the following code snip was used:

```
#finding size code
images_D = 'F:\\IP_mini_project\\RT Training Images DGI'
dic = collections.defaultdict(int)
c=0

l=[]

for f in os.listdir(images_D):
    i = cv2.imread(os.path.join(images_D, f))
    d = i.shape
    dic[d] += 1
    l.append([d,f])
    c+=1
```

Code snippet: To find size of all Images

After writing the sizes into the excel sheet, we had observed that in each image the number of X-rays that were stacked ontop of each other was different so we took a look at the height of the images and plotted them into a histogram and we observed 3 bins with which has the most number of images, at this point we thought each large ment the first started with 2 image and second one 3 and so on. To see if we were right we split the bins among yourself to see how each batch of images was, and we found out that each batch was consistent with the number of images stacked ontop of each other.

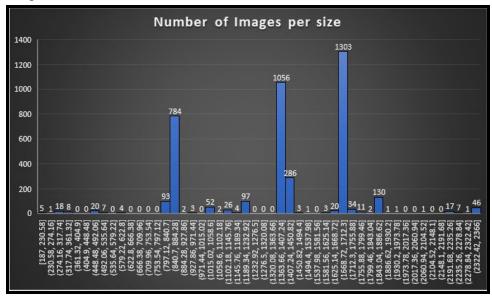


Fig: Plotted bins on Excel

The below code snip is what was used to view each bin and to analyse it

```
def images(c):
  ]=[]
  b=0
  if c[0] == 840.7 or c[0] == 1363.66 or c[0] == 1668.72 or c[0] == 1407.24:
     r = 21
  else:
     r=5
  for f in os.listdir(images D):
     i = cv2.imread(os.path.join(images D, f))
     d = i.shape
     if (c[0] \le d[0]) and (d[0] \le c[1]):
       if(b<r):
          b+=1
          l.append(i)
       else:
          break
  return 1
```

Code snippet: To find Analyse Images in each Bin

```
c=[1363.66,1407.24]
a=43.58
l1=images(c)
for i in l1:
    plt.imshow(i)
    plt.title(c)
    plt.show()
c[0]+=a
c[1]+=a
```

Code snippet: To Move to next Bin

The first is a function that was called each time when we started at a reference bin location and went on incrementing the bin limits, and we found images in that range and then appended there values into an list and then displayed them. There is one if condition that is present before the for loop that was used so that we skip the bins in which there were no images present.

Our observations were kept into an excel sheet against the bins and the number of images stacked on top was written down which can be found in "number_x_rays". There max 1,2 irregularities within the bin which could be neglected, as the data set was huge.

Splitting images

Now The task at hand was the splitting of the images, now the doubt was whether the images were equally spaced throughout the height or were they unequally spaced, we tried out 2 algorithms to find horizontal lines, and as they would run across the image, the horizontal lines found had to be big. The 2 methods used were Hough transform and Morphology For example

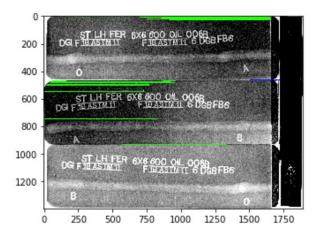


Fig:Image of finding horizontal lines

After this we observed that many of the stacked images were equally spaced, only very few of them were weirdly aligned, this could be removed as we had 3.9K images.

The code used to split the images, initially we coded 2 functions, the first one would find image which was part of the bin store it and pass onto the next function which was splitting the images, but we combined them into one function, as passing the list to another function was taking up too much memory space and becoming slow. We also stored the number of images present in each bin in a list and also the number of images stacked on top of each other from "number_x_rays", these were passed on to so the function knows were to cut the image.

```
def images(c,index):
  ]=[]
  b=0
  for f in os.listdir(images D):
     if(b \le num i[index]):
       img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(images D, f))
       d = img.shape
       if (c[0] \le d[0]) and (d[0] \le c[1]):
          \#l.append([i,f])
          d1=int(d[0]/xrays[index])
          dashes=[]
          for i in range(1,xrays[index]):
             dashes.append(img[i*d1,:,:])
          # check where to split the picture and store that information
          splits = [0]
          for i in range(img.shape[0]):
             for j in dashes:
               if np.allclose(img[i,:,:], j):
                  splits.append(i)
          splits.append(img.shape[0])
          # write each cropped picture to your desired directory
          print(f)
          e=len(f)
          f1=f[:e-4]
          for j in range(len(splits)-1):
             new img = img[splits[j]:splits[j+1],:]
             cv2.imwrite(save_file+f1+"_"+str(j)+".jpg", new_img)
          b + = 1
```

Code snippet: To Split the Images

A list of the bin limits were also made, and this was used to check if an image was present in the bin and use the data was passed along with it.

Here are some examples of before split and after split pictures

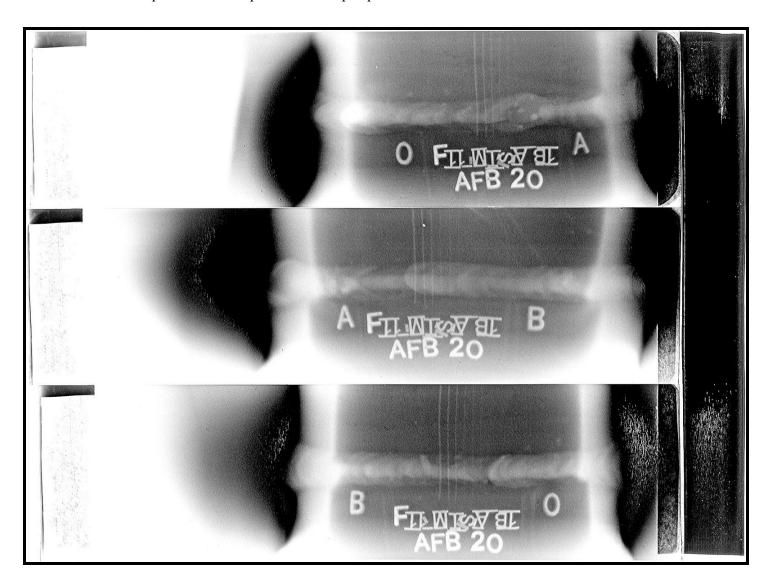


Fig:Image before splitting

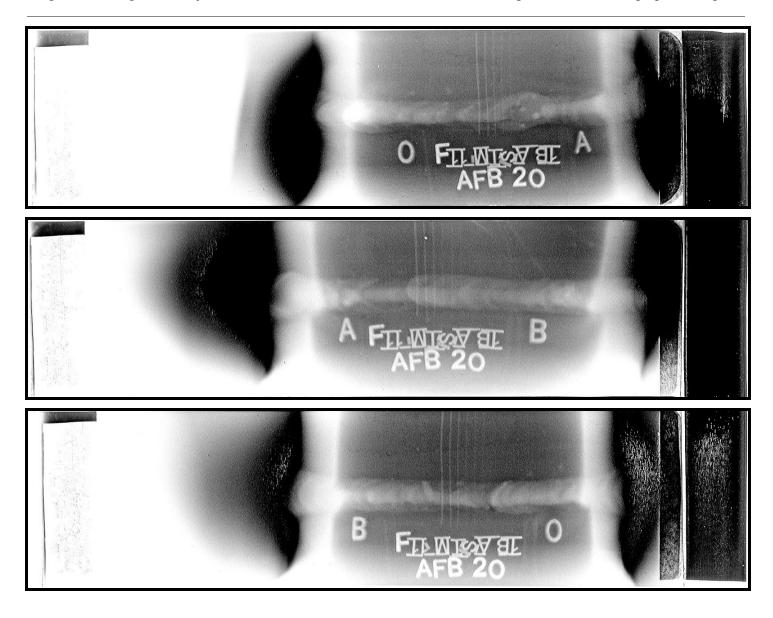


Fig: Images split into its parts

Resizing Images

Ideally the next stage of the project would be to run the images through a CNN and start our classification, the problem we faced here is that the images we had were not labeled data, so we decided until we received the labeled data we would try to classify the images our self and this is where transfer learning starts.

So we looked at all the models that were already present on the tensorflow hub, we needed models that gave us feature vectors, we determined to use 2 pretrained models, the Resnet50 and the Inception_V3.But what we observed was that the images that needed to be used for these models were 224*224 and 299*299 for the ResNet_50 and Inception_V3 respectfully, but the image we had present were about 700*1500 and these were too big to fit into the models. Initially we decided to resize the images directly, which was a very bad idea, as it can be observed in the picture below which is an image that has been resized to 299*299. This clearly was not good enough as we were dealing with images that had small defects and they would be lost.



Fig: Resized Image

So what we decided to do was cut the image around the center, as the sample images given to us of the various defects it could be seen the defects were in the middle. We cut the images resized them into 2 different sizes one was 299*299 and the other was 299*500, this was done to see if taking a different size would give us a different result as there will be more information in the larger image. Below you will see the image of a cut image and then resized.



Fig: cut images of dimensions same height x 800/600/500

The images were cut according to their original widths and the height, if the width was too big we cut it into size 800, and it was smaller than 600 and even smaller 500. The code below shows that images were cut to 800, 600, 500 dimensions of width. These were then resized without to dimensions 299*299 and 299*500 for the next step of feature extractions. This method was employed so that the maximum features could be in the limited size.

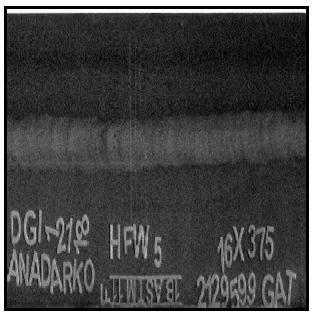


Fig: Resized 299 299 Image

```
import cv2
import numpy as np
import os
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
images D =r"C:\Users\JANAVI N\Downloads\Images IP project\100sample resized"
save file=r"C:\Users\JANAVI N\Downloads\Images IP project\100sample cut\\"
1=[]
splits=[]
b=0
for f in os.listdir(images D):
  img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(images D, f))
 d = img.shape
  print(d)
  h=int(d[0]/2)
  w=int(d[1]/2)
                  # write each cropped picture to your desired directory
  splits.append(img.shape[1]/2)
                                      #write each cropped picture to your desired directory
  if w==1465:
    new_img = img[:,w-400:w+400]
    cv2.imwrite(save_file+f+"_"+".jpg", new_img)
  if w>300 and w<400:
    new img = img[:,w-300:w+300]
    cv2.imwrite(save_file+f+"_"+str(j)+".jpg", new_img)
  if w==261:
    new img = img[:,w-250:w+250]
    cv2.imwrite(save file+f+" "+str(j)+".jpg", new img)
```

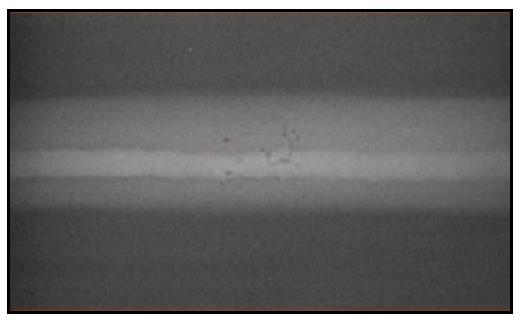


Fig: Resized_299_500 Image

Feature extraction

Initially we ran it through Resnet_50 and the architecture is explained below:

ResNet50 is a variant of the ResNet model which has 48 Convolution layers along with 1 MaxPool and 1 Average Pool layer. It has 3.8 x 10⁹ Floating points operations. With a total of 50 layers, you can load a pre-trained version of the network trained on more than a million images called ImageNet database.

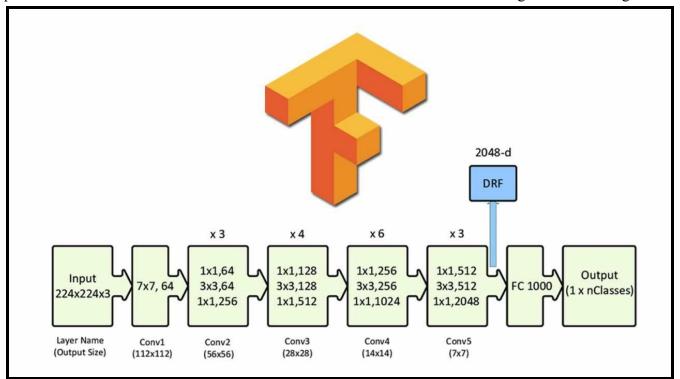


Fig:Resnet50 Architecture

The architecture: Every ResNet architecture performs the initial convolution and max-pooling using 7×7 and 3×3 kernel sizes respectively. Each 2-layer block is replaced in the 34-layer net with this 3-layer bottleneck block, resulting in a 50-layer ResNet. There are 4 stages in resnet50. The 1st stage has 3 residual blocks ,2nd stage has 4 residual blocks, the 3rd stage six and the fourth has 3 blocks. Each residual block has 3 layers each, As we go on to the next stages the channel width is doubled and the size of the input is reduced by half.

For each residual function F, 3 layers are stacked one over the other. The three layers are 1×1 , 3×3 , 1×1 convolutions. The 1×1 convolution layers are responsible for reducing and then restoring the dimensions. The 3×3 layer is left as a bottleneck with smaller input/output dimensions. Finally, the network has an Average Pooling layer followed by a fully connected layer having 1000 neurons (ImageNet class output).

The code used for the feature extraction is as follows:

```
import numpy as np
import os
import cv2
import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow import keras
from tensorflow.keras import layers
import tensorflow hub as hub
from keras.preprocessing import image
from keras.applications.resnet50 import preprocess input
images_D = F:\IP_mini_project\299x299_60img'
1=[]
url='https://tfhub.dev/google/imagenet/resnet v2 50/feature vector/4'
base model = hub.KerasLayer(url,input shape=(299,299,3))
base model.trainable = False
model = keras.Sequential([base model])
for f in os.listdir(images D):
  img = cv2.imread(os.path.join(images D, f))
  img data = image.img to array(img)
  img data = np.expand dims(img data, axis=0)
  img data = preprocess input(img data)
  feature = model.predict(img_data)
  l.append(feature)
print("completed")
```

Code snippet: To get Features

So the first thing to have to classify an image is having proper classes, so we used the 30 defects that were provided to us as defects along with about 30-40 Non defects taken from the data sets. The feature vectors were found for these and this can be done by taking one image at a time and passing it through the model and predicting the output of the model, as this does not have a final Softmax layer the output will be feature vector these are now stored in an excel sheet called "feature 299 299".

Below is the picture of the first 10 feature vectors of the first 20 images:

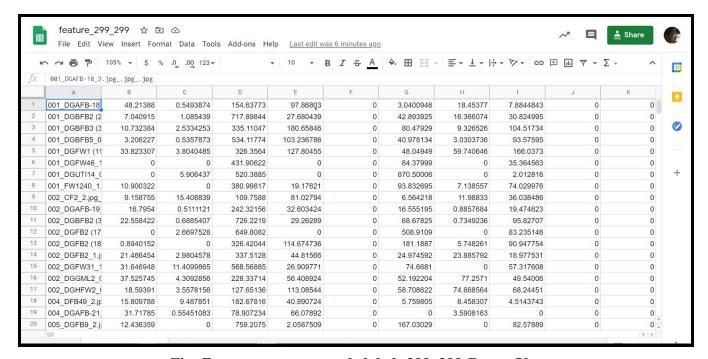


Fig: Feature vectors sample labels 299 299-Resnet50

Next objective would be to find the feature vectors of the images that we cut into the size 299*500 the only parts of the code that change are shown below, similarly these feature vectors are stored in excel sheet name "feature_299_500"

```
images_D = 'F:\\IP_mini_project\\300x500_cut'
base_model = hub.KerasLayer(url,input_shape=(299,500,3))
```

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	001_DGBFB2 (2	3.3637366	0.5704044	226.6635	37.43845	0	71.727104	3.2598872	16.282558	0	0	
	001_DGBFB3 (3	8.767302	0.49612004	101.08006	20.46378	0	23.715328	1.1390226	0.23499303	0	0	
	001_DGBFB5_0	0	0.8862525	212.61984	4.9607406	0	13.130216	0	12.541077	0	0	
5	001_DGFW1 (11	23.672249	0.3261482	91.20211	70.82673	0	3.5192409	18.129025	0	0	0	
5	001_DGFW46_1	0	0	314.02975	0	0	182.52838	0	13.322682	0	0	
7	001_DGUTI14_(0	0	372.15942	0	0	1055.4504	0	10.2549	0	0	
3	001_FW1240_1.	10.664259	1.7887144	72.54421	30.739517	0	3.5150707	35.83175	0	0	0	
	002_CF2_2.jpg_	21.028048	5.9590855	36.62054	48.234924	0	3.7366893	4.212622	0	0	0	
0	002_DGAFB-19	10.990091	0	185.88242	0	0	49.06854	0	5.691861	0	0	
1	002_DGBFB2 (3	3.9375331	0.7529628	491.294	8.613635	0	88.11343	1.537493	7.8036966	0	0	
2	002_DGBFB4_2	5.8651977	3.4034874	179.00461	0	0	84.86194	0	47.452976	0	0	
3	002_DGFB2 (17	0	0	432.36426	0	0	625.60736	0	9.047043	0	0	
4	002_DGFB2 (18	4.4492307	0	229.01411	12.290679	0	227.65088	0	23.81723	0	0	
5	002_DGFB2_1.j	15.844808	0.40027267	38.518124	62.61123	0	1.9329132	10.03727	0	0	0	
6	002_DGFW2_2.	0	0	111.613525	0	0	366.29776	0	3.9846191	0	0	
7	002_DGFW31_1	17.353525	3.461202	94.11156	30.335693	0	83.15044	0.18546502	7.130754	0	0	
3	002_DGGML2_0	5.0568547	3.877355	62.73819	91.64959	0	2.654386	85.76422	2.9968066	0	0	
9	002_DGHFW2_(5.45576	0.4088467	88.79514	93.80892	0	4.8389387	69.07946	1.2863514	0	0	
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Fig: Feature vectors sample labels 299_500-Resnet50

Now we take 100 sample images to test out how good this model is, these 100 images were split into 299*299 and also 299*500 so both data sets were run through the model and their feature vectors were found. To test if the model is good we find the distance of each test image from the label images by using a simple distance formula. Respective feature vectors of the test and sample image are subtracted and then squared and all the squared distances are added up and then divided by 2048 to get an average distance value as the number of feature vectors are 2048. These distance can be found in "feature_distance" for 299*299 and "feature_distance1" for 299*500.

Code to find the distance:

```
disfeatures=[]
for i in range(0,100):
    dis=[]
    for j in range(0,73):
        add=0
        for k in range(0,2047):
        sub = (12[i][0][k]-1[j][0][k])**2
        add = add + sub
        add=add/2048
        dis.append(add)
        disfeatures.append(dis)
```

Code snippet: To Find Distance Between Two Image's Features

The disfeatures is what was saved into Excel sheet, the first few distances can be viewed in results section.

Now to compare the results we ran the images through another model called inception_v3 and the architecture is explained below:

Inception-v3 is a convolutional neural network that is 48 layers deep.

Inception v3 mainly focuses on burning less computational power by modifying the previous Inception architectures. The architecture of an Inception v3 network is progressively built.

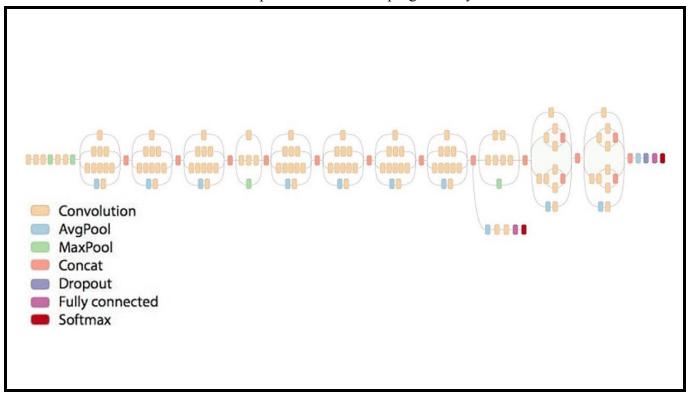


Fig: Inception v3 Architecture

Inception v3 is a convolutional neural network model and by using GPU configured computer it takes weeks to train from scratch, tensorflow a machine learning framework which provides platform to train the classification layer with imagenet dataset using transfer learning mechanism, which keeps the weights and bias values of the feature extraction layer and removes parameters on classification layer of inception v3[6]. First the input images of size 299x299x3 are fed to the feature extraction layer of CNN. After that feature extraction layer calculates the feature values for each image, feature vectors are 2048 float values for each image. The classification layer of the CNN is trained with these feature vectors. The output labels in the classification layer is equal to the number of image classes on the dataset

The same code as the Resnet50 was used with one small change which is as follows:

url='https://tfhub.dev/google/imagenet/inception v3/feature vector/4'

The url changes which points to the inception_v3 model of tensorflow hub.

The feature vectors for the label data and the test data were taken and stored in excel sheets which are named "feature_v3_299_299" and "feature_v3_299_500" which have the feature vectors of the label data. And in the folders "feature_distance_v3_299_299" and "feature_distance_v3_299_500" have the distance of each test image to a sample image. The results of this analysis will be explained in the next section.

Below are the first 10 feature vectors of the first 20 images:

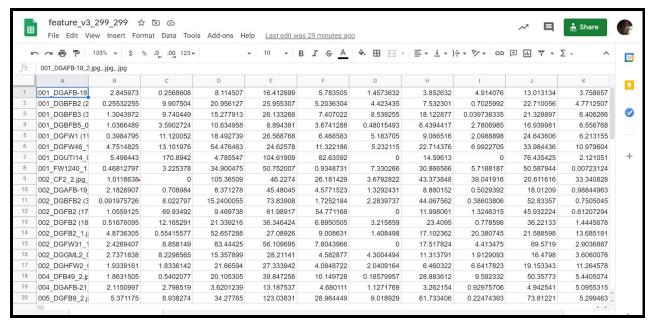


Fig: Feature vectors sample labels 299_299-Inception_V3

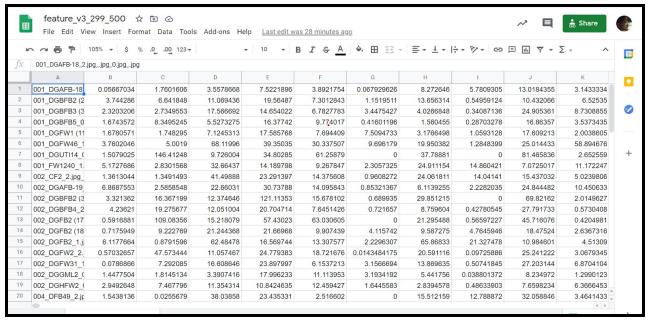


Fig: Feature vectors sample labels 299 500-Inception V3

5) Results

Before I start comparing the results I would like to make an observation, we were to compare the feature vectors of Resnet50 and InceptionV3 we can see that the values in Resnet50 are higher compared to InceptionV3, but it can also be observed the number of zero column have increased, Resnet50 gives us 75458, 92139 while InceptionV3 4885, 4564 what can be deduced is that Inception_V3 is picking up more features then Resnet50, but we would like to have a model which gets us the required features.

Below is an example of the distance excel sheet:

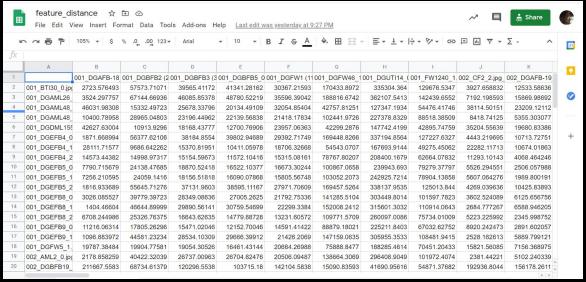


Fig: The first few distances from the sample label images

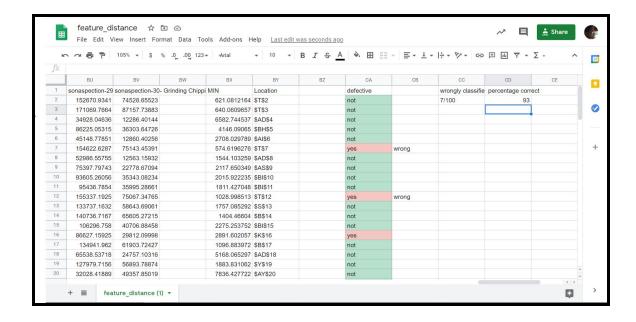


Fig: The analysis of the distances from the sample label images

Thus you can see that we have first determined if the image is defective or not and the ones that were wrongly classified are written wrong on the side. The above images are the excel sheet screen shots of the first few distances and then the analysis we have done by finding the min and the location of the min and determining if classified properly.

299*299_Resnet50	Predicted Non-Defective	Predicted Defective
Actual Non-Defective	79	0
Actual Defective	7	14

Table:Confusion Matrix 299 299 Resnet50

299*500_Resnet50	Predicted Non-Defective	Predicted Defective
Actual Non-Defective	76	0
Actual Defective	6	18

Table:Confusion Matrix 299 500 Resnet50

299*299_Inception_v3	Predicted Non-Defective	Predicted Defective
Actual Non-Defective	79	0
Actual Defective	8	13

Table:Confusion Matrix_299_299_Inception_V3

299*500_Inception_v3	Predicted Non-Defective	Predicted Defective
Actual Non-Defective	76	0
Actual Defective	6	18

Table:Confusion Matrix_299_500_Inception_V3

	299*299_resnet50	299*500_resnet50	299*299_inception _v3	299*500_inception _v3
#Defective samples	21	24	21	24
#Non defective	79	76	79	76
#Wrongly classified	7	6	8	6
Accuracy %	93	94	92	94

Table:Final Results Table

Those we can observe that the Resnet50 had a slightly better classification but looking at the feature vectores it would be better to go ahead with Resnet50 as we use more images the variance will increase and would require models that would enhance features better.

6) Conclusions and Future works

We were able to compare the results obtained using both the models and infer resnet50 as a better classifier. Minimum defects were wrongly classified in the resnet model. The feature extraction could have been implemented better if we were successful in removing the texts on the radiographic images, which otherwise could be a major problem and affect our feature vector results. This is because the texts might confuse the classifier for defects and hinder the results. To avoid this we can come up with a solution to remove these texts and other background noise in the images.mOne solution could be background subtraction using histogram thresholding and another could be the selection of the region of interest (ROI) which is the reduced zone of the image that will be processed. This will allow the operator to process the useful parts of the image and thus

reduce computation complexity. We can then focus on the segmentation of the defects caused only by the welding process. The defects outside the weld bead are mainly due to manufacturing. For this reason we chose to limit the ROI to the weld bead.

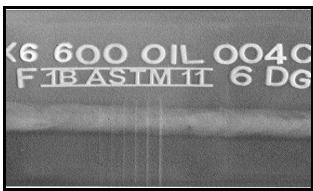


Fig: Example of the Text being more Prominent than the Weld Seam

Further taking the project to the next step we can apply our own classifier algorithm once the images are segmented. The rough outline of the classifier algorithm for detecting 3 defects i.e., Lack of Penetration(LOC), Incomplete Fusion(IF), and effect of undercut(EUC). Is given below:

Input: segmented defective weld images

Output: LOP(lack of penetration), IF(incomplete fusion), or EUC(Effective undercut)

- 1. Find interest area of gray scale image
- 2. Calculate Start point, Maximum Point and end point for each profile line of images and store these in arrays Sta, Ste, Sx.
- 3. Calculate mean of these arrays.
- 4. Binarize the gray scale images
- 5. Find the boundaries of the defective portions in the image.(Bn number of boundaries).
- 6. Detect maximum length oriented in the direction of weld seam for each boundary.
- 7. Calculate the ratio of maximum length oriented in the direction of weld seam to the maximum length the vertical direction of weld seam.
- 8. If the ratio is higher than threshold:
 - a. Then defect is lengthy shape
 - i. If located near mean of Sx output: "LOP" and stop.
 - ii. If located near mean of Sta or Ste output: "EUC" and stop.
 - iii. Output: "IF"

9. End of algorithm.

We have been successful in detecting the text in the image, but were not able to remove and apply a constant colour in its place below are 2 images

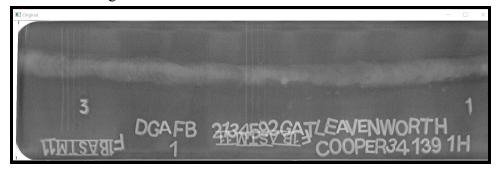


Fig: Original Image

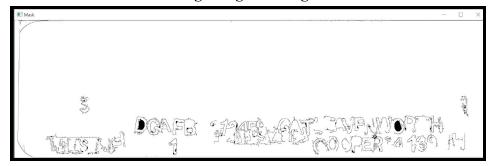


Fig: Letter Detected Mask

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