

Production Line Visual Inspection: Coca-Cola Bottling Plant

Prof.Kinsman mentioned that no single model can be used to classify an object.

Therefore, I followed the process of elimination to find out if the bottle was defective or no. I created different models to find defects in the bottle moving along the chain to finally find if the bottle was deformed or no.

After, looking at the images, I realized that the approximate location of the center bottle is nearly the same for all the images. The following is my imaging chain:

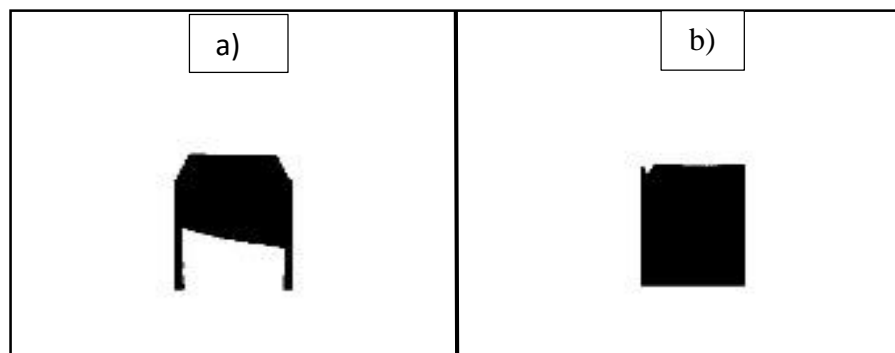
IMAGING CHAIN:

1. **Read the file:** The file is taken as input.
2. **Noise removal:** The noise that may be present in the image, is taken out using a Gaussian filter.
3. **Empty Space:** After reading the input, I crop the part of the image that contains only the central bottle.
 - a. I then convert it into binary. This leads to 2 possibilities.
 - i. If the area is empty i.e. no bottle is present, the binary image will be completely white.
 - ii. If the area does have a bottle, the binary image will contain some black regions too.
 - b. Now I calculate the number of connected components. An image with empty space will have 1 connected component. Whereas, an image with a bottle present will have more than 1 connected component
 - c.
4. **Cap checker:**
 - a. I wrote a function capChecker() to test if the cap is present or not.
 - b. I calculated the approximate location of the cap in the image and cropped that part.
 - c. Then for every pixel, I calculated the R,G,B values using impixel().
 - d. Using the data cursor with various images, I found that the G and B pixel values change drastically when the cap is present and when it is not present. Thus I set a threshold on these values, to decide if the cap was present or not.

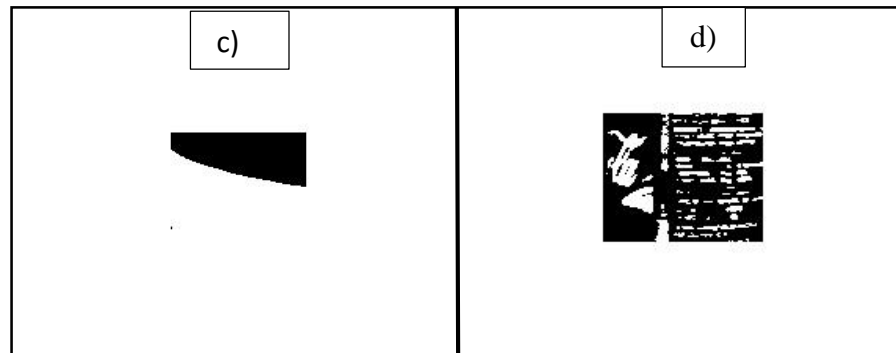
- e. **Degree of confidence metric:** Threshold on the G and B values.

5. **Label Detector:**

- a. This consists of 3 parts:
- Check if the label is present at all? Images of bottles with no labels are rejected.
 - Check if the label is printed or not? Images of bottles with white labels are rejected.
 - Check if the label is properly placed. Images of bottles with crooked labels are rejected.
- b. I wrote a function called labelDetector().
- I cropped the part of the image which contains the bottle. Since the label mainly consists of red, I extracted the red plane and converted the image into a binary image.
 - Now the image consists of the parts of the bottle which show the filled cola in black and the cap, label in white.
 - Thus for a bottle with no label, will give me a completely black image for the lower region and completely white for the upper region. (b)
 - And, a bottle with a label will give a lower black region but with the label in white.(a)
 - Now I calculated the number of connected components. Bottles with no label will have only one connected components. Whereas, bottles with labels will have more than one connected component.
 - Degree of confidence metric:** Number of connected components.
 - Based on this, the bottle is rejected if it contains only 1 connected component.



- c. Next to check if the label is printed properly or not. Images containing white (non-printed) labels need to be rejected. I wrote a function called `whiteLabelDetector()`.
- I cropped the part of the image that contained only the label. Now since the label contains majorly red, I used the green and the blue planes.
 - Now following the same procedure as above, I converted the image to binary and calculated the number of connected components. The bottles with white labels will give me 1 connected component if the label is positioned correctly (i.e. not crooked) or less than 3 connected components, if the label is slanted (c).
 - The labels with print on them will contain many connected components, due to the text (d).
 - Degree of confidence metric:** Number of connected components.



- d. Next to check if the label is slanted or placed properly, I wrote a function called `slantedLabelDetector()`;
- For this I created a template image, which is an image of an idealistic bottle. I considered (image103.jpg) to create this template
 - I also cropped the part of the image that contains the center bottle. And converted to binary using the red plane alone.
 - I converted the template to binary using the red plane.
 - I used morphological cleaning for removing unwanted regions from both images.
 - Then I performed template matching using `normxcorr2()`. This gives me a value for the cross correlation between each pixel in both the images.
 - I found out the maximum of these values, and based on this `max_values`, classified if the bottle had a slanted label or no.
 - If the max of cross correlation value was less than 0.7 then it has a slanted label.
 - Degree of confidence metric:** Maximum of cross correlation values.

6. **Level Detector:**

- a. I wrote a function to detect if the level of the cola was higher /lower or the normal amount.
- b. For this I cropped part of the image which partially covers the area where the cola is filled. i.e. Just above the label.
- c. Now based on this cropped image, if the entire bottle is full, or if the bottle is over filled, the binary of this image will be completely black.
- d. If the bottle is filled normally at the right level, the binary of this image will contain one half black and the upper half white.
- e. If the bottle is completely empty, then the entire image will be white. To detect this as an empty bottle, I took the complement of the binary image and thus, it will be completely black.
- f. Then I calculated the number of connected objects.
- g. Pseudocode:

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    If (number of objects == 0)
        {'BOTTLE IS OVERFILLED. REJECT BOTTLE!!'}

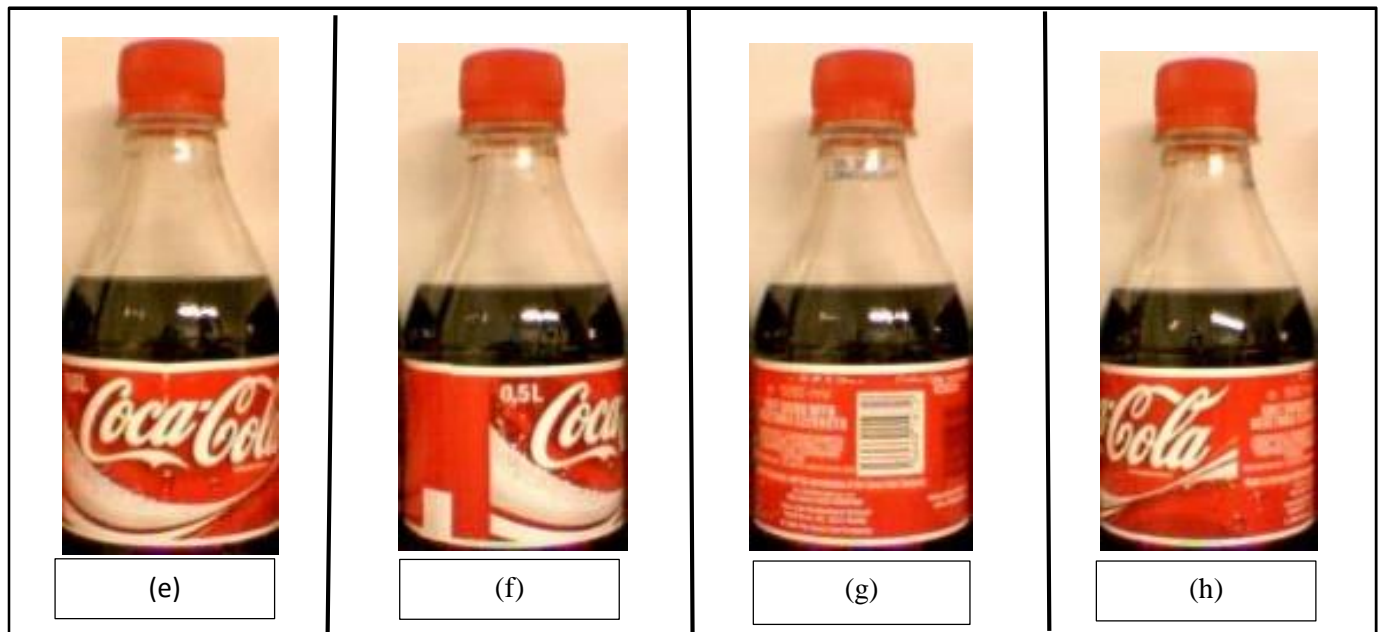
    Imcomplement (binary_image);
    If (number of objects == 0)
        {'BOTTLE IS UNDERFILLED. REJECT BOTTLE!!'}
    Else
        {'LEVEL IS FINE! GO AHEAD'}
    End
End
```

- h. **Degree of confidence metric:** Number of connected components.

7. **Deformed Bottle:**

- a. I wrote a function `crushedBottle()` to detect if the bottle was deformed or not.

- b. For this I took 4 different samples of ideal bottles which consisted of bottles with changed orientation of labels.
- i. Coco-cola text exactly in the center. (e)
 - ii. Coco-cola text more towards the right. (f)
 - iii. Coco-cola text not seen at all. (g)
 - iv. Coco-cola text more towards the left. (h)



- c. Now I performed template matching on the input image with all the 4 template models.
- d. And calculated the max cross correlation value for each and based on the 4 value, I found the maximum value. If the max value of the 4 values was greater than 0.65, then the bottle was classified as not deformed.
- e. **Degree of confidence metric:** Maximum of cross correlation values.

Conclusion:

The imaging chain is displayed diagrammatically below.

Red lines indicate NO.

Green lines indicate YES.

