

# Visual Feature Based Recognition and Segregation System for Industrial Intelligence Using Deep Learning and Robotics

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## ABSTRACT

It is crucial part of any manufacturing process, either using manual inspection or using today's modern approaches, to detect the defects at the earlier stages to minimize the risks of failure at later stages. Detecting defective products is crucial in the manufacturing of industrial products. The quality control system performs quality checks of the manufactured products in most of the industries post production using quality control department. The manual inspection of quality is an error-prone and repetitive task that requires precision. The proposed system uses robotics and deep learning to detect industrial defects through visual feature inspection.

**Index Terms:** Defect Detection, Industry 4.0, Deep Learning, Robotics

## I. INTRODUCTION

Defect detection in physical components has been a specialized task since ancient times. Defects are common in manufacturing and parts must be quality checked before dispatch or completion of orders. Due to daily use, products may also corrode readily and become fatigued. In addition to adapting to an inappropriate environment, it functions long-term with great accuracy and efficiency. Research on defect-detection technologies can lower production costs, increase production effectiveness and product quality, and build a robust platform for the thoughtful transformation of the manufacturing sector. An essential component of the industrial production process is quality control. Currently, other strategies are employed to bring about the results of a procedure. Quality control techniques or strategies can be categorized as destructive or non-destructive testing depending on the technique utilized to find a flaw on a surface of the specific product. NDTs (non-destructive testing) are used to find flaws in a component without taking samples from it. One of the most used methods in industry, out of all, is the visual-based approach to fault detection. Traditional visual inspection, however, is a laborious and immeasurable process. Advanced automatic defect detection systems have been developed by researchers to address the intricate and distinct nature of each problem. These systems have stringent requirements that must be met with precision.

This proposed approach deals with the concept of visual feature-based recognition and segregation system

for industrial intelligence using deep learning and robotics. In this proposed approach deep learning based techniques were used for defect detection in industrial intelligence and robotic system is used for automatic segregation of the defective parts over the hardware setup develop.

## II. RELATED WORKS

We conducted a literature review to analyze various approaches, identify challenges, and understand the limitations of current research to define the problem at hand. According to a 2017 study by Xu et al., an image filter and threshold values were utilized to detect defects on metal cylindrical surfaces. Out of 600 samples, the error rate was only 2.3%. However, the researchers did observe a considerable amount of overfitting, which they effectively addressed and improved upon in their subsequent research [7]. In 2018, Li et al. [9] used various techniques to detect and analyze defects on metal spoons' surfaces. They employed image filtering to eliminate noise, histogram equalization, and the Laplace operator to enhance defect features. Additionally, they utilized edge detection algorithms such as Canny, Shovel, and Log to obtain images of the spoon and defect edges. Soukup and Hubra-Mork [12] successfully captured images of rail surface defects in 2017 using a line scan camera and two different colored light sources. Their recognition method employed a classical convolutional neural network (CNN) framework, which resulted in an impressively low error rate of 1.108%. They emphasized that their study was conducted with minimal data, and suggested that multiple data augmentation techniques can be utilized to prevent model overfitting. In 2019, Song and a team of researchers successfully developed a fully convolutional network (FCN) using a U-net framework. Their main objective was to accurately detect minor surface defects on metal plates that had inconsistent grayscale distributions. To accomplish this, they utilized a lighting system consisting of powerful white LED bars [15].

## III. VISUAL FEATURE BASED RECOGNITION AND SEGREGATION SYSTEM FOR INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE USING DEEP LEARNING AND ROBOTICS

The proposed approach involves creating a recognition and segregation system for industrial intelligence using visual features, deep learning, and robotics. As shown in the figure 1 below, the proposed system consists of the camera module which is attached to the industrial conveyor for visual defect inspection. The material to be inspected for surface defects is left over the conveyor. The camera mounted on the top captures the image when the material is detected on the conveyor and feeds it to the deep learning model. The model is trained on the defect and non-defect dataset using transfer learning which detects if the part on the conveyor is defective using inference on the image. If the industrial part to be inspected is non defective it will be accepted. The forward kinematics Robotic arm is also incorporated on the system which will automatically segregate the defective parts from the flow if the part is found to be defective in visual inspection using deep learning.

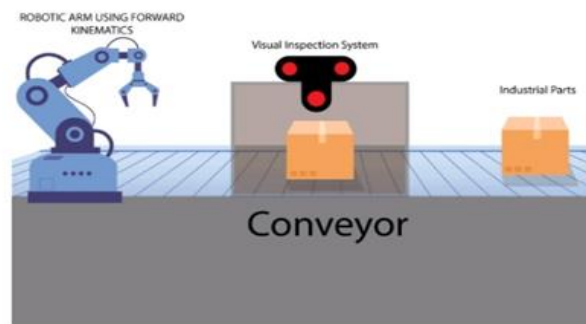


Figure 1: The Conceptual Diagram of the Proposed Approach

### A. Methodology

This section details the methodology followed as given below:

#### 1. Literature Survey and Problem Definition:

This involves studying the literature on the existing topic and then arriving at the problem definition. The current research works were studied and the problems in the current research works were outlined.

#### 2. Selection of most suitable materials:

Here the market study is done and the most suitable materials for the implementation are chosen.

#### 3. Dataset Collection:

To train the deep learning model the transfer learning approach is used. This phase involves dataset collection of the different industrial objects in which the defects are to be detected. The dataset is collected manually by collecting the images of defective classes.

#### 4. Data pre-processing:

In this phase the data pre-processing is done to sort the dataset collected and converted it into the compatible format for training the model. After the dataset is collected the train-test-split is done. The data collected is annotated using the annotation tool to mark the Region of Interest (ROI).

#### 5. Training the Model:

In this phase the model is trained using transfer learning approach. The model training procedure requires a GPU and is trained on NVIDIA GPU.

#### 6. Development of Raspberry Pi based system capable of detecting defects:

Once the trained model is ready the next step is to develop a Raspberry Pi based framework for detection and location of defects in industrial parts is developed. This involves interfacing the camera from the Raspberry Pi to capture the data from the camera and feed it to the trained model. The image is fed to the model which is deployed on raspberry pi to get the location of the defective parts. If the product is found to be defective same is returned by the python script.

#### 7. Fabrication of conveyor:

The conveyor is driven from the raspberry pi using the DC geared motors interfaced to the raspberry pi using DC motor drivers. The conveyor will carry the parts to be inspected to the camera detection station.

#### 8. Robotic Arm Development:

In this phase the robotic arm is developed which will be used to segregate the defective parts from the normal products. The Robotic arm is developed by interfacing servo motors to the raspberry pi and controlling using the command signal generated when the trained deep learning model detects defective parts.

#### 9. Programming:

The complete program for the interaction with the trained model and the inference to detect the industrial defects as well as driving the conveyor is programmed in this phase.

#### 10. Assembly and Optimization

## **B. System Design**

The system consists of development of visual feature-based recognition and segregation system for Industrial intelligence using deep learning and robotics. The overall system development is divided into different modules which can be complete phase wise to be delivered as a final product. The different modules in the proposed system are:

#### 1. Deep Learning based Visual Defect Recognition system:

The deep learning based visual defect detection module uses a neural network to classify the defect data using camera present on the system. The camera is interfaced to the raspberry pi which runs a deep learning based trained model for the defect detection. The model used is trained using transfer learning approach which involves following sub modules:

- **Data Collection:** In this phase the data regarding defect and non-defect is collected which will be used for training the neural network. The data set is collected manually using camera
- **Train Test split and Image labelling:** In this phase the image data collected is split into training and testing sets and then annotation of the data will be done.
- **Model Training for Minimum loss function:** Once the dataset is annotated, the model training will be done using transfer learning approach. The model will be trained till the loss function reaches minimum.

Once the model training is done the model is converted to compatible format and deployed to the Raspberry Pi which can take image data as input and give defect detection as output.

#### 2. The Conveyor system development:

In this module the hardware part of the proposed work is developed. In this module the conveyor part is developed which can be used to continuously and autonomously detect the defect using deep learning. The part to be inspected with defect is left over the conveyor and the camera from module 1 will capture the image of the part detected on the conveyor and perform defect detection using raspberry Pi.

#### 3. The Robotic Arm based Automatic Defective Part Segregation system:

In this module the Robotic Arm is developed using forward kinematic theory. The Robotic arm is controlled using raspberry Pi. If the part is found to be defective after visual inspection the robotic arm will automatically separate it from the flow of the materials. The system will keep a track of the defective parts and automatically separate it using robotic segregation system. The below figure 2 shows the system architecture.

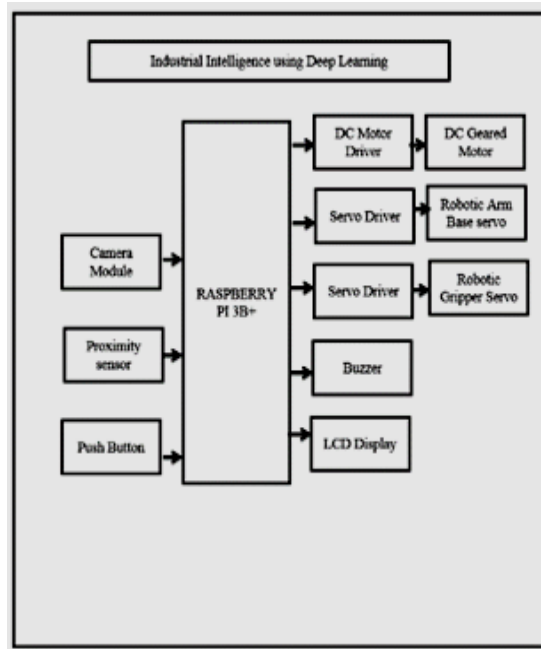


Figure 2: The system architecture

#### IV. HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following table 1 shows the list of hardware components used in the proposed scheme.

Table 1: Hardware components Used

Sl. No.	Component	Remark
1	Raspberry Pi 4	Will Be used for running the deep learning Module
2	Camera Module	Capture the image data and feed it to the deep learning model
3	Servo Motors	Robotic arm
4	Servo Driver	Controlling Robotic Arm using Raspberry Pi
5	LCD display	Status Update and Visualization
6	Geared DC motor	Driving the Conveyor
7	DC motor Driver	Controlling DC motor using Raspberry
8	Buzzer	Status Indicator
9	Power Supply	Powering the entire system

#### A. The Hardware Specifications

##### 1. Raspberry Pi

Raspberry Pi is an ARM based credit card sized SBC (Single Board Computer) and is like a minicomputer which is having ARM CPU architecture and having Linux Debian operating system with all related software libraries. Apart from ARM CPU and increase of clock frequency, Broadcom BCM2837 SoC CPU in Raspberry pi3 contains almost all the same components in second generation processors. It is having fixed RAM and storage can be increased by using micro-SD card. Below figure 3 shows the Raspberry Pi kit used in proposed scheme.

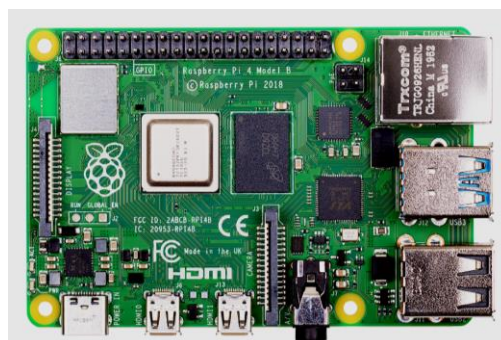
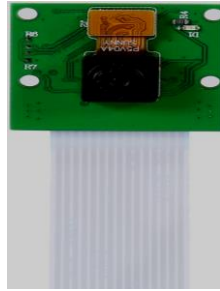


Figure 3: Raspberry Pi

## 2. Raspberry Pi Camera module

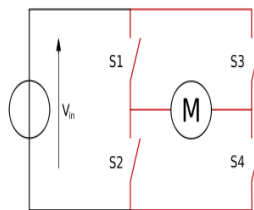
Along with Raspberry Pi we are using Raspberry Pi camera for outstanding photos and also shoot video as shown in below figure 4.



**Figure 4: Raspberry Pi Camera**

## 3. Motor Driver Module

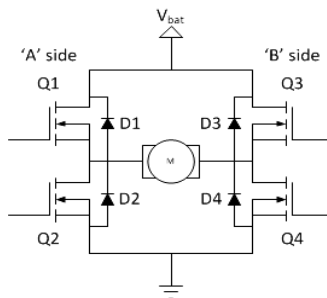
The motor driver consists of four drivers' switches as shown in below figure 5.



**Figure 5: Motor Driver**

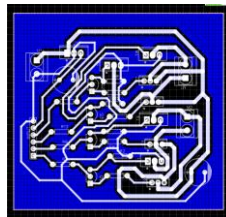
### 3.1 H Bridge

The main part of motor driver is known as H-bridge because it looks like H. If switch s1 and s4 are on and switch s2 and s3 are off then the motor rotates in clockwise direction. If switch s2 and s3 are on and s1 and s4 are off the motor rotates in anti-clockwise direction. In general, an H-bridge is a rather simple circuit, containing four switching elements, with the load at the center, in an H-like configuration. Figure 6 shows H Bridge configuration.



**Figure 6: H Bridge**

In this proposed system we are using 5A motor driver module is used. The designed PCB layout is as shown in the figure 7 below.



**Figure 7: PCB layout**

## 4. Buzzer

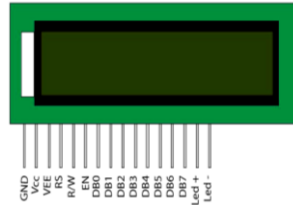
We are using Buzzer power to supply and produce continuous high-decibel alarm sound up to 85dB, shown in below figure 8.



**Figure 8: Buzzer**

## 5. LCD display

LCD display is used in this approach. It is a 16x2 character LCD display which displays 16 characters per line and there are 2 such lines. Each character is displayed in 5x7 pixel matrix in this display as shown in below figure 9.



**Figure 9: LCD display**

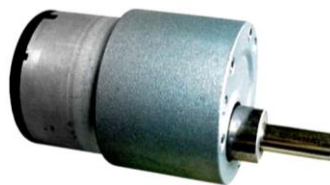
Below table 2 shows 16 pins with their functions.

**Table 2: Pin Functions**

Pin No	Function	Name
1	Ground (0V)	Ground
2	Supply voltage: 5V (4.7V – 5.3V)	V <sub>CC</sub>
3	Contrast adjustment; through a variable resistor	V <sub>EE</sub>
4	Selects command register when low; and data register when high	Register Select
5	Low to write to the register; High to read from the register	Read/write
6	Sends data to data pins when a high to low pulse is given	Enable
7	8-bit data pins	DB0
8		DB1
9		DB2
10		DB3
11		DB4
12		DB5
13		DB6
14		DB7
15	Backlight V <sub>CC</sub> (5V)	Led+
16	Backlight Ground (0V)	Led-

## 6. DC geared Motors

We are using 10 rpm side shaft DC gear motor. i.e. Side Shaft DC metal gear motor having 10 RPM is used as shown in below figure 10.



**Figure 10: DC geared Motor**

### 6.1 Features of 10 RPM Side Shaft Gear DC Motor:

- It has shaft diameter of 6mm with internal hole.
- It has weight of 125 gm.
- Torque of 5 kg cm.
- No-load current = 60 mA (Max), Load current = 300 mA (Max).

## 7. Power Supply

A 12 V 450 Watt SMPS (Switched Mode Power Supply) shown in following figure 11 is used in this approach.



**Figure 11: Power Supply**

#### 8. Relay

Relays are switches which are electromechanical in nature. They have very high current rating and both AC and DC motors can be controlled through these switches. Two common available SPDT (Single Pole Double Throw) relays are shown in the figure 12 below.



**Figure 12: Relay**

#### 9. Proximity sensor

This is an infrared transmitter and receiver which together form a photoelectric sensor shown in figure 13 below. This sensor has a capacity to detect long distance. It uses modulated infrared light hence it has less interference by visible light. This sensor gives a digital output when it senses something within that range. This sensor does not return a distance VALUE.

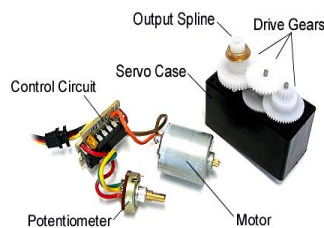


**Figure 13: Proximity sensor**

Following are the electrical characteristics of proximity sensor:

Power Supply:	5VDC
Supply current DC	<25mA
Maximum load current	100mA (Open-collector NPN pulldown output)
Response time	<2ms
Diameter:	17MM
Pointing angle:	$\leq 15^\circ$ , effective from 3-80cm adjustable
Detection of objects	transparent or opaque
Working environment temperature	$-25^\circ\text{C} + 55^\circ\text{C}$
Case material	Plastic
Lead length	65cm

#### 10. Servo Motors



**Figure 14: Servo Motors**

The servo motor used in our proposed approach is 9-gram and MG 996 R servo as shown in above figure 14.

## B. Software Requirements

The following are software requirements:

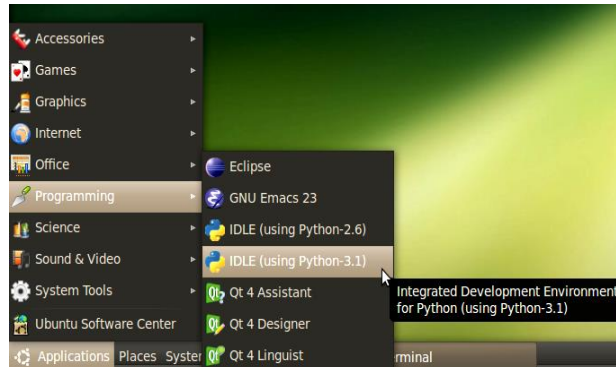
- Python Thonny IDE
- Tensorflow
- Python 3.7
- Serial Monitor

### 1. Python Programming Language

The proposed scheme uses python language for the purpose of programming the system.

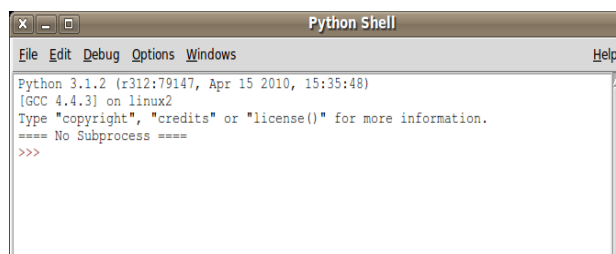
### 2. Python IDLE

Used python 3 idle for programming. As per the convenience of the programmer, this IDE combines a program editor and a language environment as shown in below figure 15.



**Figure 15: IDE for Python**

Clicking on the IDLE selection will launch IDLE and display the Python Shell window. The following figure 16 represents the top of IDLE's Python Shell window.



**Figure 16: Python Shell**

This window serves two main purposes: It let us to use the Python commands, and let us open a program editing window.

### 3. PhotoScape

PhotoScape is a photo editing software that allows users to fix and enhance their photos, as demonstrated in Figure 17 below.

- Viewer will view the photos in the folder and can create a slideshow.
- Batch editor: Enables to edit multiple photos.



**Figure 17: PhotoScape photo editing software**



## V. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Below figure 18 shows the collected data of particular samples. The collected data is split into train and test. Four output features were expected. No of output visual inspection features: 4(Part 1, Part 2, Defect 1, Defect 2)

Collected data			
SAMPLE NAME	LABEL	ADDED	LENGTH
defect 1.35k71obi	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71o...	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71ntl	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71n...	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71k...	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71k...	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71ibq	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71i7t	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-
defect 1.35k71i0n	defect 1	Today, 06:23...	-

Figure 18: Collected data

The output features generated on the sample image size is as shown in the below figure 19.

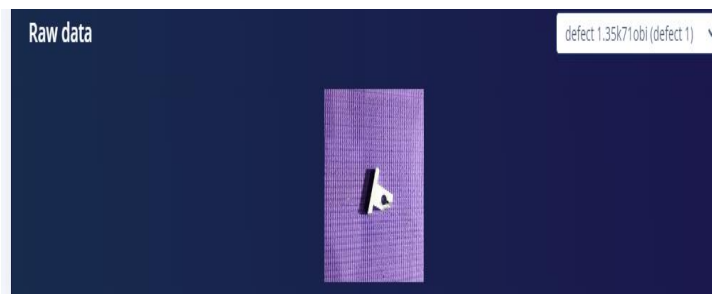


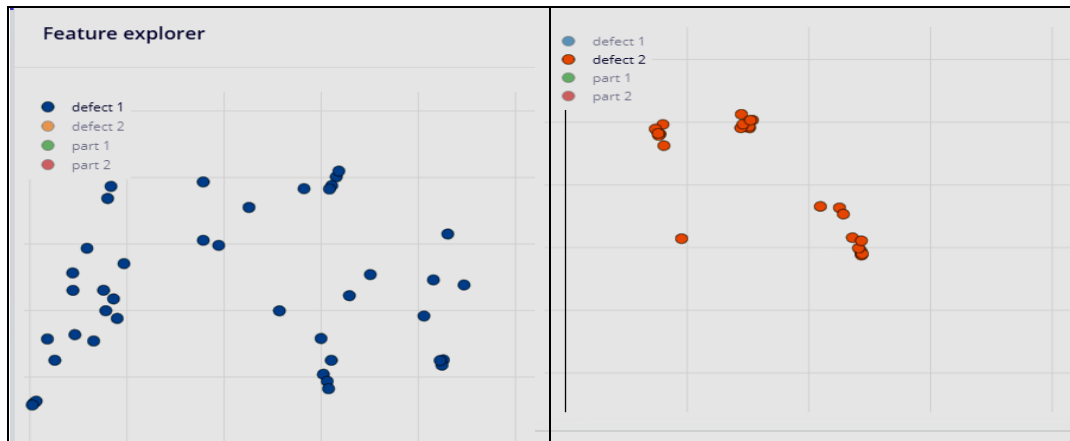
Figure 19: Raw data



Figure 20 : DSP result

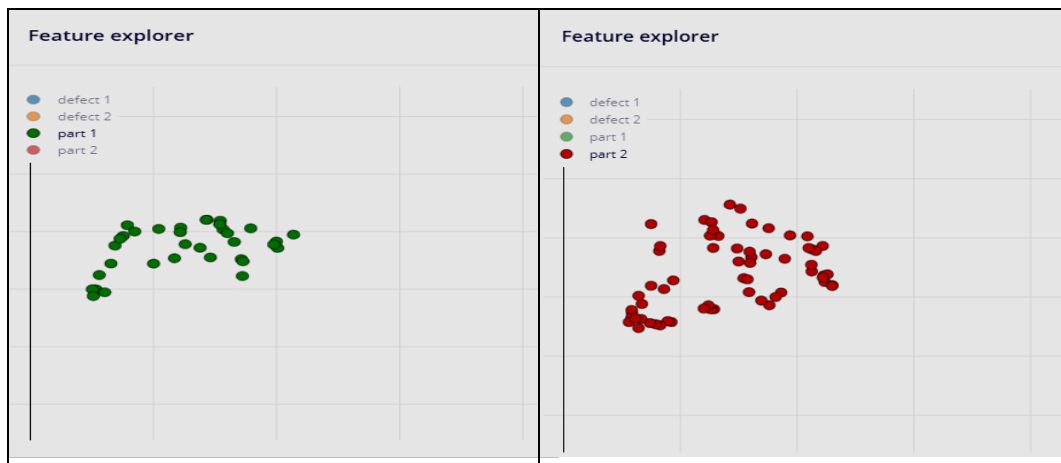
DSP (Digital Signal Processing) is used to improve accuracy and reliability of the objects as shown in above figure 20. After DSP results we get the IMAP values such as average, mean and distance between clusters.

Below figure 21 shows the feature plots for different input classes. The clusters of defect 1, defect 2, part 1 and part 2 will be gathered together.



a. Defect 1

b. Defect 2



c. Part 1

d. Part 2

**Figure 21: Feature Plots**

For training the following parameters shown in below figure 22 were finalized and the model was trained.



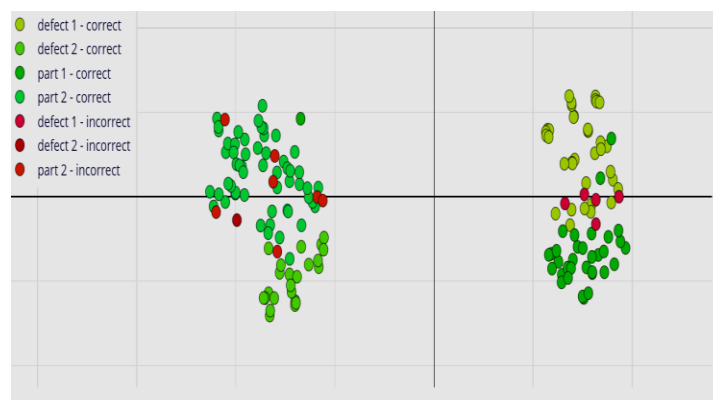
**Figure 22: Training Parameters**

The overall accuracy after training is 87.9 percent and the loss of 0.34 was achieved which is satisfactory. Figure below shows the confusion matrix on the validation dataset:

Confusion matrix (validation set)				
	DEFECT 1	DEFECT 2	PART 1	PART 2
DEFECT 1	88.9%	0%	11.1%	0%
DEFECT 2	0%	83.3%	0%	16.7%
PART 1	0%	0%	100%	0%
PART 2	0%	25%	0%	75%
F1 SCORE	0.94	0.77	0.95	0.80

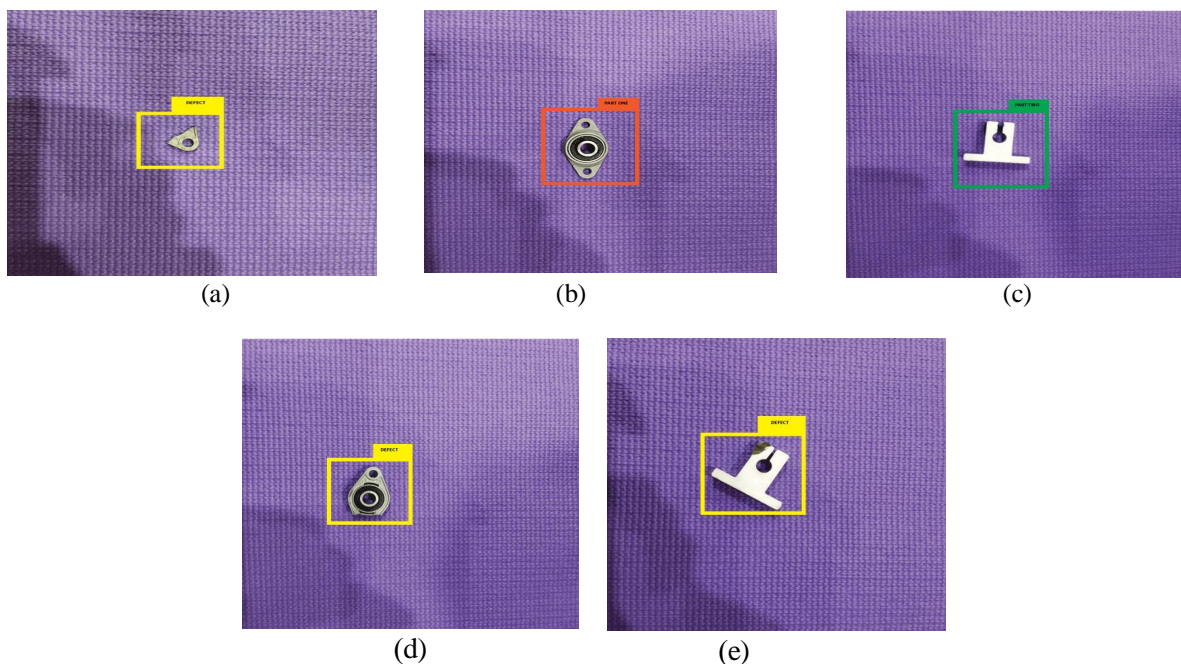
**Figure 23: Confusion Matrix**

Confusion matrix (Shown in Figure 23) is a table which describes the performance of classification . It is used to visualize important predictive analytics like recall, specificity, accuracy and precision. The results after the full training cycle are plotted as shown in below figure 24:



**Figure 24: Results after full training cycle**

The results of inference after performing on the trained neural network on the selected images from the test directory are as shown below images of Figure 25.



**Figure 25: The yellow bordered images ((a) (d) & (e)) describe those materials are defective. And the red and green color bordered images ((b) & (c)) describe those materials are non-defective. The results are plotted on the images taken on the conveyor belt material.**

## VII. CONCLUSION

Industrial product quality is a key aspect of manufacturing, and research into defect-detection technology is crucial for ensuring product quality. In this approach we have not only used deep learning for classification of defects but also used a robotic based system for automatically separating defective parts. This approach successfully automated defect detection with a model optimized for low power devices. This approach involves creating a new system that can detect and separate defects in industrial parts. This will be achieved through visual feature recognition and segregation, using both deep learning and robotics. Proposed system achieved the accuracy of 87.9%. This system can solve the problems of industrial quality control and slow manual inspection techniques by providing them with a deep learning based visual inspection system and robotic separation system in compliance with industry 4.0. The proposed system can not only save the time by automating the process of inspection of surface defects and quality control but also provide a solution to small and medium scale industries with high efficiency and degree of repeat.

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