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~~Air Conditioning Compressor~~ Air Leak Detection in Air Conditioner Compressors by using Image Processing Techniques for Industrial Applications

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Abstract: Ideally, an air conditioner compressor should not have air leakages. However, poor inspection techniques can allow for defects to pass through, which can cause air leakages in compressors. This paper presents a method to detect air leakage of in an air conditioning conditioner compressor using image processing techniques. Quality of air conditioning compressor should not have air leakage. In order to test inspect an air conditioning conditioner compressor for air leakage, air is pumped into a the compressor, which is and then submerged into the a water tank. If air bubbles are observed occurs at the surface of the air conditioning compressor, it implies that air leakage exists, and the that leakage compressor must then be returned for maintenance. In this work study, a new method to detect air leakage and search identify the leakage point with high accuracy, speed, and reliability, fast, and precise processes was proposed. In a preprocessing procedure to detect the air bubbles, threshold and median filter techniques have been used. Connected-component labelling technique and blob analysis are is used to detect the air bubbles while blob analysis is searching technique to and analyze the group of the air bubbles in sequential images, respectively. The experiments are tested evaluate with the proposed algorithm's ability to determine the leakage point of in an air conditioning conditioner compressor. The location of the leakage point was is presented as a coordinated point. The results demonstrated that the leakage point during observed during the process could can be accurately detected. The the estimation point had has an error less than 5% compared to that of the the real leakage point.

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1. Introduction

The air conditioner compressor is a major component in air conditioners and refrigerators. Air conditioning conditioner compressor manufacturing has four main subprocesses: (trimming a metal chassis, installing electrical and mechanical components into a compressor, assembling the chassis assembly, and inspecting quality inspection). Air conditioning compressor was a major part in air conditioning and refrigerator manufacturers. During the the compressor manufacturing process, incomplete welds process may cause very small leaks that are difficult to hard identify to be detected by manually human. Thus, Before shipping the air conditioner conditioning compressor, out of the manufacture the assembled compressor will be is inspected to check the air conditioning compressor quality by for air leakage via detection and by searching for leakage points. Manual Leakage detection by human causing has a high possibility of error, and therefore, therefore computer vision is implemented to reduce the costs of quality inspections compressors and increases the the accuracy, rapid speed, and reliability of the quality inspection process. A. Rosenfeld and J. L. Pfaltz [1] were proposed a connected-connected-component labelling search for the connected pixels of object in a digital image [4]. W. Burger and M. J. Burge [2] were proposed a bounding box and centroid calculation of binary regions called blob analysis [2]. In this this study work, the

connected-connected-component labelling and blob analysis were chosen employed for detection; the proposed. The inspection method can be applied to other closed tank products that air bubbles where leakage is needed to be reduced detection and measurement is required.

2. Air conditioner Conditioning C-compressor Inspection Test S-setup

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algorithm was used to record and shows the inspection result in-on a live video.

In this paper, we propose a new method to detect leakage and search leakage point is to improve the accuracy, fast and precise inspection process, better than human inspection. If compressed air in a compressor so that leakage was occurred. Air bubbles escaped from leakage point and float over to surface the water due to air pressure within a compressor.

In Further, to improve the visibility of air bubbles, a compressor inspection test setup, the a light source was installed above the compressor, and black curtains were used to so that air bubbles obviously are seen in white color, prevent external light noise. All curtain scenes are black to prevent external light noise [3], as shown Fig. 1.

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3. Image Pprocessing Aalgorithm

The iImage sequences acquired from a-the video camera is-are stored in bitmap files- these files are and they were processed before the initial image processing to detect leakage-by-using connected component labelling technique and search leakage point by blob analysis to detect leakage and identify the leakage point, respectively-technique.

3.1. 3.1-Connected-Component Labelling Technique

Connected-Connected-component labelling is an image processing technique used-to-that is used to detect a connected region in binary digital images [4,5]. Connectivity is determined by the medium; image graphs, for example, can be 4four-connected or 8eight-connected [2].

3.1.3.2. 3.2 Blob Analysis Technique

Blob analysis is an image processing technique used to detect and measure blobs in images, as and make selected measurements of those blobs shown in Fig. 2. The cCenter of mass (or centre of gravity-or-centroid) of a blob (x_c, y_c) is-is calculated as-by

$$x_c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i, \quad y_c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N y_i$$

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where N is the number of pixels in the BLOB-blob and x_i and y_i are the x and y coordinates of the N pixels, respectively.

The bBounding box of a blob is the minimum rectangle which-that contains the blob;- It-it is defined by going through all pixels for a blob and finding the four pixels with the minimum x -value, maximum x -value, minimum y -value, and maximum y -value, respectively. From these values, the width of the bounding box is given as $x_{\max} - x_{\min}$ and the height as $y_{\max} - y_{\min}$. A bounding box can be used as the region of interest. The cCenter of the bounding box is calculated as

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GenerallyIn general, the proposed algorithm can be summarized as follows:

1. Initialize the threshold for white pixel detection and number of initial frames.
2. Colour images are-acquired from a video camera are converted to binary images to separate the interest interest objects from a-the background. Binary images are filtered a-for noise by-using a median filter.
3. Use-The connected component labelling technique (8-connectivity) is used to detect a group of white pixels which-that is-are the air bubbles of interest,-we-We implement the two-pass algorithm that iterates through binary data in an image.
- 3.4. Use-Bblob analysis technique-is used to detect blobs in an-the image, and we will get-a centroid of blob and value of bounding box are obtained.
- 4.5. Compare the y_c of a-the blob with the previous frame and add a make-a marker at this blob if y_c has a value greater than a-the previous frame. Display the result.
- 5.6. Check for the end frame.

The above procedure can also be described by the flowchart shown in Fig. 3.

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4. Experimental Result

Figure 3 shows ~~a-the~~ colour image captured from ~~the~~ a-video camera and ~~a-the~~ pre-processed image. The experiments were performed using ~~a-computer-programming compatible-a-with~~ laptop with CPU Intel^(R) core^(TM) 2 Duo P7350. The original image size ~~is-was~~ 800 × 600 pixels.

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Figures 5(a)–5(c) shows the red rectangle marker of ~~the~~ leakage point after processing in ~~difference-different~~ frames in image sequences to detect the first point to search by ~~the~~ connected component labelling technique and blob analysis technique, respectively.

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5. Conclusion

A new ~~inspection~~ method to detect ~~air~~ leakage ~~area~~ and ~~to~~ search for ~~the~~ leakage point ~~in~~ ~~air conditioner compressors~~ with high accuracy, ~~fast-speed,~~ and ~~reliability-inspection-process~~ was proposed. The method can be used to detect air bubbles ~~that~~ escape from an ~~air conditioner conditioning-~~compressor. ~~A-simple-image processing-algorithm-consists-of-connected-component labeling-technique-and-blob-analysis-technique-~~The results demonstrated that the proposed method can identify ~~the-air~~ leakage in an ~~air conditioner conditioning-~~compressor effectively ~~within-with-an~~ accuracy of 95%. The proposed method provides ~~benefits-advantages-for-industrial application-such~~ as cost reduction, reliability, ~~and~~ improvement of ~~the~~ manufacturing process ~~and-and-value treatment-maintenance~~ of products.

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