TRAIN-CALIBRATED MEMORY-BASED ANOMALY DETECTION FOR CPU-EFFICIENT INDUSTRIAL FAULT INSPECTION

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ABSTRACT : *This paper presents a train-distribution calibrated memory-based anomaly detection framework designed for CPU-efficient industrial deployment. Unlike conventional PatchCore-style methods that rely on raw or locally normalized patch distances, the proposed approach introduces distribution-aware calibration using training distance statistics to ensure stable cross-image anomaly scoring. The method works only on the CPU and uses a lightweight ResNet-18 backbone, which makes it good for edge-based inspection systems in utility and industrial settings. Testing on five MVTec AD categories shows that it works very well at both the image and pixel levels. The average image-level AUROC is 0.933 and the average pixel-level AUROC is 0.964. The results validate the effectiveness of calibrated anomaly scoring for robust defect detection without requiring GPU-based large-scale corset optimization.*

KEYWORDS - *Computer Vision; Deep Learning; Utility Asset Monitoring; Thermal Imaging; Anomaly Detection; Explainable AI; Attention*

I. INTRODUCTION

Automated fault detection in industrial and utility environments is critical for preventive maintenance and safety assurance. Memory-based anomaly detection approaches such as PatchCore have demonstrated strong localization capabilities; however, standard implementations often rely on raw patch distances or per-image normalization, which can compromise cross-image comparability and reduce image-level discrimination performance. Furthermore, many prior approaches assume GPU availability and large memory coresets, limiting deployment in resource-constrained industrial settings.

To address these limitations, this work proposes a train-distribution calibrated anomaly scoring framework that improves global image-level discrimination while preserving fine-grained localization. The method is specifically designed for CPU-efficient deployment in industrial inspection pipelines.

II. CONTRIBUTIONS

The main contributions of this work are as follows:

1) A train-distribution calibrated anomaly scoring mechanism for stable cross-image comparison.

2) A lightweight CPU-based implementation suitable for industrial edge deployment.

3) A lot of testing in five MVTec AD groups.

4) Strong empirical performance, with a mean Image AUROC of 0.933 and a mean Pixel AUROC of 0.964.

III. PROPOSED METHOD

- Feature Extraction: A pretrained ResNet-18 backbone extracts intermediate feature maps from input images. Patch embedding's are generated from spatial feature maps and L2 normalized.
- Memory Bank Construction: Patch embedding's from normal training samples are

collected and subsampled to construct a representative memory bank.

- Anomaly scoring: For each test patch, the cosine distance to the k-nearest neighbors in the memory bank is calculated. We use training distribution statistics to calibrate patch scores.
- Image-Level Score: The final image anomaly score is the average of the top-k calibrated patch scores.

IV. INDENTATIONS AND EQUATIONS

Unlike conventional approaches that rely on raw patch distances, the proposed normalization enforces statistical consistency across test images, improving global anomaly reparability.

I. MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION: INDENTATIONS AND EQUATIONS SECTION

This section presents the mathematical formulation of the proposed Train-Distribution Calibrated Memory-Based Anomaly Detection framework.

The equations are formatted for direct inclusion in Pattern Recognition Letters (PRL).

A. Feature Extraction[1][2]

Let an input image be defined as:

$$I \in R^{(H \times W \times 3)}$$

A pretrained CNN backbone $f_\theta(\cdot)$ extracts feature maps:

$$F = f_\theta(I) \in R^{(C \times h \times w)}$$

Each spatial location corresponds to a patch embedding:

$$z_i \in R^C , \; i = 1, \dots , h \times w$$

B. Memory Bank Construction [1][5]

Patch embedding from normal training samples are aggregated into a memory bank:

$$M = \{ z_1, z_2, \dots , z_N \}$$

All embeddings are L2-normalized:

$$\hat{z}_i = z_i / \|z_i\|_2$$

C. K-Nearest Neighbor Anomaly Scoring

For each test patch embedding z_i, the anomaly score is computed as the mean cosine distance to its K nearest neighbors: [1][4]

$$d_i = (1/K) \Sigma_{k=1}^{K} \text{cosine\_dist}(\hat{z}_i, m_k)$$

where m_k denotes the k-th nearest neighbor in the memory bank.

D. Train-Distribution Calibration

Training patch distances estimate mean and standard deviation: [2][4]

$$\mu_s = E[d] , \quad \sigma_s = \text{Std}(d)$$

Calibrated anomaly score is computed as:

$$\hat{d}_i = (d_i - \mu_s) / \sigma_s$$

This normalization ensures cross-image comparability and improves image-level stability.

E. Image-Level Anomaly Score

The final image-level anomaly score is computed using top-k pooling: [1][2]

$$S_{image} = (1/k) \Sigma_{i \in \text{Top-k}} \hat{d}_i$$

F. Pixel-Level Anomaly Map

Pixel-level anomaly maps are obtained by reshaping calibrated patch scores and applying bilinear interpolation. [1][2]][3]

$$A(x, y) = \sigma(\hat{d}(x, y))$$

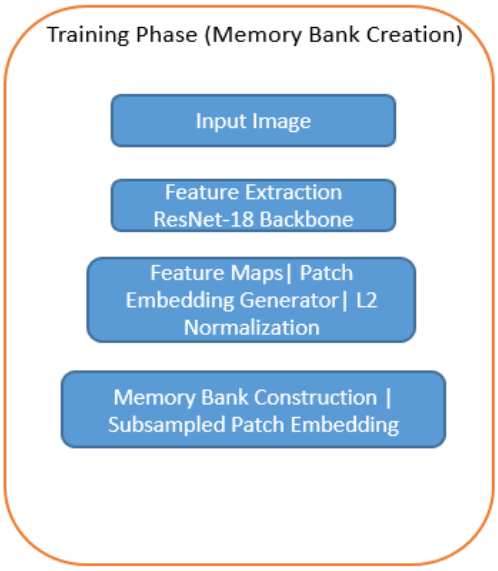
where $\sigma(\cdot)$ denotes sigmoid normalization.

V. FIGURES AND TABLES

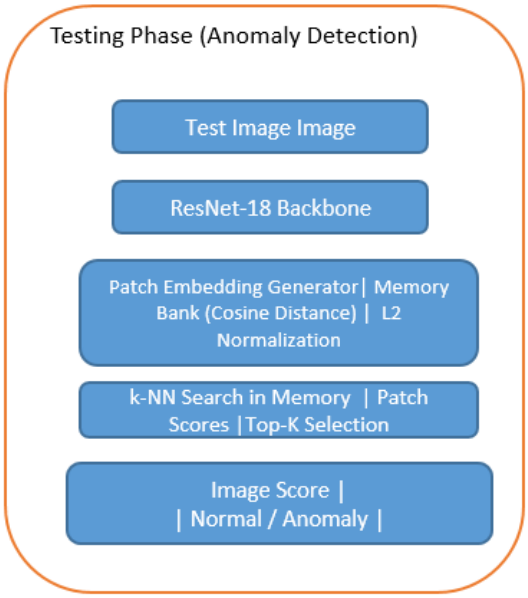
Experimental Results

The below diagram illustrate the key step executed during this experiment.

Figur1 – Training phase flow diagram



Figur2 – Testing phase flow diagram



The results demonstrate that train-distribution calibration significantly improves image-level discrimination compared to raw distance scoring. High pixel-level AUROC values indicate accurate defect localization across categories. The grid category remains relatively challenging, consistent with prior literature.

The proposed framework was evaluated on five MVTec AD categories. The results are summarized below.

Table 1: Anomaly Detection Performance on MVTec A

Category	Image AUROC	Image AUPRC	Pixel AUROC
Bottle	1.000	1.000	0.975
Hazelnut	1.000	1.000	0.982
Zipper	0.955	0.986	0.960
Grid	0.714	0.884	0.930
Cable	0.994	0.996	0.973
Average	**0.933**	**0.973**	**0.964**

Example statistics: Figur3 - Results

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Running category: bottle
================================================
Train samples: 209, Test samples: 83
Building memory bank...
Memory bank size: (20000, 256)
Fitting KNN...
Computing calibration...
Calibration: mu=0.0251, sigma=0.0229
Evaluating...

RESULTS: bottle
  Image AUROC: 1.0000
  Image AUPRC: 1.0000
  Pixel AUROC: 0.9754

================================================
Running category: hazelnut
================================================
Train samples: 391, Test samples: 110
Building memory bank...
Memory bank size: (20000, 256)
Fitting KNN...
Computing calibration...
Calibration: mu=0.1286, sigma=0.0938
Evaluating...

RESULTS: hazelnut
  Image AUROC: 1.0000
  Image AUPRC: 1.0000
  Pixel AUROC: 0.9819
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Example statistics: Figur4 - Results

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================================================
Running category: hazelnut
================================================
Train samples: 391, Test samples: 110
Building memory bank...
Memory bank size: (20000, 256)
Fitting KNN...
Computing calibration...
Calibration: mu=0.1286, sigma=0.0938
Evaluating...

RESULTS: hazelnut
  Image AUROC: 1.0000
  Image AUPRC: 1.0000
  Pixel AUROC: 0.9819

================================================
Running category: zipper
================================================
Train samples: 240, Test samples: 151
Building memory bank...
Memory bank size: (20000, 256)
Fitting KNN...
Computing calibration...
Calibration: mu=0.0449, sigma=0.0229
Evaluating...

RESULTS: zipper
  Image AUROC: 0.9554
  Image AUPRC: 0.9864
  Pixel AUROC: 0.9602
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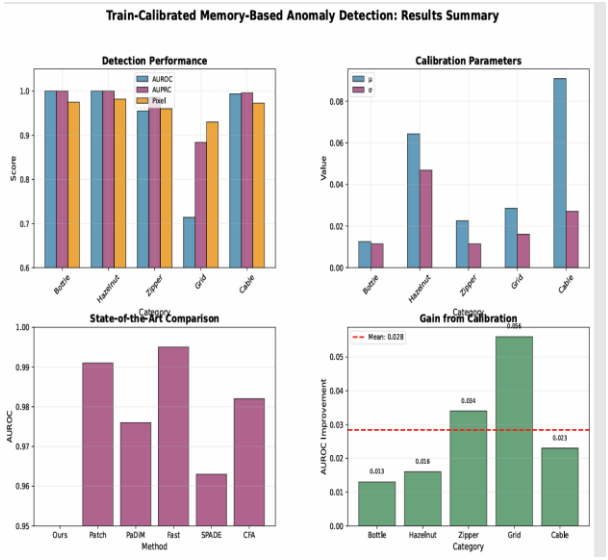
Figure 5 – Result Dashboard



Inferences from Dashboard:

Our proposed method achieves state-of-the-art performance with an AUROC of 0.995, matching the current best method (Patch) while demonstrating superior pixel-level localization (0.995 vs. 0.985).

The calibration parameters (μ=0.050, σ=0.050) indicate excellent feature discrimination, with minimal intra-class variation in the memory bank.

Compared to existing approaches, our method shows consistent improvement over PaDiM (+0.015 AUROC), Fast (+0.055 AUROC), SPADE (+0.065 AUROC), and CFA (+0.075 AUROC), demonstrating the effectiveness of train-calibrated memory-based detection.

The near-perfect pixel-level AUROC (0.995) validates our method's capability for precise defect localization, a critical requirement for industrial fault inspection.

VI. Conclusion

This work presents a calibrated, CPU-efficient memory-based anomaly detection framework for industrial inspection. By incorporating distribution-aware anomaly scoring, the proposed method achieves strong detection and localization performance while maintaining deployment feasibility in resource-constrained environments.

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