UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATION TOOL FOR WELD IMPERFECTION INSPECTION USING MATLAB GUI (GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE): DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGE

PUTERI ZIRWATUL NADILA BT MEGAT ZAMANHURI

Thesis submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Science

Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

October 2012

AUTHOR'S DECLARATION

I declare that the work in this thesis was carried out in accordance with the regulations of Universiti Teknologi MARA. It is original and is the results of my own work, unless otherwise indicated or acknowledged as referenced work. This topic has not been submitted to any other academic institution or non- academic institution for any degree or qualification.

I, hereby, acknowledge that I have been supplied with the Academic Rules and Regulations for Post Graduate, Universiti Teknologi MARA, regulating the conduct of my study and research.

Name of Student	: Puteri Zirwatul Nadila Bt Megat Zamanhuri
Student I.D No	: 2009608922
Programme	: Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Faculty	: Mechanical Engineering
Thesis Title	: Development of Application Tool For Weld Imperfection
	Inspection Using Matlab GUI (Graphical User Interface):
	Digital Radiographic Image

.....

Signature of Student

Date

: October 2012

ABSTRACT

A digital examination device for non destructive testing (NDT) such as digital radiography is nowadays increasingly applied in fabrication or welding industry to inspect defects in materials. The digital image can be acquired with high time efficient and less radiation compared to film based technology. Due to the system complexity, parameter sensitivity and environmental effect, noises can however easily occur in the digital image which can indicate low quality image and result in difficulty for interpretation. Therefore, a need of an application tool which can improve and evaluate the image is becoming an urgent task. Due to this fact, a novel interactive, comprehensive and user-friendly tool was developed which enable the digital image improve, analyze and automatically transfer to reporting. This tool was written by using image processing and guide toolbox in MATLAB which contains four main sections, namely: (1) Theoretical Background as Knowledge Pool, (2) Image Processing Method, (3) Image Quality Measurement Method and (4) Radiographic Inspection Report (RIR). This tool is potential to be used in manufacturing industry such as welding fabrication and casting process. High quality manufactured products can be achieved through appropriate inspection and record. Hence, defects can be traced easily through a proper database which encourages the industry sustaining high quality of products.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
AUTHOR'S DECLARATION	ii
ABSTRACT	iii
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	iv
TABLE OF CONTENTS	v
LIST OF TABLES	viii
LIST OF FIGURES	ix
LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS	xi

CHAPTER ONE : INTRODUCTION

1.1	Background	1
1.2	Digital Radiography Technologies	1
1.3	MATLAB GUI (Graphical User Interface)	2
1.4	Problem Statement	3
1.5	Objectives of the Study	4
1.6	Scope of the Study	4
1.7	Significant of the Study	5

CHAPTER TWO : LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1	Technology of Digital Radiography and Application to Industries	6
2.2	Radiographic Technique Applied in Welding Industry	8
2.3	3 Image Enhancement for Digital Radiographic Image	
	2.3.1 Noise Removal Method	11
	2.3.2 Contrast Modification	12
2.4	Image Quality in Radiography	12

CHAPTER THREE : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1	Introduction		14
3.2	Exper	imental Set Up and Procedures	17
3.3	Image	Processing Study Method Using MATLAB	19
3.4	Image	Quality Measurement	20
	3.4.1	Contrast Sensitivity	20
	3.4.2	Image Unsharpness and Basic Spatial Resolution (SR _b)	22
	3.4.3	Normalized Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNRnorm)	24
3.5	Testin	g and Analysis	25
CHA	PTER I	OUR : THEORETICAL BACKGROUND	
4.1	Princi	ples of Weld Defects	26
4.2	Princi	ple of Digital Radiography	28
	4.2.1	X-ray Generator System	28
	4.2.2	Principles of µ-Focused Digital Radiography	29
4.3	Princi	ple of Image Processing Techniques	32
	4.3.1	Noise Removal	32
	4.3.2	Contrast Enhancement	33
4.4	Princi	Principle of Image Quality Measurement	
	4.4.1	Mean Square Error (MSE) and Peak-to-Signal Noise Ratio (PSNR)	36
	4.4.2	Normalized Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNRnorm)	37
	4.4.3	Modulation Transfer Function (MTF)	37

CHAPTER FIVE : MODEL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

5.1	Introduction	39
5.2	Introduction and Theoretical Background (ITB)	42
5.3	Image Processing Method (IPM)	45
5.4	Image Quality Measurement (IQM)	48
5.5	Radiographic Inspection Report (RIR)	49
5.6	Operation of VIDERE Version 1 tool	51
5.7	Standalone Application using MATLAB Compiler.	53