

A Review on Input Features for Control Chart Patterns Recognition

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Abstract

Control chart pattern recognition (CCPR) is an essential tool for monitoring and diagnosing manufacturing process variability. It is used for recognizing manufacturing processes' abnormality. The specific type of patterns can be predicted with improved classification accuracy and less computational time when using appropriate features set in classifiers. Various features set extracted from process data streams have been proposed by researchers as input data representations for control chart pattern recognition (CCPR). This could confuse new researchers as to which features set need to be selected. Therefore, this paper aims to compare statistical features, shape features and mixed features as used in CCPR and identifies related open issues and research trends. This review concludes that mix features for input data representation are more promising to achieve a better recognition performance in terms of accuracy compared to the statistical and shape features.

Keywords

Control chart pattern recognition, Statistical features, shape features, mixed features.

1. Introduction

Abnormal patterns in control charts are associated with specific assignable causes that can adversely affect the process' stability. These abnormal patterns may be recognized using machine learning technology where data representation is an essential part in the development of an automated control chart patterns recognizer. Features provide meaningful inputs containing information needed to classify control charts patterns. According to Addeh et al. (2018), using features set as input data representation can improve the performance of control chart pattern model. Feature-based control chart pattern recognizer (CCPR) has more flexibility especially when applied to complex process problems (Addeh et al. 2013). Features are useful in reducing the size of original raw data set and improving the predictive power (Pham and Wani 1997, Hassan et al. 2003, Ranaee and Ebrahimpzadeh 2013, Zaman and Hassan 2019). If the features set are effectively mapped to the respective pattern classes, the possibility of having accurate prediction on process condition is higher. Furthermore, replacing raw data with feature characteristics allows a better interpretation of the prediction model, improves learning process' performances and efficacy by suppressing irrelevant and redundant data and reducing dimensionality (Masood and Hassan 2010).

Previous researchers such as Ghoghogh et al. (2019), Hachicha and Ghorbel (2012), and Masood and Hassan (2012) published review papers related to this field. Ghoghogh et al. (2019) gives a review on different feature extraction and selection methods and presented examples of their applications. Meanwhile, Hachicha and Ghorbel (2012) presented a survey paper on CCPR covering literatures between 1991 to 2010 and proposed their own conceptual classification scheme. They noted that most authors such as (Cheng and Hubele 1992, Hwang and Chong 1995) had used raw data as their input data representation. From 2001 onwards, there has been an increase in the use of features as input data representation (Jin and Shi 2001, Guh and Shiue 2005, Yu et al. 2009). Masood and Hassan (2010) reviewed issues in development of ANN-based CCPR schemes with respect to input data representation, recognizer design and training, and multivariate process monitoring and diagnosis. Hassan et al. (2003) carried out a comparative study and confirmed that the use of the statistical features set had resulted in a significantly better recognition performance compared to raw data set.

There are many types of statistical features and geometrical features that have been used by researchers in CCPR. Choosing the right features set can be time-consuming and challenging for new researchers. For this reason, it is necessary to conduct a focused literature review on features as input data representation in CCPR. This review

investigates three features categories, namely statistical features, shape features and mixed features. Furthermore, this paper attempts to highlight related research issues and trends. The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 describes the methodology, Section 3 presents types of features, Section 4 analyses the trends in the application of features as input representation and finally Section 5 concludes the paper.

2. Methodology

This review paper focuses on popular input features being used by researchers in CCPR for quality monitoring and diagnosis. We searched literatures from Scopus, Web of Science, ScienceDirect Journal, and IEEE databases using the following keywords: statistical features, shape features, mixed features, control chart pattern recognition. It was found that there were 86 papers on CCPR published between 2010 to 2020. Out of these, a total of 36 papers focusing on statistical features, shape features, and mixed features (statistical and shape features) were selected for deeper analysis. Specifically, 11 papers used statistical features, six papers implemented shape features, and 19 papers used mixed features. All 36 selected papers used machine learning techniques as their pattern recognisers. Table 1 summarizes the selected journals.

Table 1. Distribution of reviewed articles based on the journal title.

Journal Name	Total Paper
ISA Transactions	4
IEEE	4
Pattern Analysis and Applications	3
Computers & Industrial Engineering	2
Journal of Physics: Conference Series	2
Computational Research Progress in Applied Science & Engineering	2
Materials Science and Engineering	2
Procedia Computer Science	2
European Journal of Industrial Engineering	1
Annals of Electrical and Electronic Engineering	1
Neural Computing and Applications	1
Journal of Intelligent Manufacturing	1
Procedia Engineering	1
International Journal of Engineering	1
Journal of Telecommunication, Electronic and Computer Engineering	1
Journal of Coastal Research	1
International Journal of Scientific & Engineering Research,	1
International Journal of Production Research	1
Mathematical Problems in Engineering	1
Applied Soft Computing	1
Journal of Engineering and Technology	1
International Journal of Advanced Manufacturing Technology	1
International Journal of Computer Aided Engineering and Technology	1
Total	36

To provide focus in this review, we excluded 50 papers, specifically, 11 papers used deep learning neural network, 11 papers used other features such as multi-resolution wavelets (MRW) and Euclidean distance, and 26 papers that utilized raw data as input representation. The papers that implemented deep learning neural network are excluded since the extracted features are relatively opaque to the users.

3. Types of Features

Machine learning techniques have been used to construct CCPR models to distinguish and classify types of patterns. These models' accuracy is dependent on the selected features and quality of information extracted from the features. In general, not all features used in specific pattern recognition are effective in distinguishing the patterns. Some features may be redundant or irrelevant, which may affect the classifier's accuracy. Therefore, features selection is an essential part in the application of machine learning techniques. In this review we divided features into three categories, namely: statistical features, shape features, mixed between statistical and shape features. As shown in Figure 1, most of the previous CCPR studies implemented the combined shape and statistical features (50%). The statistical features (34%) and shape features (16%) categories are relatively less popular.

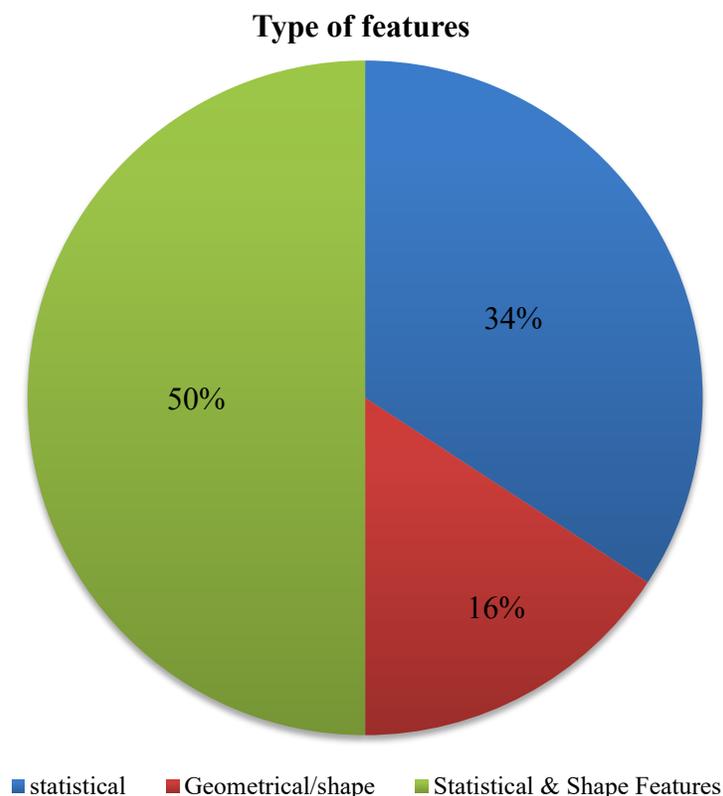


Figure 1: Category of features used in CCPR

3.1 Statistical Features

Statistical features provide quantitative information extracted from raw manufacturing data. Features extracted from raw data represent an approximation of the original raw data series in compact format. Statistical features measure different properties in the control chart patterns. Table 2 briefly introduces various types of statistical features, namely, Mean, Standard deviation, Skewness, Kurtosis, Slope, Mean-square value, Maximum cumulative summation (CUSUM), Average autocorrelations, Pearson correlation, Range, Smooth, Maximum differences between adjacent values, Maximum gradient, Maximum-likelihood estimation and central moment order (Hassan et al. 2003, Lavangananda and Khamchai 2015, Lavangananda and Waiwing 2015, Bayati 2017, Rahman et al. 2017, Haghghati and Hassan 2018, Sohaimi et al. 2018, Haghghati and Hassan 2019, Zaman and Hassan 2019).

From Table 3, it can be observed that the most popular statistical features used by researchers are Mean and Standard deviation. The second most common features are Skewness and Kurtosis which were implemented by five researchers. The third most common feature is Slope as it was implemented by four researchers. The fourth most common feature is the Cumulative Sum, where three researchers have implemented it. The fifth most common features are Mean-square value. Average Autocorrelations and Pearson Correlation were implemented by two researchers. The least popular features are Range, Smooth, Maximum Differences Between Adjacent Values, Maximum Gradient, Maximum-likelihood Estimation, and Central Moment of Order were used by only one researcher. Based on Table 3, Mean (MEAN), Standard Deviation (STD), Skewness (SKEW), Kurtosis (KUR) and Slope (SLOPE) are the most commonly used features from the statistical features category. These features describe the data distribution variables clearly and reported to have improved results in recognizing pattern types in control charts. The use of statistical features has enabled researchers like Zaman and Hassan (2019) to achieve 99.82% recognition accuracy. Haghghati and Hassan (2018) reported an improved recognition accuracy of imputed dataset (99.2%) when using the statistical features.

Table 2: Description of statistical features (Haghighati and Hassan 2019, Zaman and Hassan 2019)

Statistical features	Description
Mean	The average of observation values
Standard deviation (StD)	Measures how much the observed values differ from the mean value for the observation
Skewness (SKEW)	Provides information concerning the shape of the distribution. It indicates any lack of symmetry in the data distribution
Kurtosis (KUR)	Measures the peakness of a distribution
Slope (SLOPE)	Measures the relationship between two variables to estimate the average rate of change
Mean-square value (MSV)	The average power of the sample value, $MSV = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ where X_i are the individual values and n is the number of points or window size
Maximum CUSUM (CUS)	Cumulative sum (CUSUM) monitor shifts in the process mean and provides the cumulative sum of deviations from a target.
Average autocorrelation of lag 1 and 2 (ACOR)	Average autocorrelation (ACOR) measures the dependence of a data between any two neighbouring values. The averages for autocorrelation at lag 1 and 2 can be used as the feature
Pearson correlation	Measures the correlation between the strength and direction of two variables based on the linear relationship.
Range (RANGE)	Represents the difference between the maximum and minimum values
Smooth	An approximation function to capture basic patterns and to leave out the noisy data.
Maximum differences between adjacent values	Provides the maximum differences between adjacent observations
Maximum gradient	The maximum slope
Maximum-likelihood estimation (MLE)	Estimates the parameters of a probability distribution that involves maximizing a likelihood function to find the probability distribution and parameters that best explain the observed data.
The central moment of order	Provides deviations from the mean since the higher-order central moments relate only to the spread and shape of the distribution.

Table 3: Summary of statistical features by the name of authors who have implemented them.

Author name (year)	Mean	SD	SKEW	KUR	Slop	MSV	CUS	ACOR	PC	RANGE	Smooth	MDBAV	MG	MLE	CMOO
Haghighati and Hassan (2019)	x	x	x	x											
Zaman and Hassan (2019)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x							
Haghighati and Hassan (2018)	x	x	x	x			x			x	x	x	x	x	x
Sohaimi et al. (2018)	x	x													
Bayati (2017)	x	x													
Rahman et al. (2017)	x	x													
Masood and Shyen (2016)	x	x													
Rahman et al. (2016)	x	x													
Lavangananda and Khamchai (2015)	x	x	x	x	x				x						
Lavangananda and Waiwing (2015)	x	x	x	x	x				x						
Hassan (2011)	x	x			x	x	x	x							

3.2 Shape Features

Graphical display of control chart patterns provides useful information on process variations. Different shapes of time series data can be observed representing various conditions of the process. The shape features as found in the CCPR literatures are summarized in Table 4. These shape features are compiled from (Bag et al. 2012, Addeh and Maghsoudi 2016, Wong and Chua 2019, Lu et al. 2020).

Table 4: description of shape features (Addeh and Maghsoudi 2016, Wong and Chua 2019).

Shape features	Description
LSLS	The least-square line slope of the pattern. This feature distinguishes the normal and cyclic patterns from the shift and trend patterns.
NC1	The crossings mean line value of the pattern. This feature differentiates natural patterns from cyclic patterns. It also distinguishes natural and cyclic patterns from shift and trend patterns.
NC2	Least-square line crossings value. This feature is used to distinguish trend and normal patterns from other patterns.
AS	The slope line segments average. This feature separates the trend patterns from other patterns.
SD	The slope difference between the least-square line and the line segments representing a pattern. This feature separates the shift pattern from other patterns.
APML	The area between the pattern and the mean line. This feature distinguishes between natural patterns and other patterns.
APSL	The area between the pattern and its least-square line. This feature distinguishes cyclic and shift patterns from trend and normal patterns.
ASS	The area between the least-square line and the line segments. This feature is approximately equal zero for trend pattern and is higher for the shift pattern. It distinguishes shift pattern from trend patterns.
REAE	The ratio of variance of the observations (SD^2) and average MSE of the LS lines fitted to six subsets of $N/2$ data points.
SB	Sign of slope of the LS line representing the overall pattern.
ADIST	Average distance between the consecutive points in terms of SD.
SRANGE	Range of slopes of straight lines passing through six pair wise combinations of midpoints of four equal segments.
RVE	Ratio between variance of the data points in the observation window (SD^2) and mean sum of squares of errors (MSE) of the LS line representing the overall pattern.
ALSPI	Area between the overall pattern and LS line per interval in terms of SD^2 .
SABL	Sign of average slope of the LS lines fitted to six subsets of $N/2$ data points.
DBRANGE	Range of slopes of the LS lines fitted to four subsets of observations.
REPEPE	Ratio of MSE of the LS line representing the overall pattern and PMSE of the LS lines fitted to two segments.
RVPEPE	Ratio of variance of observations SD^2 and PMSE of the LS lines fitted to two segments.
PSMLSC	Proportion of the sum of number of crossovers to mean line and LS line.
SASDPE	Sum of absolute slope difference between the LS line representing the overall pattern and the individual line segment.

Previous studies that have implemented the respective shape features are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Summary of previous works that have implemented shape features

Author name (year)	SD	LSLS	NC1	ALSPI	AS	REAE	APML	ASS	RVE	SRANGE	SB	DBRANGE	RVPEPE	REPEPE	SABL	APSL	NC2	PSMLSC	SASDPE	ADIST
Lu et al. (2020)	x								x	x	x									x
Wong and Chua (2019)			x		x		x	x												
Addeh and Maghsoudi (2016)	x	x	x		x		x	x								x	x			
Addeh (2016)	x			x		x						x	x	x	x					
Chompu-Inwai and Thaiupathump (2015)		x																		
Bag et al. (2012)				x		x			x	x	x							x	x	

Table 5 shows the most popular shape features is are the slope difference between the least-square line and line segments represents a pattern (SD) it has been implemented by three out of six researchers. The second most common

features are The least-square line slope of the pattern (LSLS), The crossings mean line value of the pattern (NC1), Area between the overall pattern and LS line per interval in terms of SD2 (ALSPI), The slope line segments average (AS), Ratio of mean sum of squares of errors (MSE) of the LS line fitted to overall data and average MSE of the LS lines fitted to six subsets of N/2 data points (REAE), The area between the pattern and the mean line (APML), areas between the least-square line and line segments (ASS), Ratio between variance of the data points in the observation window (SD2) and mean sum of squares of errors (MSE) of the LS line representing the overall pattern (RVE), Range of slopes of straight lines passing through six pair wise combinations of midpoints of four equal segments (SRANGE) and Sign of slope of the LS line representing the overall pattern (SB). The least popular shape features are Range of slopes of the LS lines fitted to four subsets of observations (DBRANGE), Ratio of variance of observations SD2 and PMSE of the LS lines fitted to two segments (RVPEPE), Ratio of MSE of the LS line representing the overall pattern and PMSE of the LS lines fitted to two segments (REPEPE), Sign of average slope of the LS lines fitted to six subsets of N/2 data points (SABL), The area between the pattern and its least-square line (APSL), Least-square line crossings value (NC2), Proportion of the sum of number of crossovers to mean line and LS line (PSMLSC), Sum of absolute slope difference between the LS line representing the overall pattern and the individual line segment (SASDPE) and Average distance between the consecutive points in terms of SD (ADIST) were only used by one researcher.

3.3 Mixed Statistical and Shape Features

Some researchers have used mixed features statistical and shape as input data representation for CCPR. Table 6 provides a summary of these mixed features.

Table 6: Summary of mixed statistical and shape features by the name of authors who have implemented them.

Author name (year)	Mean	Std	SKREW	KUR	MSV	CUSM	(ACOR)	gvm & cvs	LSLS Slop	NC1	NC2	AS	SD	APML	APSL	ASS	AASL	SRANGE	ACUPL	SB	PSMLSC	REAE	ABDPE	AMEMBER	MVSASTI
Aziz kalteh and Babouci (2020)		x							x	x	x		x	x	x										x
Zhang et al. (2020)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x										
Zhang et al. (2020)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x										
Zhou et al. (2018)								x	x	x	x														
Addeh et al. (2018)	x	x							x			x	x			x									
Addeh et al. (2018)	x								x				x	x	x										
Zhao et al. (2017)	x	x	x	x	x		x										x	x	x	x	x	x			
Pelegrina et al. (2016)	x									x			x										x		x
Zhang et al. (2015)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x										
Khajehzadeh and Asady (2015)	x	x	x	x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x									
Wu et al. (2015)	x	x	x	x			x									x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Zhang and Cheng (2015)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x			x	x										
Addeh et al. (2014)	x													x	x	x									x
Ebrahimzadeh et al. (2013)	x													x	x	x									x
Addeh et al. (2013)	x	x												x		x					x		x	x	
Ranaee and Ebrahimzadeh (2013)	x	x	x	x					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x									
Cheng et al. (2012)	x	x					x																		
Addeh et al. (2011)	x													x											x
Ranaee et al. (2010)	x													x		x									

Table 6 shows that the most popular feature is Mean since it has been implemented by 17 out of 19 researchers. The second popular feature is the area between the pattern and the mean line (APML) as it was used by 13 researchers

followed by standard deviation (SD) the third popular feature, which was utilized by 12 researchers. The fourth popular features, which was implemented by 10 researchers, are the least-square line slope of the pattern (LSLS) and the area between pattern and its least-square line (APSL). The fifth popular features were also used by 9 researchers namely crossings mean line value of the pattern (NC1). The sixth popular features are Skewness (SKEW), Kurtosis (KUR), average autocorrelations, the area between the least-square line and line segments (ASS) and Least-square line crossings value (NC2) that was used by 8 researchers. The seventh popular features utilized by 6 researchers is slope difference between the least-square line and line segments representing a pattern (SD). The eighth popular feature is the maximum variation in signal amplitude in a short time interval (MVSASTI) where five researchers adopted them in their work. The ninth popular feature used by 4 researchers is namely Cumulative sum, followed by the ninth popular features adapted by 3 researchers, the slope line segments average (AS) and the ratio of average for intersection number of mean line and least square line (PSMLSC) and Absolute slope difference between the LS line representing the overall pattern and the line segments representing patterns within the two segments (ABDPE). The eleventh popular features used by 2 researchers are the mean for midpoint slope (AASL), the range of midpoint slope (SRANGE), ratio of the area of variance for model and mean line (ACLPI), symbol for the entire model least-squares line (SB), the ratio of the average of mean-variance (REAE). As the least popular features, Coefficient of mean variation at a later stage (cvm), Coefficient of standard deviation variation at a later stage (cvs) and Cyclic membership (AMEMBER) were only used by one researcher.

Addeh et.al (2018) proposed to use association rules method for selecting suitable statistical and shape features. The association rules have been used in neural networks to capture nonlinear relationships between input-output. The most used artificial neural networks (ANN) for CCPR classification is the feed-forward network, including multilayer perceptron and radial basis function (RBF) networks. Another popular ANN is the Self-Organizing Map (SOM), or Kohonen-Network, mainly used for data clustering and feature mapping.

4. Trend in the application of features as input representation

The cumulative distribution of published works for the three categories of features based on the year of study is shown in Figure 2.

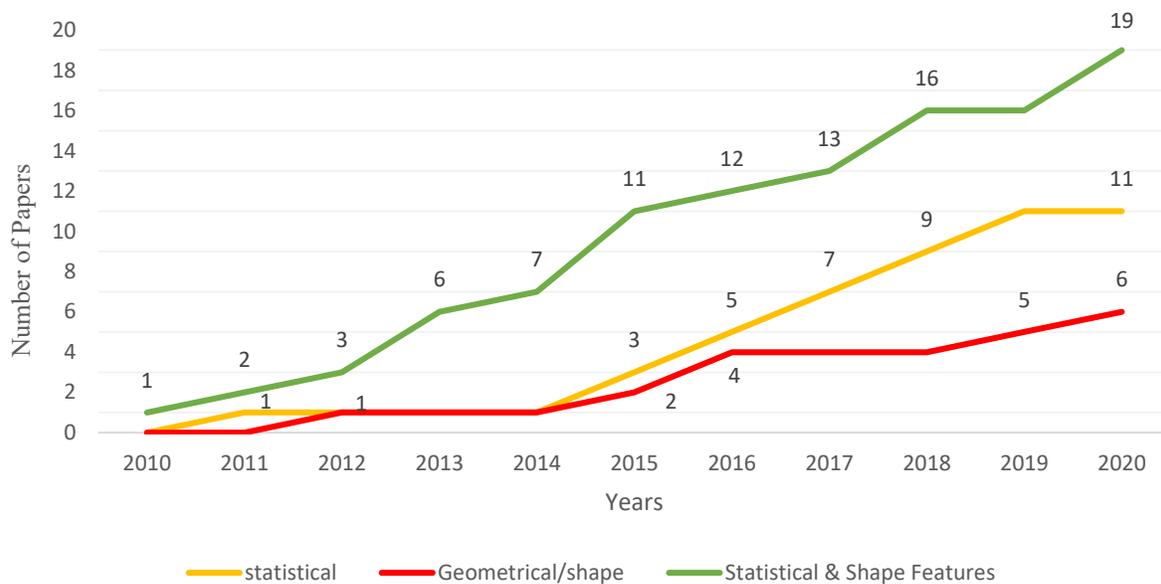


Figure 2: Cumulative of Publication Based on Feature Categories.

Figure 2 shows that the mixed statistical and shape features category is the most popular. It is an increasing trend from one publication in 2010 to 19 cumulative publications in 2020. In 2020, two papers published used mixed statistical and shape features while one paper used shape features. Overall, up to February 2020, a total of 19 papers published used mixed statistical and shape features, whilst 11 papers used statistical features, and only six papers used shape features.

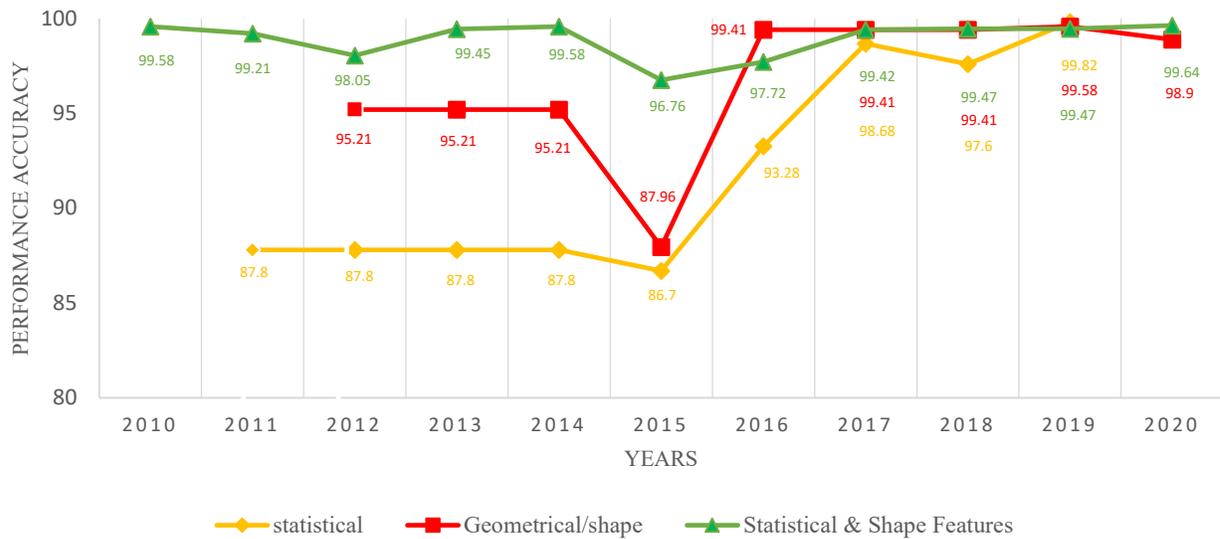


Figure 3: features response based on accuracy.

Figure 3 provides indicative performance in term of recognition accuracy for the existing features based CCPR schemes. Between 2011 to 2015, results from Figure 3 suggest that statistical features and shape features on their own are relatively less accurate compared to when they were concurrently implemented (mixed features). Ranaee et al. (2010) and Addeh et al. (2013) argued that the mixed features have excellent discrimination ability for pattern classification. This review confirms their arguments, particularly between 2010 to 2015. However, generally from 2017 onwards various researchers have reported improved performance for unmixed shape features and unmixed statistical features (>99% accuracy).

5. Conclusion

Accurate recognition of control chart patterns (CCPs) is critical in process monitoring and diagnosis especially when producing high-quality products. This paper provides a literature review on input data representation for three categories of features and their recognition accuracies. This review observes the following findings:

1. The most used features during the publication period from 2010 to 2020 are the mixed features. A total of 19 papers reviewed used mixed (statistical and shape) features, 11 papers on statistical features, and six papers on shape features.
2. The Mean feature is one of the most popular statistical features where 15 researchers have adopted them in the mixed features category. The standard deviation (Std) has been used by ten researchers. Both mean and standard deviation features provide effective representation of process variability information to classify types of CCPR patterns.
3. For the shape features category, the area between the pattern and the mean line (APML) feature is the most popular feature as 12 papers used the feature as part of their methodology.
4. In shape features, data representation does not depend on the sample size. This limitation opens opportunity for further study to see how it may affect its robustness in data representation.
5. The literature suggests that when statistical features and shape features are concurrently implemented, they can give better recognition accuracy as compared to unmixed other features especially during the early years. However, latest literatures indicate the gap is narrowing.

This review provides a starting point for new researchers to select suitable features for input data representation in developing CCPR schemes. Investigating the relationship between input data representation and recognizer design can be an interesting area for future research.

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