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ABSTRACT

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is a technology that allows a vehicle to automatically adjust its speed to maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of it. ACC systems use sensors, such as camera, radar or lidar, to detect the distance between the vehicle and the one in front of it, and can adjust the speed of the vehicle to maintain a safe following distance. The use of ACC technology has become increasingly popular in the automotive industry and has contributed to the development of autonomous driving.ACC has several benefits, including improved safety, reduced fuel consumption, and increased driver comfort. With ACC, drivers can maintain a safer distance from other vehicles, reducing the risk of accidents and increasing safety on the road. ACC also allows for more efficient driving by optimizing the speed of the vehicle, which can lead to a reduction in fuel consumption. Additionally, ACC can reduce driver fatigue by relieving the need for constant speed adjustments in congested traffic.

In conclusion, Adaptive Cruise Control is a technology that has greatly improved the driving experience and has paved the way for further advancements in autonomous driving. Its benefits in terms of safety, fuel consumption, and driver comfort make it a valuable addition to any vehicle. The future of ACC technology looks bright, with continued developments in machine learning and integration with other autonomous driving technologies. As the automotive industry continues to evolve, ACC will play an increasingly important role in shaping the future of transportation.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is a modern safety feature that has revolutionized the way we drive on highways and roads. It is an advanced driver assistance system (ADAS) that automatically adjusts the speed of the vehicle to maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of it. The ACC system uses radar and camera sensors to detect the distance and speed of the vehicles ahead and adjust the speed of the vehicle accordingly. This system has gained popularity in recent years due to its ability to reduce the risk of accidents caused by sudden braking or collision with the vehicle ahead. In this report, we will discuss the architecture, working principle, and future of Adaptive Cruise Control.

1.1 Motivation

The comfort and safety of driving might be considerably increased with the use of adaptive cruise control (ACC). Rear-end crashes are less likely when a vehicle has ACC because it can automatically alter its speed to maintain a safe following distance from the car in front. By handling speed control, ACC can also lessen driver stress and tiredness by freeing them up to concentrate on other parts of driving. In addition, ACC can enhance traffic flow by keeping a speed that is more constant, decreasing the possibility of abrupt braking and congestion. As a result, ACC has a lot of potential to improve everyone's driving experience by making it safer, more pleasant, and more effective.

1.2 Objectives

The primary goals of our project are laid forth in this section. These goals will be kept in mind during the whole endeavor. Therefore, the goals are as follows:

- Improve safety.
- Enhance driving comfort.
- Maintain safe distance between the vehicles.

1.3 Literature survey

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is an automotive feature that uses sensors such as radar or cameras to detect the distance and speed of the preceding vehicle, and adjusts the speed of the vehicle accordingly to maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of it. ACC is an extension of conventional cruise control systems, which maintain a constant speed regardless of the traffic ahead. ACC has attracted significant attention from researchers in recent years due to its potential to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion.

Several studies have been conducted on ACC, focusing on its effectiveness, limitations, and future developments. One such study by Rakha et al.(2016) [2] investigated the performance of ACC in real-world traffic conditions and found that it can significantly reduce driver workload and improve safety. Another study by Ding et al.(2018) [4] proposed a new ACC control algorithm that integrates information from multiple sensors to improve accuracy and responsiveness. Researchers have also explored the potential benefits of combining ACC with other advanced driver assistance systems such as lane departure warning and collision avoidance. For example, a study by Wang et al. (2019) [3] proposed a comprehensive framework that integrates ACC with these systems to improve overall driving safety.The evolution of ACC can be traced back to the 1990s when the first generation of the system was introduced. At that time, the technology was relatively simple and limited in its functionality. It relied on a radar sensor mounted on the front of the car to detect the distance and speed of the vehicle ahead. However, the system was not capable of bringing the car to a complete stop and was only able to maintain a safe distance at higher speeds.One of the most exciting aspects of ACC is its potential for reducing accidents and improving safety on the road. According to a report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), rear-end crashes account for about 29% of all crashes on U.S. roads. ACC can significantly reduce the risk of such accidents by automatically adjusting the car's speed to maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front. The technology can also reduce the risk of distracted driving, which is a leading cause of accidents, by taking over the control of the vehicle in certain situations.ACC is not a new concept, but it has gained popularity in recent years, with several car manufacturers incorporating the technology in their models. Companies like Waymo, Tesla, and Audi have been at the forefront of this technology and have made significant advancements in this area. Waymo's self-driving car uses a combination of sensors and software to enable the car to safely navigate through traffic. Tesla's autopilot system is also a form of ACC that can assist the driver with tasks like lane changing, parking, and summoning the car. Audi's Traffic Jam Assist is another example of ACC that can help the car automatically navigate through traffic jams.

In conclusion, Adaptive Cruise Control is an exciting and rapidly evolving technology that has the potential to revolutionize the way we drive. The technology has come a long way since its inception and is now capable of providing a safer and more comfortable driving experience. With continued advancements in hardware and software, we can expect to see further improvements in ACC technology in the coming years. Researchers and engineers should focus on addressing the challenges of robustness and reliability in different weather and traffic conditions to fully realize the potential benefits of ACC. The future of ACC looks bright, and we can look forward to a more efficient and safer driving experience with this technology.

1.4 Need Statement

The need to improve traffic flow, increase road safety, increase driver convenience, and address environmental issues in the present automobile scenario gave rise to the demand for adaptive cruise control (ACC). Improving driving conditions and road safety, as well as the requirement for cutting-edge driver assistance technologies that put efficiency, comfort, and safety first. Smoother traffic movement, less congestion, and increased traffic efficiency all depend on ACC's capacity to optimise traffic flow by reducing needless acceleration and deceleration. With ACC's emphasis on improving driver convenience, cognitive load is reduced and driver fatigue is decreased, making for a safer and more enjoyable driving experience.

1.5 Problem statement

Design and develop Adaptive cruise control system for self driving car and evaluate the performance on the QCar platform.

1.6 Organization of the report

The subjects of each chapter are summarised below. Chapter 1 contains the introduction to the report as well as the initial steps required to understand the title and problem description. Additionally, a literature review that provides a brief explanation about the project.Chapter 2 which is system design contains the functional block diagram which gives brief idea about all the sensory inputs to the ACC block and outputs which are given to the actuators.Chapter 3 contains the implementation details in which we have included the system architecture which is made using simulink platform. Then a brief explanation of each block of the system architecture is included.In Chapter 4, you'll find graphs of the steering, acceleration, desired and actual velocities of the car, as well as photos from CSI and a depth camera that show how the needed data was extracted.The conclusion and the project's future focus are discussed in Chapter 5, which also covers the applications in social context that show us how ACC can be employed in day-to-day living.

Chapter 2

System design

In this chapter we have designed a functional block diagram for ACC that includes all the major functionalities .

2.1 Functional block diagram

The block diagram below shows how the data from the various sensors is fed into the ACC blocks and then communicated to the actuators built into the Qcar. It starts out with an image processing block, where information from the depth camera and CSI is given into the obstacle detection block, which then processes the data and outputs it to the ACC block. For nominal speed, the ACC block additionally uses data from the user control block.The steering block provides the necessary steering angle to slow down during corners.As a feedback system, the ACC block and the automobile work together.

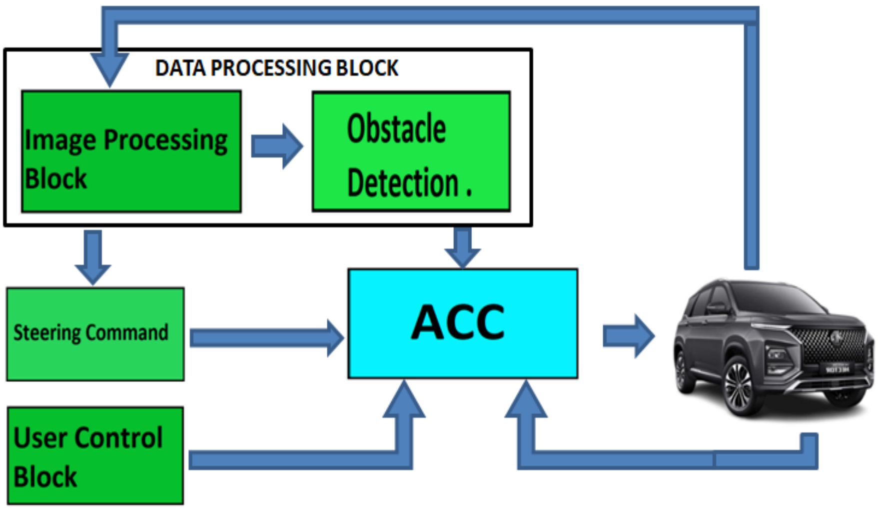

Figure 2.1: Block Diagram For ACC

Chapter 3

System Architecture

This section contains the overall design of ACC in which each block is explained briefly.

3.1 System architecture

The block design for the entire ACC system is depicted in the fig 3.1 below, showing how all of the blocks are integrated and communicated to the Qcar.

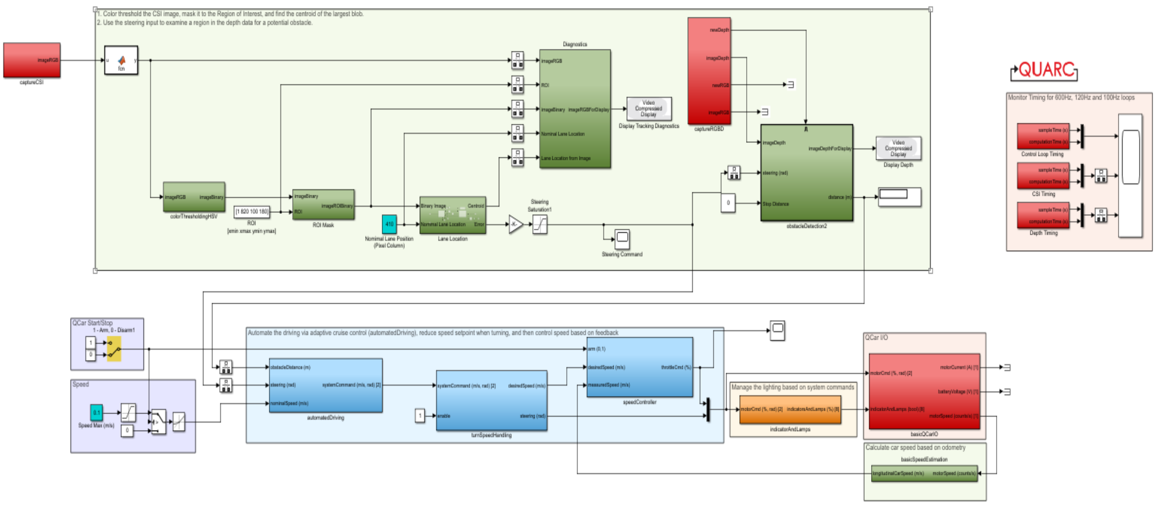

Figure 3.1: ACC Simulink Block

3.2 Blocks

The detailed explanation of each block used in the algorithm is given below

3.2.1 Capture CSI

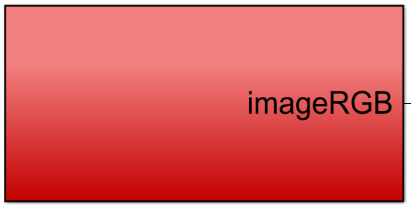

Figure 3.2: CSI Camera Capture Block

Inputs

- Data from the CSI camera

Outputs

- RGB Image

This block in the fig 3.2 above takes the data from the CSI camera of the Qcar and delivers the RGB image as the output

3.2.2 Color Thresholding HSV

Figure 3.3: RGB2HSV Image Conversion Block

Inputs

- RGB Image

Outputs

- Binary Image

Color thresholding shown in the fig 3.3 is done in two components. Component one converts the imageRGB input from the RGB to the HSV image plane. Supporting Documentation directory. Prior to identifying the regions of the image where a specific HSV values are present a subsystem generates the HSVMin and HSVMax values used to set the range for the specific color we want to select. Using the ImageCompare block we can generate a binary image which contains the portions of the image for which the selected color is valid. Following the HSV thresholding are separate Minimum and Maximum filters used to remove small specs of noise and fill holes respectively. The final image should be a relatively clean black and white image.

3.2.3 Region of Interest

Figure 3.4: ROI Mask Block

Inputs

- Binary Image
- ROI

Outputs

- ROI Binary Image

In fig 3.4 image is further filtered by applying a logical AND of a rectangular mask. ROI extracts the region from the original image for processing and applies the HSV thresholding and all subsequent steps to a smaller sub-image.Here the entire lower-half of the CSI image is passed through the entire change to maximize flexibility and gives you visibility into all the elements in the various processing steps, but this wastes substantial computational resources on areas that do not need to be processed.

3.2.4 Lane Location

Inputs

- Binary Image
- Nominal Lane Location

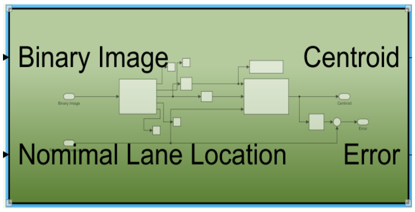

Figure 3.5: Lane Location Identifier Block

Outputs

- Centroid
- Steering Command and Error

The lane location subsystem in fig 3.5 uses an Image Find Objects block which searches for blobs of a minimum size and then sorts them by size. The subsequent Matlab function block gets the centroid of the largest blob and the difference of that x pixel location from the nominal lane position is the steering error. A gain is applied to the signal outside the subsystem which is used for the steering angle.

3.2.5 Diagnostics

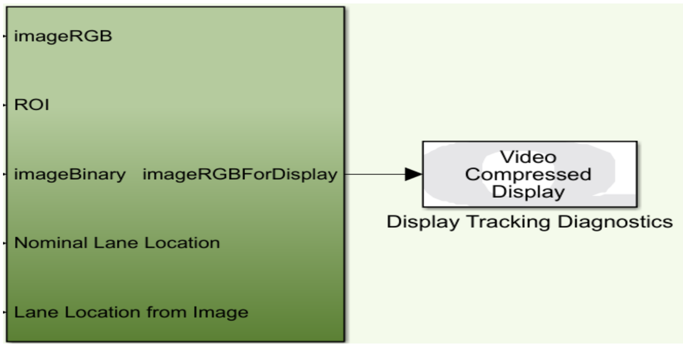

Figure 3.6: Diagnostics Block

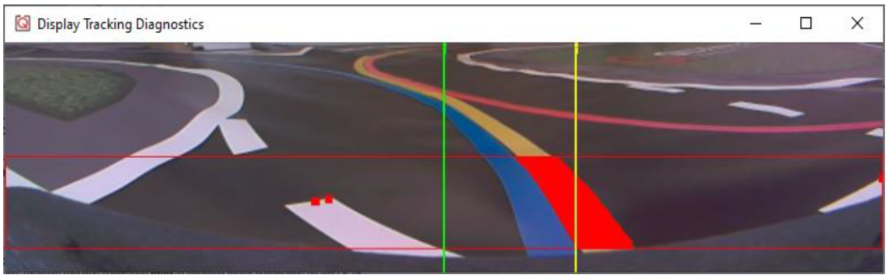

Figure 3.7: Tracking Diagnostics Display Block.

Inputs

- RGB Image
- ROI
- Binary Image
- Nominal Lane Location
- Lane Location from Image

Outputs

- RGB Image for Display

The diagnostics section shows the camera view with the detected, masked area overlaid in red. The red rectangle indicates the ROI. The green line is the nominal lane position, and the yellow line is the current blob centroid. The diagnostics block combining images and adding overlays is a significant draw on the computational resources. To reduce the impact, these been put in a separate sample time from the rest of the image processing. Ideally this, and any extra displays or scopes should be commented out to save the resources for additional operations. Here in the fig 3.6 the inputs are provided to the Diagnostics block and the fig 3.7 presents line tracking information as output with region of interest.

3.2.6 Depth Sensor and Obstacle Detection

This section explains about the process of obstacle detection using depth sensor.

Depth Sensor

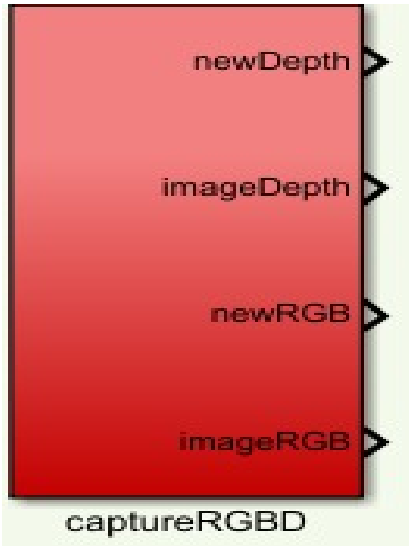

Figure 3.8: Depth Sensor Block

Input

- RGBD Camera(Intel RealSense)

Output

- RGB Image
- Depth Data

The camera block in the above fig 3.8 works by combining a traditional RGB camera with a depth sensor, allowing it to capture both color and depth information simultaneously. This depth information can be used for a range of applications, such as 3D mapping, gesture recognition, and object tracking.Here this depth sensor provides the obstacle detection block with depth data which is further processed along with the steering command as the input.At the output part we get RGB image and Depth image as outputs.

Obstacle Detection

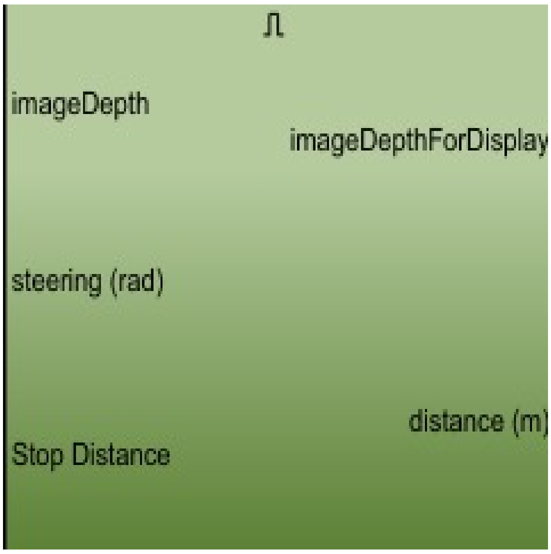

Figure 3.9: Obstacle Detection Block

Input

- Image Depth
- Steering in rad
- Stop Distance

Output

- Image Depth
- Distance in m

Here the inputs are provided to the obstacle detection block in the fig 3.9 which further processes them and provides us with two outputs being image depth which is further displayed using a display, and distance in meters which is shown by a scope. The distance mentioned here is the space between the vehicle and the obstacle, this distance is further provided to the ACC block where the main process begins.

3.2.7 Automated Driving

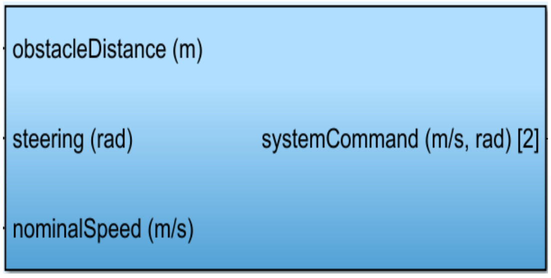

Figure 3.10: Automated Driving Block

Inputs

- Obstacle Distance
- Steering in Radians
- Nominal Speed

Outputs

- System Command in meter per second and radians

This controller subsystem will adjust the systemCommand desired speed based on a commanded nominalDistance(m/s) and obstacleDistance(m/s). Using a fixed stopdistance and nominaltrackingdistance the linear speed command is modulated such that the QCar slows down until the stopdistance is greater than obstacledistance

3.2.8 Turn Speed Handling

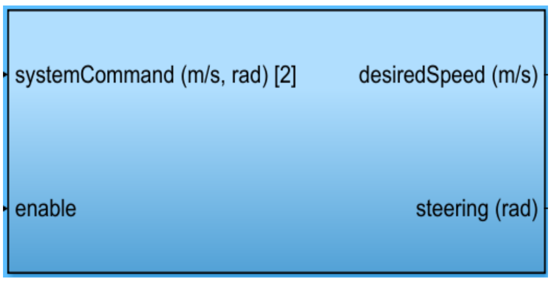

Figure 3.11: Turn Speed Handling Block

Inputs

- System Command
- Enable

Outputs

- Desired Speed
- Steering

An enable constant is used to configure what the desiredSpeed(m/s) should be. We can pass the linear velocity command directly or evaluate the cosine of the steering to the power of 8. This secondary method will slow down the QCar closer to a turn and speed up during straight sections of road.

3.2.9 Speed Controller

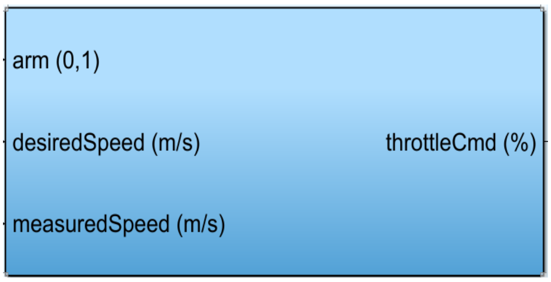

Figure 3.12: Speed Controller Block

Inputs

- Arm(0,1)
- Desired Speed
- Measured Speed

Outputs

- Throttle Command

A feedforward PI controller is used to generate the desired throttleCmd() signal sent to the ESC of the QCar. The measuredSpeed of the QCar is compared to the desiredSpeed where the error term is converted from m/s to via a proportional gain and m to via an integral gain. To avoid integrator windup due to error accumulation over time the integral is reset using the arm signal which is also in charge of enabling the motor command. Lastly the error term is adjusted by a feed forward gain which converts the desired speed from m/s to . By using a feedforward gain the controller command is no longer centered about zero but the desired setpoint defined by the feedforward gain.

3.2.10 Basic I/O

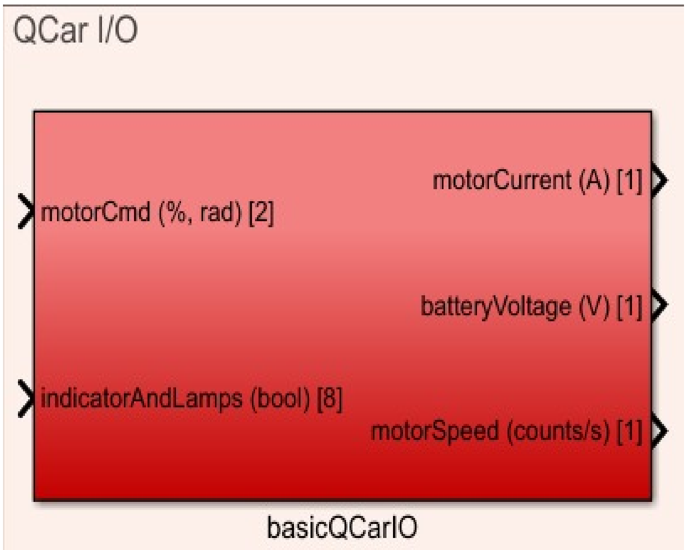

Figure 3.13: Basic I/O Block

Inputs

- Motor Command(%,rad)
- Indicator and Lamps

Outputs

- Motor Current(A)
- Battery Voltage(V)
- Motor Speed(counts/s)

The basic input output block in fig 3.13 is a critical component of a car's electrical system. It receives motor and lamp commands and provides essential outputs such as motor current, battery voltage, and motor speed, which are used to assess the car's status. Proper alignment and functioning of this block are crucial for the safe and efficient operation of the car. It is an essential component in the overall performance of the car, and any malfunction can lead to significant issues that may compromise the vehicle's safety.

3.2.11 Timing

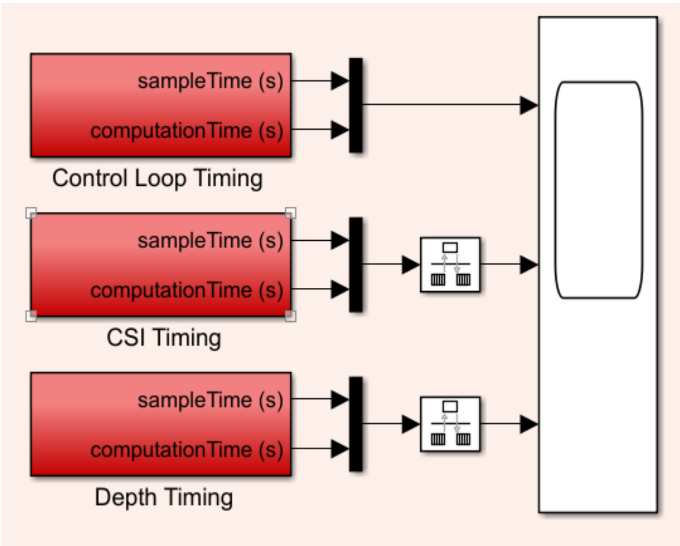

Figure 3.14: Timing Block

Input

- Sample time
- Computation time

Output

- Timing graph of respective block

The above fig 3.14 shows the sample time for the respective timing rates and the computation time. If the computation time exceeds the defined sample time, then the same time will also increase. This can result in a sample loop running less than the expected rate and causing gaps in data when merging data through the rate transition blocks. If this occurs, either create a multi-step process to pipeline calculations or reduce the sample rate. In this scenario, the CSI cameras are set to run at 120Hz, but due to the less-optimal image processing implemented, the image processing loop was reduced to 60Hz.

3.2.12 Indicator and Lamps

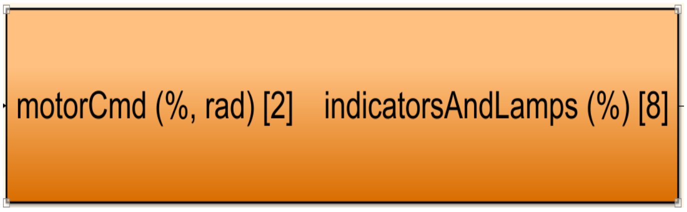

Figure 3.15: Indicator and Lamps Block

Input

- Motor Command

Output

- Indicator and Lamps command

The logic inside this subsystem fig 3.15 enables the LEDs on the QCar to act as a direction indicator. For the amber LEDs located at the front and the back of the QCar, these act as steering indicators. The steering is either greater than 0.3 for a left direction or less than 0.3 for a right steering indication. The rear left and right lamps are set to red when the QCar has a negative linear velocity while they are off during regular operation

3.2.13 User Interface

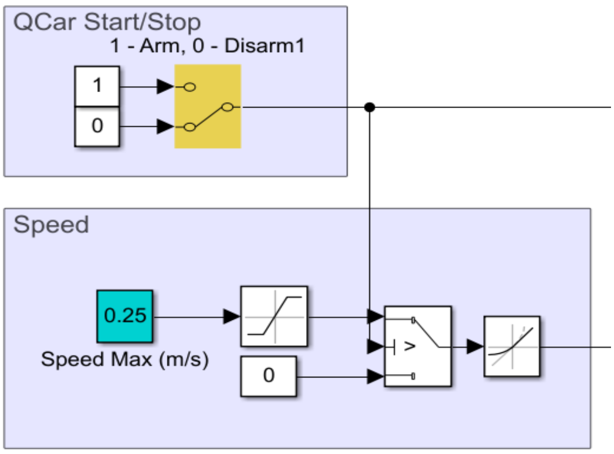

Figure 3.16: User Interface Block

Input

- Arm(1) or Disarm(0)
- Speed[0 to 1.5]

Output

- Arm or Disarm
- Speed Command

Here in the user interface block fig 3.16 we have an option to turn ON/OFF the motor command of the car module by giving the Arm/Disarm command. Also we have the option to set the optimal speed at which the car should be moving.

3.3 Algorithm

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is an advanced driver assistance system that adjusts the speed of a vehicle to maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of it. The following is the algorithm for Adaptive Cruise Control:

1. Initialize variables: Set the target speed, the nominal tracking distance, and the stop distance.
2. Read input: Obtain the current speed, distance to the vehicle in front, and steering angle.
3. Check for obstacles: Detect any obstacles or stopped vehicles ahead.
4. Calculate speed for vehicle to maintain safe distance: Determine the desired speed of the vehicle based on actual spacing of the vehicle and the one in the front given by the equation:

   speed_cmd =nominal_speed/(nominal_tracking_distance-stop_distance) *obstacle_distance-nominal_speed/(nominal_tracking_distance-stop_distance)*stop_distance

5. Adjust speed: If the distance to the vehicle in front is less than the safe following distance, reduce the speed gradually. If the distance is greater than the safe following distance, increase the speed gradually.
6. Acceleration and deceleration: If the speed difference between the current speed and the desired speed is greater than the maximum acceleration or deceleration rate, adjust the speed gradually to avoid abrupt changes.
7. Repeat: Continue to read input and adjust the speed as necessary to maintain a safe following distance.

3.4 Visualizing the ACC Algorithm

A Detailed Step-by-Step Flowchart.

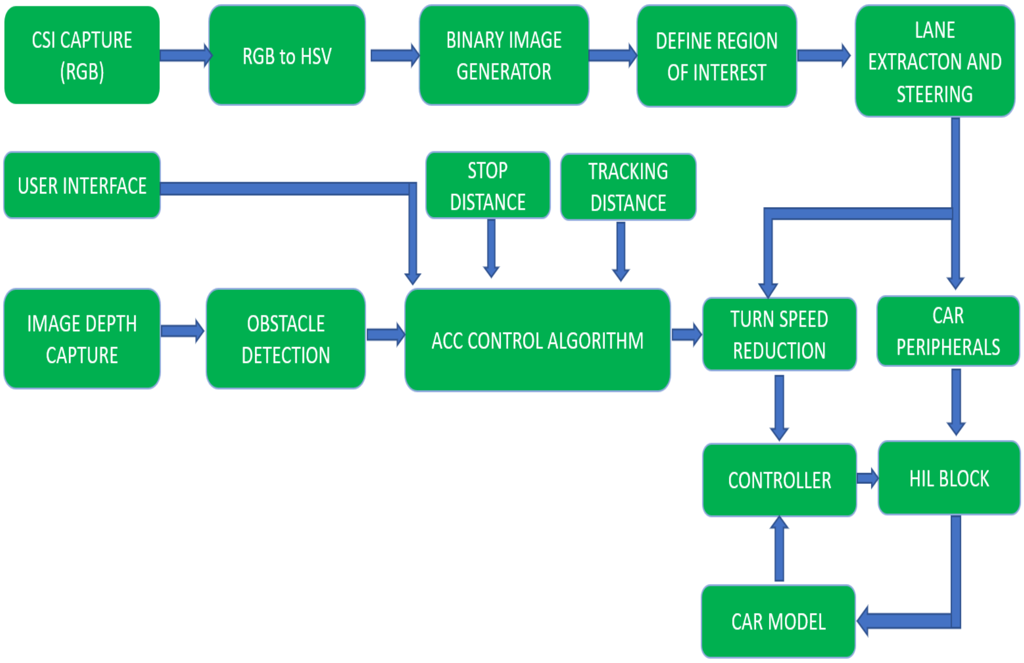

Figure 3.17: ACC Flowchart

The fig 3.17 above depicts the detailed step-by-step method of the ACC algorithm used in this project. At first, we take sensor input and filter it so that only necessary data is ingested. The acquired data is delivered to control algorithms, where it is used to compute and assess the next command to be fed to the system. The data computed by the control agorithms is then transmitted to the HIL (Hardware In Loop) block, which includes components such as HIL Read and HIL Write that dump the code onto the car model (Q-Car model). The generated output is then used as feedback by the controller to further optimise the algorithm to best suit the scenario.

Chapter 4

Results and discussions

This chapter mainly covers the details of graphical data obtained from the analysis of the performance of the algorithm.

4.1 Result Analysis

This section presents the results which were produced when the program was executed on hardware(Q-Car). Here we present

- Desired Speed v/s Actual Speed
- Acceleration
- Steering
- ROI defined Depth Image
- CSI Image(Line Following)

4.1.1 Desired Speed v/s Actual Speed

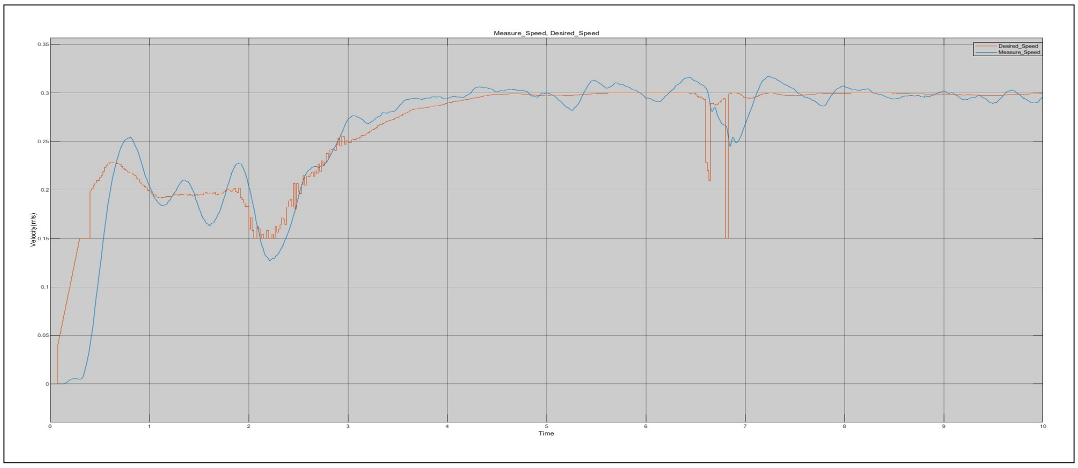

Figure 4.1: Desired Speed vs Actual Speed Graph

The above fig 4.1 provides us a comparison between the desired speed required to be maintained by the Q-Car and the actual speed at which the Q-Car is moving. Here the red line graph is desired speed, the blue line graph is actual speed.

4.1.2 Acceleration

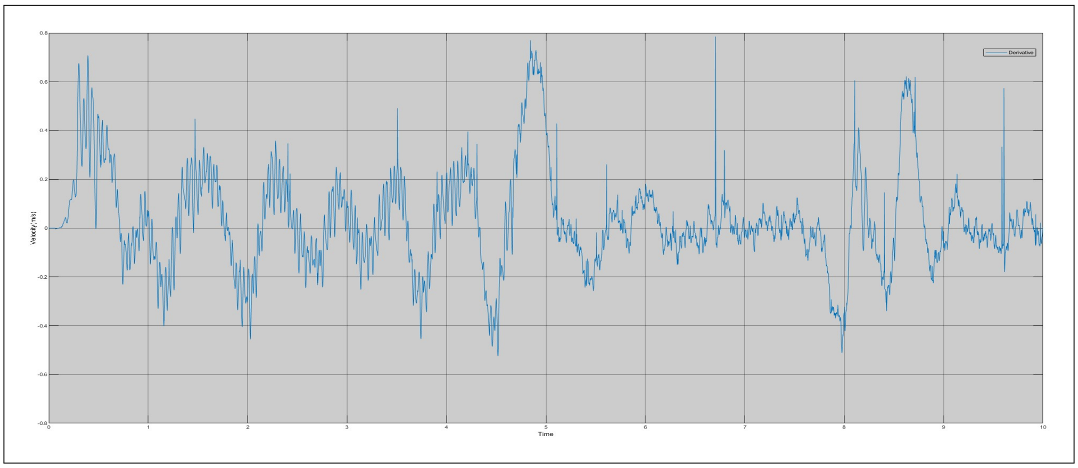

Figure 4.2: Acceleration of the car model

The fig 4.2 illustrates the variation in acceleration over time when the Q-Car system is in operation

4.1.3 Steering

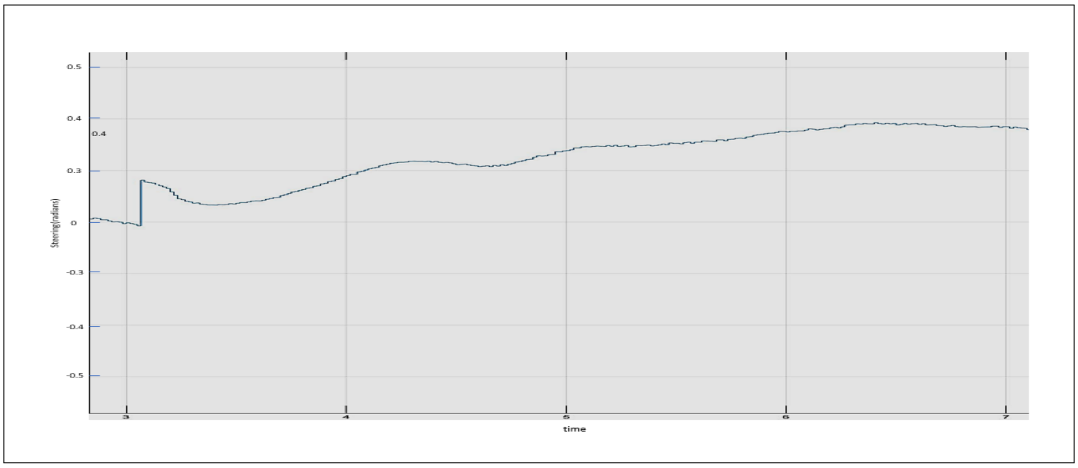

Figure 4.3: Steering of the car model

The provided figure, shown in Figure 4.3, displays the steering data of the Q-Car system plotted against time.

In this section, real-time data from the aforementioned graphs is obtained from the Q-Car system, which is a hardware system specifically designed for real road scenarios. The data includes parameters such as acceleration, velocity, and steering of the car. By comparing the obtained data with the expected output, we can identify any discrepancies and make necessary adjustments to avoid repeating the same errors. Additionally, feedback is provided to the controller, enabling further optimization of the system. Controllers such as fuzzy-C and PID controllers are utilized to enhance the performance of the system and achieve optimal results.

4.1.4 ROI defined Depth Image

This section focuses on the output of the RGBD (depth) sensor, specifically in relation to steering. A defined region is utilized to determine the depth of obstacles. When the steering is in a neutral position, the region remains centered. As the steering turns to the right, the region gradually shifts to the right based on the steering rate. Similarly, when the steering turns to the left, the process repeats with the region adjusting accordingly. Within this region, the pixel values are captured and stored in a 2D array. The mean value of these pixels is then calculated, representing the obstacle distance. The provided graphs depict different scenarios: when the steering is in a neutral position, when the steering is turned to the right, and when the steering is turned to the left. These graphs visualize the relationship between steering and obstacle distances captured by the RGBD sensor.

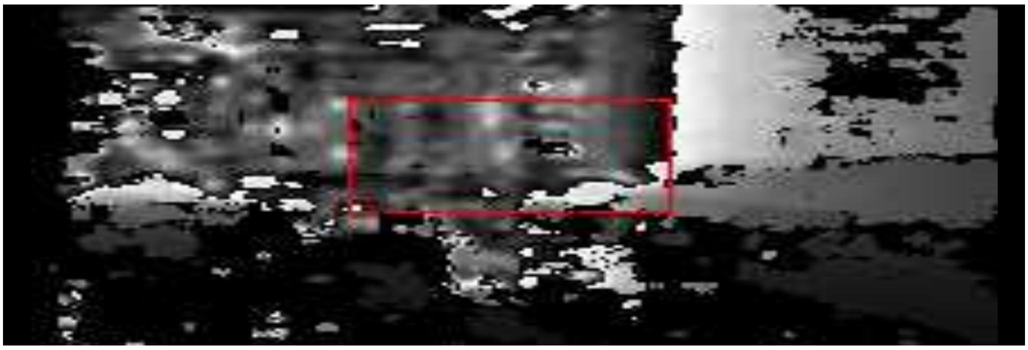

Figure 4.4: Depth Region when Steering is Neutral

The fig 4.4 above illustrates the Region of Interest (ROI) based depth region in a scenario where the steering is in a neutral position. In this case, the region box is defined at the center of the image. When an object is detected in front of the car while driving on a straight road, it is identified within the ROI. The Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system then initiates its function to respond appropriately to the detected object and ensure safe and efficient driving conditions.

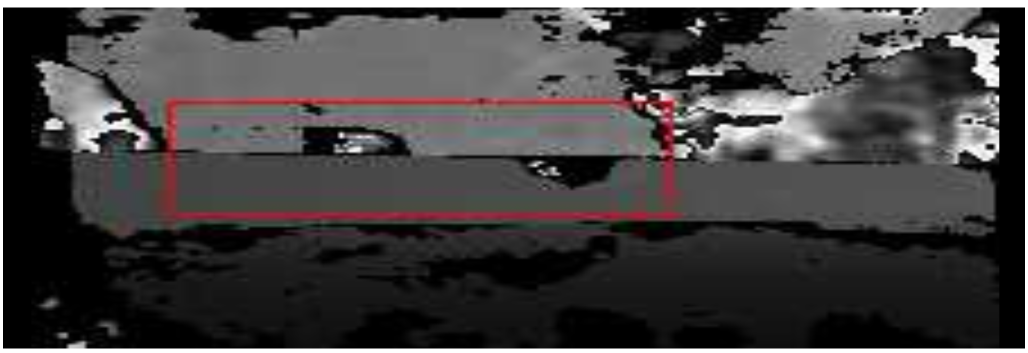

Figure 4.5: Depth Region when Steering is towards Left

The fig 4.5 above illustrates the Region of Interest (ROI) based depth region in a scenario where the steering of the car is moving from a neutral position towards the left at a certain rate. As the steering angle changes, the region box dynamically adjusts its position to accommodate the shifting perspective. When an object is detected within this dynamically adjusting ROI while the car is in motion, the Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system comes into action. It utilizes the depth information from the ROI to assess the presence of obstacles and makes necessary adjustments to ensure safe and efficient driving conditions. The ACC system continuously monitors the changing environment and dynamically adapts the vehicle's speed and distance to maintain optimal control and avoid potential collisions.

Figure 4.6: Depth Region when Steering is towards Right

The fig 4.6 above illustrates the Region of Interest (ROI) based depth region in a scenario where the steering of the car is moving from a neutral position towards the right at a certain rate. As the steering angle changes, the region box dynamically adjusts its position to accommodate the shifting perspective. When an object is detected within this dynamically adjusting ROI while the car is in motion, the Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) system comes into action. It utilizes the depth information from the ROI to assess the presence of obstacles and makes necessary adjustments to ensure safe and efficient driving conditions. The ACC system continuously monitors the changing environment and dynamically adapts the vehicle's speed and distance to maintain optimal control and avoid potential collisions.

4.1.5 HSV and object dection

This section focusses on using a camera sensor to acquire an image, the RGB (Red, Green, Blue) colour information of each pixel is converted into the HSV colour space to produce HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) images. A more understandable representation of colour information can be obtained by using the HSV colour space, which expresses colours in terms of their hue, saturation, and value/brightness components.

- **Hue**: It represents the dominant wavelength of light and is typically described in terms of colors such as red, green, blue, etc. It is measured as an angle ranging from 0 to 360 degrees, forming a color wheel.
- **Saturation**: It represents the purity or intensity of the color. A fully saturated color appears vivid and vibrant, while a desaturated color appears closer to grayscale. Saturation is typically represented as a percentage ranging from 0
- **Value**: It represents the brightness or intensity of the color. A higher value indicates a brighter color, while a lower value indicates a darker color. Value is also typically represented as a percentage ranging from 0

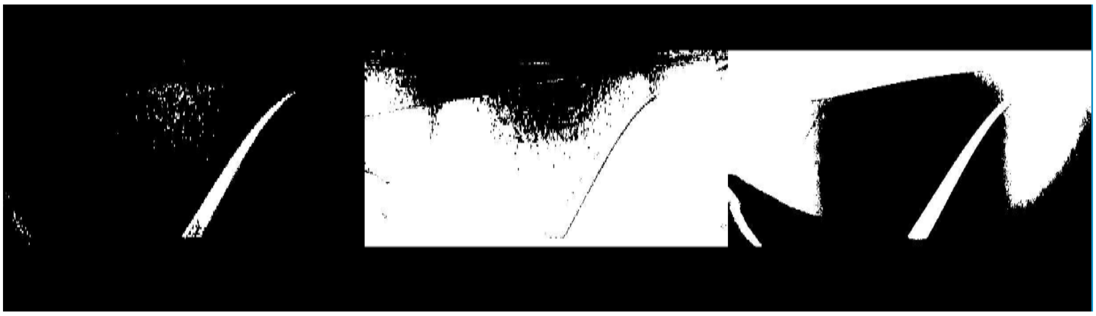

Figure 4.7: HSV Converted Image

The fig 4.7 above illustrates about capturing HSV (Hue, Saturation, Value) images from a camera involves acquiring an image using a camera sensor and then converting the RGB (Red, Green, Blue) color information of each pixel into the HSV color space. The HSV color space represents colors in terms of their hue, saturation, and value/brightness components, which can provide a more intuitive representation of color information.

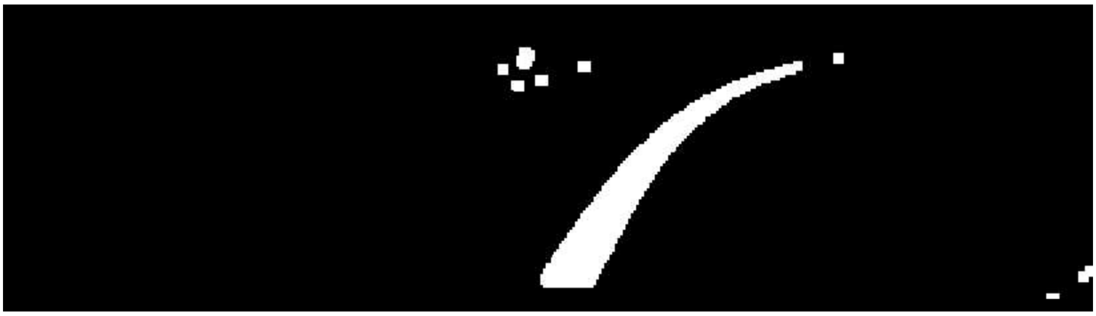

Figure 4.8: Filtered HSV image

The fig 4.8 above illustrates that the HSV thresholding are separate Minimum and Maximum filters used to remove small specs of noise and fill holes respectively. The final image obtained is a clean black and white image.

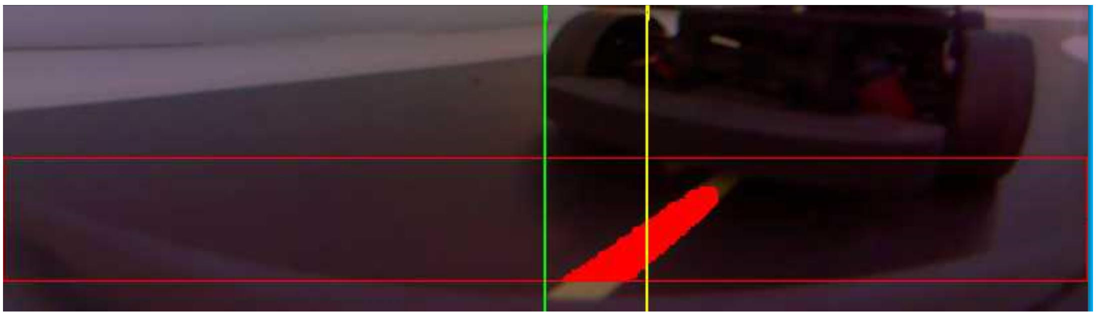

Figure 4.9: Region-based Line Extraction

The fig 4.9 above illustrates region-based line extraction, in which the identified line on the previously archived camera data is present in the final filtered image after applying minimum and maximum filters.The line on the road can be located using this info.In order to effectively detect the line, we additionally designate a region of interest here.

Chapter 5

Conclusions and future scope

This chapter contains the conclusion and future scope for this project and it also covers the applications in social context that show us how ACC can be employed in day-to-day living.

5.1 Conclusion

In conclusion, the adaptive cruise control project is a significant technological advancement in the automotive industry that aims to improve road safety and driving comfort. With the integration of sensors, radar, and machine learning algorithms, the system can automatically adjust the speed of the vehicle based on the surrounding traffic conditions. The technology has been proven effective in reducing accidents caused by human error, particularly rear-end collisions. Moreover, it can reduce driver fatigue and stress, making driving a more relaxing and enjoyable experience. As the automotive industry continues to evolve, we can expect adaptive cruise control to become more prevalent and sophisticated, leading to further improvements in road safety and driving experience.

5.2 Future scope

The future scope for adaptive cruise control (ACC) projects is quite promising, with advancements in technology and increasing demand for safe and efficient driving. Here are some potential areas where ACC projects can make significant contributions:

- **Autonomous Vehicles**: ACC is a fundamental component of autonomous vehicles, allowing them to adapt to traffic conditions and maintain a safe distance from other vehicles. ACC technology can be further improved to enable self-driving cars to navigate complex road scenarios and improve their overall safety.

- **Integration with other Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)**: ACC technology can be integrated with other ADAS features like lane departure warning, collision avoidance, and pedestrian detection to enhance the overall safety of vehicles. This integration can lead to a more comprehensive and efficient driving experience.

- **Environmental Considerations**: With the growing concerns around emissions and the environment, ACC technology can be further developed to help reduce fuel consumption and emissions. This can be achieved by optimizing driving speed, minimizing sudden braking or acceleration, and promoting smoother and more efficient driving.

- **Improved User Experience**: ACC technology can be enhanced to provide a more personalized driving experience by considering factors like driver behavior, preferences, and habits. This can help make driving more comfortable, safe, and enjoyable for the user.

5.2.1 Application in the societal context

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is a driver assistance system commonly used in the automotive industry. While its primary purpose is to enhance safety and convenience during driving, there are social implications and benefits associated with this technology. Here are a few social context applications for Adaptive Cruise Control:

- **Traffic Flow Optimization**: ACC systems can help optimize traffic flow and reduce congestion on roads. By maintaining a safe and consistent distance from the vehicle ahead, ACC can regulate speed and minimize unnecessary braking and acceleration. This smoother driving behavior can lead to improved traffic flow and reduced stop-and-go situations, benefiting all drivers on the road and reducing overall travel time.

- **Increased Safety** : ACC systems contribute to road safety by reducing the risk of rear-end collisions. By automatically adjusting the vehicle's speed based on the distance and speed of the preceding vehicle, ACC helps maintain a safe following distance and mitigates the human error factor in maintaining a safe driving distance. This technology promotes safer driving practices and reduces the likelihood of accidents, thus enhancing the safety of all road users.

- **Reduced Driver Fatigue**: Long periods of driving can lead to driver fatigue, impairing reaction times and increasing the risk of accidents. ACC can help alleviate driver fatigue by assisting with speed control and maintaining a safe distance from the vehicle ahead. This feature allows drivers to focus more on the road and their surroundings, reducing mental and physical strain during extended driving sessions.

- **Enhanced Fuel Efficiency**: ACC systems can contribute to fuel efficiency by optimizing speed and acceleration patterns. By maintaining a consistent and efficient speed, ACC helps minimize unnecessary fuel consumption due to frequent acceleration and braking. Improved fuel efficiency benefits both the driver and the environment by reducing fuel costs and lowering carbon emissions.

- **Positive Social Behavior**: ACC can promote positive social behavior on the road. By maintaining a safe following distance and avoiding sudden braking or acceleration, ACC helps create a smoother driving experience for all vehicles around. This courteous and cooperative driving behavior can contribute to a more harmonious and safer driving environment, fostering a positive social atmosphere among road users.

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