

## Project: PID controller

### 1. Summary

Controls is one of the important subsystems of a self-driving car and in this project, we are required to implement a PID controller to keep the car in the lane. PID controller stands for Proportional, Integral and Differential controller. Based on the amount of error (Current - desired), the terms mean the following:

P – Change the plant output proportional to the error

D – Change the plant output based on rate of change in error (how fast the error is gaining or losing)

I – Change the plant output based on accumulated error over time.

I manually tuned the gains of the PID controller.

### 2. Shortcomings

According to me, I think the following are the shortcoming of my approach. But it's a good place to start with.

- a. Limited speed, the car moves out of lane at more than 50 mph.
- b. Lane keeping isn't smooth

### 3. Possible improvements

As always, there is room for improvement

- a. Lane keeping at higher speeds can be achieved by implementing a PID based speed control based on the amount of deviation from center – basically, slowing down at turns.
- b. Look into other controllers like MPC.

Happy Learning!!!

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