

Controlling path of UGV

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Abstract—Navigation of Unmanned Ground Vehicles(UGVs) plays a key important role. Imperfections in vehicle designs, motors and its driver will underpins such navigation capabilities. We propose a simple PID controller with a gyroscope feedback to control the path of UGV.

Index Terms—UGV, PID

I. INTRODUCTION

Navigation in space using UGV is very challenging task if we design the controller assuming ideal situations. Imperfections arise in imbalanced chassis design, voltage fluctuations and gear slippages in motors. Giving same control input to same motors would't result in same speed due to the mentioned non-idealities, so tracing a straight line is almost impossible. Due to difference in torques of motors this would result in rotation in UGV. To correct this we use a simple PID controller with gyroscope feedback (MPU6050) to correct the path. We get angular velocities and accelerations from the MPU6050 then from which we estimate angular orientations. This can be done using *kalman filters* but considering computation capability of embedded controllers we use *complementary filters*.

We then use these estimated angles to estimate the error with actual desired angle and then use PID controller to correct the speeds of motors.

II. ARCHITECTURE

III. EXPERIMENTS