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# ABSTRACT

In today's fast-paced world, the menace of automobile accidents continues to loom large, posing a significant threat to road safety. Despite remarkable advancements in automotive technology, a pressing need exists for holistic solutions that not only enhance safety but also actively prevent accidents. In India, where road transport is the most cost-effective mode for both freight and passengers, the challenge is even more paramount given its extensive reach in densely populated areas. Shockingly, road traffic injuries stand as the leading global cause of death, claiming approximately 1.3 million lives each year. Alarmingly, nearly 70% of highway traffic accidents can be attributed to inadequate braking safety distances between moving vehicles. While substantial technological research efforts have been invested in vehicle safety, accidents continue to rise. This underscores the urgency of implementing sophisticated collision avoidance systems as part of a comprehensive solution. A collision avoidance system represents a cutting-edge driver-assistance technology designed to either prevent or minimize the severity of collisions. At its core, a forward-collision warning system analyzes a vehicle's speed, the speed of the vehicle in front of it, and the distance separating the two, enabling it to promptly alert the driver when vehicles come too close, thereby averting potential crashes. This project aims to harness the power of Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and seamlessly integrate it with other cutting-edge features to create a versatile device that can use the power of Adaptive Cruise Control for detecting and avoiding severe potholes on roads. This project takes a novel approach of combining the detection capabilities with the cruise control system to make the vehicle a self-pothole detecting system. By doing so, we seek to revolutionize the way vehicles interact with their surroundings, ultimately reducing accidents and saving lives.

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# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Overview

### 1.1.1 Potholes

Potholes, the bane of Indian roadways, are a significant contributor to vehicle accidents across the country. These treacherous depressions in the road surface result from a combination of heavy traffic, inadequate maintenance, and extreme weather conditions. Despite advancements in infrastructure development, the proliferation of potholes continues to pose a grave threat to road safety. In India, where road transportation is a primary mode of commuting, the impact of potholes is particularly severe. The consequences of such accidents are far-reaching, affecting not only the victims and their families but also burdening the healthcare system and the economy.

Potholes disrupt the smooth flow of traffic, causing sudden braking and swerving, which can lead to collisions. Motorcyclists and cyclists are especially vulnerable, as their smaller vehicles are less stable when navigating uneven surfaces. Additionally, potholes can cause significant damage to vehicles, leading to costly repairs and, in some cases, loss of life. Efforts to mitigate this issue include government initiatives for better road maintenance, the use of technology for early detection and repair, and increased public awareness. However, the scale of the problem requires a concerted effort from all stakeholders to ensure safer roads and reduce the incidence of accidents caused by potholes.

Figure 1.1.1.1 Indian Roads with Potholes

### 1.1.2 Adaptive Cruise Control

Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) represents a significant leap forward in automotive technology, enhancing both safety and convenience for drivers. Unlike traditional cruise control systems that maintain a set speed, ACC dynamically adjusts the vehicle's speed to maintain a safe following distance from the car ahead. This sophisticated system leverages an array of sensors, including radar, cameras, and laser technology, to monitor the traffic environment and respond accordingly providing a foundational technology that enhances driver assistance features. By automatically managing acceleration and braking, ACC reduces driver fatigue, particularly on long journeys and in stop-and-go traffic.

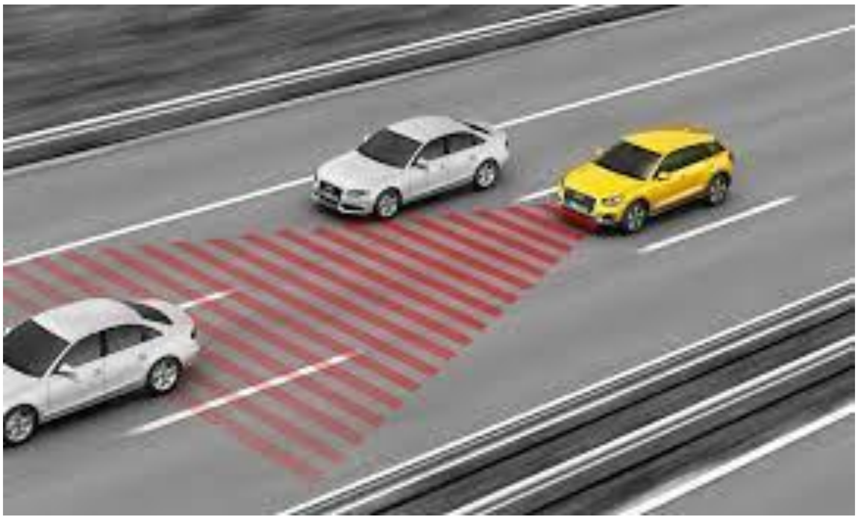


Figure 1.1.2.1 Adaptive Cruise Control

This system not only improves comfort but also contributes to overall road safety by minimizing the risk of rear-end collisions and promoting smoother traffic flow. In recent years, the integration of ACC into mainstream vehicles has become more prevalent, reflecting the growing demand for advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS). Manufacturers continue to refine ACC capabilities, integrating them with other technologies such as lane-keeping assistance and automatic emergency braking, moving closer to the vision of fully autonomous vehicles. As this technology evolves, it promises to make roads safer and driving more enjoyable, marking a pivotal step towards the future of intelligent transportation.

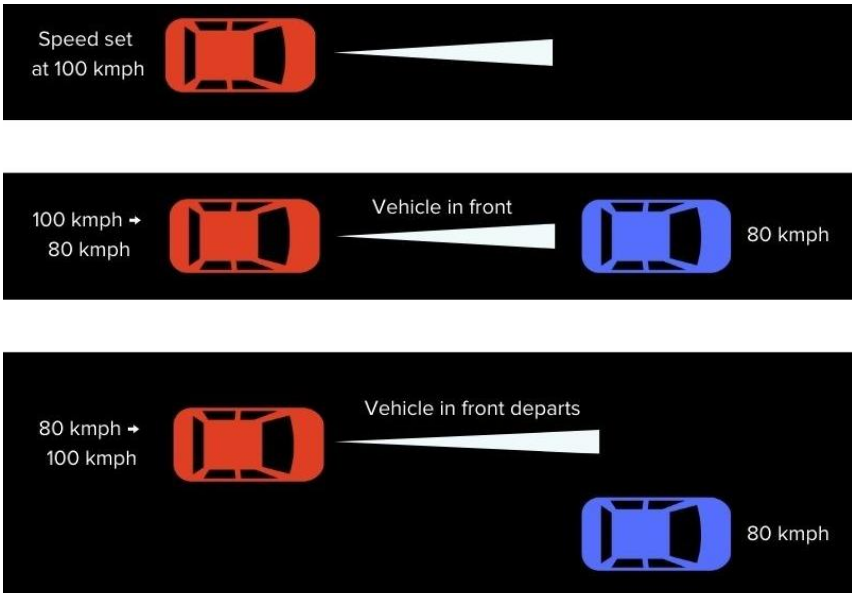



Figure 1.1.2.2 Adaptive Cruise Control

### 1.1.3 Object Detection

Object detection software has become a cornerstone of modern computer vision, enabling machines to identify and locate objects within images and videos. This technology underpins a wide range of applications, from autonomous vehicles and surveillance systems to healthcare diagnostics and augmented reality. By harnessing the power of deep learning algorithms, object detection software can recognize and classify objects with remarkable accuracy and speed.

Among the myriad of object detection frameworks available, YOLO (You Only Look Once) has emerged as a leading choice due to its unique combination of efficiency and performance. YOLO models are renowned for their ability to process images in real-time, making them ideal for applications that require quick and reliable object detection. The latest iteration, YOLOv8, represents the pinnacle of this technology. It builds on the strengths of its predecessors with significant improvements in both speed and accuracy. YOLOv8 utilizes advanced neural network architectures and optimized training techniques to deliver state-of-the-art performance. It offers several key advantages that set it apart from other object detection framework.

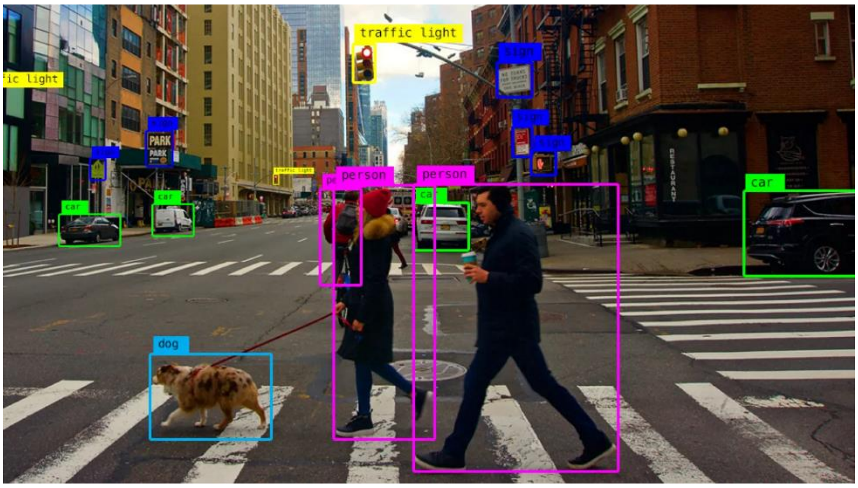



Figure 1.1.2.3 Object Detection

This project aims at combining the two latest technologies- Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and the Object Detection (YOLOv8) into building an intelligent vehicle which can detect potholes with the object detection system and control the course of action followed detecting it. The vehicle is intelligent enough to detect a pothole, recognize its depth, declare it as safe, medium or risk and decide the next course of action that is to be followed.

## 1.2 Summary

The proposed project aims to revolutionize vehicle safety and driving efficiency by integrating two cutting-edge technologies: Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and Object Detection (YOLOv8). This integration will create an intelligent vehicle capable of detecting potholes, assessing their severity, and autonomously deciding the best course of action to ensure safety and comfort. The integration of ACC and YOLOv8 will result in an intelligent vehicle equipped to detect and respond to potholes autonomously. The object detection system will identify potholes on the road, analyse their depth, and classify them into three categories: safe, medium, or risky. Based on this classification, the ACC system will adjust the vehicle’s speed and trajectory to ensure safety and minimize damage. YOLOv8 will scan the road surface continuously, detecting potholes with high accuracy. Advanced algorithms will assess the depth and size of each pothole, providing a detailed analysis in real-time.

Classification: The system will classify potholes into three categories:

- Safe: Minor depressions that pose minimal risk and do not require significant speed adjustment.
- Medium: Potholes that could cause discomfort or minor damage, necessitating moderate speed reduction or slight course adjustment.
- Risky: Severe potholes that pose a significant risk to vehicle safety, requiring substantial speed reduction or manoeuvring around the pothole.

Course of Action: Based on the classification, the ACC system will autonomously decide the appropriate response:

- For safe potholes, the vehicle may continue at its current speed with minimal adjustment.
- For medium potholes, the vehicle will reduce speed slightly and adjust its course to minimize impact.
- For risky potholes, the vehicle will significantly reduce speed or stop or navigate around the pothole to avoid damage.

This project holds the potential to dramatically improve road safety and driving comfort. By intelligently detecting and responding to potholes, the system will reduce the risk of accidents and vehicle damage. Moreover, it will alleviate driver stress and fatigue, particularly in regions with poorly maintained roads. The combination of ACC and YOLOv8 in this project represents a significant step forward in automotive technology. By creating an intelligent vehicle capable of autonomously detecting and responding to potholes, this project promises to enhance road safety, reduce maintenance costs, and provide a more comfortable driving experience. This innovation aligns with the broader goals of advancing autonomous driving and smart transportation systems, marking a pivotal development in the pursuit of safer and more efficient roadways.

# Chapter II

# LITERATURE SURVEY

## 2.1 Review

In this paper [1], an internet of things-based road monitoring system (IoTRMS) is proposed to identify the potholes and humps in the road. The pathway which is affected by the pothole is greatly influenced by the scattering signal of the ultrasonic sensor. So, the magnitude of the reflected signal is decreased due to the roughness of the surface and the signal amplitude is difficult to analyze. To overcome this difficulty, an accelerometer has been included with the ultrasonic sensor to measure variation present in the signal and optimized using honeybee optimization (HBO) technique. The IoT-RMS automatically updates the status of the road with location information in the cloud. Each road vehicles can access the information from the server and estimate the speed according to the potholes and humps present on the road. The simulation has been done and the result shows that the IoT-RMS can be accommodated in road vehicles to reduce the number of accidents. The proposed system is implemented and tested using Arduino Uno with ESP 8266.

In this paper [2], a physics-based geometric framework is developed, where pothole detection and depth-estimation can be accomplished using suitable laser. Specifically, the dry pothole depth is related to the measured optical deviation using simple ray optics. Snell's law of refraction is used to obtain a quartic equation, and it's appropriate real root to relate water-filled pothole depth to the corresponding optical deviation. The laser source projects a laser onto the pothole and then the camera captures the image of the laser. The laser line captured by camera is separated from the background using thresholding operation. The binary output is compared with the reference template to detect the deformation. The template consists of an image of laser line on road without pothole. A mismatch between the template image and its binary version immediately indicates the unevenness of the road, possibly a pothole.

In this paper [3], a pothole detection system is developed using 2D LiDAR and Camera. To improve the pothole detection accuracy, the combination of heterogeneous sensor system is used. Two 2D LiDAR, called as RPLIDAR, and a camera are connected to the Raspberry Pi 3 small single-board computer. The RPLIDAR is a low cost 360-degree 2D laser scanner. Each LiDAR sends information such as the distance to the object, angle, and accuracy using serial communication to the single board computer. The pothole detection algorithm includes noise reduction pre-processing, clustering, line segment extraction, and gradient of pothole data function. Next, image-based pothole detection method is used to improve the accuracy of pothole detection and to obtain pothole shape. Image-based algorithms include noise filtering, brightness control, binarization, addictive noise filtering, edge extraction, object extraction. After obtaining LiDAR information, the proposed pothole detection algorithm is performed using MATLAB. Estimated pothole information such as width and depth are compared with those of the actual pothole information obtained from the vision-based pothole detection method to verify the accuracy of the model.

This paper [4], presents the detection of humps and potholes using techniques of image processing, machine learning and sensor-based approach. The proposed method involves the use of cameras and sensors to collect data on road conditions, analyze the data and identify areas with humps or potholes. Machine learning algorithms are applied to learn to recognize patterns in the data and make accurate predictions. The Custom Object detection TensorFlow Lite model has been implemented to detect hump and pothole classes from live images captured by the webcam on the Raspberry Pi 3. Also, the Python script evaluates the detection by checking the variations in Gyroscope readings on the MPU6050 sensor verified for real world scenarios. Upon positive detection by computer vision followed by positive verification from the sensor, the result class is published along with the latitude and longitude of the device on the output terminal.

In this paper [5], an intelligent pavement pothole detection system is proposed by modifying the single stage CNN architecture Retina Net to detect potholes and perform metrological studies using 3D vision. The photogrammetric technique of structure from motion based on image frames extracted from pavement video recordings is used to model the 3D point cloud structure of potholes to assess the severity of the detected potholes as a function of its depth and is integrated with the CNN based pothole detection system. The depth estimation algorithm is based on the construction of point cloud structure of the distressed pavement simply using two image frames by employing structure from motion.

This paper [6], proposes a federated deep learning-based 3-Dimensional (3D) pothole detection (3Pod), which is an intelligent real-time evaluation and reporting platform of road conditions and MRI (Maintenance Responsiveness Indicator) using IoT and Artificial Intelligence technologies. It detects road defects in 3D with size estimation to discern other road objects, including patched potholes, fake road bumps. The lightweight system can detect potholes and road defects in 3D with depth estimation from 2D images with very high accuracy and low inference time. Besides detecting, 3Pod evaluates the risk of each deficiency on the road and assigns priority values. Using the crowd-voting technique helps assess and monitor maintenance requests and generates indicators of responsiveness and work quality of the city.

In this paper [7], a CNN-based algorithm is used by the pothole recognition module to evaluate the images. The model is trained to recognize potholes and identify them apart from other roadside characteristics. The vehicle speed control mechanism receives an information when a pothole is found. Different types of CNN models were applied to compare their accuracy, and it was found that DenseNet201 performed better in classification. The model was then deployed in the Django framework to provide a better user interface. The use of the Django framework for the user interface provided a more interactive and user-friendly experience for users. The web application allows users to access the pothole prediction results easily.

This paper [8], proposes a road pothole data augmentation method combining generative adversarial network and image fusion technology. In this method, the clear forged pothole images with different morphometry are generated separately through SinGAN network, and the pothole image and road image are synthesized by Poisson image fusion. A mask image generation method for Poisson image fusion is also presented to further improve the edge smoothness of the fused part. SinGAN is used to learn the features of local pothole image, so that the generated result is closer to the real pothole, and the PSNR is increased compared with the baseline method.

This paper [9], presents a model based on Transfer Learning, Faster Region-based Convolutional Neural Network(F-RCNN) and Inception-V2.The proposed system can detect potholes in real-time in images/videos captured by a camera mounted on the vehicle and to give an alert to the driver about the pothole on road in front of the vehicle.The system will detect the location of the pothole and upload the same on map (reflected in android app developed ) so that other users who have no camera mounted on their vehicle can get alert about the pothole using the app only. This system uses complex CNN architectures like Inception v1 (GoogLeNet), inception v2 and finally select inception v2.

This paper [10], presents a pothole warning system based on algorithms using Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks (VANETs). The proposed solution uses an accelerometer to collect pothole-related data and warns drivers and authorities about potholes. The authors propose a pothole detection system using accelerometer data. When the accelerometer data exceeds the configured detection threshold value, the information is sent to a cloud database. From there, government agencies and other authorized third parties can obtain data regarding detected potholes. The proposed work also introduces a crowdsensing system to assess road surface roughness using smartphone accelerometer.

This paper [11], represents a practical fully automated solution for evaluating the road surface in a desired section. The suggested system for pothole detection uses detection nodes with two accelerometers. Its main goal is to make analysis of the potholes on the road surface and to visualize on the map the bigger ones, thereby increasing the safety and comfort of all passengers. The system exploits two detection methods, based on z-axis algorithms, to determine the number and location of potholes using a mobile phone and an external controller with a GY-521 sensor. When both devices detect a pothole, the sensor node sends an alert with GPS coordinates to a central node, which maintains the database. In such manner, the system response is delayed inversely with the route load, but the reliability increases significantly. The sensor network backbone takes advantage of the existing mobile network technologies.

In this paper [12], a solution is proposed to detect and segment dry and wet potholes (potholes filled with water) using smartphone sensors and camera images. For the first set of experiments using smartphone sensor records, various machine learning techniques (RF, XGBoost and ANN) with balanced and imbalanced classifiers were used to detect the potholes. A new pothole detection approach with sensor data on two-class (pothole and normal) classification problems is proposed using hypothesis testing. An optimal threshold value is empirically obtained using GMM (Gaussian mixture model) to classify the data points into one of the two classes that rendered 70% accuracy with precision and recall values ranging from 50% to 60%. For the second set of experiments on camera images and videos captured from a moving vehicle, popular semantic segmentation techniques like Mask-RCNN and U-Net algorithms were applied.

This paper [13] addresses the detection and localization of one of the key pavement distresses, the potholes, using computer vision. Different kinds of pothole and nonpothole images from asphalt pavement are considered for experimentation. Considering the appearance-shape based nature of the potholes, Histograms of oriented gradients (HOG) features are computed for the input images. Features are trained and classified using Naïve Bayes classifier resulting in labeling of the input as pothole or non-pothole image. To locate the pothole in the detected pothole images, A normalized graph cut segmentation scheme is employed. The proposed scheme is tested on a dataset having a broad range of pavement images.

In this paper [14], the proposed model DeepPave, a combination of Visual Geometry Group 16 (VGG 16), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP), along with regularization techniques such as dropout and L2 regularization and optimization techniques, has been developed for the detection of potholes. The system model outlines a comprehensive approach, from data acquisition and preprocessing to feature extraction and machine learning/deep learning algorithms. The proposed DeepPave architecture, based on VGG16 aims to strike a balance between feature extraction and model regularization for binary classification.

In this paper [15], a high-power artificial lighting system has been used, which requires a complicated lighting system and a significant power source. An efficient and more economical approach for pavement distress inspection by using laser imaging is proposed. After the pavement images are captured, regions corresponding to potholes are represented by a matrix of square tiles and the estimated shape of the pothole is determined. The vertical, horizontal distress measures, the total number of distress tiles and the depth index information are calculated providing input to a three-layer feed-forward neural network for pothole severity and crack type classification. The proposed analysis algorithm is capable of enhancing the pavement image, extracting the pothole from background and analyzing its severity.

In this paper [16], a stereo vision system is proposed which detects potholes during driving. The objective is to benefit drivers to react to potholes in advance. This system contains two USB cameras that take photos simultaneously. Parameters are obtained from camera calibration with checkerboard to calculate the disparity map. 2-dimensional image points can be projected to 3-dimensional world points using the disparity map. With all the 3-dimensional points, the bi-square weighted robust least-squares approximation for road surface fitting is used. All points below the road surface model can be detected as pothole region.

In this paper [17], a low complexity method for detection and tracking of potholes in video sequences taken by a camera placed inside a moving car is proposed. The region of interest for the detection of the potholes is selected as the image area where the road is observed with the highest resolution. A threshold-based algorithm generates a set of candidate regions. For each region the following features are extracted: its size, the regularity of the intensity surface, contrast with respect to background model, and the region's contour length and shape. The candidate regions are labeled as putative potholes by a decision tree according to these features, eliminating the false positives due to shadows of wayside objects. The putative potholes that are successfully tracked in consecutive frames are finally declared potholes.

## 2.2 Motivation

Potholes are a pervasive problem on roadways worldwide, causing a range of serious issues that affect safety, vehicle maintenance, and overall driving comfort. The motivation to develop an advanced pothole detection system stems from the need to address these critical challenges effectively. Key motivations include:

1. Enhancing Road Safety:

   - Accident Prevention: Detecting and responding to potholes in real-time can prevent accidents, particularly for motorcyclists and cyclists who are more vulnerable to road surface irregularities.

   - Predictive Safety Measures: By identifying hazardous road conditions in advance, the system can help vehicles take preventive actions, reducing the likelihood of collisions and improving overall traffic safety.

2. Improving Driving Comfort:

   - Smooth Driving Experience: Potholes cause abrupt vehicle movements, leading to an uncomfortable and stressful driving experience. A detection system that enables vehicles to avoid or smoothly navigate around potholes can greatly enhance driving comfort.

   - Driver Fatigue Reduction: Continuous exposure to poor road conditions can contribute to driver fatigue. An intelligent system that mitigates these conditions allows drivers to remain more alert and comfortable, especially on long journeys.

3. Reducing Vehicle Damage and Maintenance Costs:

   - Minimizing Repairs: Potholes can cause significant damage to vehicles, including tire blowouts, suspension system damage, and alignment issues. Early detection and avoidance of potholes can save vehicle owners from costly repairs and extend the lifespan of their vehicles.

- Lowering Maintenance Costs: By reducing the frequency and severity of vehicle damage, the overall maintenance costs associated with road travel can be significantly lowered, benefiting both individual vehicle owners and commercial fleets.

## 2.3 Research Gaps and Challenges

Although there are systems which separately detect potholes, there is no such integrated system which can detect the pothole, assess its depth, and decide its next course of actions based on the inputs received. The shape and size of the pothole largely varies and this is one of the biggest challenges in implementing a system which can detect all kinds of pothole obstacles.

## 2.4 Statement of the Project

“The condition of roadways, particularly the prevalence of potholes, poses a significant challenge to road safety and driving comfort.”

## 2.5 Objectives

1. To detect potholes in real-time.
2. To classify potholes based on its depth.
3. To change the speed of the vehicle based on its classification.

# Chapter III

# DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

## 3.1 Methodology

The proposed project seeks to revolutionize vehicle safety and driving efficiency by merging Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with Object Detection (YOLOv8) technology. This integration aims to create a smart vehicle capable of identifying potholes, evaluating their severity, and autonomously deciding the best action to ensure safety and comfort. By combining ACC and YOLOv8, the vehicle will autonomously detect and respond to potholes. YOLOv8 will continuously scan the road surface, accurately detecting potholes, while advanced algorithms will analyse their depth and size in real-time. These potholes will be classified into three categories: safe, medium, or risky, based on their severity.

The ACC system will then adjust the vehicle's speed and trajectory accordingly to ensure safety and minimize damage. For safe potholes, minimal adjustments will be made, while for medium and risky ones, speed reduction or manoeuvring around the pothole will be implemented. This project holds the potential to significantly enhance road safety and driving comfort by reducing the risk of accidents and vehicle damage. It will also alleviate driver stress and fatigue, particularly on poorly maintained roads. The integration of ACC and YOLOv8 represents a notable advancement in automotive technology, promising safer roads, reduced maintenance costs, and a more comfortable driving experience. This innovation aligns with broader efforts to advance autonomous driving and smart transportation systems, marking a significant step towards safer and more efficient roadways.

## 3.2 Block Diagram

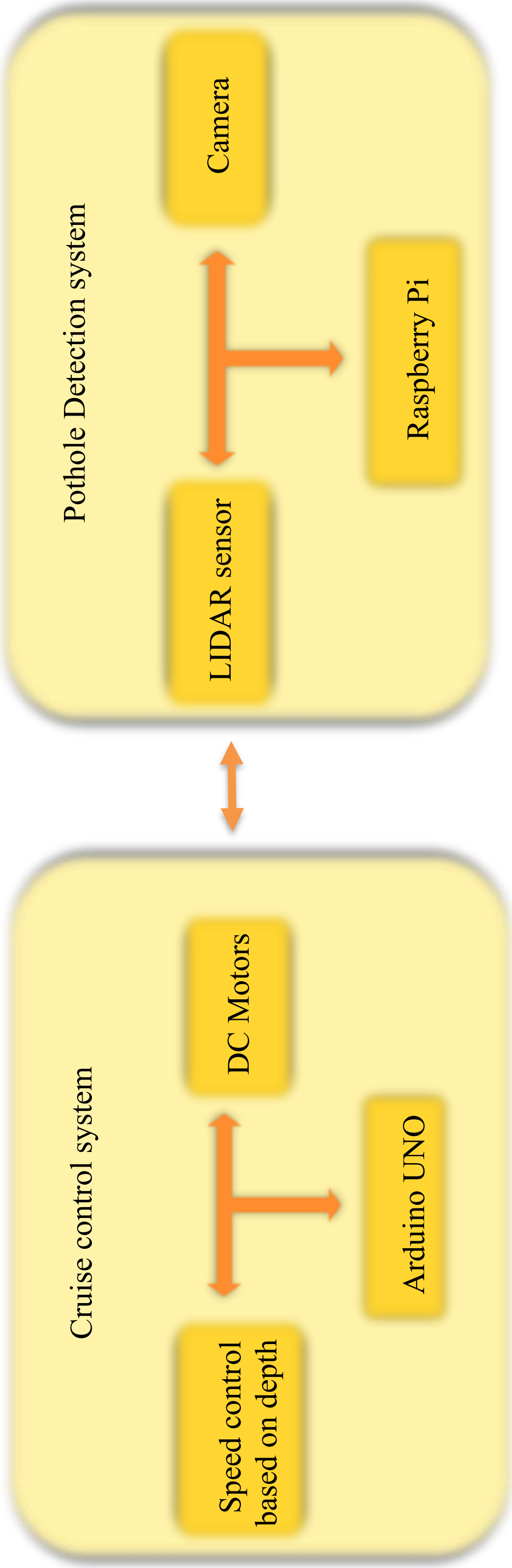



Figure 3.2.1 Block Diagram

### 3.2.1 Pothole Detection and Depth Estimation System

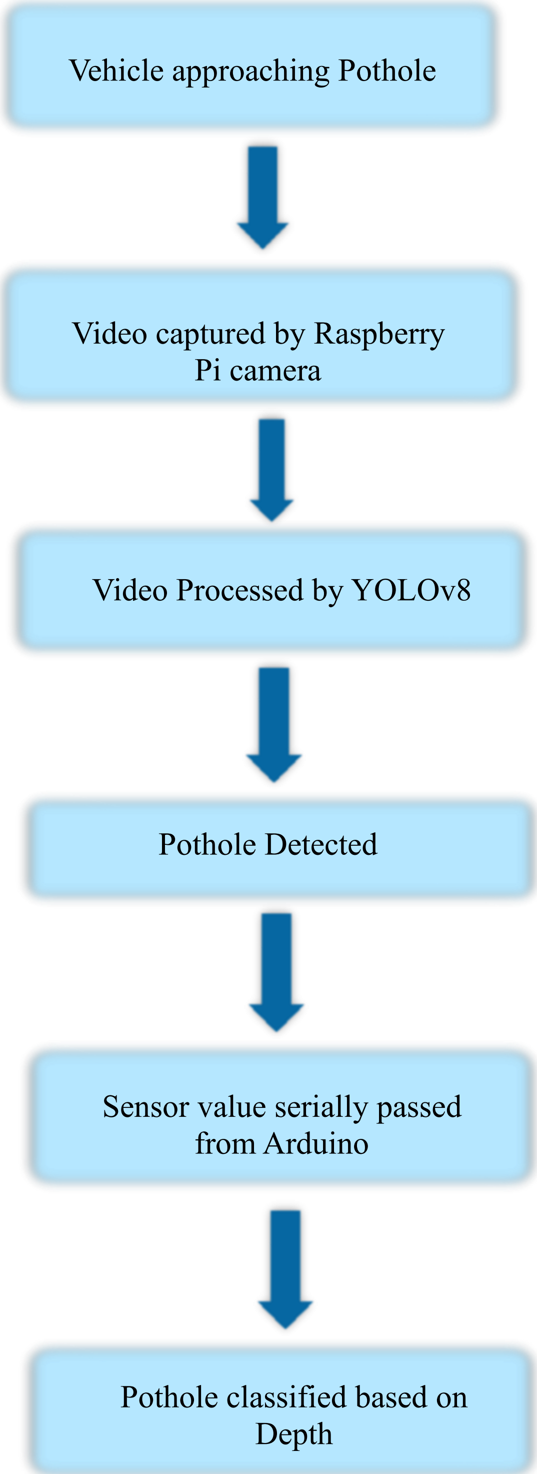



Figure 3.2.1.1 Block Diagram of Pothole Detection and Depth Estimation System

### 3.2.2 Cruise Control System

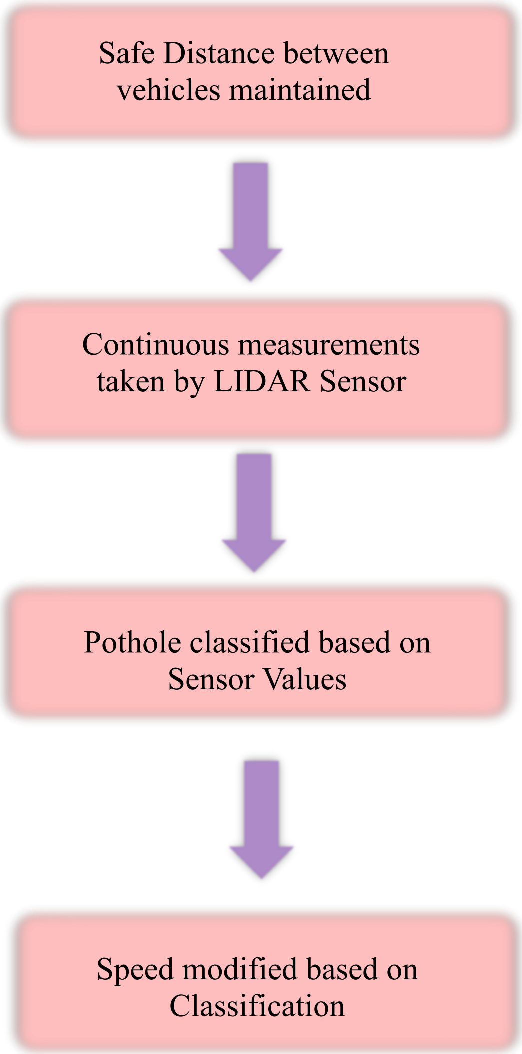



Figure 3.2.2.1 Block Diagram of Cruise Control System

## 3.3 Circuit Diagram

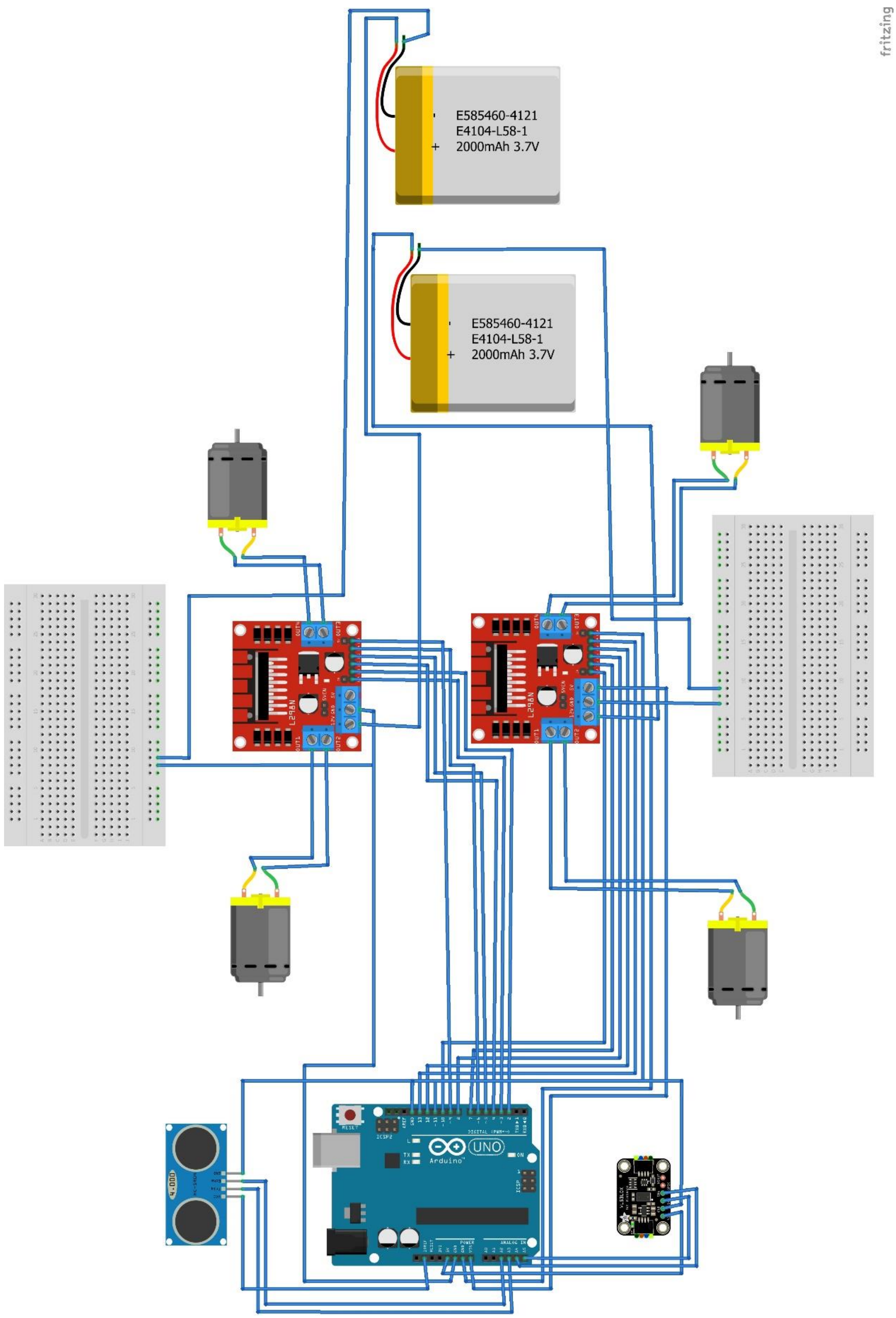



Figure 3.3.1 Circuit Diagram

## 3.4 Implementation

The proposed system has been implemented as a model with two systems:

1. Pothole Detection and Depth Estimation system

2. Cruise Control system

### 3.4.1 Hardware Requirements:

1. Four Wheel Chassis

2. DC Motors

3. Arduino UNO

4. Motor Driver (L298N Module)

5. LiPo Battery (3.7 V, 2000 mAh)

6. Ultrasonic Sensor (HC-SR04)

7. LIDAR Sensor (VL53L0X)

8. Raspberry Pi 4 Model B

9. Raspberry Pi Camera module

10. Raspberry Pi Display (3.5 Inch)

### 3.4.2 Software Requirements:

11. Raspberry Pi OS

12. Arduino IDE

13. Python

### 3.4.3 Description of the components used in the project:

1. **Four Wheel Chassis:** The 4WD Smart Robot Chassis Kit is a robotic platform designed to be used with an Arduino microcontroller. This kit includes a four-wheeled robot chassis, DC motors, wheels, a control board, battery holders, and other necessary components to assemble a functional robot.

Figure 3.4.3.1 Four Wheel Chassis

2. **DC Motors:** This is a geared DC motor commonly used mechanisms that require constant rotation. This motor can be powered with power source as low as 2V and up to recommended voltage of 6V, maximum voltage level you can input is 12V. It has dual output shaft, meaning one of the shafts can be attached to a wheel, gear, or any attachment, and one of the shafts can be attached to a rotary encoder wheel like a photo interrupter sensor to catch the speed of rotation. It has an operating voltage of 3 – 12V and Gear ratio of 1:48.

Figure 3.4.3.2 DC Motors

3. **Arduino UNO:** Arduino UNO is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328P. It has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz ceramic resonator, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header and a reset button. The microcontroller board is equipped with sets of digital and analog input/output (I/O) pins that may be interfaced to various expansion boards (shields) and other circuits. It is programmable with the Arduino IDE (Integrated Development Environment), via a type B USB cable. It can be powered by a USB cable or a barrel connector that accepts voltages between 7 and 20 volts, such as a rectangular 9-volt battery.


Figure 3.4.3.3 Arduino UNO

4. **Motor Driver (L298N Module):** The L298N is a dual H-Bridge motor driver which allows speed and direction control of two DC motors at the same time. The module can drive DC motors that have voltages between 5 and 35V, with a peak current up to 2A.

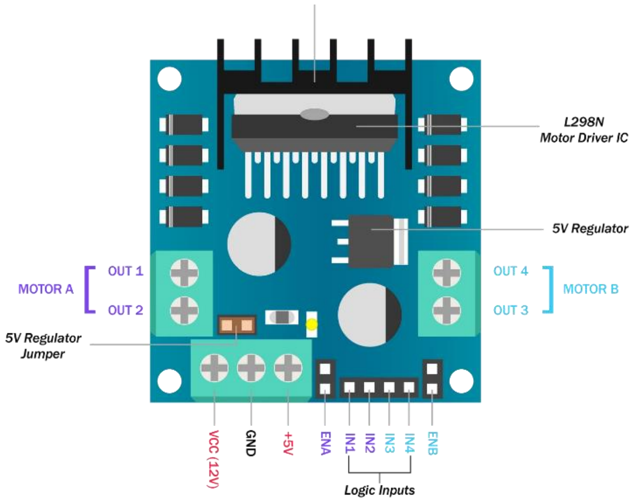



Figure 3.4.3.4 Motor Driver (L298N Module)

5. **LiPo Battery (3.7 V, 2000 mAh):** A lithium polymer battery, or more correctly lithium-ion polymer battery (abbreviated as LiPo, LIP, Li-poly, lithium-poly, and others), is a rechargeable battery of lithium-ion technology using a polymer electrolyte instead of a liquid electrolyte. Highly conductive semisolid (gel) polymers form this electrolyte. These batteries provide higher specific energy than other lithium battery types and are used in applications where weight is a critical feature.

Figure 3.4.3.5 LiPo Battery (3.7 V, 2000 mAh)

6. **Ultrasonic Sensor (HC-SR04):** Ultrasonic ranging module HC - SR04 provides 2cm - 400cm non-contact measurement function, the ranging accuracy can reach to 3mm. The basic principle of work is:

(1) Using IO trigger for at least 10us high level signal.

(2) The Module automatically sends eight 40 kHz and detect whether there is a pulse signal back.

(3) If the signal back, through high level, time of high output IO duration is the time from sending ultrasonic to returning. Test distance = (high level time × velocity of sound (340 m/s) / 2.

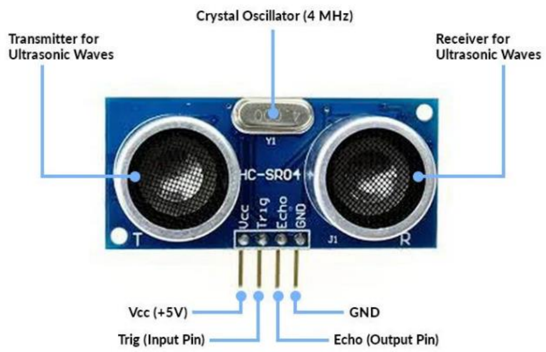



Figure 3.4.3.6 Ultrasonic Sensor (HC-SR04)

7. **LIDAR Sensor (VL53L0X):** The VL53L0X TOF BASED LIDAR laser Distance Sensor is a Time-of-Flight (ToF) based Laser Distance Sensor, which is designed to measure the distance up to 2 meters with high accuracy and precision. It uses a VCSEL (Vertical Cavity Surface Emitting Laser) to emit a laser beam and then measures the time taken by the light to bounce back from the target to calculate the distance.

   The sensor can measure distances up to 2 meters with a resolution of 1 mm. The sensor has an accuracy of +/- 3%, making it highly precise and reliable. The sensor can take up to 60 measurements per second, which makes it ideal for real-time applications. The sensor can communicate with the host microcontroller via I2C interface, which is easy to use and widely supported. The sensor is immune to ambient light, which means it can accurately measure distances even in brightly lit environments.

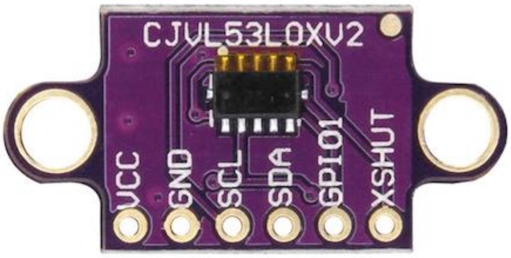



Figure 3.4.3.7 LIDAR Sensor (VL53L0X)

8. **Raspberry Pi 4 Model B:** Raspberry Pi 4 Model B features a high-performance 64-bit quad-core processor, dual-display support at resolutions up to 4K via a pair of micro-HDMI ports, hardware video decode at up to 4Kp60, up to 8GB of RAM, dual-band 2.4/5.0 GHz wireless LAN, Bluetooth 5.0, Gigabit Ethernet, USB 3.0, and PoE capability (via a separate PoE HAT add-on). For the end user, Raspberry Pi 4 Model B provides desktop performance comparable to entry-level x86 PC systems.

   This product retains backwards compatibility with the prior-generation Raspberry Pi 3 Model B+ and has similar power consumption, while offering substantial increases in processor speed, multimedia performance, memory, and connectivity. The dual-band wireless LAN and Bluetooth have modular compliance certification, allowing the board to be designed into end products with significantly reduced compliance testing, improving both cost and time to market.


Figure 3.4.3.8 Raspberry Pi 4 Model B

9. **Raspberry Pi Camera module:** The v2 Camera Module has a Sony IMX219 8-megapixel sensor (compared to the 5-megapixel Omni Vision OV5647 sensor of the original camera). The Camera Module 2 can be used to take high-definition video, as well as stills photographs. It supports 1080p30, 720p60 and VGA90 video modes, as well as still capture. It attaches via a 15cm ribbon cable to the CSI port on the Raspberry Pi. The camera works with all models of Raspberry Pi 1, 2, 3 and 4. It can be accessed through the MMAL and V4L APIs, and there are numerous third-party libraries built for it, including the Picamera Python library.


Figure 3.4.3.9 Raspberry Pi Camera module

**10. Raspberry Pi Display (3.5 Inch):**

The Raspberry Pi Display is an LCD display that connects to the Raspberry Pi using the DSI connector. Its features are:

- 320×480 resolution
- Resistive touch control
- Supports any revision of Raspberry Pi (directly-pluggable)
- Compatible with Raspberry Pi A, B, A+, B+, 2B, 3B, 3B+,4B versions
- Drivers provided (works with your own Raspbian/Ubuntu directly)
- Size perfectly fits the Pi
- High quality immersion gold surface plating
- Supports Raspbian system, ubuntu system, kali Linux system

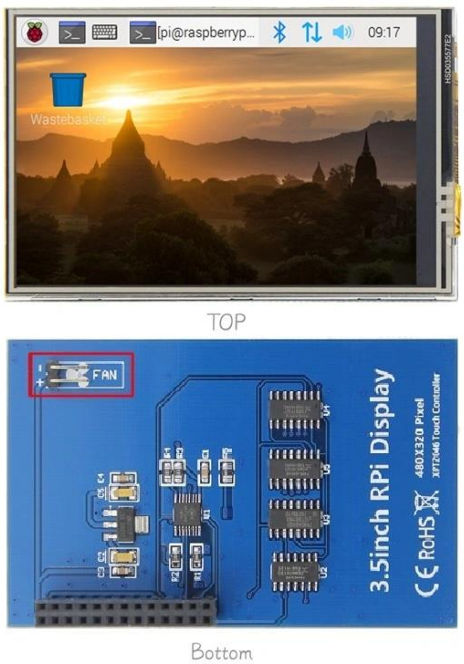



Figure 3.4.3.10 Raspberry Pi Display (3.5 Inch)

11. **Raspberry Pi OS:** Raspberry Pi OS is a free operating system based on Debian, optimized for the Raspberry Pi hardware, and is the recommended operating system for normal use on a Raspberry Pi. The OS comes with over 35,000 packages: pre-compiled software bundled in a nice format for easy installation on your Raspberry Pi. Raspberry Pi OS is under active development, with an emphasis on improving the stability and performance of as many Debian packages as possible on Raspberry Pi.

12. **Arduino IDE:** The Arduino Software (IDE), also known as the Arduino Integrated Development Environment, is a software platform used for writing, compiling, and uploading code to Arduino microcontroller boards. The Arduino Software (IDE) uses a programming language based on C/C++. It is a subset of the C++ language and includes several libraries and functions specific to Arduino boards and their peripherals.

13. **Python:** Python is a high-level, general-purpose programming language. Its design philosophy emphasizes code readability with the use of significant indentation. It supports multiple programming paradigms, including structured (particularly procedural), object-oriented and functional programming. Its high-level built in data structures, combined with dynamic typing and dynamic binding, make it very attractive for Rapid Application Development, as well as for use as a scripting or glue language to connect existing components together.

    Python's simple, easy to learn syntax emphasizes readability and therefore reduces the cost of program maintenance. Python supports modules and packages, which encourages program modularity and code reuse. The Python interpreter and the extensive standard library are available in source or binary form without charge for all major platforms, and can be freely distributed.

Figure 3.4.3.11 Raspberry Pi Logo

Figure 3.4.3.12 Arduino Logo

Figure 3.4.3.13 Python Logo

### 3.4.4 YOLOv8 Pothole Detection

#### 3.4.4.1 About YOLO

- Object detection is a computer vision technique that involves identifying and locating objects within an image or video. It is an important part of many applications, such as surveillance, self-driving cars, or robotics. Object detection algorithms can be divided into two main categories: single-shot detectors and two-stage detectors.

- Single-shot object detection uses a single pass of the input image to make predictions about the presence and location of objects in the image. It processes an entire image in a single pass, making them computationally efficient.

- Two-shot object detection uses two passes of the input image to make predictions about the presence and location of objects. The first pass is used to generate a set of proposals or potential object locations, and the second pass is used to refine these proposals and make final predictions. This approach is more accurate than single-shot object detection but is also more computationally expensive.

- Generally, single-shot object detection is better suited for real-time applications, while two-shot object detection is better for applications where accuracy is more important.

- YOLO (You Only Look Once) is a popular object detection algorithm that has revolutionized the field of computer vision. It is fast and efficient, making it an excellent choice for real-time object detection tasks. It has achieved state-of-the-art performance on various benchmarks and has been widely adopted in various real-world applications.

- One of the main advantages of YOLO is its fast inference speed, which allows it to process images in real time. It's well-suited for applications such as video surveillance, self-driving cars, and augmented reality. Additionally, YOLO has a simple architecture and requires minimal training data, making it easy to implement and adapt to new tasks despite limitations such as struggling with small objects and the inability to perform fine-grained object classification.

- YOLO (You Only Look Once) is a real-time object detection system. YOLO is a single-shot detector that uses a fully convolutional neural network (CNN) to process an image. YOLO processes images in a single pass through a neural network and directly predicts bounding boxes and class probabilities for objects within the image.

- Convolutional Neural Network consists of multiple layers like the input layer, Convolutional layer, Pooling layer, and fully connected layers. The Convolutional layer applies filters to the input image to extract features, the Pooling layer down samples the image to reduce computation, and the fully connected layer makes the final prediction.

- YOLO divides an input image into an $S \times S$ grid. If the center of an object falls into a grid cell, that grid cell is responsible for detecting that object. Each grid cell predicts B bounding boxes and confidence scores for those boxes. These confidence scores reflect how confident the model is that the box contains an object and how accurate it thinks the predicted box is. YOLO predicts multiple bounding boxes per grid cell.

- One key technique used in the YOLO models is non-maximum suppression (NMS). NMS is a post-processing step that is used to improve the accuracy and efficiency of object detection by identifying and removing redundant or incorrect bounding boxes and outputs a single bounding box for each object in the image.

- YOLOv8 is a highly efficient algorithm that incorporates image classification, Anchor-Free object detection, and instance segmentation.

- YOLOv8 is an anchor-free model. This means it predicts directly the center of an object instead of the offset from a known anchor box. Anchor boxes were a notoriously tricky part of earlier YOLO models, since they may represent the distribution of the target benchmark's boxes but not the distribution of the custom dataset. Anchor free detection reduces the number of box predictions, which speeds up Non-Maximum Suppression (NMS), a complicated post processing step that sifts through candidate detections after inference.

- It introduces several new features and improvements, including:
    - A new backbone architecture called CSPNet, which is more efficient and accurate than previous backbones.
    - A new neck architecture called FPN+PAN, which better aggregates features from different levels of the backbone.
    - A new head architecture called PANet, which is more robust to occlusion and scale variations.
    - A new training procedure that uses a combination of supervised and unsupervised learning.

Figure 3.4.4.1.1 YOLOv8 Logo

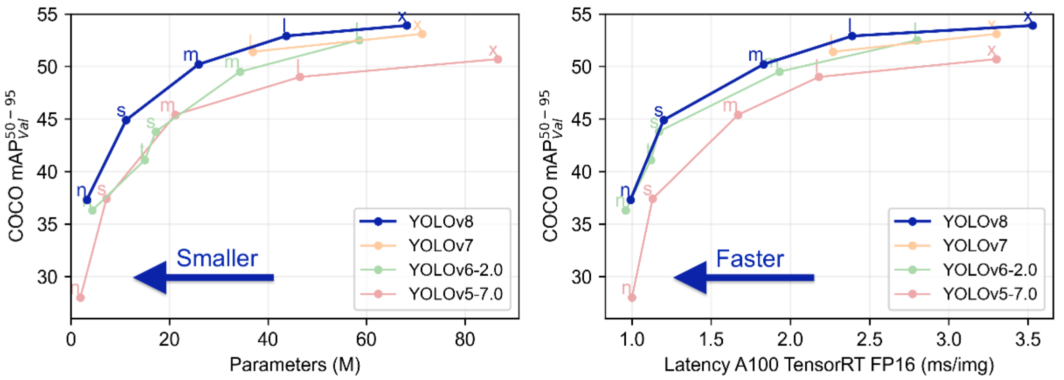



Figure 3.4.4.1.2 YOLOv8 Performance

### 3.4.4.2 YOLOv8 Implementation

Pothole detection has been implemented in Python using YOLOv8.The training for the detection was done as the following steps:

1. Dataset Collection

   Dataset collection involves several key steps to ensure the dataset's quality and effectiveness for training the model. The first step is to define the object class that the model will detect, here it is pothole. A diverse dataset of pothole images was meticulously curated from various sources, including online repositories and images captured firsthand by our team, culminating in a comprehensive collection of 500 unique images. This meticulous assembly ensures a rich and varied representation of potholes in different contexts and environments, laying a solid foundation for robust analysis and model development.

Figure 3.4.4.2.1 Dataset Collection

2. Image Annotation

Image annotation is the process of adding metadata or labels to images to identify and delineate objects or regions of interest within the images. LabelImg is a popular tool for annotating images for object detection tasks, and YOLO format is commonly used for its simplicity and compatibility with many deep learning frameworks. The images have been labeled using the LabelImg tool, with annotations saved in YOLO format within corresponding .txt files. The .txt files contain the coordinates of the annotation within the image.

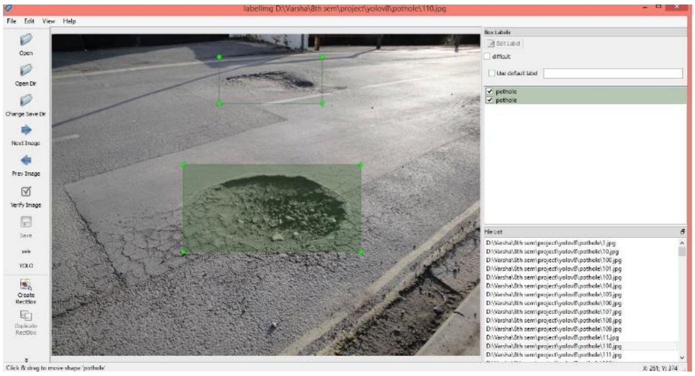



Figure 3.4.4.2.2 Image Annotation

3. Train Test Split

Dataset splitting is a crucial process in machine learning, involving the partitioning of a dataset into different subsets, such as training, validation, and test sets. The validation and the test set are ensured a similar class distribution to the training set for fair evaluation.

- Training Set:

  The largest portion of the dataset is typically allocated for training the model. This set is used to teach the model to recognize and localize objects within images. 70% (350 images) of the total dataset had been allocated for training the model.

- Validation Set:

  The validation set is used to tune hyperparameters and monitor the model's performance during training. 20% (100 images) of the total dataset had been allocated for validating the model.

- Test Set:

  The test set is used to evaluate the final performance of your trained model. It provides an unbiased estimate of how well the model generalizes to unseen data. 10% (50 images) of the total dataset had been allocated for testing the model.

4. Training the Model

Training a model for object detection is a multifaceted process. During training, the model iteratively learns to predict bounding boxes and class probabilities for objects in the input images, guided by optimization techniques. Using the capabilities of A100 GPU acceleration, the model is trained in Google Colab. For object identification applications, training a YOLOv8 model via Google Colab offers a practical and affordable alternative to purchasing expensive hardware. The dataset is imported into the colab notebook after being first uploaded to Roboflow.

The required dependencies are installed and the YOLOv8 repository is cloned. By adjusting training parameters like batch size, learning rate, and number of epochs, the model is trained. There have been 100 training epochs which is 100 passes of the training dataset through the algorithm for this model. Throughout the training process, performance metrics such as loss, accuracy, and mean Average Precision (mAP) are monitored on validation data to assess model progress and guide parameter adjustments.

Figure 3.4.4.2.3 Google Colab Logo

5. Download the Model

Downloading a trained object detection model is a pivotal step in deploying machine learning solutions for real-world applications. Once the model has been trained and validated, the trained model weights, along with associated configuration files, are packaged into a downloadable format. These files contain the learned parameters of the model, enabling its reproduction and utilization in real-time application. Then the model is evaluated on a separate test set to measure its generalization ability on unseen data.

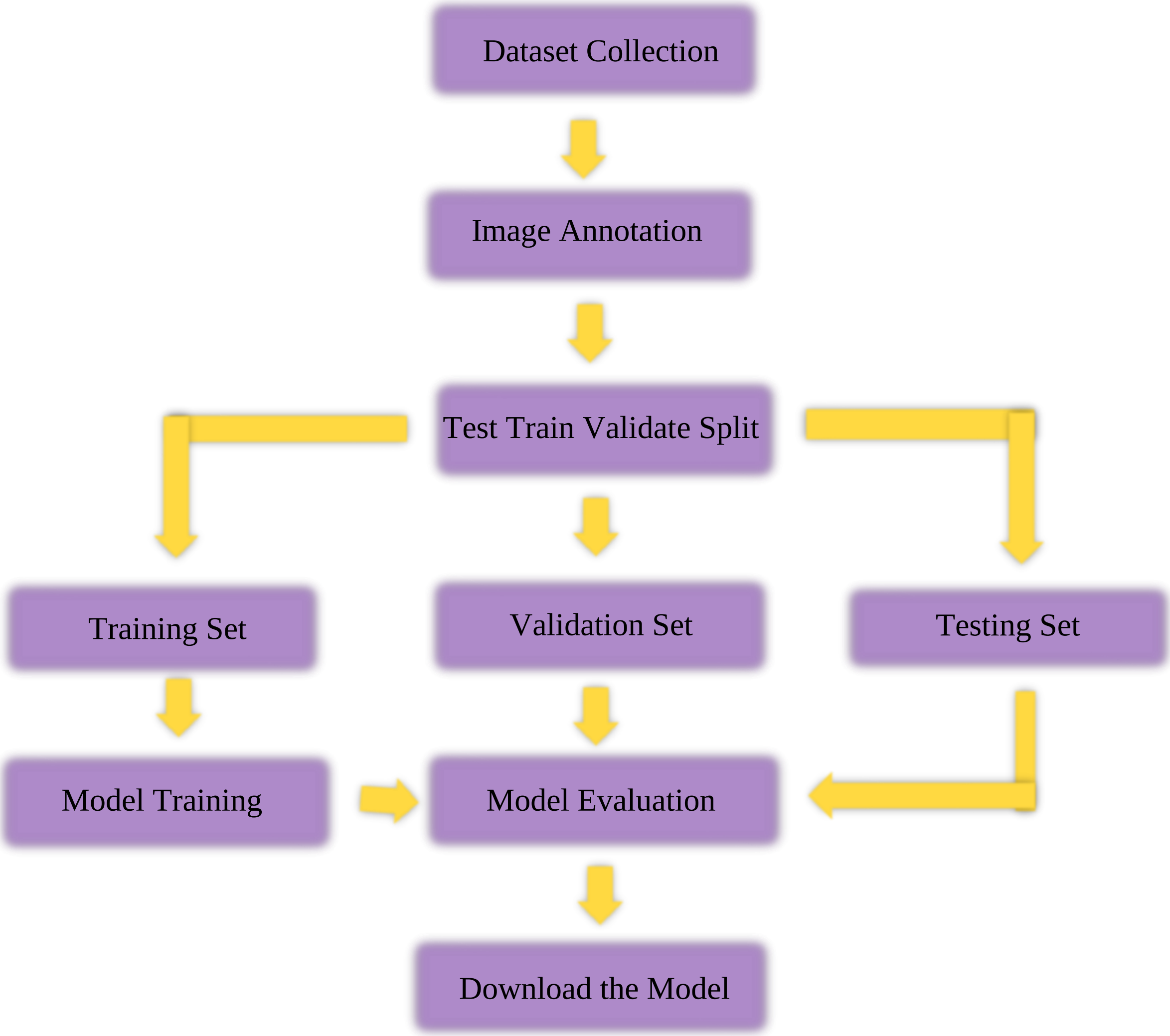



Figure 3.4.4.2.4 Flowchart of YOLOv8 implementation

### 3.4.5 Pothole Depth Estimation

LIDAR, an acronym for Light Detection and Ranging, is a remote sensing technology that measures distances by illuminating targets with laser light and analyzing the reflected pulses. It operates on the principle of sending out laser pulses and measuring the time it takes for the light to return after bouncing off objects in its path. Estimating the depth of potholes is a critical aspect of road maintenance, ensuring safety and efficiency in transportation infrastructure.

Pothole depth estimation relies on a LIDAR sensor mounted on the vehicle emitting laser pulses towards the road surface, accurately measuring the distance to various points along their path maintaining a consistent distance from the ground. When encountering a pothole, distance between the sensor and the road surface increases, as the laser pulse reflects off the bottom of the pothole instead of the road's surface, allowing for calculation of the depth based on the disparity between these distances.

This difference between distances is used to classify the potholes as Safe, Medium or Risk.

1. Safe: If the depth of the pothole is between 5 cm to 10 cm, it is classified as a safe pothole.

2. Medium: If the depth of the pothole is between 10 cm to 15 cm, it is classified as a medium pothole.

3. Risk: If the depth of the pothole is more than 15 cm, it is classified as a risk pothole.

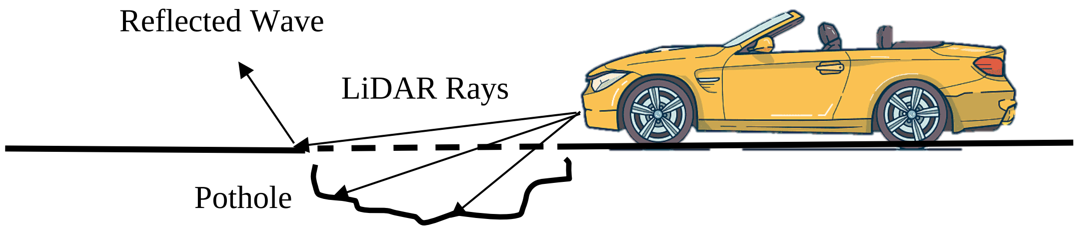



Figure 3.4.5.1 Pothole Depth Estimation

### 3.4.6 Cruise Control System

Integrating pothole depth estimation into cruise control systems aims at enhancing both comfort and safety during driving. By dynamically modifying speed based on pothole depth, this cruise control system minimizes the discomfort experienced by passengers by reducing the impact of traversing over potholes, resulting in a smoother and more enjoyable ride and helps prevent potential damage to the vehicle's suspension system and tires, thus contributing to lower maintenance costs for drivers. It also enhances road safety by mitigating the risk of accidents caused by sudden jolts or loss of control when encountering deep potholes, especially at high speeds.

The cruise control system operates by categorizing potholes into different classes. Initially, it ensures a safe distance from the leading vehicle. Then, it adjusts the vehicle's speed based on the pothole classification: for safe-class potholes, the speed is slightly reduced, for medium-class, it is decreased further, and for high-risk-class potholes, the vehicle is brought to a complete stop.

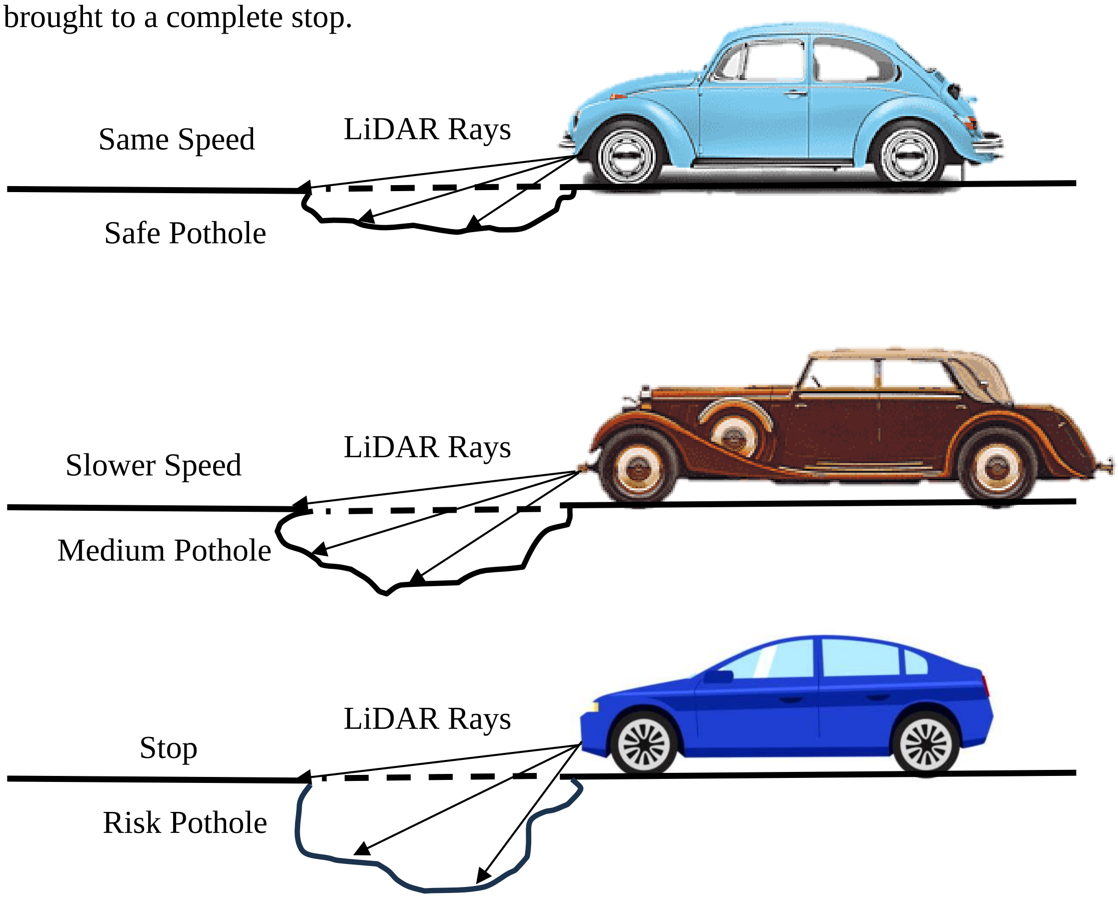



Figure 3.4.6.1 Different Level Depth Estimation

### 3.4.7 Raspberry Pi Implementation

Implementing a pothole detection project on a Raspberry Pi offers a cost-effective and versatile solution for monitoring road conditions and ensuring safer driving experiences. With its powerful quad-core ARM Cortex-A72 processor, up to 8GB of RAM, and various connectivity options including Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, the Raspberry Pi 4 can handle a wide range of information. By leveraging the Raspberry Pi's computational power and GPIO pins, along with compatible sensors and cameras, it's possible to create a system that detects and alerts authorities or drivers to the presence of potholes in real-time.

The Raspberry Pi 4 serves as the core system, hosting all components necessary for the operation. The display is streamed through Real VNC Viewer by linking the laptop and Pi via the same Wi-Fi network. Thonny IDE manages program execution, where essential libraries like NumPy and OpenCV, along with software like Arduino, are installed via the terminal. The Raspberry Pi camera interfaces directly with the Pi.

Upon program execution, the camera activates to scan for potholes. Upon detection, the LiDAR sensor continuously measures sensor values. These readings aid in classifying the pothole, with the identified class relayed from Arduino to the Python program via the Pi's serial port. The detected pothole and its class are then displayed within a bounding box. Vehicle speed is subsequently adjusted accordingly.

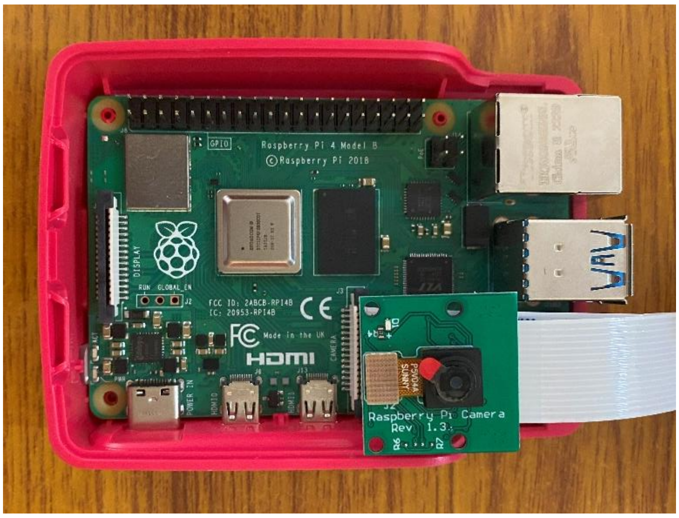



Figure 3.4.7.1 Raspberry Pi Implementation

### 3.4.8 Algorithm for Arduino Code

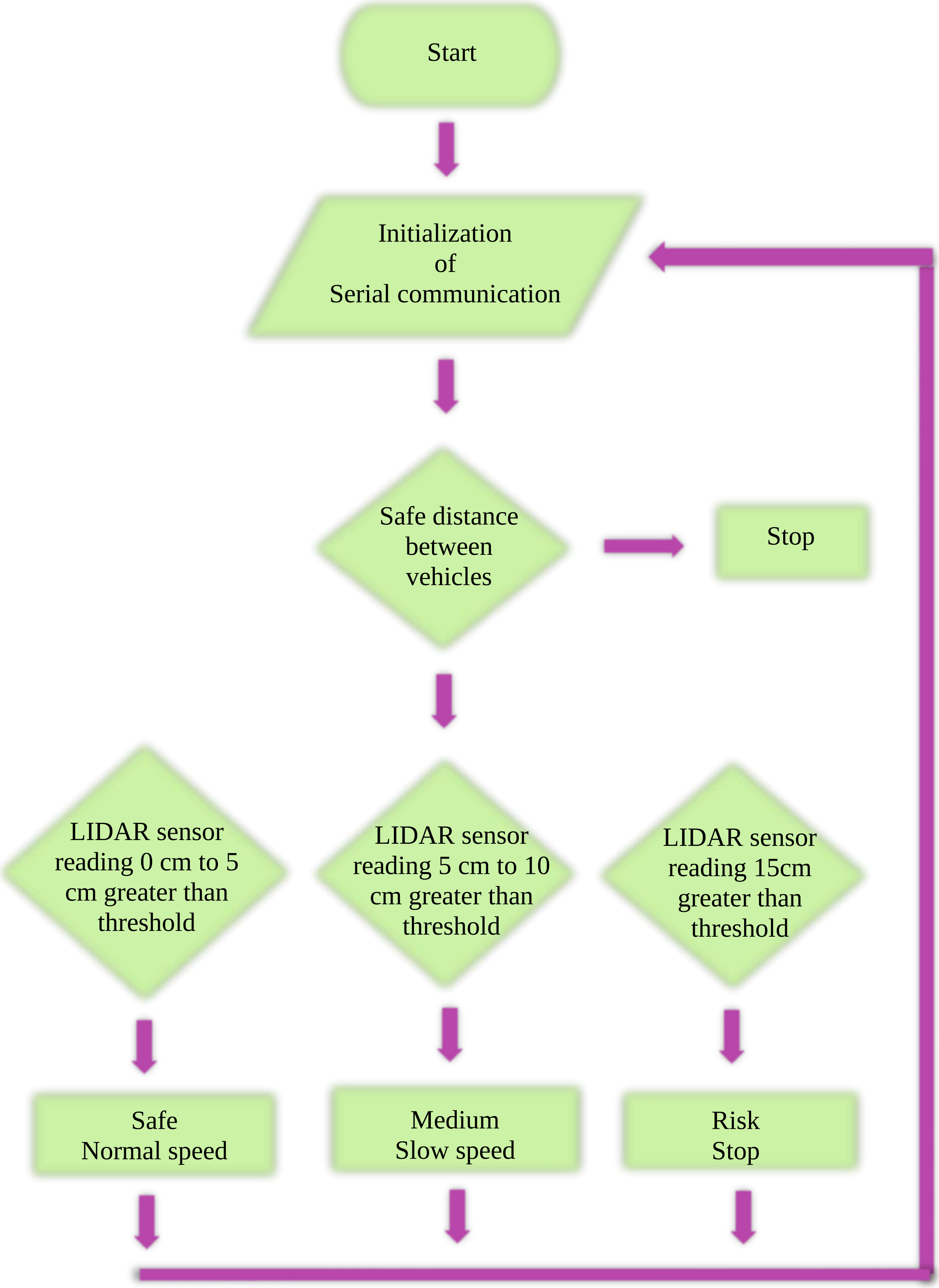



Figure 3.4.8.1 Algorithm for Arduino Code

# 3.5 Results

## 3.5.1 Pothole Detection System

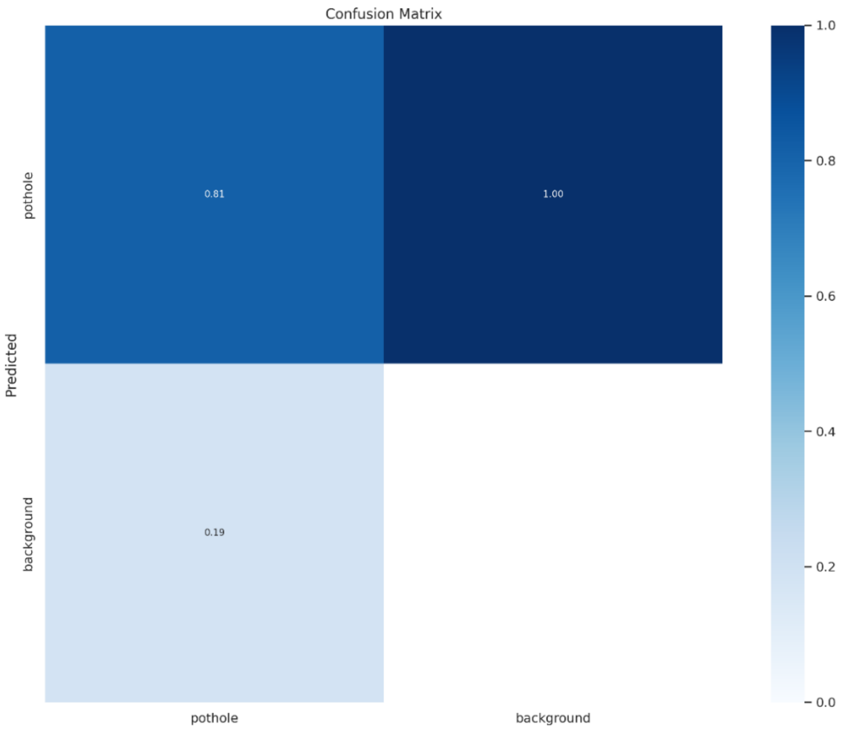
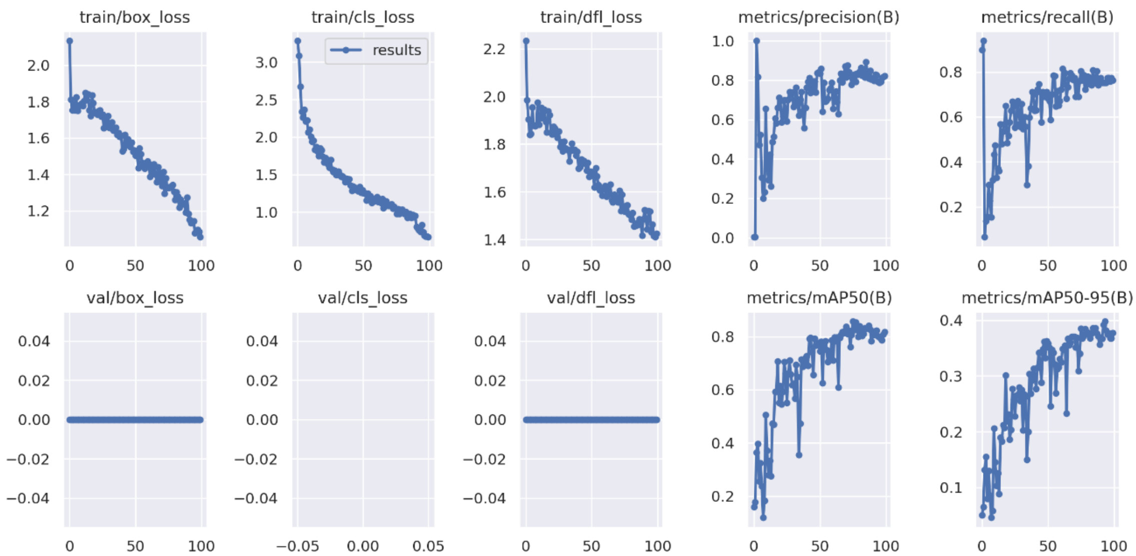



Figure 3.5.1.1 Confusion Matrix

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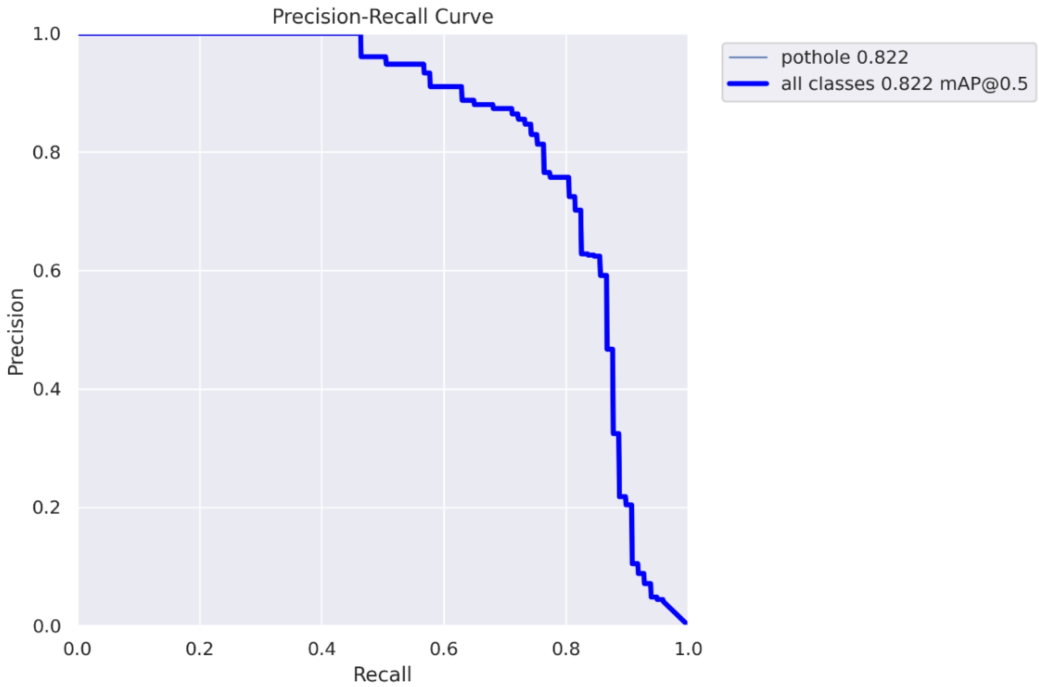



Figure 3.5.1.3 Precision Recall Curve

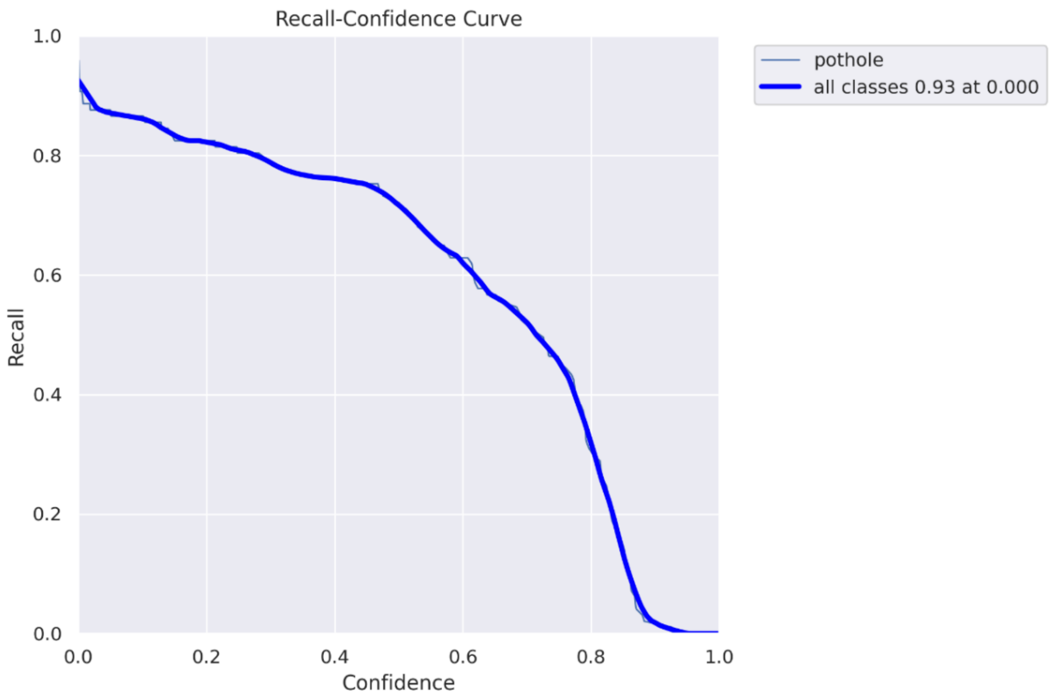
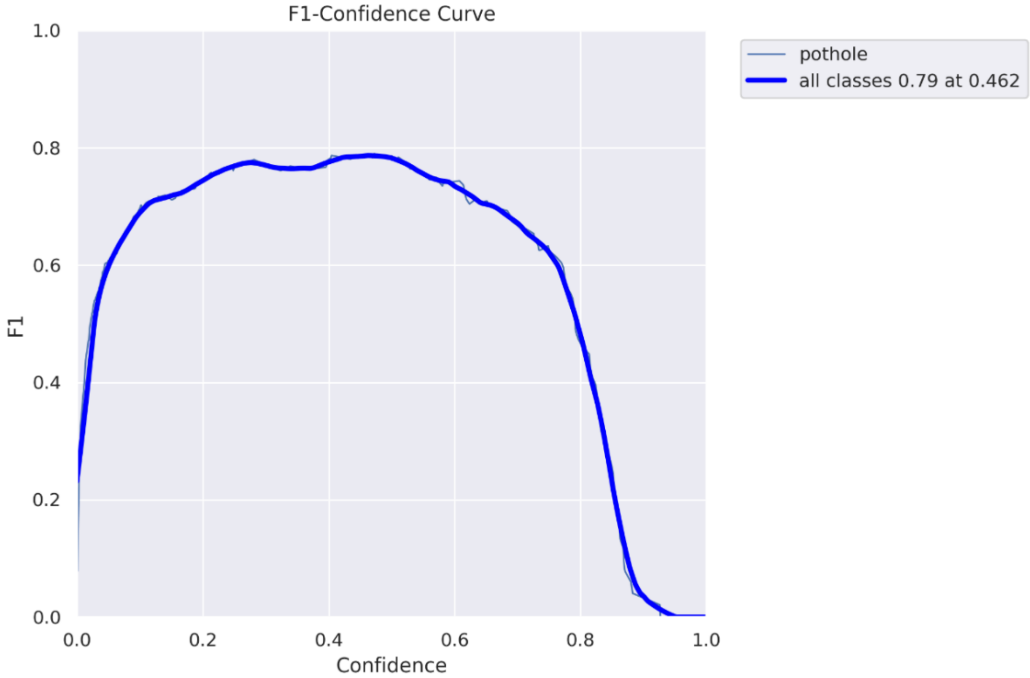



Figure 3.5.1.4 Recall-Confidence Curve

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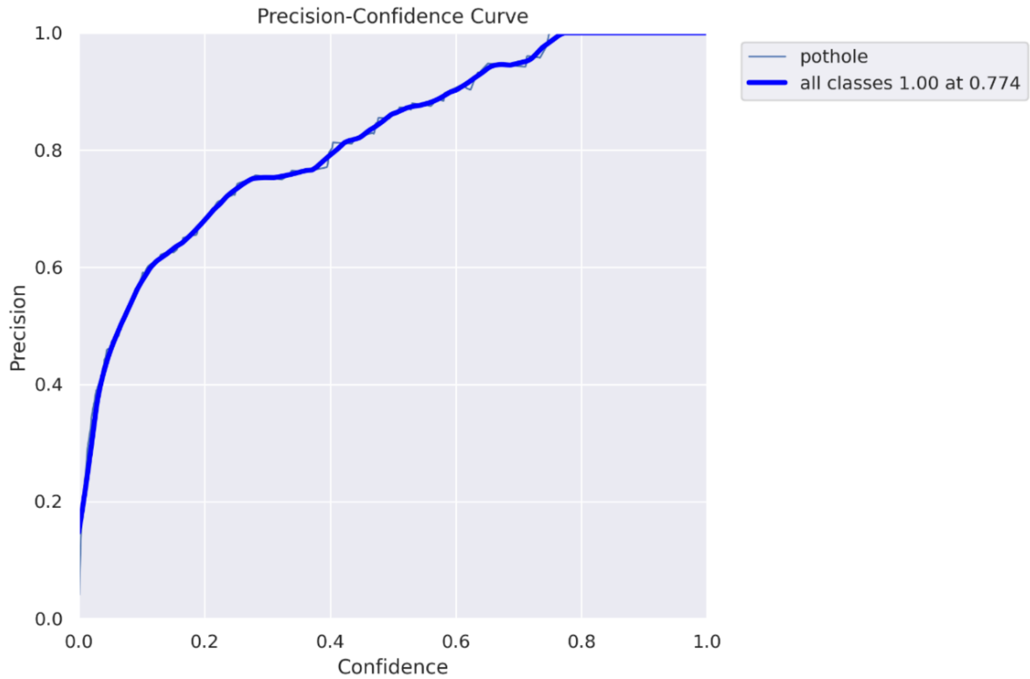
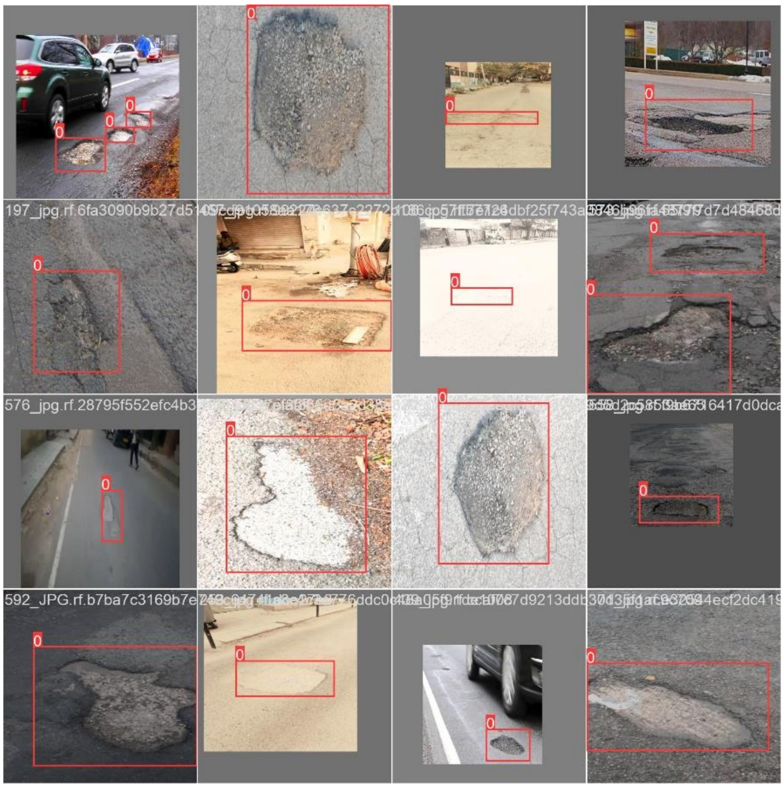



Figure 3.5.1.6 Precision-Confidence Curve

Figure 3.5.1.7 Test Batch



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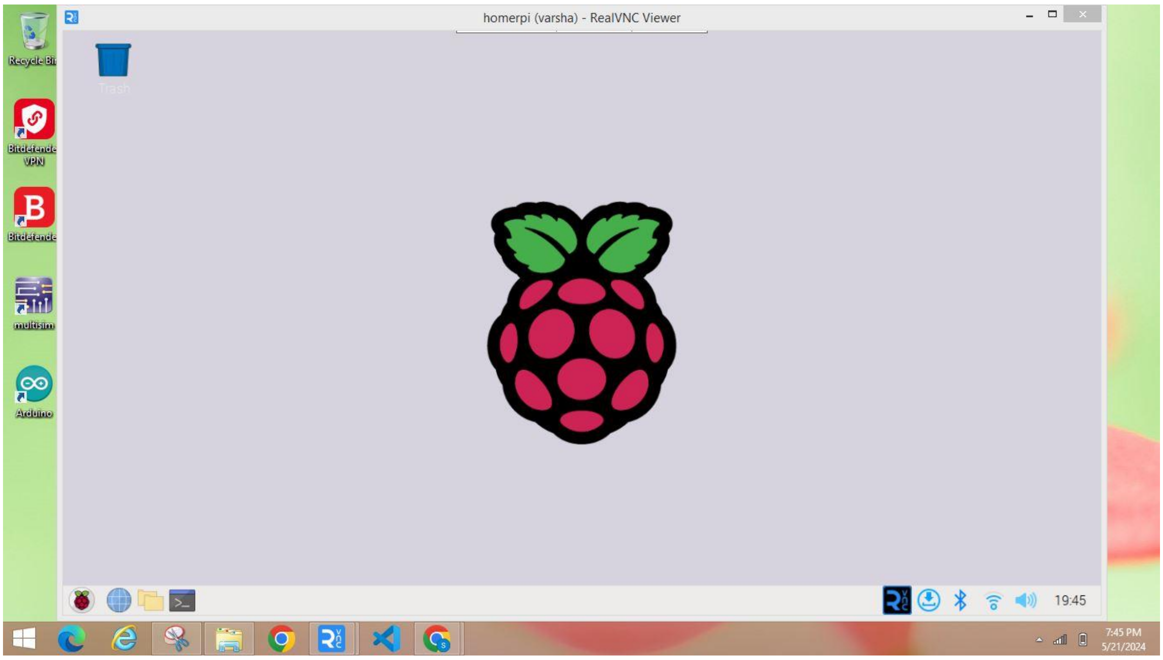



Figure 3.5.1.9 Raspberry Pi Home Screen displayed in RealVNC Viewer

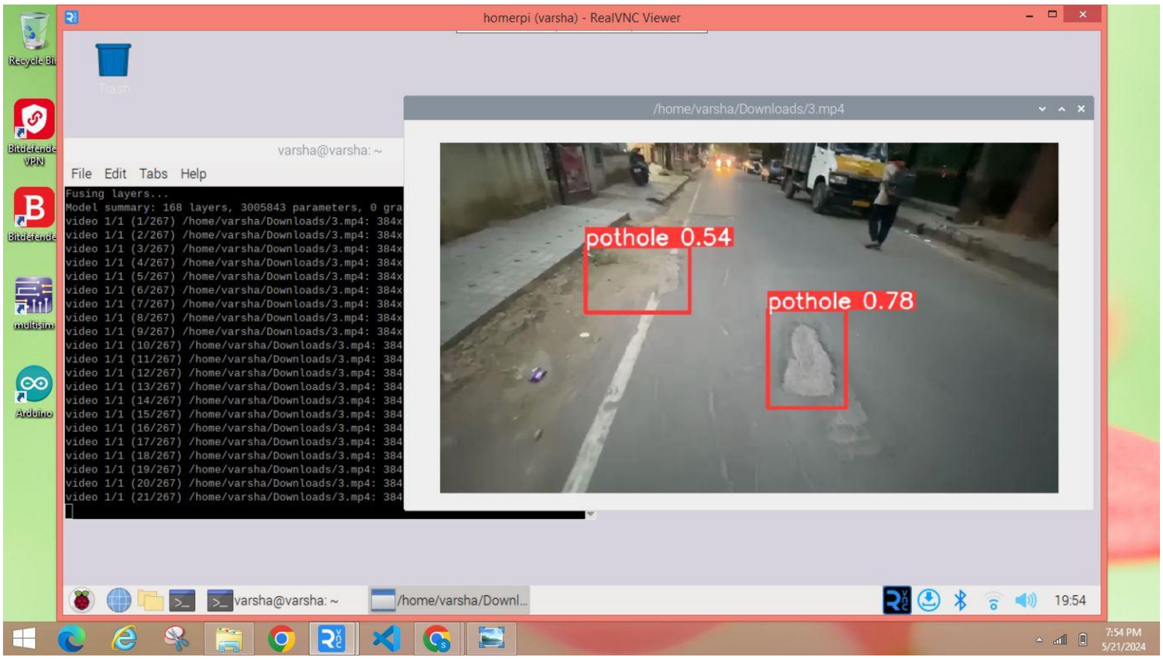
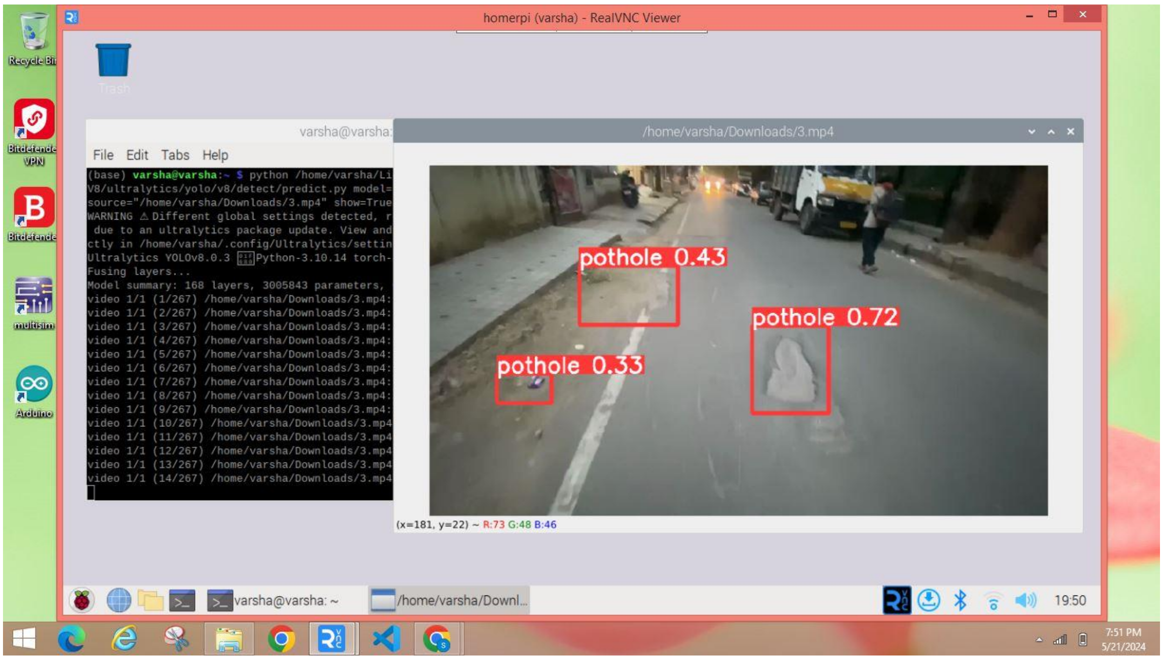



Figure 3.5.1.10 Pothole Detection in a Video

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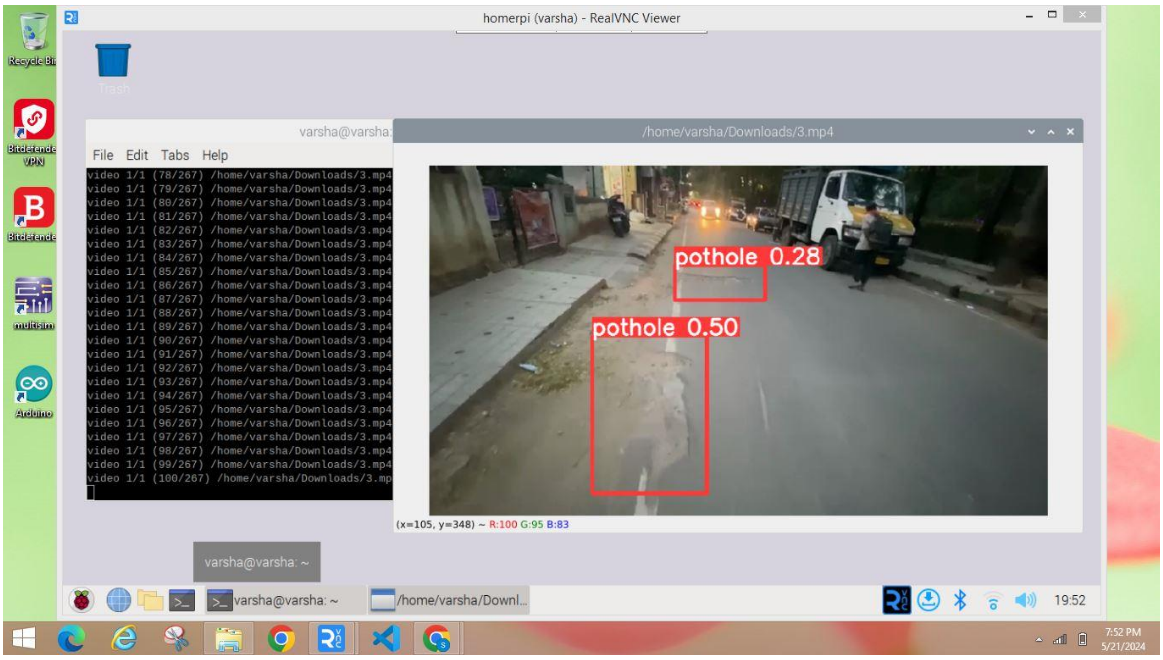


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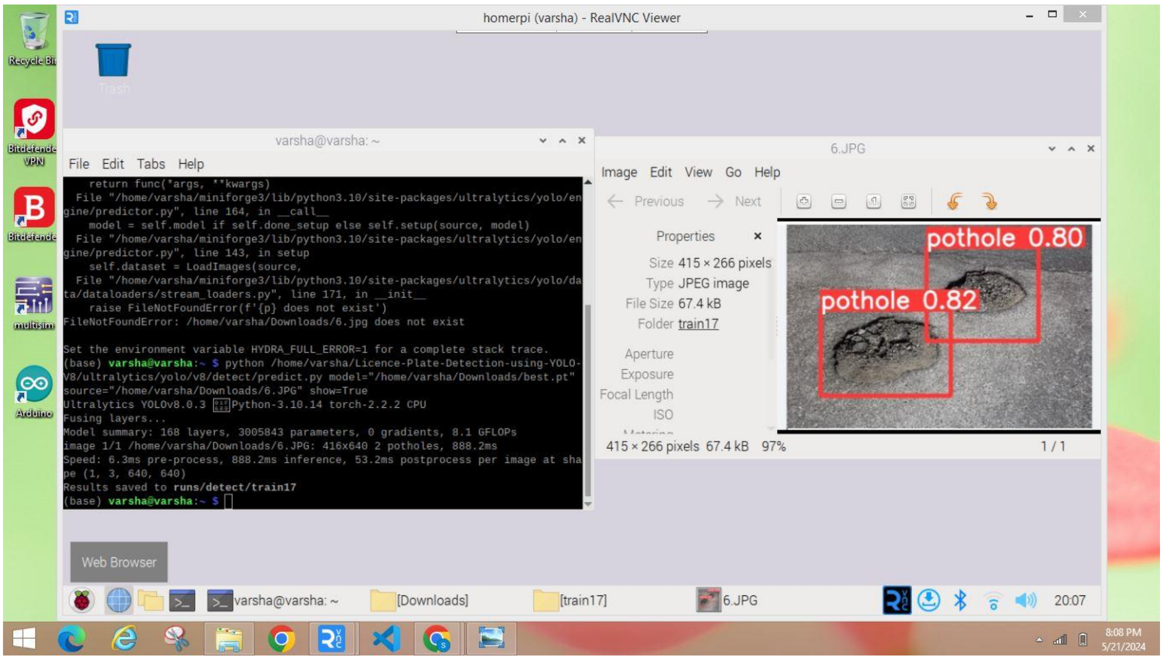


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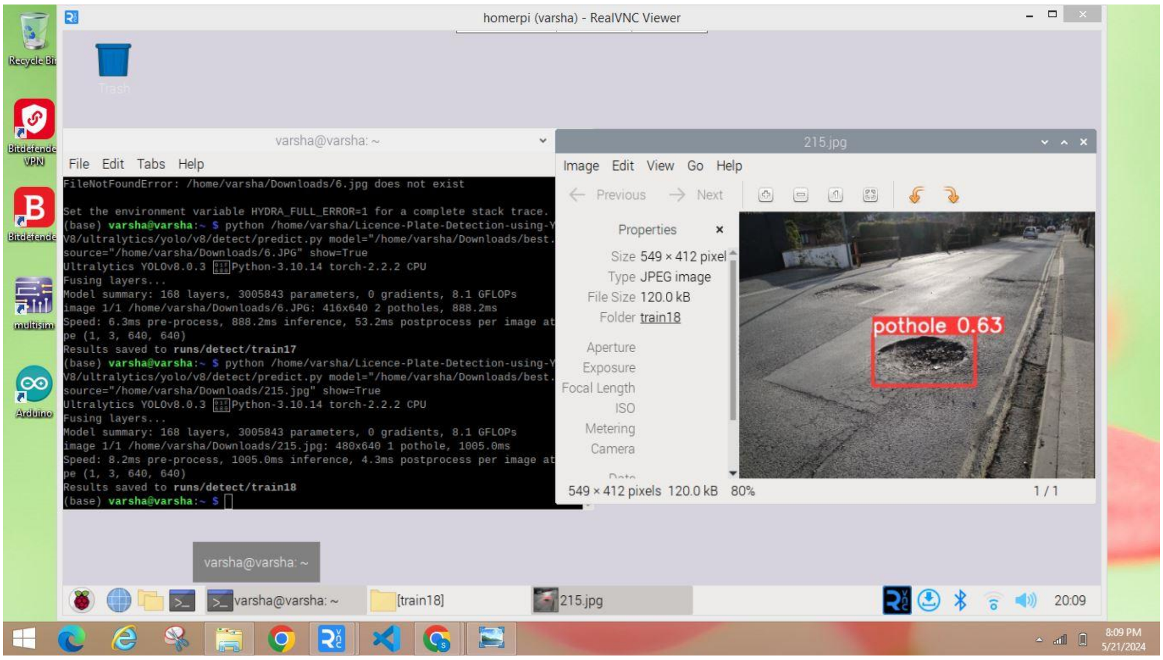


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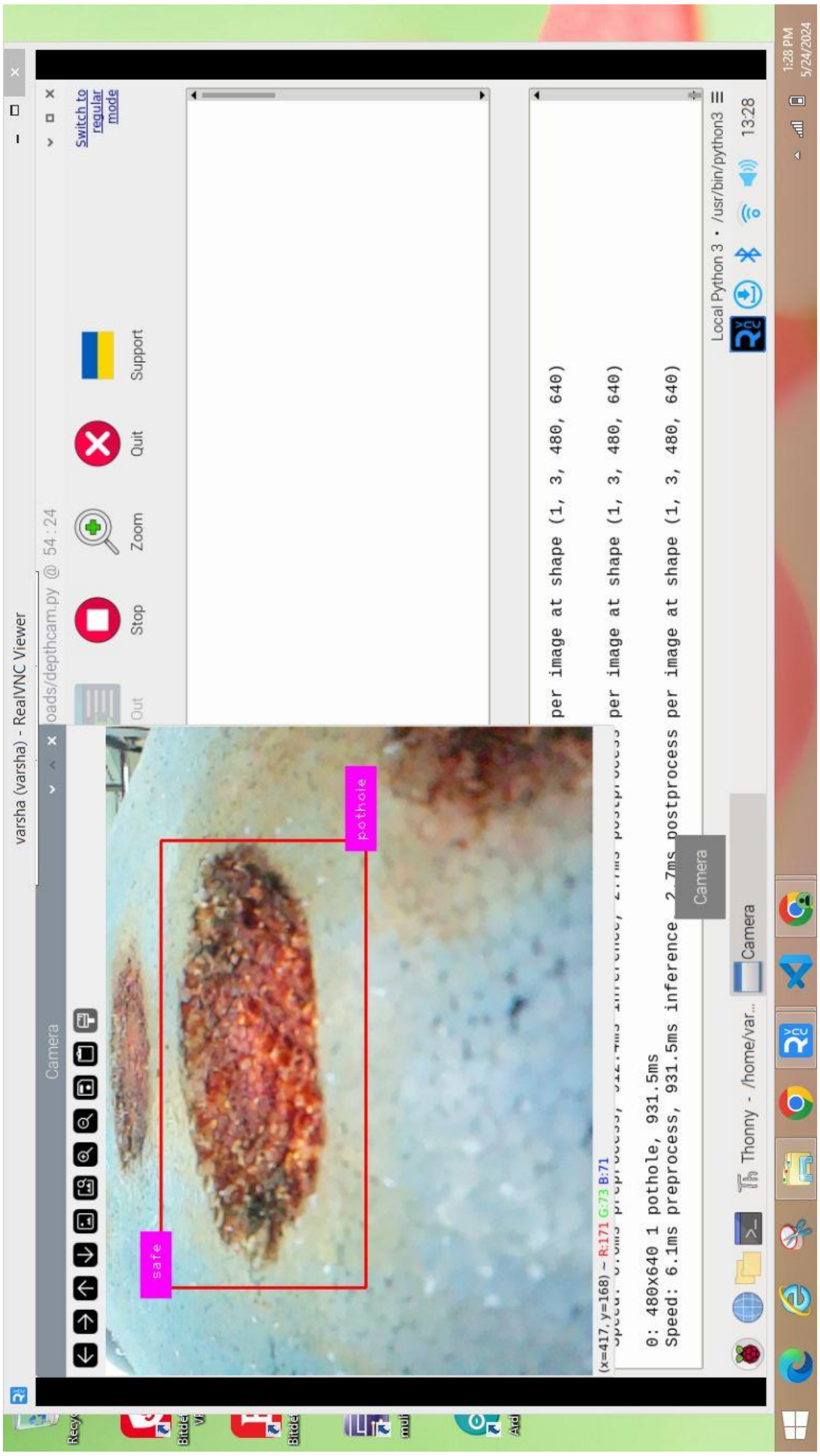


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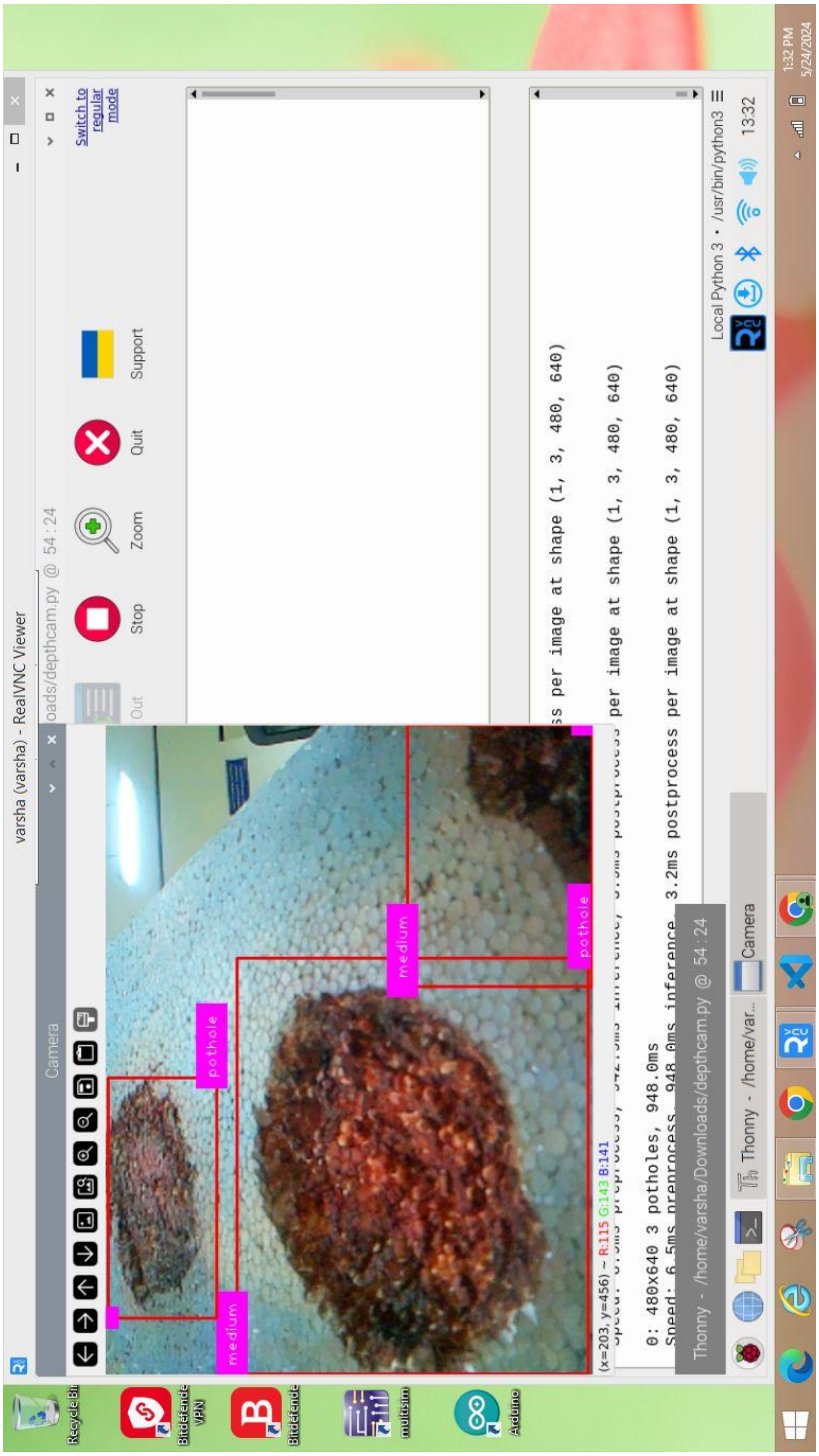


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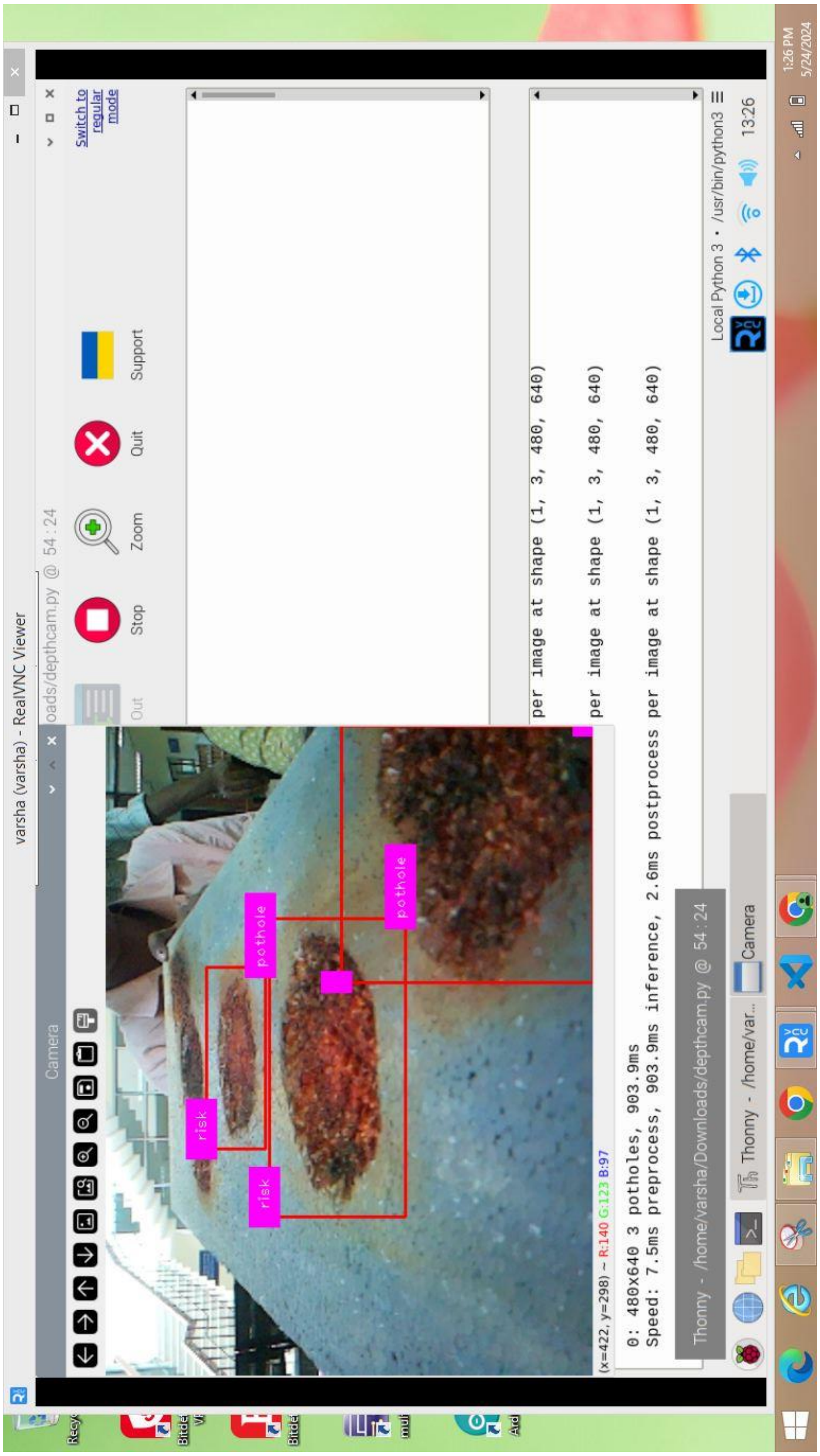


Figure 3.5.2.3 Detection of Pothole (Risk)

### 3.5.3 Cruise control system

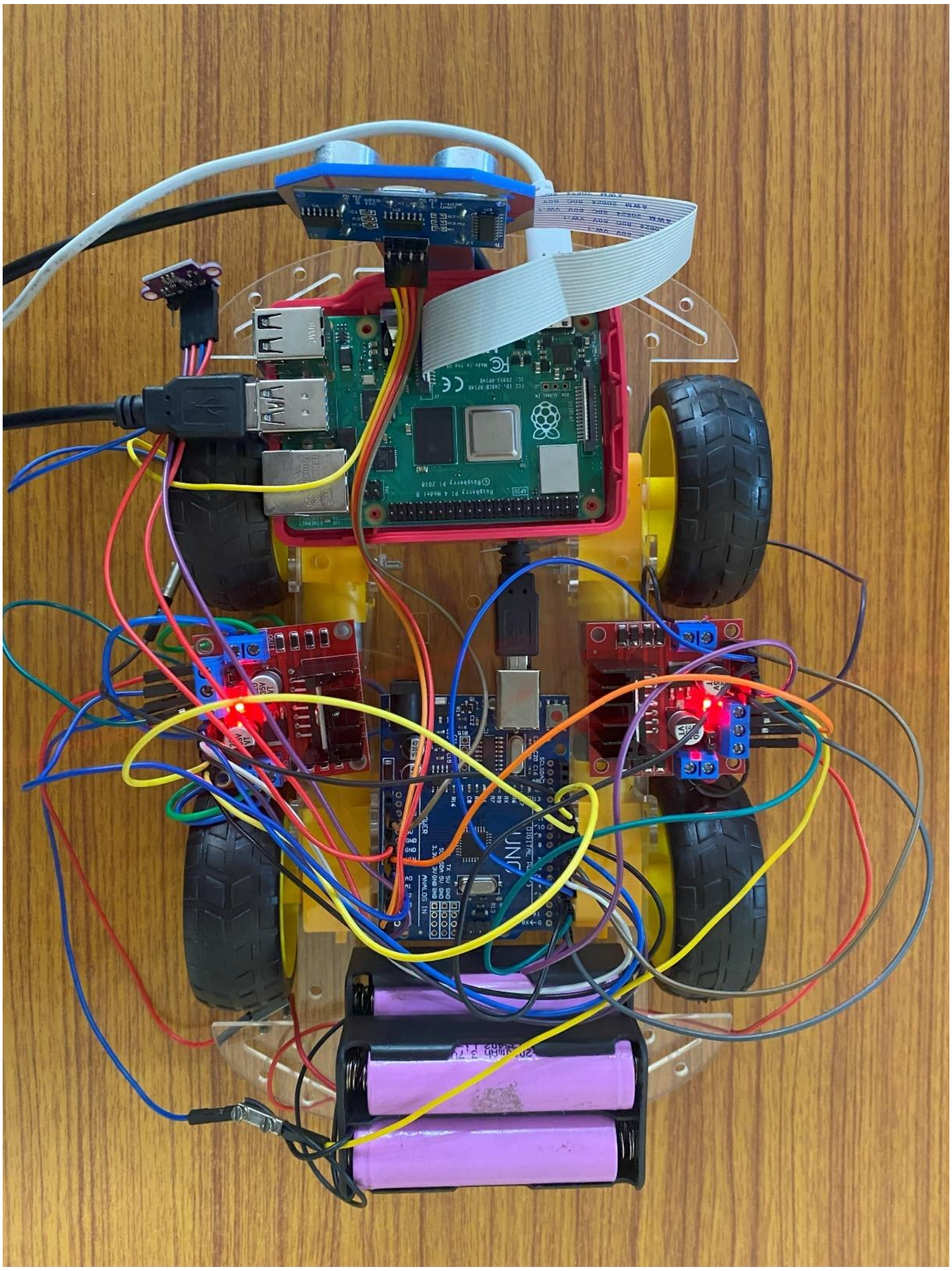

Figure 3.5.3.1 Hardware Implementation

Figure 3.5.3.2 Camrea’s Eye-View

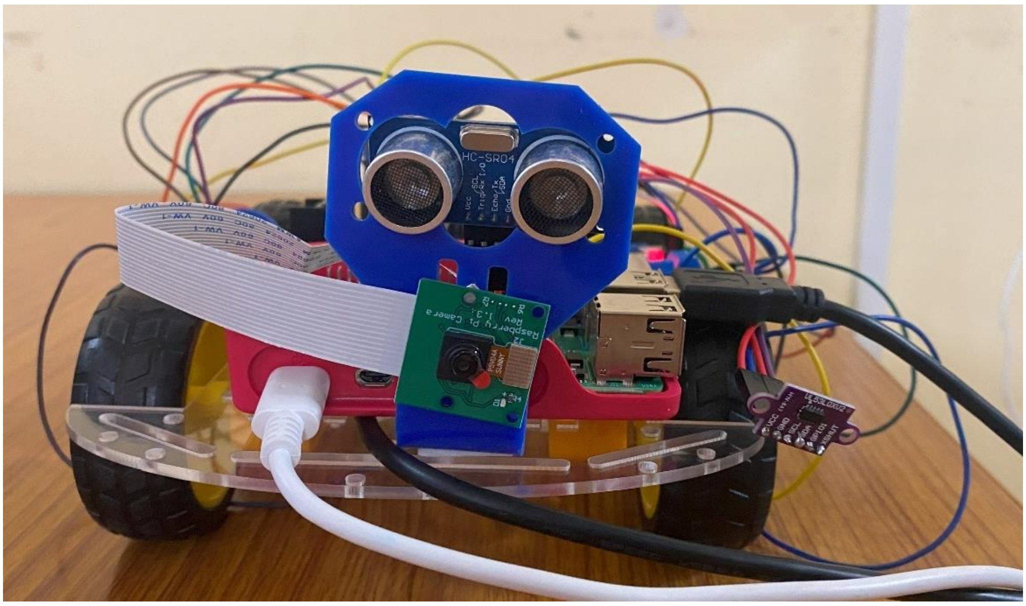


Figure 3.5.3.3 Model Front View

Figure 3.5.3.4 Pothole Model 1

Figure 3.5.3.5 Pothole Model 2

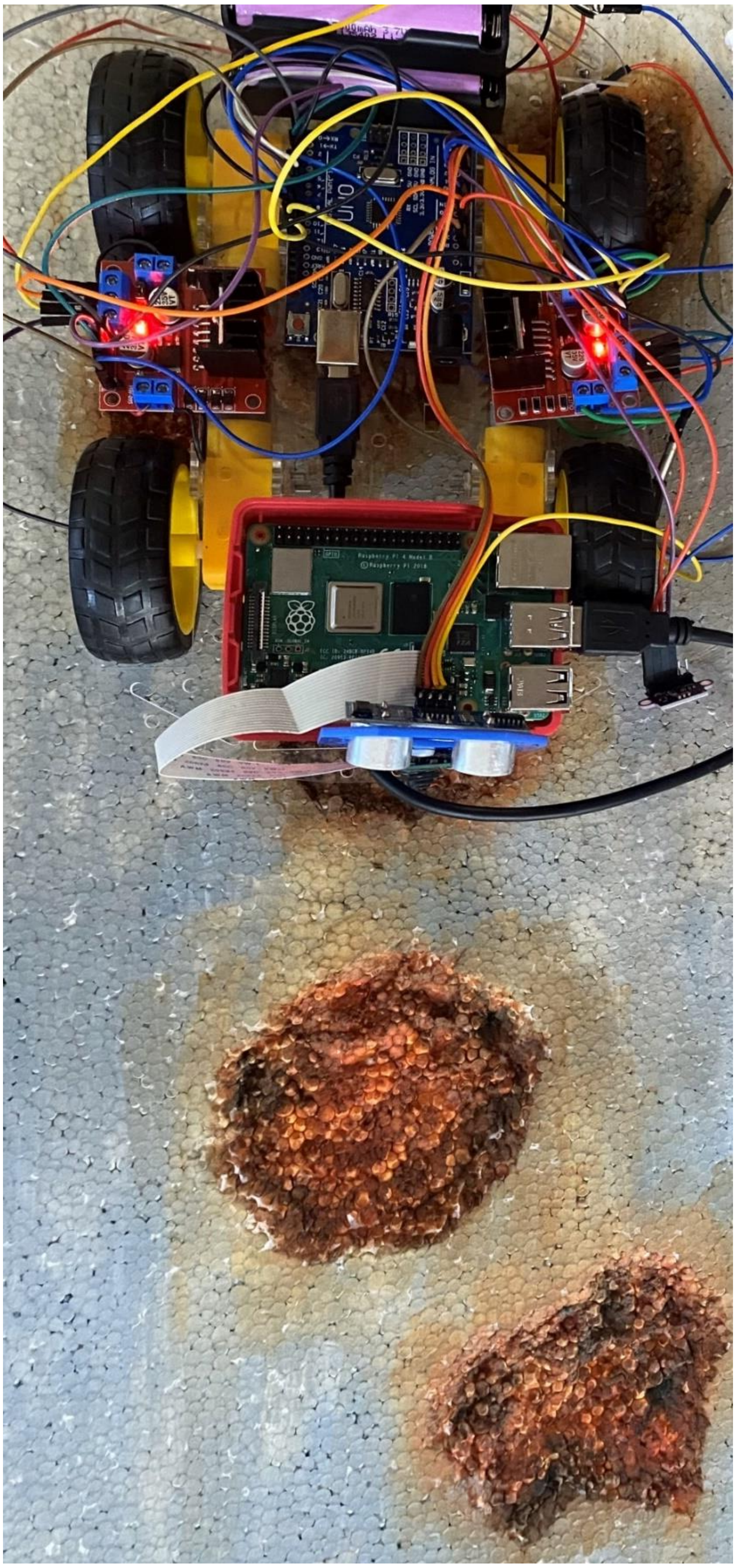

Figure 3.5.3.6 Model Demo

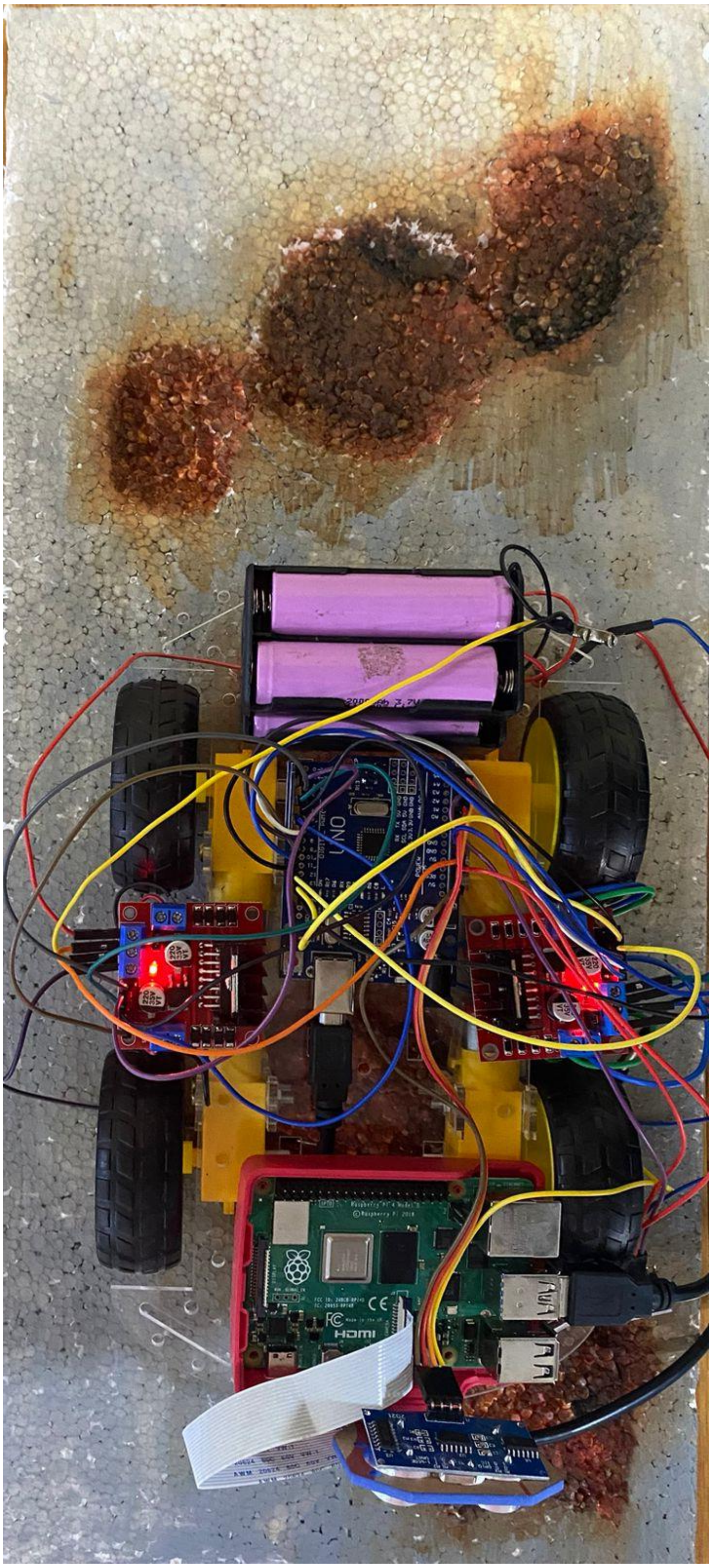

Figure 3.5.3.7 Model Demo

# Chapter IV

# CONCLUSION

## 4.1 Conclusion

In summary, the integration of Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) with pothole detection technology presents a significant leap forward in vehicle safety and driving comfort. By leveraging ACC's capabilities alongside sophisticated object detection systems, vehicles can autonomously identify potholes, assess their severity, and respond accordingly to ensure safety and minimize damage. This innovation not only promises to reduce the risk of accidents and vehicle wear but also enhances driver confidence and comfort, especially on poorly maintained roads. Furthermore, the implementation of such technology aligns with broader objectives of advancing autonomous driving and smart transportation systems, paving the way for safer and more efficient roadways in the future. In essence, pothole detection through ACC represents a tangible solution towards creating safer, more enjoyable driving experiences while fostering progress in automotive technology.

## 4.2 Advantages

The obstacle-avoiding cruise control system offers several advantages:

- Enhanced Safety: By continuously scanning the road ahead and autonomously avoiding obstacles, the system significantly reduces the risk of collisions, thereby enhancing overall safety for both the vehicle occupants and pedestrians.
- Minimized Accidents: The system's ability to detect and react to obstacles in real-time helps minimize accidents caused by sudden obstructions on the road, such as debris or unexpected traffic congestion.
- Reduced Driver Stress: Drivers can experience reduced stress and fatigue knowing that the vehicle is equipped to handle potential obstacles effectively, allowing them to focus more on the overall driving experience.
- Improved Traffic Flow: By smoothly adjusting speed and trajectory to avoid obstacles, the system contributes to smoother traffic flow, potentially reducing congestion and improving overall road efficiency.
- Enhanced Comfort: The system's proactive approach to obstacle avoidance ensures a smoother and more comfortable ride for vehicle occupants, particularly in situations where sudden maneuvers would otherwise be necessary.
- Adaptive Response: The system can adapt its response based on the nature and severity of the obstacle, ensuring appropriate action is taken in various scenarios to maintain safety and efficiency.
- Optimized Fuel Efficiency: By minimizing sudden accelerations and decelerations caused by unexpected obstacles, the system can contribute to improved fuel efficiency over time.
- Increased Accessibility: Obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems can make driving more accessible to individuals with disabilities or those who may face challenges with certain driving tasks, thereby promoting greater inclusivity in transportation.

## 4.3 Disadvantages

Technology Reliability: The system relies on sensors and technology, which may occasionally encounter technical issues or malfunctions, leading to a false sense of security if not functioning correctly. Regular maintenance and testing are essential to address this concern.

## 4.4 Future Scope

The future scope of obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems is broad and promising, with potential advancements and applications in various domains:

- Advanced Sensing Technologies: Continued advancements in sensor technologies, such as LiDAR, radar, and cameras, will enable obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems to perceive and react to the environment with even greater accuracy and reliability.
- Integration with V2X Communication: Future systems may leverage vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication technology to exchange data with other vehicles, infrastructure, and pedestrians in real-time. This will enhance situational awareness and enable more collaborative obstacle avoidance strategies, leading to safer and more efficient transportation systems.
- Adaptation to Complex Environments: Obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems will evolve to handle increasingly complex driving environments, including urban areas with dense traffic, construction zones, and challenging weather conditions. Advanced algorithms and computational techniques will enable vehicles to navigate these environments safely and effectively.
- Autonomous Vehicle Integration: As autonomous vehicle technology matures, obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems will play a critical role in ensuring the safety and reliability of self-driving vehicles. These systems will be seamlessly integrated with other autonomous driving functionalities, such as lane keeping and adaptive cruise control, to provide a comprehensive solution for autonomous navigation.

- Customization and Personalization: Future systems may offer customizable settings and preferences to cater to individual driver preferences and driving styles. This could include adjustable sensitivity levels for obstacle detection, as well as personalized response strategies based on driver behavior and comfort preferences.

- Regulatory Standards and Adoption: As obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems become more widespread, regulatory bodies and standards organizations will play a crucial role in establishing guidelines and safety standards for their implementation. Increased adoption of these systems by automotive manufacturers and transportation authorities will further drive innovation and standardization in the industry.

- Integration with Smart Infrastructure: Obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems will increasingly interface with smart infrastructure components, such as traffic lights, road signs, and pedestrian crossings. This integration will enable vehicles to anticipate and respond to changes in traffic flow and road conditions more effectively, leading to improved overall safety and efficiency.

- Applications Beyond Automotive: Beyond traditional automotive applications, obstacle-avoiding cruise control systems may find use in other domains, such as robotics, drones, and industrial automation. These systems could be adapted to navigate dynamic and unpredictable environments in warehouses, manufacturing facilities, and outdoor spaces.

## 4.5 Applications

The obstacle-avoiding cruise control system has a wide range of applications across various industries and settings:

- Automotive Industry: In passenger vehicles, the system enhances safety by autonomously avoiding obstacles on the road, reducing the risk of accidents and injuries. It can also be implemented in commercial vehicles, such as trucks and buses, to improve safety and efficiency in transportation.
- Autonomous Vehicles: The system is integral to the development of fully autonomous vehicles, allowing them to navigate complex environments safely and effectively without human intervention.
- Urban Transportation: Obstacle-avoiding cruise control can be utilized in public transportation systems, such as buses and trams, to enhance safety and reliability in urban environments with heavy traffic and pedestrian activity.
- Logistics and Warehousing: In warehouses and distribution centers, the system can be employed in automated guided vehicles (AGVs) to navigate through crowded spaces and avoid collisions with obstacles, improving efficiency in material handling operations.
- Agriculture: In agricultural machinery, such as tractors and harvesters, obstacle-avoiding cruise control can help prevent collisions with obstacles in the field, reducing the risk of damage to equipment and crops.
- Mining and Construction: The system can be deployed in heavy machinery used in mining and construction sites to improve safety and productivity by avoiding collisions with obstacles and other vehicles.
- Military Applications: Obstacle-avoiding cruise control can be utilized in military vehicles to enhance situational awareness and reduce the risk of accidents and collisions in challenging terrain and combat environments.

- Emergency Response Vehicles: Emergency response vehicles, such as ambulances and fire trucks, can benefit from the system to navigate through traffic and obstacles safely and efficiently during emergency situations.
- Smart Cities: In the context of smart city infrastructure, obstacle-avoiding cruise control can be integrated with traffic management systems to optimize traffic flow and enhance safety on urban roads.
- Personal Mobility Devices: The system can also be adapted for use in personal mobility devices, such as electric scooters and wheelchairs, to improve safety and accessibility for individuals navigating through crowded urban environments.

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