

Faculty of Engineering

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RA3EL18 Autonomous Vehicles

Programme	:	B.Tech.	Branch/Specialisation	:	RA
Duration	:	3 hours	Maximum Marks	:	60

Note: All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Assume suitable data if necessary.
 Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

Section 1 (Answer all question(s))				Marks CO BL
Q1. What is the primary purpose of a safety framework in autonomous vehicles?				1 1 1
<input type="radio"/> Enhancing speed <input checked="" type="radio"/> Ensuring safe operations		<input type="radio"/> Reducing cost <input type="radio"/> Simplifying design		
Q2. Which method is commonly used to minimize errors in localization algorithms?				1 1 3
<input type="radio"/> Mean subtraction <input type="radio"/> Speed optimization		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Least squares method <input type="radio"/> Torque adjustment		
Q3. What is the primary purpose of the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)?				1 2 1
<input type="radio"/> Estimating linear system states <input type="radio"/> Enhancing vehicle speed		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Processing non-linear state estimation <input type="radio"/> Minimizing fuel consumption	measurements for	
Q4. Which method enhances accuracy by combining data from multiple sensors?				1 2 4
<input type="radio"/> Feedforward neural networks <input type="radio"/> Speed optimization		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Sensor fusion <input type="radio"/> Distance mapping		
Q5. Which layer in a CNN is responsible for detecting patterns such as edges and textures?				1 3 2
<input type="radio"/> Fully connected layer <input checked="" type="radio"/> Convolutional layer		<input type="radio"/> Pooling layer <input type="radio"/> Output layer		
Q6. Which optimization algorithm is commonly used to minimize the loss function in deep learning models?				1 3 3
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) <input type="radio"/> Linear regression		<input type="radio"/> Random search <input type="radio"/> Principal Component Analysis (PCA)		
Q7. What is the main purpose of intrinsic camera calibration?				1 4 1
<input type="radio"/> Determine the camera's position in space <input type="radio"/> Detect objects in an image		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Measure the internal characteristics of the camera, like focal length and lens distortion <input type="radio"/> Align multiple cameras for stereo vision		
Q8. Which vision system uses two cameras to perceive depth information?				1 4 2
<input type="radio"/> Monocular vision <input type="radio"/> Pinhole vision		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Stereo vision <input type="radio"/> Projective geometry		
Q9. Which algorithm guarantees the shortest path if the heuristic is admissible?				1 5 2
<input type="radio"/> Random walk <input type="radio"/> Gradient descent		<input checked="" type="radio"/> A* search <input type="radio"/> Backpropagation		

Q10. Which term describes the predicted time remaining before a collision occurs if the current motion continues? 1 5 4

- Path cost
- Time to Collision (TTC)
- Occupancy rate
- Motion behavior

Section 2 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q11. Explain how design considerations influence the selection of hardware components in autonomous vehicles. 3 1 4

Rubric	Marks
design considerations for autonomous vehicles.	3

Q12.(a) Propose a basic safety framework for an autonomous vehicle, focusing on potential risk assessments and mitigation strategies. 7 2 2

Rubric	Marks
framework for an autonomous vehicle - 4 Marks	7
Mitigation strategies - 3 Marks	

(OR)

(b) Describe how vehicle modeling contributes to effective control system design. Provide an example to support your explanation.

Rubric	Marks
Describe how vehicle modeling contributes to effective control system design - 4 Marks	7
Provide an example to support your explanation - 3 Marks	

Section 3 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q13. Evaluate the effectiveness of LIDAR scan matching and the Iterative Closest Point (ICP) algorithm in real-time vehicle localization. 4 3 5

Rubric	Marks
Evaluate the effectiveness of LIDAR scan matching in real-time vehicle localization. - 2 marks	4
Iterative Closest Point (ICP) algorithm in real-time vehicle localization - 2 marks	

Q14.(a) Design a multiple sensor fusion framework integrating GPS, IMU and LIDAR for robust vehicle state estimation. 6 3 6

Rubric	Marks
integration of GPS for robust vehicle state estimation - 2 marks	6
integration of IMU for robust vehicle state estimation - 2 marks	
integration of LIDAR for robust vehicle state estimation - 2 marks	

(OR)

(b) Explain how feedforward neural networks can be utilized to enhance vehicle localization accuracy. Provide a practical example.

Rubric	Marks
Explain how feedforward neural networks can be utilized to enhance vehicle localization accuracy - 4 marks	6
Provide a practical example - 2 marks	

Section 4 (Answer all question(s))**Marks CO BL**

- Q15.** Explain how the convolution and pooling layers contribute to feature extraction in a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). 3 3 4

Rubric	Marks
Concept of extraction in a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) - 3 marks	3

- Q16. (a)** Design a basic CNN architecture for image classification, explaining the role of each layer in the network. 7 3 6

Rubric	Marks
CNN architecture for image classification- 4 marks explaining the role of each layer in the network - 3 marks	7

(OR)

- (b)** Describe how visualizing the filters of a CNN can help in understanding the features being learned by the model.

Rubric	Marks
concept of visualizing the filters of a CNN - 4 marks the features being learned by the model - 3 marks	7

Section 5 (Answer all question(s))**Marks CO BL**

- Q17.** Compare monocular and stereo vision in terms of their effectiveness for depth perception in autonomous vehicles. 3 4 4

Rubric	Marks
3 points for Comparing monocular and stereo vision in autonomous vehicles - 3 marks	3

- Q18. (a)** Explain how Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) can be applied for 2D object detection and semantic segmentation in autonomous driving. 7 4 3

Rubric	Marks
CNNs can be applied for 2D object detection in autonomous driving - 4 marks semantic segmentation in autonomous driving - 3 marks	7

(OR)

- (b)** Design a basic motion planning framework for autonomous vehicles, considering driving missions, scenarios and behavior models.

Rubric	Marks
motion planning framework for autonomous vehicles - 4 marks considering driving missions, scenarios and behavior models - 3 marks	7

Section 6 (Answer any 2 question(s))**Marks CO BL**

Q19. Evaluate the importance of map-aware motion prediction in reducing the risk of collisions during autonomous driving. **5 5 5**

Rubric	Marks
Evaluate the importance of map-aware motion prediction in autonomous driving - 3 marks solution for reducing the risk of collisions during autonomous driving - 2 marks	5

Q20. Design a basic framework for updating occupancy grids in real-time using LIDAR scan data. Discuss key challenges and solutions. **5 5 6**

Rubric	Marks
Design a basic framework for updating occupancy grids in real-time using LIDAR scan data - 3 marks Discuss key challenges and solutions - 2 marks	5

Q21. Explain how hierarchical motion planning can be used to optimize navigation in complex urban environments. Provide relevant examples. **5 5 3**

Rubric	Marks
motion planning can be used to optimize navigation - 3 marks Provide relevant examples - 2 marks	5
