ECE 579 Intelligent Systems, Winter 2024

Project Initiative Report

**Project title: Facial Expression Recognition System for Personalized Vehicle Settings.**

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**Project Description**: In this project, we will design and develop a facial expression recognition system using Phyton and TensorFlow in Google Colab. This system will be situated directly in front of the vehicle's steering wheel, where it will analyze the driver's facial expressions to predict their emotional state that could potentially lead to unsafe driving behaviors such as over speed limit. Depending on the recognized expression, the system will adjust the maximum speed limit parameter by sending a custom CAN message and in scenarios where the emotional state is significantly a concern notify the user’s emergency contacts. The model User Interface will be developed in NI LabVIEW. For CAN communication the system will use an NI USB-8506 and the simulated vehicle network will be done using Vector CANoe.

**Data Description:**

Our project will use potentially the AffectNet that is one of the largest datasets available for facial expression recognition, containing over 1 million facial images gathered from the internet. AffectNet is diverse in terms of age, ethnicity, and lighting conditions. The images are in color and have a higher resolution. They are more representative of real-world conditions. If we are not able to obtain AffectNet for the project, we will use FER2013.

It includes eight categorical expressions (Neutral, Happy, Sad, Surprise, Fear, Disgust, Anger, Contempt). Due to its size and diversity, AffectNet is well-suited for training robust models that need to perform well in varied real-world scenarios.

**Activities by group member:**

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| Group Member | Task | Completion Date | Deliverable |
| LCastaneda | User Interface for I/O controls. | 2/8/2024 |  |
| LCastaneda | Vehicle message handling | 2/29/2024 |  |
| LCastaneda | Vehicle network integration in CANoe. | 2/29/2024 |  |
| JMurillo | Model training | 3/15/2024 |  |
| JMurillo | Model integration | 3/29/2024 |  |
| All | Testing | 4/10/2024 |  |

\*Additional activities might be added or changed based on the workload of the participants.