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1. What are the differences between **exteroceptive sensors** and **proprioceptive sensors**? 1 / 1 point
(Select all that apply)

☒ Exteroceptive sensors can determine obstacle size and distance away, whereas proprioceptive sensors cannot.



Correct

Proprioceptive sensors do not observe nor measure environment surroundings.

☐ Proprioceptive sensors can determine distance traveled by the vehicle, whereas exteroceptive sensors cannot.

☐ Exteroceptive sensors can determine distance traveled by the vehicle, whereas proprioceptive sensors cannot.

☐ Proprioceptive sensors are used to determine vehicle position, whereas exteroceptive sensors are used for sensing the environment.

☒ Proprioceptive sensors do not interact with the environment, whereas exteroceptive sensors do.



Correct

Exteroceptive sensors contain active sensors such as Lidar or Sonar, which interact with the environment by emitting light or sound and waiting for response.

2.

Which of the following exteroceptive sensors would you use in **harsh sunlight**?

1 / 1 point

☐ Lidar

☒ Sonar



Correct

Sonar is unaffected by harsh sunlight.

☒ Radar



Correct

Radar is unaffected by harsh sunlight.

☐ Cameras

3. Why is synchronization and timing accuracy important in the self driving system? **Choose the primary reason.** 1 / 1 point

☐ Synchronization is important to ensure organized computation.

☒ Synchronization is important to ensure correct sensor fusion.

☐ Synchronization is important to ensure that sensors measure the environment at the same time.

☐ Synchronization is important to check sensor failure.



Correct

Correct!

4. Your autonomous vehicle is driving on the German autobahn at 150 km/h and you wish to maintain safe following distances with other vehicles. Assuming a safe following distance of 2s, **what is the distance (in m) required between vehicles?** Round your answer to **2 decimal places.** 1 / 1 point

83.33



Correct

$150^2/3.6$

5. Using the same speed of 150 km/h, **what is the braking distance (in m) required for emergency stops?** Assume an aggressive deceleration of 5 m/s². Round your answer to **2 decimal places**. 1 / 1 point

173.61



Correct

$(150/3.6)^2/(2*5)$

6. Suppose your vehicle was using long range cameras for sensing forward distance, but it is now nighttime and the images captured are too dark. **Which of the following sensors can be used to compensate?** 1 / 1 point

☐ Sonar

☒ Lidar



Correct

Lidar can be configured for long range detection and can also operate in darkness.

☒ Radar



Correct

Radar can be configured for long range detection and can also operate in darkness.

☐ IMU

7. What are the differences between an **occupancy grid** and a **localization map**? (Select all that apply)

1 / 1 point

- ☐ The occupancy grid only contains static objects, while the localization map contains only dynamic objects.
- ☒ An occupancy grid uses a dense representation of the environment, whereas a localization map does not need to be dense.



Correct

Since localization mapping is only concerned with identifying the vehicle pose in the environment, it can use point features or object locations and does not need to densely cover the entire environment, whereas occupancy grid mapping must capture the locations of all obstacles to be avoided and must therefore be dense.

- ☐ The localization map uses only lidar data, whereas the occupancy grid can use both lidar and camera data.
- ☒ The localization map is primarily used to estimate the vehicle position, whereas the occupancy grid is primarily used to plan collision free paths.



Correct

Correct. The vehicle position is a critical measurement to estimate how the ego vehicle is moving through the environment, and relies on matching sensor measurements at the current time to the localization map. The occupancy grid map stores live collision avoidance data in the form of occupied and unoccupied cells around the vehicle.

8. The vehicle steps through the software architecture and arrives at the controller stage. What information is required for the **controller** to output its commands to the vehicle?

1 / 1 point

- ☒ Planned paths



Correct

The controller commands the vehicle to follow the planned paths.

- ☐ Locations of obstacles and other vehicles

☐ Environment maps

☒ Vehicle state



Correct

The controller requires the vehicle position and velocity to determine the appropriate amount of steering, throttle, and brake.

9. What is (are) the role(s) of the **system supervisor**? (Select all that apply)

1 / 1 point

☐ To ensure that the planned paths are collision free

☐ To ensure that the controller outputs are within operating range

☒ To ensure that the sensors are working correctly



Correct

The system supervisor is responsible for monitoring hardware and ensuring that the sensors are not broken.

☒ To ensure that the maps update at the correct frequencies



Correct

The system software is responsible for monitoring software and ensuring operation at correct frequencies.

10. Which of the following tasks should be assigned to the **local planner**?

1 / 1 point

☒ Planning to avoid a parked car in the ego vehicle's lane

☐ Planning a merge onto the highway

☐ Planning a route to a destination

☐ Planning a lane change to turn left



Correct

This is a reactive planning task, so it should be designated to the local planner.

11. What common objects in the environment appear in the **occupancy grid**?

1 / 1 point

- ☐ Traffic lights
- ☐ Other moving vehicles
- ☒ Parked vehicles
- ☐ Lane boundaries



Correct

The occupancy grid contains static obstacles which block vehicle movement.

12. Which of the following maps contain **roadway speed limits**?

1 / 1 point

- ☐ Occupancy grid
- ☐ Localization map
- ☒ Detailed roadmap



Correct

The detailed roadmap contains traffic regulations.