Computer Senior Seminar Research Paper Outline

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Chapter 1: Introduction

First Describe the problem and its background

- I) Why I chose this topic:
 - i) Autonomous vehicles' socioeconomic impact:
 - Safer traffic system
 - Cheaper automotive economy
 - Mobility for the disabled or elderly
 - ii) Personal interest:
 - Strong long-term career opportunities
 - Satisfying and impactful work
- II) Identify three key developments in recent years
 - i) Darpa's ALV, Lidar/Camera based autonomous vehicle and investments
 - ii) Self-Parking Systems
 - iii) Google's Demo car
- III) Current state of Autonomous Vehicles
 - i) The Autonomous Level System
 - ii) Example of Current AV

Second Present the problem that is studied in the paper

- I) What object detection techniques and systems show the most promise?
 - i) People
 - Identify the problems
 - define the reliability and robustness
 - measure the performance
 - evaluate the cost
 - ii) Vehicles
 - "…"
 - iii) Road signs, lanes, signals, etc.
 - "…"
 - iv) Environment
 - "..."

Third Define some Terms

Fourth Outline basic assumptions and limitations

- I) Inability to test systems and techniques
 - i) No access to self-driving cars

- ii) Little replication or implementation of techniques into working code
- II) No visibility into private companies' R&D

Chapter 2: Review of Literature

First Restate the categories of object detection

- I) People
- II) Vehicles
- III) Road signs, lanes, signals, etc.
- IV) Environment

Second Background of what makes this technology possible

- I) Hardware
 - i) Advancements of Processors
 - ii) Development of the Digital Camera Sensor
 - iii) Other sensors
- II) Significant Algorithms

Third For each category, describe different solutions

I) This is not the analysis, but simply a description of what the solutions are

Fourth Discuss the strength and weaknesses of my methodology

- I) Pros
- II) Cons

Chapter 3: Analysis

First Restate the purpose

Second Description of metrics and procedure

- I) How to...
 - i) Identify the problems
 - ii) define the reliability and robustness
 - iii) measure the performance
 - iv) evaluate the cost
- II) describe the general procedure

Third Research Methodology

- I) Metric for sources
- II) Alternate sources and experiences

Fourth Go through each type and technique/implement the procedure described above

Chapter 4: Discussion of Results

First Restate the research questions

Second Outline and organize the results

I) Employ statistics, figures, and graphs

Third Discussion

- I) Describe the implications
- II) Evaluate whether the results answered the research question

Chapter 5: Summary

First Briefly sum the study
Second Conclude the results
Third Recommend future research
Fourth References/Bibliography