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1 Executive Summary

Recently, with the quick development of the computers and internet, a revolutionary change is about happen. The operation speed of electronics have dramatically increased as the sizes have shrinked. Thus, developing and integrating new systems into the cars are easier than it has ever been. Along with such advances, as a result, intelligent cars have been around for a few years. The intelligent vehicle technologies enable simpler vehicle operations and better driving safety. Such technologies involve autonomous driving, lane departure assistance, ambient dependent headlight adjustment and other safety related features. To address the needs in the development phases of the aforementioned technologies, DUAYENLER Ltd. Şti. (DUAYENLER) is founded. DUAYENLER aims to be one of the Lodestars in the industry with its innovative approaches.

The company consists of talented engineers from different but closely related fields, namely, computer, electronics and control. This combination is what makes DUAYENLER advantageous in R&D phase. Easy looking technologies involve complex development phases. And complexity can only be resolved by a team work. The members of the company are self-aware and cooperate closely to each other. With all its synergy, DUAYENLER is capable of accomplishing the tasks and overcoming possible problems.

The main technology that DUAYENLER focuses on is autonomous driving. Such technology yields a contemporary and innovative solution for car industry. The development consists of combination of several systems. The sensing system is responsible for understanding and mapping the environment properties such as detecting lane boundaries and possible obstacles. This system is one of the most important elements in the project together with computation system. Not only being able to map surroundings as image is important but also extracting meaningful data out of them and convert them to a useful data for rest of the systems. The computation unit is the core system of the project. Furthermore, the processed data must be output as a physical phenomena, that is, steering of the wheels. This is realized by the combination of driving and motion subsystems. Since a vehicle is generally not solo, the project consists of a system dedicated to communicate with other vehicles. This is the communication system. As anticipated, the whole system must be assembled on a single body. The structure system realizes such needs in the project.

The aim of this report is to give reader a solid understanding of the project from DUAYENLER's point of view. The duration of the project is expected to last 33 weeks, from the beginning of October 2018 to May 2018. The estimated cost for research and development phase is about $ 450 whereas mass manufacturing would not exceed $200. Along with the vehicle, the customer will be provided with deliverables such as technical manuals, elliptical path, rechargeable battery and the charger. The vehicle will have two (2) years of warranty.

2 Introduction

DUAYENLER is established with the aim of developing autonomous car technologies for near future. To serve that purpose, Car Chasing Project is initiated by the company. The project can be summarized as a vehicle that can autonomously follow a path and detect the other surrounding vehicle as well as communicating them to have a reliable driving environment. With this project, the company aims to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Sensing the environment and other vehicles on the roads

2. Automatic adaptive lane detection

3. Self driving

4. Autonomous wireless communication with surrounding counterparts

A considerable amount of effort and work force has been put on the project to fulfill the required objectives. So far, the team has figured out several important steps towards the realization of the project.To start with, the wireless communication between the vehicles is modeled and implemented. A reliable communication environment is established using Wi-Fi protocol. Currently, the vehicles can communicate with each others by means of associated handshake protocol messages in a race scenario. Secondly, computer vision algorithms are developed and implemented as a solution to lane detection problem. The algorithms are developed based on open source computer vision library OpenCV. To obtain a direction predicting results, color thresholding, edge detection, hough transform algorithms are used respectively. Furthermore, the communication between image processing platform and microcontrollers for motor driving is constructed. It is the essential part of solving the self driving problem. On the mechanical part, different motor&wheel combinations are tested to obtain the best performance. To test the computer vision on board, a prototype vehicle is assembled and necessary equipment is mounted on it. Currently, the team is working on the improvement of computer vision algorithms.

In this report, the company provides technical details about the implemented solutions, other possible solution alternatives with objective comparisons as well as a clear action plan showing the necessary further steps for realization of the project. The emphasis on this report is primarily put on the detailed analysis of proposed solutions, supported with relevant test results in both system and subsystem level. In addition, future plans including new test designs for current solutions as well as for other alternatives, the action plan in case of unexpected outcomes by clearly specifying the responsibilities of each member in the team.

3 Overall Project

The main objective of this project is to design and produce a self driving mini-car that can follow a path with a varying properties with in a 200 dollar budget. The project can be investigated under six main systems and their twelve subsystems.

1. Sensing System

   This system is responsible for interpreting data from the environment. It has two subsystem namely,

   (a) *Lane Detection Subsystem* which is responsible for detecting sides of the path as its name suggests

   (b) *Vehicle Detection Subsystem* which is responsible for detecting opponent vehicle if it is close to the vehicle more than 5 cm

2. Computation System

   This system is responsible for computational works of the vehicle. The system mainly give meaning to data generated by the sensing system. It has to subsystems namely,

   (a) *Data Processing Subsystem* which is responsible for processing the output data of lane detection unit and produce data for PID control unit.

   (b) *PID Controller Subsystem* which is responsible for controlling the motors of the vehicle.

3. Communication System

   This system is responsible for communication inside the vehicle and communication between vehicles .It has to subsystems namely,

   (a) *Internal Communication Subsystem* which is responsible for communication inside the vehicle mainly the communication between Raspberry Pi and Arduino.

   (b) *External Communication Subsystem* which is responsible for the communication of the vehicle with the outside world mainly with the opponents.-

4. Driving System

   This system is responsible for .It has to subsystems namely,

   (a) *Direction Subsystem* which is responsible for

   (b) *Speed Subsystem* which is responsible for the motors of the vehicle.

5. Structure

   This system is responsible for .It has to subsystems namely,

(a) *Chassis Subsystem* which is responsible for

(b) *Printed Circuit Board Subsystem* which is responsible for the motors of the vehicle.

6. Motion System

This system is responsible for .It has to subsystems namely,

(a) *Wheels Subsystem* which is responsible for

(b) *Motors Subsystem* which is responsible for the motors of the vehicle.

General interaction of these subsystems with each other can be investigated at system diagram of the project at *Figure 1*.
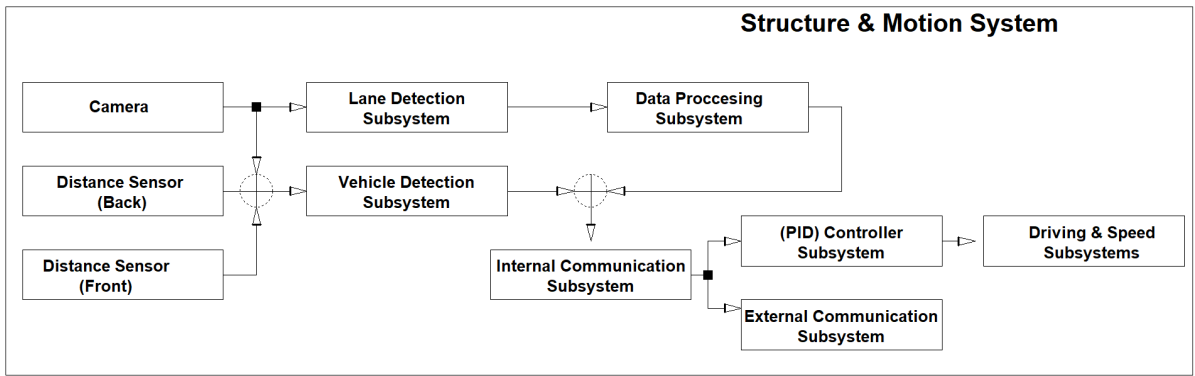
Figure 1: System Diagram of the Overall Project in Subsystem Level

4   Detailed Solutions to Subsystems

V-Model is a very popular tool for system engineers to plan their projects. To ease the project tracking process, the V-Model was constructed by the DUAYENLER. The overall look of the V-Model can be seen at *Figure 2*. This section includes the explanation, requirements, test procedures and test results for the subsystems.
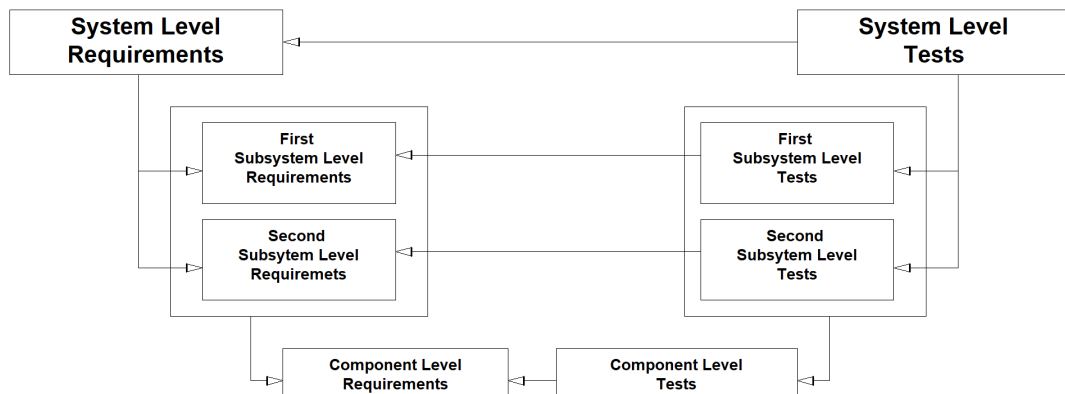
Figure 2: General Structure of the V-Model Utilized in the Project

4.1 Sensing System

Sensing system has two main subsystems which are Lane Detection Subsystem and Vehicle Detection Subsystem. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The system should detect the sides of the road.

- The system should not be effected from external disturbances.

- The system should detect the opponent vehicle.

4.1.1 Lane Detection Subsystem

The subsystem basically detects the lane. This subsystem uses OpenCV libraries for processing camera frames. The input is captured from a Raspberry Pi camera that is mounted to the vehicle. The captured frame is firstly, preprocessed by a denoising filter and HSV color filter. The edges in the frame is detected by Canny Edge Detector algorithm. The output of Canny is a binary image filled with ones and zeros. The resulting binary image is processed with Hough Line detector to find pixels that possibly form a line. After the lines are found, the processed frame is sent to Data Processing Subsystem. The block diagram of this subsystem is given in *Figure 3*. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should be able to detect only the shades of green color

- The subsystem should be able to detect edges in the camera frame in any light condition

- The subsystem should be able to tell differences between disturbances and lane

- The subsystem should be able to interpret the middle of the lane if both sides are present at the frame

4.1.1.1 Main Solution for Lane Detection Subsystem

The first processing on the captured frame is denoising by blurring. The blurring filter is a GaussianBlur of (3x3) matrix with zero variance both in x and y directions. Next, the filtered image is color filtered in HSV color space. The filter range of the HSV filter is adjusted only to include shades green. The lower bound for HSV filter is [H=60, S=120, V=106] and the higher bound is [H=82, S=255, V=235]. Later the color filtered image is processed by Canny Edge Detector. This process eliminates all pixels except those are constituting an edge. Edge pixels are usually formed when there is a transition from one object to other. To find pixels constituting a line, Hough Lines function is used.

Hough Lines function outputs two pixels points on the image that form a line. The output of the function is tens of such line points. The accuracy of the function can be adjusted by playing with the input parameters. The function basically draws all lines that might go through a point in the free space (in polar coordinates) and intersects those lines. If the origin points of the intersected lines are within a specified bound,
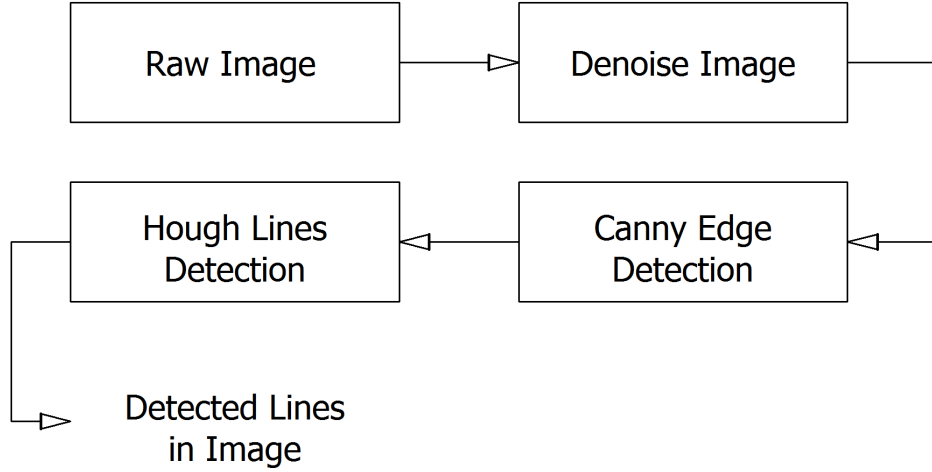
Figure 3: The Proposed Algorithm for the Lane Detection.

then the line is defined and it can be expanded further. If found points on a line don't exceed a threshold, that line is discarded. The adjustment of such parameters are done with trial and error approach. An important note is that this function is probabilistic, meaning that even if the input frame is never changed, the output line points would be close to previous point but not the same. An example call for this function together with its parameters is given *Script 1*. The output, line detected frame, is sent to Data Processing Subsystem.

```
HoughLinesP(input=img_threshed, output=line,
rho=1, theta=CV_PI / 180, threshold=15,
minLineLength=30, maxLineGap=40);
```

Script 1: Hough Lines Function with its Parameters

4.1.1.2 Alternative Solutions for Lane Detection Subsystem

After the module demo result of the camera-oriented lane detection, former solutions are considered to support camera result and enhance robustness of the tracking. Possible future solutions are the followings:

- Light sensor: The purpose of using this sensor is to adjust color filtering in the lane detection. In the test phase, it is observed that color filter in HSV space had inaccuracies such as detecting colors other than green. Even though HSV mostly eliminates the illumination change in a color, an adaptive threshold setting might be a good option for color filtering to work more robust in extreme low and extreme high lighting conditions. Lighting sensor will have the luminosity of the medium and this data should adaptively set the color filter range.

- Laser sensor: As IR sensor array solution, which is already considered at the beginning of the term, laser approximate sensors can be constructed as array and

used to detect edges of the lane. The expected enhancement is that laser sensors are more robust under extreme illumination conditions. To clarify the solution, two laser sensor arrays sense both sides of the lane. According to array's data, vehicle orients itself.

- Color sensor: This approach is similar to laser sensor solution, regarding the sensor array construction. However, color sensor working principle is based on RGB recognition, so in this solution green output of the arrays is focused point. According to green output, path will be detected.

4.1.1.3 Lane Detection Subsystem Tests

The test procedure that will make sure correct functioning of this subsystem are list in the following sections.

- Light Condition Test

  1. Mirror the Raspberry Pi screen into Laptop via VNC
  2. Execute the lane detection algorithm in Raspberry Pi
  3. Change the location of the camera and Pi to conduct test
  4. Observe the results in different locations
  5. If the visible lane sides can be detected without any additional object, the result of the test can be considered as success.

- Visual Disturbance Test

  1. Mirror the Raspberry Pi screen into Laptop via VNC
  2. Execute the lane detection algorithm in Raspberry Pi
  3. Put different objects into lane
  4. Observe the results with different disturbances
  5. If the objects outside of lane is not detected and the objects inside the road only detected only at its border with road, the result of the test can be considered as success.

(a)   (b)
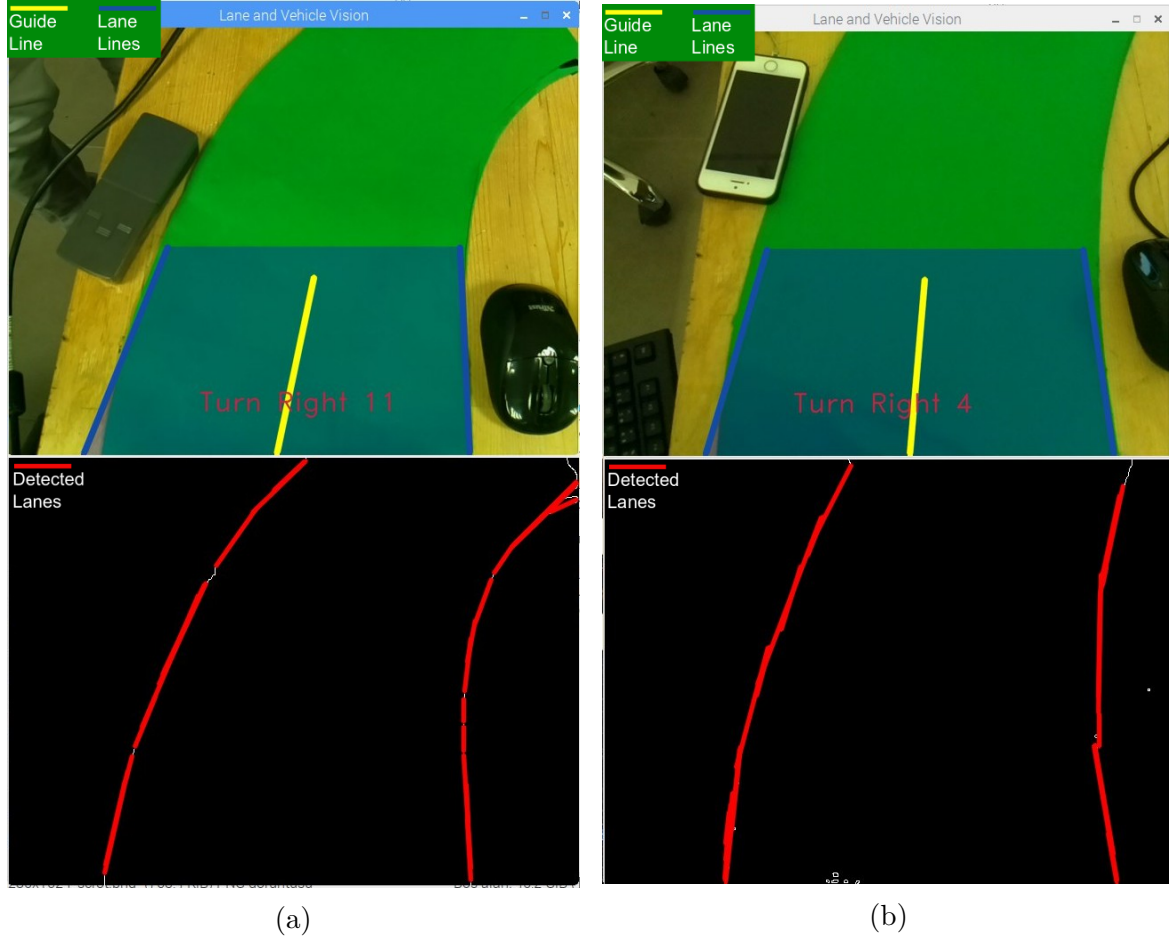
Figure 4: Lane Detection Test Results.

4.1.1.4 Results of Lane Detection Subsystem Tests

The lane detection tests are done. The results are promising. The algorithm sweeps up the surrounding distrubances completely. The sample outputs together with Data Processing Subsystem are shown in *Figure 4*.

4.1.2 Vehicle Vehicle Detection Subsystem

The subsystem is the first step of safely computing with an opponent in a racing path. By the help of two distance sensors at the back and front of the vehicle the subsystem aims to find whether there is a opponent vehicle nearby.

4.1.2.1 Main Solution for Detection Subsystem

This subsystem uses two time of flight distance sensor which is enhanced IR sensor. One at the back of the vehicle responsible for detecting the chasing opponent and one at the front of the vehicle responsible for detecting the chased opponent. The subsystem produces positive output if the chasing vehicle or chased vehicle is within a range of 5 cm from the vehicle. Since the sensor reading is planned to be performed using Arduino, the

required trigger for handshake protocol can be easily send through serial commutation or directly implemented in the Arduino as an alternative. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should detect the opponent to be caught with in a 5 cm

- The subsystem should detect the chasing opponent if it reaches from back with in a 5 cm

- The subsystem should trigger the handshake protocol

4.1.2.2 Alternative Solutions for Vehicle Detection Subsystem

- Ultrasonic sensor: These can be another approach to this problem. They send a sound wave and take back the echo, then give a PWM voltage related to the distance. However, using ultrasonic sensors can cause problems if the opponent also uses ultrasonic sensors due to the interference. Besides, when measurement is angled, the sensor reading fails. The reason why this is not the first option is that the specified path involves many sharp turns.

- Infrared sensor: Using these sensors Infrared sensors are the most trivial solution to measuring distance. However, IR sensors are weak to use in outside, especially sunshine. Although they are so sensitive to sun, they can still be a solution, if the first choice is failed, unexpectedly, this solution can be reconsidered.

4.1.2.3 Vehicle Detection Subsystem Tests

4.1.2.3.1 Front Vehicle Detection Test in Closed Environment This test aims to validate whether the subsystem is capable of detecting the opponent vehicle that is close to the vehicle more than 5 cm from the front. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Make the connection of the desired sensor and Arduino properly
2. Hold the sensor at an angle of 90 degree with respect to ground
3. Place the test object 5 cm in front of the desired
4. Observe the output of the subsystem
5. Repeat the step 3 & 4 with different distances
6. If the output of the subsystem generates logical positive for distances smaller than 5 cm and logical zero for distances greater than five, the test result can be considered as success

4.1.2.3.2 Rear Vehicle Detection Test in Closed Environment This test aims to validate whether the subsystem is capable of detecting the opponent vehicle that is close to the vehicle more than 5 cm from the rear. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Repeat the test steps of the *Front Vehicle Detection Test in Closed Environment* with the desired sensor for the desired rear sensor.

4.1.2.3.3   Angled Approach Test   This test aims to validate whether the subsystem is capable of detecting the opponent vehicle that is close to the vehicle more than 5 cm if the vehicles are not perfectly aligned. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Make the connection of the desired sensor and Arduino properly
2. Hold the sensor at an angle of 90 degree with respect to ground
3. Place the test object 5 cm in front of the sensor with 30 degree angle with respect to the sensor
4. Observe the output of the subsystem
5. Repeat the step 3 & 4 with different distance and angle values
6. If the output of the subsystem generates logical positive for distances smaller than 5 cm for all angle values with respect to sensor and logical zero for distances greater than 5 cm, the test result can be considered as success

4.1.2.3.4   Vehicle Detection in Different Sunlight Conditions Test   This test aims to validate whether the subsystem is capable of detecting the opponent vehicle that is close to the vehicle more than 5 cm in different sunlight conditions. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Repeat the test steps of the *Front Vehicle Detection Test in Closed Environment* in CCC (KKM) ground under direct sunlight
2. Repeat step 1 in CCC (KKM) under artificial light, in other words, under no direct sunlight conditions
3. Repeat steps 1 & 2 for different locations of E Building including Graduation Laboratory
4. If the output of the subsystem generates logical positive for distances smaller than 5 cm under all light conditions and logical zero for distances greater than 5 cm, the test result can be considered as success

4.1.2.4   Results of Vehicle Detection Subsystem Tests

No success for standart IRs(model verilebilir) and (Ultrasonişc)(açı özellikle)

4.2   Computation System

Computation system has two main subsystems which are Data Processing Subsystem and PID Controller Subsystem. The requirements of this system are listed below:

- The system should be able to produce middle line to follow

- The system should be able to control the robot
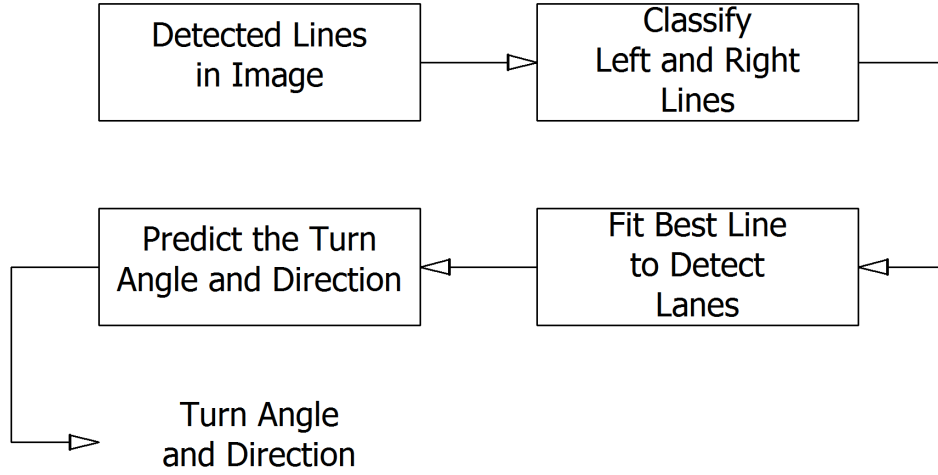
Figure 5: The Proposed Algorithm for Data Processing Subsystem.

4.2.1 Data Processing Subsystem

The data processing subsystem is the main computation unit for the vehicle. The main objective of this subsystem is to give PID controller subsystem a meaningful data from unorganized data coming from lane detection subsystem.

4.2.1.1 Main Solution for Data Processing Subsystem

The input of this system is an edge detected binary image. Next, points of the lines are classified as left or right borders of the lane. The elimination of the wrong points are done concurrently with the classification. Then, filtered points are fitted in two separate lines to create left and right borders of the lane. As the lane borders are found, the next and the last step is to determine the direction of the vehicle. The output of this subsystem is a turning angle and a direction. The whole process is sumarized in *Figure 5* as a block diagram. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below.

Data Processing Subsystem Requirements:

- The subsystem should be able to analyse data produced by sensing system

- The subsystem should be able to produce the angle information required by the controller subsystem

- The subsystem should be able to work on Raspberry Pi

- The subsystem should be able to process one frame at most in 100 milliseconds

Then next step is to classify the line points as left or right. The lines are firstly eliminated according to their slopes. If slope of a line is not in invalid slope region of ± 0.005, then it is a valid line. This process is done to get rid of unnecessary low sloped lines. After elimination, line points set must be determined as left or right. At this

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```
1  std::vector<cv::Vec4i> lines  // like a 4x4 matrix
2  double slope_thresh = 0.005; // absolute threshold slope
3  for (lines_points)
4          startP = Point(x1, y1);
5          endP = Point(x2, y2);
6          line_slope = startP/endP;
7          if(abs(line_slope) >= slope_thresh) line_is_valid;
8          else line_is_not_valid;
9
10 for (lines_is_valid)
11          if(x1>320 && x2>320) it_is_right_line;
12          else if(x1<320 && x2<320) it_is_left_line;
13          else discard_the_line;
```

Script 2: The Algorithm to Classify the Lane Lines as Right or Left

point, this classification is done according to double checking. the center of the image, that is 320th vertical pixel. If initial and final horizontal points of the image is in the same half, the line belongs to that half. This method works nicely in most regions of the path. However, it is a bit error prone in case of a sharp turning angle or losing one of the lanes . This algorithm will be improved to be more robust.

After finding the all left and right line points, actual left and right lines are constructed by applying least square method to the both point sets. The result of this method is 4 points (x1,y1,x2,y2) to refer the left lane line and 4 points to refer the right lane line.

The last process on the image is predicting the turn angle and direction. The prediction of direction is done by comparing the slopes of the left and the right lines. The turning is to be made to the side of the lane line having less slope. The angle is determined by computing the angle between the normal line of the current direction and guide line. Guide line is constructed with the average of the middle points of the right and the left lines and current point of the vehicle. Vehicle's current point is assumed to be in the middle of the beginning of the image. Thus, the beginning point of the guideline is the current position of the vehicle and the endpoint is the target point to be reached. The output of this processing is shown in *Figure 6*. The turning angle and the direction is sent to PID Controller Subsystem.
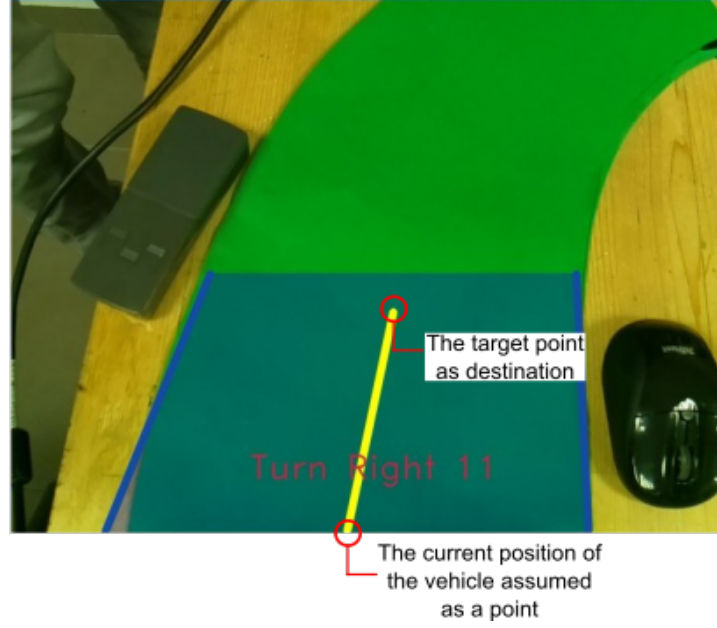
Figure 6: The Prediction of Turn Angle and Direction.

4.2.1.2 Alternative Solutions for Data Processing Subsystem

The proposed algorithm for data processing has some flaws that are already discussed. To overcome those problems, DUAYENLER has some alternative solutions. An improvement might be on finding lane boundaries. This operation is currently realized with Hough Lines function. Another approach would be to scan rows an accurately edge detected image. If a white pixel is encountered, this would imply a lane boundary and the last time a white pixel is encountered would mean te other lane boundary. If the edge detected image contains noise, the solution might yield a wrong result. However, this can be overcomed by setting maximum number of white points that can be detected in a row.

Another improvement could be on positioning on the lane. The proposed algorithm assumes that the vehicle follows the lane always in the center. This assumption is not the case always. The new algorithm will differentiate between the center of the lane and center of the capture image. By averaging coordinate points of both lane boundaries the actual lane center can be found and this point must be in some proximity with respect to the center of the image.

4.2.1.3 Data Processing Subsystem Tests

This test will enable if data processing will generate the desired output, namely turn direction and angle. Test procedure is as follows:

1. Link the output of Lane Detection Subsystem to Data Processing Subsystem.
2. Asses if the output coincide with physical reality of the path

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4.2.1.4 Results of Data Processing Subsystem Tests

The tests are done. The results are positive and reflects the expectations. The turn angle and direction are properly output. A flaw of this subsystem is that both right and the left lane lines must be determined. Otherwise, the prediction does not give stable results. This must be improved together with the Lane Detection Subsystem regarding the code algorithm. The sample outputs can be seen in *Figure 3 and Figure 6.*

4.2.2 PID Controller Subsystem

The output of the data processing subsystem does not mean much for the rotating parts of the vehicle. The motors should be driven using some sort of closed loop system. PID controllers are the most used controller in the robotics field. The purpose of the PID controller is basically to eliminate the error from the desired steady state.The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should be able to control the motors

- The subsystem should be able to react the external disturbances

4.2.2.1 Main Solution for PID Controller Subsystem

In our case the desired steady state error to be compensated by the controller is angle information coming from the data processing unit. For this purpose discrete time version of a general PID controller will be utilized. General form for discrete time PID controller may be seen below:

$$G_{PID}(z) = K_{bias} + K_p + K_I \frac{1}{1 - z^{-1}} + K_D(1 - z^-1)$$

4.2.2.2 Alternatve Solutions for PID Controller Subsystem

Theoretically very similar approach for designing a controller is to design in a S-domain. For this kind of controllers, general form of the continues time PID controller may be seen below:

$$G_{PID}(s) = K_{bias} + K_p + K_I \frac{1}{s} + K_D s$$

4.2.2.3 PID Controller Subsystem Tests

4.2.2.3.1 **PID Parameters Test for Given Input** The test aims to speed up the process of finding the right PID parameters for the controller. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Connect the Vehicle Motors to Motor Controller
2. Connect the Motor Driver to Arduino
3. Give the angle value that the subsystem should compensate
4. Give the power to the motors
5. Observe the behaviour of the vehicle

6. If the vehicle rotates with an angle given in step 3 without any feedback given, the result of the test can be considered as success.

4.2.2.3.2   Path Tracking Test   The test aims to check the validity of the PID parameters in closed loop feedback system. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Make the necessary connection between motors Arduino and data processing unit

2. Place the vehicle to the desired empty path

3. Observe the behaviour of the vehicle

4. If the vehicle can follow the path smoothly, the result of the test can be considered as success.

4.2.2.3.3   Tracking a Path with Obstacles Test   The test aims to check the validity of the PID parameters in closed loop feedback system if there is obstacles. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Make the necessary connection between motors Arduino and data processing unit

2. Place the vehicle to the desired path with obstacles

3. Observe the behaviour of the vehicle

4. If the vehicle can follow the path and compensate the steady state errors due to obstacles without showing oscillatory behaviour and in a reasonable time (in less than 2 seconds), the result of the test can be considered as success.

4.2.2.3.4   Path Tracking Test with Physical Disturbances   The test aims to check the validity of the PID parameters in closed loop feedback system if there is a physical disturbance that effect the location of the vehicle. The test procedure is as follows;

1. Make the necessary connection between motors Arduino and data processing unit

2. Place the vehicle to the desired empty path

3. Observe the behaviour of the vehicle

4. If the vehicle can follow the path and compensate the steady state errors due to physical disturbance without showing oscillatory behaviour and in a reasonable time (in less than 2 seconds), the result of the test can be considered as success.

4.2.2.4   Results of PID Controller Subsystem Tests

Due to other limitations, the initial version of the PID controller subsystem was tested only for *PID Parameters Test for Given Input.* The test results were promising for the time being. Other tests are planning to be conducted on the subsystem in the following semester.

4.3   Communication System

Communication system has two main subsystems which are Internal Communication Subsystem and External Communication Subsystem. The requirements of this system are listed below::

- The subsystem should ensure safe internal communication

- The subsystem should ensure safe external communication

4.3.1   Internal Communication Subsystem

This subsystem covers the communication of the components inside vehicle. Currently, Raspberry Pi and Arduino are two components that requires communication. To prevent the large amount of cable connection, a serial communication protocol is implemented. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The microcontrollers should be able to communicate with each other via serial communication

- The internal communication speed should be compatible with the processing speed of the lane detection subsystem

```python
import serial
ar=serial.Serial("/dev/ttyUSB0",9600)
```

Script 3: Serial object decleration in Python

```c
#include "./arduinoModule/rs232.h"
int cport_nr = 24; /* /dev/ttyUSB0 */
int bdrate = 9600; /* 9600 baud */
char mode[] = { '8', 'N', '1', 0 }; // 8 data bits, no parity,
    1 stop bit
char str_send[2][BUF_SIZE]; // send data buffer
unsigned char str_recv[BUF_SIZE]; // recv data buffer
RS232_OpenComport(cport_nr, bdrate, mode);
```

Script 4: Serial communication setup in C

4.3.1.1   Main Solution for Internal Communication Subsystem

There are several serial communication protocols that can be used to maintain the connection such as SPI, I2C. However, the first choice is to use USB serial port of the Arduino. Since RPi is practically a computer, it can recognize Arduino as a device using a serial port such as /ttyUSB0 in case of a Linux based OS. When recognized, RPi can send any piece of strings to the Arduino via USB cable. The process of communication is as follows:

1. Arduino should be connected to the Pi.

2. Using Arduino IDE or any other method such as listing serial ports and checking for Arduino and so on, the serial port name should be detected

3. Baud rates of two sides should be the same. 9600 is generally enough but if needed, it can be incremented to satisfy fast communication

4. On Arduino side, `Serial.begin(9600)` command should be executed and serial port should be read repeatedly to capture the incoming data

5. On Pi side, using any language C++ or Python, messages to serial port can be send

There are minor differences when implementing the code in Python, C++ and C. Python is the most practical one:

Python has a library called serial by which any type of data can be send through serial ports. Script 3 is used to declare a serial object. Then using `ar.write("some string \r".encode())`, the string "some string" can be send to Arduino. Note that "\r" carriage return character carries a high importance because it shows that a string is terminated and any other incoming data belongs to the new piece of string.

As alternatives, the implementation on C is also examined. Sample codes to implement the same communication in C is in Script 4. Since it is a low level language, specification of buffer size and other parameters should be done in the code.

On Arduino side, there are also several option that we can read the incoming data. Using `Serial.read()` command is one of the simplest solutions. However, it contains some issues like conversion from string to integer and when to stop. Furthermore, the incoming data should be considered in character basis for the exact control.

4.3.1.2   Alternative Solutions for Internal Communication Subsystem

The communication between Raspberry Pi and Arduino can be realized by the use of other peripheral protocols or libraries.

There is a `SerialCommand.h` library for the Arduino which allows executing a function depending on the incoming string. Using .addCommand("str",func) of the library any function can be associated with any string coming from serial port. Moreover, the functions can have argument. For example, let the string "PWMSET" be execute a function setpwm() but the pwm value is required. If incoming string is of the form "PWMSET 150", using .next() function of the library, the value 150 can be read and converted into integer and interpreted as the PWM value to be set.

Another solution is to use I2C or SPI protocols to set communication between Arduino and Raspberry Pi. These options require simple wiring connections between the pins. A point to remark is being cautious to operating voltage levels of pins of Arduino and Raspberry Pi.

Besides aforementioned alternatives, WiFi communication can also be considered between Arduino and Raspberry Pi. This solution requires deployment of a WiFi module on Arduino. Several hardware exists in market such as ESP8266 and EMW3165. This

solution would require a WiFi network in the medium which makes the solution less implementable.

A last solution would be to remove Arduino from the system. This would require the handover of operations of Arduino to Raspberry Pi. The resulting system could be considered as a single board solution, that is, all relevant subsystems operate on Raspberry Pi. This option would cause heating problems on Raspberry Pi. A cooling mechanism should also be applicable in this case.

4.3.1.3 Internal Communication Subsystem Tests

This test will enable if communication between Arduino and Raspberry Pi can be realized. Test procedure is as follows:

- Generate data on Raspberry Pi in a rate that reflects the time consumed of Data Processing Subsystem. This will yield a realistic data rate.

- Send random text data to Arduino.

- Do the initial integration between Arduino and Raspberry Pi.

- Send data from Raspberry Pi to Arduino.

- Increase data speed to the specified data rate.

- Check the accuracy of the retrieved data.

4.3.1.4 Results of Internal Communication Subsystem Tests

The results of the tests revealed that all steps are successful but the last step. The data send rate is determined to be 25 strings per second. The string length varies between one and three characters. The data is fully received if the rate is slower than 25 strigs per second. However, the data loss and improper decoding is observed on the Arduino side. This must corrected by means of coding or switching to an alternative solution.

4.3.2 External Communication Subsystem

This subsystem covers basically the handshake protocol i.e. communication with the other vehicles on the path. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should be able to communicate with the opponent via Wi-fi protocol

- The subsystem should be able to execute handshake protocol

Communication subsystem enables the robot to communicate with the opponent using the handshake protocol agreed on standard committee. According to the standard committee, Wi-Fi modules must be used to implement handshaking. Since Raspberry Pi was used in the project, there is no need to get a separate Wi-fi module; the internal Wi-fi module of the Raspberry Pi was used.

4.3.2.1 Main Solution for External Communication Subsystem

Socket programming is an effective tool to implement client-server communication algorithms. It can be implemented in Python or C++. Our algorithms are written in Python for now, yet it can easily be converted to C++ if the team members decide that it is necessary. The algorithms for client and server sides are slightly different. *Figure 7* shows the functions that are used for client and server sides to create communication between client and server.
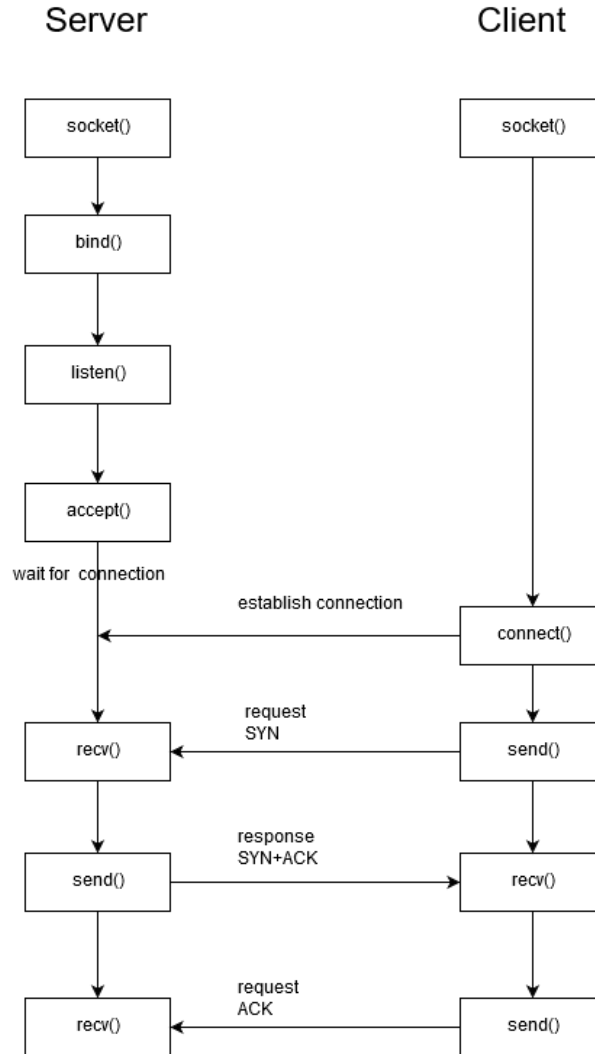

Figure 7: Basic Functions in Python Socket Programming to Implement Handshaking

Here is the summary of the key functions from socket library:

- socket.socket(): Creates a new socket using the given address family, socket type and protocol number.

- s.bind(address): Binds the socket to the address defined previously.

- s.listen(backlog): Sets up the maximum number of connections that can be made to the socket, which must be at 1 for the project.

- s.accept(): Waits until connection arrives, than accept the client connection. Returns the client socket connected to the server as (conn, address) pair, where conn is a new socket object and address is the address bound to this socket

- s.connect(): Provides client to connect to the server

- s.send(): Transmits message to the remote socket.

- s.recv(): Receives message from the remote socket

- socket.close(): closes the socket; i.e., ends the communication with the opponent at the end of the race.

It is stated in the standard committee that each team must be assigned a static IP to communicate with the other robots. Duayenler has the static IP stated as "192.168.1.7" and the ID as "07". Since Raspberry Pi 3 comes with a built-in wireless adapter, configuring it as a Wi-Fi hotspot is possible. To assign given IP to the robot, Raspberry Pi must be set as an access point from the terminal.

In the algorithm that was implemented for the handshake, in a continuous loop, the front and rear sensors' values are been checked. There are two functions which are for client and server modes, respectively. If the front sensor senses the opponent in 5 cm range, our main code visits the client mode function. If the rear sensor senses the opponent in 5 cm range, server mode function runs. If our robot is in the server mode, the rear sensor value is again checked. The acknowledge message ($< ID > 01$) or reject message ($< ID > 11$) is sent according to the sensor value.

4.3.2.2 Alternative Solutions for External Communication Subsystem

Alternative solution for external communication system is implementing Network(Socket) Programming algorithm on another programing language; such as C++.

4.3.2.3 External Communication Subsystem Tests

4.3.2.3.1 Raspberry Pi as Client Test This test aims to validate whether the Raspberry Pi can successfully fulfil the requirements set by *Handshake protocol* as a client.Test procedure is as follows:

1. Create a hotspot from the computer
2. Connect the Raspberry Pi to the hotspot
3. Modify the client code to be tested according to IP address of the computer
4. Run the server code from computer
5. Run the client code from the Raspberry Pi
6. Try the possible combinations from the terminals of both sides
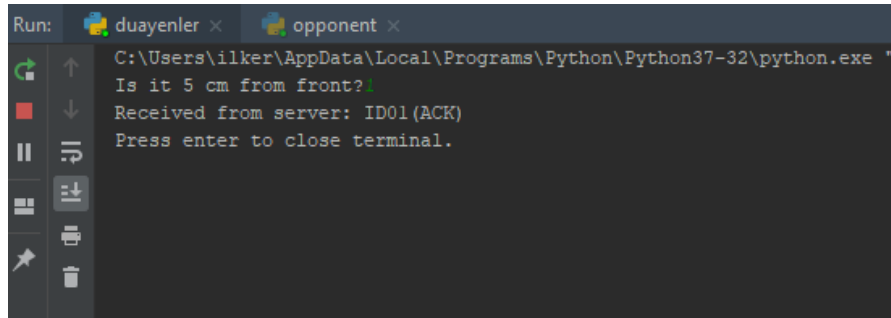
7. The test result can be considered as success if both sides respond according to the *Handshake Protocol.*

4.3.2.3.2 Raspberry Pi as Server Test This test aims to validate whether the Raspberry Pi can successfully fulfil the requirements set by *Handshake protocol* as a client.Test procedure is as follows:

1. Create a hotspot from Raspberry Pi.

2. Connect the computer to the hotspot

3. Modify the client code to be tested according to IP address of the Raspberry Pi.

4. Run the server code from Raspberry Pi.

5. Run the client code from the computer.

6. Try the possible combinations from the terminals of both sides

7. The test result can be considered as success if both sides respond according to the *Handshake Protocol.*
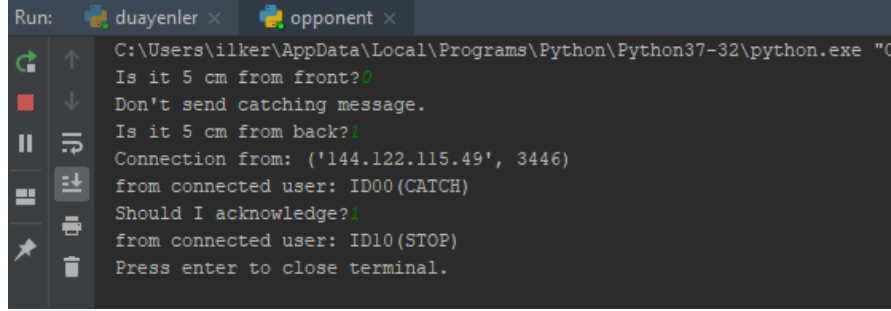
4.3.2.4 Results of External Communication Subsystem Tests

The first and simplest test has been done on one computer (or raspberry pi) using the same device as client and server, at the same time. To achieve that, the computer's (or raspberry pi's) IP address should be defined in the host section defined in the client mode function. Secondly, the codes were tested on two computers. Thirdly, one raspberry pi and one computer were used for the test. All tests were successful if the server side is connected to the internet and client side is connected to the server via hotspot. The outputs of the tests were given in the *Figure 8* and *Figure 9.*

Figure 8: Test Results of Handshaking for Client Side

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Figure 9: Test Results of Handshaking for Server Side

4.4 Driving System

Driving system has two main subsystems which are Direction Subsystem and Speed Subsystem Subsystem. The requirements of this system are listed below.

Driving System Requirements:

- The subsystem should control motion subsystem according to output of the computation system

4.4.1 Direction Subsystem

Direction unit is responsible for the orientation of the vehicle. It stores the last required orientation and the new one coming from the controller. After that, it tries to make the orientation as close as new one. Both data can be represented as vectors.The angle between those two vector is tried to be minimized by the controller. Before moving on to the operation, note that the angle can be used as a measure of the error that the direction unit have. The less the angle the more correctly operates the direction unit. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should drive the motors according to computation system outputs

- The system should ensure that the vehicle follows the lane

4.4.1.1 Main Solution for Direction Subsystem

Depending on the configuration of the wheels, exact control of the vehicle might vary. However, there are certain methods to accomplish orientation. The vehicle will definitely have two wheels or palettes that will be driven by two separate DC motors. That configuration allows differential drive method to orient the vehicle. PWM values of the motors can be adjusted such that the speed difference between them results in a turn as much as desired angle. The exact difference values on the PWM values depends on the specs of the used motors and voltage sources.

Two different H-bridge motor drivers are proposed to be used to drive DC motors: L298N and L293D. Both can drive two motors separately with one IC. However, maximum current rating of the former one is larger being 2A while L293D can supply 0.6A per channel.

4.4.1.2   Alternative Solutions for Direction Subsystem

As in the case of another configuration that involves one or two servo motors to control the directions of the front wheels. This configuration is more robust compared to ball caster utilization. However, there are more motors to control and it requires more complicated differential drive algorithms involving both DC motor differential and servo PWM to orient the front wheels.

4.4.1.3   Direction Subsystem Tests

4.4.1.3.1   Straight Drive Test
This test aims to find the PWM bias between the two motors. The test procedure is as follows:

1. Make the necessary connections between motors, motor controller and the Arduino
2.

4.4.1.3.2   Circular Drive Test

4.4.1.4   Results of Direction Subsystem Tests

4.4.2   Speed Subsystem

This unit acts as a complementary module for direction unit. It will act as a state machine. In one state, the unit will try to increase the speed of the vehicle by making overall increase in both PWM values of DC motors. The feedback of this system will be the cost function mentioned in driving unit. If that cost exceeds a specified level, unit goes to another state in which the unit will decrease the overall speed to allow direction unit to operate more correctly. In short, this unit tries to compensate the error of the direction unit by changing the overall speed of the vehicle. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should decrease the vehicle speed at the narrow lane

- The subsystem should increase the vehicle speed at the wide lane

- The subsystem should decrease the vehicle speed at the extreme disturbance

4.4.2.1   Main Solution for Direction Subsystem

4.4.2.2   Alternative Solutions for Direction Subsystem

4.4.2.3   Direction Subsystem Tests

4.4.2.4   Results of Direction Subsystem Tests

4.5   Structure System

Structure system has two main subsystems which are Chassis Subsystem and Printed Circuit Board Subsystem. The requirements of this system are listed below:

- The system should ensure that structure is robust for external effects

- The system should ensure that structure is balanced to increase handling

4.5.1 Chassis Subsystem

Main purposes of this section are protection of the critical elements of the robot and holding components together. The most important part of this section is weight distribution. The chassis is supposed to be light and strong because of the competition purposes. However, it should balance the robot to be able to handle with turns. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should ensure that the chassis is rigid

- The subsystem should ensure that the chassis have enough space for components

- The subsystem should ensure that the chassis can provide low center of mass

4.5.1.1 Main Solution for Chassis Subsystem

4.5.1.2 Alternative Solutions for Chassis Subsystem

4.5.1.3 Chassis Subsystem Tests

4.5.1.4 Results of Chassis Subsystem Tests

4.5.2 Printed Circuit Board Subsystem

The main role of this part is decreasing connection mass and increase vibration strength of the robot against disturbances. Also, this section increases rigidity of the whole system. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should ensure that all the electronic components are placed on PCB

- The subsystem should ensure that all the connections are firmly secured and robust to vibrations.

4.5.2.1 Main Solution for Printed Circuit Board Subsystem

4.5.2.2 Alternative Solutions for Printed Circuit Board Subsystem

4.5.2.3 Printed Circuit Board Subsystem Tests

4.5.2.4 Results of Printed Circuit Board Subsystem Tests

4.6 Motion System

Motion system has two main subsystems which are Wheels Subsystem and Motors Subsystem Subsystem. The requirements of this system are listed below:

- The system should ensure that the vehicle can drive itself with enough power

4.6.1 Wheels Subsystem

There are possible solution for wheel placement on the chassis, and several wheel types. Some wheels are designed for better gripping on different surfaces. To avoids obstacles on the path, gripping of the wheel is an important concept. Some wheel types are ball caster, toy car wheel and palette. Besides, wheel placement and the wheel number should be combined with the wheel type choice. The requirements of this subsystem are listed below:

- The subsystem should ensure that the wheels can grip lane without slipping in all conditions

4.6.1.1 Main Solution for Wheels Subsystem

The wheel placement combination that will be utilized is 2+1 combination. This combination can be assembled by placing 2 car wheels (with motors) to the back and the one boll caster to the front or vice versa. These configurations provide easy implementation and fairly reliable handling on the path. However, for certain obstacles may significantly disturb vehicles balance in this configuration.

4.6.1.2 Alternative Solutions for Wheels Subsystem

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- Palettes: Another combination is palette system. This system is used in real world where robust vehicles are needed. Similarly, this configuration can help handling obstacle in the path, but it costs for harder implementation and driving.

- 2+2 Wheels Last implementation is 2+2 configuration. In this configuration 2 wheels can be placed at the back and the rest at the front by placing motors to back wheels. To ease turning of the vehicle, front wheels can be controlled with a servo motor as back wheels operate in the differential drive mode. This combination may provide both enhanced grip and reliable operation.

4.6.1.3 Wheels Subsystem Tests

4.6.1.4 Results of Wheels Subsystem Tests

4.6.2 Motors Subsystem

Motors are one of the most important physical components of the project. There are EDĞİŞTİR possible motor types in the market.

One of the widely used motor type is brushed DC motors. Another option is brushless DC motors.

Last option is servo motors:

- The subsystem should ensure that the motors can supply enough torque to accelerate the vehicle

- The subsystem should ensure that the motors can execute driving system outputs without deviation

4.6.2.1 Main Solution for Motors Subsystem

One of the widely used motor type is brushed DC motors. Such motors might be implemented with gears. Gears are utilized to adjust torque and RPM of the motor, which is very suitable for a racing vehicle's needs.

4.6.2.2 Alternative Solutions for Motors Subsystem

Another option is brushless DC motors. Brushless DC motors do not use brushes. This results in high torque. Brushless motors are more suitable for high RPM required areas such as CD drivers and drones.

Last option is servo motors. Servo motors are high-torque motors that can turn in an desired angle. Servos can be utilized in the direction of the vehicle on the front wheels. By using this solution, turning radius can be decrease significantly.

4.6.2.3 Motors Subsystem Tests

4.6.2.4 Results of Motors Subsystem Tests

4.7 Error sources, their impact and ways to mitigate

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4.8 Technical drawing of the expected design

Please add drawings ,if any, to 4.5 Structure System (mainly to 4.5.1.1)

5 Plans

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6 Conclusion

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Gantt chart — Critical Design Phase schedule.

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1	October 1-5
2	October 8-12
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7	November 12-16
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26	March 25-28
27	April 1-4
28	April 8-11
29	April 15-18
30	April 22-25
31	Apr 22 - May 05
32	May 09-12
33	May 12-15

Task list and scheduled weeks (T0+):

ID	Task	Scheduled weeks (T0+)
4	**Critical Design Phase**	7–23
4.1	**Subsystem Design Phase**	1–14
4.1.1	Sensing System Desing	7–21
4.1.1.1	Lane Detection Subsystem Design	7–11
4.1.1.2	Vehicle Detection Subsystem Design	16–21
4.1.2	Computation System Desing	10–21
4.1.2.1	Data Proccesing Subsystem Design	10–14
4.1.2.2	PID Controller Subsystem Design	15–21
4.1.3	Communication System Design	12–20
4.1.3.1	Internal Communication Subsystem Design	12–16
4.1.3.2	External Communication Subsystem Design	15–20
4.1.4	Driving System Design	14–20
4.1.4.1	Direction Subsystem Design	14–20
4.1.4.2	Speed Subsystem Design	
4.1.5	Structure System Design	6–23
4.1.5.1	Chassis Subsystem Design	6–11
4.1.5.2	PCB Subsystem Design	18–23
4.1.6	Motion System Design	10–22
4.1.6.1	Wheels Subsystem Design	10–13
4.1.6.2	Motors Subsystem Design	16–18
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4.4.1	Critical Design Review Report	23–24

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5	**Test & Evalution Phase**	Dec 03 – Apr 18
4.1	**Subsystem Test Phase**	Dec 17 – Mar 21
4.1.1	Sensing System Testing	Dec 17 – Jan 14; Feb 4 – Mar 14
4.1.1.1	Lane Detection Subsystem Testing	Dec 17 – Jan 14
4.1.1.2	Vehicle Detection Subsystem Testing	Feb 4 – Mar 14
4.1.2	Computation System Testing	Dec 17 – Jan 28
4.1.2.1	Data Proccesing Subsystem Testing	Dec 17 – Jan 28
4.1.2.2	PID Controller Subsystem Testing	Jan 7 – Jan 28
4.1.3	Communication System Testing	Jan 7 – Mar 7
4.1.3.1	Internal Communication Subsystem Testing	Jan 7 – Jan 28
4.1.3.2	External Communication Subsystem Testing	Jan 21 – Mar 7
4.1.4	Driving System Testing	Jan 14 – Mar 14
4.1.4.1	Direction Subsystem Testing	Jan 14 – Feb 7
4.1.4.2	Speed Subsystem Design	Feb 18 – Mar 14
4.1.5	Structure System Testing	Dec 17 – Apr 18
4.1.5.1	Chassis Subsystem Testing	Dec 17 – Feb 7
4.1.5.2	PCB Subsystem Testing	Mar 4 – Apr 18
4.1.6	Motion System Testing	Nov 12 – Nov 26; Feb 11 – Mar 14
4.1.6.1	Wheels Subsystem Testing	Nov 12 – Nov 26
4.1.6.2	Motors Subsystem Testing	Feb 11 – Mar 14
6	**Finalization Phase**	Mar 25 – May 15
6.1	**Activities**	
6.1.1	To be detailed	
6.2	**Outcomes**	Mar 25 – May 15
6.2.1	Finalized Product	Apr 22-25
6.2.2	Final Report	May 09-12
6.2.3	Final Demo	May 12-15
7	**Project Ending**	

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