

Accident Detection by an Intelligent System

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Abstract: Most of the accidents on highways as well as on roads can lead to social as well as economic impacts. For minor accidents it is not necessary to give much more attention because passengers themselves take care. Whereas other accidents in which airbags are deployed requires immediate attention. Accident Detection by an Intelligent System (ADIS) is a smart system which informs to the emergency contacts through text messages when there is a change in acceleration, rotation and force which is detected by different sensors. These sensors are connected to the central system of the car. The idea behind this system is to inform authorities after collision immediately to avoid congestion and allows passengers to be hospitalized quickly. The system consists of Fuzzy logic as a decision support which decides accident is happened or not.

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I. INTRODUCTION

As per results of World Health Organization, approximately 3000 people die in road accidents every year while millions are injured or disabled each year [1]. In many countries, motor vehicle accidents rank first among all fatal accidents. Every year almost 1.3 million people die of road accidents in the world [2].

In India in 2013 as a result of accidents overall 137423 fatalities occurred [3]. The OnStar Corporation is subdivision of General Motors started a service of accident notification. It has an option as Crash Response, Stolen vehicle tracking and Road assistantship. But as per online reviews about system is it cost too much. In contrast ADIS provides only one service detection and notify to the authorised persons. e-NOTIFY is a system that allows fast detection of traffic accidents, improving the assistance of injured passengers by reducing the response time of emergency services and the submission of relevant information on the conditions of the accident using a combination of V2V and V2I communications [4]. It uses the GPS connection of a vehicle to transmit the data, through Internet connection provided by the roadside units, to the service centre that can respond immediately [4].

ADIS functions as a detection and notification service that can be installed in a vehicle and in case of accident detection, requires the microcontroller to send a text message to the response team. The detection of an accident is based on Mamdani fuzzy logic that evaluates, using four parameters (force, acceleration, rotation and speed) to calculate a collision index and if the threshold of the index is met, the microcontroller issues and sends a notification text message. This eliminates the need of the passing by drivers or bystanders to notify the police of the accident.

II. ADIS SYSTEM DESIGN

Figure 1 shows an overview of the proposed ADIS system. The accelerometer, gyroscope and force sensor measures the behaviour of the car and inputs the data to the embedded processor where the signals are processed. The fuzzy logic decision support programmed in the controller receives the processed data and makes a decision of detection or no detection. At detection, the microcontroller, through the GSM data network, sends a text message to the emergency contact/public safety.

A. Input Module

The Input Module reads sensor data on acceleration, rotation and force and passes the collected data to the Embedded Processor. The components of the software architecture are described briefly here:

- Accelerometer: This 3-axial component acquires the data about the current acceleration of the car along three orthogonal axes. The accelerometer is also used to calculate the speed of the vehicle that is used in the fuzzy logic decision support component. As shown in figure 1 Accelerometer is used to check the acceleration.



Fig. 1. ADXL 335 Accelerometer

- Gyroscope: The Gyroscope senses the rotation/tilt of the car and reads the data after processing in degrees per second. This rate of rotation is used for evaluating if the car has rotated to its side or flipped completely.

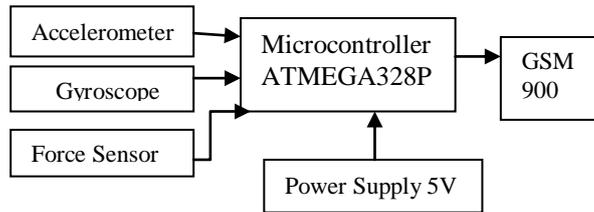


Fig. 2. Proposed System



Fig. 3. MPU6050 Gyroscope

- Force Sensor: The four force sensors located at each side of the car detect the impact force of the accident.



Fig. 4 Force Sensor

B. Microcontroller ATMEGA328P

The Microcontroller plays the role of a translator. It includes a signal-processing module that samples the calibrated data every second, and a GSM module that sends the calibrated data to the emergency contacts. In addition, using the readings of the accelerometer, the speed of the vehicle is calculated.



Fig. 5 Microcontroller Board

The Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328. Arduino is an open-source, prototyping platform and its simplicity makes it ideal for hobbyists to use as well as professionals. The Arduino Uno has 14 digital input/output pins (of which 6 can be used as PWM outputs), 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz crystal oscillator, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header, and a reset button. It contains everything needed to support the microcontroller; simply connect it to a computer with a USB cable or power it with a AC-to-DC adapter or battery to get started.

Features of the Arduino UNO:

- Microcontroller: ATmega328
- Operating Voltage: 5V
- Input Voltage (recommended): 7-12V

- Input Voltage (limits): 6-20V
- Digital I/O Pins: 14 (of which 6 provide PWM output)
- Analog Input Pins: 6
- DC Current per I/O Pin: 40 mA
- DC Current for 3.3V Pin: 50 mA
- Flash Memory: 32 KB of which 0.5 KB used by boot loader
- SRAM: 2 KB (ATmega328)
- EEPROM: 1 KB (ATmega328)
- Clock Speed: 16 MHz

C. GSM 900 Module

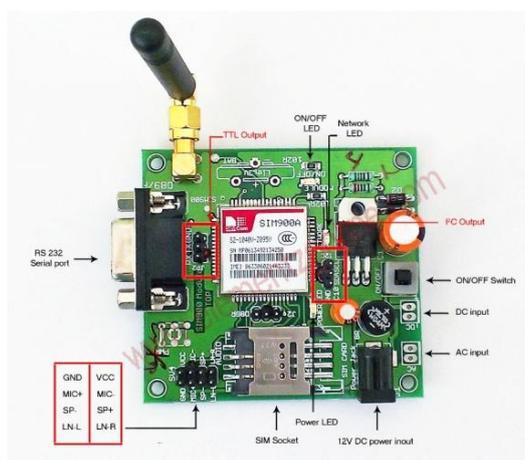


Fig. 6. GSM 900 Module

- Quad-Band 850/ 900/ 1800/ 1900 MHz
- Dual-Band 900/ 1900 MHz
- GPRS multi-slot class 10/8GPRS mobile station class B
- Compliant to GSM phase 2/2+Class 4 (2 W @ 850/ 900 MHz)
- Class 1 (1 W @ 1800/1900MHz)
- Control via AT commands (GSM 07.07 ,07.05 and SIMCOM enhanced AT Commands)
- Low power consumption: 1.5mA(sleep mode)
- Operation temperature: -40°C to +85 °C

D. Fuzzy Logic Decision Making

The fuzzy logic decision support is part of the microcontroller which is responsible for evaluating whether an accident has occurred or not. Instead of using fixed threshold values, fuzzy logic uses statistical reasoning, especially when dealing with borderline values. It takes in account all variables and the combinatorial outputs and bases its decision on the criteria that are met. Table I shows a sample of the different combinations of the fuzzy logic (a total of 81 combinations).

TABLE I DIFFERENT COMBINATION OF FUZZY LOGIC

Inputs				Output
Force	Accel.	Gyro	Speed	CI
L	L	H	M	M
L	H	M	H	H
M	L	H	L	L
M	H	H	H	H
H	L	H	L	M
H	H	L	M	H

As shown in Table I CI shows the collision index which defines the outputs depending upon the inputs from sensors.



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Analog reading = 376 - Light squeeze
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Analog reading = 316 - Light squeeze
Analog reading = 1023 - Big squeeze
Analog reading = 680 - Medium squeeze
Analog reading = 526 - Medium squeeze
Analog reading = 421 - Light squeeze
Analog reading = 366 - Light squeeze
Analog reading = 323 - Light squeeze
Analog reading = 266 - Light squeeze

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FORCE SENSOR RESULT

IV. CONCLUSION

This paper presents ADIS system which is capable of informing to the authorities for help. Because of the system mainly the help is provided to the people those are in emergency. The automated notification allows authorities to take faster action as early as possible and to prevent damage, both human and economic.

Moving forward system from prototyping it will be possible to optimize the performance and should be more compact which will be fit into small vehicle also.

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