

Autonomous Systems

1	Module Number 13575	Study Program ASM	Semester 2	Offered in ☐WS XSS	Duration 1 Semester	Module Type compulsory	Workload (h) 240	ECTS Points 8
2	Courses		Teaching and Learning Forms		Contact Time		Self-Study Time	Language
					(SWS)	(h)	(h)	
	 a) Computer Vision and Deep Learning 		Lecture		3	45	120	English
	b) Motion Planning		Lecture		1	15		
	c) Simultaneous Localization & Mapping		Lecture		2	30		
	d) Systems Engineering for ADS		Lecture		2	30		

3 Learning Outcomes and Competences

Once the module has been successfully completed, the students will be able to design, implement and evaluate autonomous systems, especially in the fields of mobile robotics and self-driving vehicles.

Knowledge and Understanding

The students

- know the most important architectures of autonomous vehicles, measures to assure safety and possibilities for testing
- understand the challenges and principles in analyzing and interpreting image data and the application of machine learning to them
- understand the motivation and approaches of motion planning
- understand the motivation and approaches for Kalman-Filter, Particle-Filter, Simultaneous Localization and Mapping

Use, Application and Generation of Knowledge

Use and Transfer

- ... select, implement, and evaluate elementary algorithms from the field of computer vision
- ... define and train neural networks on large datasets
- ... select and implement motion planning and decision making methods for autonomous robots
- ... apply fundamental techniques and algorithms for data fusion and localization and mapping
- ... validate and verify algorithms in different driving scenarios
- ... select and implement SLAM methods for autonomous robots
- ... analyze and develop solutions to real-world problems

Scientific Innovation

- ... develop novel approaches using state of the art statistics and filtering methods
- ... develop novel approaches using state of the art computer vision and deep learning methods
- ... develop novel approaches using state of the art motion planning methods
- ... develop novel approaches using state of the art SLAM methods
- ... develop novel approaches for validation and verification

Communication and Cooperation

- ... communicate actively within a development team with engineers from other disciplines
- ... present technical contents and discuss them

Scientific Self-Conception/ Professionalism

- ... design and implement software algorithms as part of a project team
- ... assess safety and test the algorithms in simulation environments



4 Contents

Lecture: Computer Vision and Deep Learning

- Image formation
- Convolution, filters and features
- Fundamentals of machine learning
- Loss-based optimization
- Deep learning models (e.g., multi-layer perceptrons, convolutional neural networks) for image classification/object detection/semantic segmentation
- Application examples in autonomous driving

Lecture: Motion Planning

- Overview motion planning and behavior generation for autonomous robots
- Fundamentals of robot motion planning (configuration and action space, collision checking)
- Search based planning (A*)
- Monte-Carlo-planning methods (RRT)
- Planning using optimal control
- Learning based planning methods
- Motion forecasting

Lecture: Simultaneous Localization and Mapping

- Motivation
- Taxonomies
- Bayes-Filter
- Motion and sensor models
- SLAM and Kalman Filter (z.B. EKF SLAM)
- SLAM and Particle Filter (z.B. FastSLAM)
- Monte Carlo Localization
- Occupancy Grid Mapping

Lecture: Systems Engineering for ADS

- Motivation
- Wrap-Up of Model-based Systems Engineering
- Architectures
- Safety
- Testing

5 Participation Requirements

compulsory: no

recommended:

undergraduate course in physics

undergraduate course in computer science, programming in C/C++ or Python

module Mathematical Methods in Engineering

module Simulation and Control

6 Examination Forms and Prerequisites for Awarding ECTS Points

- a), b), c) Written Examination 90 min (contributing 3/4 to the grade)
- d) Midterm (contributing 1/4 to the grade)

7 Further Use of Module

Master Thesis

8 Module Manager and Full-Time Lecturer

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9 Literature

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