Can Robots Drive?

Lane Following on a Miniature Mobile Robot

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INTRODUCTION

- Can a camera and computer make driving safer?
 - Lane departures cause large number accidents
 - Warn driver before leaving lane
- Investigate if a miniature mobile robot can use the same or similar techniques as larger vehicles to autonomously traverse an unknown path



THEORY

 Edge detection and Hough transform to identify lane boundaries







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ROBOTICS PLATFORM

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 - Bluetooth connection to PC
 - MATLAB image processing
- Camera difficulties



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CONCLUSION

- Hough transform works!
- Can increase robustness with other cues (ex. road color)
- Commercial Lane Departure Warning (LDW) systems



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