

# A Study on Adaptive Cruise Control

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**Abstract** - The first generation of adaptive cruise control (ACC)-equipped vehicles hit the market 15 years ago, and the ISO standard for the first generation of ACC systems was published 7 years ago. Because the next generation of ACC systems and more advanced driver-assistant systems are about to be fully introduced and deployed, it's important to review the development and research achievements of the first generation of ACC systems in order to provide more practical experience for the new deployment. This study examines related development and research achievements from a variety of angles in order to objectively and thoroughly introduce them an ACC system to researchers, automakers, governments and consumers. It makes an attempt to describe what an ACC system is and how it works in a systematic manner.

**Key Words:** Adaptive cruise control, Intelligent vehicle system, FUZZY logic operator

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of driver assistance was first proposed in the 1970s in the United States with the 'Cruise Control Device.' When this device is turned on, it takes over the work of accelerating or braking in order to maintain a steady pace. However, it was unable to take into account other vehicles on the route. As part of the next generation, a 'Adaptive Cruise Control' (ACC) technology assisted the driver in maintaining a safe distance from the car in front. This system is now only available in high-end vehicles such as Mercedes S-class, Jaguar, and Volvo trucks. The US Department of Transportation and Japan's ACAHSR have begun creating 'Intelligent Vehicles' that can communicate with one another via a technology known as 'Co-operative Adaptive Cruise Control.'

## ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL (ACC)

### 2.1 Principle of ACC system:

ACC works by employing either a Lidar or a Radar technology to determine the distance and speed of the cars ahead. The time spent for transmission and reception is the key to determining distance, while the Doppler Effect shift in frequency of the reflected beam is used to determine speed. According to this, the brake and throttle controls are used to keep the car in a safe position relative to other vehicles. A somewhat modest amount of braking and throttle authority

distinguishes these systems. These are primarily intended for highway applications with somewhat uniform traffic patterns. A somewhat modest amount of braking and throttle authority distinguishes these systems. These are primarily intended for highway applications with somewhat uniform traffic patterns. The high-speed ACC system is the next step in the evolution of cruise control. When there is no car in front of the host vehicle, the system provides velocity control in the same way as traditional cruise control does. When a vehicle approaches the host vehicle at a slower speed, the throttle and braking systems are managed to preserve the driver-set inter-vehicle gap. The host vehicle will run at the preset velocity again when the way ahead is no obstructed, resulting from either the slower vehicle ahead changes the lane or the driver of the host vehicle moves to the other lane.

### 2.2 Constituents of an ACC system:

Common electronic control units (ECUs) plus one additional ECU are used to build ACC systems as dispersed systems. The engine control module, brake control module, and transmission control module are examples of common ECUs that have been somewhat updated by contemporary standard ECUs.

The additional ECU is known as the ACC control module since it is made up of a variety of components.

The ACC controller and the sensor In the first generation, the long range radar (LRR) and light detection and ranging (Lidar) sensors are often utilised. to enhance the ACC system safety and utilisation rate, mid- and short-range radar, video cameras, and thermal imaging

In the future generation, radiation sensors will be used. The literature has provided a general overview of the functions and advantages/disadvantages of various range sensors, as well as comparisons between them. Automakers and researchers have devoted greater attention to the human machine interface (HMI), which consists of operating switches, displays, warning devices, and pedals, to improve the rate of user adoption of ACC systems (accelerator and brake).

- A sensor (LIDAR or RADAR) placed behind the car's grill to receive information about the vehicle ahead. Velocity, distance, angular position, and lateral acceleration are examples of significant target data.

- A longitudinal controller collects sensor data and processes it to provide commands for the vehicle's brake, throttle, or gearbox actuators via the Control Area Network (CAN).

### 3. Sensor Alternatives

In a vehicle setting, four methods of object detection are currently technically possible and relevant. The following are the details:

LIDAR and RADAR are two types of radar.

LIDAR sensors were employed in the initial ACC system.

This was the method employed by Toyota's first ACC system. The difference in beat frequency between a Frequency Modulated Continuous Light Wave (FMCW) and its reflection is measured.

#### 3.1 LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)

The majority of today's ACC systems use 77GHz RADAR sensors. RADAR systems have the benefit of being able to measure relative velocity directly, and their performance is unaffected by severe rain or fog. Although these weather circumstances limit its employment within a 30 to 40 metre range, the LIDAR system is cheap cost and gives good angular resolution.

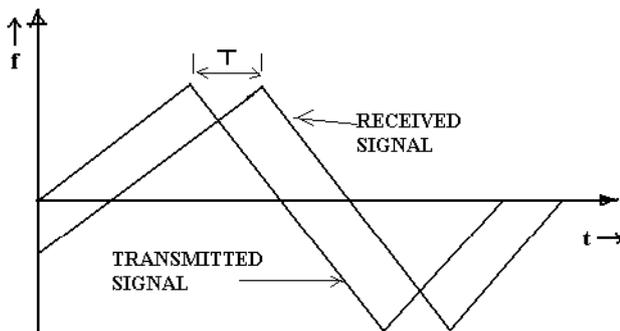


Fig. Range estimation using FMCW-LIDAR

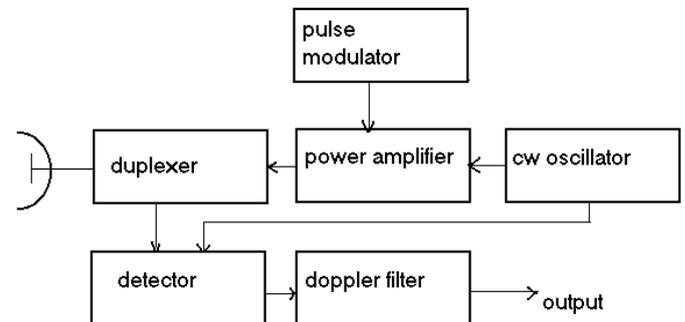
#### 3.2 RADAR (Radio Detection and Ranging):

A RADAR system detects and locates reflecting objects such as aircraft, ships, spacecraft, and vehicles using an electromagnetic system. It works by emitting energy into space and detecting the echo signal reflected from a target. The reflected energy is not only indicative of the presence of the target, but it can also be used to gain more information about the target by comparing it to the transmitted signal. The 'Pulse Doppler RADAR,' which is now in use, employs the 'Doppler effect' to determine the velocity of the target.

#### DOPLER RADAR FOR PULSE:

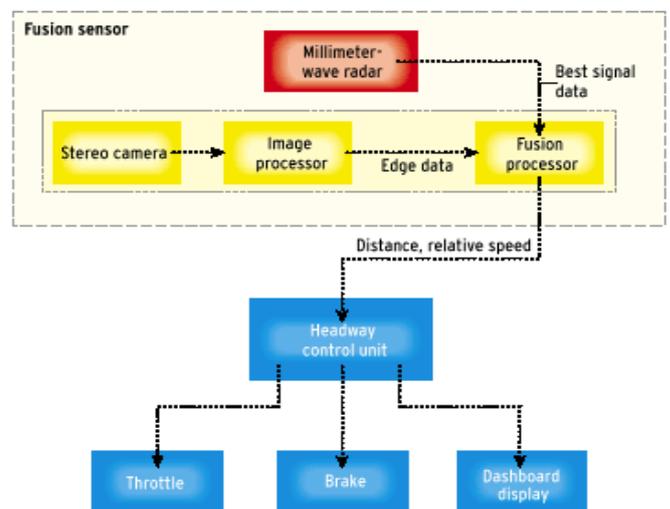
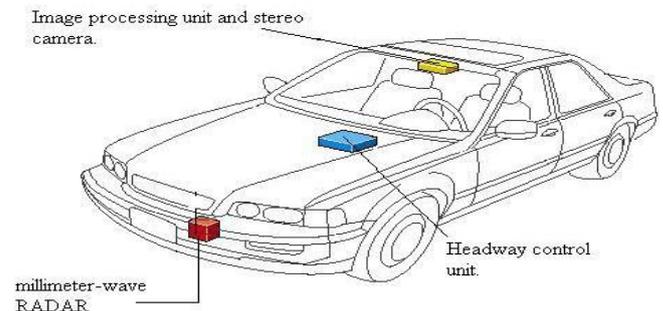
Figure 2 shows a block diagram of a pulse Doppler radar. The signal to be sent is generated by a continuous wave oscillator that is pulse modulated and power amplified. The 'duplexer' is a fast-acting switching mechanism that allows a single antenna to be switched from transmitter to receiver and back. TR-switch is a gas-discharge device that acts as a duplexer. The mechanism breaks down and protects the receiver due to the high power pulse from the transmitter. The duplexer directs the echo signal to the receiver during reception. The detector demodulates the received signal, the

Doppler filter removes noise, and the frequency shift 'fd' is output.



#### 3.3 FUSION SENSOR

Millimetre wave radar is coupled to a 640x480 pixel stereo camera with a 40 degree viewing angle in the new sensor system announced by Fujitsu Ten Ltd. and Honda through their PATH programme. These two components operate together to distinguish the car from stationary things. The stereo camera continuously collects all objects in its field of vision while the RADAR targets the car's rear bumper.



The image processor uses the triangulation method to calculate the distances between the objects. An algorithm based on the identification of vertical edges and distance is

used in this method. Incorporating both the 16-degree radar field of view and the 40-degree camera field of vision improves performance in tight curves.

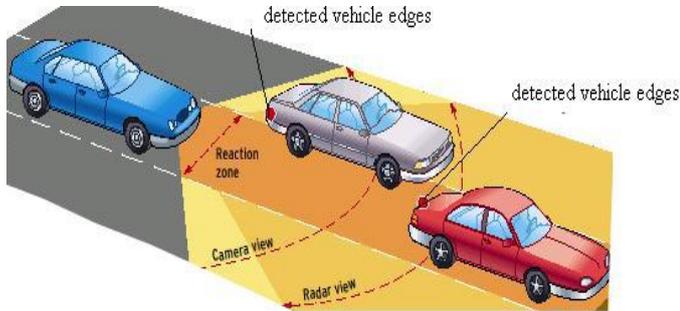


Fig. Detection of vehicles by Sensor Systems

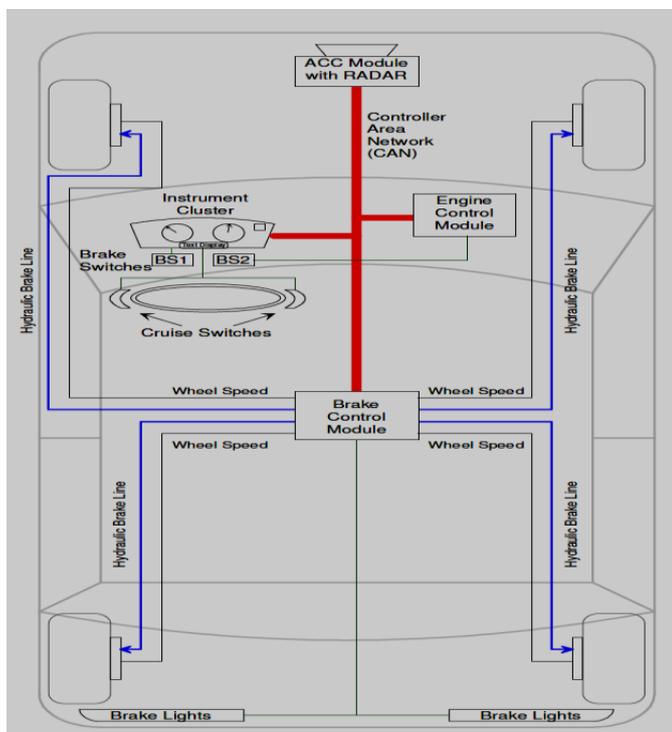


Fig. Physical Layout of the complete ACC system

The Motorola ACC is a DSP module that includes the MGT5200 multiplier-accumulator. It processes sensor data such as radar information, camera data, and an IR sensor to generate input data for controller modules such as the HC12 and MPC565. MPC565

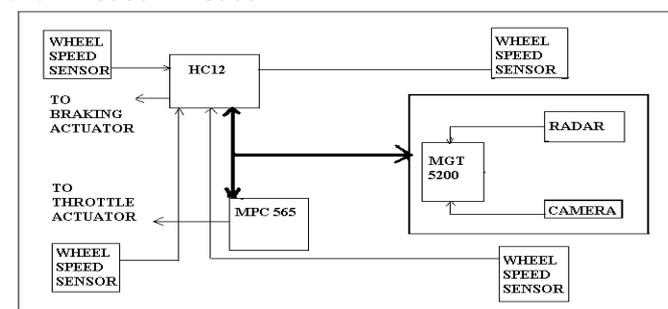


Fig. Motorola ACC

A throttle controller or an engine speed controller is what it is.

It has the following characteristics:

1. SRAM (Super Random Access Memory) (1MB to 10 MB)
2. 1MB FLASH
3. EEPROM (Electronic Flash Memory) (4KB to 32 KB)
4. Clock in real time
5. UART interfaces (four)
6. CAN interfaces (three)
7. A floating point unit with a 64-bit resolution.

The MPC 565 can be set up to create control signals based on sensor information. 'The Phycore-MPC 565 developers' can Programme and create the controller you want. When the throttle valve is opened and the air intake is controlled, the amount of fuel required to maintain the proper air-fuel ratio rises. As a result, additional gasoline is injected and the engine speed is adjusted.

The HC12 is a braking controller that collects information from the wheel speed sensors as well as the DSP module. It is responsible for generating the braking control signal.

With the uncertainty and complexity, Fuzzy control is being able to provide a method that wouldn't need a detailed mathematical algorithms to base on, it is basically based on the mathematical algorithms to base on, it is basically based on then experience and the logic behind the process itself with a simple understanding to the dynamics in contained.

In this seminar, we use the MAMDANI model, the most commonly used method due to its simplicity and coherency. We begin with a mathematical modelling followed by a detailed explanation of the FUZZY logic design and approach.

### 5.1 FUZZY LOGIC DESIGN APPROACH

In this example, The intelligent vehicle is developed on model "Mitsubishi Galant". This vehicle has a 2.0 litre, gasoline powered engine, automatic transmission.



**Fig. Mitsubishi Galant**

The following are the hardware changes that have been made to this model: -

- **Throttle Valve Control System:** The original throttle valve control system has been replaced with a drive-by-wire system, allowing the ACC system to control it. The throttle valve position is controlled by a 12v dc servo motor. To measure the position of the accelerator pedal, a potentiometer is attached. The drive-by-wire controller uses an ARM7 microcontroller to read the appropriate throttle position from the potentiometer's output voltage. The updated throttle valve control mechanism is shown in Figure 2.



- **Automatic Braking Operate System:** A Cool Muscle dc servo motor is used to control the braking system in an automatic manner. The CM1C23L20 motor with a 25:1 gear ratio is chosen. Using an H-infinity controller, this motor is a closed loop vector drive servo system. The motor includes a motor driver with a 32-bit RISC CPU, a magnetic encoder, and a power management unit. An Arm7 microcontroller controls the motor via serial connection. As indicated in Fig. 3, the motor is mounted in the vehicle. A pulley and a steel wire convert the motor's rotational movement to linear movement. The brake pedal will be pulled down if the motor rotates.



**Distance Sensor :**

The laser range finder, SICK LMS 291, is the sensor that measures the distance to the vehicle in front. The sensor is mounted on the vehicle's front bumper. This sensor uses the time-of-flight concept to determine distance (LIDAR). A single laser pulse is fired and reflected by an item surface that is within the sensor's range. The distance between the item and the sensor is calculated using the time between transmitting and receiving the laser pulse.

**Following are the software updates made to this model:-**

**Drive-by-wire throttle valve position control:**

This system controls the electric motors by sensing the accelerator pedal input and sending commands to the power modules. In this case a servomotor and an actuator are used to control the throttle position. With servo position control, the actuator is applied with a control signal which is proportional to the position error and velocity error from the distance sensor and speed sensor.

- **Adaptive Cruise Controller (ACC):** The ACC has two modes of operation. The first mode is velocity control, which is used when the host vehicle has no obstacles in front of it. The distance control mode, on the other hand, is activated when the host vehicle detects an impediment vehicle in front of it. The ARM7 microcontroller controls the vehicle's velocity in the velocity control operation, employing a proportional and derivative control method with a command compensator. To eliminate the speed mistake, a proportional controller is utilized.

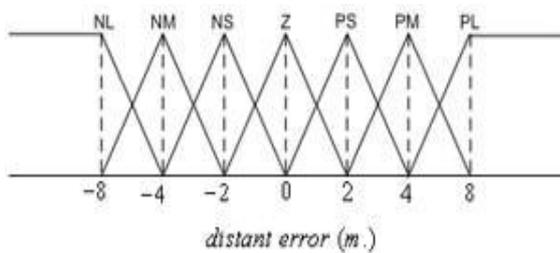
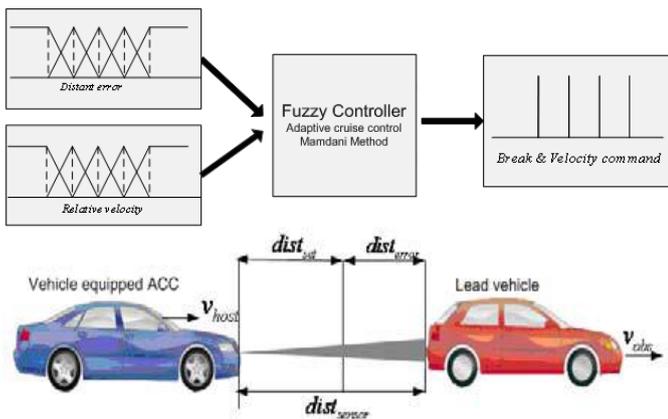


Fig. Membership functions of distance error

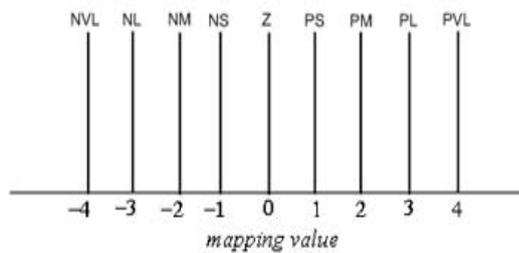


Fig. Membership function output of command

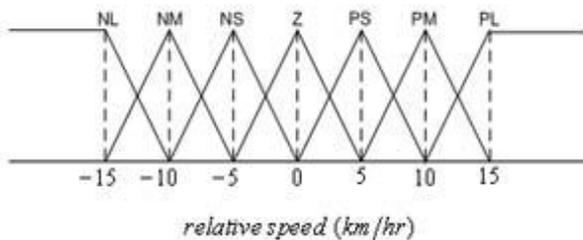


Fig. Membership functions of relative velocity

		too close -> danger!			too far			
		NL	NM	NS	Z	PS	PM	PL
rs < 0 -> danger!	NL	NVL	NVL	NVL	NL	NM	NS	NS
	NM	NVL	NL	NM	NS	Z	Z	Z
	NS	NL	NM	NS	Z	Z	Z	Z
rs > 0	Z	NM	NS	Z	Z	Z	PS	PS
	PS	NS	Z	Z	Z	Z	PM	PL
	PM	NS	Z	Z	PS	PM	PL	PVL
	PL	NS	Z	Z	PS	PL	PVL	PVL

Fig. Rule base for fuzzy controller

NVL : negative very large      PS : positive small  
 NL : negative large          PM : positive medium  
 NM : negative medium        PL : positive large  
 NS : negative small          PVL : positive very large  
 Z : zero

The ACC's fuzzy rules are made up of a number of linguistic declarations. According to the inputs, these assertions define how the fuzzy inference system should make a judgement. The following is an example of fuzzy rules. If the distance inaccuracy is great and the relative speed is also large, the command is quite huge. Consider the situation of a vehicle cutting in and generating a negative distance mistake as an illustration of how driver experience has been included. An expert driver would not brake forcefully if the relative speed is more than zero, i.e. the preceding car is travelling faster than we are. Instead, he or she would maintain pace or brake only little. The nine rules in the lower left corner of the rule base in the above Figure reflect this behaviour. Consider the situation where the target car switches lanes, resulting in a positive distance error relative to a new target vehicle. Instead of accelerating abruptly, an experienced driver might benefit from a slightly or moderately higher speed with respect to the new goal to lessen the distance mistake. The block of Z's in the upper right corner of the rule base accounts for this behaviour. We offer a dead-zone close to the operational point where distance error and relative speed are virtually zero to make the controller robust to measuring noise. The dead zone is created by the eight Zs in the rule base's centre. We obtain smooth control behaviour while following a preceding vehicle with a small distance error and a low relative speed using this dead zone.

### 6. Case Study:- The Audi A8 (2011)



#### System Components:

- Left Adaptive Cruise Control Sensor G258
- Distance Regulation Control Module 2 J850
- Right Adaptive Cruise Control Sensor G259
- Distance Regulation Control Module J428

#### Function of the system:

The radar sensor's function is unchanged from the preceding A8 generation. However, incorporating video data, navigation data, and other data in the control methods improves operational performance. The architecture of the two control modules is master/slave. The master is the Distance Regulation Control Module J428 (on the right), while the slave is the Distance Regulation Control Module 2 J850 (on the left). In comparison to prior ACC systems, the radar range has been enhanced. The measuring range starts at 1.6 feet (0.5 metres) in front of the vehicle and extends to about 820 feet (250 m)

The side-to-side detection range of about 52.4 ft (16 m) at a distance of 98.4 ft (30 m) in front of the vehicle is wider than a three-lane highway (820.2 ft) thanks to the double radar design.

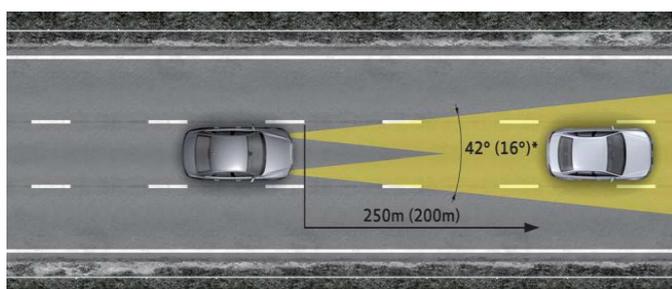


Fig. Area Covered by the radar system installed on this vehicle

The new ACC system's functional scope has been expanded, with a speed range of 0 mph (0 km/h) to 155.3 mph (250 km/h). The distance and speed maintenance features, as chosen by the driver, remain unchanged from the 2010 Audi A8. Even when the ACC is turned off at the operating stalk, the ACC "observes" the traffic situation.



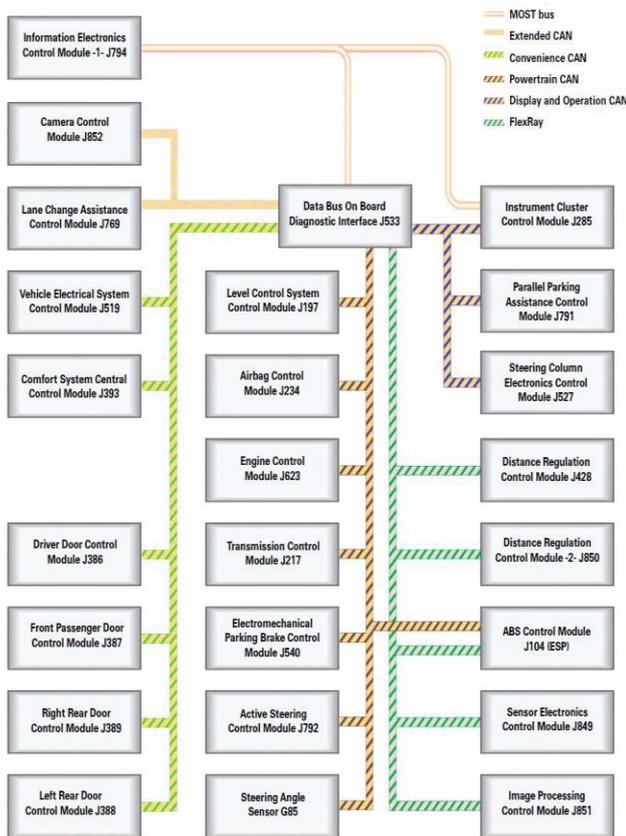
Fig. Operating stalk

Audi's Flagship model in 2011 was this one. Audi Side Assist, Intelligent Monitoring, Fatigue Monitor, Auto Parking, Parking Assist, Active steering, Adaptive Air Suspension, Automatic Brake Module, Active Traction Control, Electronic Stability Assist, and other safety and comfort systems were included. The driver has the flexibility to determine how dynamically the ACC system will respond via the MMI. The Audi brake guard, as well as the visual/audible distance/collision warning systems, can be removed in the MMI on request.

All of these systems are in continual communication with one another over a CAN bus (Controller Area Network).

A Controller Area Network (CAN bus) is a reliable vehicle bus standard that allows microcontrollers and devices to interact without the use of a host computer. It's a message-based protocol that was originally created to save copper by multiplexing electrical wiring in autos, but it's now utilised in a variety of different applications.

The ACC system is a part of the system rather than a separate system in this car since all of these complicated systems are connected via a CAN bus data network. The cheaper version of Adaptive Cruise Control, i.e., The conventional Cruise Control does not require to have such a complex structure, the economical vehicles use a simple Cruise Control and it is provided as a feature.



### 7. ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES:-

#### Advantages:

- The driver is relieved from the task of careful acceleration, deceleration and braking in congested traffics.
- A highly responsive traffic system that adjusts itself to avoid accidents can be developed.
- Since the breaking and acceleration are done in a systematic way, the fuel efficiency of the vehicle is increased.
- This system is the first step towards Autonomous Driving which is the future of transportation.
- This system ensures that the accidents which take place because of un-involving behaviour of driver while driving a vehicle is avoided.

#### Disadvantages:

- A cheap version is not yet realized.
- A high market penetration is required if a society of intelligent vehicles is to be formed.
- Encourages the driver to become careless. It can lead to severe accidents if the system is malfunctioning.
- The ACC systems yet evolved enable vehicles to cooperate with the other vehicles and hence do not respond directly to the traffic signals.

### CONCLUSIONS

- In this seminar, effectiveness of fuzzy control to achieve a near-human behaviour in an automotive control task is shown.
- We have seen how adaptive cruise control system differs from conventional cruise control system. We have also seen the latest modifications and additional functions for an ACC system as modelled on the Audi A8. It shows how safety and ease of driving can be achieved using ACC.
- The mechanical throttle valve control is replaced by the electronic throttle control, drive-by-wire system. The drive-by-wire system uses a dc servo motor to control the throttle valve position. The control algorithm of the throttle valve is proportional and derivative control. The braking system of the vehicle is modified by adding the Cool Muscle dc servo motor. The velocity controller on ARM7 microcontroller is implemented with proportional and derivative control algorithm.
- This is a modern technology in the mass automobile market.
- This system soon will become essential as it provides more driving comfort and it adds to the safety of road travel

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