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Special Journal Issue on Intelligent decision making, motion planning and control of automated vehicles in interaction-driven traffic scenarios

Abstract

With an increasing level of automation, automated vehicles (AVs) require more advanced decision making and motion planning schemes (hereafter referred to as planning) and control methods to operate in challenging traffic scenarios. Especially in dense road traffic, interaction-aware behavior becomes more crucial for AVs such as to maintain a certain level of performance (prevent the AV from getting stuck) while guaranteeing safety (avoid collisions) at the same time. Experienced human drivers perform very well on anticipating other road users' (re)actions, based on their own actions, and acting accordingly. For automated systems it is still a challenge to perform in a human-like proactive manner. Consequently, planning and control schemes should be designed such as to mimic these capabilities while providing rigorous safety guarantees. There are various ways to achieve this goal, e.g., through optimization-based planning and control schemes that are robust or stochastic, accommodate interactions and potentially involve (active) learning from data to continuously improve performance while collecting data on the road. That said, this special issue addresses open research questions, novel methods, and recent advancements (relevant to the controls community) to solve AV planning and control problems in challenging multi-actor and interaction-driven traffic scenarios, such as lane changing / merging scenarios, intersections, roundabouts or unstructured environments.

Topics relevant to the special issue include (but are not limited to):

- Planning for and control of automated and autonomous vehicles
- Interaction-aware planning and control
- Utilization of context modeling and prediction models in planning and control to enable scalability, safer and more efficient driving
- Generalization of planning and control schemes to multiple scenarios (avoiding strong scenario-dependency)
- Communication-enabled planning and control (e.g., through V2X communication)
- Robustness of planning and control schemes to functional insufficiencies in perception, world modeling and localization
- Prediction- and optimization-based planning and control
- Safe (active) learning for planning and control
- Robust, stochastic and risk-averse planning and control

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