Satellite Based Automatic Road Accident Detection and Alert System Using GPS and GSM

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Abstract
Our proposal suggests a GPS and GSM-based satellite-based automated system for detecting and warning of traffic accidents. The system uses GPS, GSM, and satellite imaging to identify traffic accidents and notify emergency services and designated contacts in real time. When an accident is detected, the system uses GSM to send the alarm message and GPS to pinpoint the location. This technology seeks to improve road safety, offer precise position information, and shorten emergency response times. The suggested method is a useful instrument for enhancing traffic safety and lessening the socioeconomic effects of traffic accidents since it is dependable, effective, and simple to incorporate into the current transportation infrastructure. An inventive way to identify traffic accidents and notify emergency services in real time is the Satellite-Based Automatic Road Accident and Alert System, which uses GPS and GSM. This system reduces emergency response times and improves road safety by using satellite imaging, GPS, and GSM technologies to deliver precise location information and quick accident detection. This project offers a dependable and effective way to improve road safety by integrating GPS and GSM technology into a satellite- based system for detecting and alerting drivers of traffic accidents. The system uses satellite imaging, GPS, and GSM to quickly detect accidents, pinpoint locations, and alert emergency services, reducing response times, improving safety, and lessening the socioeconomic impact of traffic accidents.
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1. Introduction

The rapid growth in the number of vehicles on the road has led to a significant increase in road accidents, resulting in loss of life, injury, and economic burden. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 1.35 million people die every year as a result of road traffic accidents, with many more suffering injuries and disabilities. In addition to the human toll, road accidents also impose a significant economic burden on individuals, communities, and societies as a whole. The economic cost of road accidents is estimated to be around 3% of the global GDP [1]. The rapid detection and response to road accidents are critical in minimizing the severity of injuries and fatalities. However, traditional methods of accident detection and reporting often rely on eyewitness accounts or manual reporting, which can be slow and unreliable. This delay can prove fatal, as timely medical intervention is critical in saving lives. Moreover, manual reporting systems often lack accuracy, leading to incorrect location information and further delays in emergency response [2]. To address these challenges, there is a growing need for automated vehicle accident detection and alert systems that can rapidly detect accidents, provide accurate location information, and alert emergency services in real-time. Recent advances in wireless communication technologies, such as GPS, GSM, and MEMS accelerometers, have made it possible to develop such systems [3]. This project proposes a Vehicle Accident Detection and Alert System using GPS, GSM, and MEMS Accelerometer. The system utilizes a combination of GPS, GSM, and MEMS accelerometer sensors to detect vehicle accidents, provide accurate location information, and alert emergency services in real-time. The GPS module

provides location information, while the GSM module enables real-time communication with emergency services. The MEMS accelerometer sensor detects the sudden changes in acceleration, deceleration, or impact that occur during an accident [4]. The proposed system has the potential to revolutionize the way vehicle accidents are detected and responded to, ultimately saving lives and reducing the socio- economic impact of road accidents. By providing accurate location information and rapid accident detection, this system can enable emergency services to respond promptly to accidents, minimizing the severity of injuries and fatalities [5].

1.1 Objective

The primary objective of this project is to design and develop a Vehicle Accident Detection and Alert System that utilizes GPS, GSM, and MEMS accelerometer technologies to rapidly detect vehicle accidents, provide accurate location information, and alert emergency services in real-time. The system aims to minimize the response time of emergency services, reduce the severity of injuries and fatalities, and provide a reliable and efficient solution for vehicle accident detection and alerting [6].

- Detect vehicle accidents using MEMS accelerometer sensors
- Provide accurate location information using GPS technology
- Send alert messages to emergency services and predefined contacts using GSM technology
- Reduce emergency response times and minimize the severity of injuries and fatalities
- Provide a reliable and efficient solution for vehicle accident detection and alerting.

1.2 Components Used

- Arduino BoardGSM (SIM 800L)
- GPS (GYGPS6MV2)
- MEMS Accelerometer (ADXL335)
- 5V power supply
- Engine Motor Buzzer
- 16*2 LCD Display
- RS232 Cable
- Connecting wires

2. Problem Statement

Road accidents have become a major concern worldwide, resulting in significant loss of life, injury, and economic burden. Traditional methods of accident detection and reporting rely heavily on eyewitness accounts or manual reporting, which can be slow, unreliable, and often delayed [7]. This delay can prove fatal, as timely medical intervention is critical in saving lives. Moreover, manual reporting systems often lack accuracy, leading to incorrect location information and further delays in emergency response. Therefore, there is a need for a reliable, efficient, and automated system for detecting road accidents and alerting emergency services in real-time, which can help reduce response times, minimize the severity of injuries and fatalities, and ultimately save lives [8].

3. Existing System

Existing satellite-based road accident detection systems utilize a combination of technologies, including GPS, GIS, and remote sensing. These systems provide real-time accident detection, location information, and emergency response coordination, aiming to improve road safety and reduce response times. The system utilizes sensors such as accelerometers and gyroscopes to detect accidents, while the GPS module provides location information. Upon detecting an accident, the microcontroller sends an alert message to emergency services and predefined contacts using the GSM module. The system also includes a GPS-based location tracking feature, which enables emergency responders to track the vehicle's location in real-time[9].

4. Proposed System

The proposed system integrates GPS, GSM, and MEMS technologies to detect road accidents and alert emergency services in real-time. The system consists of a GPS module for location tracking, a GSM module for communication, and a MEMS accelerometer sensor for impact detection. The MEMS sensor detects sudden changes in acceleration, deceleration, or impact, indicating a potential accident. Upon detection, the GPS module provides the exact location coordinates, which are

then transmitted to a central server or emergency services via the GSM module [10]. The system also includes a microcontroller unit (MCU) that processes the sensor data and triggers the alert message. The proposed system enables rapid accident detection, accurate location tracking, and timely alerting of emergency services, ultimately reducing response times and saving lives [11].

5. Methodology

The methodology involves a combination of hardware and software components. The hardware consists of a GPS module for location tracking, a GSM module for communication, and a MEMS accelerometer sensor for impact detection. The software component includes a microcontroller unit (MCU) that processes the sensor data and triggers the alert message. The system is programmed using an embedded C programming language. The methodology also involves testing and validation of the system using simulated accident scenarios. The system's performance is evaluated based on its accuracy, response time, and reliability. The methodology ensures that the system is robust, efficient, and effective in detecting road accidents and alerting emergency services in real-time [12].
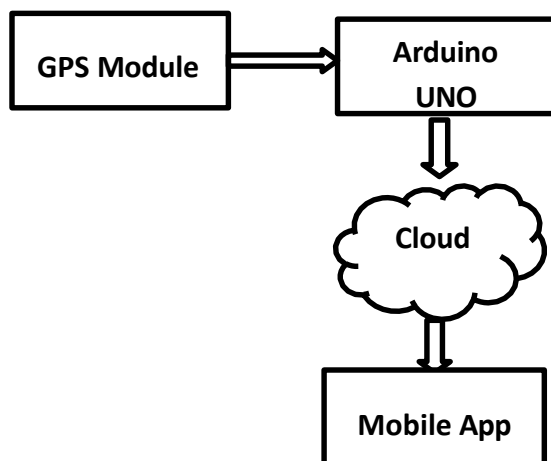
6. Global Positioning System

Figure 1 Block Diagram of Global Positioning System

The GPS module is a wireless communication module that receives location information from a network of satellites orbiting the Earth. It provides accurate location coordinates, velocity, and time, enabling devices to determine their exact position and movement. The GPS module is widely used in navigation systems, tracking devices, and IoT applications, offering reliable and precise location data [13]. In the Satellite-Based Road Accident Detection project, the GPS module plays a crucial role in providing accurate location information of the vehicle. Upon detecting an accident, the GPS module sends the exact location coordinates to the central server or emergency services, enabling rapid response and minimizing response times. The GPS module's precise location data ensures that help reaches the accident site quickly and efficiently [14], shown in Figure 1.

7. Global System for Mobile Communication

The Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) module is a wireless communication module that enables devices to connect to the GSM network, facilitating mobile communication. The GSM module is a crucial component in various applications, including mobile phones, vehicle tracking systems, and remote monitoring systems. It allows devices to send and receive data, voice, and SMS messages, making it an essential tool for communication and data transmission [15]. The GSM module operates by connecting to the nearest GSM base station, enabling devices to access the GSM network. Upon detecting an accident, the system uses the GSM module to transmit critical information, such as location coordinates and accident details, to emergency responders, facilitating rapid response and minimizing response times. In addition to its communication capabilities, the GSM module also provides a range of features, including GPS integration, voice and data transmission, and SMS messaging. This makes it an ideal solution for applications that require real-time communication and data transmission. In the context of the Satellite-Based Road Accident Detection and Alert System, the GSM module plays a vital role in sending alert messages to emergency services and predefined contacts. Upon detecting an accident, the system uses the GSM module to transmit critical information, such as location coordinates and accident details, to emergency responders,

facilitating rapid response and minimizing response times. The use of GSM modules in various applications has numerous benefits, including:

- Reliable and ubiquitous communication
- Real-time data transmission
- GPS integration for location-based services
- Voice and data transmission capabilities
- SMS messaging for alert and notification System.

Overall, the GSM module is a powerful tool for wireless communication, and its integration into various applications has revolutionized the way we communicate and transmit data. The GSM module operates by connecting to the nearest GSM base station, enabling devices to access the GSM network. This network provides widespread coverage, making it an ideal solution for applications that require reliable and ubiquitous communication. A microcontroller, microprocessor, or DSP (Digital Signal Processor) may serve as the central processing unit Microcontroller is a term used to describe a low-cost processor. Its main selling point is that it will have a number of extra parts on the chip itself, including memory, a serial connection interface, and an analog- to-digital converter. A microcontroller is the greatest option for small applications as a result of the low requirement for external components.

8. Alert System Using Accelerometer GPS and GSM

Accelerometer is used to detect sudden changes in motion that could indicate an accident. This sensor can measure the shock or impact during a collision. GPS Module is used to provides the precise location (latitude and longitude) of the vehicle. This is essential for sending location details to emergency contacts or services. GSM Module is Enables communication to send alerts. It can send SMS messages to predefined numbers, such as emergency contacts or a monitoring center. Microcontroller controls the system's overall functionality, processing data from the accelerometer and GPS module to decide if an accident has occurred. The microcontroller also handles sending alerts via GSM. Power Supply is stable power source is needed for the entire system to function continuously, shown in Figure 2.
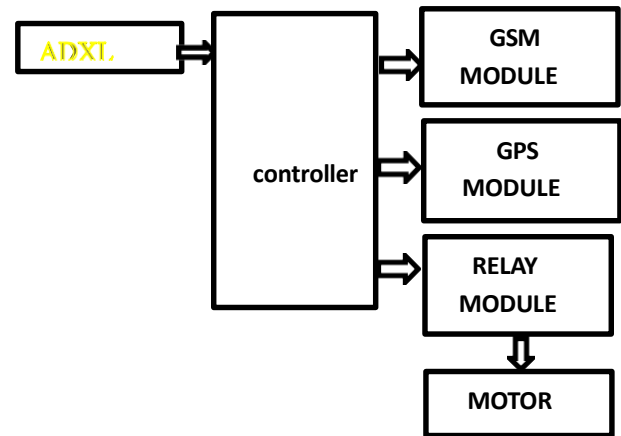

Figure 2 Alert System Using Accelerometer GPS and GSM

Conclusion

The system effectively detects road accidents using a combination of MEMS accelerometer and GPS modules, and sends alerts via GSM to notify emergency services and registered contacts. The Arduino board acts as the central controller, processing sensor data and managing communication. The system ensures timely response by providing accurate location information, potentially saving lives and reducing response time.

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