**Abstract**

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1. Introduction

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2. Problem Prevailing

Existing System Needs:
• Large Amount of Database
• More Training Sets
• Large Memory to Run the System
• Sensitive to Distance and Angle between Camera and License Plate

3. Our Proposed System:
• Minimize Database Requirement
• Less Training Sets
• Minimize Memory Requirement
• Can Be Able To Recognize Image From Any Distance And Angle

4. Block Diagram

Figure 3.1: Basic Block Diagram of ALPR System
Block Diagram Explanation

- **Image acquisition:**

  In image acquisition explained that from where images are acquire. Image can be input to the system by different methods by analog camera, or by digital cameras, but nowadays digital technology has their advantages so better input method is by digital cameras or by direct digital photos.

![Figure 3.2: Captured image](image1)

- **License Plate Extraction:**

  By whole capturing image we having license plate covered by background of vehicle body, so by this step only plate are is extracted from whole body. our task now is to identify the region containing the license plate. In this experiment, two features are defined and extracted in order to decide if a candidate region contains a license plate or not, these features are

![Figure 3.3: license plate area extraction](image2)

- **Character segmentation:**

  By this step characters on license plate are segmented and identify. This step is the most important step in license plate recognition because all further steps rely on it. This is the second major part of the License Plate detection algorithm. There are many factors that cause the character segmentation task difficult, such as image noise, plate frame, rivet, space mark, plate rotation and illumination variance. We here propose the algorithm that is quite robust and gives
significantly good results on images having the above mentioned problems. for the segmentation
pre-processing is required by conversion to gray scale and binarization. Different algorithms are
used for segmentation which are explained further later in literature review. segmented license plate
element is given in figure.

![Segmented license plate](image)

**Figure 3.4: Segmented license plate**

- **License plate number recognize:**

  By number plate extraction step final result is founded. Consider
  figure as an final extracted license plates

![License plate number](image)

**Figure 3.5: License plate number recognize**

The **variations of the plate types** or environments cause challenges in the detection and recognition
of license plates. They are summarized as follows:

i. Location: Plates exist in different locations of an image.

ii. Quantity: An image may contain no or many plates.

iii. Size: Plates may have different sizes due to the camera distance and the zoom factor.

iv. Colour: Plates may have various characters and background colours due to different plate
types or capturing devices.

v. Font: Plates of different nations may be written in different fonts and language.

vi. Occlusion: Plates may be obscured by dirt.

vii. Inclination: Plates may be tilted.

viii. Other: In addition to characters, a plate may contain frames and screws.
4. Flowchart

Start

Is the camera activated?

No

Yes

Input image

Locate license plates

Is there any license plate?

No

Yes

Identify license number

Is a valid license number?

No

Yes

License number and vehicle class
5. Result

![Figure 5.1: Captured image with noise](image1)

![Figure 5.2: Enhanced image](image2)

6. Advantages, Disadvantages & Applications

**Disadvantages:**
- Needs high resolution digital camera
- Sensitive to environmental conditions

**Advantages:**
- Vehicle access
- Traffic control
- Stopping vehicle related crimes
- Searching for missing or wanted persons
- Recovering stolen cars

**Applications:**
- Parking
- Access Control
- Motorway Road Tolling
- Border Control
- Journey Time Measurement
7. Conclusion & Future Scope

Hence we have seen Automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) system. It is a extraction of vehicle license plate information from an image or a sequence of images. Secure transportation will occur in this system. The extracted information can be used with or without a database in many applications. It is also monitor traffic surveillance. We can also use this system in electronic registration of vehicle.

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