Finding Lane Lines on the Road

Output Image by Pipeline

[image1]: solidWhiteCurve.jpg



[image2]: solidWhiteRight.jpg



[image3]: solidYellowCurve.jpg



[image4]: solidYellowCurve2.jpg



[image5]: solidYellowLeft.jpg



[image6]: whiteCarLaneSwitch.jpg



Reflection

1. Description:

My pipeline consisted of 5 steps. First, I converted the images to grayscale, then I blurred the grayscaled image using Gaussian blur function so that noises get suppressed, then I performed canny edge detection on the blurred image to find out the edges present in the image, then I applied region masking so that only required edges of

the desired lanes are present in the image, then I applied Hough transform to join the dots to form a single line on each side and used cv2.addWeighted function to superimpose the resultant marked lane lines on the original image.

In order to draw a single line on the left and right lanes, I modified the draw_lines() function by extracting out the left lane points and right lane points from the list of the lines provided by the hough transformed image by passing it through a conditional filter(if slope>0.5 then points belong to right lane else if slope<-0.5 then points belong to left lane), then coefficients of both lane is calculated using np.polyfit function. For extrapolation and consistency, y coordinates for both the lanes were kept same(max & min), and x coordinates were calculated according to the formula(x = (y-c)/m), and the corresponding lane lines were drawn on the image.

2. Shortcomings:

One potential shortcoming would be what would happen when pipeline failed on the challenge video. I found out that because of the more curviness of the lanes and shadows on lane lines, the pipeline was unable to detect the lanes.

3. Improvements:

A possible improvement would be to use a HSL and HSV colorspaces for the challenge video, and for curve plot rather than using plotting a straight line of degree 1, curve lines of degree 3 can be used.