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Finding Lane Lines on the Road

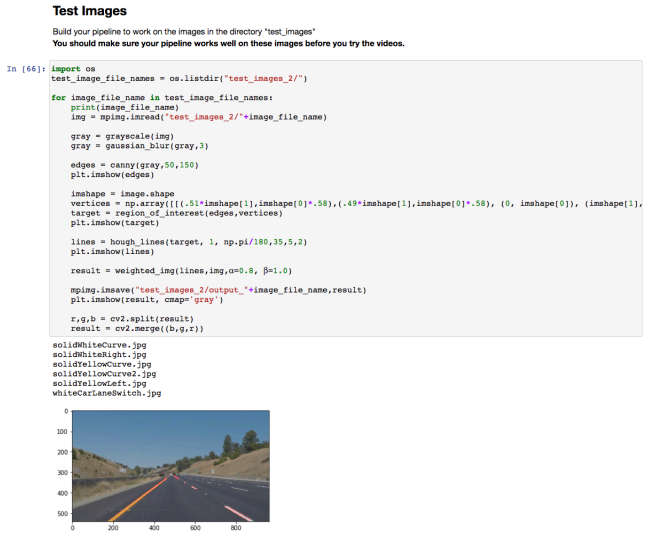
The goals / steps of this project are the following:
* Make a pipeline that finds lane lines on the road
* Reflect on your work in a written report

Reflection

1. Describe your pipeline. As part of the description, explain how you modified the draw_lines() function.

Pipeline consisted of 8 steps.

1) I read each image
2) Converted RGB to grayscale using grayscale function; single channel
3) Applied Gaussian blur to reduce contrast noise
4) Applied canny to find dotted-edges
5) Applied a mask to isolate the road lanes; set vertices at bottom left/right and slightly above mid-line
6) Applied Hough lines to draw lines (e.g. connected dotted-edges)
7) Adjusted line weight
8) Reversed RGB to BGR to show correct image color
9) Saved images with new name → "outcome_"+file



In order to draw a single line on the left and right lanes, I modified the draw_lines() function by ...
1) #iterate through each line points (x1,y1,x2,y2)

2) # calculate slopes and centers
   #slope = (y2-y1)/(x2-x1)
   #center = [(x2+x1)/2,(y2+y1)/2]

3) #separate right and left by measuring slope

4) #if slope is between 0 and 0.6 then put the slope and center value in the left list

5) #if slope is between 0 and -.5 then put the slop and center values in the right lists

6) #average over all right/left center, slope values to get single center and slope

7) #find new (x1,y1,x2,y2) from the center and slope values and fitting to bottom of image and the specified height

2. Identify potential shortcomings with your current pipeline

- Images must be the same size, can be problematic
- Images must be of sufficient resolution
- Road lines may shift as car travels uphill, around curves
- Not all roads have line markers

3. Suggest possible improvements to your pipeline

- Add a dynamic area of interest
- Use object detection to interpolate road position