

The goals/steps of this project are the following:

- Use the simulator to collect data of good driving behavior.
- Build, a convolution neural network in Keras that predicts steering angles from images.
- Train and validate the model with a training and validation set.
- Test that the model successfully drives around track one without leaving the road.
- Summarize the results with a written report.

## Rubric points

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Here I will consider the rubric points individually and describe how I addressed each point in my implementation.

### Files Submitted & Code Quality

#### 1. Submission includes all required files and can be used to run the simulator in autonomous mode

My project includes the following files:

- **model.py** : Containing the script to create and train the model
- **drive.py** : For driving the car in autonomous mode in the simulator
- **model.h5** : Containing a trained convolution neural network.
- **writeup\_report.md** : Summarizing the results

Note:

On my first iteration, I tried LeNet model and nVidia Autonomous Car Group model.

#### 2. Submission includes functional code Using the Udacity provided simulator and my drive.py file; the car can be driven autonomously around the track by executing

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Python drive.py model.h5
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#### 3. Submission code is usable and readable

The model.py file contains the code for training and saving the convolution neural network. The file shows the pipeline I used for training and validating the model, and it contains comments to explain how the code works.

# Model Architecture and Training Strategy

## 1. An appropriate model architecture has been employed

My initial approach was to use LeNet, but it was hard to have the car inside the street with three epochs. After this, I decided to try the nVidia Autonomous Car Group model, and the car drove the complete first track after just five training epochs.

A model summary is as follows:

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #	Connected to
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lambda_1 (Lambda)	(None, 160, 320, 3)	0	lambda_input_1[0][0]
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cropping2d_1 (Cropping2D)	(None, 65, 320, 3)	0	lambda_1[0][0]
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convolution2d_1 (Convolution2D)	(None, 31, 158, 24)	1824	cropping2d_1[0][0]
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convolution2d_2 (Convolution2D)	(None, 14, 77, 36)	21636	convolution2d_1[0][0]
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convolution2d_3 (Convolution2D)	(None, 5, 37, 48)	43248	convolution2d_2[0][0]
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convolution2d_4 (Convolution2D)	(None, 3, 35, 64)	27712	convolution2d_3[0][0]

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convolution2d_5 (Convolution2D)	(None, 1, 33, 64)	36928	
convolution2d_4[0][0]			

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flatten_1 (Flatten)	(None, 2112)	0	convolution2d_5[0][0]
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dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 100)	211300	flatten_1[0][0]
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dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 50)	5050	dense_1[0][0]
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dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 1)	51	dense_2[0][0]
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Total params: 347,749

Trainable params: 347,749

Non-trainable params: 0

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## 2. Attempts to reduce overfitting in the model

I decided not to modify the model by applying regularization techniques like Dropout or Max pooling. Instead, I decided to keep the training epochs low: only 5 epochs. In addition to that, I split my sample data into training and validation data. Using 80% as training and 20% as validation. I also shuffled the data.

## 3. Model parameter tuning

The model used an Adam optimizer, so the learning rate is tuned automatically

#### 4. Appropriate training data

Training data is collected using training mode. Steep turns data is also recorded so make turns more smooth.

## Model Architecture and Training Strategy

### 1. Solution Design Approach

I first tried LeNet model with 5 epochs and data provided from UdaCity. The car was taking 25 turn and then it went straight to lake.

To normalize the data I used lamda layer but car was not able to take turn after the bridge.

Adding Cropping layer was having no effect on the car.

Then for second I Shifted to nVidia Autonomous Car Group. The model worked Fine.

### 2. Final Model Architecture

The final model architecture is nVidia Autonomous Car Group as shown in the following image:

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## 2. Creation of the Training Set & Training Process

To capture good driving behaviour, I first recorded two laps on track one using center lane driving. Here is an example image of center lane driving:



I collected some turn data explicitly to make turn smoother

