### **Advanced Lane Finding Project**

The goals / steps of this project are the following:

- 1. Compute the camera calibration matrix and distortion coefficients given a set of chessboard images. Apply a distortion correction to raw images.
- 2. Use color transforms, gradients, etc., to create a thresholded binary image.
- 3. Apply a perspective transform to rectify binary image ("birds-eye view").
- 4. Detect lane pixels and fit to find the lane boundary.
- 5. Warp the detected lane boundaries back onto the original image.
- 6. Determine the curvature of the lane and vehicle position with respect to center.
- 7. Output visual display of the lane boundaries and numerical estimation of lane curvature and vehicle position.

```
In [9]: import numpy as np
    import cv2
    import matplotlib.image as mpimg

import glob
    import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
    from ipywidgets import interact, interactive, fixed
    from moviepy.editor import VideoFileClip
    from IPython.display import HTML

%matplotlib inline
    print('...')
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### Step 1-> Calibrate the camera

I start by preparing "object points", which will be the (x, y, z) coordinates of the chessboard corners in the world. Here I am assuming the chessboard is fixed on the (x, y) plane at z=0, such that the object points are the same for each calibration image. Thus, objp is just a replicated array of coordinates, and objpoints will be appended with a copy of it every time I successfully detect all chessboard corners in a test image. imaginates will be appended with the (x, y) pixel position of each of the corners in the image plane with each successful chessboard detection.

I then used the output objpoints and imppoints to compute the camera calibration and distortion coefficients using the cv2.calibrateCamera() function.

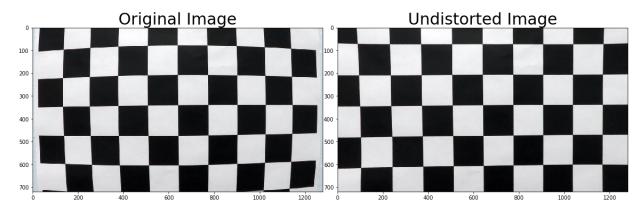
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In [89]: def calibrateCamera(images):
    objpoints=[]
    imgpoints=[]
    objp=np.zeros((6*9,3),np.float32)
    objp[:,:2]=np.mgrid[0:9,0:6].T.reshape(-1,2)
    for fname in images:
        img=mpimg.imread(fname)
        gray = cv2.cvtColor(img,cv2.COLOR_RGB2GRAY)
        ret, corners = cv2.findChessboardCorners(gray, (9,6), None)
        if ret==True:
            imgpoints.append(corners)
            objpoints.append(objp)
    ret, mtx, dist, rvecs, tvecs = cv2.calibrateCamera(objpoints, imgpoints, return mtx, dist
```

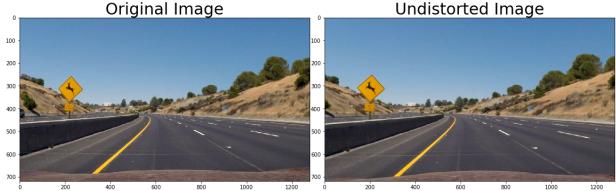
```
In [ ]: #Calibrate
    imagesForCalibration=glob.glob('/Volumes/Shubhra/Study/Udacity/AdvancedLaneI
    mtx,dist = calibrateCamera(imagesForCalibration)
```

#### **Undistort Test Image**

I applied this distortion correction coefficients to the test image using the cv2.undistort() function and obtained this result:

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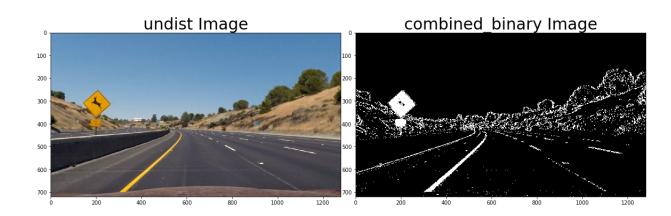
### **Step 2 -> Color and Gradient Threshold**

I used a combination of x gradient threshold and color threshold on s channel. I played with various combinations of color, gradient(x and y) thresholds and this is what worked well.

```
In [69]: s_thresh=(170, 255)#(33,130)#(170, 255)
         sx thresh=(20, 100)
         \#img = np.copy(img)
         # Convert to HLS color space and separate the V channel
         hls = cv2.cvtColor(undist, cv2.COLOR RGB2HLS).astype(np.float)
         l_{channel} = hls[:,:,1]
         s_{channel} = hls[:,:,2]
         # Sobel x
         sobelx = cv2.Sobel(1_channel, cv2.CV_64F, 1, 0) # Take the derivative in x
         abs_sobelx = np.absolute(sobelx) # Absolute x derivative to accentuate lines
         scaled sobel = np.uint8(255*abs sobelx/np.max(abs sobelx))
         # Threshold x gradient
         sxbinary = np.zeros like(scaled sobel)
         sxbinary[(scaled_sobel >= sx_thresh[0]) & (scaled_sobel <= sx_thresh[1])] =</pre>
         # Threshold color channel
         s binary = np.zeros like(s channel)
         s binary[(s channel >= s thresh[0]) & (s channel <= s thresh[1])] = 1</pre>
         # Stack each channel
         # Note color binary[:, :, 0] is all 0s, effectively an all black image. It i
         # be beneficial to replace this channel with something else.
         #color binary = np.dstack(( np.zeros like(sxbinary), sxbinary, s binary)) *
         combined_binary = np.zeros_like(sxbinary)
         combined_binary[(s_binary == 1) | (sxbinary == 1)] = 1
```

Here is how the binary image looks like after the color and gradient thresholding

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In [90]: f, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(20,10))
    f.subplots_adjust(hspace = .2, wspace=.05)
    ax1.imshow(undist)
    ax1.set_title('undist Image', fontsize=30)
    ax2.imshow(combined_binary,cmap='gray')
    ax2.set_title('combined_binary Image', fontsize=30)
    print('...')
```



# Step 3 -> Apply a perspective transform to rectify binary image

I picked four points in a trapezoidal shape that would represent a rectangle when looking down on the road from above. I define the source and destination points and calculate the M and Minv that will be used to transform image from the front view system to the top view.

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In [91]: #Perspective Transform
    src = np.array([[270, 670],[550,480],[735,480],[1035,670]],np.float32)
    dst=np.array([[270, 710],[270,50],[1035,50],[1035,710]],np.float32)
    M = cv2.getPerspectiveTransform(src, dst)
    Minv=cv2.getPerspectiveTransform(dst, src)
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In [92]: img_size= (combined_binary.shape[1],combined_binary.shape[0])
binary_warped = cv2.warpPerspective(combined_binary, M, img_size , flags=cv2
```

#### Here is how the top view of the binary image looks like.

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In [94]: f, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(20,10))
    f.subplots_adjust(hspace = .2, wspace=.05)
    ax1.imshow(combined_binary,cmap='gray')
    ax1.set_title('combined_binary Image', fontsize=30)
    ax2.imshow(binary_warped,cmap='gray')
    ax2.set_title('binary_warped Image', fontsize=30)
    print('...')
```

combined\_binary Image binary\_warped Image

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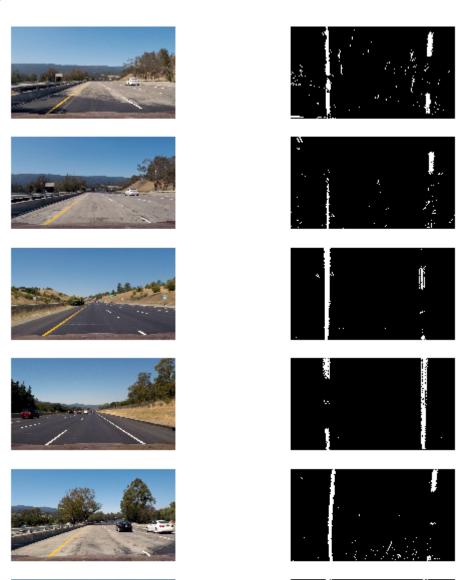
# Create a pipeline of steps 1,2,3 so that we could do these through a function

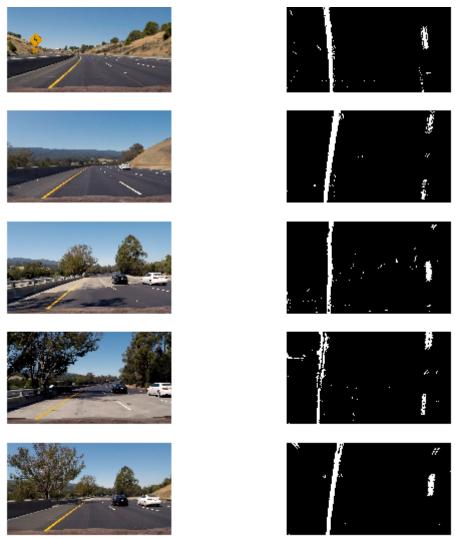
```
def pipeline(img,mtx, dist):
In [95]:
             s thresh=(170, 255)#(33,130)#(170, 255)
             sx thresh=(20, 100)
             img = np.copy(img)
             # Convert to HLS color space and separate the V channel
             hls = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR RGB2HLS).astype(np.float)
             l channel = hls[:,:,1]
             s channel = hls[:,:,2]
             # Sobel x
             sobelx = cv2.Sobel(1_channel, cv2.CV_64F, 1, 0) # Take the derivative in
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             scaled sobel = np.uint8(255*abs sobelx/np.max(abs sobelx))
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             # Stack each channel
             # Note color binary[:, :, 0] is all 0s, effectively an all black image.
             # be beneficial to replace this channel with something else.
             #color binary = np.dstack(( np.zeros like(sxbinary), sxbinary, s binary)
             combined binary = np.zeros like(sxbinary)
             combined_binary[(s_binary == 1) | (sxbinary == 1)] = 1
             img size= (combined binary.shape[1],combined binary.shape[0])
             binary warped = cv2.warpPerspective(combined binary, M, img size , flags
             return binary_warped
```

#### Here is how the test images perform with the pipeline

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In [96]: # Make a list of example images
         images = glob.glob('/Volumes/Shubhra/Study/Udacity/AdvancedLaneFinding/CarNI
         # Set up plot
         fig, axs = plt.subplots(len(images),2, figsize=(10, 20))
         fig.subplots_adjust(hspace = .2, wspace=.001)
         axs = axs.ravel()
         i = 0
         for image in images:
             img = cv2.imread(image)
             img = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
             img_bin = pipeline(img,mtx,dist)
             axs[i].imshow(img)
             axs[i].axis('off')
             i += 1
             axs[i].imshow(img_bin, cmap='gray')
             axs[i].axis('off')
             i += 1
         print('...')
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# Step 4 -> Detect lane pixels and fit to find the lane boundary.

After applying calibration, thresholding, and a perspective transform to a road image, we have a binary image where the lane lines stand out clearly. I use the histogram method as in the function below to figure out the lane line fits.

When doing the lane detection on the video, we need to apply the histogram method for the first image necessarily. In the next frame of video we don't need to do a blind search again, but instead we can just search in a margin around the previous line position as in the function polyfitUsingPrevFit below

```
def slidingWindowPolyfit(binary_warped):
In [97]:
             #sliding windows for 1st image
             histogram = np.sum(binary warped[binary warped.shape[0]//2:,:], axis=0)
             out_img = np.dstack((binary_warped, binary_warped, binary_warped))*255
             # Find the peak of the left and right halves of the histogram
             # These will be the starting point for the left and right lines
             midpoint = np.int(histogram.shape[0]/2)
             leftx base = np.argmax(histogram[:midpoint])
             rightx base = np.argmax(histogram[midpoint:]) + midpoint
             nwindows = 10#9
             # Set height of windows
             window_height = np.int(binary_warped.shape[0]/nwindows)
             # Identify the x and y positions of all nonzero pixels in the image
             nonzero = binary warped.nonzero()
             nonzeroy = np.array(nonzero[0])
             nonzerox = np.array(nonzero[1])
             # Current positions to be updated for each window
             leftx current = leftx base
             rightx current = rightx base
             # Set the width of the windows +/- margin
             margin = 80 #100
             # Set minimum number of pixels found to recenter window
             minpix =40# 50
             # Create empty lists to receive left and right lane pixel indices
             left lane inds = []
             right_lane_inds = []
             # Step through the windows one by one
             for window in range(nwindows):
                 # Identify window boundaries in x and y (and right and left)
                 win y low = binary warped.shape[0] - (window+1)*window height
                 win y high = binary warped.shape[0] - window*window height
                 win xleft low = leftx current - margin
                 win xleft high = leftx current + margin
                 win xright low = rightx current - margin
                 win xright high = rightx current + margin
                 # Draw the windows on the visualization image
                 cv2.rectangle(out img,(win xleft low,win y low),(win xleft high,win
                 cv2.rectangle(out img,(win xright low,win y low),(win xright high,wi
                 # Identify the nonzero pixels in x and y within the window
                 good left inds = ((nonzeroy >= win y low) & (nonzeroy < win y high)
                  (nonzerox >= win_xleft_low) & (nonzerox < win_xleft_high)).nonzero</pre>
                 good right inds = ((nonzeroy >= win y low) & (nonzeroy < win y high)
                  (nonzerox >= win xright low) & (nonzerox < win_xright_high)).nonzer</pre>
                 # Append these indices to the lists
                 left lane inds.append(good left inds)
                 right lane inds.append(good right inds)
                 # If you found > minpix pixels, recenter next window on their mean |
                 if len(good left inds) > minpix:
                     leftx current = np.int(np.mean(nonzerox[good left inds]))
                 if len(good right inds) > minpix:
                     rightx current = np.int(np.mean(nonzerox[good right inds]))
             # Concatenate the arrays of indices
             left lane inds = np.concatenate(left lane inds)
             right lane inds = np.concatenate(right lane inds)
             # Extract left and right line pixel positions
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leftx = nonzerox[left_lane_inds]
    lefty = nonzeroy[left_lane_inds]
    rightx = nonzerox[right_lane_inds]
    righty = nonzeroy[right lane inds]
    # Fit a second order polynomial to each
    left fit = np.polyfit(lefty, leftx, 2)
    right fit = np.polyfit(righty, rightx, 2)
    return left fit, right fit, left lane inds, right lane inds
def polyfitUsingPrevFit(binary_warped, left_fit, right_fit):
    nonzero = binary warped.nonzero()
    nonzeroy = np.array(nonzero[0])
    nonzerox = np.array(nonzero[1])
    margin = 80 #100
    left lane inds = ((nonzerox > (left fit[0]*(nonzeroy**2) + left fit[1]*r
    left_fit[2] - margin)) & (nonzerox < (left_fit[0]*(nonzeroy**2) +</pre>
    left_fit[1]*nonzeroy + left_fit[2] + margin)))
    right lane inds = ((nonzerox > (right fit[0]*(nonzeroy**2) + right fit[1]
    right_fit[2] - margin)) & (nonzerox < (right_fit[0]*(nonzeroy**2) +</pre>
    right_fit[1]*nonzeroy + right_fit[2] + margin)))
    # Again, extract left and right line pixel positions
    leftx = nonzerox[left lane inds]
    lefty = nonzeroy[left lane inds]
    rightx = nonzerox[right lane inds]
    righty = nonzeroy[right_lane_inds]
    left_fit_new, right_fit_new = (None, None)
    if len(leftx) != 0:
        # Fit a second order polynomial to each
        left fit new = np.polyfit(lefty, leftx, 2)
    if len(rightx) != 0:
        right fit new = np.polyfit(righty, rightx, 2)
    return left fit new, right fit new, left lane inds, right lane inds
```

## Step 5-> Warp the detected lane boundaries back onto the original image.

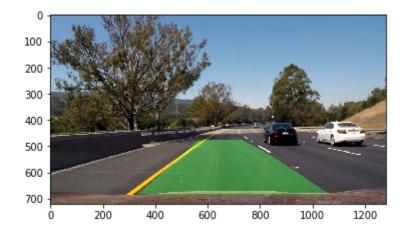
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```
def paintLane(testimg, binary_warped, left_fit, right_fit):
In [99]:
             # Generate x and y values for plotting
             ploty = np.linspace(0, binary_warped.shape[0]-1, binary_warped.shape[0]
             left_fitx = left_fit[0]*ploty**2 + left_fit[1]*ploty + left_fit[2]
             right fitx = right fit[0]*ploty**2 + right fit[1]*ploty + right fit[2]
             # Create an image to draw the lines on
             warp_zero = np.zeros_like(binary_warped).astype(np.uint8)
             color warp = np.dstack((warp zero, warp zero, warp zero))
             # Recast the x and y points into usable format for cv2.fillPoly()
             pts_left = np.array([np.transpose(np.vstack([left_fitx, ploty]))])
             pts right = np.array([np.flipud(np.transpose(np.vstack([right fitx, plot
             pts = np.hstack((pts_left, pts_right))
             # Draw the lane onto the warped blank image
             cv2.fillPoly(color warp, np.int ([pts]), (0,255, 0))
             # Warp the blank back to original image space using inverse perspective
             newwarp = cv2.warpPerspective(color_warp, Minv, (color_warp.shape[1], color_warp.shape[1])
             # Combine the result with the original image
             result = cv2.addWeighted(testimg, 1, newwarp, 0.3, 0)
             return result
```

```
In [100]: paintedLane = paintLane(img,binary_warped, l_fit, r_fit)
    plt.imshow(paintedLane)
```

Out[100]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x11adfd470>



Step 6-> Determine the curvature of the lane and vehicle position with respect to center.

```
In [101]: def findCurvature(binary_warped,left_fit, right_fit,l_lane_inds, r_lane_inds
              ym per pix = 30/720 # meters per pixel in y dimension
              xm per pix = 3.7/700 # meters per pixel in x dimension
              ploty = np.linspace(0, binary_warped.shape[0], binary_warped.shape[0])
              y eval = np.max(ploty)
              # Identify the x and y positions of all nonzero pixels in the image
              nonzero = binary warped.nonzero()
              nonzeroy = np.array(nonzero[0])
              nonzerox = np.array(nonzero[1])
              # Again, extract left and right line pixel positions
              leftx = nonzerox[l_lane_inds]
              lefty = nonzeroy[l_lane inds]
              rightx = nonzerox[r lane inds]
              righty = nonzeroy[r_lane_inds]
              if len(leftx) != 0 and len(rightx) != 0:
                  # Fit new polynomials to x,y in world space
                  left fit_cr = np.polyfit(lefty *ym_per_pix, leftx * xm_per_pix, 2
                  right fit cr = np.polyfit(righty *ym per pix, rightx * xm per pix, 2
                  # Calculate the new radii of curvature
                  left_curverad = ((1 + (2*left_fit_cr[0]*y_eval*ym_per_pix + left_fit
                  right_curverad = ((1 + (2*right_fit_cr[0]*y_eval*ym_per_pix + right_
                  # Now our radius of curvature is in meters
                  #print(left curverad, 'm', right curverad, 'm')
              if left fit is not None and right fit is not None:
                  car pos = binary warped.shape[1]/2
                  bottom_x = binary_warped.shape[0]
                  left lane fit col int = left fit[0]*bottom x**2 + left fit[1]*bott
                  right lane fit col int = right fit[0]*bottom x**2 + right fit[1]*bot
                  lane center = (left lane fit col int + right lane fit col int)/2
                  center dist = (car pos- lane center) * xm per pix;
                  #print("center-distance", center dist)
              return left curverad, right curverad, center dist
          def addTexttoImg(img, left curverad, right curverad, center dist):
              rad=(left curverad+right curverad)/2
              message1 = "Radius of Curvature : " + str(format(rad, '.2f'))+' m'
              direction = ''
              if center dist > 0:
                  direction = 'right'
              elif center_dist < 0:</pre>
                  direction = 'left'
              abs center dist = abs(center dist)
              message2 = "Center Distance: "+ str(format(abs center dist, '.2f'))+ 'm
              img = cv2.putText(img, message1, (50,50), thickness=2,fontFace= cv2.FONT
              img = cv2.putText(img, message2, (50,80), thickness=2,fontFace= cv2.FONT
              return img
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In [102]: left_curverad, right_curverad, center_dist = findCurvature(binary_warped, l_
    result = addTexttoImg(paintedLane,left_curverad, right_curverad, center_dist
    plt.imshow(result)
    print('...')
```

#### Lane Detection on video

When doing the lane detection on the video, we will follow the steps below:

- 1. Run every fram through pipeline so we have binary warped images.
- 2. To find the left and right line fits, we first need to apply the histogram method for the first image necessarily. In the next frame of video we don't need to do a blind search again, but instead we can just search in a margin around the previous line position as in the function polyfitUsingPrevFit above.
- 3. To smoothen out the line fits from one frame to the next, I save the characteristics for left and right separately as in the Line class below upto a maximum of n last readings. Best fit characteristic is calculated from these most recent readings. For any frame where there weren't sufficient data points and hence polyfitUsingPrevFit didn't return any line fit characteristics, nothing will be updated to the class.At all frames, we will just update the best fit characteristics and use those.

This approach worked out very well for the project video.

```
In [104]: # Define a class to receive the characteristics of each line detection
          class Line():
              def __init__(self):
                  # was the line detected in the last iteration?
                  self.detected = False
                  # x values of the last n fits of the line
                  self.recent xfitted = []
                  #average x values of the fitted line over the last n iterations
                  self.bestx = None
                  #polynomial coefficients averaged over the last n iterations
                  self.best fit = None
                  #polynomial coefficients for the most recent fit
                  self.current fit = []
                  #radius of curvature of the line in some units
                  self.radius of curvature = None
                  #distance in meters of vehicle center from the line
                  self.line base pos = None
                  #difference in fit coefficients between last and new fits
                  self.diffs = np.array([0,0,0], dtype='float')
                  #number of detected pixels
                  self.px count = None
              def add_fit(self, fit, inds):
                  # add a found fit to the line, up to n
                  if fit is not None:
                      if self.best fit is not None:
                           # if we have a best fit, see how this new fit compares
                          self.diffs = abs(fit-self.best fit)
                      if (self.diffs[0] > 0.001 or \
                         self.diffs[1] > 1.0 or \
                         self.diffs[2] > 100.) and \
                         len(self.current fit) > 0:
                          # Not a great fit, unless there are no fits in the current_:
                          self.detected = False
                      else:
                          self.detected = True
                          self.px count = np.count nonzero(inds)
                          self.current fit.append(fit)
                          if len(self.current fit) > 5:
                               # throw out old fits, keep newest n
                               self.current fit = self.current fit[len(self.current fit
                          self.best fit = np.average(self.current fit, axis=0)
                  # or remove one from the history, if not found
                  else:
                      self.detected = False
                      if len(self.current fit) > 0:
                          # throw out oldest fit
                          self.current fit = self.current fit[:len(self.current fit)-]
                      if len(self.current fit) > 0:
                           # if there are still any fits in the queue, best fit is the
                          self.best fit = np.average(self.current fit, axis=0)
```

### processImage lambda function to that runs through entire pipeline and saves the painted lanes image for every frame

```
In [105]: def process_image(img):
              new img = np.copy(img)
              binary_warped=pipeline(img,mtx, dist)
              # if both left and right lines were detected last frame, use polyfit us
              if not 1 line.detected or not r line.detected:
                  l_fit, r_fit, l_lane_inds, r_lane_inds = slidingWindowPolyfit(binary
              else:
                  l fit, r fit, l lane inds, r lane inds = polyfitUsingPrevFit(binary
              l line.add fit(l fit, l lane inds)
              r_line.add_fit(r_fit, r_lane_inds)
              if l_line.best_fit is not None and r_line.best_fit is not None:
                  result1 = paintLane(img, binary warped, 1 line.best fit, r line.best
                  left curverad, right curverad, center dist = findCurvature(binary wa
                  result = addTexttoImg(result1,left_curverad, right_curverad, center_
                  result=new img
              return result
```

[MoviePy] >>>> Building video /Volumes/Shubhra/Study/Udacity/AdvancedLane Finding/CarND-Advanced-Lane-Lines-master/project\_video\_alloutputFinal.mp4 [MoviePy] Writing video /Volumes/Shubhra/Study/Udacity/AdvancedLaneFinding/CarND-Advanced-Lane-Lines-master/project\_video\_alloutputFinal.mp4

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[MoviePy] Done.
[MoviePy] >>> Video ready: /Volumes/Shubhra/Study/Udacity/AdvancedLaneFinding/CarND-Advanced-Lane-Lines-master/project video alloutputFinal.mp4
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#### **Discussion**

The image processing pipeline that was established to find the lane lines in images successfully processes the video. Check out the attached output file, the lanes are identified in every frame, and outputs are generated regarding the radius of curvature of the lane and vehicle position within the lane. The pipeline seems to correctly map out curved lines and appears very smooth. It does not fail when shadows or pavement color changes are present.

In regions of shadow or inappropriate contrast/color conditions, its a bit wobbly probably because there weren't sufficient data points detected

Radius of curvature estimated looks good and so is the position of car wrt the lane.

Code: AdvLaneFinding.py Output video: project\_video\_output

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The code didn't seem to do very well on challenge video owing to light, shadow and color conditions. Might need to experiment with other sobel threshold conditions to make that work

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