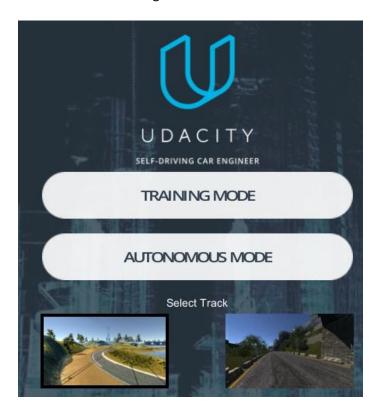
<u>Behavioural Cloning – Udacity Self-driving Car Simulator</u>

This document describes the process of **collecting image data** from Udacity Self-driving Car Simulator, **processing the images**, developing and **training a CNN model** that is capable of return an appropriate steering angle based on the given image, as well as **passing the model to the self-driving car simulator** to see how well the model clones our own driving behaviour.



First, to collect data of our own driving behaviour, we run the training mode in the simulator. This brings us to this page where we can start to record our own driving behaviour. Each frame of the drive will be captured and returned as the following output:

- 1. Front Left camera image
- 2. Front Centre camera image
- 3. Front Right camera image
- 4. Front Left camera image name
- 5. Front Centre camera image name
- 6. Front Right camera image name
- 7. Steering
- 8. Throttle
- 9. Reverse
- 10. Speed

Front Left camera image



Front Centre camera image



Front Right camera image

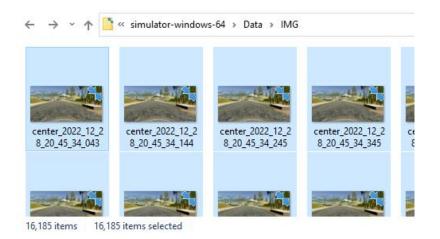


Driving log containing S/N 4 to 10

								
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As the track is oval in shape, I have to make sure I drive in both directions in order to balance out the number of left curves and right curves. To collect sufficient data, I drove about **3 laps in each direction**.

At the end of the recording, I collected 16,185 images.



To upload this big set of data to train our model, we can make use of github and google colab. First, let's **upload the Data folder into github repository**. To do that, we run the following in command prompt.

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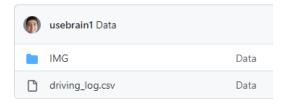
C:\Users\benja\Desktop\data visualisation\Udemy Course\Python Course\Machine Learning\Self-Driving Car Applied Deep Learning\Simulator-windows-64\Data>git commit -m "Data"

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C:\Users\benja\Desktop\data visualisation\Udemy Course\Python Course\Machine Learning\Self-Driving Car Applied Deep Learning\Simulator-windows-64\Data>git push origin master

Now that the data has been uploaded to our github repository, we can **clone it** into google drive to be used in google colab.



!git clone https://github.com/usebrain1/Track Cloning into 'Track'... remote: Enumerating objects: 16189, done. remote: Total 16189 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 16189 Receiving objects: 100% (16189/16189), 204.72 MiB | 15.61 MiB/s, done. Checking out files: 100% (16186/16186), done.

That concludes the collection and uploading of data. Now it is time to process the images and to develop and train our model. First, we need to import the following modules.

```
import os
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.image as mpimg
import keras
from keras.models import Sequential
from keras.optimizers import Adam
from keras.layers import Conv2D, MaxPooling2D, Dropout, Flatten, Dense
from sklearn.utils import shuffle
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from imgaug import augmenters as iaa
import cv2
import pandas as pd
import ntpath
import random
```

Next, we use Pandas to read the driving_log file and save the dataframe as "data".

```
datadir = 'Track' columns - ['center', 'left', 'right', 'steering', 'throttle', 'reverse', 'speed'] data = pd.reag.cy(os.path.join(datadir, 'driving_log.csv'), names = columns) pd.set_ption('display.max_coludoth', -1) data.head()
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We can make use of the ntpath.split() method to reduce the long image path name and return just the image name.

```
def path_leaf(path):
           head, tail = ntpath.split(path)
         return tail
 data['center'] = data['center'].apply(path_leaf)
 data['left'] = data['left'].apply(path_leaf)
 data['right'] = data['right'].apply(path_leaf)
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We have an **abnormally high number of images with steering angle of 0**, which is expected since most of the time we are driving straight.

```
num_bins = 25
samples per bin = 200
hist, bins = np.histogram(data['steering'], num_bins)
center = (bins[:-1] + bins[1:]) * 0.5
plt.bar(center, hist, width=0.05)
plt.plot((np.min(data['steering']), np.max(data['steering'])), (samples_per_bin, samples_per_bin))
print('total data:', len(data))
total data: 5395
4000
 3500
 3000
 2500
 2000
1500
1000
 500
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So as to ensure our model is not bias towards driving straight all the time, let's **cut down the number of images with 0 steering angle to just 200**.

-0.75 -0.50 -0.25

0.00

0.25

```
#randomly remove some of the images with steering angle of 0 so that the distribution is not bias
remove_list = []
for j in range(num_bins):
  list_ = []
  for i in range(len(data['steering'])):
    if \ data['steering'][i] \ \gt= \ bins[j] \ and \ data['steering'][i] \ \lt= \ bins[j+1]: \\
      list_.append(i)
  list_ = shuffle(list_)
  list_ = list_[samples_per_bin:]
  remove_list.extend(list_)
print('removed:', len(remove_list))
data.drop(data.index[remove_list], inplace=True)
print('remaining:', len(data))
removed: 3902
remaining: 1493
hist, _ = np.histogram(data['steering'], (num_bins))
plt.bar(center, hist, width=0.05)
plt.plot((np.min(data['steering']), np.max(data['steering'])), (samples_per_bin, samples_per_bin))
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Next, we define and run a function called load_img_steering() to return 2 lists of values. 1 list contains all the image path. Another list contains all the corresponding steering angle for each image.

```
print(data.iloc[1])
def load_img_steering(datadir, df):
 image_path = []
 steering = []
 for i in range(len(data)):
   indexed data = data.iloc[i]
   center, left, right = indexed data[0], indexed data[1], indexed data[2]
   image_path.append(os.path.join(datadir, center.strip()))
   steering.append(float(indexed_data[3]))
   # left image append
   image_path.append(os.path.join(datadir,left.strip()))
   steering.append(float(indexed_data[3])+0.15)
    # right image append
   image_path.append(os.path.join(datadir,right.strip()))
   steering.append(float(indexed_data[3])-0.15)
  image_paths = np.asarray(image_path)
 steerings = np.asarray(steering)
 return image_paths, steerings
image_paths, steerings = load_img_steering(datadir + '/IMG', data)
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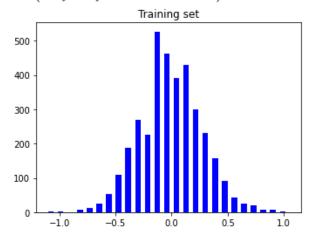
Now, we make use of **train_test_split()** to help us split the data into 80% training and 20% validation test sets.

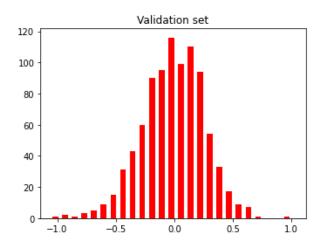
```
X_train, X_valid, y_train, y_valid = train_test_split(image_paths, steerings, test_size=0.2, random_state=6)
print('Training Samples: {}'.format(len(X_train), len(X_valid)))

Training Samples: 3583
Valid Samples: 896
```

```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4))
axes[0].hist(y_train, bins=num_bins, width=0.05, color='blue')
axes[0].set_title('Training set')
axes[1].hist(y_valid, bins=num_bins, width=0.05, color='red')
axes[1].set_title('Validation set')
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Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Validation set')

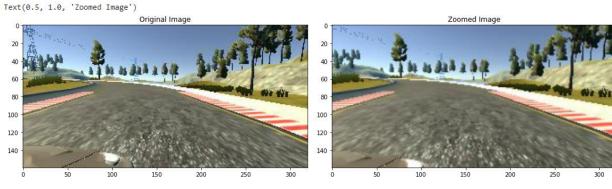




Good! Both datasets look rather similar in distribution.

To boost the variation of images we feed into our model, let's make use of the **augmenters module from imgaug library**.

Defining a function to zoom image by a random value of range 0% to 30%



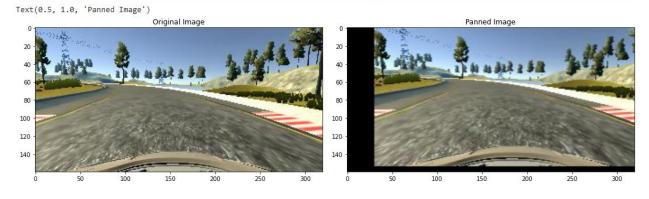
Defining a function to translate image up to 10% in all 4 directions

```
def pan(image):
    pan = iaa.Affine(translate_percent= {"x" : (-0.1, 0.1), "y": (-0.1, 0.1)})
    image = pan.augment_image(image)
    return image
image = image_paths[random.randint(0, 1000)]
original_image = mping.imread(image)
panned_image = pan(original_image)

fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 10))
fig.tight_layout()

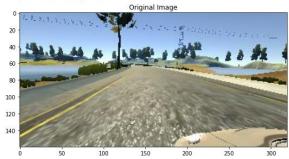
axs[0].imshow(original_image)

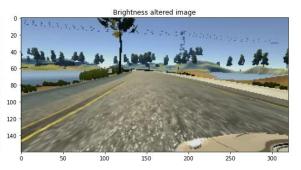
axs[1].imshow(panned_image)
axs[1].set_title('Panned Image')
```



Defining a function to multiply all pixel intensities by a range of 0.2 to 1.2 (0.2 means 80% decrease)

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Brightness altered image')

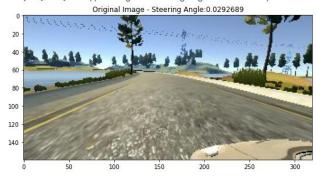


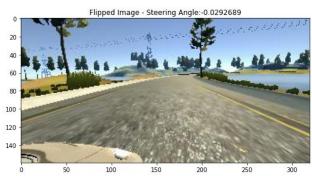


Defining a function to flip images

```
def img_random_flip(image, steering_angle):
    image = cv2.flip(image,1)
                                              #flip the image to provide more and better distributed data in both directions
    steering_angle = -steering_angle
                                              #need to flip the steering angle too
    return image, steering_angle
random_index = random.randint(0, 1000)
image = image_paths[random_index]
steering_angle = steerings[random_index]
original_image = mpimg.imread(image)
flipped_image, flipped_steering_angle = img_random_flip(original_image, steering_angle)
fig, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 10))
fig.tight_layout()
axs[0].imshow(original_image)
axs[0].set_title('Original Image - ' + 'Steering Angle:' + str(steering_angle))
axs[1].imshow(flipped_image)
axs[1].set_title('Flipped Image - ' + 'Steering Angle:' + str(flipped_steering_angle))
```

Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Flipped Image - Steering Angle:-0.0292689')





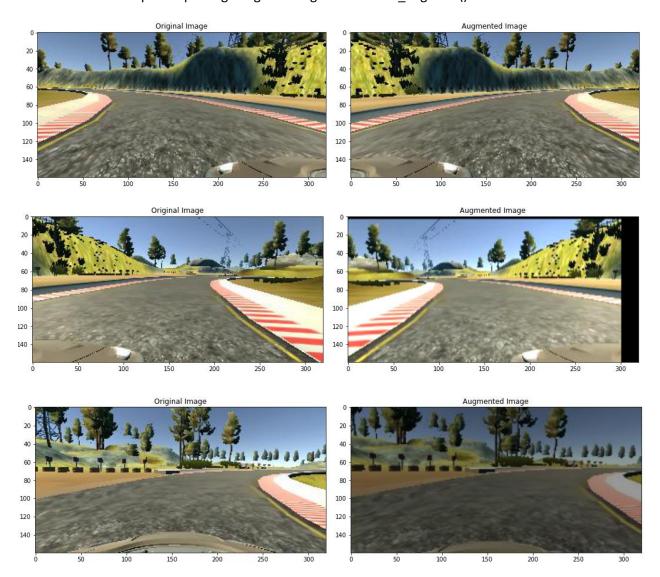
Now, we can **combine all 4 augment functions into 1 method called random_augment()**. What this method does is that for each image, there is a **50% probability** that it will apply each of the 4 functions to the image.

```
#function to randomly augment (i.e. zoom, translate, change intensity, flip) the

def random_augment(image, steering_angle):
    image = mpimg.imread(image)
    if np.random.rand() < 0.5:
        image = pan(image)
    if np.random.rand() < 0.5:
        image = zoom(image)
    if np.random.rand() < 0.5:
        image = img_random_brightness(image)
    if np.random.rand() < 0.5:
        image, steering_angle = img_random_flip(image, steering_angle)

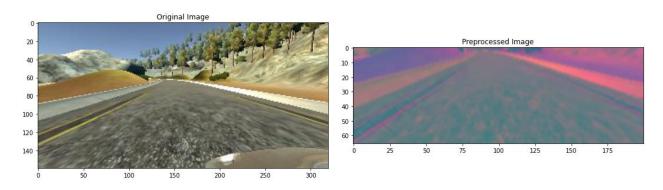
return image, steering_angle</pre>
```

Here are some examples of passing images through the random_augment() method.



Before we start working on an image generator to create artificial images using the above random_augment() method, we need to develop a method to **preprocess images** so as to obtain a format that is suitable to be fed into our model. Refer to code comments below for details.

This is how a processed image looks like.

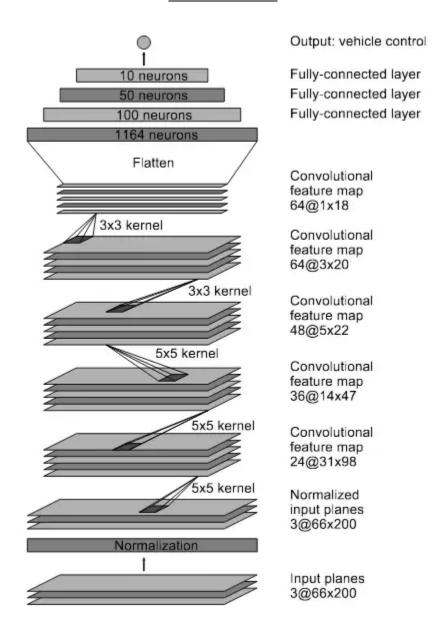


Next, we need to **create a batch generator** to generate artificial augmented images from our data. This helps to increase the variation and amount of our training data.

```
#batch generator allows the creation of augmented images when called instead of creating all at once and storing them (which takes up too much memory)
def batch_generator(image_paths, steering_ang, batch_size, is_training):
 while True:
   batch img = []
   batch steering = []
    for i in range(batch_size):
      random_index = random.randint(0, len(image_paths) - 1)
      if is_training:
        im, steering = random_augment(image_paths[random_index], steering_ang[random_index])
      else:
       im = mpimg.imread(image_paths[random_index])
       steering = steering_ang[random_index]
      im = img preprocess(im)
     batch_img.append(im)
      batch_steering.append(steering)
   yield (np.asarray(batch_img), np.asarray(batch_steering))
```

With all these being done, it is finally time to develop our CNN model. For the model, we will **adopt the architecture used by Nvidia** for self-driving car behavioural cloning since it is widely known to return good results.

Nvidia CNN model



NVidia Convolutional Neural Network

Note that we are using **Mean Square Error (MSE)** for our loss function given that this is a **regression** task.

```
#Nvidia model
def nvidia_model():
 model = Sequential()
 model.add(Conv2D(24, kernel_size=(5,5), strides=(2,2), input_shape=(66,200,3),activation='elu'))
 model.add(Conv2D(36, kernel_size=(5,5), strides=(2,2), activation='elu'))
 model.add(Conv2D(48, kernel_size=(5,5), strides=(2,2), activation='elu'))
 model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel_size=(3,3), activation='elu'))
 model.add(Conv2D(64, kernel_size=(3,3), activation='elu'))
# model.add(Dropout(0.5))
 model.add(Flatten())
 model.add(Dense(100, activation = 'elu'))
# model.add(Dropout(0.5))
 model.add(Dense(50, activation = 'elu'))
# model.add(Dropout(0.5))
 model.add(Dense(10, activation = 'elu'))
# model.add(Dropout(0.5))
 model.add(Dense(1))
 optimizer = Adam(lr=1e-3)
 model.compile(loss='mse', optimizer=optimizer)
 return model
```

Next, we use the **fit generator()** function to create artificial images in batches and fit the model.

```
history = model.fit_generator(batch_generator(X_train, y_train, 100, 1), #batch size of 100
                  steps per epoch=300,
                                        #number of times you call batch generator to augment images
                  epochs=10.
                  validation_data=batch_generator(X_valid, y_valid, 100, 0), #batch size of 100
                  validation_steps=200,
                  verbose=1.
                  shuffle = 1)
<ipython-input-32-0371458cbad2>:1: UserWarning: `Model.fit_generator` is deprecated and will be removed in a future version. Please users.
 history = model.fit_generator(batch_generator(X_train, y_train, 100, 1), #batch size of 100
Epoch 1/10
300/300 [==
         Epoch 2/10
         300/300 [==
Epoch 3/10
        300/300 [==
Epoch 4/10
         300/300 [==
Epoch 5/10
       300/300 [===
Epoch 6/10
          300/300 [==
Epoch 7/10
300/300 [==
        Epoch 8/10
300/300 [==
        Epoch 9/10
300/300 [===
        Epoch 10/10
300/300 [============] - 123s 412ms/step - loss: 0.0284 - val_loss: 0.0214
```

Last step is to save the model as "model.h5" and download onto our computer.

```
model.save('model.h5')

from google.colab import files
files.download('model.h5')
```

With our model, we can now feed it through the Self-driving Car Simulator. To do that, I made use of this drive.py script that I have downloaded from the web to connect our model and the simulator. The script helps to automate the process of gathering frames of driving images, preprocess the data, run it through our model, and predict and return a steering angle to the simulator.

```
drive.py
from flask import Flask
import base64
from io import BytesIO
speed_limit = 10
def img_preprocess(img):
   img = img[60:135,:,:]
   img = cv2.GaussianBlur(img, (3, 3), 0)
   img = cv2.resize(img, (200, 66))
   img = img/255
def telemetry(sid, data):
   speed = float(data['speed'])
   image = Image.open(BytesIO(base64.b64decode(data['image'])))
    image = img_preprocess(image)
   image = np.array([image])
   steering_angle = float(model.predict(image))
   print('{} {} {}'.format(steering_angle, throttle, speed))
    send_control(steering_angle, throttle)
@sio.on('connect')
   print('Connected')
def send_control(steering_angle, throttle):
        'steering_angle': steering_angle.__str__(),
```

We are connected to the simulator! Let's see how our self-driving car runs by itself!















