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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
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Reflection

1. Pipeline used in the code consists of 6 steps:

- A. Step 1: Convert image to grey scale.
- B. Step 2: Add Gaussian blur to resultant image of step 1.
- C. Step 3: Apply Canny edge detection algorithm on resultant image of step 2.
- D. Step 4: Apply 4 sided mask to resultant image of step 3 to filter out unwanted edges.
- E. Step 5: Apply Hough transform on resultant image of step 4.
- F. Step 6: Draw the lines on resultant image.

Procedure used for extrapolation:

- A. We know that lane lines cannot be horizontal or vertical in image. So, I filtered out the edges/lines which were following in this category from Hough transform output in "draw_lines" function.
e.g. This is the screenshot of "solidYellowLeft.mp4" around 00:11 sec.
We can see that there is a horizontal line on top of yellow line.



- B. Then I used least square method to fit a line passing through resultant points.

$$A^T A x = A^T y$$

2. Identify potential shortcomings with your current pipeline

- A. Method might fail if some vehicle is very near to our vehicle. (E.g. In case of heavy traffic)
- B. Method might give (2 wheeler)biker as edge.
- C. If camera is shifted by some distance on car, few parameters in this method needs to be changed. Method is not shift invariant.

3. Suggest possible improvements to your pipeline

- A. More data points(images/videos) is needed to test this pipeline. By doing this, if some corner case is missing, we can take that into account and that will in turn improve the pipeline.
- B. Need to consider "challenge.mp4" (optional challenge) case.
- C. This pipeline does not consider the case in which lane lines are not present for some distance. Need to test behaviour in such scenario.
- D. Cases like, "if some vehicle crosses the adjacent lane lines" or "some junction comes" also needs to be tested.
- E. Automatic algorithmic mask calibration will improve this pipeline.