Knowledge transfer for vision system in autonomous driving

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Abstract: Computer vision is one of the key elements in the field of autonomous driving. Though LIDAR system demonstrates very high accuracy and reliability in certain situations, camera-based vision system is still necessary to let the vehicle intelligently understand the situations both inside and outside the car. It is widely accepted that if a task is provided large amount of training data, deep convolutionary neural network could have very high accuracy on this given task (sometimes even higher than human beings). However, for the autonomous vehicle, it could be very difficult in collecting the data for certain tasks, especially safety related tasks. Therefore, we transfer the knowledge learned in the other domains to improve the intelligence of the vision system for autonomous vehicles. Furthermore, we also review the cutting-edge technologies as well as our contributions dealing with highly imbalanced training data.

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