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- Obstacle avoidance for mobile robotics and autonomous driving
- Detection of the closest obstacle in each direction from a driving vehicle using single color camera
- Reduction of the problem in a column-wise regression problem solved with a deep CNN
 - Divide the image into columns
 - For each column the network estimates the pixel location of the bottom point of the closest obstacle
- Loss function based on a semi-discrete representation of the obstacle position probability
- Trained with ground truth generated from laser-scanner point cloud
- Outperforms existing camera-based methods including ones using stereo on KITTI
- Achieving among the best results for road segmentation on KITTI