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CS188: Introduction to Robotics

Worksheet 3

Question 1: Multiple Choices

For each question below, select all that applies. Partial credit will be given, but selecting any incorrect option will result in no credit.

(a) Which of the following correctly classifies the sensor?

- ☐ LIDAR – passive, exteroceptive
- ☐ IMU – active, exteroceptive
- ☐ Joint encoder – active, exteroceptive
- ☐ LIDAR – active, exteroceptive

(b) A robot is said to be redundant if:

- ☐ It has more than 6 DoF
- ☐ It lacks sufficient DoF for the task
- ☐ It has more DoF than required to complete the task
- ☐ It has exactly the number of DoF needed for 3D pose control

(c) You apply the following convolutional kernel to the image:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -3 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & -4 & -6 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



What is the most likely resulting image after applying the kernel?



(d) What is the likely result of increasing the derivative gain too much in a PID controller?

- ☐ System becomes more responsive
- ☐ System becomes slower to converge
- ☐ System becomes overly damped and sensitive to noise
- ☐ Control error increases steadily

(e) In which of the scenarios is PRM more suitable than RRT?

- ☐ A robot planning in a known, static environment
- ☐ A robot solving many queries with different start and goal pairs
- ☐ A robot operating in a dynamic environment with moving obstacles
- ☐ A single, fast path is needed from a start to a goal in an unfamiliar environment

(f) Which of the following are true about camera calibration?

- ☐ The Kabsch algorithm is used to align 2D pixel coordinates across cameras
- ☐ The Kabsch algorithm uses SVD to align two sets of 3D points
- ☐ Extrinsic parameters describe camera distortion and perspective
- ☐ Hand-eye calibration between an RGB-D camera and a robot's end-effector requires at least 3 non-collinear 3D point correspondences

Question 2: Fill in the Blank

- (a) While _____ learns a direct mapping from states to actions using supervised learning, _____ models trajectories as attractor-based systems that can generalize to new goals, and _____ aims to recover the underlying reward function that explains expert behavior.
- (d) In EKF-SLAM, the _____ step uses the motion model to compute the predicted mean and covariance, while the _____ step incorporates sensor data using the observation model and updates the belief using _____ rule.

Options:

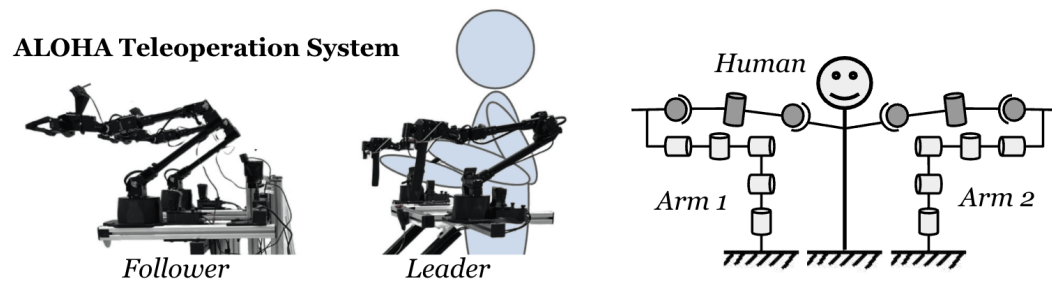
- behavior cloning
- inverse reinforcement learning
- dynamic movement primitives
- reinforcement learning
- random sampling
- statistical analysis
- exhaustive search
- symbolic reasoning
- value iteration
- policy iteration
- update
- prediction
- Kalman
- Bayes
- resampling

Question 3: Short Answers

Provide a short answer to each question.

(c) What are the two major challenges in imitation learning?

(d) The ALOHA teleoperation system is a “puppeteering” setup where a human demonstrator kinesthetically move a set of leader arms that control the follower arms:



What is the DoF of the system formed by the human and the leader arms? (assume the demonstrator can only move their arms)

Question 6: FastSLAM

FastSLAM is an algorithm that addresses the SLAM problem by combining:

- A particle filter to estimate the robot's trajectory,
- A set of local EKF's to estimate the locations of landmarks.

FastSLAM factorizes the joint posterior by representing the robot's trajectory uncertainty with particles, while maintaining an independent EKF for each landmark within every particle.

Suppose you are using FastSLAM with $M = 50$ particles. Each particle tracks its own pose and maintains a local map of $n = 20$ landmarks using EKF's.

- (a) What is an Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)? Briefly describe how it is used in state estimation.
- (b) How many EKF's are maintained across the entire set of particles?
- (c) What is the computational complexity of FastSLAM **per time step** in terms of the number of landmarks n and number of particles M ?
- (d) In practice, when is FastSLAM computationally more efficient than EKF-SLAM? (Give a condition involving n and M)