# The Tale of Monty Hall \& The Procrustes Problem 

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## Foundations



Probabilistic Inference
Linear Algebra

## Tale 1



## The Monty Hall Problem




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## Activity!



## Think-Pair-Share

Think (30 sec): Will you stick with door 1? Or switch to door 2? Justify your decision!

Pair: Find a partner

Share ( 45 sec ): Partners exchange ideas


## How is any of this related to robotics?




## Robots are

 fundamentallyuncertain

## Uncertainty in perception



## Localizing object states as an inference problem



## The Blindfolded Robot:

 A Bayesian Approach to Planning with Contact Feedback An overview of experimentsBrad Saund, Sanjiban Choudhury, Siddhartha Srinivasa, Dmitry Berenson


## Uncertainty in decision making



What did the robot do wrong?


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## What if there are a 100 doors?



## What if Monty is blindfolded?



## Tale 2



## Procrustes Problem



## Rotation? Translation?



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x_{1}, y_{1}
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$x_{2}, y_{2}$

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x_{1}^{\prime}, y_{1}^{\prime}
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${ }^{\cdot} x_{4}^{\prime}, y_{4}^{\prime}$

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x_{4}, y_{4}
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## Activity!



## Think-Pair-Share

Think ( 30 sec ): How can we solve for the unknown rotation?

Pair: Find a partner
Rotation?

Share (45 sec): Partners exchange ideas

## Gimbal Lock!

Gimbal locked airplane. When the pitch (green) and yaw (magenta) gimbals become aligned, changes to roll (blue) and yaw apply the same rotation to the airplane.

A real problem in Apollo 13!

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## Robots

## fundamentally <br> reason about 3D <br> relationships

## 3D Surface Reconstruction

## Planning + Controls

Optimization with over $\mathbf{5 0}$ objectives at $\mathbf{5 0 0}$ iterations/sec


## 3D Surface Reconstruction

## 3D Scan Workilow

Explore
Capture

## 3D Grasp Pose Estimation



Back to the problem


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M=\left[\begin{array}{l}
M_{1,1} M_{1,2} \\
M_{2,1} M_{2,2}
\end{array}\right]
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## tl;dr

The Monty Hall Problem
The Procrustes Problem


