# Learning to Search Sanjiban Choudhury







Learn the underlying cost of a path



## CRUSHER robot from CMU



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## Think-Pair-Share!

Think (30 sec): We want CRUSHER to go from A to B. What are some of the components for the cost function? How can we weigh these various components?

Pair: Find a partner

Share (45 sec): Partners exchange ideas



## Wait ... why can't we use DAGGER?

Why learn cost functions vs learn the policy?





## Can we learn a cost function for CRUSHER navigation?





# Let's formalize!



# Learning to Search (LEARCH)



#### Min distance

#### Stay on roads





#### Learning to Search: **Functional Gradient Techniques** for Imitation Learning

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#### Stay near trees





#### Learning to Search (LEARCH) Human demonstration Human demonstration



# Given dataset: $\{\xi_i^h, \phi_i\}_{i=1}^N$

(Human demo) (Map)











### Learning to Search (LEARCH) Human demonstration



for i = 1, ..., N

 $\xi_i^* = \min_{\xi} [C_{\theta}(\xi, \phi_i) - \gamma(\xi, \xi^h)]$ 

(Push down human cost)

## # Loop over datapoints



# Call planner!

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