# Abhinav Modi

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#### **EDUCATION**

## University of Maryland, College Park

Masters of Engineering in Robotics

College Park, MD

Aug. 2018 - May 2020

• **GPA**: 4.0/4.0

Birla Institute of Technology and Science(BITS), Pilani

Bachelors of Engineering(Hons.) in Mechanical Engineering

Rajasthan, India

Aug. 2014 - May 2018

• **GPA**: 7.53/10(3.18/4)

**Relevant Coursework:** Control of Robotic Systems, Robot Modelling, Planetary Surface Robotics, Mechatronics, Intro to MEMS, Neural Networks and Fuzzy Logic, Pattern Recognition, Reverse Engineering and Rapid Prototyping

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Modeling and Analysis Software & Tools Solidworks, MSc ADAMS, Simulink

MATLAB, Python, Tensorflow, OpenCV, C++, ROS, Adobe Photoshop, LaTex

#### TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

### Perception and Robotics Group, University of Maryland

Aug. 2018 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant

• Working towards implementation of Geometric and Model Predictive based control systems for online trajectory tracking and altitude control of quadrotors.

#### Autonomous Micro Aerial Vehicle(AMAV) Team

Dec. 2019 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant

- Work with a team of 20 members to develop a micro aerial vehicle to participate in the 7th annual VFS MAV Student Challenge, 2019 to be held in Philadelphia, PA.
- Developing vision based algorithms to generate dynamically feasible trajectories for quadrotor control.

#### **PROJECTS**

- Edge Detection using Pb-Lite: Edge detection in images using "Probability of Boundary" method by computing k-means on texture, brightness and color gradient maps.
- **Unsupervised Deep Homography:** Trained an Unsupervised Neural Network on COCO dataset to generate a panorama .
- Cable Suspended Load form a Quad: Implemented Geometric Control based on differential flatness to track trajectory of a load suspended from a quadrotor
- **BIOBOT:** Developed a conceptual model of a one-crew carrying Lunar Rover. The rover follows the astronaut with an onboard Life Support System to aid in physical movement of the astronaut.

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

#### Inspired Karters, Formula Student Team, BITS Pilani

Feb. 2016 - Feb. 2017

Team Captain

- Established a new team structure for a team of 50 students from multiple disciplines to incorporate a KTM 390 engine, smaller wheels (10aAi), and a full body aero-package, all for the first time in the history of the team.
- Successfully raised INR 150,000 as a team in only one month's time, amounting to INR 7,50,000 during the whole year.

#### Team Member

- Performed an active role in decision making and squad selection for various inter-university tournaments.
- In-charge of managing inventory for the team and tournament scheduling for Bits Open Sports Meet, 2017.

## 49<sup>th</sup> EngineersâĂŹ Day Celebrations and Poster Presentation

Sept, 2016

Team Member - Organizing Committee

- Worked towards organizing quizzes, panel discussion and poster presentation competition for the event.
- Co-presented a poster on âĂLJWhat we learn at Inspired KartersâĂİ for the theme: Skill Development for Young Engineers to Reform the Core Sector: Vision 2025.

#### **ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

Society of Automotive Engineers	May 2016 - July 2017
Department of Art Design and Publicity	Aug. 2014 - May 2018
BITS Pilani Cricket Team	Aug. 2014 - May 2018

#### **EXTRA-CIRRUCULAR**

State level athlete and District record holder, U-16 category, 100m hurdles, represented the district of Fatehgarh Sahib in the 2011 intra-state games held in Ludhiana, Punjab, November 2011

Part of the Field Hockey team of my hostel for Intra Bits Open Sports Meet (I-BOSM); winners in 2018, runner-ups in 2017.

Gold Medalist in Discus Throw, I-BOSM, 2018.

Silver Medallist in Javelin Throw, I-BOSM, 2017.