# **Abishek Hariharan**

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#### **Education**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Dec. 2014

Graduated (>3.5 GPA)

Relevant Coursework: Coordinated Mobile Robotics, Robotics, Brain Theory, Self Organizing Systems, Algorithms, Foundations of Al, Database Systems

Coursera: Machine Learning

Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi, India

Aug. 2011

2011

Completed (>3.5 GPA)

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science/Artificial Intelligence

#### **Technical Skills**

Programming Languages: Java, C++, SQL,XML, XQuery, XPath

Applications/Environments: Arduino IDE, ROS, Matlab, Git, Simulink, Vicon Tracker, RDBMS. Oracle 11g + Spatial, MySQL

## **Projects**

## **Humanoid Robot Kinematics**

May. 2014

Arm and leg motions using minimum jerk splines and inverse kinematics for NAO.

#### Multi Robot Path Planning - A Quadcopter Implementation.

May, 2014

Relaxed multi robot path planning problem for quad copters using proprioceptive sensing for energy optimization.

#### System Model for Target Localization Using a Heterogeneous Symbiotic Swarm

Nov. 2013

Developed control parameters for robotic swarm based on *Physarum Polycephalum using reactive control rules*. Studied its capabilities and points of failure in target localizing and path finding.

## USC Aero Design Team

Jan. 2013 - Dec. 2014

▶ First Place at 2014 AIAA Student Design/Build/Fly Competition.

Senior member involved with fabrication, testing and performance sub-teams.

Improved performance of aircraft by employing remote sensing for speed and stability analysis.

#### Graph-Based Planner AI for Checkers Game

2013

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Java based graphical planner for two-player game of checkers.

Improved performance by reducing dimensionality of problem space using pruning and heuristics.

## A Neural Network Approach for Complex Cognition & Planning in Adversarial Environments

Modeling of pathological effects observed in subjects affected by Alzheimer's disease using a neural network planner under the conditions of degeneration and synaptic weight disturbance.

## **Experience**

## Course Producer, Viterbi School of Engineering

Sep. 2014 - Dec. 2014

Teaching assistant, grader and lab guide for the undergraduate robotics course CSCI 445.

#### Student Researcher, USC ACT Lab

Nov. 2013 - Dec. 2014

Quad rotor vehicle control and planning using feedback controllers and visual localization.

## Student Worker, USC Interaction Lab

Jan. 2015 - Present

Android application development to model productive empathy for reducing anxiety in hospitalized children

### **Publications**

Cooperative Multi-Robot Control for Target Tracking with Onboard Sensing. - Hausman et. al. ISER Jun. 2014