Helicopter Rig Project

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A module to operate the buttons.

Enumerations

- enum Button {
  BTN_UP, BTN_DOWN, BTN_LEFT, BTN_RIGHT,
  NUM_BUTTONS }

  The buttons.

Functions

- void ButtonsInit (void)

  Initialise the buttons.
- void UpdateButtons ()

  Update all of the buttons and their state.
- uint8_t NumPushes (uint8_t button_name)

  Gets the number of pushes for a given button and resets the push count.
- void ResetPushes (void)

  Reset the push count for all buttons.

3.1.1 Detailed Description

A module to operate the buttons.

3.1.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

3.1.2.1 Button

```
enum Button
```

The buttons.

Enumerator

BTN_UP	The UP button.
BTN_DOWN	The DOWN button.
BTN_LEFT	The LEFT button.
BTN_RIGHT	The RIGHT button.
NUM_BUTTONS	The total number of buttons.

3.1.3 Function Documentation

3.1.3.1 NumPushes()

```
uint8_t NumPushes (
            uint8_t button_name )
```

Gets the number of pushes for a given button and resets the push count.

Parameters

button_name	One of BTN_UP, BTN_DOWN, BTN_LEFT, or BTN_RIGHT.

Returns

The number of pushes for the given button since this function was last called.

3.2 FlightController

Module containing functions to manager switches between flight states.

Functions

- void FlightControllerInit (void)
  Initialise the flight controller module.
- void UpdateFlightMode ()
  A task to be called periodically that manages switches between flight states.
- const char * GetFlightMode (void)
  Get a string representation of the current flight mode.
- void PriorityTaskInit (void)
  Initialise the priority task sequencer.
- void PriorityTaskEnable (void)
  Enable the priority task sequencer.
- void PriorityTaskDisable (void)
  Disable the priority task sequencer.

3.2.1 Detailed Description

Module containing functions to manager switches between flight states.

Additionally the module contains a timer, which has been set up to run critical tasks. These include the pid controllers and the updating of the height sensor.

3.2.2 Function Documentation

3.2.2.1 GetFlightMode()

```
const char* GetFlightMode (
            void  )
```

Get a string representation of the current flight mode.

Returns

a string representing the flight mode

3.2.2.2 PriorityTaskInit()

```
void PriorityTaskInit (
            void  )
```

Initialise the priority task sequencer.

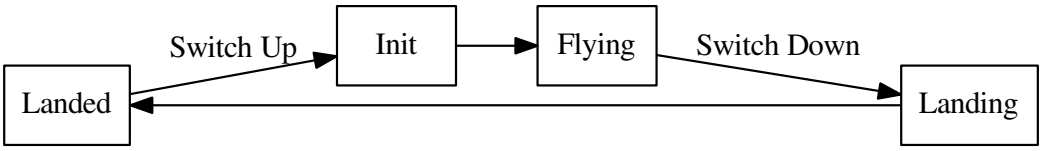
This timer handles updating of the pid controllers and height.

3.2.2.3 UpdateFlightMode()

```
void UpdateFlightMode ( )
```

A task to be called periodically that manages switches between flight states.

Below is a state machine representing the transistions between flight states.



3.3 HeightApi

Module to acquire current height via the height sensor and trigger a zero-height reading.

Functions

- int32_t GetHeight (void)
  Get the current height.
- int32_t GetHeightPercentage (void)
  Get the current height as a percentage.
- void UpdateHeight ()
  Trigger the current height reading to be updated.
- void HeightManagerInit (void)
  Initialise the height sensor peripherals and ports.
- void ZeroHeightTrigger (void)
  Trigger a zero height reading to be used as a reference for subsequent height readings.

3.3.1 Detailed Description

Module to acquire current height via the height sensor and trigger a zero-height reading.

Provides helper methods to get the current height.

3.3.2 Function Documentation

3.3.2.1 GetHeight()

```
int32_t GetHeight (
            void  )
```

Get the current height.

Retrieve the sensor reading after it has been offset the zeroed sensor reading.

Returns

The height.

3.3.2.2 GetHeightPercentage()

```
int32_t GetHeightPercentage (
            void  )
```

Get the current height as a percentage.

Returns

The height as a percentage.

3.3.2.3 UpdateHeight()

```
void UpdateHeight ( )
```

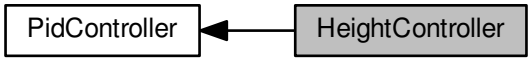
Trigger the current height reading to be updated.

No longer used in favour of direct triggering via timer timeout flag.

3.4 HeightController

Pid controller for the main rotor.

Collaboration diagram for HeightController:



Functions

- void SetTargetHeight (uint32_t height)

  Set the target height (%).
- uint32_t GetTargetHeight (void)

  Get the target height (%).
- void HeightControllerInit (void)

  Initialise the height controller.
- void PreloadHeightController (int32_t control, int32_t error)

  Preload the integral component of the pid contoller so the Main rotor starts of with `control` power.
- void UpdateHeightController (uint32_t delta_t)

  Update the height controller pid loop.
- void TuneProportionalMainRotor (double gain)

  Use at own risk.

3.4.1 Detailed Description

Pid controller for the main rotor.

3.4.2 Function Documentation

3.4.2.1 GetTargetHeight()

```
uint32_t GetTargetHeight (
            void  )
```

Get the target height (%).

Returns

The target height(%).

3.4.2.2 PreloadHeightController()

```
void PreloadHeightController (
            int32_t control,
            int32_t error )
```

Preload the integral component of the pid contoller so the Main rotor starts of with `control` power.

This was to improves rise time of the helicopter by boosting the Main rotor.

Parameters

control	The immediate control power desired by the Main rotor
error	The absolute difference between current height and target height.

3.4.2.3 SetTargetHeight()

```
void SetTargetHeight (
            uint32_t height )
```

Set the target height (%).

Parameters

height	The target height (%).

3.4.2.4 TuneProportionalMainRotor()

```
void TuneProportionalMainRotor (
            double gain )
```

Use at own risk.

Parameters

gain	Proportial gain.

3.4.2.5 UpdateHeightController()

```
void UpdateHeightController (
            uint32_t delta_t )
```

Update the height controller pid loop.

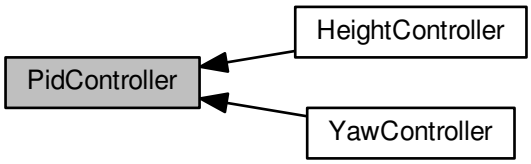
Parameters

delta_t	The update period of the height controller.

3.5 PidController

Generic pid controller module.

Collaboration diagram for PidController:



Modules

- HeightController
  Pid controller for the main rotor.
- YawController
  Pid controller for the tail rotor.

Data Structures

- struct PidState
  A structure to accumulate the error and store the previous error for use by the pid controller.

Functions

- void PidInit (PidState *state)
  Initialise the pid controller.
- void PreloadPid (PidState *state, int32_t integral_preload)
  Preload the integral component of the pid state with a postitve or negative error to reduce integration time.
- int32_t UpdatePid (PidState *state, int32_t error, uint32_t delta_t, double proportional_gain, double integral↩ _gain, double derivative_gain)
  Update the pid controller loop.

3.5.1 Detailed Description

Generic pid controller module.

3.5.2 Function Documentation

3.5.2.1 PidInit()

```
void PidInit (
            PidState * state )
```

Initialise the pid controller.

Parameters

state	The pid error state.

See also

PidState

3.5.2.2 PreloadPid()

```
void PreloadPid (
            PidState * state,
            int32_t integral_preload )
```

Preload the integral component of the pid state with a postitve or negative error to reduce integration time.

Parameters

state	The pid error state.
integral_preload	The preload error.

3.5.2.3 UpdatePid()

```
int32_t UpdatePid (
            PidState * state,
            int32_t error,
            uint32_t delta_t,
            double proportional_gain,
            double integral_gain,
            double derivative_gain )
```

Update the pid controller loop.

Parameters

state	The pid error state.
error	The current error.
delta_t	The update period of the pid controller.
proportional_gain	The proportional gain constant.
integral_gain	The integral gain constant.
derivative_gain	The derivative gain constant.

Returns

3.6 PwmOutput

PWM module to handle the power output for the main and tail rotors.

Enumerations

- enum PwmOutput { MAIN_ROTOR, TAIL_ROTOR }

  An enumeration for determining which PWM output to configure.

Functions

- void PwmInit ()

  Initialise both of the pwm outputs.
- void SetPwmDutyCycle (uint8_t pwm_output, uint32_t duty_cycle)

  Set the duty cycle of the PWM output in the range 2-98%.
- uint32_t GetPwmDutyCycle (uint8_t pwm_output)

  Get the current PWM duty cycle for the given PWM output.
- void PwmDisable (uint8_t pwm_output)

  Disable the given PWM output.
- void PwmEnable (uint8_t pwm_output)

  Enable the given PWM output.

3.6.1 Detailed Description

PWM module to handle the power output for the main and tail rotors.

3.6.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

3.6.2.1 PwmOutput

```
enum PwmOutput
```

An enumeration for determining which PWM output to configure.

Enumerator

MAIN_ROTOR	The main rotor PWM output.
TAIL_ROTOR	The tail rotor PWM output.

3.6.3 Function Documentation

3.6.3.1 GetPwmDutyCycle()

```
uint32_t GetPwmDutyCycle (
            uint8_t pwm_output )
```

Get the current PWM duty cycle for the given PWM output.

Parameters

pwm_output	The PWM output.

Returns

The current PWM duty cycle as percentage.

3.6.3.2 PwmDisable()

```
void PwmDisable (
            uint8_t pwm_output )
```

Disable the given PWM output.

Parameters

pwm_output	The PWM output to configure.

3.6.3.3 PwmEnable()

```
void PwmEnable (
            uint8_t pwm_output )
```

Enable the given PWM output.

Parameters

pwm_output	The PWM output to configure.

3.6.3.4 SetPwmDutyCycle()

```
void SetPwmDutyCycle (
            uint8_t pwm_output,
            uint32_t duty_cycle )
```

Set the duty cycle of the PWM output in the range 2-98%.

Parameters

pwm_output	The PWM output to configure.
duty_cycle	The desired duty cycle, in the range 2-98%.

3.7 SwitchApi

A module to operate the mode switch.

Enumerations

- enum SwitchState { SWITCH_DOWN, SWITCH_UP }
  An enumeration of the states of the slider switch.

Functions

- void SwitchInit (void)
  Initialise the switch.
- void UpdateSwitch ()
  Update the switch state.
- uint8_t GetSwitchEvent (void)
  Get the lastest switch event.

3.7.1 Detailed Description

A module to operate the mode switch.

3.7.2 Enumeration Type Documentation

3.7.2.1 SwitchState

```
enum SwitchState
```

An enumeration of the states of the slider switch.

Enumerator

SWITCH_DOWN	The switch is in the downwards position.
SWITCH_UP	The switch is in the upwards position.

3.7.3 Function Documentation

3.7.3.1 GetSwitchEvent()

```
uint8_t GetSwitchEvent (
            void  )
```

Get the lastest switch event.

Returns

DOWN or UP slide of the switch.

3.8 YawApi

Functions

- void YawDetectionInit (void)

  Initialises the yaw manager.
- int32_t GetYaw (void)

  Get the current yaw.
- int32_t GetYawDegrees (void)

  Get the current yaw.
- int32_t GetClosestYawRef (int32_t current_yaw)

  Helper function to return the closest yaw such that the helicopter is facing towards the camera.
- void YawRefTrigger (void)

  Triggers an interrupt to fire when the refernce yaw has been found.
- bool YawRefFound (void)

  Check if the reference yaw has been found.

3.8.1 Detailed Description

3.8.2 Function Documentation

3.8.2.1 GetClosestYawRef()

```
int32_t GetClosestYawRef (
            int32_t current_yaw )
```

Helper function to return the closest yaw such that the helicopter is facing towards the camera.

Parameters

current_yaw	the current yaw

Returns

the closest reference yaw

3.8.2.2 GetYaw()

```
int32_t GetYaw (
            void  )
```

Get the current yaw.

Returns

the yaw (notches)

3.8.2.3 GetYawDegrees()

```
int32_t GetYawDegrees (
             void  )
```

Get the current yaw.

Returns

the yaw (degrees)

3.8.2.4 YawRefFound()

```
bool YawRefFound (
             void  )
```

Check if the reference yaw has been found.

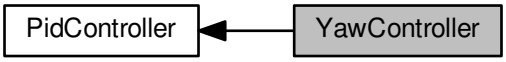
Returns

true if the yaw reference has been found else false

3.9 YawController

Pid controller for the tail rotor.

Collaboration diagram for YawController:



Functions

- int32_t GetTargetYawDegrees (void)

  Get the target yaw in degrees.
- void SetTargetYawDegrees (int32_t yaw)

  Set the desired target yaw (degrees).
- int32_t GetTargetYaw (void)

  Get the target yaw.
- void SetTargetYaw (int32_t yaw)

  Set the desired target yaw.
- void YawControllerInit (void)

  Initialise the yaw controller.
- void PreloadYawController (int32_t control, int32_t error)

  Preload the integral component of the pid contoller so the Tail rotor starts of with `control` *power.*
- void UpdateYawController (uint32_t delta_t)

  Update the yaw controller pid loop.
- void TuneProportionalTailRotor (double gain)

  Use at own risk.

3.9.1 Detailed Description

Pid controller for the tail rotor.

3.9.2 Function Documentation

3.9.2.1 GetTargetYaw()

```
int32_t GetTargetYaw (
            void  )
```

Get the target yaw.

Returns

the target yaw.

3.9.2.2 GetTargetYawDegrees()

```
int32_t GetTargetYawDegrees (
            void  )
```

Get the target yaw in degrees.

Returns

The target yaw in degrees.

3.9.2.3 PreloadYawController()

```
void PreloadYawController (
            int32_t control,
            int32_t error )
```

Preload the integral component of the pid contoller so the Tail rotor starts of with `control` power.

Can be used in conjuction with PreloadHeightController to improve the rise time of the helicopter.

Parameters

control	The immediate control power desired by the Tail rotor
error	The absolute difference between current yaw and target yaw.

3.9.2.4 SetTargetYaw()

```
void SetTargetYaw (
            int32_t yaw )
```

Set the desired target yaw.

Parameters

yaw	The desired target yaw.

3.9.2.5 SetTargetYawDegrees()

```
void SetTargetYawDegrees (
            int32_t yaw )
```

Set the desired target yaw (degrees).

Parameters

yaw	The desired target yaw (degrees).

3.9.2.6 TuneProportionalTailRotor()

```
void TuneProportionalTailRotor (
            double gain )
```

Use at own risk.

Parameters

gain	Proportial gain.

3.9.2.7 UpdateYawController()

```
void UpdateYawController (
            uint32_t delta_t )
```

Update the yaw controller pid loop.

Parameters

delta_t	The update period of the yaw controller.

4 Data Structure Documentation

4.1 PidState Struct Reference

A structure to accumulate the error and store the previous error for use by the pid controller.

`#include <pid.h>`

Data Fields

- int32_t error_previous
  The previous error.
- int32_t error_integrated
  The accumulated error.

4.1.1 Detailed Description

A structure to accumulate the error and store the previous error for use by the pid controller.

The documentation for this struct was generated from the following file:

- src/pid.h

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