• Electronic Speed Controllers (ESCs):

- o Devices used to control the speed and direction of thrusters.
- o They translate PWM signals into motor speed.
- o Typical PWM range:
 - 1000 μs: Minimum speed (reverse if supported).
 - 1500 μs: Neutral (stationary).
 - **2000 μs:** Maximum speed (forward).

• Thrusters:

- Driven by brushless motors.
- o Controlled individually or in pairs for directional control.

ESC and Thruster Integration

• ESC Setup:

- o ESCs require calibration to match PWM ranges. This is usually done once at startup.
- o Each ESC is assigned to a specific thruster.

• PWM Signal Mapping:

The code calculates PWM values dynamically based on input commands and control algorithms (e.g., joystick commands, and PID output).

Control Modes

- 1. **Individual Thruster Control:** Each thruster can be controlled independently.
- 2. **Directional Control:** PWM signals are combined to achieve specific movements (e.g., forward, backward, rotate).

Code:

Global Variables:

Define constant THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL = 1500

Define constant THRUSTER_PWM_MIN = 1000

Define constant THRUSTER_PWM_MAX = 2000

Initialize PWM variables for all thrusters:

Thruster_intLeftFrontPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster_intLeftBackPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster_intRightFrontPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster_intRightBackPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster_intUpFrontPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster_intUpBackPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster_intDownFrontPWM = THRUSTER_PWM_NEUTRAL

Thruster intDownBackPWM = THRUSTER PWM NEUTRAL

Function: Thruster_voidParseCommand

Purpose: Parse the incoming command string and update the PWM values for each thruster.

FUNCTION Thruster_voidParseCommand(Copy_strCommand)

FOR each thruster label ('A' to 'H'):

Extract PWM value using Thruster intGetPWMValue(Copy strCommand, thruster label)

Update the corresponding PWM variable:

IF label = 'A': Thruster_intLeftFrontPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'B': Thruster_intLeftBackPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'C': Thruster_intRightFrontPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'D': Thruster_intRightBackPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'E': Thruster_intUpFrontPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'F': Thruster_intUpBackPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'G': Thruster_intDownFrontPWM = Extracted PWM value

IF label = 'H': Thruster_intDownBackPWM = Extracted PWM value

END FOR

END FUNCTION

Function: Thruster_intGetPWMValue

Purpose: Extract the PWM value for a specific thruster from the command string.

FUNCTION Thruster_intGetPWMValue(Copy_strCommand, Copy_charLabel)

StartIndex = Find position of Copy_charLabel in Copy_strCommand

EndIndex = Find next space or end of string after StartIndex

PWMValue = Convert substring between StartIndex and EndIndex to integer

RETURN PWMValue

END FUNCTION

Function: Thruster_voidApplyPWM

Purpose: Apply the calculated PWM values to the ESCs controlling the thrusters.

FUNCTION Thruster_voidApplyPWM()

FOR each thruster servo:

IF servo = Thruster_SERLeftFront:

Send Thruster_intLeftFrontPWM to ESC

IF servo = Thruster_SERLeftBack:

Send Thruster_intLeftBackPWM to ESC

IF servo = Thruster_SERRightFront:

Send Thruster_intRightFrontPWM to ESC

IF servo = Thruster_SERRightBack:

Send Thruster_intRightBackPWM to ESC

IF servo = Thruster_SERUpFront:

Send Thruster_intUpFrontPWM to ESC

IF servo = Thruster_SERUpBack:

Send Thruster_intUpBackPWM to ESC

IF servo = Thruster_SERDownFront:

 $Send\ Thruster_intDownFrontPWM\ to\ ESC$

IF servo = Thruster_SERDownBack:

Send Thruster_intDownBackPWM to ESC

END FOR

END FUNCTION