Project Quad

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1 Basic Concept

1.1 Quadcopter

1.1.1 Defination

A quadroter, also called a quadroter helicopter, quadrocopter, quadroter, is a multicopter that is lifted and propelled by four roters.[?]



Figure 1: A Maker Faire quadcopter in Garden City, Idaho[1]

1.1.2 Flight Control

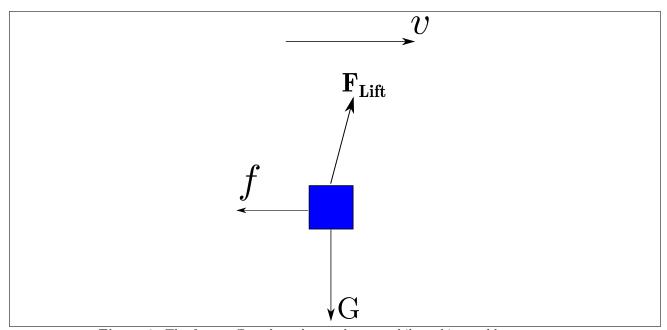


Figure 2: The forces effected on the quadcopter while making stable movement.

[Hover]

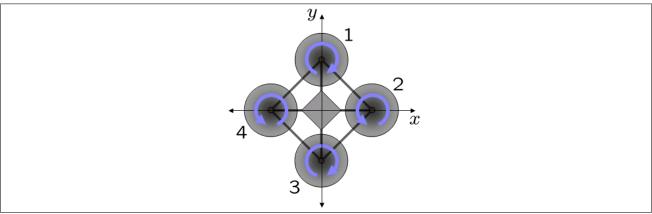


Figure 3: The example model of quadcopter.

Each rotor porduces both thrust and torque. If all the rotors are spining at the same angular velocity, and as the example shows, with rotor 1,3 spining clockwise and rotor 2,4 spining counterclockwise, the angular acceleration on the yaw-axis will be zero. This is the method to hovering.

[Yaw]

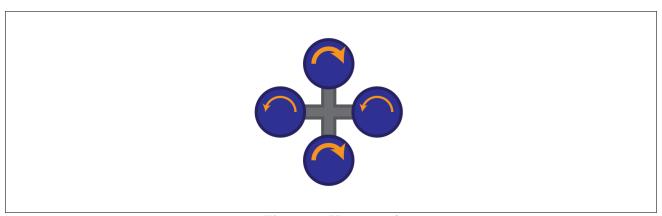


Figure 4: Yaw control

The method of making yaw control can be done by adjusting the angular velocity of one pair of rotors. [Pitch]

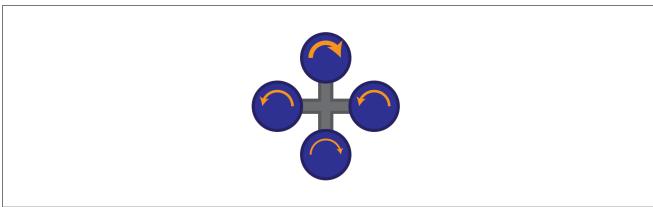


Figure 5: Pitch control

The method of making pitch control can be done by increasing one rotor's spinning velocity and decreasing the opposite rotor's spinning velocity.

[Roll]

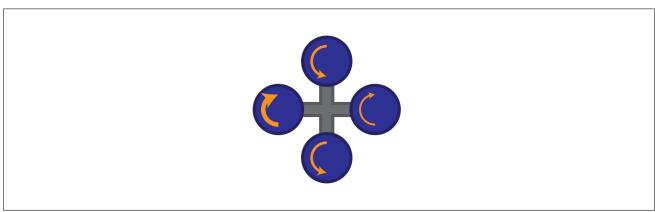


Figure 6: Roll control

The method of making roll control is similar to making pitch control. It can be done by increasing one rotor's spinning velocity and decreasing the opposite rotor's spinning velocity.

The eeeeeeeeesy way

Use the ardupilot[2] library.

The harrrrrrrd way

Write the control system complete from scratch.

Which is possible, but might take a loooooooooong time.

References

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