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## 1 Resources

- google drive folder

## 2 Problem Statement

Underactuated flying vehicle that is more cost and energy efficient.

### 3 Motivation

Modern Rocket uses 2 DOF revolute joint to turn the nozzle to control the thrust. Challenges are it has to resist a very high temperature and the joint need a large amount of energy to keep the nozzle in a specific direction. Instead, a precisely controlled off-center mass in the front of the rocket can create a torque that steers the Rocket.

#### 3.1 TODO Add pictures to the slides – structure of modern Rocket, look more into how modern Rocket operates

### 4 Scope

In this project we will focus on the Mathematical Formulation and the design of controller. We will build on a working quadcopter where all 4 propellers will provide same constant thrust.

#### 4.1 TODO Add quadcopter pics?

### 5 Detailed Context / Related work

#### 5.1 TODO Draw a box diagram for our system

#### 5.2 TODO Maybe look more into Piccolissimo and relate the two?

### 6 Tasks breakdown, potential challenges

#### 1. Mathematical Formulation

- Analysis of the system dynamic
- How does a spinning mass create torque
- How does the created torque affect the orientation of the system
- The desired roll / pitch angle for system stability
- The spinning mass dynamic

#### 2. Pick our components

- Hackable Quadcopter
- A motor with pulse control that we can make the spinning mass stay longer in one direction

- What mass to attach? What arm to connect motor and mass?
  - Mechanical device that enable us to mount our system on the Quadcopter: MAY NEED 3D PRINTING
  - Microcontroller
  - IMU for sensor measurements
  - Wireless module for communication
  - Battery
3. Simulation environment: maybe challenging because we working in 3D
    - Simulation in Matlab
    - State (orientation) estimation
    - How does motor inputs generate torque and in turn affect the orientation
    - Controller simulation
  4. Hack the quadcopter
    - Be able to control the 4 propellers using our wireless module thru our microcontroller
  5. Sensor Fusion
    - Configure the IMU, making use of accelerometer and gyroscope
    - Determine the rate of roll/pitch angle change
  6. Control circuit for motor
    - make sure the motor is doing what it is supposed to before mounting it on quadcopter
    - Design a test to show that the off-center mass is leaning on one side
  7. Putting it together
    - Integrate all our working components (wireless communication, motor pulse control, sensor fusion, simulation works)
    - Mount it on the quadcopter
  8. Controller Design

- Real experimental results should be available since we already built our system and mount it on quadcopter
- controls the input to the motor and the propellers, by taking in state estimation and sensor measurements
- Responsible to achieve the desired roll/pitch angle to steer the vehicle
- Moreover, to stabilize the quadcopter from a moving position.

9. End-to-End testing

10. Documentation

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## 7 Project plan

Week	Milestone(s)	Demonstration
1	Pick our components	Reason choosing these parts
1-2	Hack the quadcopter	Control the quadcopter with Arduino code
1-2	Mathematical Formulation	Show our mathematical model
3	Sensor Fusion	Demonstrate angle change / vector graph
3-4	Control circuit for motor	Test: falling on desire side
3-4	Develop Matlab Simulation	Show simulation graph
5	Putting everything together	Show our modified quadcopter: video demo?
5-8	Controller Design	Show how quadcopter reacts with different controllers
9	End-to-end testing	Gather experimental results that supports our conclusion
10	Documentation	Document all our work

**7.1 TODO Create a Gantt chart based on the above table**

## 8 Expected Conclusion

We would like to conclude that a off center spinning mass is able to steer the quadcopter using the system's dynamic; and that such principle can be apply on Rocket for more effective way of steering a rocket.

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