Class UAV

Class used to represent an UAV.

Parameters:

• **drone ns**:str

ROS namespace where the data from the PX4 autopilot and the MOCAP system is encapsulated.

• mass : str

Mass of the drone.

• radius : str

Radius of the vehicle.

• **height** : str

Height of the drone.

• **num rotors** : str

Number of rotors of the drone.

• thrust curve : str

Thrust curve of the vehicle.

Attributes:

• **ekf.pos**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Position of the vehicle, in local NED coordinates, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

• **ekf.vel**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Linear velocity of the drone, in local NED coordinates, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

• **ekf.vel body**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Linear velocity of the vehicle, in body NED coordinates, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

• **ekf.att_q**: np.array of floats with shape (4,1)

Attitude of the vehicle, expressed in quaternions, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

• **ekf.att_euler**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Attitude of the drone, expressed in Euler angles, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

• **ekf.ang_vel** : np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Angular velocity of the vehicle provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

• **sen.imu.acc_body** : np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Linear acceleration of the vehicle, in body NED coordinates, measured by the IMU.

• **sen.imu.ang_vel**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Angular velocity of the drone measured by the IMU.

• **sen.imu.mag**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Magnetic field vector, in body NED coordinates, measured by the IMU. Expressed in Teslas.

• **sen.mocap.pos**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Position of the vehicle, in local NED coordinates, provided by the motion capture system.

• **sen.mocap.att_q**: np.array of floats with shape (4,1)

Attitude of the vehicle, expressed in quaternions, provided by the motion capture system.

• **sen.mocap.att_euler** : np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Attitude of the drone, expressed in Euler angles, provided by the motion capture system.

• **sen.gps.pos**: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Position of the vehicle, in gps coordinates, provided by the GPS sensor.

• **sen.baro.pressure** : float

Static pressure measured by the barometer.

• **sen.baro.temperature** : float

Temperature, in degrees Kelvin, measured by the thermometer integrated in the barometer.

sen.baro.alt : float

Altitude of the vehicle, above mean sea level, computed through the barometric atmospheric pressure and the temperature.

• **sen.emu.rel_pos**: np.array of floats with shape (n,3,1)

Relative position of each of the n neighbour vehicles, in local NED coordinates, provided by the emulated relative position sensor.

• **sen.emu.rel_vel** : np.array of floats with shape (n,3,1)

Relative velocity of each of the n neighbour vehicles, in local NED coordinates, provided by the emulated relative velocity sensor.

• act.group : int

States the group of the active motors and servos of the drone.

• act.output : list

Stores the normalized values (0 to 1 or -1 to 1) applied to the mixer and/or motors and servos of the vehicle.

info.drone_ns : str

ROS namespace where the data from the PX4 autopilot and the MOCAP system is encapsulated.

• **info.mass** : float

Mass of the drone.

- **info.radius** : float Radius of the drone.
- **info.height** : float Height of the drone.
- **info.num_rotors**: int

Number of rotors of the drone.

- **info.thrust_curve**: str Thrust curve of the drone.
- **info.flight_mode** : str

Current flight mode of the drone.

• **info.is_connected** : bool

States if the system is connected to the PX4 autopilot.

• **info.is armed**: bool

Stores the armed state of the vehicle. If True, the drone is armed.

info.is landed : bool

Stores the landed state of the vehicle. If True, the drone is landed.

info.battery : float

Remaining battery percentage.

Methods:

arm drone()

Arms the drone, if it is not already armed.

start_offboard_mode()

Changes the flight mode of the PX4 autopilot of the drone to offboard.

start_offboard_mission()

Makes the vehicle ready for an offboard experiment by arming it and by changing the flight mode of its PX4 autopilot to offboard.

set_pos_yaw(pos, yaw, time)

Offboard method that sends position and yaw references to the PX4 autopilot of the the drone.

Parameters:

pos : np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Desired position for the drone, in local NED coordinates.

• yaw : float

Desired yaw for the vehicle, in radians.

• time: float

Time, in seconds, during which the selected position and yaw references will be sent to the PX4 autopilot.

set_vel_yaw(vel, yaw, freq)

Offboard method that sends velocity and yaw references to the PX4 autopilot of the the vehicle.

Parameters:

• vel: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Desired linear velocity for drone, in local NED coordinates.

• yaw: float

Desired yaw for the vehicle, in radians.

• freq: float

Topic publishing frequency, in Hz.

set_vel_body_yaw_rate(vel_body, yaw_rate, freq):

Offboard method that sends velocity_body and yaw_rate references to the PX4 autopilot of the the drone.

Parameters:

• vel_body: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Desired linear velocity for the drone, in body NED coordinates.

• yaw_rate : float

Desired yaw rate for the vehicle, in radians per second.

freq: float

Topic publishing frequency, in Hz.

set_att_thrust(att, att_type, thrust, freq)

Offboard method that sends attitude and thrust references to the PX4 autopilot of the the vehicle.

Parameters:

• att : np.array of floats with shape (3,1) or with shape (4,1)

Desired attitude for the vehicle, expressed in euler angles or in a quaternion.

att_type : str

Must be equal to either 'euler' or 'quaternion'. Specifies the format of the desired attitude.

thrust : float

Desired thrust value in newtons.

• freq: float

Topic publishing frequency, in Hz.

set_ang_vel_thrust(ang_vel, thrust, freq):

Offboard method that sends angular velocity and thrust references to the PX4 autopilot of the the drone.

Parameters:

ang_vel: np.array of floats with shape (3,1)

Desired angular velocity for the drone.

• thrust: float

Desired thrust value in newtons.

freq : float

Topic publishing frequency, in Hz.

set act(self, group, output, freq)

Offboard method that sets the values of the mixers and/or actuators of the vehicle.

Parameters:

group: int

Desired control group.

output : list

Desired output values for the mixers and/or actuators of the drone.

freq: float

Topic publishing frequency, in Hz.

disarm_drone()

Disarms the vehicle, if it is not already disarmed.

auto land()

Lands the drone, changing its flight mode to auto-land.

init_telemetry()

Manages topic subscriptions.

update_position(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the position of the drone, in local NED coordinates, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

update_velocity(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the linear velocity of the vehicle, in local NED coordinates, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

update_velocity_body(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the linear velocity of the vehicle, in body NED coordinates, provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

update_attitude(msg)

Updates the variables that store the attitude of the vehicle provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

update_angular_velocity(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the angular velocity of the vehicle provided by the extended Kalman filter of the PX4 autopilot.

update_imu(msg)

Updates the variables that store the linear acceleration and the angular velocity of the drone measured by the IMU.

update_mag(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the magnetic field vector, in body NED coordinates, measured by the IMU.

update_mocap(msg)

Updates the variables that store the position and attitude of the drone provided by the motion capture system.

update gps(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the raw measurements provided by the GPS sensor.

update_baro_pressure(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the static pressure measured by the barometer.

update_baro_temperature(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the temperature, in degrees Kelvin, measured by the thermometer integrated in the barometer.

update_baro_altitude(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the altitude of the vehicle, above mean sea level, computed through the barometric atmospheric pressure and the temperature.

update_relative_positions(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the relative position of each of the n neighbour vehicles, in local NED coordinates, provided by the emulated relative position sensor.

update_relative_velocities(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the relative velocity of each of the n neighbour vehicles, in local NED coordinates, provided by the emulated relative velocity sensor.

update_actuator(msg)

Updates the variables that store the group and the current normalized values (0 to 1 or -1 to 1) applied to the mixer and/or motors and servos of the vehicle.

update_status(msg)

Updates the variables that store the current flight mode of the PX4 autopilot, the system status, and the armed state of the vehicle.

update_landed(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the landed state of the drone.

update_battery(msg)

Updates the variable that stores the remaining battery percentage.