Development and testing of methods for drones control

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Flight Stack selection

Autopilot selection is made by evaluating possible pros and cons which every autopilot flight stack brings with it. Three possible solution were evaluated:

- ► INAV [1]
- ► PX4 [2]
- ► Agilicious [3]

Evaluation based on the following parameters:

- configuration
- missions definition
- ► future developments

Configuration

INAV videos on Youtube at this link

PX4 follow sections from *Basic Assembly* to *Flying* in the official documentation

Agilicious no description

Missions definition

- INAV provide a Ground Control Station (GCS) which is capable of define only waypoints link
 - PX4 typically use QGroundControl (QGC) as GCS¹, here different missions can be defined and it is worth to note that there is also survey missions which seems particularly suited with the aim of this project
- Agilicious doesn't not provide a GCS for missions definition, but it has a module called **reference** which implements different ways of generating reference trajectories



Future developments

- INAV no description to interface with Robot Operating System (ROS)
- PX4 has a subsection dedicated to ROS communication with PX4. In addiction PX4 has a MATLAB package called UAV Toolbox Support Package for PX4 Autopilots [4]
- Agilicious has very good structure for future developments beacause you can change controller or estimator by simply modify a yaml file. It's not provided a way to integrate GPS measurements. An interface for ROS called agiros is provided.

Both PX4 and Agilicious docs propose a simulator.

Conclusions

- 1. PX4
- 2. Agilicious
- 3. INAV

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