

Status report 2 for project A3: Motion Control of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

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1 Status of the project

In this section we will review the advances that have been done on the project and the changes that will be done to the initial workplan.

After the first status report, we kept working on the project as planned. The modelling part was finished and we had already been introduced to the control part since we had read most of the literature recommended for it. The navigation control for a single drone was done easily within a few days with some help from the supervisor, so we continued working on the tracking part of the control, and started with the multi agent case.

Regarding the navigation phase of the control, the potential field method was studied from three different papers, and then implemented in MatLab to check its validity. After some work and a meeting with the supervisor to check some problems with the code, it worked as expected for a simple case with a 2D environment, one vehicle and one obstacle, both of the later represented by a point in space. This code was then expanded in the multi-agent case part.

For the tracking part of the control phase, we had some problems understanding the literature to the fullest and writing the MatLab code for it, so this part of the project has lasted longer than expected. With some help from our supervisor we are finally now done with almost all of the goals for the control phase of the project. The time plan has been updated in consequence, but still, since we had planned everything with some extra time in mind, there is no bigger repercussion in the other phases of the project.

Finally, for the multi-agent case, the basic potential fields code was expanded. We have created a 3D environment where a random number of spherical obstacles are generated. In which the UAVs have to navigate safely to their goals. The code for the multi-agent case needs a bit more of development before achieving the simulation goal, but the main code has been revised by the supervisor.

Finally what is left to do is finish the tracking part of the control and complete the simulation goal, which is basically unifying all the code we developed for the different parts of the project, get results and extract conclusions.

2 Problems and action plan

There were no remarkable problems in this second part of the project, and therefore there is no problems to take action against. The risk analysis we did for the workplan keeps being taken into account and the proactive measures for the most important risks are and will be done.

3 Project changes from project plan

We don't have any major problems. Some dates have been rearranged but it shouldn't have any effect on the project as a whole. We consider that we are following the schedule quite well and that we will be able to finish on time. We will still have some days to check and go over all the code as to reassure its robustness.

A Updated time plan

The changes had been marked in **red**.

The goals for the milestones have also been updated thanks to the feedback we got from the final workplan delivered.

Phase	Sub-phases	Description	Schedule
Modelling	Quad	Complete the UAV (kinematics and dynamics) mathematical modelling goal. It is done in parallel with the sensors sub-phase.	1-Feb → 4-March
	Sensors	Complete modelling all the sensors that should be used as to complete the modelling goal. It is done in parallel with the quad sub-phase.	1-Feb → 4-March
Control	Tracking	Make a controller that makes our UAV go in a certain direction with stability. It is the first step of our control phase since it is more related with the previous phase.	5-Mar → 12-Apr
	Navigation	Starts in parallel with the tracking so we can work with the potential fields method to obtain the direction the UAV needs to follow, and then check how the tracking is done. When this sub-phase and the tracking are completed and checked with the simulation, the goal for the control is achieved.	8-Mar → 23-Mar
Multi-agent case	Model	Starts after the single case modelling and control are finished and tested. Work on the model for a multi-UAV scenario.	23-Mar → 6-Apr
	Control	Work on the control for a multi-UAV scenario. The multi-agent case goal is completed after this sub-phase and the model are finished and its effectivity has been checked with a simulation.	23-Mar → 6-Apr
Simulation		Simulation starts when modelling is finished as to check its validity and complete the modelling goal. Simulation is resumed again when the control has finished to check again its validity and the same for the multi-agent case. Finally, a week is spent to put together all the other parts, and finish all the program and the interface so the simulation goal can be achieved.	12-Mar → 13-Apr
Report		The report is roughly written during all the other phases, but in the end we will leave 3 weeks specially to focus on finishing the report. It may be modified after the presentation with the feedback, and it should be on time for the final report deadline	9-Apr → 27-Apr & 8-May → 23-May
Presentation		A whole week is spent when the preliminary report is finished as to make the presentation as best as possible to fit the time we have available.	30-Apr → 4-May

Milestone	Deadline	Goals
Status report 1	12-Mar	For the first status report, we will have done all the modeling and completed the modelling goal. Also, the control part will be half done, which is the main core of the project. This status report will be a good opportunity to validate the workplan done and check if the time plan is realistic or not.
Status report 2	9-Apr	For status report 2, we will be almost done with the final part of the simulation so the project itself will be almost completed. We will have completed the modelling and the control goals, and the simulation goal will also be almost completed. We will focus on organizing and structuring all our work in the report. So the preliminary final report can continue on this second status report.
Preliminary final report	30-Apr	It would have been a while since the simulation phase ended and we had time to work exclusively on the report for two weeks, so the report will be correctly structured, all the phases would be explained and the results and conclusions will also be added. By this time all the goals will be completed thus they will be defended in this preliminary version of the final report.
Presentation	8-May	We will have a whole week to prepare for the presentation, which means detecting the most important parts that we should include in our slides, the parts that have to be explained the most, what we can skip, and how to organise all this information so it can be easily understood by the audience. The slides also have to be done.
Final report	23-May	Improving the report thanks to the feedback obtained with the preliminary report and the presentation.