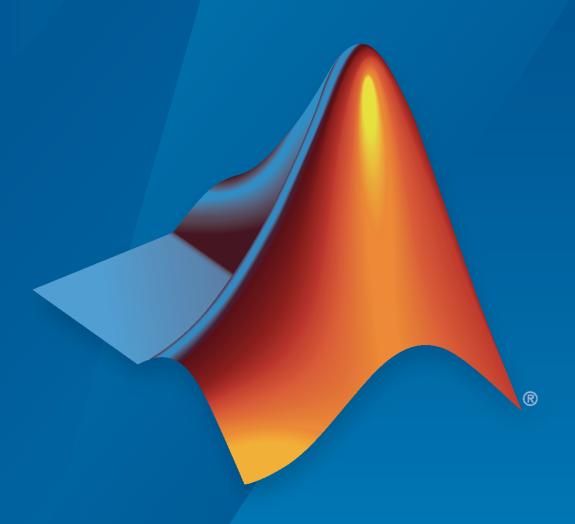
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# **Functions**

# abort

End flight of Parrot drone

# **Syntax**

```
abort(parrot0bj)
```

# **Description**

abort(parrot0bj) instantaneously ends the flight of Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, by shutting down all the motors. Use takeoff to begin a new flight. This is a blocking call. In other words, MATLAB blocks the command line until the current command runs to completion.

# **Examples**

### **Abort Parrot Drone**

Connect to a Parrot drone

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is flying, abort the flight of the drone instantaneously by shutting down all the motors.

```
abort(parrotObj)
```

# **Input Arguments**

```
parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection
```

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

### See Also

```
land|takeoff|flip|turn
```

# closePreview

Close Parrot drone FPV camera preview window

# **Syntax**

```
closePreview(cameraObj)
```

# **Description**

closePreview(cameraObj) closes the preview window of the Parrot drone camera, specified as cameraObj. You can close the preview at any time using the closePreview function. If you do not explicitly close the preview, it closes when you clear the camera object.

## **Examples**

### **Close FPV Camera Preview**

Connect to a Parrot Mambo FPV drone over a wireless network.

Preview the image from the camera

```
preview(cameraObj);
```

The preview window opens and displays live video stream from your camera. The banner of the preview window shows the camera URL. The lower portion of the window shows the timestamp in seconds, resolution, and frame rate in frames per second.

Close the preview

```
closePreview(cameraObj);
```

# **Input Arguments**

### camera0bj — Parrot drone camera connection

```
camera object
```

Parrot drone camera connection object, specified as a camera on page 2-2 object.

# See Also

preview|camera|snapshot

# flip

Flip Parrot drone in specified direction

# **Syntax**

```
flip(parrotObj,direction)
```

# **Description**

flip(parrot0bj, direction) flips the Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, in the specified direction. This is a blocking call. In other words, MATLAB blocks the command line until the current command runs to completion.

**Note** The Parrot drone does not flip if the battery level is low. Check the drone's battery level before you use the function.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone in Specified Direction**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, flip the drone forward.

```
flip(parrot0bj,'forward');
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

# direction — Direction to flip drone 'forward' | 'right' | 'left' | 'back'

The direction in which the Parrot drone flips, specified as a character vector.

# See Also

turn | takeoff | land | abort

# land

Land Parrot drone

# **Syntax**

land(parrotObj)

# **Description**

land(parrot0bj) initiates the gradual landing of Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, from the current position and ends the drone flight. Use takeoff to begin a new flight. This is a blocking call. In other words, MATLAB blocks the command line until the current command runs to completion.

# **Examples**

### **Land Parrot Drone**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot is flying, initiate the landing of the drone.

land(parrotObj)

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

### See Also

```
takeoff | abort | flip | turn
```

# move

Move Parrot drone in all six directions

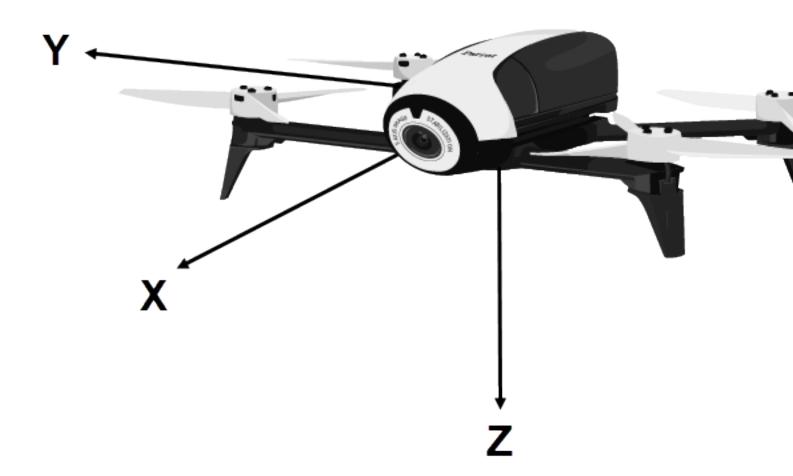
# **Syntax**

move(parrotObj,Name,Value)
move(parrotObj,duration,Name,Value)

# **Description**

move(parrotObj,Name,Value) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, in all six directions based on attitude angles, rotation speed, and vertical speed specified as Name, Value pair arguments.

The following schematic shows the quadcopter axis characteristics:



The quadcopter body axis is centered in the center of gravity.

- The x-axis starts at the center of gravity and points in the direction along the nose of the quadcopter.
- The y-axis starts at the center of gravity and points to the right of the quadcopter.
- The z-axis starts at the center of gravity and points downward from the quadcopter, following the right-hand rule.

move(parrotObj,duration,Name,Value) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, in all six directions based on attitude angles, rotation speed, and vertical speed specified as Name,Value pair arguments for the duration specified as duration.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone Diagonally Forward**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone diagonally forward with a Pitch and Roll of -10 degrees and +10 degrees respectively for the default duration of 0.5 seconds.

```
move(parrot0bj,'pitch',deg2rad(-10),'roll',deg2rad(10));
```

### Move Parrot Drone Diagonally Backwards For a Specified Duration

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone diagonally backwards for 2 seconds with a Pitch and Roll of +10 degrees and +10 degrees respectively

```
move(parrot0bj,2,'pitch',deg2rad(10),'roll',deg2rad(10));
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

parrot object

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

0.5 seconds (default) | positive real scalar

The time for which the Parrot drone moves in the specified direction for the specified time. The default value is 0.5 seconds.

Data Types: double

### **Name-Value Pair Arguments**

Specify at least one comma-separated pair of Name, Value arguments. Name is the argument name and Value is the corresponding value. Name must appear inside quotes. You can specify several name and value pair arguments in any order as Name1, Value1, . . . , NameN, ValueN

Example: move(parrotObj,3,'VerticalSpeed',-2);

### Pitch — Movement of drone along x-axis

0 radians (default)

The pitch angle in which the Parrot drone moves along the x-axis, specified in radians. The drone moves forward, if the Pitch is negative. If the Pitch is positive, the drone moves backwards.

The following Pitch values are valid for the Parrot drones

Parrot Drone	Pitch value
Parrot Mambo	-0.436 rad (-25degrees) to 0.436 rad (25 degrees)
Parrot Bebop 2	-0.6109 rad (-35degrees) to 0.6109 rad (35 degrees)

Example: move(parrotObj,3,'Pitch',deg2rad(2));

Data Types: double

### Roll — Movement of drone along y-axis

0 radians (default)

The roll angle in which the Parrot drone, moves along the y-axis, specified in radians. The drone moves to the left if the Roll is negative. If the Roll is positive, the drone moves right.

The following Roll values are valid for the Parrot drones

Parrot Drone	Roll value
Parrot Mambo	-0.436 rad (-25degrees) to 0.436 rad (25 degrees)
Parrot Bebop 2	-0.6109 rad (-35degrees) to 0.6109 rad (35 degrees)

Example: move(parrot0bj,3,'Roll',deg2rad(2));

Data Types: double

### RotationSpeed — Speed of drone around z-axis

0 rad/s (default)

The speed at which the Parrot drone moves around the z-axis, specified in radians/s. The drone moves in the counterclockwise direction if the RotationSpeed is positive, the drone moves in the clockwise direction.

The following RotationSpeed values are valid for the Parrot drones

Parrot Drone	RotationSpeed value
Parrot Mambo	-pi rad/s (-180 deg/s) to +pi rad/s (180 deg/s)
Parrot Bebop 2	-3.4907 rad/s (-200 deg/s) to 3.4907 rad/s (200 deg/s)

Example: move(parrot0bj,3,'RotationSpeed',deg2rad(2));

Data Types: double

### **VerticalSpeed** — **Speed of the drone along z-axis**

0 m/s (default)

The speed at which the Parrot drone moves along z-axis, specified in m/s. The drone ascends, if the VerticalSpeed is negative. If the VerticalSpeed is positive, the drone descends.

The following VerticalSpeed values are valid for the Parrot drones

Parrot Drone	VerticalSpeed value
Parrot Mambo	-2 m/s to +2 m/s.
Parrot Bebop 2	-6 m/s to +6 m/s.

For Parrot Mambo drones, the valid values for VerticalSpeed is between -2 m/s to +2 m/s.

Example: move(parrotObj,3,'VerticalSpeed',-2);

Data Types: double

### See Also

moveback|movedown|moveforward|moveleft|moveright|moveup

# moveback

Move Parrot drone backwards

# **Syntax**

```
moveback(parrot0bj)
moveback(parrot0bj,duration)
moveback(parrot0bj,duration,tilt)
```

# **Description**

moveback(parrotObj) moves the Parrot drone backwards.

moveback(parrotObj, duration) moves the Parrot drone backwards for the specified time.

moveback(parrotObj,duration,tilt) moves the Parrot drone backwards for the specified time at a specified angle.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone Backwards**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone backwards for the default duration of 0.5 seconds. moveback(parrotObj);

### **Move Parrot Drone Backwards for Specified Duration**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone backwards for 5 seconds.

```
moveback(parrot0bj,5);
```

### Move Parrot Drone Backwards for Specified Duration and Angle

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone backwards for 5 seconds at an angle of 0.5236 radians.

```
moveback(parrot0bj,5,deg2rad(30));
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj - Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

```
0.5 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The time for which the Parrot drone moves back, specified in seconds.

```
Data Types: double
```

# tilt — Absolute value of angle at which drone moves

0.052 (default) | positive real scalar

The absolute value of the pitch angle at which the Parrot drone moves, measured in radians.

Data Types: double

# See Also

move | moveforward | parrot | takeoff

# movedown

Move Parrot drone down

# **Syntax**

```
movedown(parrot0bj)
movedown(parrot0bj,duration)
movedown(parrot0bj,duration,speed)
```

# **Description**

movedown(parrot0bj) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, downwards.

movedown(parrotObj,duration) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, down for the specified time.

movedown(parrotObj,duration, speed) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, down for the specified time at a specified speed.

# **Examples**

### Move Parrot Drone in the Downwards

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone downwards for the default duration of 0.5 seconds. movedown(parrot0bj);

### Move Parrot Drone in the Downwards for Specified Duration

Connect to a Parrot drone.

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone down for 2 seconds.

```
movedown(parrot0bj,2);
```

### Move Parrot Drone in the Downwards for Specified Duration and Speed

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone down for 2 seconds at a speed of 1 m/s.

```
movedown(parrot0bj,2,1);
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

```
0.5 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The time for which the Parrot drone moves down, specified in seconds.

```
Data Types: double
```

### speed — Vertical speed at which drone moves

```
0.2 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The absolute value of vertical speed at which the Parrot drone moves down, specified in m/s. The default value is 0.2m/s.

Data Types: double

# See Also

move | moveup | parrot

# moveforward

Move Parrot drone forward

# **Syntax**

```
moveforward(parrotObj)
moveforward(parrotObj,duration)
moveforward(parrotObj,duration,tilt)
```

# **Description**

moveforward(parrot0bj) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, forward.

moveforward(parrotObj,duration) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, forward for the specified time.

moveforward(parrotObj,duration,tilt) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj,
forward for the specified time at a specified angle.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone Forward**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone forward for the default duration of 0.5 seconds. moveforward(parrot0bj);

### **Move Parrot Drone Forward for Specified Duration**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone forward for 5 seconds.

```
moveforward(parrot0bj,5);
```

### Move Parrot Drone Forward for Specified Duration and Angle

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone forward for 5 seconds at an angle of 0.7854 radians.

```
moveforward(parrot0bj,5,deg2rad(45));
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

```
0.5 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The time for which the Parrot drone moves forward, specified in seconds.

```
Data Types: double
```

# tilt — Absolute value of angle at which drone moves

0.052 (default) | positive real scalar

The angle at which the Parrot drone moves forward, specified in radians.

Data Types: double

# See Also

move | moveback | parrot | takeoff

# moveleft

Move Parrot drone left

# **Syntax**

```
moveleft(parrot0bj)
moveleft(parrot0bj,duration)
moveleft(parrot0bj,duration,tilt)
```

# **Description**

moveleft(parrotObj) moves the Parrot drone to the left.

moveleft(parrotObj, duration) moves the Parrot drone to the left for the specified time.

moveleft(parrotObj,duration,tilt) moves the Parrot drone to the left for the specified time at a specified angle.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone Left**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

moveleft(parrotObj);

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone to the left for the default duration of 0.5 seconds.

# Move Parrot Drone Left for Specified Duration

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
```

```
parrotObj =
          parrot with properties:
                    Name: "Mambo"
                      ID: "Mambo_564853"
                   State: "landed"
            BatteryLevel: 50%
        AvailableCameras: ["FPV"]
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone to the left for 5 seconds.

```
moveleft(parrot0bj,5);
```

### Move Parrot Drone Left for Specified Duration and Angle

Connect to a Parrot drone.

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
parrotObj =
          parrot with properties:
                    Name: "Mambo"
                      ID: "Mambo 564853"
                   State: "landed"
            BatteryLevel: 50%
        AvailableCameras: ["FPV"]
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone to the left for 5 seconds at an angle of 0.0873 radians.

```
moveleft(parrot0bj,5,deg2rad(5));
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

```
0.5 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The time for which the Parrot drone moves to the left, specified in seconds.

```
Data Types: double
```

# tilt — Absolute value of angle at which drone moves

0.052 (default) | positive real scalar

The angle at which the Parrot drone moves to the left, specified in radians.

Data Types: double

# See Also

move|moveright|parrot|takeoff

# moveright

Move Parrot drone right

# **Syntax**

```
moveright(parrotObj)
moveright(parrotObj,duration)
moveright(parrotObj,duration,tilt)
```

# **Description**

moveright(parrot0bj) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, to the right.

moveright(parrotObj,duration) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, to the right for the specified time.

moveright(parrotObj,duration,tilt) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, to the right for the specified time at a specified angle.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone to Right**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone to the right for the default duration of 0.5 seconds. moveright(parrot0bj);

### Move Parrot Drone to Right for Specified Duration

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone to the right for 5 seconds.

```
moveright(parrot0bj,5);
```

### Move Parrot Drone to Right for Specified Duration and Angle

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone to the right for 5 seconds at an angle of 0.0873 radians.

```
moveright(parrot0bj,5,deg2rad(5));
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

```
0.5 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The time for which the Parrot drone moves to the right, specified in seconds.

```
Data Types: double
```

# tilt — Absolute value of angle at which drone moves

0.052 (default) | positive real scalar

The angle at which the Parrot drone moves to the right, specified in radians.

Data Types: double

# See Also

move | moveleft | parrot | takeoff

# moveup

Move Parrot drone upwards

# **Syntax**

```
moveup(parrot0bj)
moveup(parrot0bj,duration)
moveup(parrot0bj,duration,speed)
```

# **Description**

moveup(parrot0bj) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrot0bj, upwards.

moveup(parrotObj,duration) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, upwards for the specified time.

moveup(parrotObj,duration,speed) moves the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, upwards for the specified time at a specified speed.

# **Examples**

### **Move Parrot Drone Upwards**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

moveup(parrotObj);

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone upwards for the default duration of 0.5 seconds.

### **Move Parrot Drone Upwards for Specified Duration**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone upwards for 2 seconds.

```
moveup(parrot0bj,2);
```

### Move Parrot Drone Upwards for Specified Duration and Speed

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, move the drone upwards for 2 seconds at a speed of 1 m/s.

```
moveup(parrot0bj,2,1);
```

# **Input Arguments**

### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

### duration — Duration in seconds

```
0.5 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The time for which the Parrot drone moves up, specified in seconds.

```
Data Types: double
```

### speed — Vertical speed at which drone moves

```
0.2 (default) | positive real scalar
```

The absolute value of speed at which the Parrot drone moves up, specified in m/s.

Data Types: double

# **See Also**

move | movedown | parrot | takeoff

# preview

Preview live video data from Parrot drone FPV camera

# **Syntax**

```
preview(cameraObj)
```

# **Description**

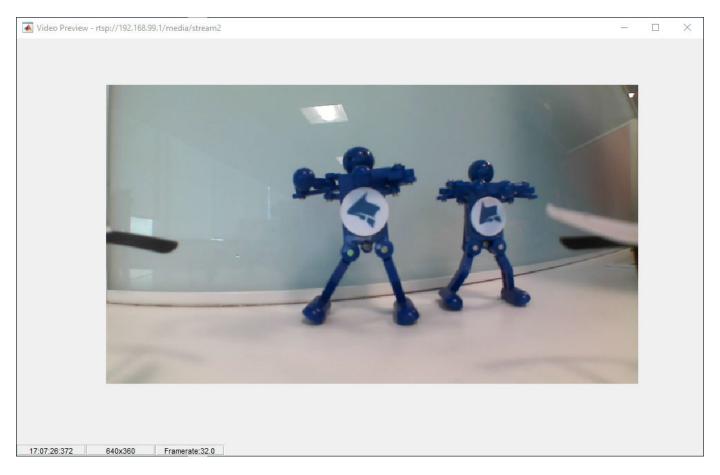
preview(cameraObj) creates a preview window that displays live video data from a Parrot drone
FPV camera object,represented as cameraObj. The preview window also displays the camera URL,
resolution, frame rate, and timestamp.

# **Examples**

### **Preview FPV Camera Image**

Connect to a Parrot Mambo FPV drone over a wireless network.

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo');
Connect to the FPV camera
cameraObj = camera(parrotObj,'FPV');
Start video streaming from the FPV camera
preview(cameraObj)
```



The preview window opens and displays live video stream from your camera. The banner of the preview window shows the camera URL. The lower portion of the window shows the timestamp in seconds, resolution, and frame rate in frames per second.

You can use the snapshot function to acquire images from the video stream.

# **Input Arguments**

#### camera0bj — Parrot drone camera connection

camera object

Parrot drone camera connection object, specified as a camera on page 2-2 object.

#### See Also

snapshot|camera

# readHeight

Read current height of Parrot drone

# **Syntax**

```
[height,time] = readHeight(parrotObj)
```

# **Description**

[height,time] = readHeight(parrotObj) returns the current height above the takeoff surface in meters along with the time stamp of the Parrot drone, specified as a parrot object. The function returns the height only after the drone has taken off. For a Parrot Mambo drone, before takeoff, the function returns a zero.

# **Examples**

#### **Read Height of Parrot Drone**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, read the height from the takeoff surface.

# **Input Arguments**

#### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

# **Output Arguments**

# height — Current height of drone

positive real scalar

The current height of the Parrot drone above the takeoff surface, specified in meters.

Data Types: double

#### time — Timestamp from drone

datetime

The time at which the drone sends the measured height, specified as a datetime.

Data Types: datetime

#### **See Also**

readOrientation|readSpeed

# readOrientation

Read Euler angles of Parrot drone

# **Syntax**

```
[eulerAngles,time] = readOrientation(parrotObj)
```

# **Description**

[eulerAngles,time] = readOrientation(parrotObj)returns the Euler angles that is the azimuth, the pitch, and the roll of Parrot drone, specified as a parrot object, along with the time stamp. For a Parrot Mambo drone, before takeoff, the function returns a zero.

# **Examples**

#### **Read orientation of Parrot Drone**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, read the orientation

```
[eulerAngles,time] = readOrientation(parrotObj)
```

```
eulerAngles =
0.785  0.301  -0.207
time =
          datetime
          15-Mar-2019 14:07:19
```

# **Input Arguments**

#### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

# **Output Arguments**

#### eulerAngles — Euler rotation angles

1-by-3 vector (default)

Euler rotation angles in radians , returned as an 1-by-3 array of Euler rotation angles. The axis is along ZYX axes. This represents the rotation of the Parrot drone from the NED frame to the estimated body frame.

Data Types: double

#### time — Timestamp from drone

datetime (default)

The time at which the drone sends the orientation of the Parrot drone, specified as a datetime.

Data Types: datetime

### See Also

readHeight | readSpeed

# readSpeed

Read speed of Parrot drone

# **Syntax**

```
[speed,time] = readSpeed(parrotObj)
```

# **Description**

[speed,time] = readSpeed(parrotObj) returns the speed of the Parrot drone along with the time stamp. The function returns the speed only after the drone has taken off. For a Parrot Mambo drone, before takeoff, the function returns a zero.

# **Examples**

#### **Read Speed of Parrot Drone**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, read the speed of the drone.

```
[speed,time] = readSpeed(parrot0bj)
speed =
          0.8600   -0.0240   0.0015
time =
          datetime
          15-Mar-2019   14:07:19
```

# **Input Arguments**

#### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

# **Output Arguments**

#### speed — Speed of drone

1-by-3 vector (default)

The speed of the drone in m/s along the x-, y-, and z- directions with respect to the inertial NED frame. The NED frame is calculated at drone startup.

Data Types: double

#### time — Time stamp from drone

datetime (default)

The time at which the drone sends the speed of the Parrot drone, specified as a datetime.

Data Types: datetime

#### See Also

readOrientation|readHeight

# snapshot

Acquire single image frame from Parrot drone FPV camera

# **Syntax**

```
frame = snapshot(cameraObj)
[frame,ts] = snapshot(cameraObj)
```

# **Description**

frame = snapshot(cameraObj) returns a single image from the Parrot drone camera object, specified as cameraObj. Calling snapshot in a loop returns a new frame for each iteration of the loop.

[frame,ts] = snapshot(cameraObj) acquires a single image from the Parrot drone camera object, specified as cameraObj, assigns it to the variable frame, and returns the timestamp ts.

# **Examples**

#### **Capture Image from FPV camera**

Connect to a Parrot Mambo FPV drone over a wireless network.

#### Acquire One Image Frame and Timestamp from FPV Camera

Connect to a Parrot Mambo FPV drone over a wireless network.

```
parrotObj = parrot('Mambo')
parrotObi =
          parrot with properties:
                     Name: "Mambo"
                       ID: "Mambo_650559"
                    State: "landed"
            BatteryLevel: 50%
        AvailableCameras: ["FPV"]
Connect to the FPV camera
cameraObj = camera(parrotObj,'FPV')
cameraObi =
          camera with properties:
                     Name: "FPV"
              Resolution: "640x360"
Capture an image from the FPV camera and assign it to frame, acquire the timestamp, and assign it
to ts
[frame,ts] = snapshot(cameraObj);
Display the acquired image
imshow(frame)
Display the timestamp of the snapshot
```

ts

```
time =
        datetime
          15-Mar-2019 14:07:19
```

# **Input Arguments**

#### camera0bj — Parrot drone camera connection

camera object

Parrot drone camera connection object, specified as a camera on page 2-2 object.

# **Output Arguments**

### frame — Image captured by FPV camera

360-by-640-by-3 matrix

The RGB image captured by the FPV camera of the drone, specified as a real-valued matrix.

# See Also

preview|camera

# takeoff

Initiate Parrot drone takeoff

# **Syntax**

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

# **Description**

takeoff(parrotObj) initiates the takeoff of a Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj.

# **Examples**

#### **Initiate Parrot Drone Takeoff**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

# **Input Arguments**

#### parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

#### See Also

```
parrot | abort | land
```

# turn

Turn Parrot drone at specified angle

# **Syntax**

```
turn(parrotObj,angle)
```

# **Description**

turn(parrotObj, angle) turns the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj, by the angle specified.

#### **Examples**

#### **Turn Drone at Specified Angle**

```
Connect to a Parrot drone.
```

Use the parrot object to initiate takeoff of the Parrot drone.

```
takeoff(parrotObj)
```

While the Parrot drone is in flight, turn the drone by 0.7854 radians (45 degrees) in the clockwise direction

```
turn(parrot0bj,deg2rad(45));
```

# **Input Arguments**

# parrot0bj — Parrot drone connection

```
parrot object
```

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot on page 2-5 object.

#### angle — Relative angle in radians

```
real number in the interval [-pi, pi]
```

The angle relative to the line determined by the direction the drone is facing by which the Parrot drone turns, specified in radians. The drone moves in the clockwise direction if angle is positive. If the angle is negative, the drone moves in the counterclockwise direction.

Data Types: double

# **See Also**

takeoff|land|abort|flip

# Getting Started with MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones

This example shows how to use the MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® drone to perform the basic flight operations on the drone such as take-off, land, and fly along a path.

#### Introduction

The MATLAB Support Package for Parrot Drone enables you to control a Parrot drone from a computer running MATLAB.

The support package includes functions to pilot a Parrot drone by sending the commands to control its direction, speed, and orientation, and read the flight navigation data such as speed, height, and orientation.

In this example you will learn how to create a parrot object to control and fly the Parrot drone from within MATLAB.

#### **Pre-requisites**

If you are new to MATLAB, it is helpful to read the Getting Started section of the MATLAB documentation and running Getting Started with MATLAB example.

#### **Required Hardware**

To run this example you need the following:

- A fully charged Parrot FPV drone
- A computer with a WiFi connection

#### Important pre-flight safety considerations

Before flying the Parrot drone, ensure the following safety procedures:

- Ensure the safety of people, animals, and property in the vicinity of the flight.
- Wear safety glasses at all times.
- Place the drone on a flat surface before starting.
- Fly the drone only indoors, with an open area greater than 10x10 feet, over a non-glossy floor.

#### Task 1 — Hardware setup

- Power on the Parrot FPV drone, wait for the LEDs on the camera to stabilize.
- Connect your computer to the drone's Wifi network.

#### Task 2 — Create a parrot object

Create a parrot object.

```
p = parrot();
```

#### Task 3 — Take-off and land the drone

Take off the Parrot FPV drone from a level surface.

Execute the following command at the MATLAB command prompt the takeoff of the drone.

```
takeoff(p);
```

The Parrot drone moves up vertically, and remains there.

Land the drone.

```
land(p);
```

#### Task 4 — Fly the drone along a square path

Take-off and move the drone forward for 2 seconds and turn the drone by pi/2 radians (90 degrees) at each square vertex.

Repeat this action 4 times (vertices of a square) to make the drone navigate a square path and return it to the starting position.

Use the BatteryLevel property of the drone to ensure there is enough battery charge left for flight.

```
takeoff(p);
movement_step = 1;
while(movement_step <= 4 && p.BatteryLevel > 10)
  moveforward(p, 2);
  turn(p, deg2rad(90));
  movement_step = movement_step + 1;
end
```

You can also increase the duration argument in moveforward function to make the drone move forward for more time. Use the optional tilt argument in the moveforward function to vary the speed of drone.

Land the drone.

```
land(p);
```

#### Task 5 — Fly the drone along a circlular path

Take-off the drone and control the Roll angle and RotationSpeed of the drone to make the drone fly along the perimeter of a circle.

Execute the following command at the MATLAB command prompt to fly the drone in a circle for 5 seconds.

```
takeoff(p);
move(p, 5, 'Roll', deg2rad(4), 'RotationSpeed', deg2rad(120));
```

Vary the value of RotationSpeed NV pair to adjust the speed of drone revolution.

Land the drone.

```
land(p);
```

#### Task 6 — Fly the drone along a diagonal path

Take-off and move the drone along a diagonal path in the horizontal plane by adjusting the Pitch and Roll angles.

Execute the following command at the MATLAB command prompt to fly the drone along a diagonal path for 5 seconds.

```
takeoff(p);
move(p, 5, 'Pitch', deg2rad(-4), 'Roll', deg2rad(4));
```

Vary the Pitch and Roll NV pairs to adjust the speed of the drone.

Land the drone.

```
land(p);
```

#### Task 7 — Clean up

When finished clear the parrot object

```
clear p;
```

# Read and Plot Navigation data Using MATLAB; Support Package for Parrot; Drones

This example shows how to use the MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® drone to acquire and plot real-time navigation data of the Parrot drone

#### Introduction

The MATLAB Support Package for Parrot Drones enables you to control and read the in flight navigation data of the drone.

In this example, you will learn to read navigation data of the Parrot drone such as the speed, orientation, and height using MATLAB commands.

#### **Prerequisites**

Complete "Getting Started with MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones" on page 1-46.

#### **Required Hardware**

To run this example you need the following:

- A fully charged Parrot FPV drone
- · A computer with a WiFi connection

#### Task 1 — Hardware setup

- Power on the Parrot FPV drone.
- Connect your computer to the drone's Wifi network.

#### Task 2 — Create a parrot object

Create a parrot object.

```
p = parrot();
```

#### Task 3 — Take-off the drone

Start the Parrot FPV drone flight from a level surface.

Execute the following command at the MATLAB command prompt the takeoff of the drone.

```
takeoff(p);
```

#### Task 3 — Initialize MATLAB animatedline and figure window properties

This task shows you how to initialize MATLAB to plot the navigation data.

Use MATLAB animatedline to plot the variation in speed along the X, Y, and Z axes, separately.

Initialize the figure handle and create animated line instances hx, hy, and hz corresponding to speeds along the X, Y, and Z axes, respectively.

```
f = figure;
hx = animatedline('Color', 'r', 'LineWidth', 2);
hy = animatedline('Color', 'g', 'LineWidth', 2);
```

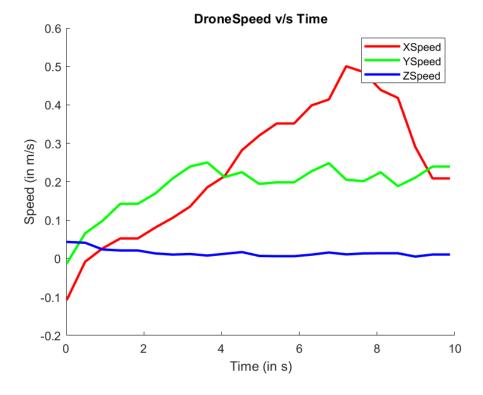
```
hz = animatedline('Color', 'b', 'LineWidth', 2);
title('DroneSpeed v/s Time');
xlabel('Time (in s)');
ylabel('Speed (in m/s)');
legend('XSpeed', 'YSpeed', 'ZSpeed');
```

#### Task 4 — Plot Navigation data during drone flight

Keep flying the drone along the desired path (forward diagonal path in this example) for 10 seconds and plot navigation data (speed) during this flight.

The default value of duration in move function is 0.5 seconds.

```
flightTime = 10;
t0bj = tic;
while(p.BatteryLevel > 10 && toc(t0bj) < flightTime)
    move(p, 'Pitch', deg2rad(-4), 'Roll', deg2rad(4));
    speed = readSpeed(p);
    tStamp = toc(t0bj);
    addpoints(hx, tStamp, speed(1));
    addpoints(hy, tStamp, speed(2));
    addpoints(hz, tStamp, speed(3));
    drawnow;
    pause(0.1);
end</pre>
```



Task 5 — Land the drone

Land the drone.

# land(p);

# Task 6 — Clean up

When finished, clear the connection to the Parrot drone.

clear p;

# **Image Classification Using Parrot FPV Drones**

This example shows you how to use the MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones to classify images captured by the drone's FPV camera.

#### Introduction

The MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones enables you to control the Parrot drone and capture images from the first person view (FPV) camera. The images captured by the drone's FPV camera can be classified using GoogLeNet, a pretrained deep convolutional neural network. GoogLeNet is trained on more than a million images from ImageNet database. It takes the image as input and provides a label for the object in the image.

#### **Required MathWorks Products**

- MATLAB®
- MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones
- Deep Learning Toolbox<sup>™</sup>
- Image Processing Toolbox™

#### **Prerequisites**

Complete "Getting Started with MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones" on page 1-46.

#### **Required Hardware**

To run this example you need:

- · A fully charged Parrot FPV drone
- A computer with a WiFi connection

#### Task 1 — Create a Connection to the Parrot Drone

```
Create a parrot object.
parrot0bj = parrot;
```

#### Task 2 — Create the GoogLeNet Neural Network Object

Create a GoogLeNet neural network object.

```
nnet = googlenet;
```

#### Task 3 — Activate FPV Camera

Start the drone flight and activate the FPV camera.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj);
```

Create a connection to the drone's FPV camera.

```
camObj = camera(parrotObj, 'FPV');
```

#### Task 4 — Capture and Classify the Object in the Image

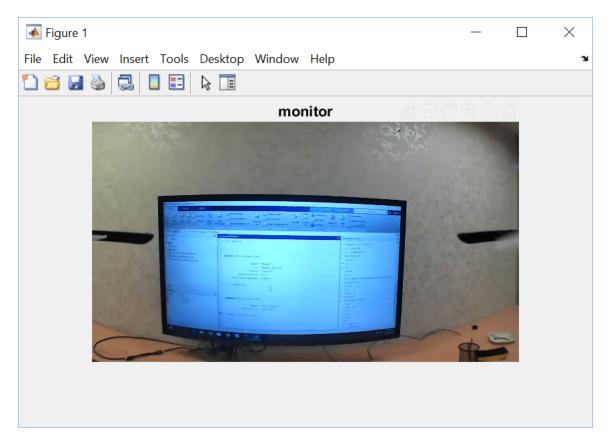
Move the drone forward for 2 seconds along the edges of a square path. Capture the image of an object, and classify it while the drone moves forward.

- **1** Move the drone forward for the default duration of 0.5 seconds for each forward step, ensuring a nonblocking behavior. This enables the drone to capture the image and classify it while in motion.
- **2** Capture a single frame from the drone's FPV camera.
- **3** Resize the image and classify the object in image using the neural network.
- **4** Display the image with title as the label returned by the classify function.
- **5** Turn the drone by  $\pi/2$  radians at each square vertex.

```
tOuter= tic:
while(toc(tOuter)<=30 && parrotObj.BatteryLevel>20)
    tInner = tic;
    % Keep moving the drone for 2 seconds along each square path edge
   while(toc(tInner)<=2)</pre>
        moveforward(parrot0bj);
                                                        % Move the drone forward for default time
        picture = snapshot(cam0bj);
                                                        % Capture image from drone's FPV camera
        resizedPicture = imresize(picture,[224,224]);
                                                        % Resize the picture
        label = classify(nnet,resizedPicture);
                                                        % Classify the picture
        imshow(picture);
                                                        % Show the picture
        title(char(label));
                                                        % Show the label
        drawnow;
   end
    turn(parrotObj,deg2rad(90));
                                                        % Turn the drone by pi/2 radians
end
```

**6** Execute steps 1-5 for 30 seconds.

For example, the drone classifies a monitor screen as captured by the FPV camera.



Task 5 — Land the Drone

Land the drone.

land(parrotObj);

#### Task 6 — Clean Up

When finished clear the connection to the Parrot drone, the FPV camera, and GoogLeNet

```
clear parrotObj;
clear camObj;
clear nnet;
```

# **Face Detection Using Parrot FPV Drones**

This example shows how to use a Parrot® drone to automatically detect human faces captured by the drone's FPV camera.

#### Introduction

Use the MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones to control the drone and capture images from the FPV camera. A cascade object detector uses the Viola-Jones detection algorithm and a trained classification model for face detection. By default, the detector is configured to detect faces, but it can be used to detect other types of objects.

#### **Required MathWorks Products**

- MATLAB®
- MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones
- Computer Vision System Toolbox<sup>™</sup>

#### **Prerequisites**

Complete "Getting Started with MATLAB® Support Package for Parrot® Drones" on page 1-46.

#### **Required Hardware**

To run this example you need:

- · A fully charged Parrot FPV drone
- A computer with a WiFi connection

#### Task 1 — Create a Connection to the Parrot Drone

```
Create a parrot object.
parrotObj = parrot;
```

#### Task 2 — Create a Cascade Object Detector Instance

Create an instance of the cascade object detector to detect faces using the Viola-Jones algorithm.

```
detector = vision.CascadeObjectDetector;
```

#### Task 3 — Activate FPV Camera

Start the drone flight to activate the FPV camera. Move the drone up to sufficient height to capture faces.

```
takeoff(parrot0bj);
moveup(parrot0bj,1);
```

#### Task 4 — Create a Connection to the Drone's FPV Camera

Use the parrot object from Task 1 to create the connection to the drone's FPV camera.

```
camObj = camera(parrotObj,'FPV');
```

#### Task 5 — Detect Faces While Traversing a Square Path

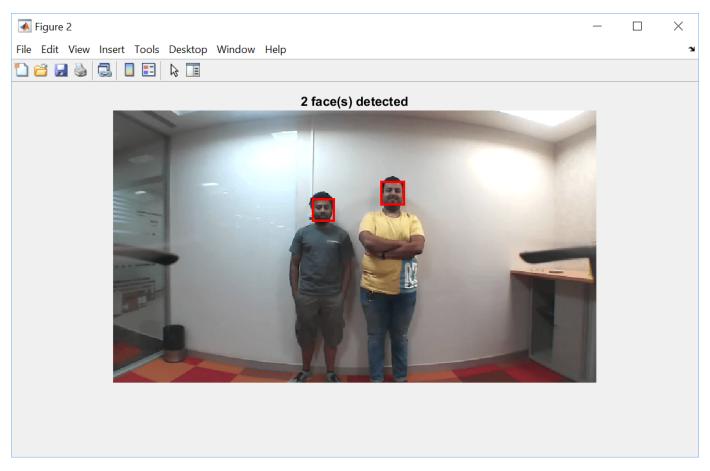
Detect faces while the drone moves forward for 2 seconds along the edge of a square path.

- **1** Move the drone forward for the default duration of 0.5 seconds for each forward step, ensuring a nonblocking behaviour. This enables the drone to capture the image and detect faces while in motion.
- **2** Capture a single frame from the drone's FPV camera.
- **3** Input the image to the detector, which returns bounding boxes containing the detected objects. The detector performs multiscale object detection on the input image.
- **4** Display the image with bounding boxes around faces and the title displaying the number of faces detected.
- **5** Turn the drone by  $\pi/2$  radians at each square vertex.

```
tOuter= tic;
while(toc(tOuter)<=30 && parrotObj.BatteryLevel>20)
   tInner = tic;
   % Keep moving the drone for 2 seconds along each square path edge
   while(toc(tInner)<=2)</pre>
       moveforward(parrot0bj);
                                                                                        % Move the
       picture = snapshot(camObj);
                                                                                        % Capture in
       bbox = detector(picture);
                                                                                        % Detect fa
       videoOut = insertShape(picture, 'Rectangle', bbox, 'Color', 'r', 'LineWidth', 3);
                                                                                        % Insert bo
       imshow(picture);
                                                                                        % Show the
       title(sprintf(' %d face(s) detected ',size(bbox,1)));
       drawnow;
   end
   turn(parrot0bj,deg2rad(90));
                                                                                        % Turn the
end
```

**6** Execute steps 1-5 for 30 seconds.

This example show two faces detected by the drone's FPV camera.



#### Task 6 — Land the Drone

Land the drone.

land(parrotObj);

# Task 7 — Clean Up

When finished clear the connection to the Parrot drone and the FPV camera.

```
clear parrotObj;
clear camObj;
```

# **Objects**

#### camera

Connection to Parrot drone FPV camera

# **Description**

This object represents a connection to the Parrot drone's first-person view (FPV) camera. To acquire images from the Parrot drone camera, use this object with the functions listed in "Object Functions" on page 2-3.

**Note** The Parrot Mambo FPV drone's FPV camera enters a low power mode, to save battery and prevent over heating if the drone is idle in the landed state for more than 3 minutes. Creating a new camera connection fails when the FPV camera is in low power mode. The snapshot and the preview functions time out with an already existing camera connection. To ensure the camera is activated, take off the drone before creating a new camera connection (See takeoff on page 1-43).

## Creation

# **Syntax**

```
cameraObj = camera(parrotObj)
cameraObj = camera(parrotObj,droneCamera)
```

#### **Description**

cameraObj = camera(parrotObj) creates a camera object that connects to the camera of the
Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj.

cameraObj = camera(parrotObj,droneCamera) creates a camera object that connects to the
specified camera of the Parrot drone, represented by parrotObj.

#### **Input Arguments**

#### parrot0bj - Parrot drone connection

parrot object

Parrot drone connection object, specified as a parrot object.

#### droneCamera — Drone camera to connect

"FPV" (default)

Name of the Parrot drone camera, specified as one of array values in the AvailableCameras property of the parrot object.

# **Properties**

#### Name — Name of camera

string

This property is read-only.

Name of the connected Parrot drone camera, specified as a string.

```
Example: "FPV"

Data Types: string
```

#### Resolution — Video resolution

string

This property is read-only.

The video resolution of the incoming video stream of the current cameraObj, returned as a string.

```
Example: "640x360"

Data Types: string
```

# **Object Functions**

The object functions are used to interact with your Parrot drone camera preview
Preview live video data from Parrot drone FPV camera snapshot
Acquire single image frame from Parrot drone FPV camera

closePreview Close Parrot drone FPV camera preview window

# **Examples**

#### **Connect to Parrot Drone Camera**

Connect to a Parrot drone by creating a parrot object..

Connect to the drone camera using the camera object

#### **Connect to Specified Parrot Drone Camera**

Connect to a Parrot drone by creating a parrot object..

# **See Also**

parrot|preview|snapshot

# parrot

Connection to Parrot drone

# **Description**

This object represents a connection from MATLAB to the Parrot drone. To interact with the Parrot drone, use this object with the functions listed in "Object Functions" on page 2-6.

**Note** MATLAB Support Package for Parrot Drones supports only the Parrot shipped factory firmware. To restore the original firmware, see "Restore Original Firmware".

# Creation

# **Syntax**

```
parrot0bj = parrot
parrot0bj = parrot(droneName)
parrot0bj = parrot(droneID)
```

#### Description

parrotObj = parrot connects to the first available Parrot drone over the wireless network.

parrotObj = parrot(droneName) connects to the Parrot drone with the specified name over the wireless network.

parrotObj = parrot(droneID) connects to a Parrot drone with a specific ID over the wireless
network.

#### **Input Arguments**

#### droneName — Name of the Parrot drone

string

Name of the Parrot drone.

Parrot Drones	String used to create the parrot object
Parrot Mambo FPV	'Mambo'
Parrot Bebop 2	'Bebop2'

#### droneID — Unique ID of the Parrot drone

string

ID of the Parrot drone.

# **Properties**

#### Name — Name of drone

string

Name of the connected Parrot drone, specified as a string.

Example: "Mambo"

Data Types: string

#### ID — Unique ID of drone

string

The ID of the specific Parrot drone returned as a string.

Example: "Mambo 564853"

Data Types: string

#### State — Piloting state of drone

landed | landing | takingoff | hovering | emergency | flying | initializing

This property is read-only.

The piloting state of the Parrot drone, specified as a string.

Example: "landed"

Data Types: string

#### BatteryLevel — Current battery level of drone

non negative integer

This property is read-only.

Current battery level of the drone, specified as a percentage.

Example: 50%

Data Types: double

#### AvailableCameras — Available cameras of drone

"FPV"

Available cameras of drone, specified as a cell array

Example: ["FPV"]

Data Types: struct

# **Object Functions**

The object functions are used to interact with your Parrot drone

abort End flight of Parrot drone

flip Flip Parrot drone in specified direction

land Land Parrot drone

move Move Parrot drone in all six directions

moveback Move Parrot drone backwards
movedown Move Parrot drone down
moveforward Move Parrot drone forward
moveleft Move Parrot drone left
moveright Move Parrot drone right
moveup Move Parrot drone upwards
readHeight Read current height of Parrot drone

readOrientation readSpeed Read speed of Parrot drone Read speed of Parrot drone Initiate Parrot drone takeoff

turn Turn Parrot drone at specified angle

## **Examples**

#### **Connect to Parrot Drone**

Connect to a Parrot drone.

#### **Connect to Specific Parrot Drone**

Connect to a Parrot Mambo FPV drone over a wireless network.

#### Connect to Parrot Drone with Specific ID

Connect to a specific Parrot Mambo FPV drone with the ID over a wireless network.

Name: "Mambo"
ID: "Mambo\_564853"
State: "landed"
BatteryLevel: 50%
AvailableCameras: ["FPV"]

# **See Also**

abort | flip | land | takeoff