

Intro to UAV Design - Assignment 1

Multi-rotor UAV used for package delivery

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Given User Specifications:

- Endurance = 30 min.
- Range = 5 Km.
- Payload weight = 1 Kg.
- Payload dimension (L×W×H) = 0.5 m. × 0.5 m × 0.2 m.
- Flying altitude = 60 m from ground.
- Climb and descent rates = 2 m/s and 3 m/s.

Any aircraft design involves three broad phases:

- Conceptual Design (focused)
- Preliminary Design
- Detailed Design

Conceptual Design Phase:

Involves choosing a configuration, size, weight, cost, performance parameters, etc. We need to make sure with the chosen parameters, the UAV works, and also consider some trade off issues. This will be based on the provided requirements.

Following the Design Wheel,

- Step 1 - To get all the requirements/specifications
- Step 2 - Design concept and Analysis
- Step 3 - Sizing and Trading (reiterating the entire design by making necessary changes)

Market Survey for Multirotors for Package Delivery system:

To look at Multi-rotor UAVs which have similar specifications, package delivery application and then deduce the complete requirements list. Also to get any necessary parameters and make appropriate assumptions.

Generally, tricopter, quadcopter and hexacopter configurations are used for payload applications.

Multi-rotor UAV Market Survey - 1

UAV

Solution for Unmanned Systems

UCONSYSTEM CO., LTD.

PARCEL DELIVERY DRONE

Launch Automatic Vertical Take-off

Recovery Automatic Vertical Landing

Mission Payload Frame for Loading or EO / IR Camera

Flight Mode Full Autonomous Flight, Waypoint Navigation

Features

- Multi-Purpose (Delivery of Goods, Fire Monitoring, Disaster Monitoring)
- Local Development for Core Hardware and Software (Certified Good Software)
- Auto Take-off & Landing, Autonomous Navigation Flight
- Possible Additional Payload (Multi-spectral, Infrared and Thermal, Chemical/Bio Sensor etc.)

Specifications

Wing Span	1.13m	Length Overall	1.13m
Propulsion	Electric Motor	Endurance	30Min
Max Take-off Weight	12kg	Max Speed	60KPH
Operational Range	5km		

Loading Goods







Goods delivery



Aid delivery

Required Specifications: Quadrotor

- Max Take Off weight = 12 kg
- Wing span = 1.13 m
- Endurance = 30 Min

- Range = 5 KM
- Height of Operation = 65 m
- Max speed = 60KPH = appx 16 m/s

Multi-rotor UAV Market Survey - 2

UAV



REMOFARM-20

Launch Automatic Vertical Take-off

Recovery Automatic Vertical Landing

Mission Payload Granule Spreader, Pesticide Spreader

Flight Mode Full Autonomous Flight, Waypoint Navigation

Features

- Auto Flight & Spraying
- Auto Landing in Emergency
- Auto Spraying Control According to Speed
- Flight Data Recorder
- Collision/Avoidance System

RemoFarm Series & Performance Specifications

	RemoFarm-20	RemoFarm-10
Max Take-off Weight	25kg	13kg
Max Weight of Payload	15kg	5kg
Flight Time	Max 15Min	Over 15Min
Speed	Under 20km/h	Under 20km/h
Altitude	3m ~ 5m	3m ~ 5m
Spraying Width	4m ~ 5m	4m ~ 5m
Spraying Area	10L, 1ha ~ 1.3ha	5L, 0.5ha
Controller	Common use (Mode 1/2)	Common use (Mode 1/2)

Production Line



RemoFarm-10 (5L)



Granule Spreader (Option)



Controller & Battery box



Required Specifications (version 20): (Hexrotor)

- Max Take Off weight = 25 kg
- Max Payload weight = 15 kg
- Wing span = 1.13 m
- Endurance = 15 Min

- Range = 2 KM
- Height of Operation = 3 to 5 m
- Max speed = 20 KPH = 5.5 m/s

Multi-rotor UAV Market Survey - 3

DJI AGRAS T16 - Quadrotor

Link: <https://www.dji.com/t16/info#specs>

Required Specifications:

- Max Diagonal Wheelbase 1883 mm
- Dimensions 2509×2213×732 mm (Arms and propellers unfolded)
- 1795×1510×732 mm (Arms unfolded and propellers folded)
- 1100×570×732 mm (Arms and propellers folded)
- Diameter × Pitch 33×9 in
- Max Flying Speed 10 m/s (With strong GNSS signal)
- Max Takeoff Weight 42 kg (At sea level)
- Operating Payload Rated: 15 kg, Full: 16 kg
- Total Weight (Excluding battery) 18.5 kg
- Hovering Time** 18 min (Takeoff weight of 24.5 kg with a 17500 mAh battery)
- 10 min (Takeoff weight of 39.5 kg with a 17500 mAh battery)

Initial Requirements from Market survey and user listed together:

- Max Take off weight = 5kg
- Max payload weight = 1kg
- Cruise speed = 5 m/s (not too high so that package does not oscillate or get disconnected)
- Max flight speed = 10 m/s
- Endurance = 30 min
- Range = 5 KM
- Altitude = 60 M
- Ascent and descent rates 2 and 3 m/s
- Payload dimension (L×W×H) = 0.5 m. × 0.5 m × 0.2 m.
- Propeller dimensions = 15 * 10 inch (as payload dimension is large) **.but initially considering 11 * 5 inch propeller only due to market availability.** This can be revisited in the next iteration if need be.

UAV Component Identification:

- GPS 15 g
- Battery 1 - 1.2 kg
- RC Receiver 10 g
- Data telemetry 80 g
- ESC 100 g
- Propeller - 400 g (100 g each)
- Motor - 0.5 - 1 kg (all 4 together)
- Camera - 100 g (may be used for cruise so not considered under payload)
- Gimbal - 500
- Autopilot - 50 g
- Structure & other hardware - 0.5 kg
- Spray module/payload for holding package (0.5 kg)
- Package (max 1 kg)

Therefore, MAX Total Take off Weight appx - 4.5 to 5 Kg

The following are hand written and attached to this pdf

CONOPS

Sizing and Layout

More Requirement Specifications

Analysis

Optimizing the design

(for maximizing the endurance while meeting the rest of the specifications)

Plots for Q2

Please find the attached matlab code

Note:

The output is going to 2 in around 3.5 seconds (steady state reached)

The peak value reached by the output is around 2.15

Therefore, all the required conditions are met

$A_i = 10$ $A_d = 0.05$ $A_i = 0.5$

Please find the attached hand written calculations/solutions for Q2 at the end

Root locus







