- a) The Stabilize flight mode in ArduPilot is designed for manual flight control of the vehicle. In this mode, the pilot has full control over the roll, pitch, and yaw of the vehicle, and the autopilot's main function is to stabilize the vehicle's attitude. The vehicle will maintain its current roll, pitch, and yaw angles unless the pilot inputs new commands. This mode is useful for flying in a controlled environment, such as in a laboratory or indoor space.
- b) The Altitude Hold (Alt Hold) flight mode is designed for maintaining a constant altitude. In this mode, the pilot inputs a desired altitude, and the autopilot will use the vehicle's altitude sensor to maintain that altitude. The pilot still has control over the roll, pitch, and yaw of the vehicle, but the autopilot will adjust the throttle to maintain the desired altitude. This mode is useful for flying in areas with varying terrain or for conducting aerial surveys or inspections.
- c) The Loiter flight mode is designed for maintaining a constant position in the air. In this mode, the pilot inputs a target location, and the autopilot uses the vehicle's GPS and other navigation sensors to maintain the vehicle's position. The pilot can still control the roll, pitch, and yaw of the vehicle, but the autopilot will adjust the throttle and other control inputs to maintain the vehicle's position. This mode is useful for surveillance or monitoring tasks, or for conducting experiments or sampling in a specific location.
- d) The Return to Launch (RTL) flight mode is designed for automatically returning the vehicle to its launch location. In this mode, the autopilot uses the vehicle's GPS and other navigation sensors to navigate back to the launch location and land the vehicle. The pilot can override the RTL command at any time to regain manual control of the vehicle. This mode is useful for ensuring the safe return of the vehicle in case of an emergency or loss of communication.
- e) The Auto flight mode is designed for fully autonomous flight. In this mode, the autopilot uses a combination of waypoints, GPS, and other navigation sensors to navigate the vehicle to a specific destination or follow a pre-planned flight path. The autopilot controls all aspects of the flight, including takeoff, navigation, and landing. The pilot can override the autopilot's commands at any time to regain manual control of the vehicle. This mode is useful for long-duration missions or for conducting complex tasks such as mapping or inspection.