

Etch-A-Sketch Maze Generator

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Abstract:

Mazes are fun to solve, but tedious to draw. This project aims to allow users to have the experience of solving a maze without having to construct it yourself. This device consists of an Etch-A-Sketch, stepper motors, an FPGA, and a microcontroller, all of which interface with each other to generate a predetermined maze on the Etch-A-Sketch screen, allowing the user to solve it manually at their own pace, preserving the physical interaction that makes mazes so fun, while maintaining the temporary nature of a digital device. The instructions to create the maze are stored in the microcontroller, which is also programmed with instruction decoders that are able to break down instructions into commands that identify which motor to move, in which direction, and for how long. These instructions are then sent to the FPGA, which then sends the correct command to the correct motor. The motors are attached directly to the Etch-A-Sketch knobs, and so when the motors turn, the knobs turn as well at a 1:1 ratio. Through this system, the Etch-A-Sketch can be controlled to produce a programmed drawing based on motor movements.

Introduction:

In an increasingly digital world, there is a certain nostalgia about playing with analog devices. The Etch-A-Sketch was an almost universal toy, known for its simplicity and precision, and has endured through the decades to be just as recognizable now as it was when it was first released back in the 1960s.

Puzzle games are popular with people of all ages. A maze is one of the most classic examples of a puzzle game, and it has been implemented in many mediums (gardens, paper, etc.). The point of a maze is to solve it, but it has to be somehow constructed in the first place. This project aims to remove that barrier to engaging in this puzzle, by allowing users to navigate their way through a pre-generated maze on the Etch-A-Sketch screen.

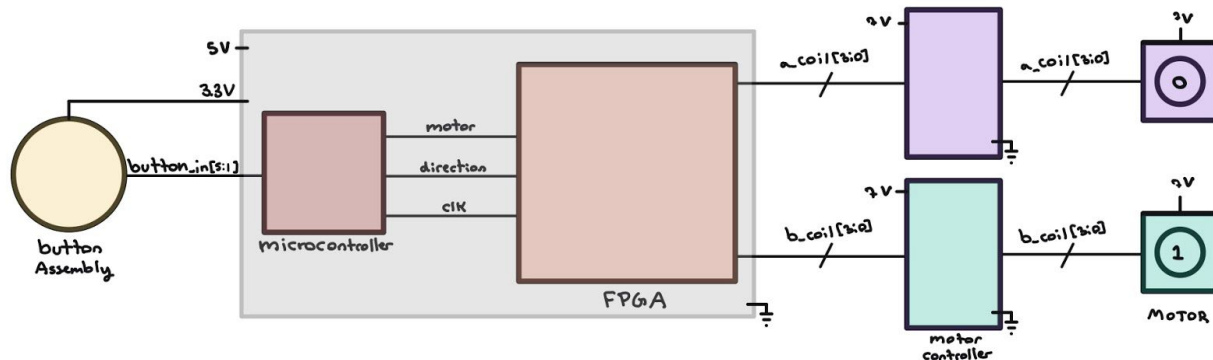


Figure 1. Block diagram of overall system

This project utilizes the precision that an Etch-A-Sketch provides, and interfaces the control knobs with a pair of stepper motors that are able to make very exact rotational movements. The degree and speed of rotation of these motors is dictated by instructions from the microcontroller, where they are stored.

The microcontroller is programmed with the maze instructions and instruction decoders. The instructions are translated from maze instructions to motor instructions and then sent to the FPGA, which is used to control both motors in both directions, one step at a time. Three mazes of varying difficulty are programmed into the device, and the desired maze is selected by a button with a corresponding LED on the breadboard: easy (green), medium (yellow), and hard (red).

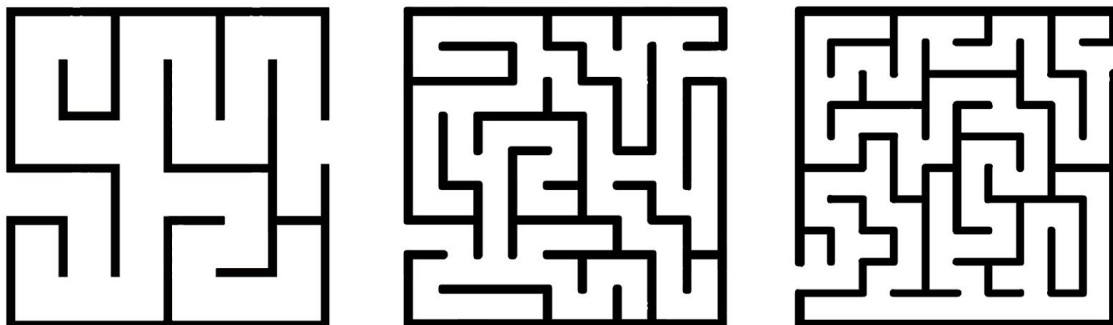


Figure 2. Selected mazes -- easy (left), medium (center), hard (right)

New Hardware:

A. Stepper Motors

Stepper motors were chosen for this project, due to their ability to perform precise movements in the angular position. A stepper motor is essentially a brushless DC motor that divides a full rotation into n equal steps. This way, the motor shaft can be programmed to only turn a certain number of steps, rather than the whole rotation. The motor does this in response to a train of input pulses.

A stepper motor is controlled by multiple toothed electromagnets surrounding a central piece of iron. The piece of iron is gear shaped in that it has teeth that align with the teeth of the electromagnets. When one electromagnet is given power, it pulls the teeth of the iron center into alignment with its own teeth. This causes the central teeth to be offset from the teeth of the next electromagnet. Thus, as the electromagnets receive power sequentially, the central piece is rotated in incremental steps. The electromagnets are grouped into complementary groups called phases, and each phase of electromagnets are powered together. The direction of rotation of the motor is controlled by the order in which these phases receive power.

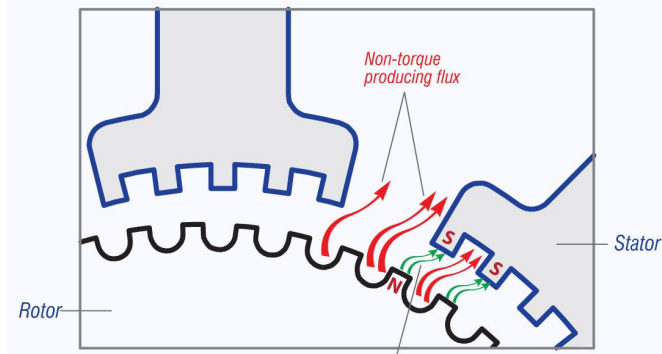


Figure 3. Stepper motor internal function

The most common motors are two phase stepper motors. The two basic winding arrangements of two-phase stepper motors are: uni-polar and bi-polar. Uni-polar stepper motors are generally easier to implement, as they have a center tap common wire. Using the common wire, the magnetic field (and therefore the direction of rotation) can be reversed easily without having to switch the direction of the current, and thus the driving circuit is made very simple.

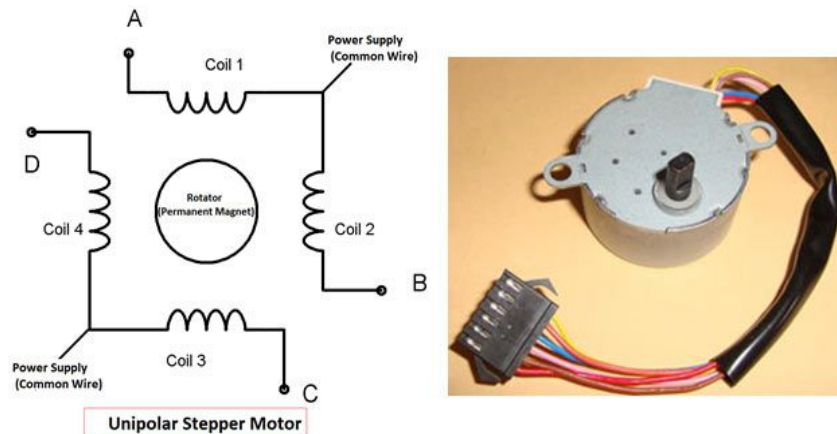


Figure 4. Uni-polar stepper motor

This project utilizes the Elegoo 28BYJ48 uni-polar stepper motor, which is one of the most popular hobbyist motors due to its ease of implementation and sufficient torque for most small projects. The package that was purchased also came with a ULN2003 driver board, which contains 7 NPN transistors which control the amount of current into the motor. These stepper motors have a step angle of 5.625° , and an internal gearbox reduction ratio of $1/64$. The rated voltage is 5V, but responses from the manufacturer state the accepted voltage as up to 12V.

What was discovered through testing is that when run at 5V, the motors sometimes are not able to generate enough torque to actually start moving the knobs of the Etch-A-Sketch. This is because not enough current is flowing through the motors, and so to remedy this, the voltage was increased slightly to 7V to provide more current. This proved effective, as the motors do not stall anymore. Initially, an input voltage of 12V was attempted, but that resulted in the side effect of the motors themselves heated up much too quickly, and did not appear safe to run for long periods of time. 7V was found to be the lowest we could set the voltage, and still have the motors move the dials consistently for long periods of time.

For this project, two stepper motors and two ULN2003 driver boards are being used interfacing with the FPGA.

B. Etch-A-Sketch

The nostalgically fond Etch-A-Sketch was used in this project. Attached to the front of this toy was a screen and two knobs. The inside of the toy is filled with aluminum powder, which stays in place magnetically. Twisting the knob activates pulleys that move a stylus across the screen to displace the powder, allowing it to fall to the base of the toy. In doing so, the appearance of a dark line is left. By attaching the knobs to two stepper motors, the motors are able to control the movement of the stylus and thus a programmed image is able to be drawn on the Etch-A-Sketch's screen. To erase the drawing, the whole assembly must be turned upside down and shaken, allowing the aluminum filament to fall back onto the screen, filling in the lines.

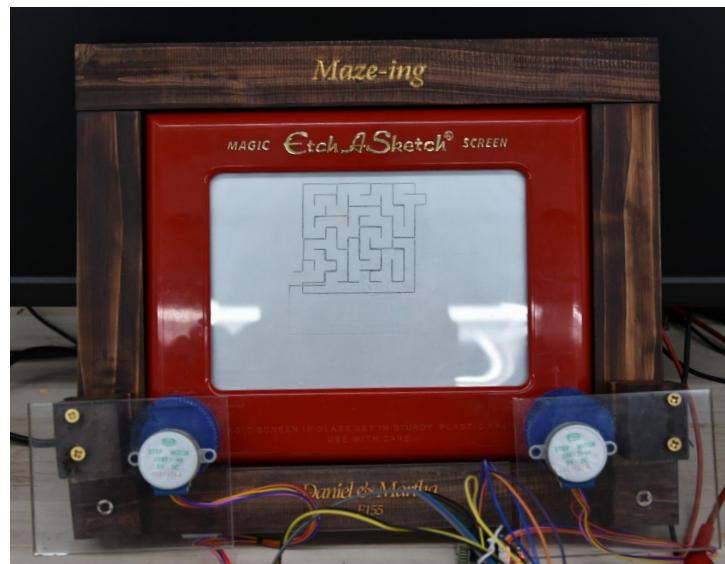


Figure 5. Etch-A-Sketch in final casing

Schematics:

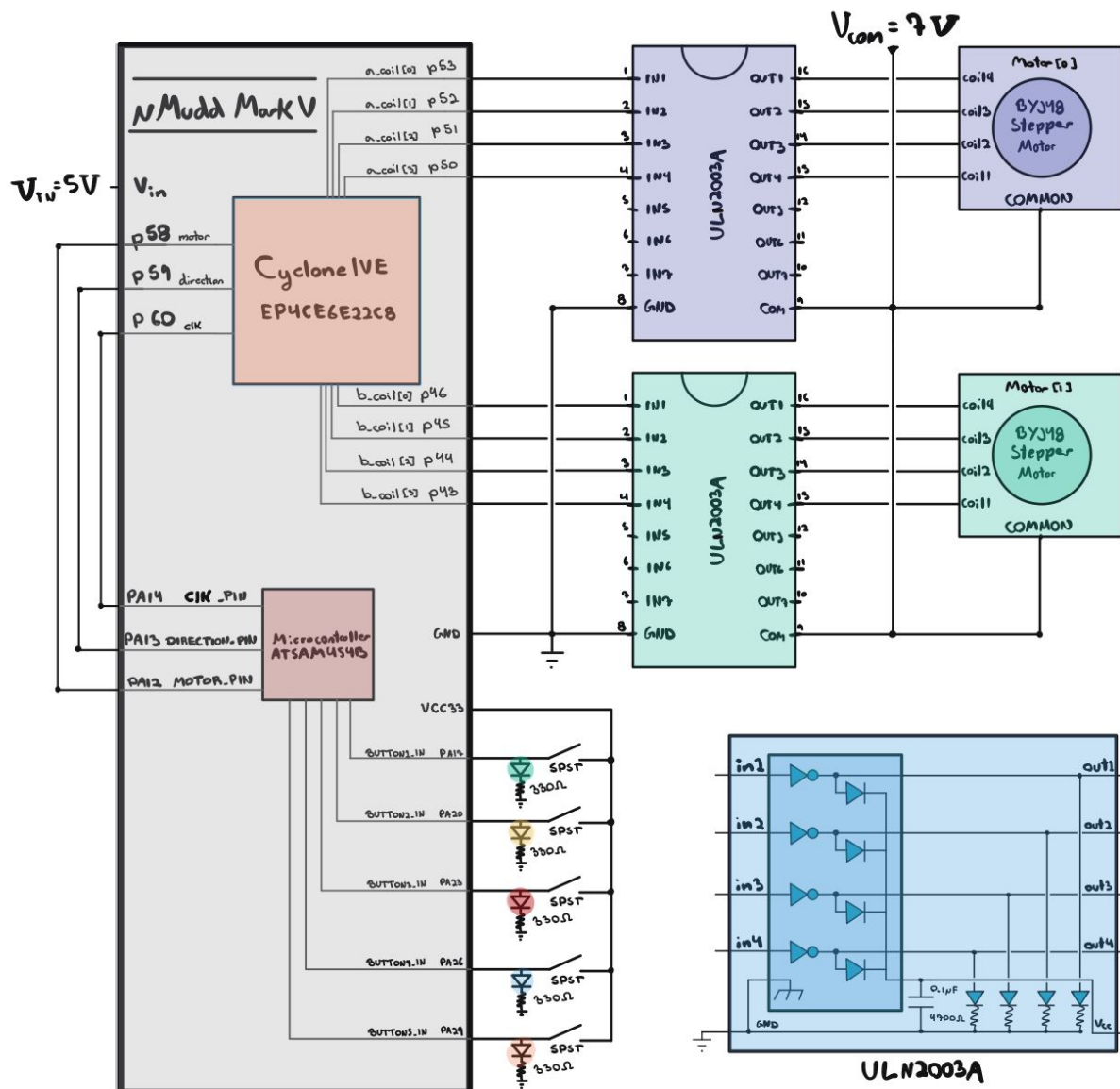


Figure 6. (Left) High level schematic of breadboard (Right) ULN2003 Driver Board circuit

Microcontroller Design:

The microcontroller is the main brain of the module. It has the mazes stored as arrays of instructions. It is then able to decode the instruction set and communicate these instructions to the FPGA. It has three main ways of drawing mazes. First the *drawStraightMaze()* function decodes the instructions and calls the *drawStraightLine()* function, which is then able to draw perfectly horizontal or vertical lines. The second maze type is a *drawRoundMaze()*, which calls *drawCircle()* which in turn calls *drawAngledLine()*. The third type of drawing function is the *drawPath()*, which takes in an array of coordinate points and draws a series of Bezier curves that draw a curve based on changing the weighted average between a series of four points.

The microcontroller begins with its *main()* function. This function simply initializes the clock, PIO, timer counter and pins. From here it enters an infinite loop while it waits for one of the button input pins to go high, indicating that a button has been pressed. Depending on the button being pressed, a different maze is drawn. Depending on the type of maze being drawn, a different maze-drawing function can be called. Three maze-drawing functions were written *drawStraightMaze()*, *drawRoundMaze()*, and *drawPath()*, with the instructions of each being encoded in a different way.

The *drawStraightMaze()* function takes in an array of strings, each containing two characters. This function runs on a while loop that runs for as long as the array length. During each loop, the string associated with the current step is decoded using three helper functions that return the duration of the step, which motor is being used, and if the motor will be turning clockwise or counterclockwise. This way the array of steps can remain legible with the code doing the brunt of the decoding. A length of 1 correlates to 650 (LINEAR_COEFF constant) calls to the *moveFPGA()* function, which correlates to about a 60° knob turn or a distance of about a centimeter. The penultimate step of this function calibrates the motor when the direction switches. Essentially, if the last direction moved is different from the current direction a distance of 350 (REVERSE_OFFSET constant) in the new direction is issued. This function call doesn't actually move the cursor, but moves the motor enough that the next *moveFPGA()* function call will move the cursor. This makes sure that the maze stays on top of itself when drawing the whole function. From here the *drawStraightLine()* function is called passing in the *motor*, *direction* and *distance* values.

The *drawStraightLine()* function uses a while loop to repeatedly input the current instruction into the *moveFPGA()* function. It calls this function a *duration* number of times. For reference, it takes about 1000 function calls for the motor to move 90°.

The *moveFPGA()* function digitally writes the *direction* and *motor* pins into the appropriate states. Then it puts the clk pin high. On the rising edge of this pin the FPGA's FSM changes states. Then we call an 800 microsecond delay to give the motor time to move. Finally the clk pin goes low.

Drawing the Straight Maze was all that was promised from our project proposal. The following functions are an extended feature set of the project, and were done for fun.

The *drawRoundMaze()* function takes in an array of strings, each containing 6 characters. Each string provides the instruction containing the type of instruction, and the parameters of the instruction. There are two types of instructions; both use a global variable *angle* that keeps track of the current angle of the cursor relative to the center point of the maze. 0° means straight left, 90° straight up and so on. For radially in or out movements, this value is used to determine which *lineAngle* to give the *drawAngledLine()* function. The length of this value is taken from the instruction set. Circular movements call the *drawCircle()* function, passing in the *radius*, *finalAngle*, and *instruction*. The *drawCircle()* function uses a while loop to draw a series of angled lines that together look like a circle to us. Each angled line is a degree change of 1. That is, that if the circle is being drawn clockwise, and the current angle is at 60°, it will use the radius determine the position at an angle of 61°. Then it determines the length and angle of the line needed to move into this position. It then passes this *lineAngle* and *distance* into the *drawAngledLine()* function. By continuously calculating this *drawAngledLine()* function

and updating the global angle, a circle can be drawn. The *drawCircle()* function halts when the *finalAngle* is equal to the global *angle*.

The *drawAngledLine()* function is the simplest function to explain, but also the longest function of the entire codebase. Given a *lineAngle* and *distance*, a line is drawn on the etch-a-sketch that matches the *lineAngle* and *distance*. Using some simple trig, it takes into account reverse direction calibration, cases where the line is fully horizontal or vertical, and ambiguous sines. The hardest part of this function is moving the two motors seemingly simultaneously to draw the appropriate angle. Say the function wants to move at an arbitrary angle. Using sin and cosine, we can calculate that for every x horizontal motor calls we want to make y vertical motor calls. From here a *globalAngleCount* variable is used that just counts upwards. Every time *globalAngleCount* reaches a multiple of y the motor is moved horizontally. Each time *globalAngleCount* reaches a multiple of x the motor is moved vertically. Notice how horizontal movements are based on the vertical component, and the vertical movements are based on the horizontal component. The variable *globalAngleCount* is global and is rarely reset, so that the count doesn't change as the desired angle changes. This property helps the drawn curves look smooth. In this way, this function is able to move the two motors at variable rates.

The *drawPath()* function uses a while loop to draw a series of Bezier Curves. Bezier Curves are essentially 4 coordinate points, where a curve is calculated based on a weighted average of the 4 points. The curve starts at point 0, and ends at point 3. When leaving point 0, it is traveling in the direction of point 1. When arriving at point 3, it is traveling from the direction of point 2. The function works by calculating the current and next x,y coordinate positions, and then calculating the angle and distance of a line that connects these two points. It then calls the *drawAngledLine()* function inputting this calculated *angle* and *distance*. Directions for the batman symbol are stored in the C code. Admittedly, due to time constraints this function was never properly implemented and is yet to be debugged. Had this function been properly finished the microcontroller would have been able to draw any path.

FPGA Design:

The FPGA has a simple but crucial role of keeping track of which position the stepper motor is in. If the stepper motor shaft and the FSM become desynchronized, then the motor will buzz but not spin. In order for the mazes being drawn to look good, the lines need to line back up with themselves. Thus it's critical that the lengths travelled by the etch-a-sketch's cursor remain constant. In this way, the task given to the FPGA is extremely important.

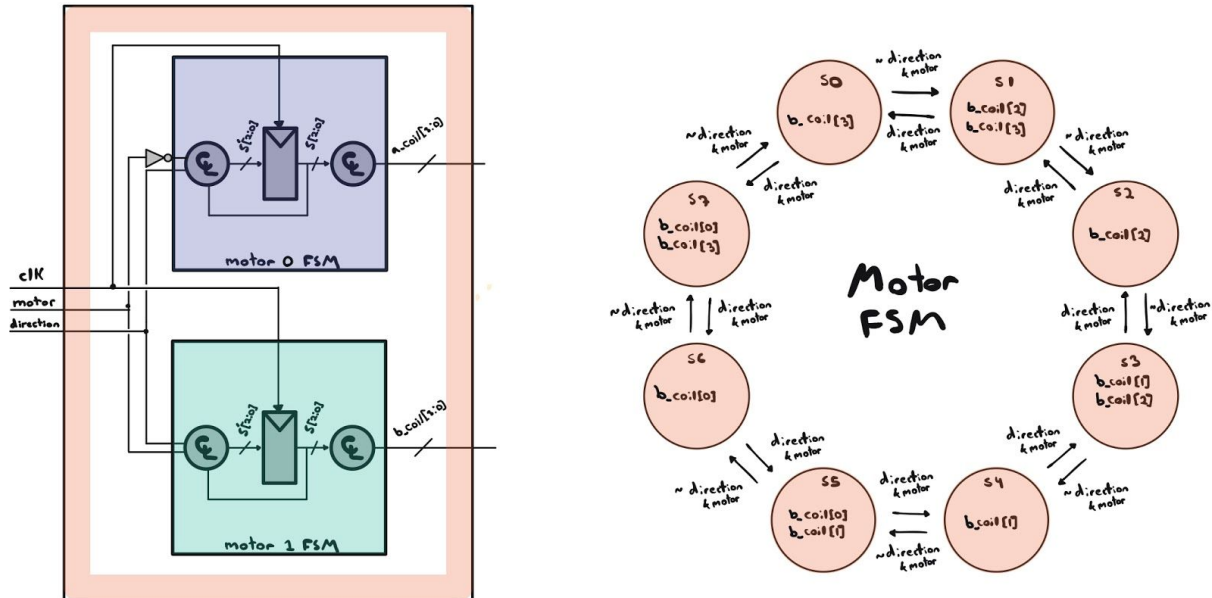


Figure 7. FPGA block diagram (left) FSM for motor logic (right)

The FPGA receives 3 bits of information from the microcontroller: *clk*, *motor*, and *direction*. The *motor* signal is 0 for the horizontal motor, and 1 for the vertical motor. Within the Motor FSM, it works like an enable. Thus the bit is inverted when inputted into the FSM module for motor 0. The *direction* bit indicates which direction the FSM should move. A direction of 0 indicates the the motor should spin clockwise, while a value of 1 indicates counterclockwise. On the rising edge of the *clk*, the *direction* and *motor* values determine in which direction the motor FSM should turn. The *clk* goes high each time the microcontroller's *moveFPGA* function is called. This allows the FSM to always be in sync with the microcontrollers commands.

Mechanical Design:

First, a housing for the Etch-A-Sketch was constructed, so that the Etch-A-Sketch would be immobile during the motor operations. It was designed to fit the Etch-A-Sketch very snugly, such that the Etch-A-Sketch was able to be inserted and removed with ease, but without any extra wiggle room to ensure the most accuracy for the drawing process. The structure was created out of wood machined according to measured specifications, and put together using screws.

Next, an assembly to attach the motors to the knobs was created. There were many design iterations for this component, as it is the most essential for accurately translating programmed code onto the Etch-A-Sketch screen. It is imperative to the quality of the final result that the motors are not able to shift during the drawing process by any degree of freedom, and

that the motors are perfectly vertically parallel to the knobs. The first design utilized a 1:1 gear set, one for each knob -- one part was press fit onto the Etch-A-Sketch knob, and the other was press fit onto the motor shaft. These parts were 3D printed, and were perfectly able to be securely press fit onto their respective parts without any slippage. Upon testing the gears, it became clear that this was not a viable option. When the teeth were pressed together such that no slip occurred, the torque needed to rotate the knob was too high for the motors and so they didn't turn, but when that pressure was slightly released, the gears were unable to catch each other securely and there was a lot of slipping. The next iteration utilized the fact that the gear structures were already very securely press fit onto their respective parts, and the gears were directly taped to each other such that the motors were now positioned directly above the Etch-A-Sketch knobs. This design produced a much better output, but was still not ideal because it relied on the motors being held immobile using our hands, which introduced human error, and that the tape was perfectly secure, which it was not. It also restricted the original intended design of allowing the user to manually solve the produced maze, since the motors were directly attached to the Etch-A-Sketch. The final design utilized the same idea of directly attaching the motors to the knobs as the tape, except the connection was made using magnets adhered to the respective gear structure of the knobs and the motors. The magnets chosen were strong enough to pull the center of the motors into alignment with the center of the knob, while also allowing them to be easily removed for manual play. The magnets were also strong enough that they did not slide against each other when one was rotated, which was essential as only one would be rotated by the motor, and the other (attached to the knob) would be rotated by the friction and magnetic attraction between them. One concern was that the magnets would interfere with the internal workings of the motor, as they rely on generated electromagnetic fields, but that was thankfully not the case.

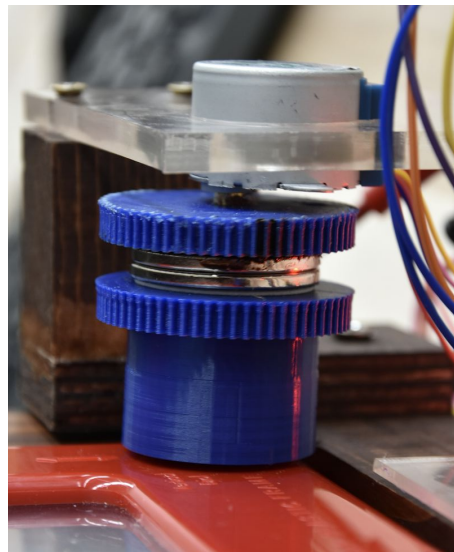


Figure 8. 3D printed knob and motor casing attached with magnets

Once the method of attaching the motors was determined, then came designing the method of attachment to the frame. This way, the system would be able to operate independently without using our hands to hold the motors still. The first idea was to have the motors attached to hinges that flipped the motors on and off the knobs, so that the motors could

be pulled off and snapped back on when needed. However, upon handling the magnets, this mechanism was deemed a safety hazard, as it could be very painful if the motors were swung onto a finger. As a result, a pivoting mechanism was constructed, that would have a structure attached to the frame on a pivot point, and the motors would be able to slide on and off the knobs. This design meant that some precision on centering the motors had to be sacrificed, and the motors would have to be adjusted once attached, but it was a necessary tradeoff to maintain safety.

Finally, the motor was attached to the pivoting structure using a sheet of acrylic that was laser cut to press fit around the motor, and then screwed onto the structure.

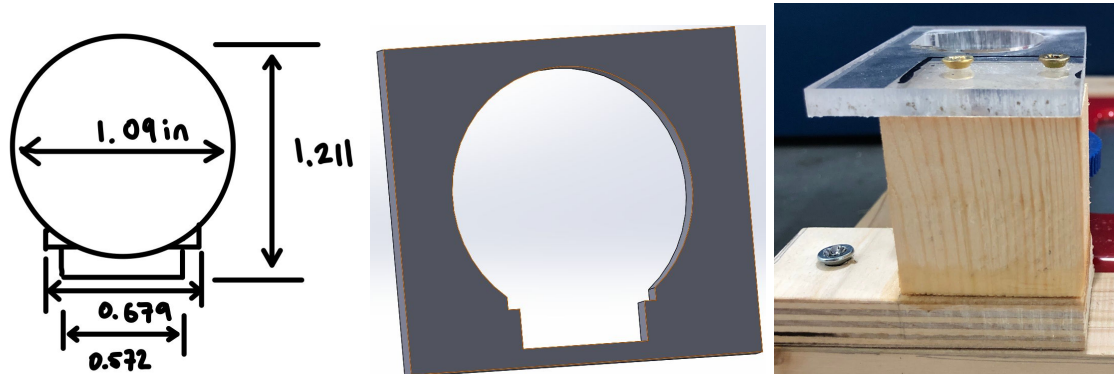


Figure 9. Motor dimensions sketch (left) CAD drawing for laser cut (center) Finished motor securing structure with pivot point (right)

Results:

We are very pleased with the outcome of our device. The system is quite robust, and successfully independently draws the three intended mazes reliably, and with a high level of precision. The system was able to both draw the initial line, as well as trace back over existing lines to return to a common spot on the maze almost perfectly, and certainly without interfering with the overall playability of the maze. User response was also very positive, in both the satisfaction gained from watching the Etch-A-Sketch stylus trace perfectly straight lines and return along the same exact path, and from the pleasure gained from being able to physically manipulate the knobs of the Etch-A-Sketch and complete the maze. At the core of this project, we aimed to create a system that brought joy to people and was fun to operate, so this was the most important metric of success for us.

Nevertheless, there is still much room for improvements if time and budget allowed. We had programmed in two stretch goal bonus mazes -- one was a circular maze, and the other was a much larger, much more complicated maze. The circular maze was successful once, when the motor casing was first attached to the frame but still held secure by our hands. However, we were not able to replicate this once the structure was firmly attached. We believe that this is due to the motors not being perfectly perpendicular, as well as the fact that the motors were becoming less reliable as they continued to be used, and were not able to produce the high level of precision needed to draw a circular shape. With more precise machining of parts, we believe that we could construct a secure structure for the motors that also ensure that

they are perfectly centered over the knob, and perfectly perpendicular to the knob, given more time.

The larger, more complicated maze required that the distance traveled for each space had to be scaled down, and was programmed with ~500 instructions. This maze always started off successfully, but only ever made it about a third of the way through the instructions before the motors started failing to rotate reliably. We believe that if we had more expensive and robust stepper motors, this maze could be completed.

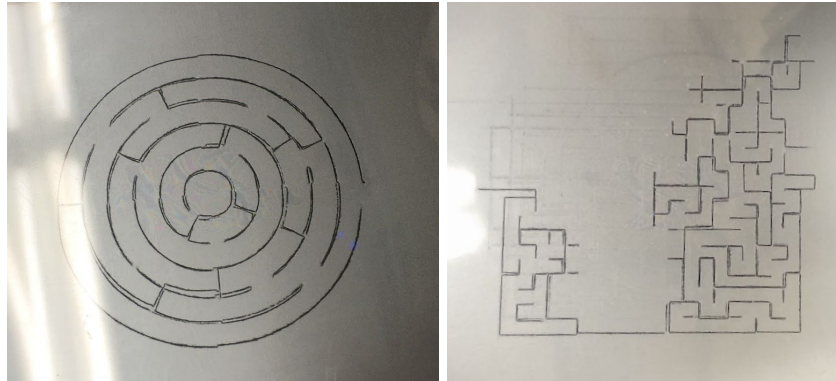


Figure 10. Circular maze (left) Partially completed scaled maze (right)

Overall, the system was very successful, and met all of our project specifications. Once we started attempting stretch goals, we saw all the improvements that could be made to the system that we would like to implement if given more time.

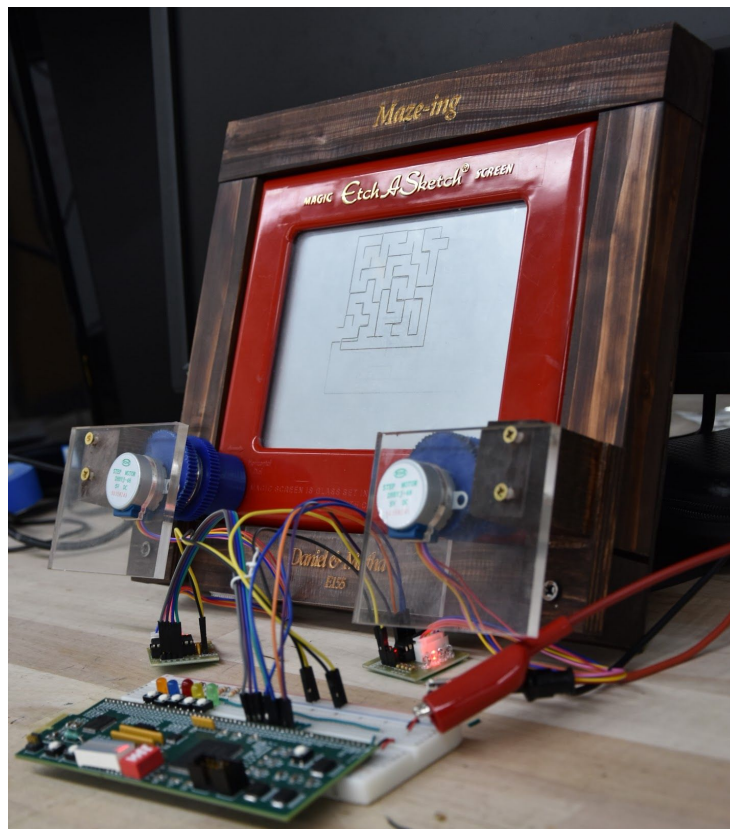


Figure 11. Completed structure!

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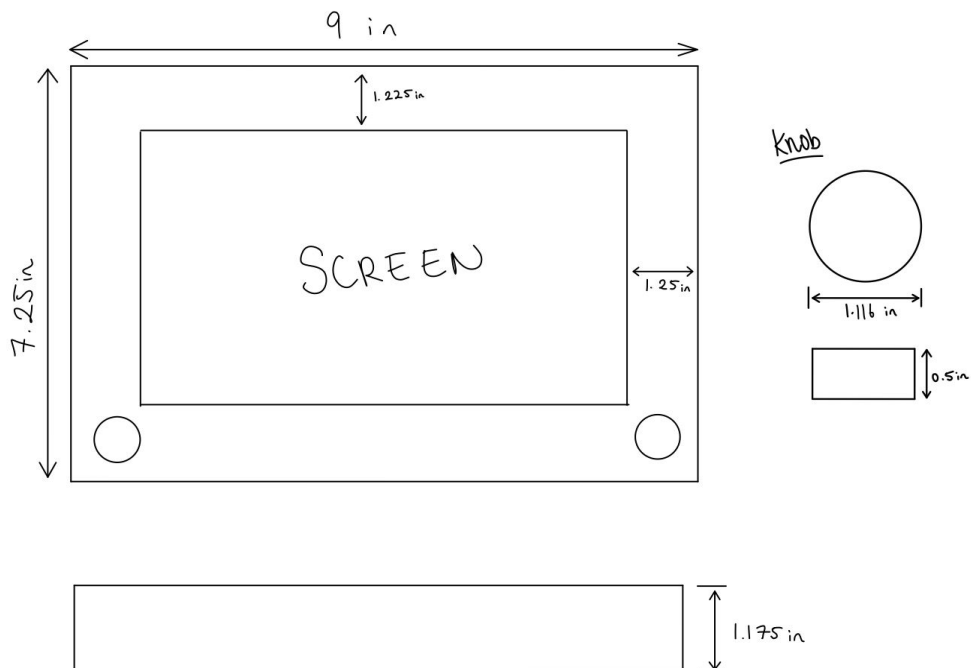
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Bill of Materials:

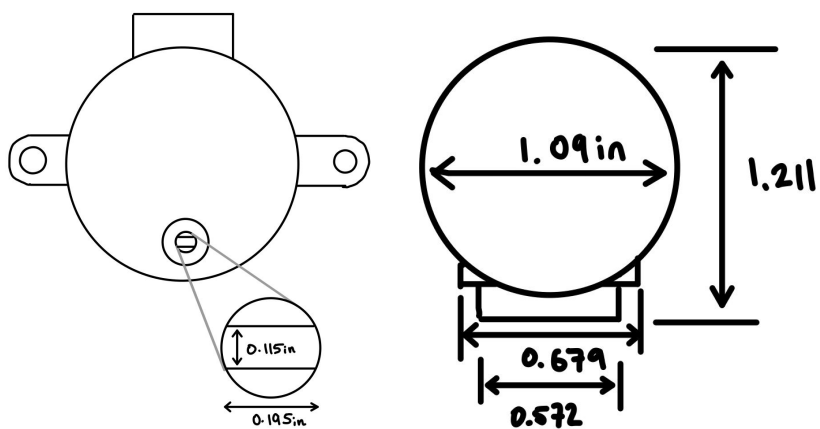
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5x Stepper Motors & 5x Drivers	ELEGOO	28BYJ48 stepper motor ULN2003A driver	\$13.99
6x 1.26" Disc Magnets with Double-Sided Adhesive	DIYMAG	HLMAG03	\$8.99
8" Jumper wires	ELEGOO	EL-CP-004	\$6.98
MicroPs board (μ Mudd and FPGA)	E155	N/A	\$0.00
Wood beams, Plywood, Wood stain	Machine Shop	N/A	\$0.00
Various screws	Engineering Stockroom	N/A	\$0.00
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APPENDICES:

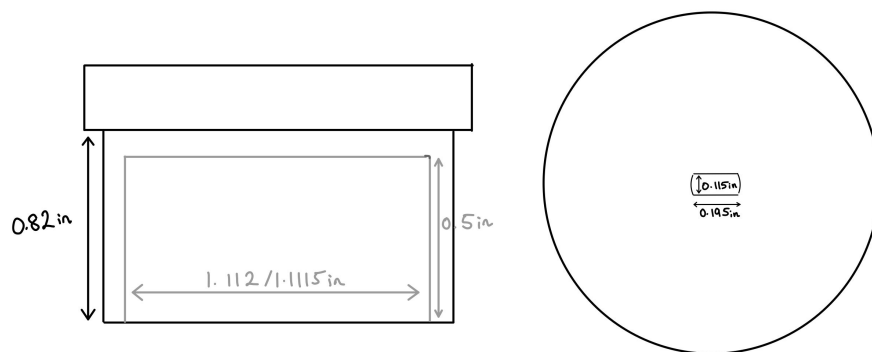
Etch-A-Sketch measurements:



Motor measurements:



Measurements for 3D printed knob and motor casings:




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70 char testmaze2[15][2] =
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74 char testmaze3[10][2] =
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77 // tests changes in direction, to make sure the offset is correct
78 char testmaze4[11][2] =
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81 // saves directions of maze0
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117 // saves directions for very long maze
118 char mazeLong[495][2] = {"R3", "D1", "U1", "L2", "D5", "R1", "U1", "D1", "L1", "D4", "R5", "U1", "L4",
119 "U1", "R1", "L1", "D1", "R2", "U3", "L1", "D1", "L1", "R1", "U1", "R3", "L1", "U1", "L1", "R1", "U1",
120 "R1", "L1", "U1", "L1", "D1", "U1", "L2", "D1", "R1", "D1", "U1", "L1", "U2", "D1", "R3", "D3", "L1",
121 "D3", "R2", "D1", "R6", "U2", "R1", "U3", "L1", "R1", "U2", "L1", "R5",
122 "L2", "U2", "R1", "U2", "L1", "U3", "D2", "L1", "D4", "L1", "R1", "U2", "L3", "D3", "U1", "R1", "U1",
123 "R1", "L1", "D1", "L1", "U3", "D1", "R4", "L1", "U2", "R1", "D1", "R1",
124 "D2", "L1", "D2", "L2", "D5", "R1", "D4", "L1", "U4", "L1", "U1", "R3", "D1", "R1", "L1", "U1", "L3",
125 "D1", "L2", "U1", "L2", "D2", "R6", "U1", "D1", "R3", "U4", "L1", "D2", "U1", "L5", "D1",
126 "U3", "L1", "D2", "U2", "R1", "D2", "R5", "U1", "R1", "U4", "L1", "D1", "U1", "R1", "U2", "L1", "R1",
127 "R1", "U1", "L1",
128 "L1", "U2", "D2", "L1", "D5", "R1", "D1", "L1", "R1", "U1", "L2", "D2", "L2", "U2", "L2", "R3", "D1",
129 "U1", "L1", "D2", "R3", "L1", "U5", "L1", "R1", "D1", "L2", "R2", "D2", "R1", "U3", "R1", "L1", "U1",
130 "L2",
131 "U2", "R1", "D1", "U1", "R1", "U1", "D1", "L3", "U2", "R4", "L2", "D1", "L1", "R1", "U4", "D1", "R1",
132 "U1", "R1", "L1", "U2", "L3", "R3", "D3", "L1", "D2", "L2", "U2", "R1", "D1", "U3", "R1", "L1", "D2",
133 "L1", "D1", "L2", "D1", "L4", "R1", "U1", "D2", "U1", "R3", "D1", "L2", "R1", "D2", "L1", "U1", "L2",
134 "D3", "U2", "L1", "U1", "D1", "R1", "U1", "R2", "D1", "R1", "U2", "R1", "U3", "D1", "R2", "D3", "R1",
135 "D2", "R2",
136 "U1", "R2",
137 "U5", "L1", "D1", "L1", "R1", "U1", "R1", "U4", "L1", "D2", "U2", "L5", "D1", "U1", "L2", "D1", "U1",

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129 "L4", "D1", "R3", "L1", "D2", "R1", "U1", "D1", "R1", "D2", "U2", "R2", "D1", "U1", "R1", "U1", "L3",
    "R1", "U1",
130 "D1", "R2", "D1", "L5", "U2", "L2", "U1", "L5", "D1", "U1", "L1", "D3", "L1", "U2", "D3", "U1", "R1",
    "U1", "R2", "U1", "R2", "D2", "R2", "D1", "U1", "R3", "U1", "D1", "R1", "U2", "L2", "D1",
131 "L2", "U2", "L2", "D5", "R2", "U1", "D1", "L2", "D2", "R2", "U1", "R1", "D1", "R2", "R1", "L1",
    "U1", "L1", "U1", "L2", "R1", "U1", "L1", "R1", "D1", "R1", "D1", "L2", "D1", "R2", "L1",
132 "D2", "R4", "U1", "R3", "L1", "U2", "R1", "U1", "R2", "D1", "U1", "L2", "U2", "L2", "U1", "D1", "R2",
    "D3", "L2", "U1", "L1", "R1", "D1", "R1",
133 "D2", "L3", "U1", "L1", "D1", "L1", "R1", "U1", "R1", "D1",
    "R1", "D1", "L1", "D2", "R1", "L1", "D1", "L1", "R3", "L1", "D1", "R2", "U2", "L1", "U2", "D1", "L1",
    "R1", "D1", "R1", "D2", "R1", "D2", "L1", "D1", "U1", "R3", "L1", "D2", "R1", "D1", "U1", "L1", "U2",
    "L1",
134 "U2", "L3", "U1", "L1", "U3", "L3", "D2", "L1", "U2", "D2", "R3", "U1", "L1", "R1", "D1", "L1", "D2",
    "R2", "D1", "R3", "L1", "D1", "L1", "R1", "D2", "R2", "U1", "D3", "L2", "R1", "U1", "D1", "R1", "U2",
    "L2", "D1",
135 "L1", "D2", "R4", "U2", "D2", "L4", "U4", "L1", "R1", "D2", "L2", "D1", "R1", "L1", "U1", "R3", "U4",
    "L2", "U1", "L2", "U2", "L1", "U3", "L2", "D3", "L1"};
136
137 // CW for Clockwise
138 // CC for counterclockwise
139 // Radius
140 // Final Angle ()
141
142 // IN for traveling in
143 // OU for traveling out
144 // Distance to Travel
145
146
147 // draws concentric circles
148 // used for calibrating the in and out distance
149 char circletest1[17][6] =
150 { "CW6180", "CW6000",
151   "IN1000",
152   "CW5180", "CW5000",
153   "IN1000",
154   "CW4180", "CW4000",
155   "IN1000",
156   "CW3180", "CW3000",
157   "IN1000",
158   "CW2180", "CW2000",
159   "IN1000",
160   "CW1180", "CW1000"};
161
162 // one of the mazes of the code
163 char circlemaze[64][6] =
164 { "CC6180",
165   "IN1000",
166   "CW5210", "CC5050", "CW5120",
167   "IN1000",
168   "CW4140", "CC4070", "CW4090",
169   "IN1000",
170   "CW3200", "CC3030",
171   "OU1000",
172   "CC4350", "CW4060", "CC4030",
173   "IN1000",
174   "CC3330",
175   "OU1000",
176   "CC4310", "CW4340",
177   "OU1000",
178   "CW5040", "CC5250",
179   "IN100",
180   "CW4300", "CC4250",
181   "OU100",
182   "CC5220", "CW5340",
183   "IN1000",
184   "CC4330",
185   "IN1000",
186   "CC3290",
187   "IN1000",
188   "CC2090", "CW2120",
189   "IN1000",
190   "CC1030",

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191     "OU1000",
192     "CW2080", "CC2310", "CW2030",
193     "IN1000",
194     "CC1140", "CW1120",
195     "OU1000",
196     "CW2290",
197     "OU1000",
198     "CC3210",
199     "OU1000",
200     "CC4140", "CW4240", "CC4210",
201     "IN1000",
202     "CW3090",
203     "OU1000",
204     "CW4120",
205     "OU1000",
206     "CW5180",
207     "OU1000",
208     "CC6010",};
209 // a series of coordinate points that generate bezier curves
210 // that draw the batman symbol
211 double batManSymbol[74] =
212     { 0,0, 0,0.5, 1,1.75, 2,1.75,
213       1, 1.25, 2, 0.5, 3, 0.75,
214       3.13, 0.88, 3.25, 1.25, 3.25, 1.5,
215       3.25, 1.25, 3.25, 1, 3.5, 1,
216       3.75, 1, 3.75, 1.25, 3.75, 1.5,
217       3.75, 1.25, 3.88, 0.88, 4, 0.75,
218       5, 0.5, 6, 1.25, 5, 1.75,
219       6, 1.75, 7, 0.5, 7, 0,
220       6, 0.25, 5.25, 0.25, 5.25, -0.5,
221       4.25, 0, 3.63, -1, 3.5, -1.25,
222       3.37, -1, 2.75, 0, 1.75, -0.5,
223       1.75, 0.25, 0.5, 0.25, 0, 0};
224
225 //-----
226 //----- Motor Moving Function
227 //-----
228
229 // initializes the Pins
230 int pinInit() {
231     // initalize pins that talk to FPGA
232     pioPinMode(MOTOR_PIN, PIO_OUTPUT);
233     pioPinMode(DIRECTION_PIN, PIO_OUTPUT);
234     pioPinMode(CLK_PIN, PIO_OUTPUT);
235
236     // initialize pins used to check for button presses
237     pioPinMode(BUTTON1_IN, PIO_INPUT);
238     pioPinMode(BUTTON2_IN, PIO_INPUT);
239     pioPinMode(BUTTON3_IN, PIO_INPUT);
240     pioPinMode(BUTTON4_IN, PIO_INPUT);
241     pioPinMode(BUTTON5_IN, PIO_INPUT);
242     return 1;
243 }
244
245 // this move function delivers the instructions
246 // to the FPGA. The FPGA's FSM's control the individual motors in this case
247 // motor tells the FPGA which motor to move
248 // direction tells the motor which direction to move in
249 // 0 means clockwise, 1 means counterclockwise
250 int moveFPGA (int motor, int direction) {
251     // write the pins
252     pioDigitalWrite(MOTOR_PIN, motor);
253     pioDigitalWrite(DIRECTION_PIN, direction);
254     // the FPGA's FSM changes states on the rising edge of the clk pin
255     pioDigitalWrite(CLK_PIN, HIGH);
256     // wait for the motor to move;
257     tcDelayMicroseconds(800);
258     pioDigitalWrite(CLK_PIN, LOW);
259     return 1;

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466 // 3 for out
467 int decodeCircleInstruction(char in[6]) {
468     if ( in[1] == 'W') return 0;
469     if ( in[1] == 'C') return 1;
470     if ( in[1] == 'N') return 2;
471     if ( in[1] == 'O') return 3;
472     else         return 4; // this should never happen
473 }
474
475 // helper function sets the angle of the global variable
476 // called to change angle after motor is moved
477 // 0 for clockwise
478 // 1 for counterclockwise
479 int setAngle(int rotationDirection) {
480     if (rotationDirection == 0)
481         angle = angle + DEGREE_STEP;
482     if (rotationDirection == 1)
483         angle = angle - DEGREE_STEP;
484     // wrap around for the angles, makes sure it stays between
485     // 0 and 360
486     if (angle >= 360)
487         angle = angle - 360;
488     if (angle < 0)
489         angle = angle + 360;
490     return 1;
491 }
492
493 // helper function that draws a circle based on the circle instructions
494 int drawCircle(int instruction, double radius, int finalAngle) {
495     // function works by making straight lines in DEGREE_STEP's
496     // function continues to go until the final angle is reached
497     while (angle != finalAngle) {
498         // use trig to determine the angle of line drawn
499         // clockwise
500         double lineAngle = angle + DEGREE_STEP/2 + 90;
501         // counter clockwise angle
502         if (instruction == 1){
503             lineAngle = angle + (180-DEGREE_STEP)/2 + 180;
504         }
505         lineAngle = fmod(lineAngle,360);
506         // use trig to determine the distance of the line drawn
507         // d = 2*r*cos(beta)
508         // beta is the bigger angle of an isosles triangle
509         // beta = (180 - DEGREE_STEP)/2
510         double lineDistance = 2 * radius * cos ( (180 - DEGREE_STEP) * PI / 360);
511         // draw said line
512         drawAngledLine(lineDistance, lineAngle);
513         // update the global variable angle after it's moved a degree
514         setAngle(instruction);
515     }
516     return 1;
517 }
518
519 // draws the maze based on array of instructions for circle maze
520 // first type of instructruction is a circle drawing
521 // [0:1] CW for Clockwise, CC for counterclockwise
522 // [2] Radius
523 // [3:5] Final Angle
524 // second type of instruction is a radial line drawing
525 // [0:1] IN for traveling in, OU for traveling out
526 // [2] Distance to Travel
527 // [3:5] No relavant information stored
528 int drawRoundMaze(char maze[][6], int arraylength) {
529     globalAngleCount = 0;
530     int i = 0; // keeps track of instruction number
531     while(i < arraylength - 1) {
532         int instruction = decodeCircleInstruction(maze[i]);
533         double radius = decodeRadius(maze[i]);
534         int finalAngle = decodeFinalAngle(maze[i]);
535         // if instruction is a rotation
536         if (instruction < 2) {
537             drawCircle(instruction, radius, finalAngle);

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665     drawRoundMaze(circletest1, 65);
666 }
667 // Draws Long Maze
668 if (pioDigitalRead(BUTTON5_IN) == PIO_HIGH) {
669     // shrinks the size of the maze drawing
670     INITIAL_OFFSET = 500;
671     DISTANCE_COEFF = 500;
672
673     drawStraightMaze(mazeLong, 495);
674
675     // return offsets to original values
676     INITIAL_OFFSET = 650;
677     DISTANCE_COEFF = 650;
678 }
679 }
680 }
681
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1 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
2 // Motor Control Function for dual stepper motors
3 // HMC E155 Dec 7th 2018
4 // dtowersm@gmail.com
5 // written by Daniel Torres and Martha Gao
6 ////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
7
8 module motor_control(input logic motor, direction, clk,
9                     output logic [0:3] a_coil, // controls left motor
10                    output logic [0:3] b_coil); // controls right motor
11
12
13 // 0 for left motor, 1 for right motor
14 motor_fsm left_motor(clk, ~motor, direction, a_coil);
15 motor_fsm right_motor(clk, motor, direction, b_coil);
16 endmodule
17
18
19 // clk turns on the motor allowing it to go to next state
20 // direction tells the states which direction to go in
21 // 0 means clockwise, 1 means counter clockwise
22 module motor_fsm(input logic clk, motor, direction,
23                output logic [0:3] coil);
24 // define states of FSM
25 typedef enum logic[2:0]{S0, S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7} statetypes;
26 statetypes state, nextstate;
27
28 // only one motor is moved at a time,
29 // so the enable is crucial
30 always_ff@(posedge clk)
31     if (motor) state <= nextstate;
32
33 // next state logic
34 // direction being 1 makes the motor move
35 // in the counter clockwise direction
36 always_comb
37     case(state)
38         S0: if(direction) nextstate <= S7;
39             else nextstate <= S1;
40         S1: if(direction) nextstate <= S0;
41             else nextstate <= S2;
42         S2: if(direction) nextstate <= S1;
43             else nextstate <= S3;
44         S3: if(direction) nextstate <= S2;
45             else nextstate <= S4;
46         S4: if(direction) nextstate <= S3;
47             else nextstate <= S5;
48         S5: if(direction) nextstate <= S4;
49             else nextstate <= S6;
50         S6: if(direction) nextstate <= S5;
51             else nextstate <= S7;
52         S7: if(direction) nextstate <= S6;
53             else nextstate <= S0;
54         default: nextstate <= S0;
55     endcase
56 // assign logic
57 // turn on the correct coils depending on the state
58 assign coil[0] = (state == S5) || (state == S6) || (state == S7);
59 assign coil[1] = (state == S3) || (state == S4) || (state == S5);
60 assign coil[2] = (state == S1) || (state == S2) || (state == S3);
61 assign coil[3] = (state == S7) || (state == S0) || (state == S1);
62 endmodule
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