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int motor_1[] = { 2, 3, 4, 5};
int motor_2[] = { 9, 8, 7, 6};
int motor_3[] = {10,11,12,13};

int motor_dir[] = { 0, 0, 0};
int motor_state[] = { 0, 0, 0};

int pin[] = {0, 0, 0, 0};

int x_axis = A0;
int y_axis = A1;
int button = A2;
int input_speed = A3;

int x_val = 0;
int y_val = 0;

int delay_time = 2;
int b = 0;

void setup() {
    // set up the pins
    for(int i=0; i<4; i++){
        pinMode(motor_1[i],OUTPUT);
        digitalWrite(motor_1[i], LOW);
        pinMode(motor_2[i],OUTPUT);
        digitalWrite(motor_2[i], LOW);
        pinMode(motor_3[i],OUTPUT);
        digitalWrite(motor_3[i], LOW);
    }

    // make sure all the motors are stopped
    motor_dir[0] = 0;
    motor_dir[1] = 0;
    pinMode(x_axis, INPUT); // analogue input
    pinMode(y_axis, INPUT); // analogue input
    pinMode(button, INPUT_PULLUP); // digital input
    pinMode(input_speed, INPUT); // analogue input
}

void loop() {
    // -----
    // update motor coils if necessary
    // -----

    for(int i=0; i<=2; i++){
        if(motor_dir[i] == 1){ motor_state[i] ++; }
        if(motor_dir[i] ==-1){ motor_state[i] --; }
        if(motor_state[i] > 3){ motor_state[i] = 0;}
        if(motor_state[i] < 0){ motor_state[i] = 3;}

        for(int j=0; j<4; j++){
            if(i==0){ pin[j] = motor_1[j]; }
            if(i==1){ pin[j] = motor_2[j]; }
            if(i==2){ pin[j] = motor_3[j]; }
        }
    }
}

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// since our motors are highly geared, we only really need to
// power the coils to make them move - at rest we can power them
// down (so the motors don't get/stay warm)
// (unlike a CNC machine, we don't need locking)

if(motor_dir[i]==0){

    digitalWrite(pin[0], LOW);
    digitalWrite(pin[1], LOW);
    digitalWrite(pin[2], LOW);
    digitalWrite(pin[3], LOW);

}

}else{

    switch(motor_state[i]){

        case 0: // orange + yellow
            digitalWrite(pin[0], HIGH);
            digitalWrite(pin[1], HIGH);
            digitalWrite(pin[2], LOW);
            digitalWrite(pin[3], LOW);
            break;

        case 1: // yellow + pink
            digitalWrite(pin[0], LOW);
            digitalWrite(pin[1], HIGH);
            digitalWrite(pin[2], HIGH);
            digitalWrite(pin[3], LOW);
            break;

        case 2: // pink + blue
            digitalWrite(pin[0], LOW);
            digitalWrite(pin[1], LOW);
            digitalWrite(pin[2], HIGH);
            digitalWrite(pin[3], HIGH);
            break;

        case 3: // blue + orange
            digitalWrite(pin[0], HIGH);
            digitalWrite(pin[1], LOW);
            digitalWrite(pin[2], LOW);
            digitalWrite(pin[3], HIGH);
            Break;

    }

}

}

// -----
// read the master speed setting
// -----
b = analogRead(input_speed);
delay_time = map(b, 0, 1023, 0, 20);
if(delay_time < 2){ delay_time=2; }

// -----
// now check for input(s)
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x_val = analogRead(x_axis);
y_val = analogRead(y_axis);

// the joystick should give us a range of values but in
// practice, central point is around 500, then we get 300, 100, 0
// (or thereabouts) so let's just check a between a range of values

// -----
// check the left/right joystick position
// -----
motor_dir[0] = 0;

if(x_val < 450){
    // this is moving to the left
    motor_dir[0]=-1;
    // how far away from the centre are we?
    if(x_val < 10){
        // extreme left, allow full speed
    }else if(x_val < 150){
        delay_time = delay_time * 2;
    }else if(x_val < 300){
        delay_time = delay_time * 4;
    }else{
        delay_time = delay_time * 8;
    }
}

if(x_val > 550){
    // this is moving to the right
    motor_dir[0]=1;
    // how far away from the centre are we?
    if(x_val > 1000){
        // extreme left, allow full speed
    }else if(x_val > 850){
        delay_time = delay_time * 2;
    }else if(x_val > 700){
        delay_time = delay_time * 4;
    }else{
        delay_time = delay_time * 8;
    }
}

// -----
// check the up/down joystick position
// -----
motor_dir[1] = 0;
if(motor_dir[0]==0){

    // if we're not rotating left/right,
    // check to see if we're moving up/down
    // (so slowing down the motors doesn't affect
    // a previously set value)

    if(y_val < 450){
        // this is moving up
        motor_dir[1]=-1;
        // how far away from the centre are we?

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        if(y_val < 10){
            // extreme left, allow full speed
        }else if(y_val < 150){
            delay_time = delay_time * 2;
        }else if(y_val < 300){
            delay_time = delay_time * 4;
        }else{
            delay_time = delay_time * 8;
        }
    }

    if(y_val > 550){
        // this is moving down
        motor_dir[1]=1;
        // how far away from the centre are we?
        if(y_val > 1000){
            // extreme left, allow full speed
        }else if(y_val > 850){
            delay_time = delay_time * 2;
        }else if(y_val > 700){
            delay_time = delay_time * 3;
        }else{
            delay_time = delay_time * 4;
        }
    }
}

// -----
// now add the delay between steps
// (modified by the joystick position)
// -----
delay(delay_time);
}

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