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Reentrancy and Atomic Operations 3 rules: Use shared variables in an atomic way Don't call non-reentrant functions Don't use hardware in a non-atomic way

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a Function containing:

temp = foobar;
temp += 1;
foobar = temp;

OR

foobar+=1;

What does the compiler do?
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Compiler output: (x86 compiler) moveax, [foobar] incax mov[foobar], ax Atomic version: inc[foobar] Moral: Don't trust your compiler!

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Automatic variables

int foo;
void some_function(void) {
foo++;
}

void some_function(void) {
int foo;
foo++;
}
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Keeping Code Reentrant

long I;
void do_something(void) {
   disable_interrupts();
   i+=0x1234;
   enable_interrupts();
}
Doesn't work! if called from code with interrupts disabled...
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Better:

long I;
void do_something(void) {
  push interrupt_state;
  disable_interrupts();
  i+=0x1234;
  pop interrupt_state;
}

Or, use semaphores or RTOS locking mechanism
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Hardware reentrancy int timer_hi; interrupt timer() { ++timer_hi; } long read_timer(void) { unsigned int low, high; low = inword(hardware_register); high=timer_hi; return (high<<16 + low); } This code will fail, occasionally...</pre>

One failure mode:

- read_timer reads the hardware and gets 0xffff
- 2. immediately the timer hardware increments to 0x000
- 3. The overflow triggers an interrupt. The ISR runs, and increments timer_hi to 0x0001, not 0x0000 as in step 1
- 4. The ISR returns, our read_timer concatenates the new 0x0001 with the previously read 0xffff, and returns 0x1ffff— WRONG!!!

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Or, while interrupts are disabled:

- read_timer starts. The timer is 0xffff with no overflows.
- 2. Before much else happens it increments to 0x0000. With interrupts off the pending interrupt gets deferred.
- 3. read_timer returns a value of 0x0000 instead of the correct 0x10000, or the reasonable 0xffff.

A once-a-month bug? How do you find it?

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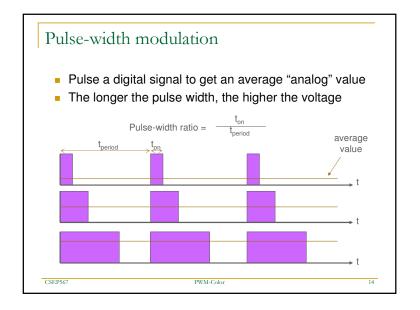
Solutions:

- Stop the timer BEFORE reading! Downside: we lose time.
- Or, read timer_hi, then the hardware timer, then reread timer_hi. Iterate until the two variable reads are equal.

Downside: can take a long time in a heavily loaded system

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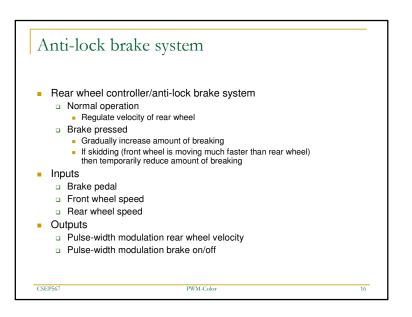
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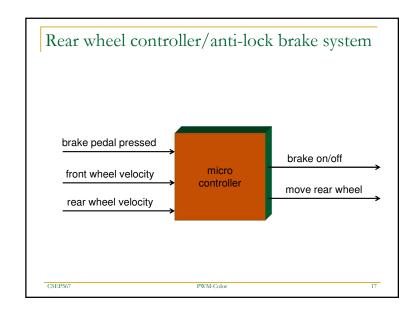


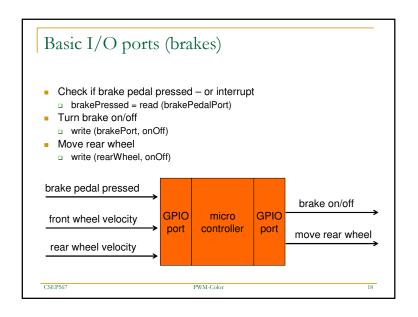
Why pulse-width modulation works Most mechanical systems are low-pass filters Consider frequency components of pulse-width modulated signal Low frequency components affect components They pass through High frequency components are too fast to fight inertia They are "filtered out" Electrical RC-networks are low-pass filters Time constant (τ = RC) sets "cutoff" frequency that separates low and high frequencies

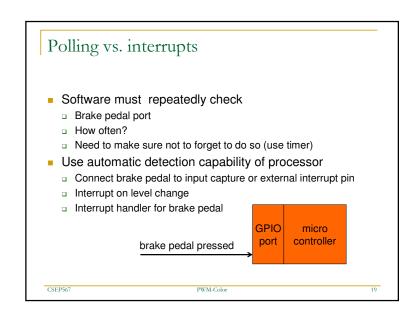
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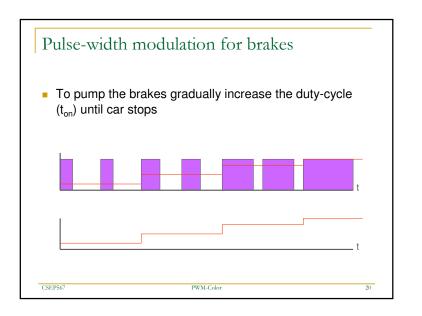
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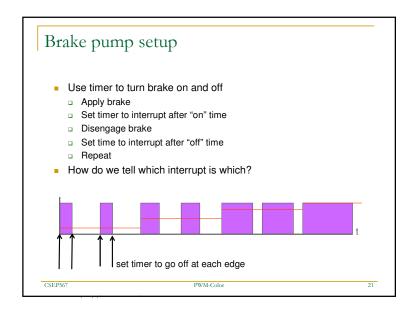


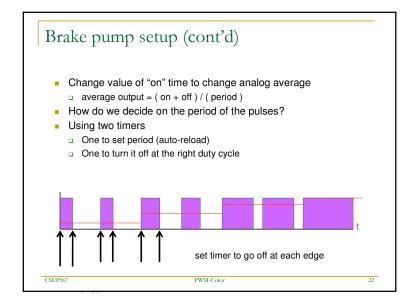












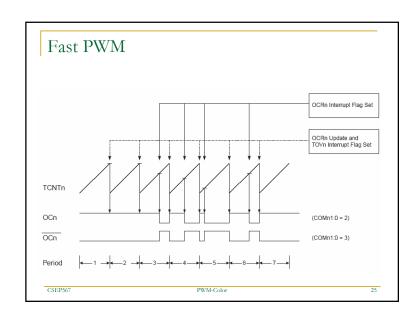
Bright LED

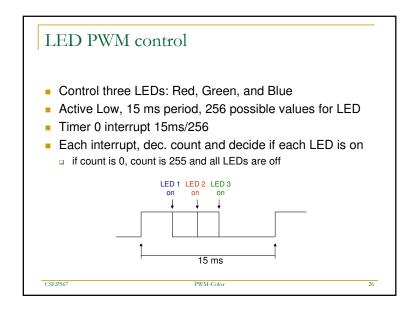
- Easy to control intensity of light through pulse-width modulation
- Duty-cycle is averaged by human eye
 - Light is really turning on and off each period
 - Too quickly for human retina (or most video cameras)
 - Period must be short enough (< 1ms is a sure bet)
- LED output is low to turn on light, high to turn it off
 - Active low output

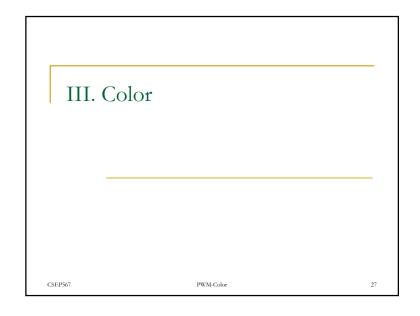
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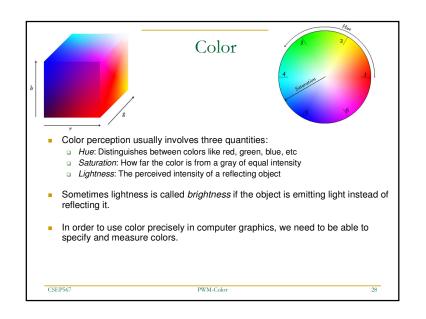
Sample code for LED

Varying PWM output









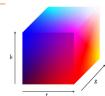
Color Spaces

- •Definition: A mapping of color components onto a Cartesian coordinate system in three or more dimensions.
- ■RGB, CMY, XYZ, HSV, HLS, Lab, UVW, YUV, YCrCb, Luv, L* u* v*, ...
- •Different Purposes: display, editing, computation, compression, ..
- •Equally distant colors may not be equally perceivable

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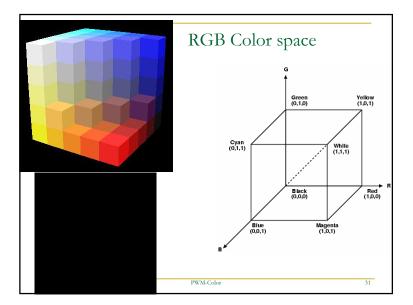


Additive Model: (RGB System)

- R, G, B normalized on orthogonal axes
- All representable colors inside the unit cube
- Color Monitors mix R, G and B
- Video cameras pick up R, G and B
- CIE (Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage) standardized in 1931: B: 435.8 nm, G: 546.1 nm, R: 700 nm.
- 3 fixed components acting alone can't generate all spectrum colors.

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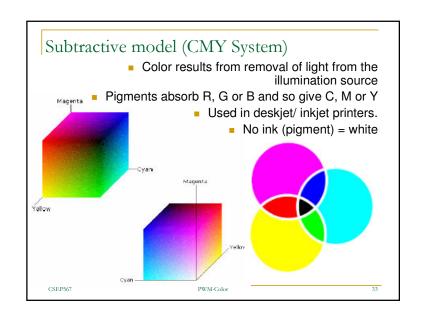


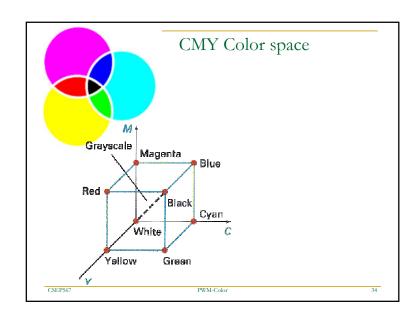
Problems with RGB

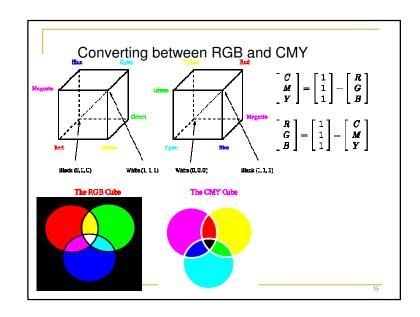
- Only a small range of potential perceivable colors (particularly for monitor RGB)
- It isn't easy for humans to say how much of RGB to use to get a given color
 - How much R, G and B is there in "brown"?
- Perceptually non-linear
 - Two points, a certain distance apart, may be perceptually different in one part of the space, but could be same in another part of the space.

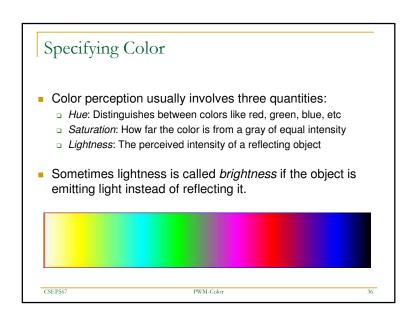
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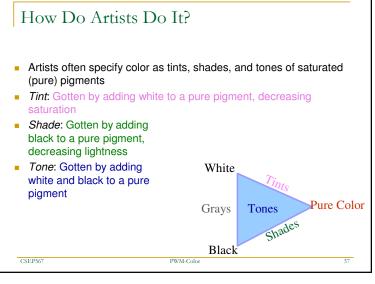


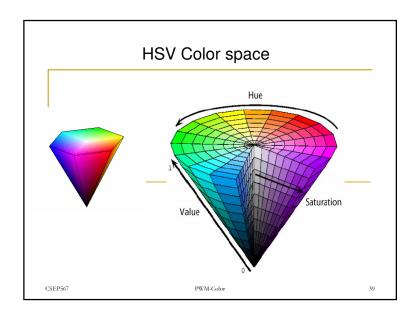


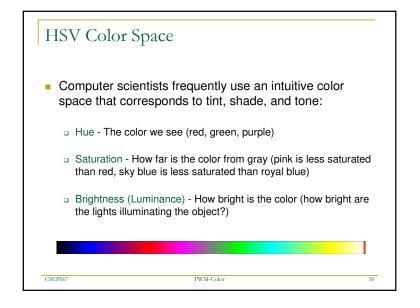


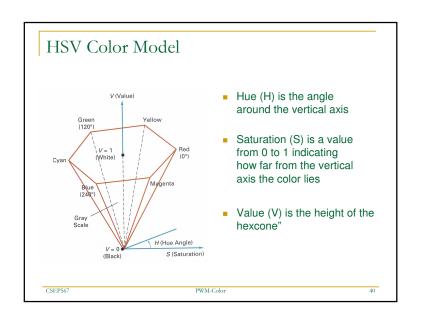


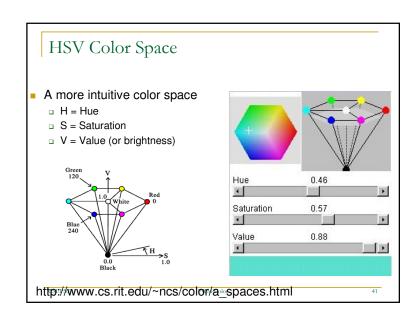
How Do Artists Do It? Artists often specify color as tints, shades, and tones of saturated (pure) pigments • *Tint*: Gotten by adding white to a pure pigment, decreasing Shade: Gotten by adding black to a pure pigment, decreasing lightness Tone: Gotten by adding White white and black to a pure pigment Pure Color Tones Grays Black CSEP567

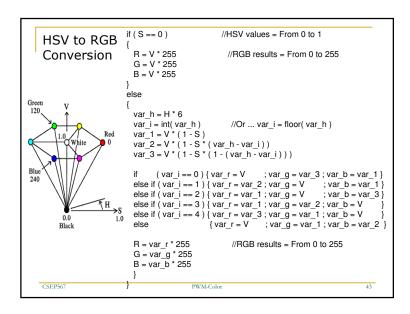












HSV System

- Normally represented as a cone or hexcone
- Hue is the angle around the circle or the regular hexagon; $0 \le H \le 360$
- Saturation is the distance from the center; $0 \le S \le 1$
- Value is the position along the axis of the cone or hexcone; 0 ≤ V ≤ 1
- Value is not perceptually-based, so colors of the same value may have slightly different brightness
- Main axis is grey scale

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