

## Physics 37100 Advanced Physics Laboratory I

### Lab #3

(PART I: Single measurements)

- 1) Create a sketch to measure the light output of a PWM LED using pin 9.
  - a. Use the brightest LED with corresponding series resistor from previous Lab. Set the brightness of the LED to 128 using `analogWrite`.
  - b. Use the photoresistor in series with a resistor to measure the light output on A0. It might be useful to put the LED and photoresistor into a tube to eliminate outside light.
    - i. What resistance did you use? Why?
  - c. Output the value of A0 to the serial port every 1/10 of a second for 10 seconds.
- 2) Repeat for brightness 0, 64, and 255, and using `digitalWrite HIGH` in place of `analogWrite`.
- 3) Analyze the data.
  - a. Copy and paste the data from the serial monitor.
  - b. Import to Matlab or other data analysis program.
  - c. Find and report the mean and standard deviation (STD) for each of the 5 brightnesses.
    - i. Which has the largest STD? Why?
    - ii. Is there a difference between `analogWrite` of 255 and `digitalWrite` of HIGH? Explain.
    - iii. Is 128 twice as bright as 64? Explain.

(PART II: Time resolved measurements)

- 4) Modify your sketch to measure the light output of a PWM LED over time using pin 9.
  - a. Create a 512 element unsigned int array `Vs` to hold the time series data.
  - b. Acquire the data in a for loop with `n` running 0-511. Only use `Vs[n]=analogRead(inPin)` inside the loop so that we can get the data as fast as possible.
  - c. Time the loop by saving the value of `micros()` just before and just after the loop.
  - d. After the loop output all of the array values and the time of the loop to the serial port.
  - e. Do all of the work in `setup()` so that you do not fill up your serial monitor
- 5) Analyze the data.
  - a. Copy and paste the data in the serial monitor to matlab or other plotting program.
  - b. Assume that each acquisition took equal time and use the total time to find the time for each point. Is this a good assumption? Explain.
  - c. Plot the data versus time for `analogWrite` values of 0, 128, 255, and for `digitalWrite` value of HIGH. How does this help explain the data from 3c above?