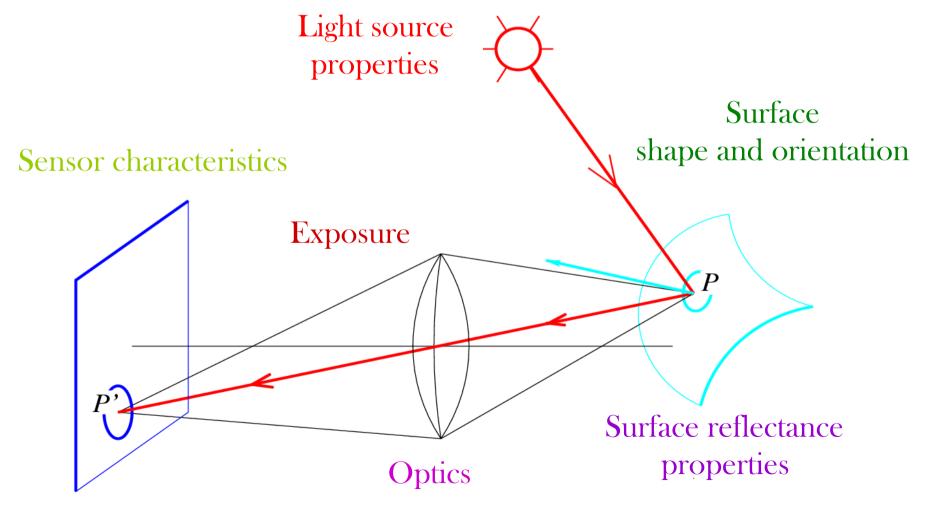
BBM 413 Fundamentals of Image Processing

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Color Perception and Color Spaces

Review - image formation

• What determines the brightness of an image pixel?



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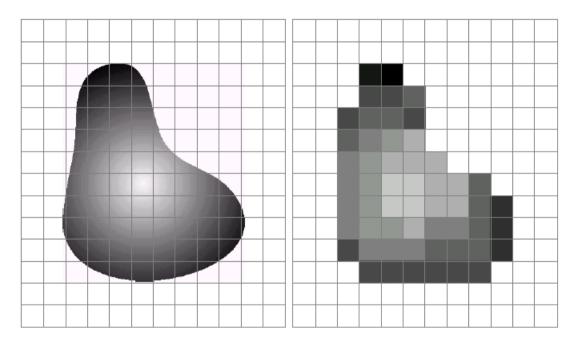
Review - digital camera

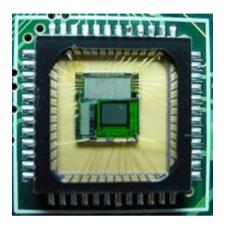


A digital camera replaces film with a sensor array

- Each cell in the array is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons
- http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/digital-camera.htm

Review – digital images



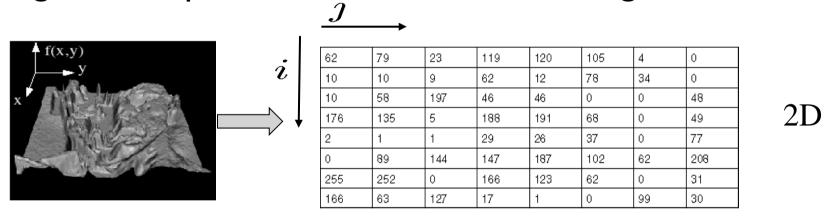


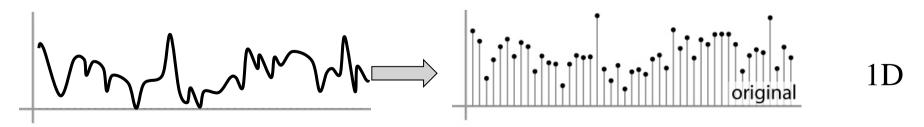
a b

FIGURE 2.17 (a) Continuos image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.

Review - digital images

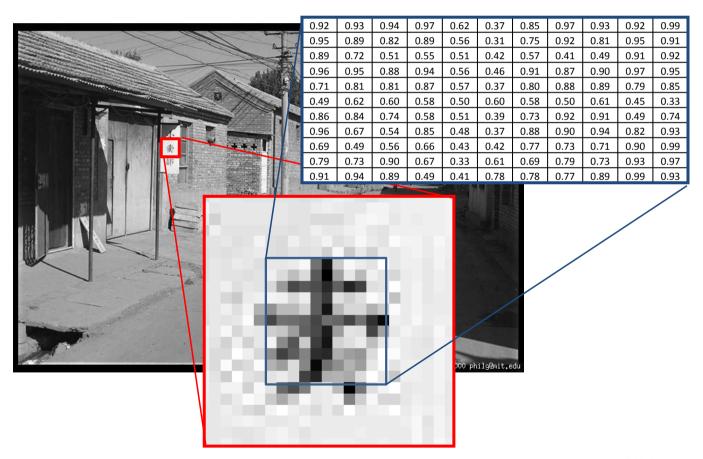
- Sample the 2D space on a regular grid
- Quantize each sample (round to nearest integer)
- Image thus represented as a matrix of integer values.





Review - image representation

- **Digital image:** 2D discrete function f
- Pixel: Smallest element of an image f(x,y)



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Outline

- Perception of color and light
- Color spaces

Why does a visual system need color?



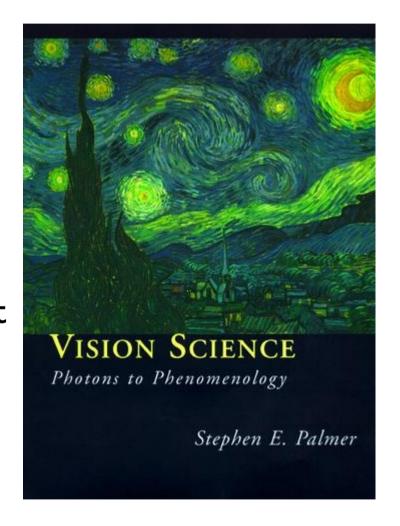
Slide credit: W. Freeman

Why does a visual system need color? (an incomplete list...)

- To tell what food is edible.
- To distinguish material changes from shading changes.
- To group parts of one object together in a scene.
- To find people's skin.
- Check whether a person's appearance looks normal/healthy.

What is color?

- Color is the result of interaction between physical light in the environment and our visual system
- Color is a psychological property of our visual experiences when we look at objects and lights, not a physical property of those objects or lights (S. Palmer, Vision Science: Photons to Phenomenology)



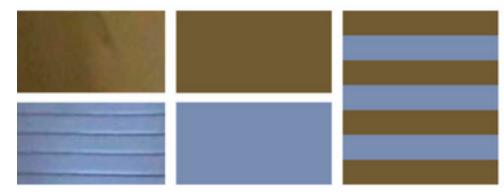
What is the color of the dress?

- blue and black
- white and gold
- blue and brown

 What #thedress tell about our color perception?



• Let's take averages



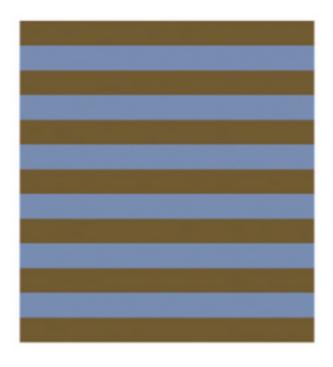
two pieces of the dress

averages

basic pattern

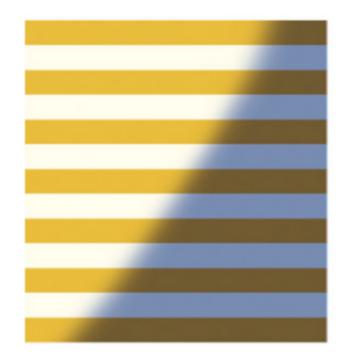


• The dress in the photograph





• Consider the dress is in shadow.

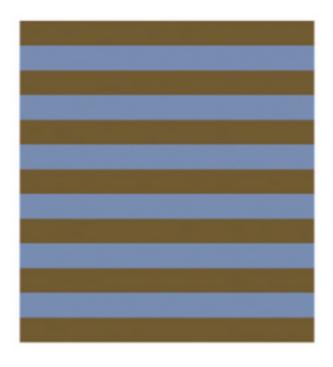


 Your brain remove the blue cast, and perceive it as white and gold.



http://nyti.ms/186m3wE

• The dress in the photograph





• Consider the dress is in bright light.



 Your brain perceive the dress as a darker blue and black

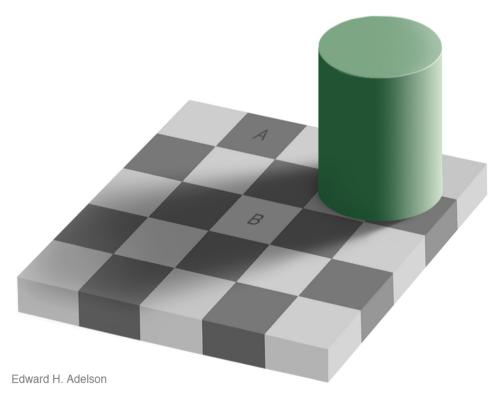


• Answer:



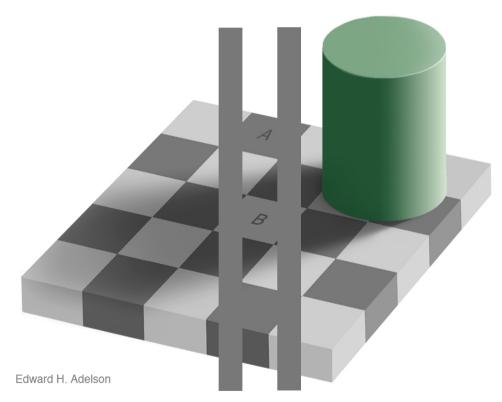
• The dress is actually blue and black.





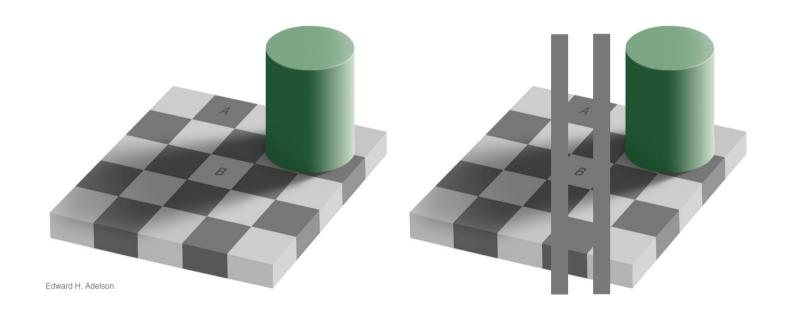
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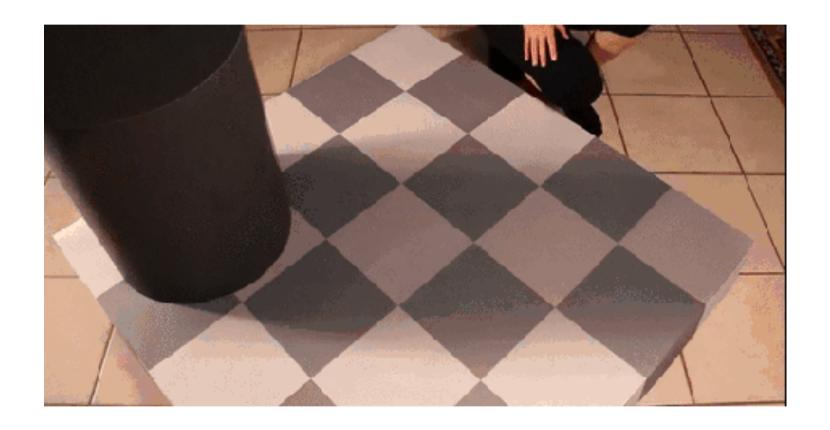
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Land's Experiment (1959)



- Cover all patches except a blue rectangle
- Make it look gray by changing illumination
- Uncover the other patches

Color Constancy -

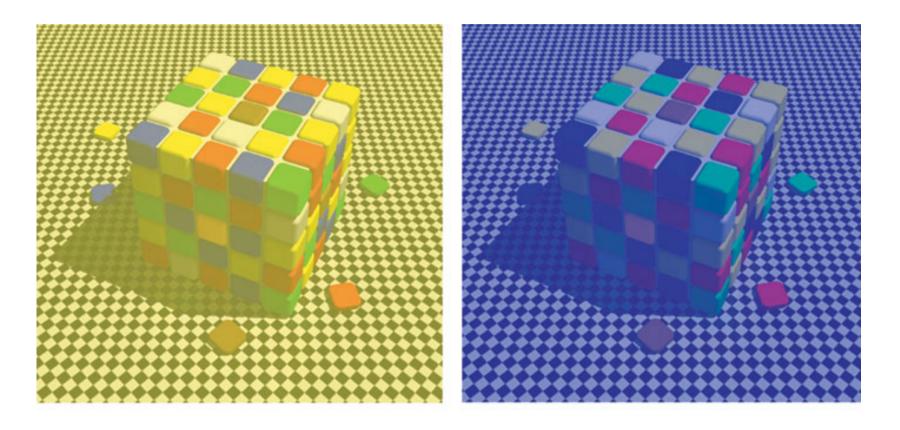
We filter out illumination variations

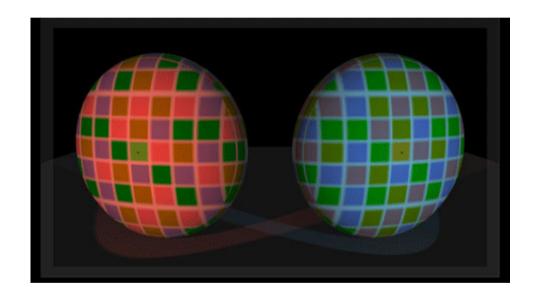
Color Constancy in Gold Fish

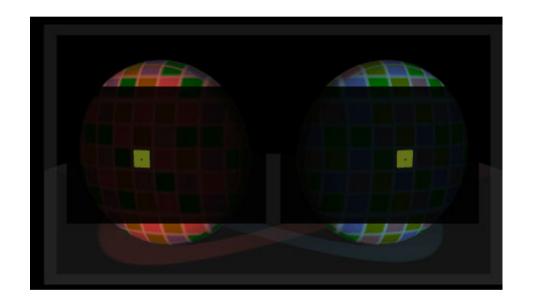


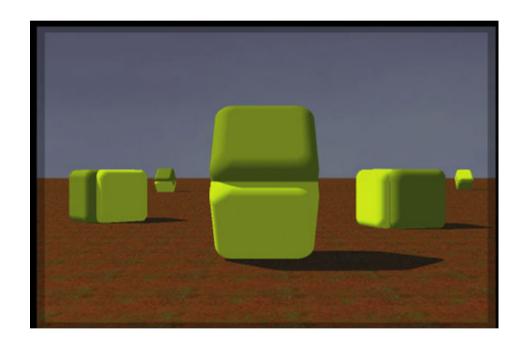
In David Ingle's experiment, a goldfish has been trained to swim to a patch of a given color for a reward—a piece of liver. It swims to the green patch regardless of the exact setting of the three projectors' intensities. The behavior is strikingly similar to the perceptual result in humans.

Color Cube Illusion

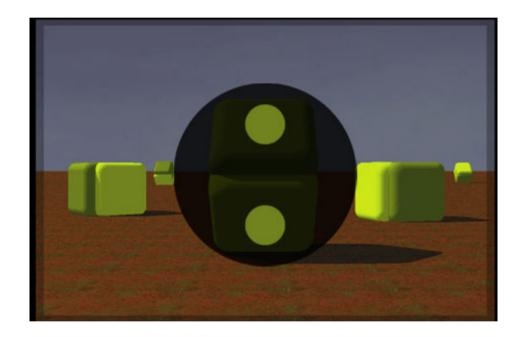








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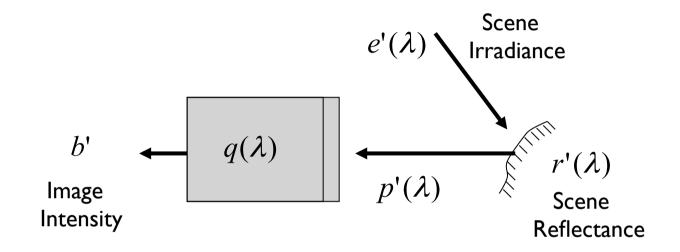
Reading Assignment #2

- Watch Beau Lotto's TED talk on "Optical illusions show how we see" [link available on course webpage]
- Prepare a I-page summary of the talk
- Due on 22nd of October





Image Brightness (Intensity)



• Monochromatic Light : $(\lambda = \lambda_i)$

$$b'(x, y) = r'(x, y) e'(x, y) q(\lambda_i) = 1$$

NOTE: The analysis can be applied to COLORED LIGHT using FILTERS

Recovering Lightness

- Image Intensity: b'(x,y) = r'(x,y) e'(x,y)Can we recover e' and r' from b'?

 An illposed problem!
- Retinex theory, Land and McCann, 1971
- use constraints (or priors) on shading and reflectance
- employ additional information (multiple images, depth maps, etc.)



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Color and light

- · Color of light arriving at camera depends on
 - Spectral reflectance of the surface light is leaving
 - Spectral radiance of light falling on that patch

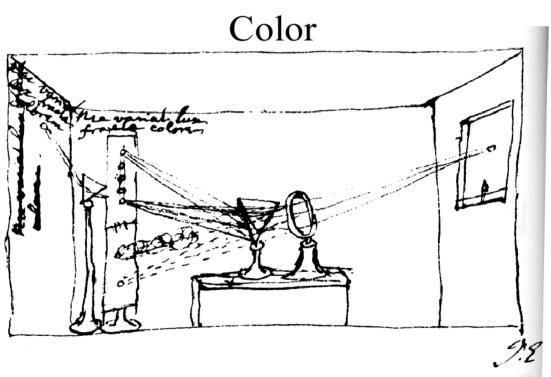
- Color perceived depends on
 - Physics of light
 - Visual system receptors
 - Brain processing, environment
- Color is a phenomenon of human perception;
 it is **not** a universal property of light

Color

White light: composed of about equal energy in all wavelengths of the visible spectrum



Newton 1665



point source of light and a prism, Newton separated sunlight into its fundamental components. By reconverging the rays, he also showed that the decomposition is reversible.

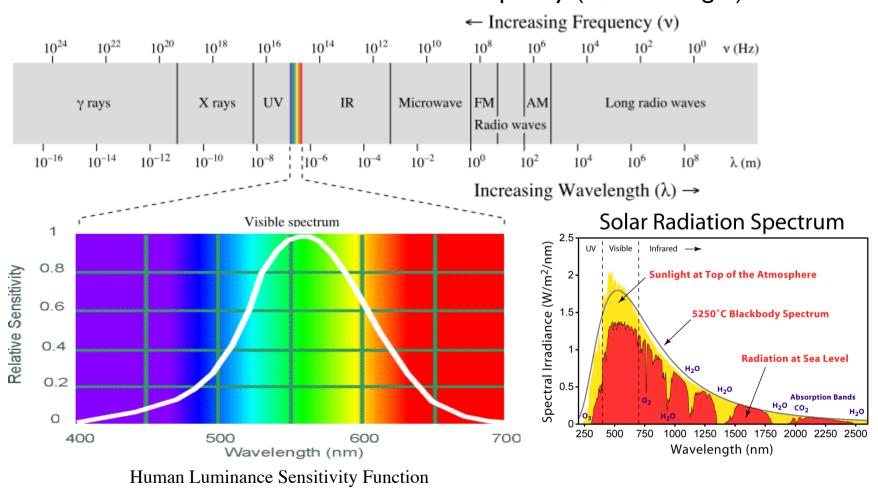
4.1 NEWTON'S SUMMARY DRAWING of his experiments with light. Using a

From Foundations of Vision, by Brian Wandell, Sinauer Assoc., 1995

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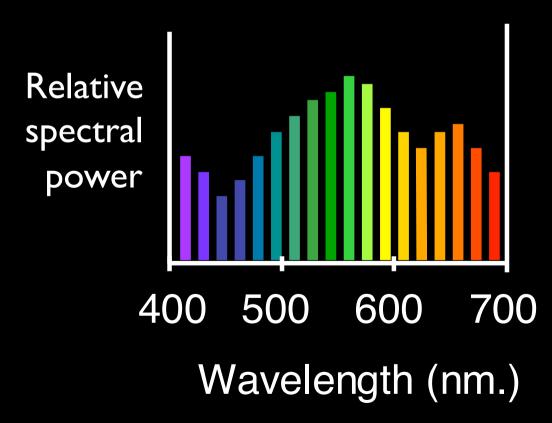
Electromagnetic spectrum

- Light is electromagnetic radiation
 - exists as oscillations of different frequency (or, wavelength)



The Physics of light

Any source of light can be completely described physically by its spectrum: the amount of energy emitted (per time unit) at each wavelength 400 - 700 nm.

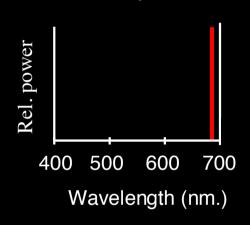


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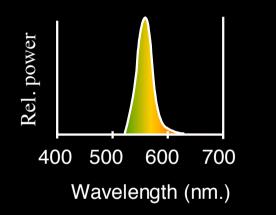
The Physics of light

Some examples of the spectra of light sources

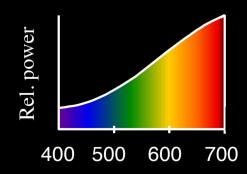
A. Ruby Laser



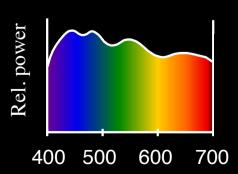
B. Gallium Phosphide Crystal



C. Tungsten Lightbulb



D. Normal Daylight



The Physics of light

Some examples of the <u>reflectance</u> spectra of <u>surfaces</u>

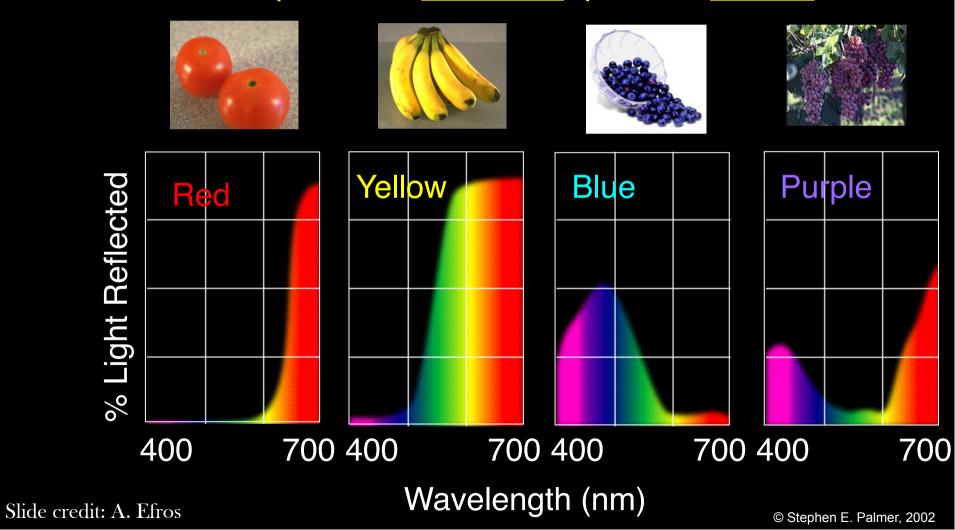
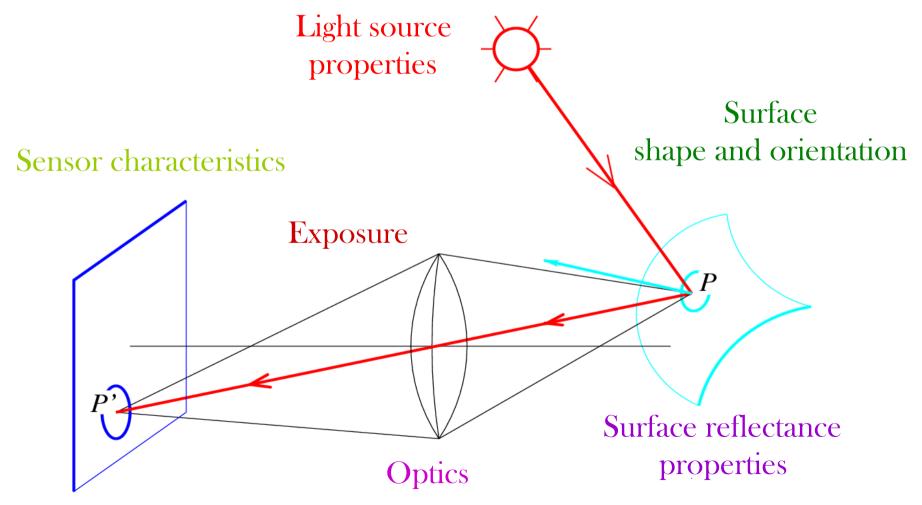


Image formation

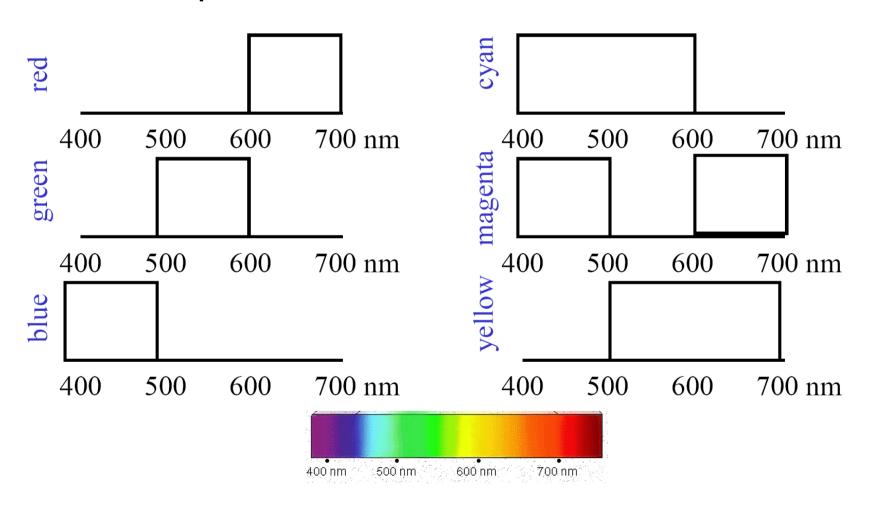
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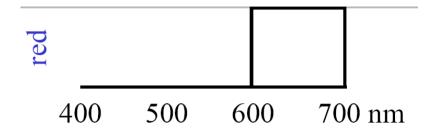
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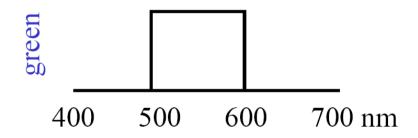
Color mixing

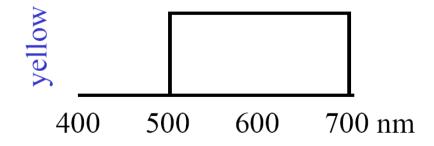
Cartoon spectra for color names:



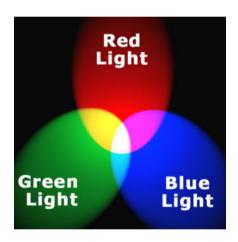
Additive color mixing





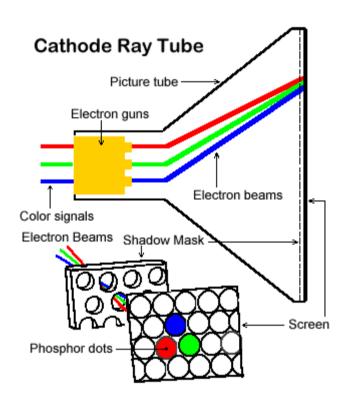


Colors combine by adding color spectra



Light adds to black.

Examples of additive color systems



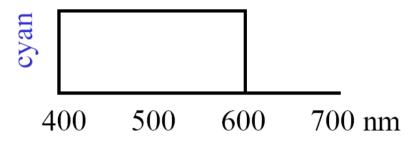


CRT phosphors

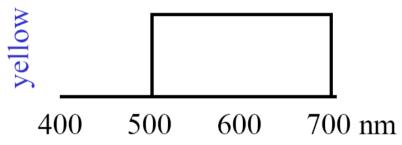
multiple projectors

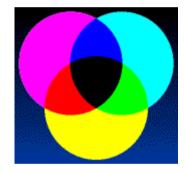
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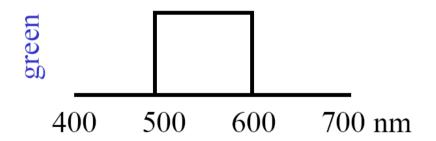
Subtractive color mixing



Colors combine by multiplying color spectra.







Pigments remove color from incident light (white).

Examples of subtractive color systems

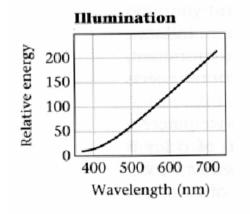
- Printing on paper
- Crayons
- Photographic film

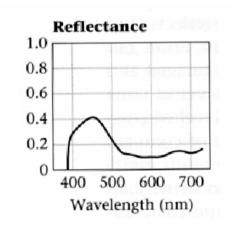


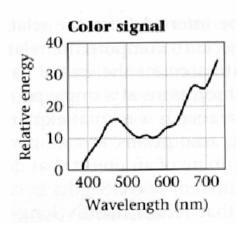
Interaction of light and surfaces



 Reflected color is the result of interaction of light source spectrum with surface reflectance

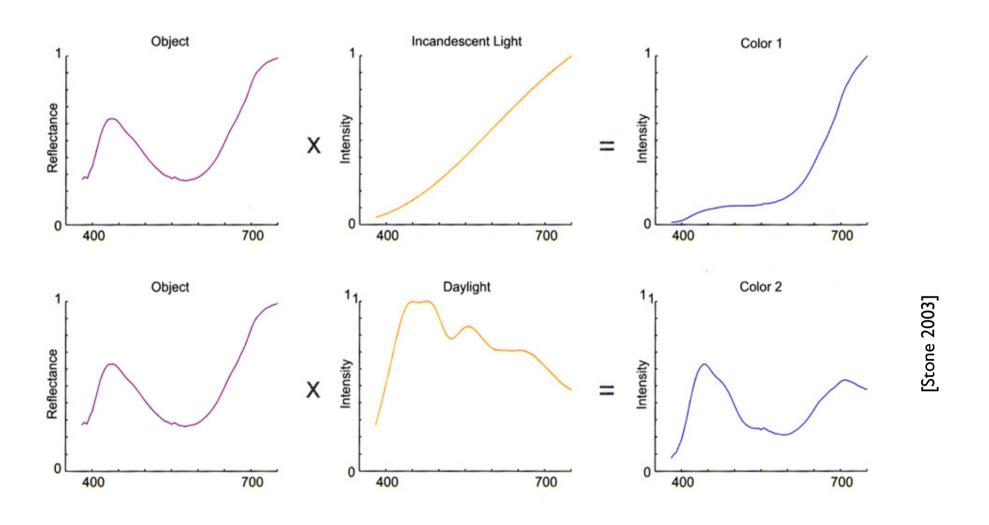






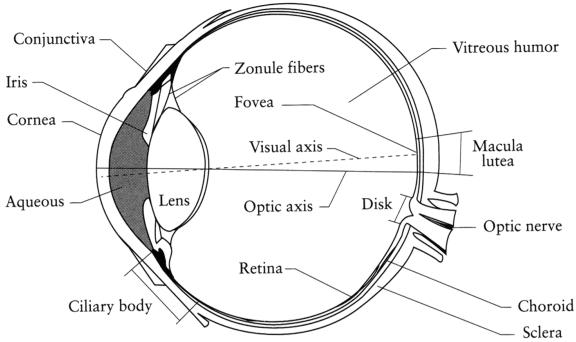
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Reflection from colored surface

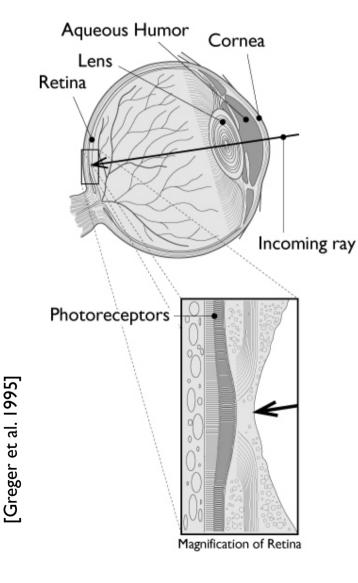


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The Eye

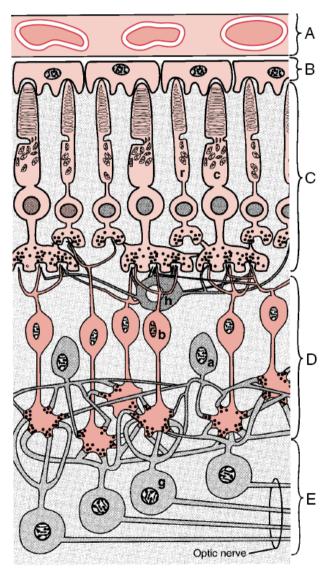


- Iris colored annulus with radial muscles
- Pupil the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
- **Lens** changes shape by using ciliary muscles (to focus on objects at different distances)
- Retina photoreceptor cells

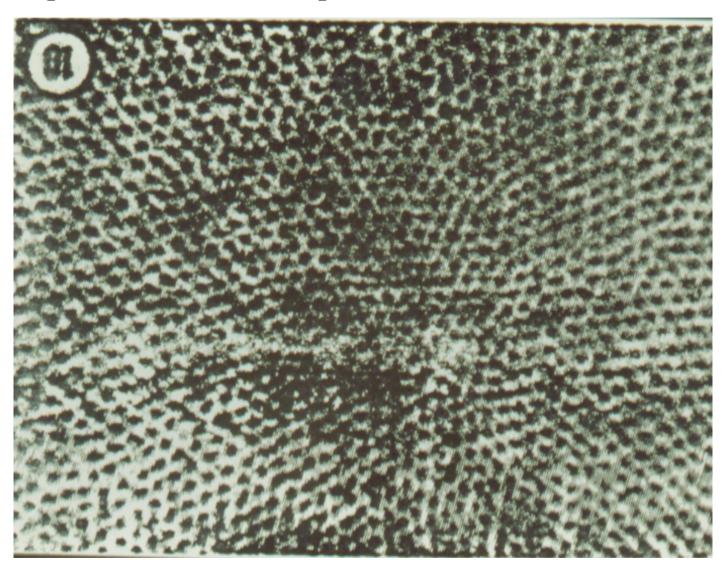


- We can model the low-level behavior of the eye by thinking of it as a light-measuring machine
 - its optics are much like a camera
 - its detection mechanism is also much like a camera
- Light is measured by the photoreceptors in the retina
 - they respond to visible light
 - different types respond to different wavelengths
- The human eye is a camera!

Layers of the retina



Receptors Density - Fovea

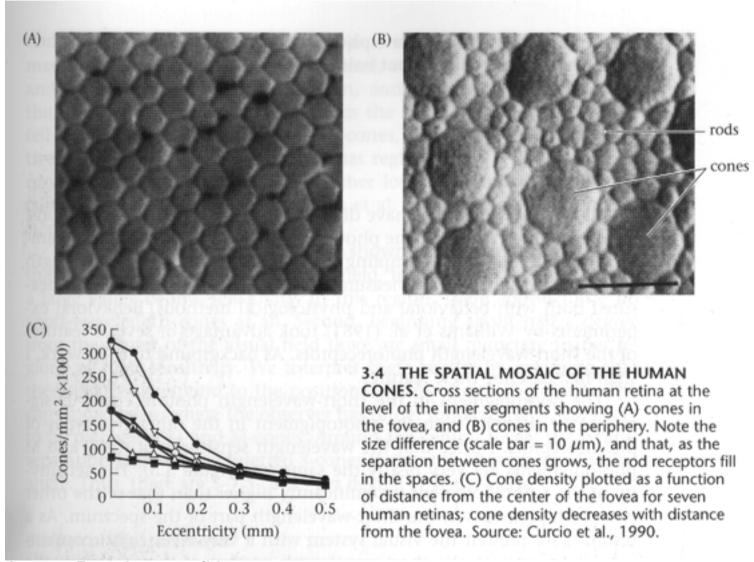


Receptors Density - Fovea

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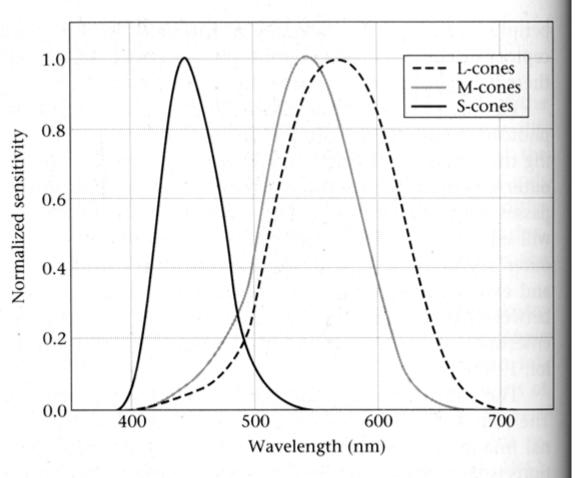
Human Photoreceptors



Images: Foundations of Vision, by Brian Wandell, Sinauer Assoc., 1995

Human eye photoreceptor spectral sensitivities

3.3 SPECTRAL SENSITIVITIES OF THE L-, M-, AND S-CONES in the human eye. The measurements are based on a light source at the cornea, so that the wavelength loss due to the cornea, lens, and other inert pigments of the eye plays a role in determining the sensitivity. Source: Stockman and MacLeod, 1993.



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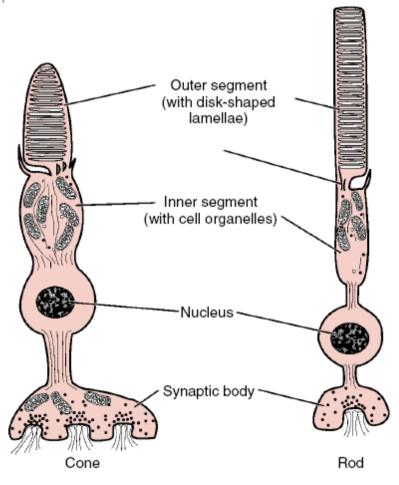
Two types of light-sensitive receptors

Cones

cone-shaped
less sensitive
operate in high light
color vision

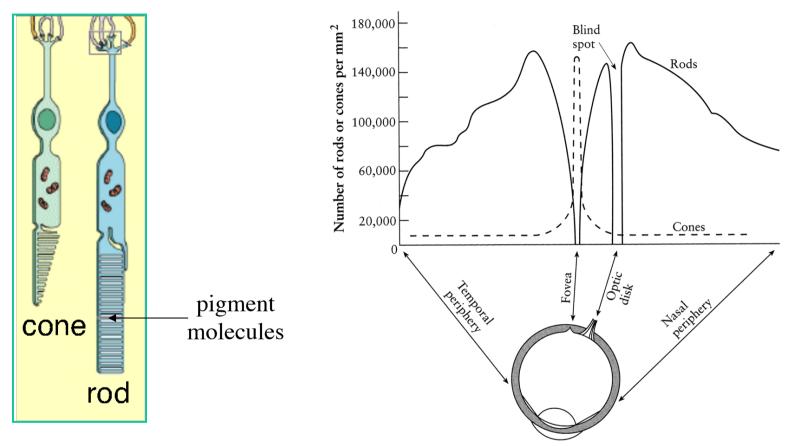
Rods

rod-shaped highly sensitive operate at night gray-scale vision



Images by Shimon Ullman

Rods and cones

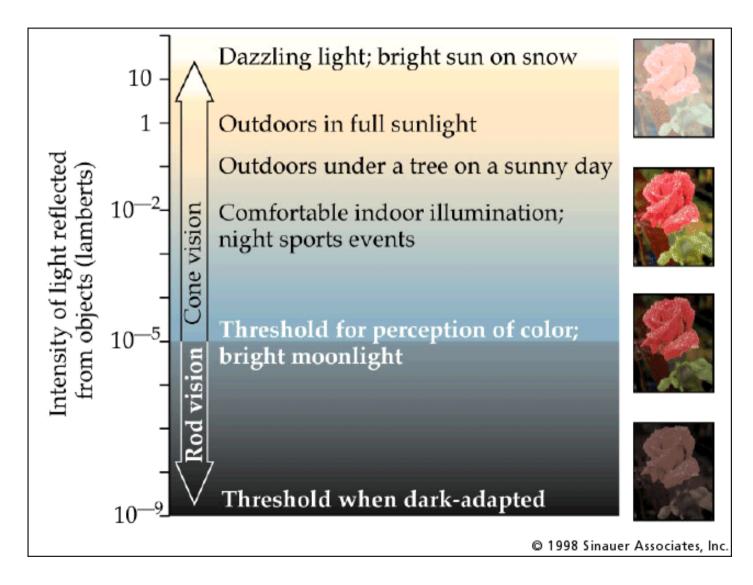


Rods are responsible for intensity, cones for color perception

Rods and cones are non-uniformly distributed on the retina

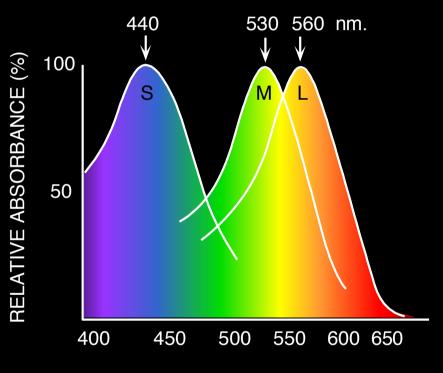
- Fovea - Small region (I or 2°) at the center of the visual field containing the highest density of cones (and no rods)

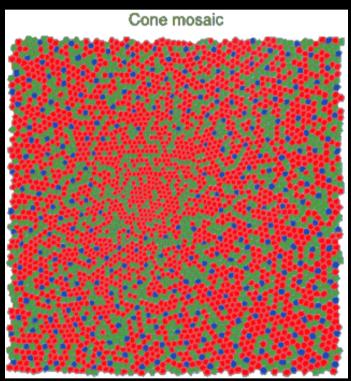
Rod / Cone sensitivity



Physiology of Color Vision

Three kinds of cones:

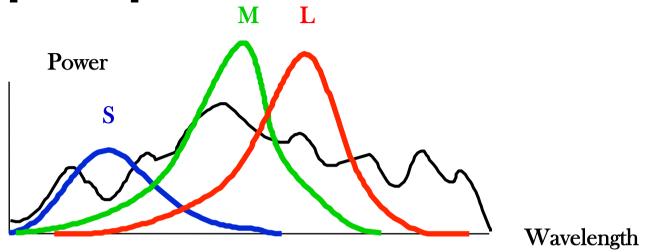




WAVELENGTH (nm.)

- Ratio of L to M to S cones: approx. 10:5:1
- Almost no S cones in the center of the fovea

Color perception



Rods and cones act as filters on the spectrum

- To get the output of a filter, multiply its response curve by the spectrum, integrate over all wavelengths
 - Each cone yields one number

Q: How can we represent an entire spectrum with 3 numbers?

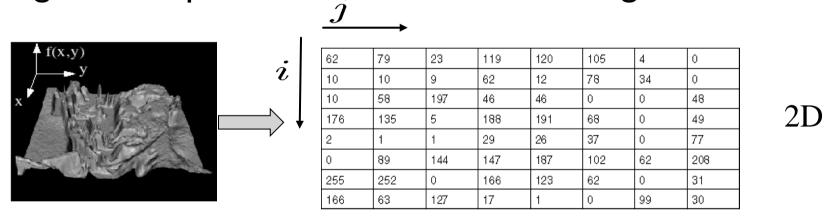
A: We can't! Most of the information is lost.

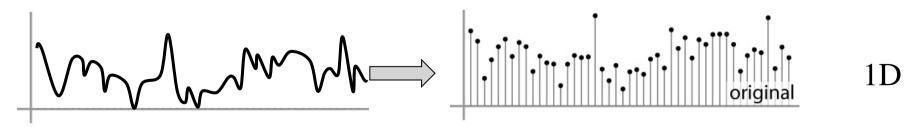
- As a result, two different spectra may appear indistinguishable

Digital images

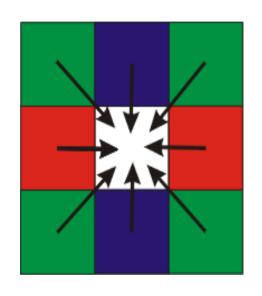
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Image thus represented as a matrix of integer values.





Color Images: Bayer Grid



 Estimate RGB at 'G' cells from neighboring values

Incoming Light Filter Layer Sensor Array Resulting Pattern Slide credit: S. Seitz

http://www.cooldictionary.com/words/Bayer-filter.wikipedia

Digital color images

Color images, RGB color space R G B Slide credit: K. Grauman

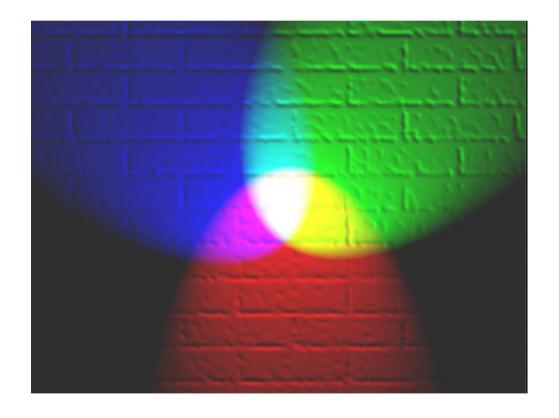
Images in Matlab

- Images represented as a matrix
- Suppose we have a NxM RGB image called "im"
 - -im(1,1,1) = top-left pixel value in R-channel
 - -im(y,x,b) = y pixels down, x pixels to right in the bth channel
 - -im(N,M,3) = bottom-right pixel in B-channel
- imread(filename) returns a uint8 image (values 0 to 255)
 - Convert to double format (values 0 to 1) with im2double

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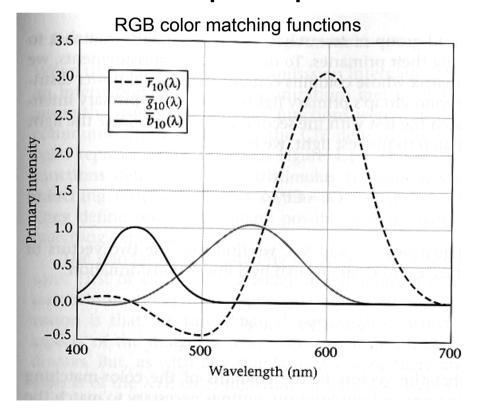
Color spaces

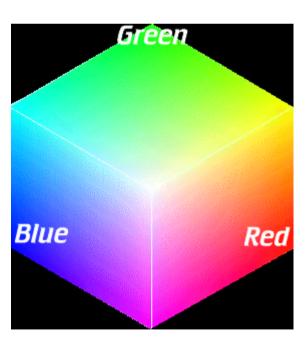
• How can we represent color?



Color spaces: RGB

- Single wavelength primaries
- makes a particular monitor RGB standard
- Good for devices (e.g., phosphors for monitor), but not for perception



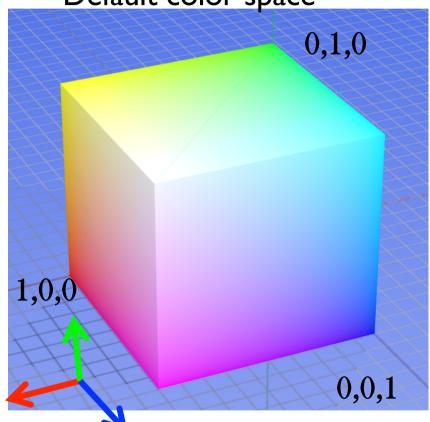


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Color spaces: RGB

Default color space



Some drawbacks

- Strongly correlated channels
- Non-perceptual

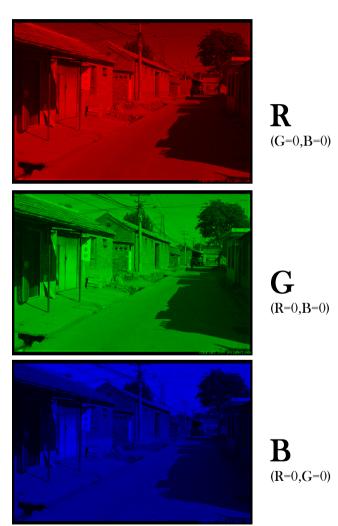
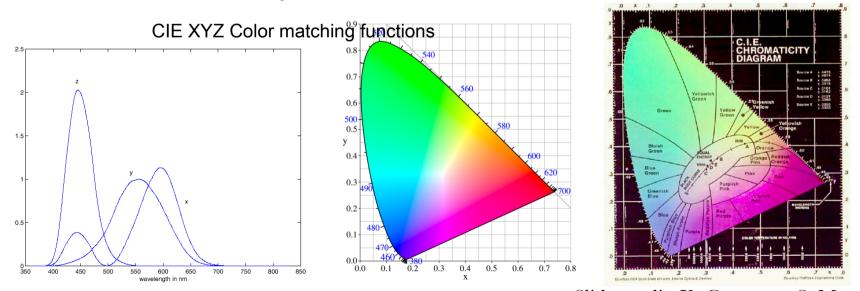


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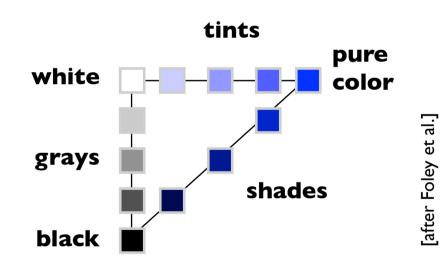
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Perceptually organized color spaces

- Artists often refer to colors as tints, shades, and tones of pure pigments
 - tint: mixture with white
 - shade: mixture with black
 - tones: mixture with black and white
 - gray: no color at all (aka. neutral)



- This seems intuitive
 - tints and shades are inherently related to the pure color
 - "same" color but lighter, darker, paler, etc.

Perceptual dimensions of color

Hue

- the "kind" of color, regardless of attributes
- colorimetric correlate: dominant wavelength
- artist's correlate: the chosen pigment color

Saturation

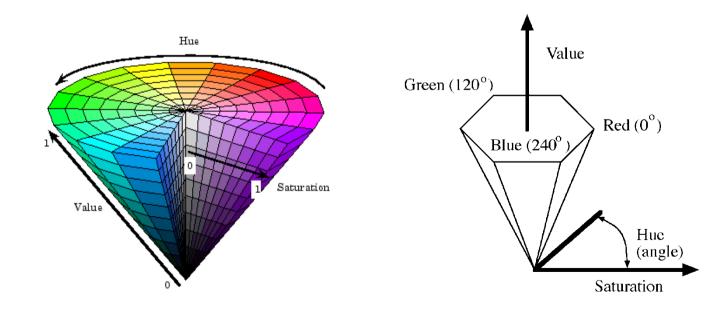
- the "colorfulness"
- colorimetric correlate: purity
- artist's correlate: fraction of paint from the colored tube

• Lightness (or value)

- the overall amount of light
- colorimetric correlate: luminance
- artist's correlate: tints are lighter, shades are darker

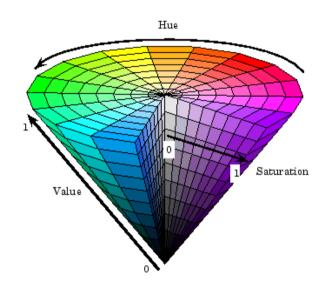
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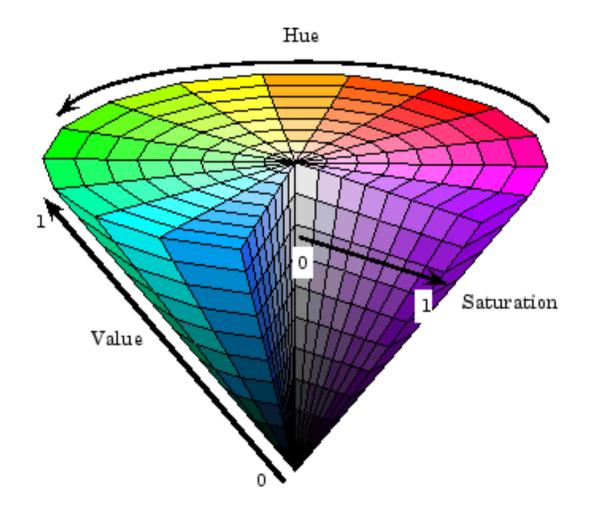
$$H = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{G' - B'}{MAX - MIN}\right)/6, & \text{if} \quad R' = MAX \\ \left(2 + \frac{B' - R'}{MAX - MIN}\right)/6, & \text{if} \quad G' = MAX \\ \left(4 + \frac{R' - G'}{MAX - MIN}\right)/6, & \text{if} \quad B' = MAX \end{cases}$$

$$S = \frac{MAX - MIN}{MAX}$$

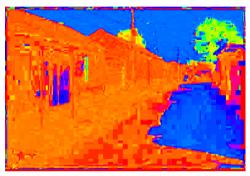
$$V = MAX$$

Color spaces: HSV

Intuitive color space







H (S=1,V=1)



S (H=1,V=1)

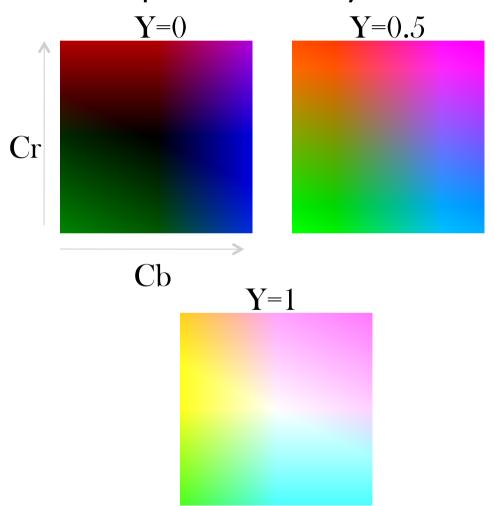


V (H=1,S=0)

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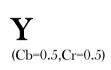
Color spaces: YCbCr Fast to compute, good for

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Cb (Y=0.5,Cr=0.5)

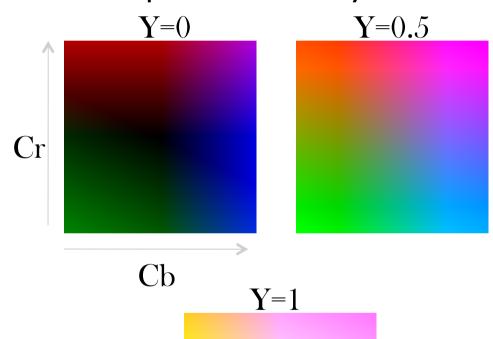


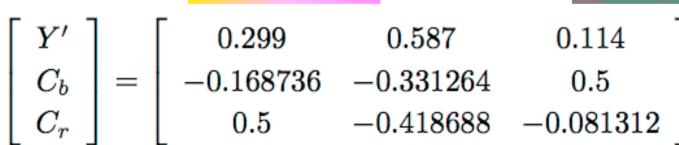
Cr (Y=0.5,Cb=05)

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Color spaces: YCbCr

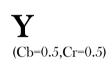
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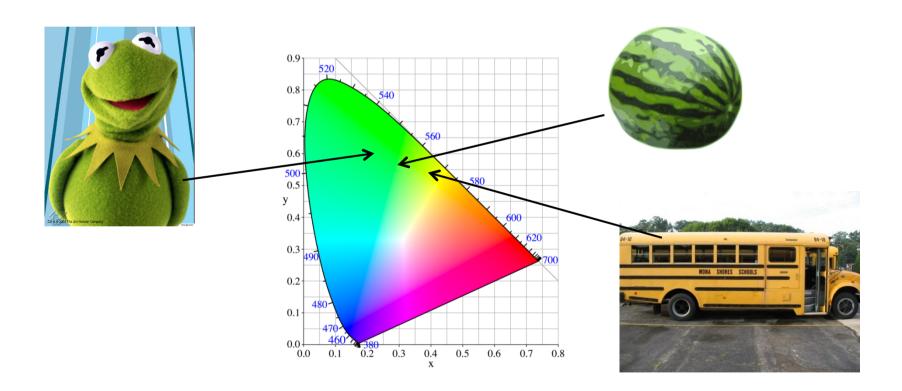


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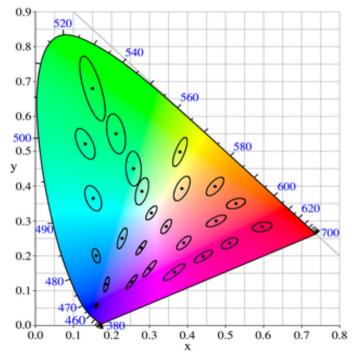
Distances in color space

• Are distances between points in a color space perceptually meaningful?



Distances in color space

• Not necessarily: CIE XYZ is not a uniform color space, so magnitude of differences in coordinates are poor indicator of color "distance".

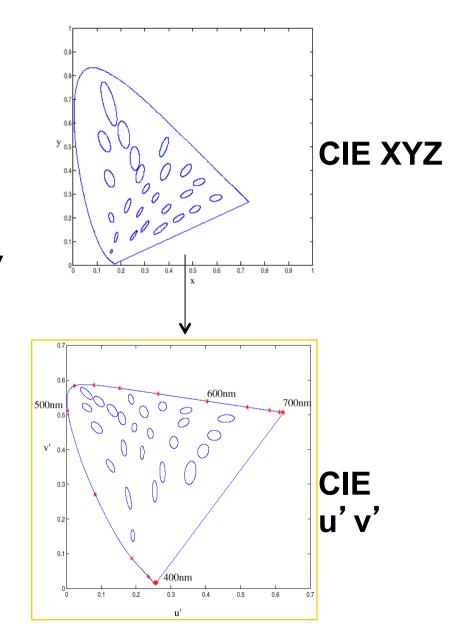


McAdam ellipses: Just noticeable differences in color

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Uniform color spaces

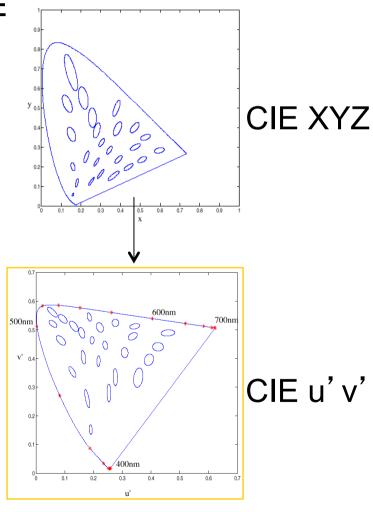
- Attempt to correct this limitation by remapping color space so that justnoticeable differences are contained by circles > distances more perceptually meaningful.
- Examples:
 - CIE u'v'
 - CIE Lab



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Perceptually uniform spaces

- Two major spaces standardized by CIE
 - designed so that equal differences in coordinates produce equally visible differences in color
 - by remapping color space so that justnoticeable differences are contained by circles distances more perceptually meaningful.
 - LUV: earlier, simpler space; L*, u*, v*
 - LAB: more complex but more uniform:
 L*, a*, b*
 - both separate luminance from chromaticity
 - including a gamma-like nonlinear component is important

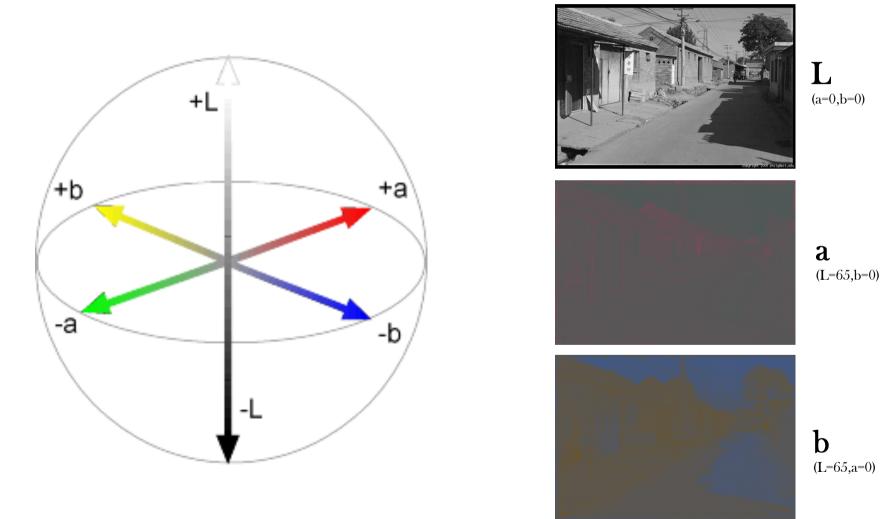


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Color spaces: L*a*b*

"Perceptually uniform"* color space





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Color spaces: L*a*b*

"Perceptually uniform" * color space



$$L^* = 116f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right)$$

$$f(t) = \left\{ egin{array}{ll} t^{1/3} & t > \delta^3 \\ t/(3\delta^2) + 2\delta/3 & ext{else}, \end{array}
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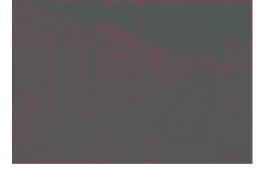
$$a^* = 500 \left[f\left(\frac{X}{X_n}\right) - f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) \right]$$

$$b^* = 200 \left[f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_n}\right) - f\left(\frac{Z}{Z_n}\right) \right]$$

 (X_n, Y_n, Z_n) : measured white point



L (a=0,b=0)



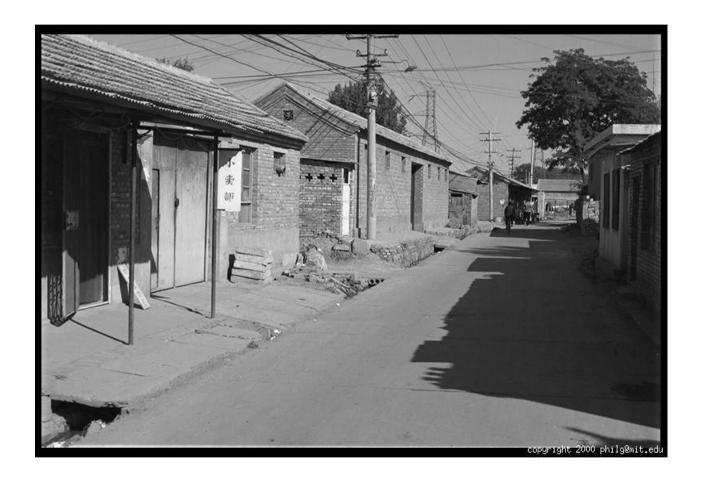
a (L=65,b=0)



b (L=65.a=0)

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Most information in intensity



Only intensity shown – constant color

Most information in intensity



Original image

Back to grayscale intensity



Today

- Perception of color and light
- Color spaces

Next week

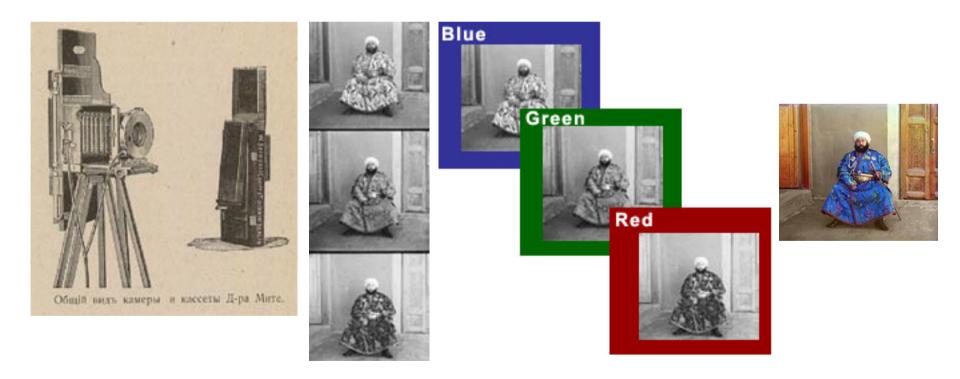
- Point operations
- Histogram processing

Your first programming assignment

- Colorizing the Prokudin-Gorskii photo collection
- A Matlab warm-up exercise
- Main steps:
 - I. Divide the input image into three equal parts corresponding to RGB channels.
 - 2. Align the second and the third parts (G and R channels) to the first one (B channel).

Prokudin-Gorskii's Russia in Color

- Russia circa 1900
- One camera, move the film with filters to get 3 exposures



Images from: http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/empire/

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Prokudin-Gorskii's Russia in Color

• Digital restoration







Emir Seyyid Mir Mohammed Alim Khan, the Emir of Bukhara, ca. 1910.



Self-portrait on the Karolitskhali River, ca. 1910.



A metal truss bridge on stone piers, part of the Trans-Siberian Railway, crossing the Kama River near Perm, Ural Mountains Region, ca. 1910.



On the Sim River, a shepherd boy, ca. 1910.



Peasants harvesting hay in 1909. From the album "Views along the Mariinskii Canal and river system, Russian Empire", ca. 1910.