

Computer Graphics



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COS 426, Spring 2020

Overview



- Administrative stuff
 - People, times, places, etc.
- Syllabus
 - What will I learn in this course?
- Imaging
 - Getting started ...

Administrative Stuff



- Instructors
 - Prof: Felix Heide
 - TAs: Darby Haller, Ethan Tseng, Yuting Yang
 - Lab TAs: Reilly Bova, Alice Gao, June Ho Park, Daniel Chae, Will Sweeny, Lucas Salvatore
- Book
 - *Computer Graphics with OpenGL, 4th Ed*, Hearn, Baker, and Carithers, Prentice Hall, 2010. ISBN: 978-0136053583
- Enrollment
 - If you are not enrolled, see me after class.
- Web page
 - www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spring20/cos426/

COS 426: Computer Graphics Spring 2020



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General Information

Description: This course will study topics in computer graphics, covering methods in image processing, modeling, rendering, and animation.

Prerequisites: The course is appropriate for students who have taken COS217 and COS226 (or equivalent). Javascript will be the main programming language.

Coursework: The grade will be based on five programming assignments (60%), an exam (15%), a final project (20%), and course participation (5%).

Textbook: *Computer Graphics with OpenGL*, 4th Ed., Hearn, Baker, and Carithers. Prentice Hall, 2010. ISBN: 978-0136053583.

Instructors: Professor [Felix Heide](#) with TAs: [Darby Haller](#), and [Ethan Tseng](#), and Yuting Yang, and Lab TAs [Reilly Bova](#), and others TBA.

Time/place: Lecture:

- Tue & Thu 3-4:20pm, [Friend Center](#) room TBA

Precepts:

- Wed or Thu 7:30-8:20pm, [Friend Center](#) room TBA
You may attend either (or both) during any week, regardless of your registration.

Office Hours vary as follows:

- Prof. Felix Heide: TBA, CS Bldg room 410
- TAs: TBA

Questions: We will use [Piazza](#) to handle Q&A this semester. Whenever possible, please post your questions there instead of mailing the course staff.

Coursework



- Exam (15%)
 - In class (March 12)
- Programming Assignments (60%)
 - Assignment #1: Image Processing
 - Assignment #2: Modeling
 - Assignment #3: Ray Tracer
 - Assignment #4: Rasterizer
 - Assignment #5: Animation
- Final Project (20%)
 - Your choice! (due Dean's Date)
- Participation (5%)



Programming Assignments

- When?
 - Roughly every 2-3 weeks
- Where?
 - Anywhere you want, e.g. home or clusters
- How?
 - Javascript
 - Some OpenGL (WebGL, GLSL)
- What?
 - Basic feature lists
 - Extra credit lists
 - Art contest

Art and Simulation Contest

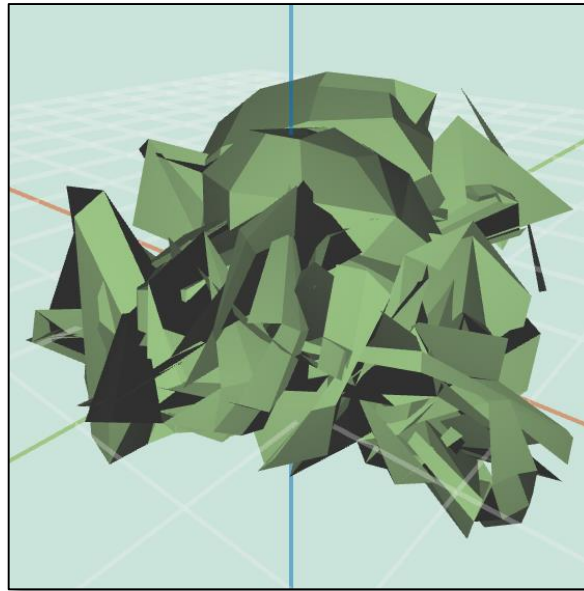


- Everybody should submit entries!
 - 1 point for submitting
 - 2 points for winning



Cool Images/Videos

(Jad Bechara, CS 426, Spring 2018)



Bloopers

(Reed Tantiviramanond, CS 426, Spr15)



Characters for web banner

Collaboration Policy



- Overview:
 - You must type your own code, but may work in pairs.
 - You must reference your resources.
 - See policy on course web, and ask when in doubt.
- It's OK to ...
 - Talk with other students about ideas, approaches, etc.
 - Get ideas from information in books, wikipedia, etc.
 - Use “support” code provided with our assignments
- It's NOT OK to ...
 - Share your code digitally (e.g. post on web, email)
 - Copy code directly from another student
 - Leverage code acquired from other sources



Questions / Discussion

- Piazza (www.piazza.com)
 - View announcements
 - Post questions to the class
 - Answer other students questions
 - Set up for everyone enrolled as of today
 - Use this instead of email to instructors/TAs (can send private messages)

Precepts



- When and Where
 - Wed **OR** Thu 7:30-8:20
 - Attend either as you prefer – they will be equivalent
 - Friend 008
- Attendance
 - Topics vary, so attend the ones that help you
 - This week: getting up to speed in Javascript

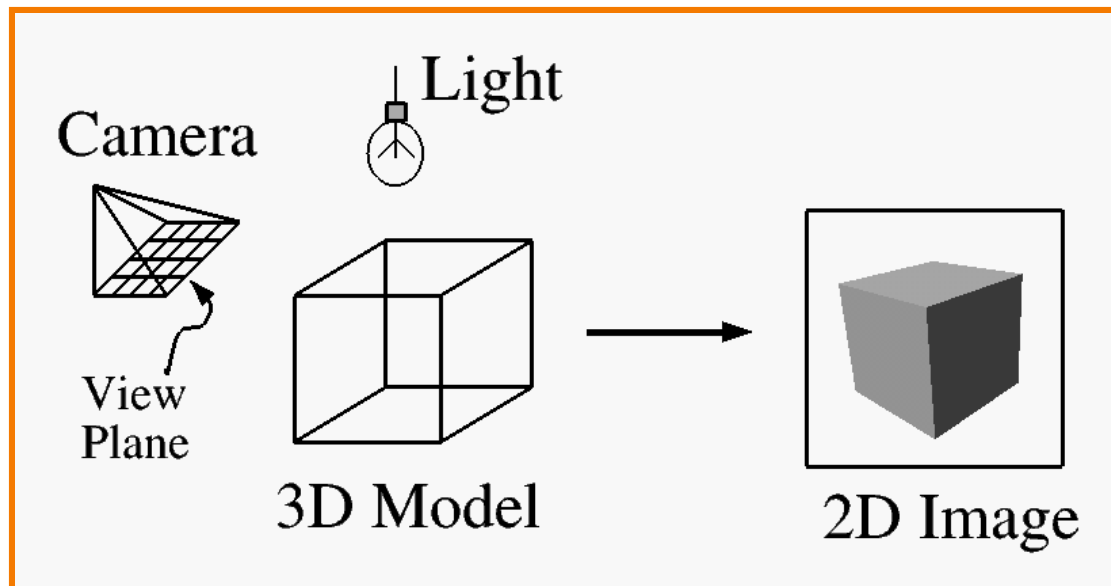
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Introduction

- What is computer graphics?
 - Imaging = *representing 2D images*
 - Modeling = *representing 3D objects*
 - Rendering = *constructing 2D images from 3D models*
 - Animation = *simulating changes over time*



Syllabus



I. Imaging

II. Modeling

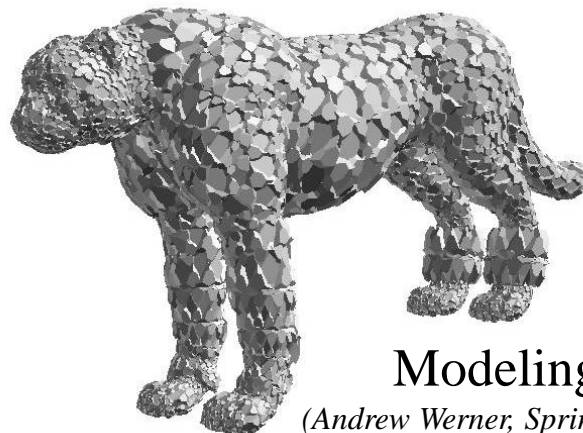
III. Rendering

IV. Animation



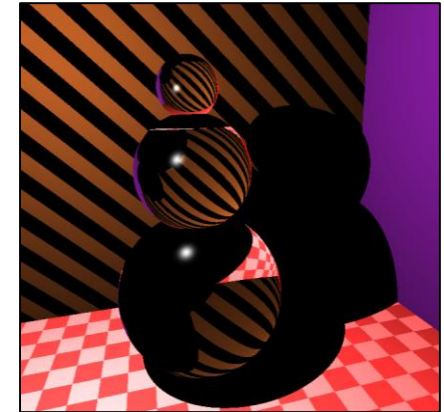
Image Processing

(Rusty Coleman, CS426, Fall99)



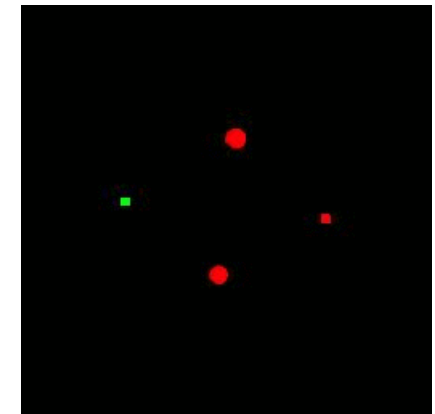
Modeling

(Andrew Werner, Spring 2014)



Rendering

(David Paulk, CS426, Spr2015)



Animation

(Riley Thomasson, Spring 2014)

Part I: Imaging



- Image Basics
 - Definition
 - Color models
- Image Representation
 - Sampling
 - Reconstruction
 - Quantization & Aliasing
- Image Processing
 - Filtering
 - Warping
 - Composition
 - Morphing



Image Composition
(Michael Bostock, CS426, Fall99)



Image Morphing
(Reilly Bova, CS426 Fall 2018)

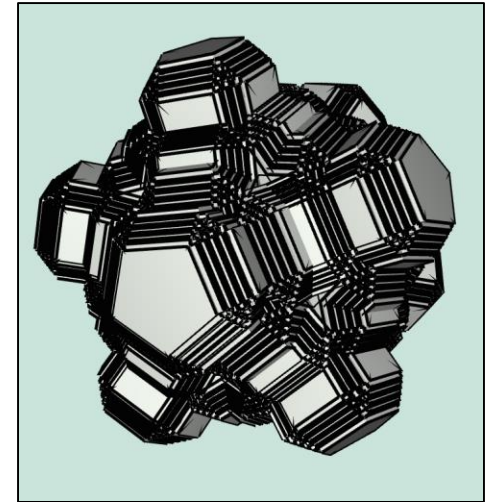
Part II: Modeling



- Representations of geometry
 - Curves: splines
 - Surfaces: meshes, splines, subdivision
 - Solids: voxels, CSG, BSP
- Procedural modeling
 - Sweeps
 - Fractals
 - Grammars



(Brendan Chou, Spring 2014)



*(John Whelchel,
CS 426, Spr2015)*

Part III: Rendering



- 3D Rendering Pipeline
 - Modeling transformations
 - Viewing transformations
 - Hidden surface removal
 - Illumination, shading, and textures
 - Scan conversion, clipping
 - Hierarchical scene graphics
 - OpenGL
- Global illumination
 - Ray tracing
 - Radiosity



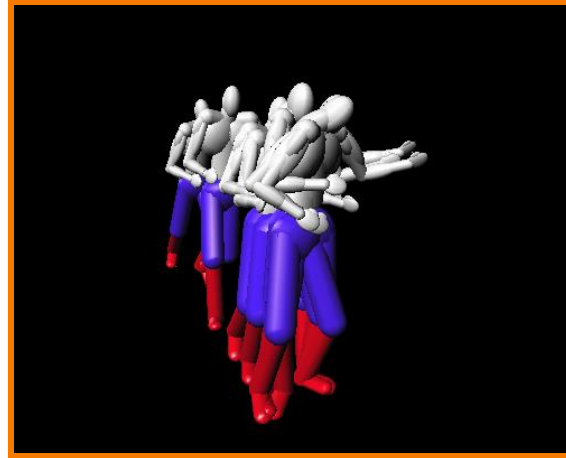
Pixel Shading
(*Final Fantasy, Square Pictures*)



Global Illumination
(*Diana Liao, CS 426, Spr15*)

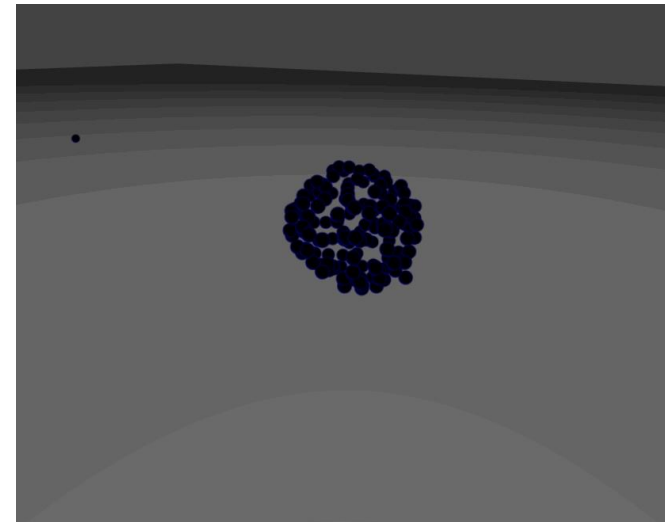
Part IV: Animation

- Keyframing
 - Kinematics
 - Articulated figures
- Motion capture
 - Capture
 - Warping
- Dynamics
 - Physically-based simulations
 - Particle systems
- Behaviors
 - Planning, learning, etc.



Dancing Guy
(Jon Beyer, CS426, Spr05)

Particle system
(Drew Wallace, Spring 2015)



Applications



→ Entertainment

- Computer-aided design
- Scientific visualization
- Training
- Education
- E-commerce
- Computer art



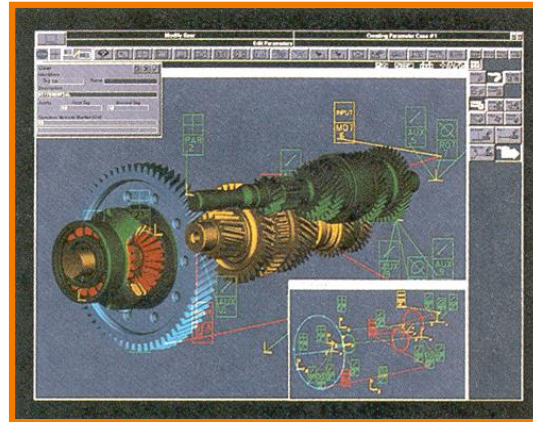
Geri's Game
(Pixar Animation Studios)



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Gear Shaft Design
(Intergraph Corporation)



Los Angeles Airport
(Bill Jepson, UCLA)

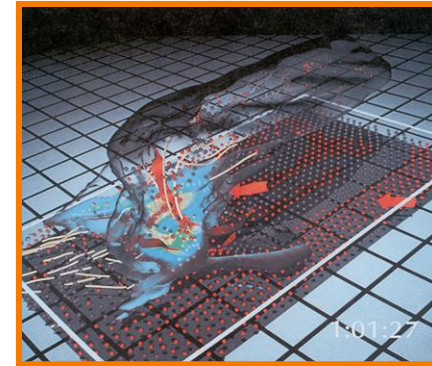


Boeing 777 Airplane
(Boeing Corporation)

Applications

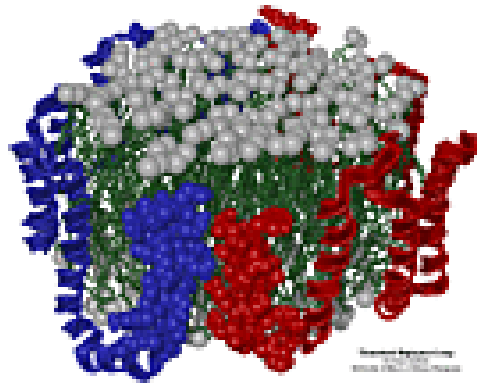


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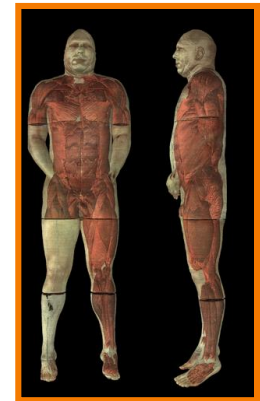
Airflow Inside a Thunderstorm

*(Bob Wilhelmson,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)*



Apo A-1

*(Theoretical Biophysics Group,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)*



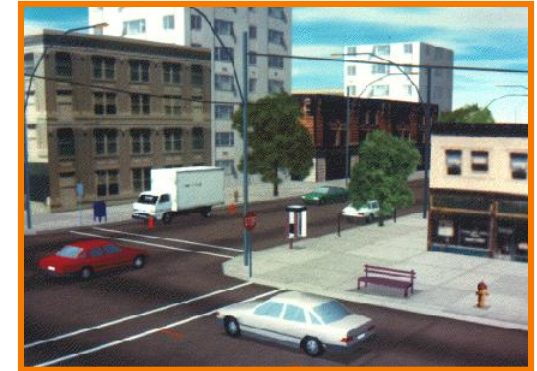
Visible Human

(National Library of Medicine)

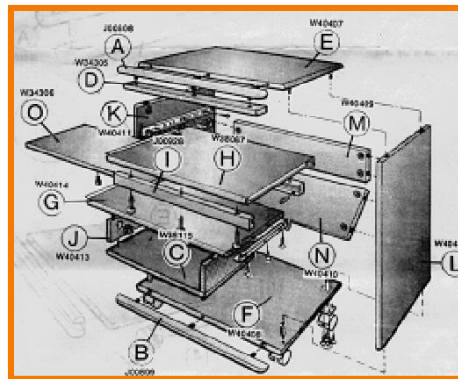
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Driving Simulation
(Evans & Sutherland)



Desk Assembly
(Silicon Graphics, Inc.)



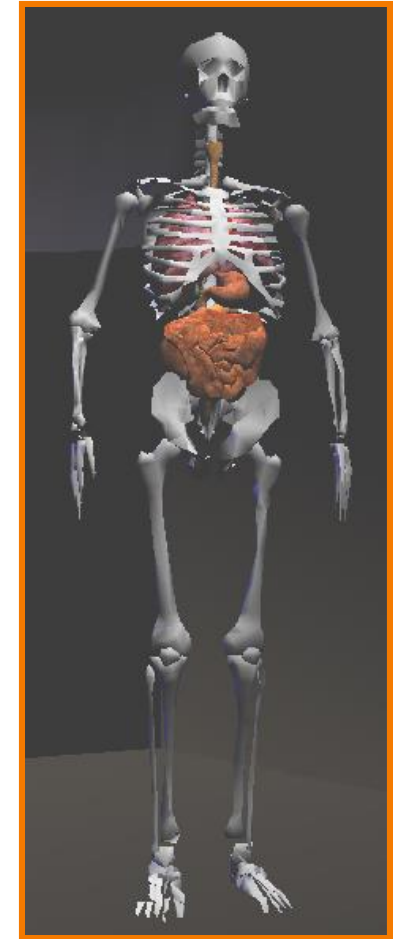
Flight Simulation
(NASA)

Applications

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Forum of Trajan
(Bill Jepson, UCLA)



Human Skeleton
(SGI)

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Interactive Kitchen Planner
(Matsushita)

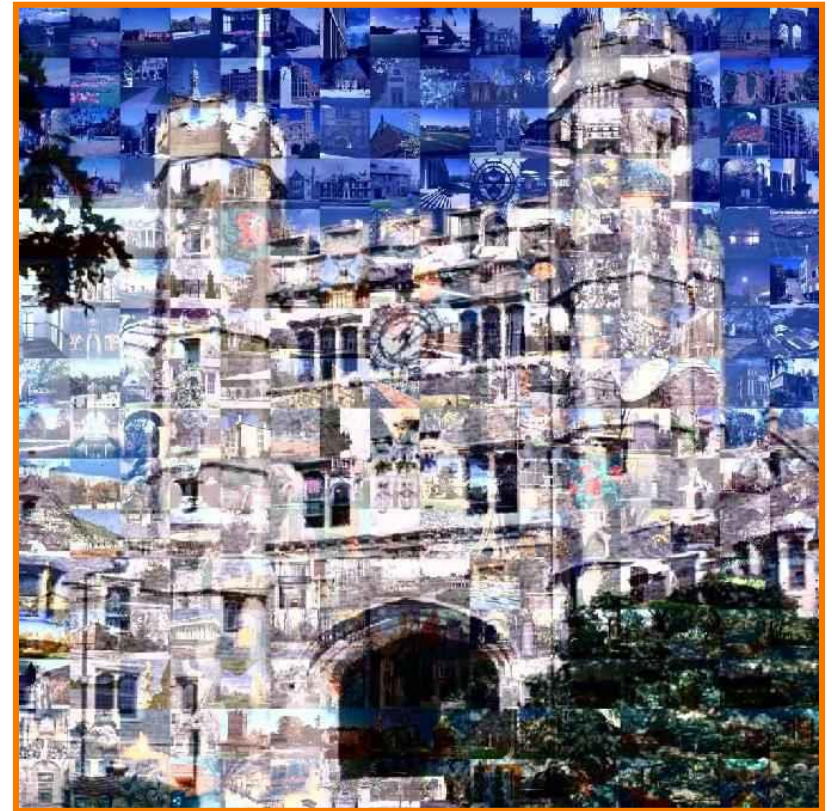


Virtual Phone Store
(Lucent Technologies)

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Blair Arch
(Marissa Range '98)

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An image is a 2D rectilinear array of pixels

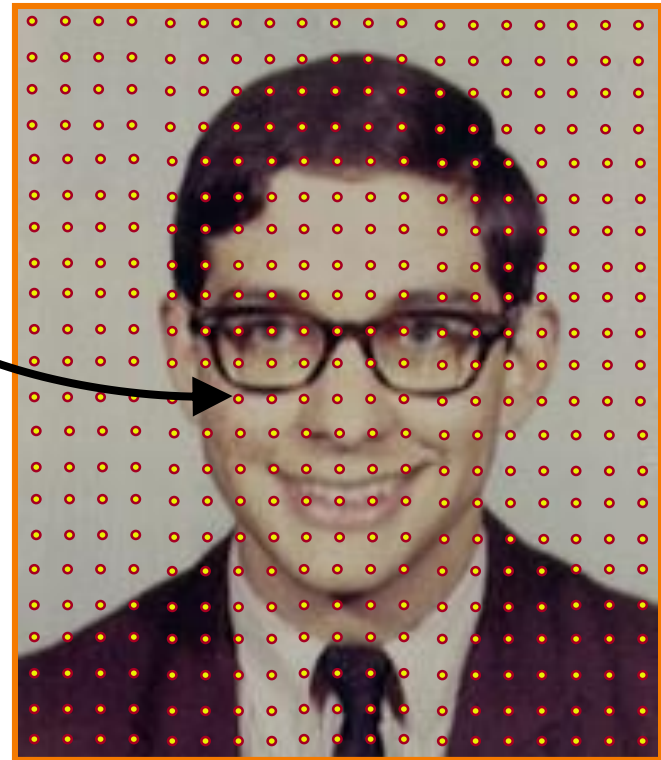
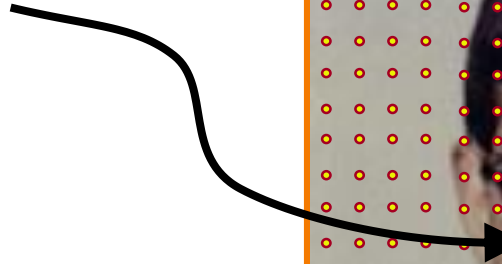


Digital image

What is a Pixel?



Pixel

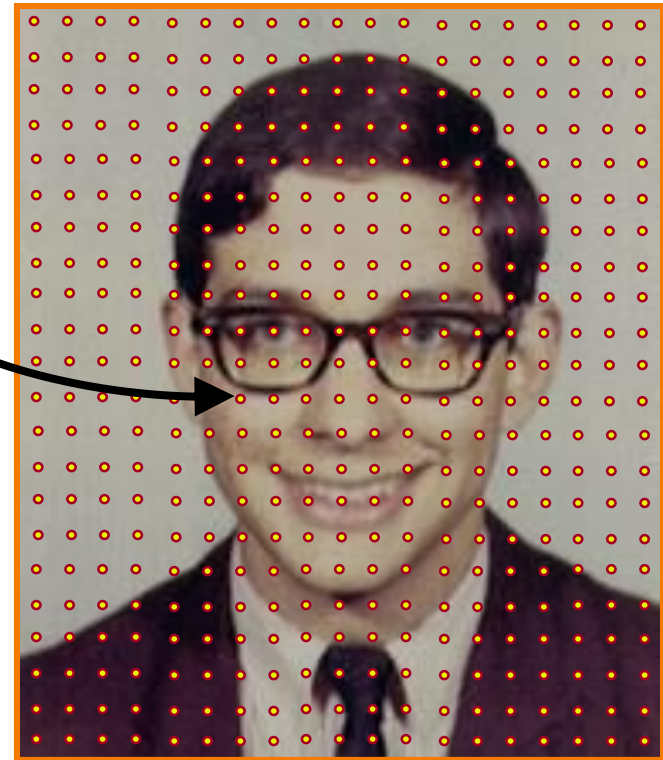


Digital image

What is a Pixel?

Sample of a function at a position

$I(x,y)$



Digital image

What Function?

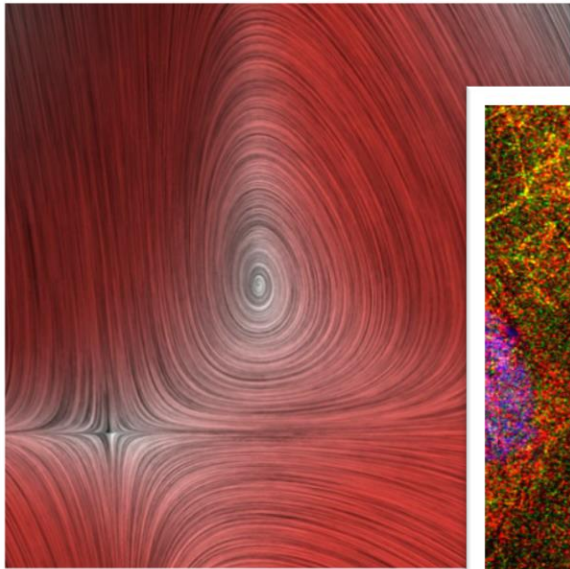


What Function?

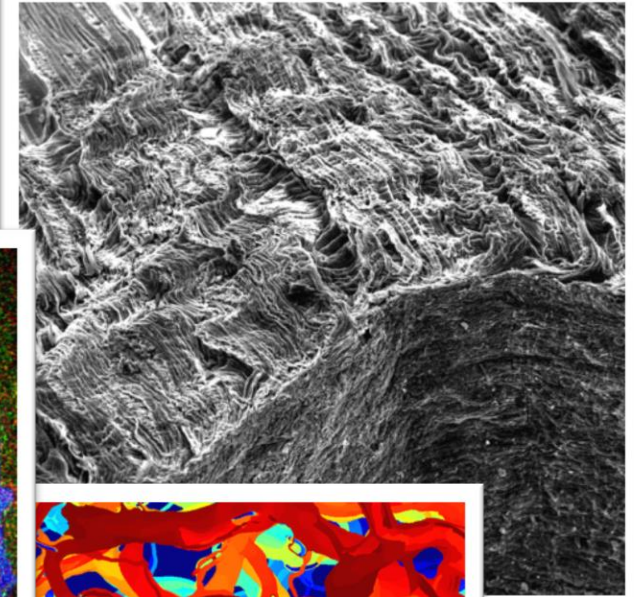
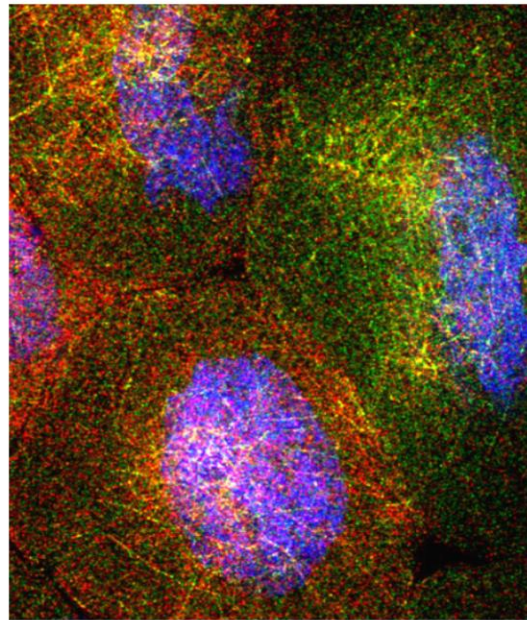


Could be any function ...

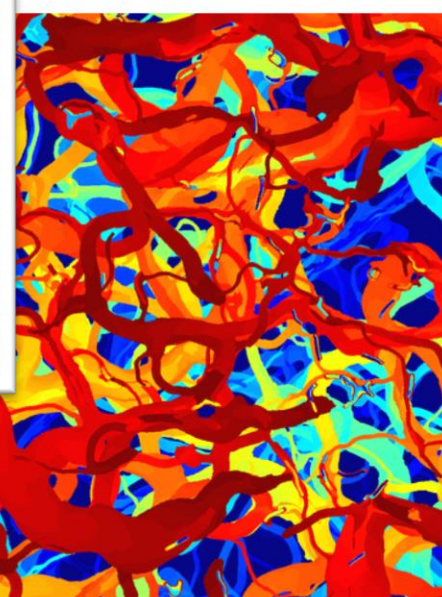
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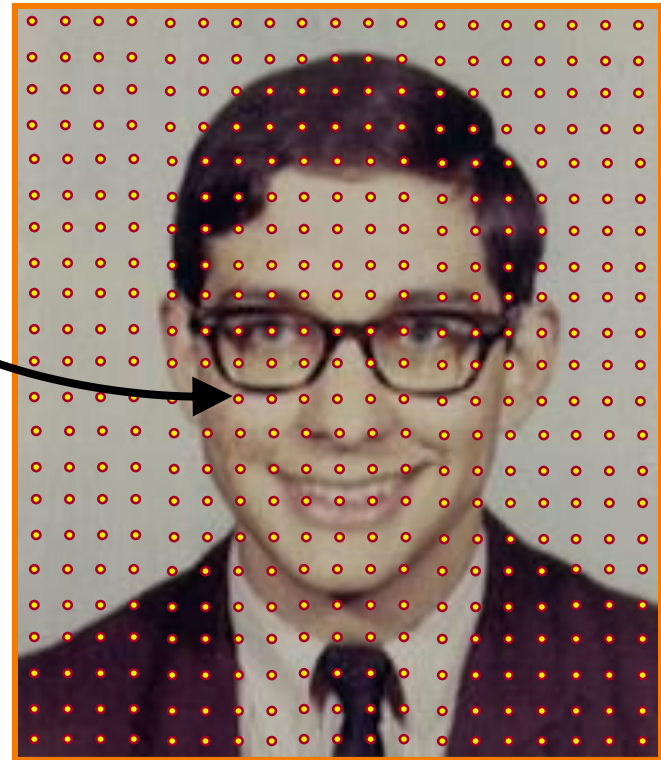
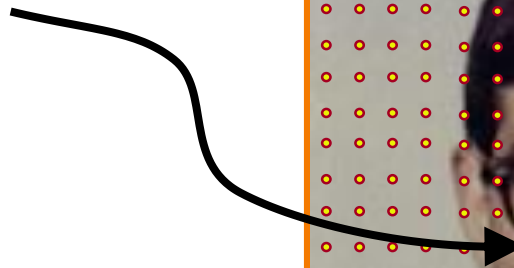
Art of Science
(Friend Center hallway)

What Function?



What about photographic images?

$I(x,y)$?

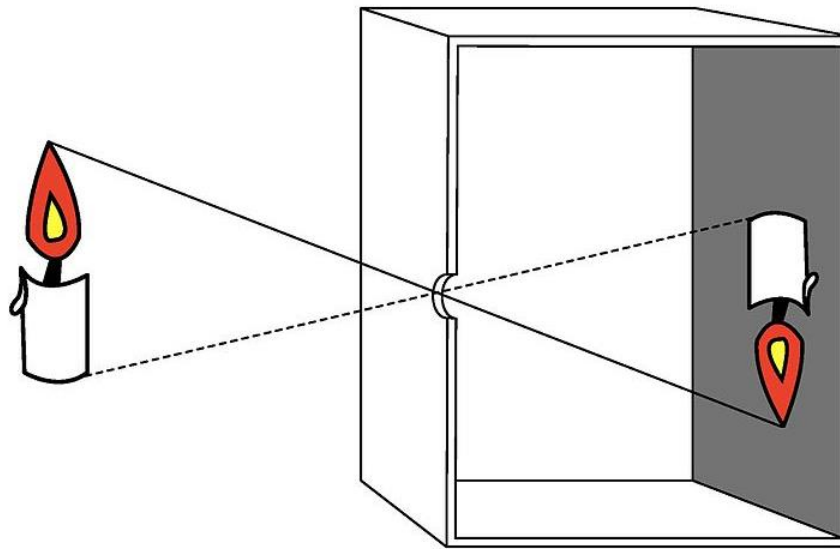


Digital photograph

Plenoptic Function



Each pixel of a photographic image is a function of radiance arriving at a sensor.

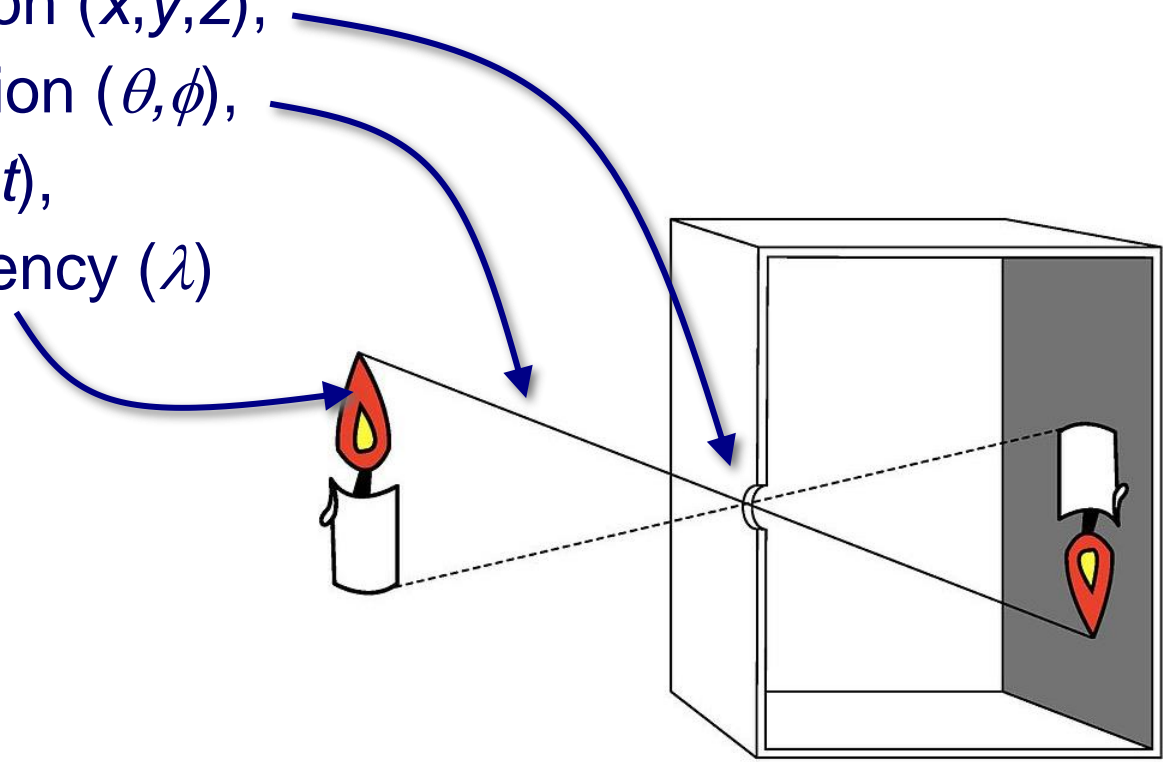


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Plenoptic Function

The 7D plenoptic function $L(x, y, z, \theta, \phi, t, \lambda)$ describes the radiance arriving ...

- at any position (x, y, z) ,
- in any direction (θ, ϕ) ,
- at any time (t) ,
- at any frequency (λ)

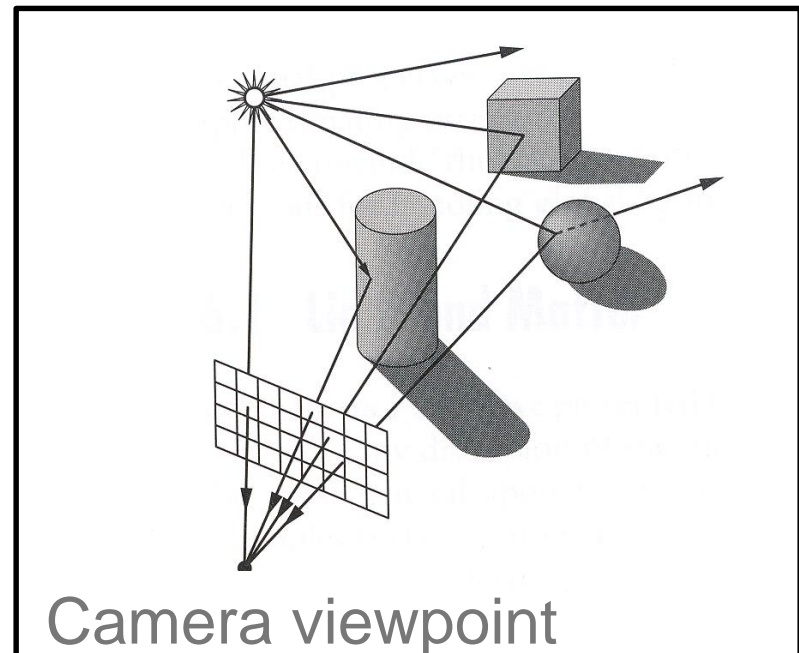


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Photographic Images

An idealized photographic image contains a 2D array of samples of the 7D plenoptic function

- at a particular camera viewpoint,
- for 2D array of directions,
- at a certain time,
- at certain frequencies

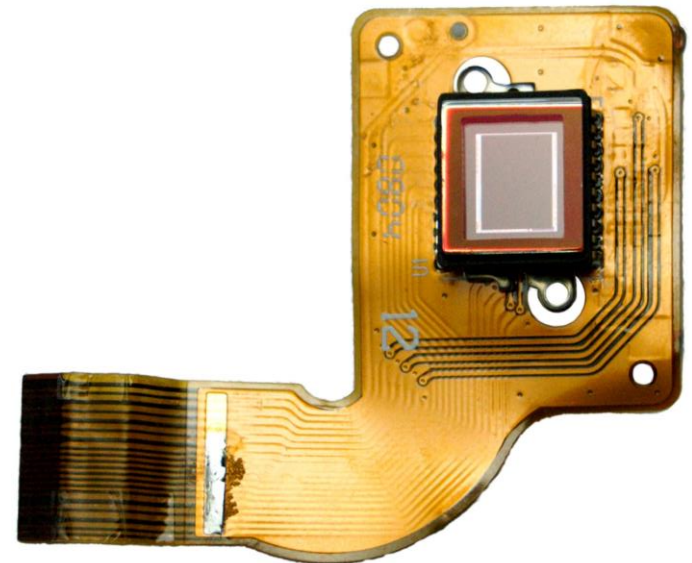
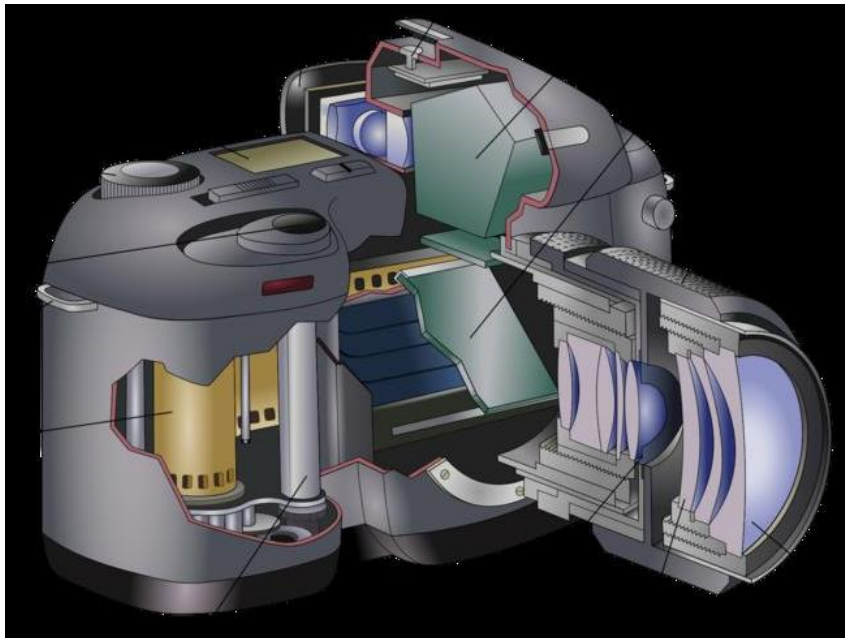
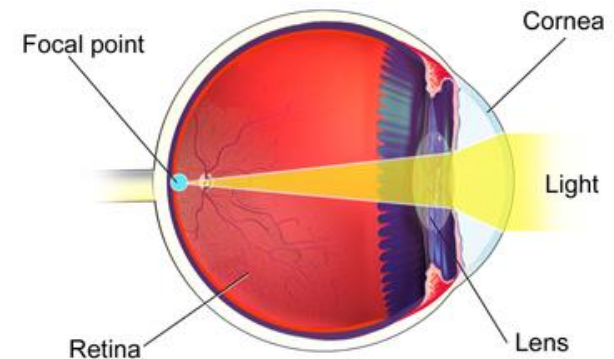


Photographic Images



In practice, can't measure plenoptic function directly

- Photoreceptors in eye
- Film in a traditional camera
- CCD cells in digital camera

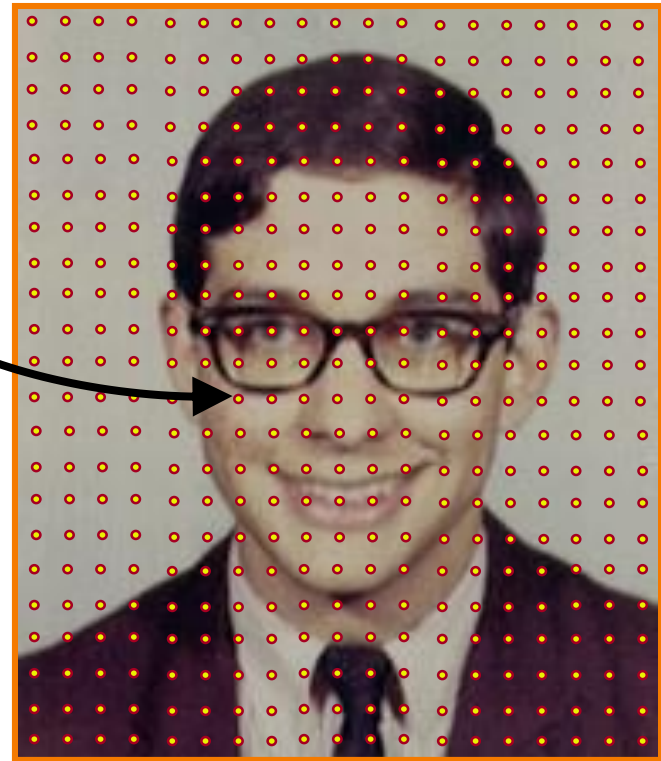
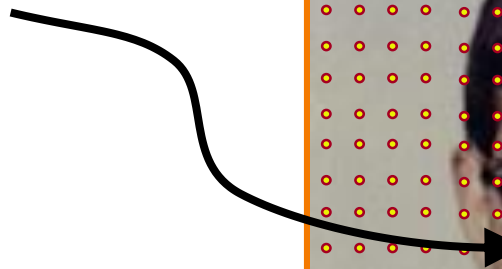


Photographic Images



Photographic pixels as finite samples of the plenoptic function

$$f(x, y, z, \theta, \phi, t, \lambda)$$



Digital photograph

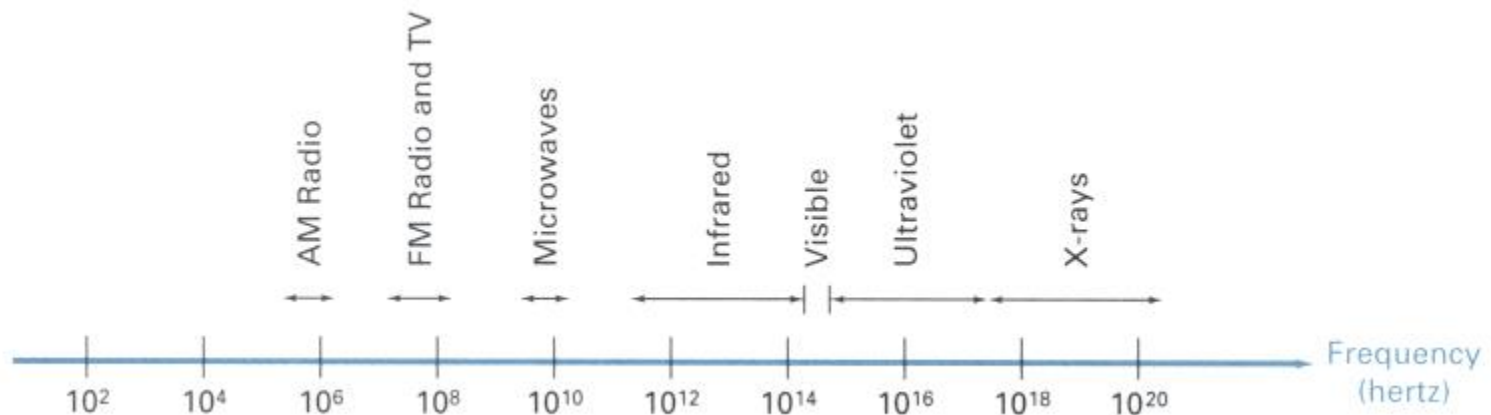
What Frequencies?



$$f(x, y, z, \theta, \phi, t, \lambda)$$

Electromagnetic Spectrum

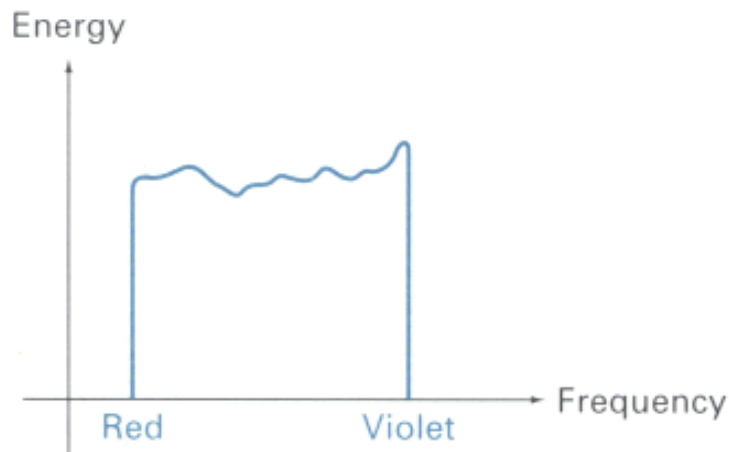
- Visible light frequencies range between ...
 - Red = 4.3×10^{14} hertz (700nm)
 - Violet = 7.5×10^{14} hertz (400nm)



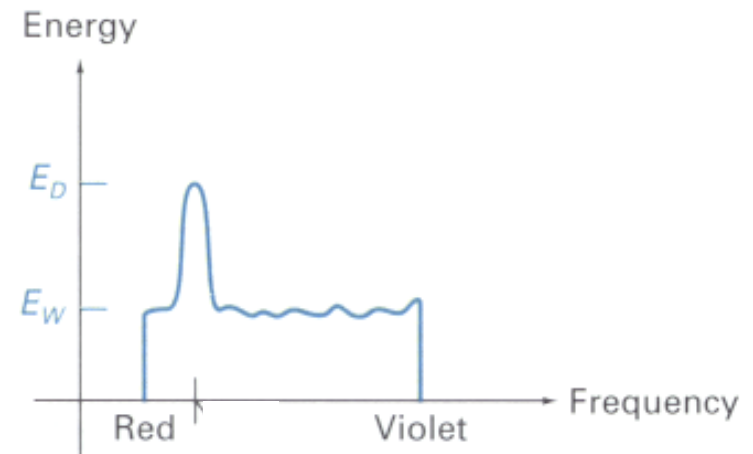
Color



- The color of light is characterized by its spectrum
 - Magnitude of energy at every visible frequency



White Light



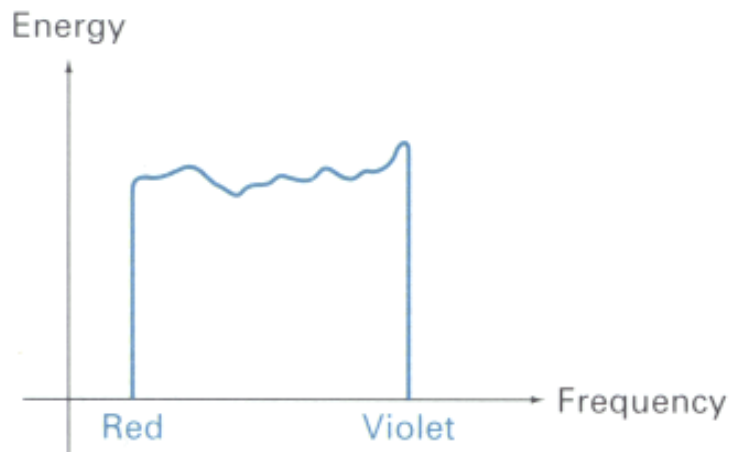
Orange Light

Color

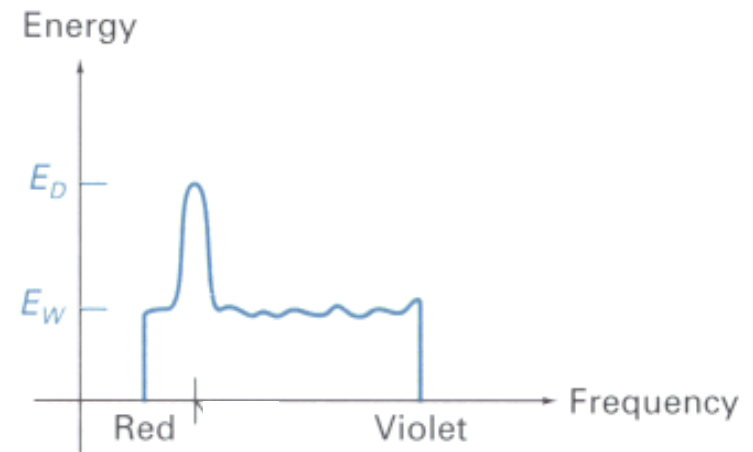


How do we represent a color in a computer?

Must store a finite amount of data to represent magnitudes for infinite number of frequencies

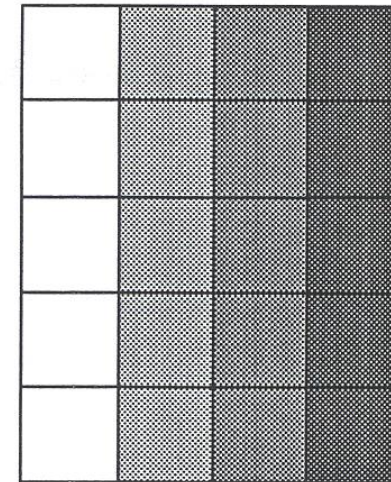
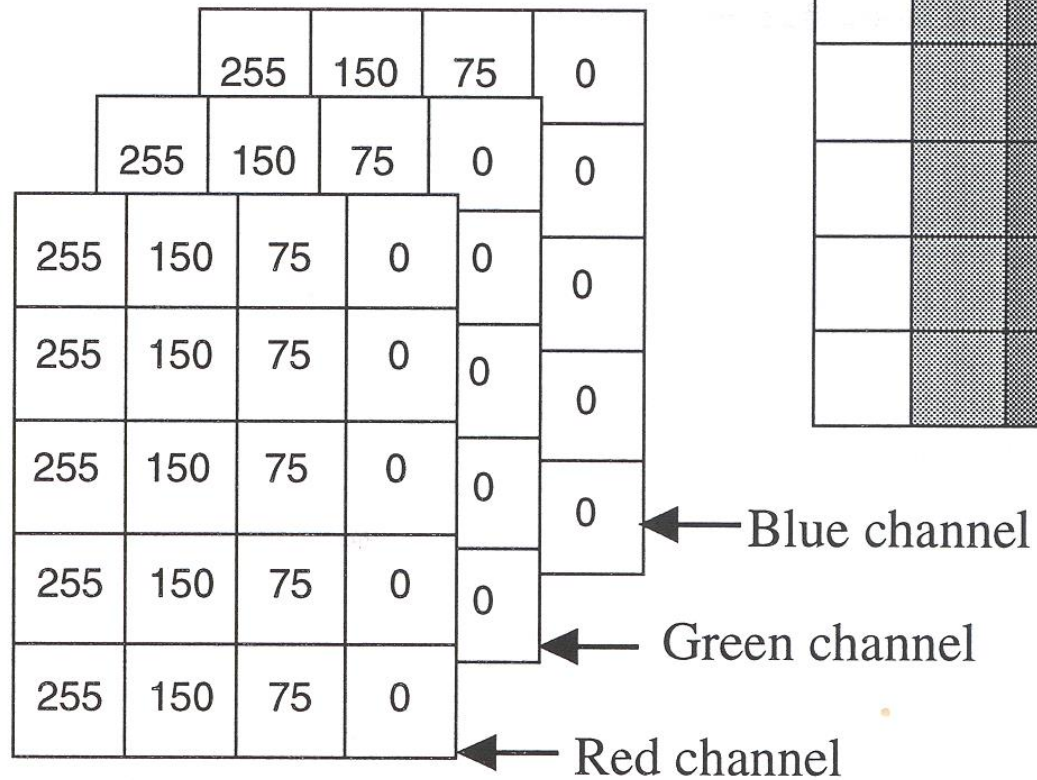


White Light



Orange Light

Color Frame Buffer





Frame Buffer Display

- Video display devices
 - Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)
 - Plasma panels
 - Thin-film electroluminescent displays
 - Light-emitting diodes (LED)
- Hard-copy devices
 - Ink-jet printer
 - Laser printer
 - Film recorder
 - Electrostatic printer
 - Pen plotter

Frame Buffer Display



Example: liquid crystal display (LCD)

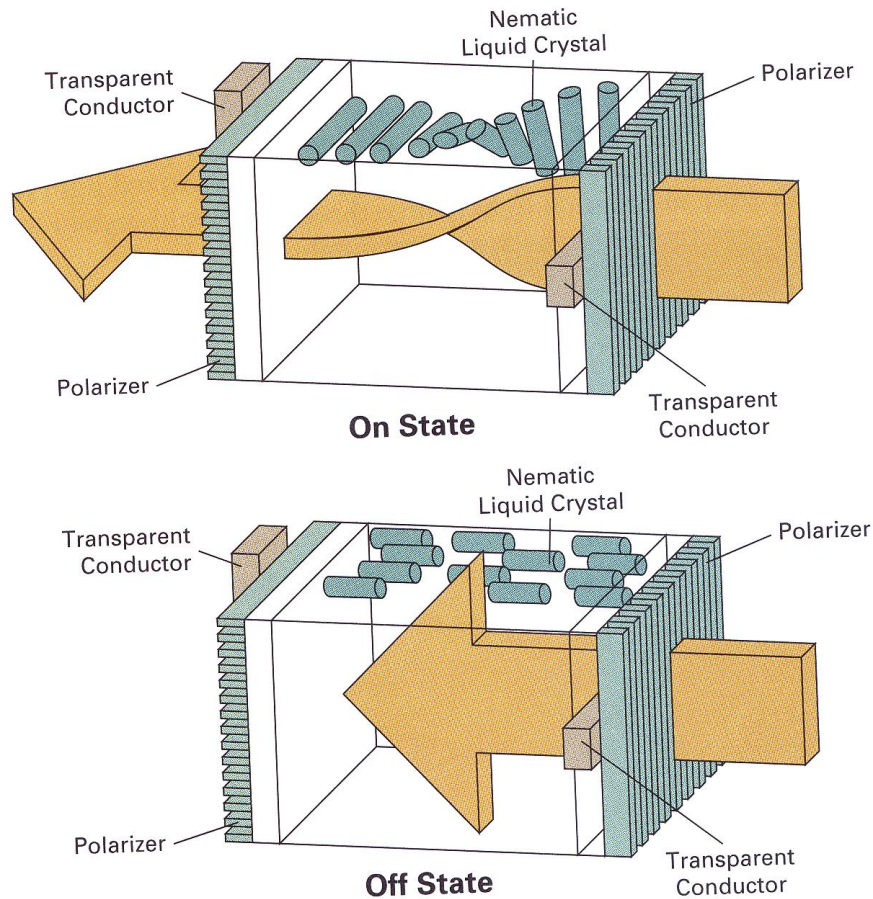
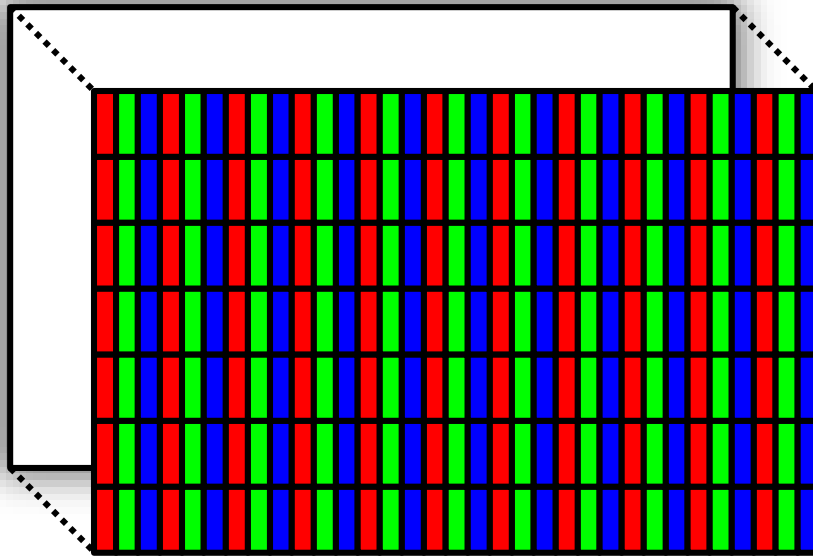


Figure 2.16 from H&B

Frame Buffer Display



LCD up close



Colors are interleaved

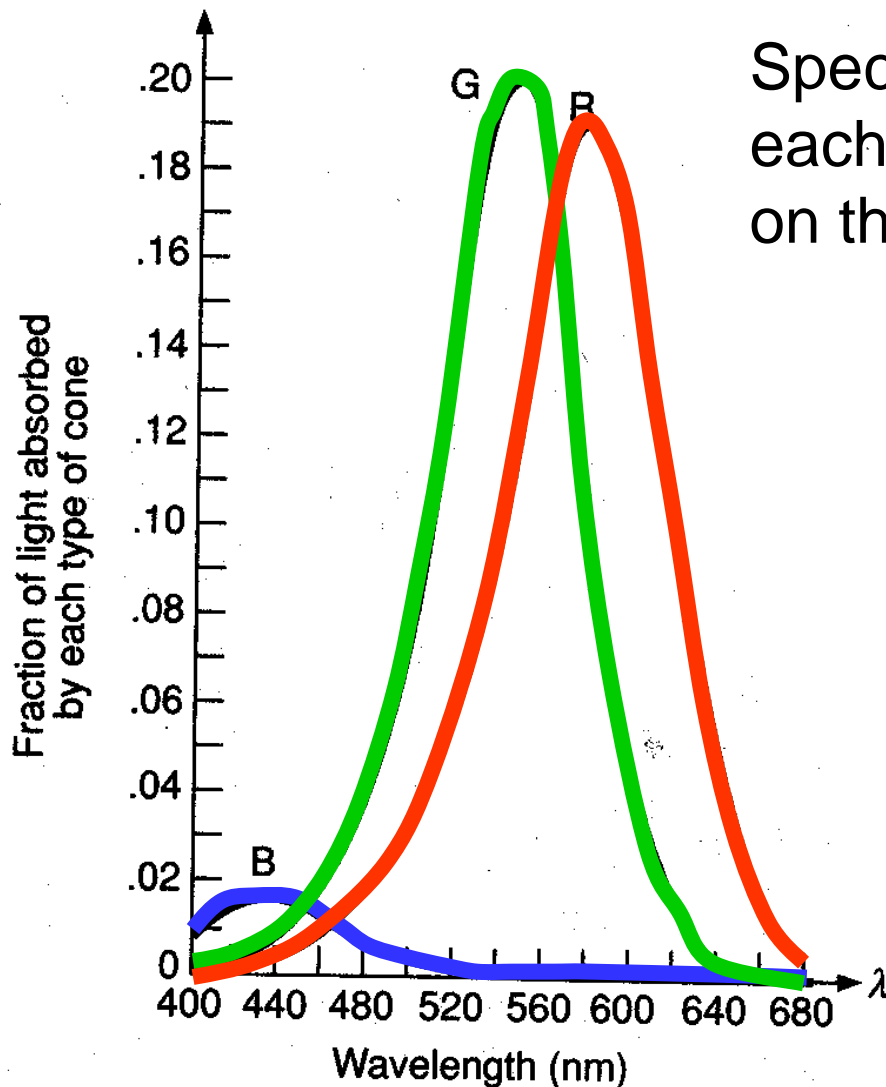


Color



Why red, green, and blue (RGB)?

Human Color Perception

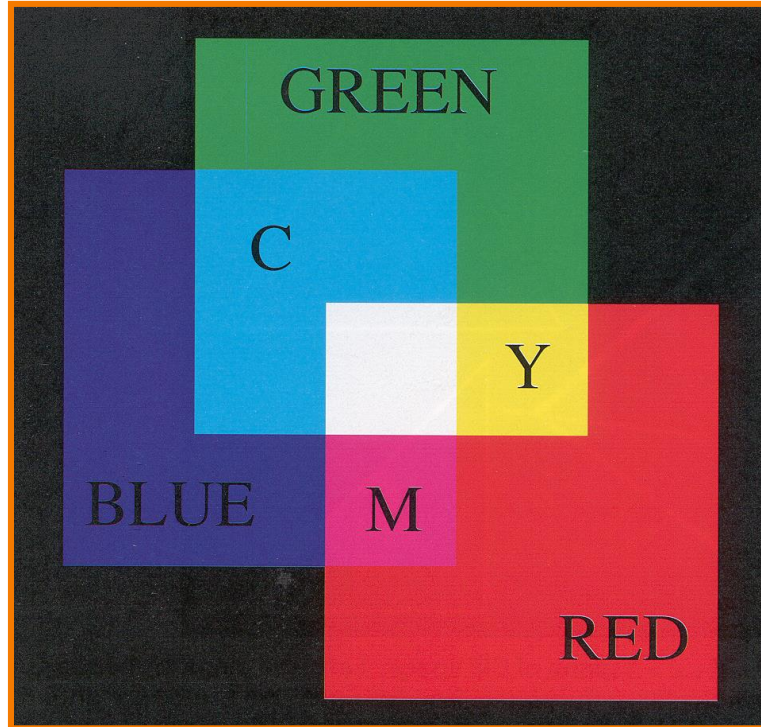


Spectral-response functions of each of the three types of cones on the human retina.


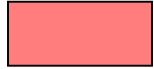


Tristimulus
theory of color

Figure 13.18 from FvDFH

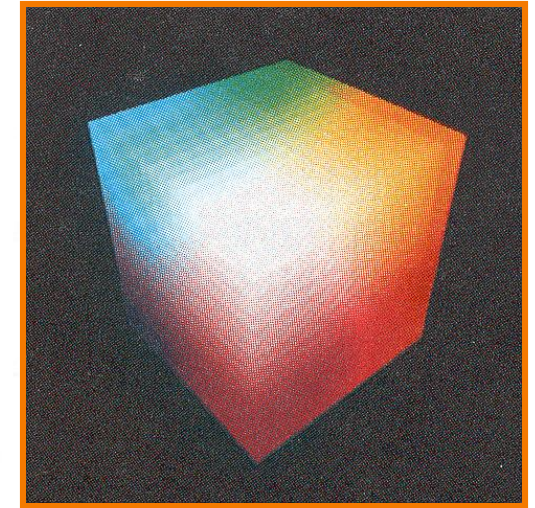
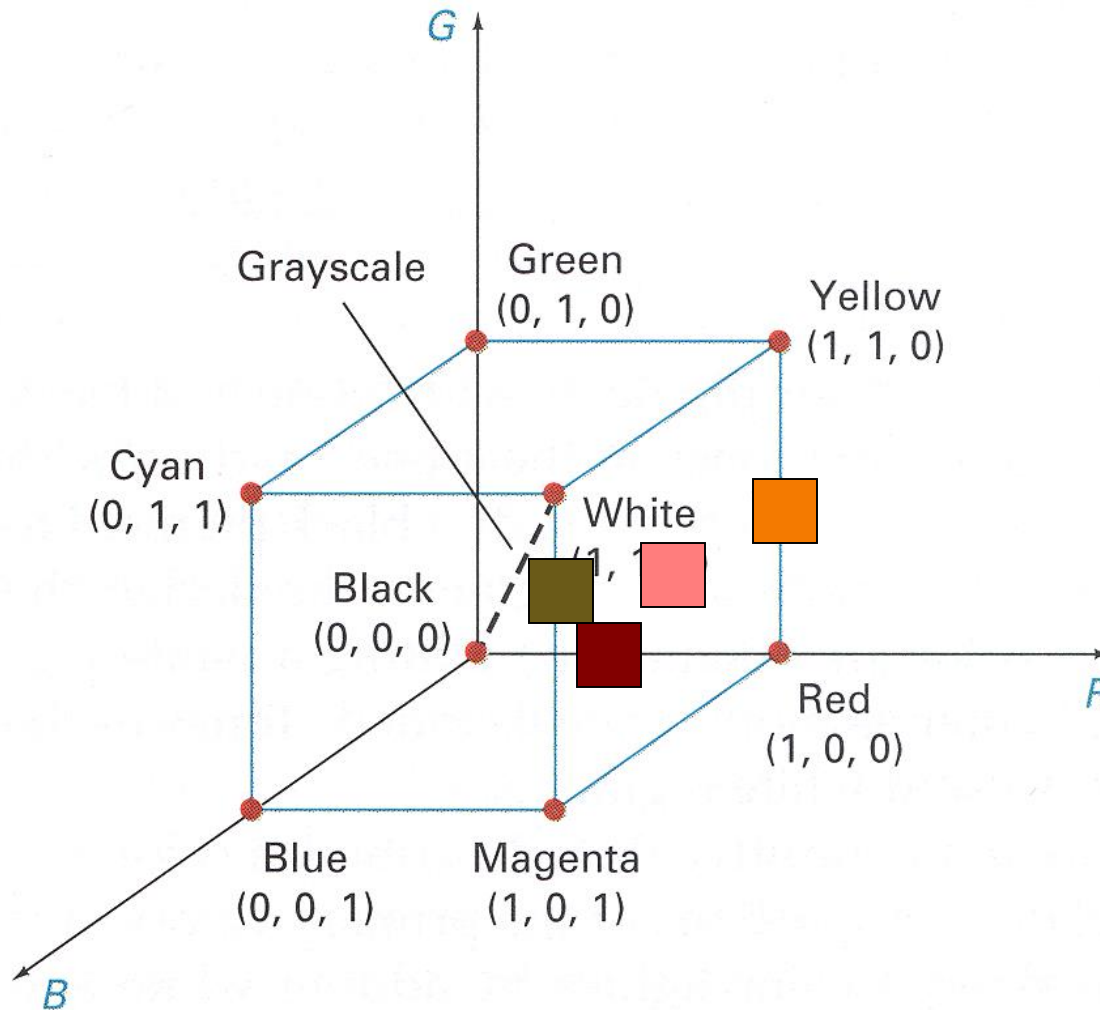
RGB Color Model



Colors are additive

R	G	B	Color
0.0	0.0	0.0	Black
1.0	0.0	0.0	Red
0.0	1.0	0.0	Green
0.0	0.0	1.0	Blue
1.0	1.0	0.0	Yellow
1.0	0.0	1.0	Magenta
0.0	1.0	1.0	Cyan
1.0	1.0	1.0	White
0.5	0.0	0.0	? 
1.0	0.5	0.5	? 
1.0	0.5	0.0	? 
0.5	0.3	0.1	? 

RGB Color Cube



Figures 15.11&15.12 from H&B

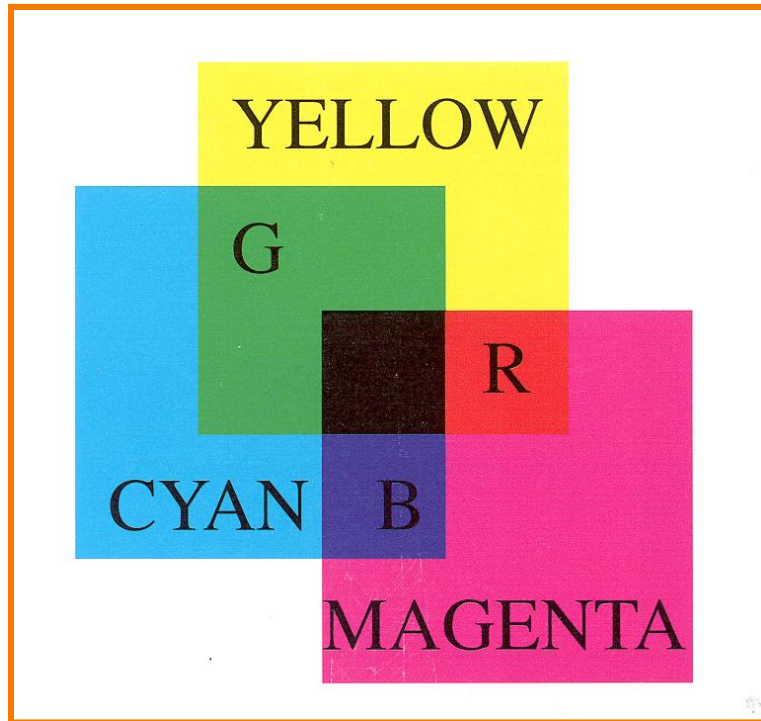


Other Color Models




- CMY
- HSV
- XYZ
- La^*b^*
- Others

Different color models are useful for different purposes

CMY Color Model



Useful for printers
because colors are subtractive

C	M	Y	Color
0.0	0.0	0.0	White
1.0	0.0	0.0	Cyan
0.0	1.0	0.0	Magenta
0.0	0.0	1.0	Yellow
1.0	1.0	0.0	Blue
1.0	0.0	1.0	Green
0.0	1.0	1.0	Red
1.0	1.0	1.0	Black
0.5	0.0	0.0	
1.0	0.5	0.5	
1.0	0.5	0.0	

CMY Color Model

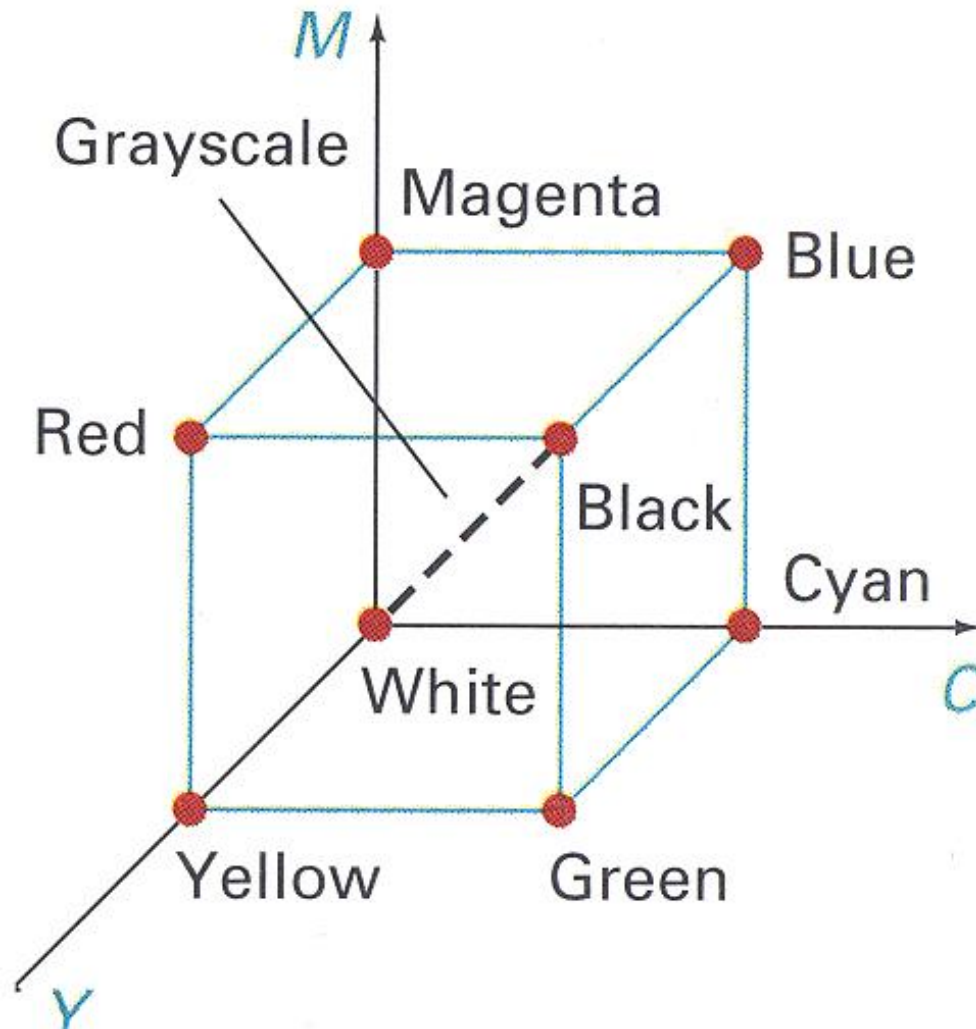
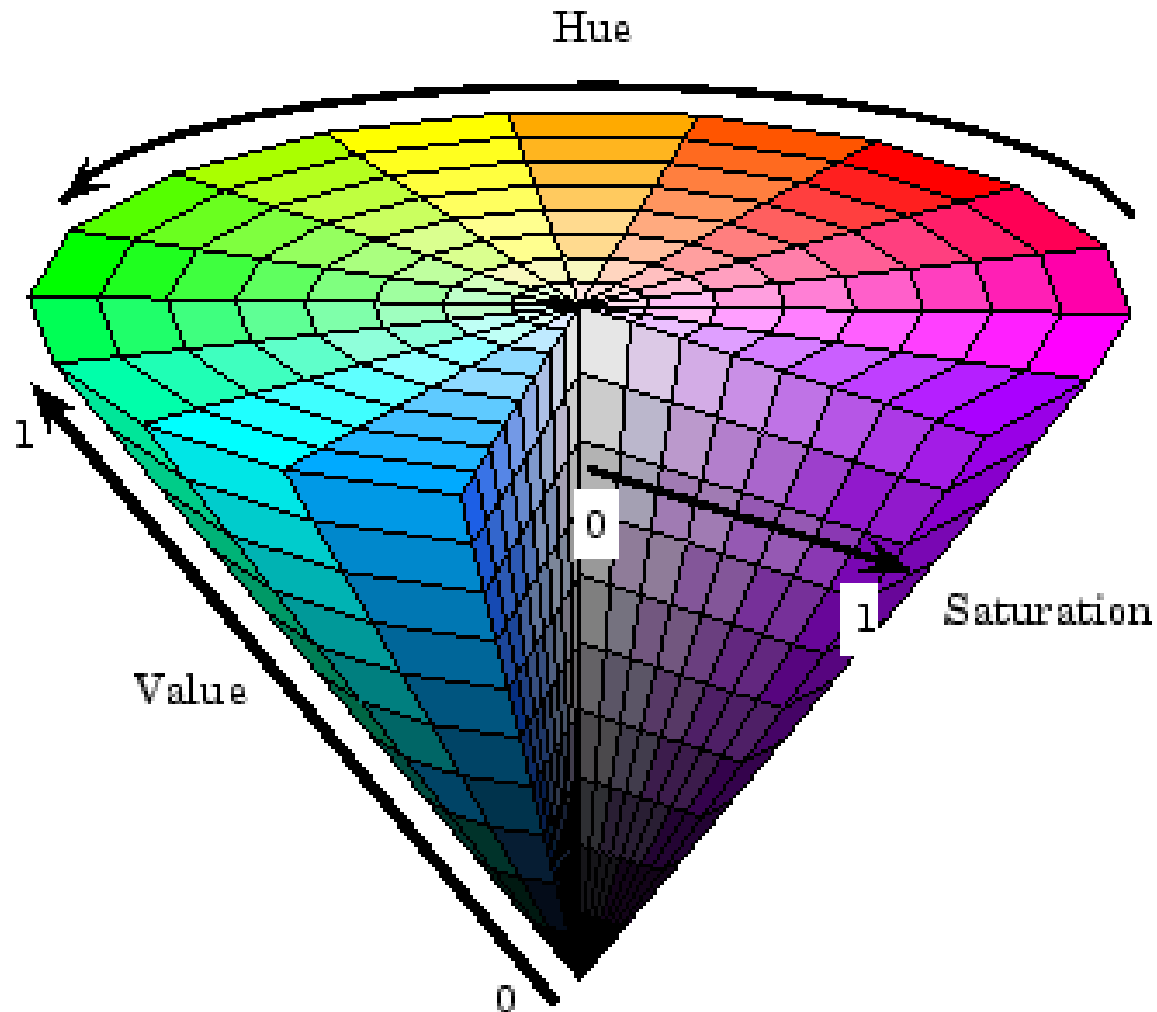
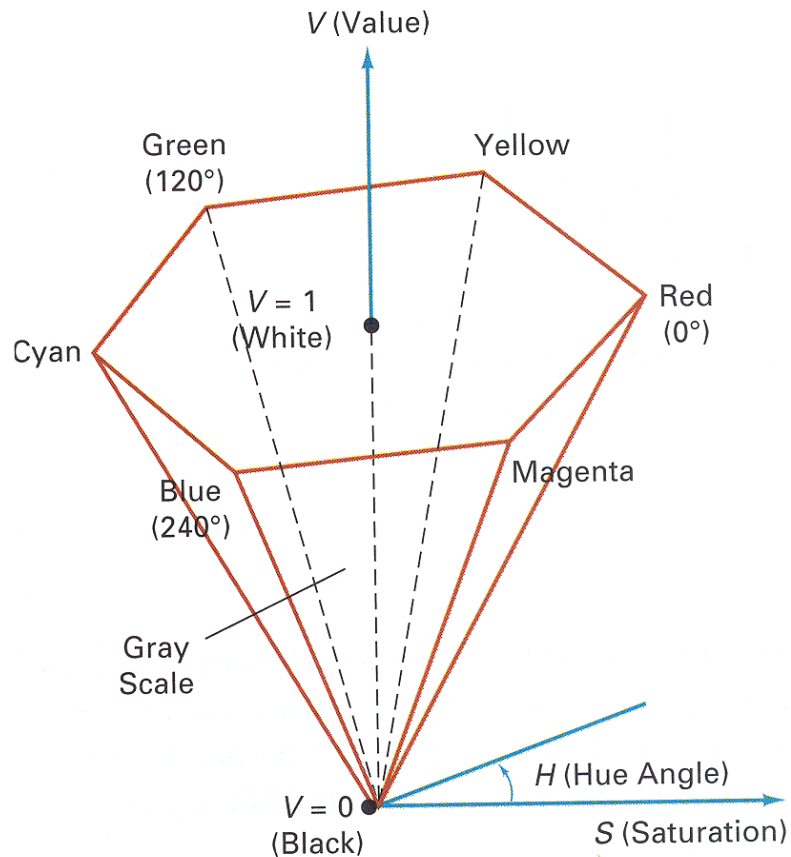





Figure 15.14 from H&B

HSV Color Model



HSV Color Model



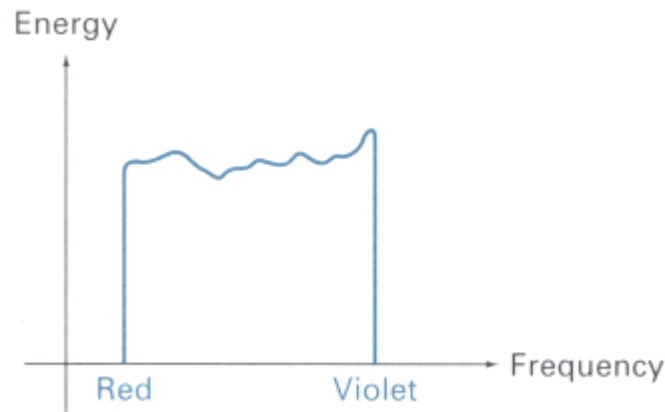
H	S	V	Color
0	1.0	1.0	Red
120	1.0	1.0	Green
240	1.0	1.0	Blue
*	0.0	1.0	White
*	0.0	0.5	Gray
*	*	0.0	Black
60	1.0	1.0	
270	0.5	1.0	
270	0.0	0.7	

Useful for user interfaces
because dimensions are intuitive

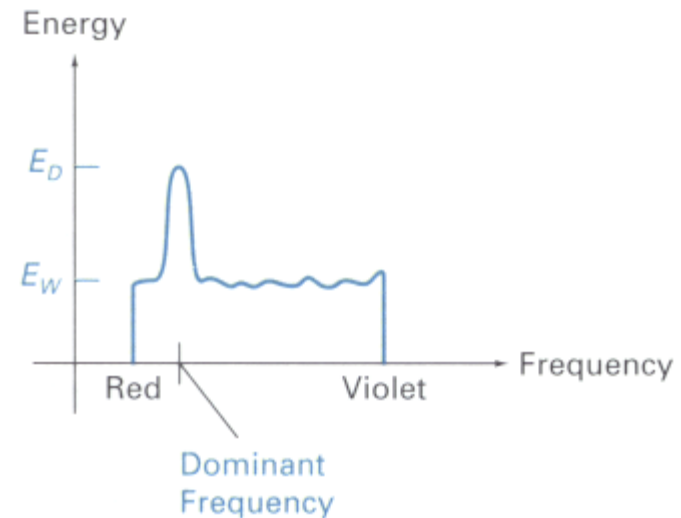
Figure 15.16&15.17 from H&B

HSV Color Model

- HSV interpretation in terms of color spectrum
 - Hue = dominant frequency (highest peak)
 - Saturation = excitation purity (ratio of highest to rest)
 - Value = luminance (area under curve)



White Light

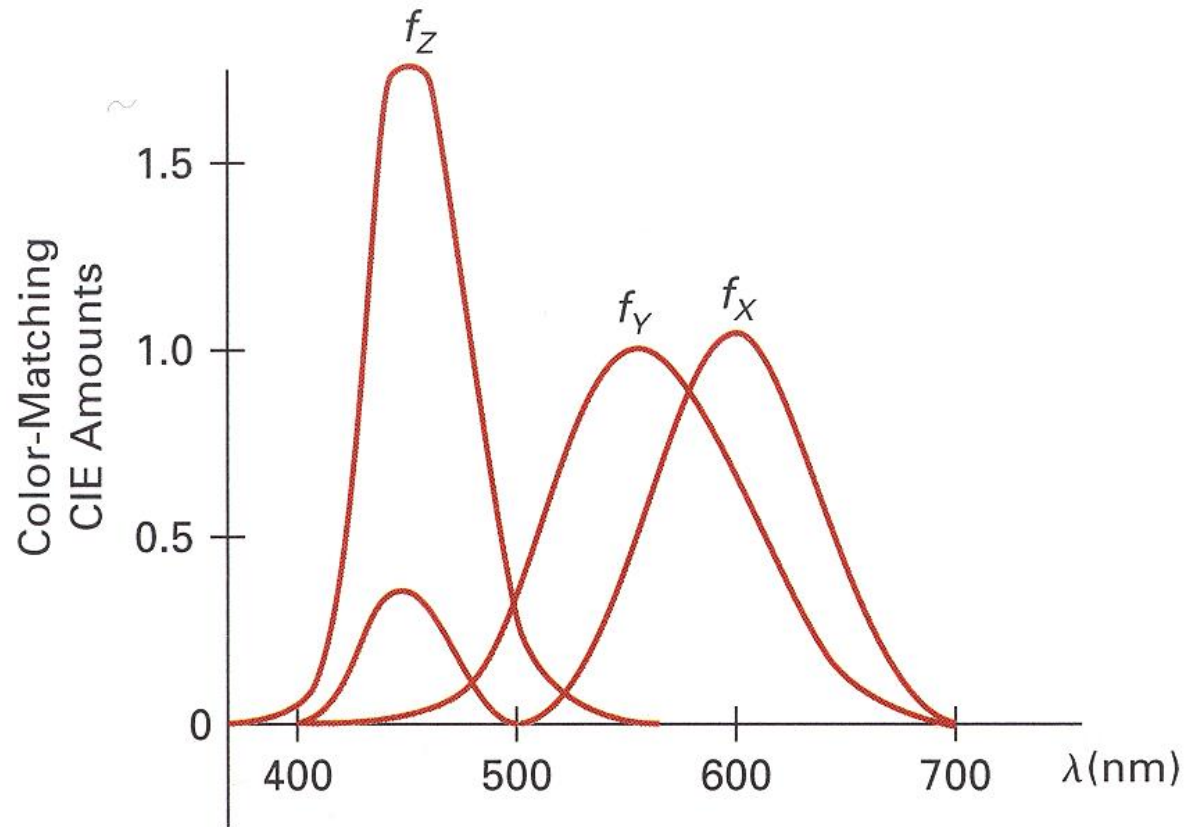


Orange Light

XYZ Color Model (CIE)



Figure 15.6 from H&B



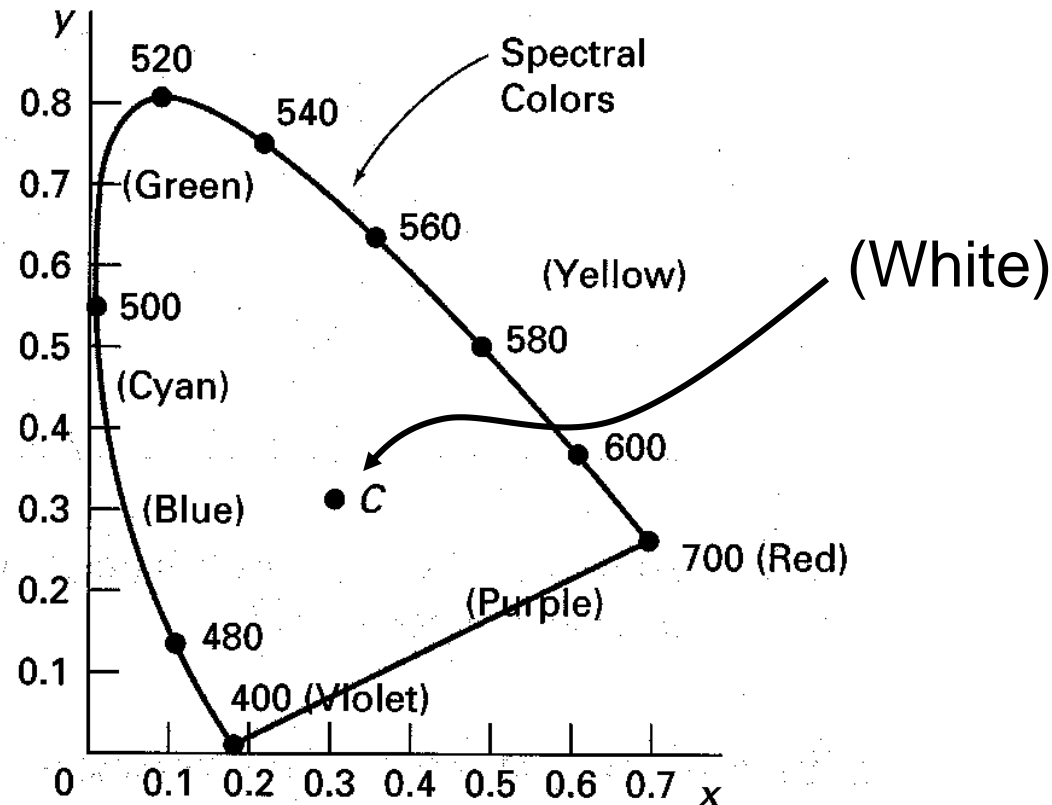
Derived from perceptual experiments

All spectra that map to same XYZ give same visual sensation

XYZ Color Model (CIE)



Figure 15.7 from H&B

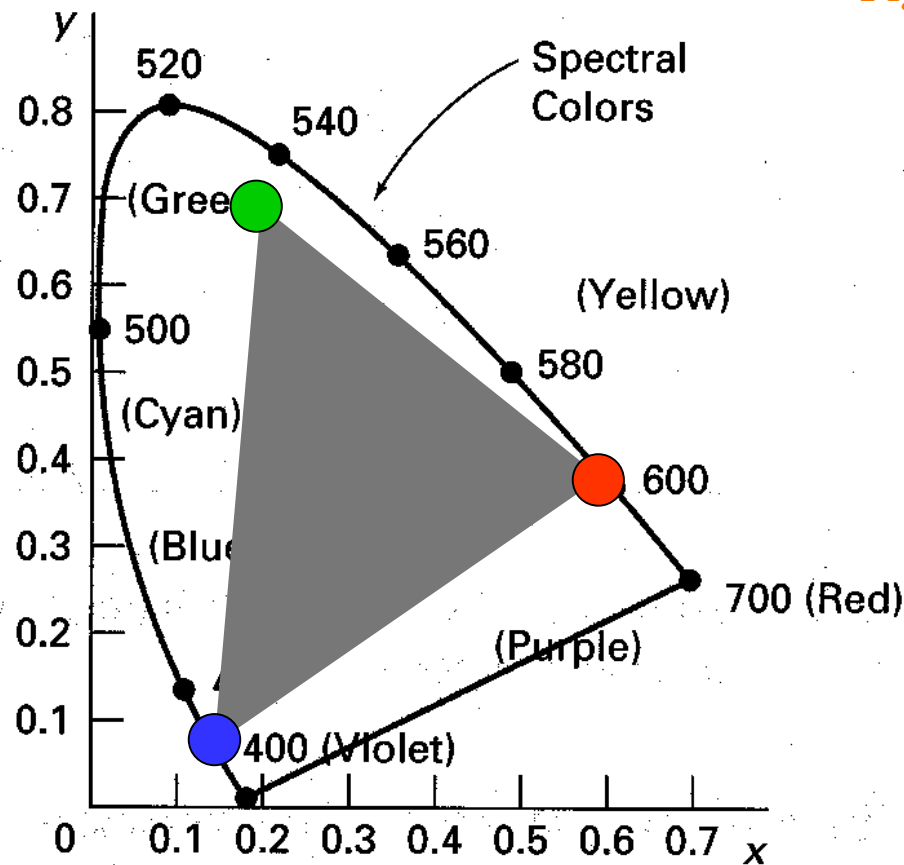


Normalized amounts of X and Y for colors in visible spectrum

XYZ Color Model (CIE)



Figure 15.13 from H&B

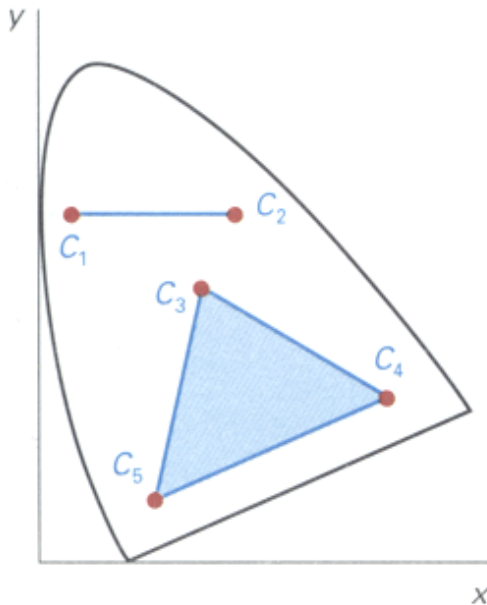


Useful for reasoning about coverage of color gamuts

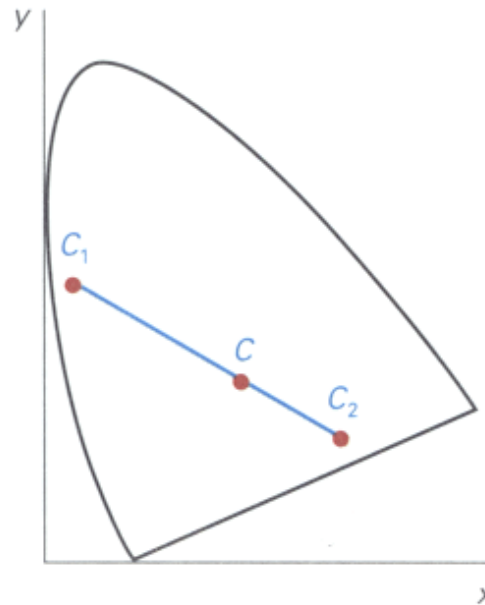
XYZ Color Model (CIE)



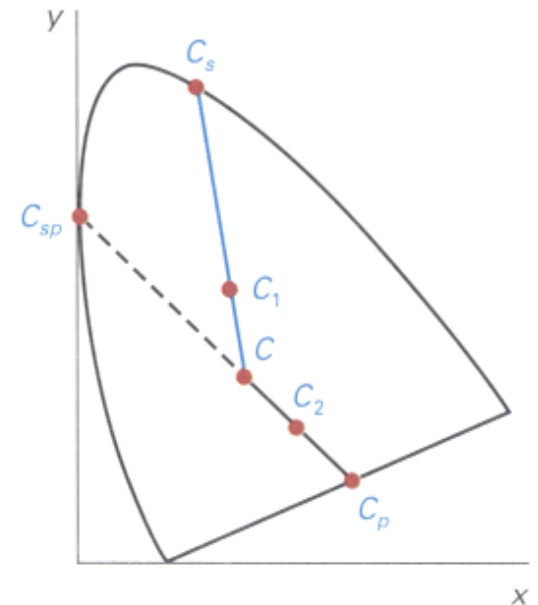
Figures 15.8-10 from H&B



Compare
Color
Gamuts



Identify
Complementary
Colors



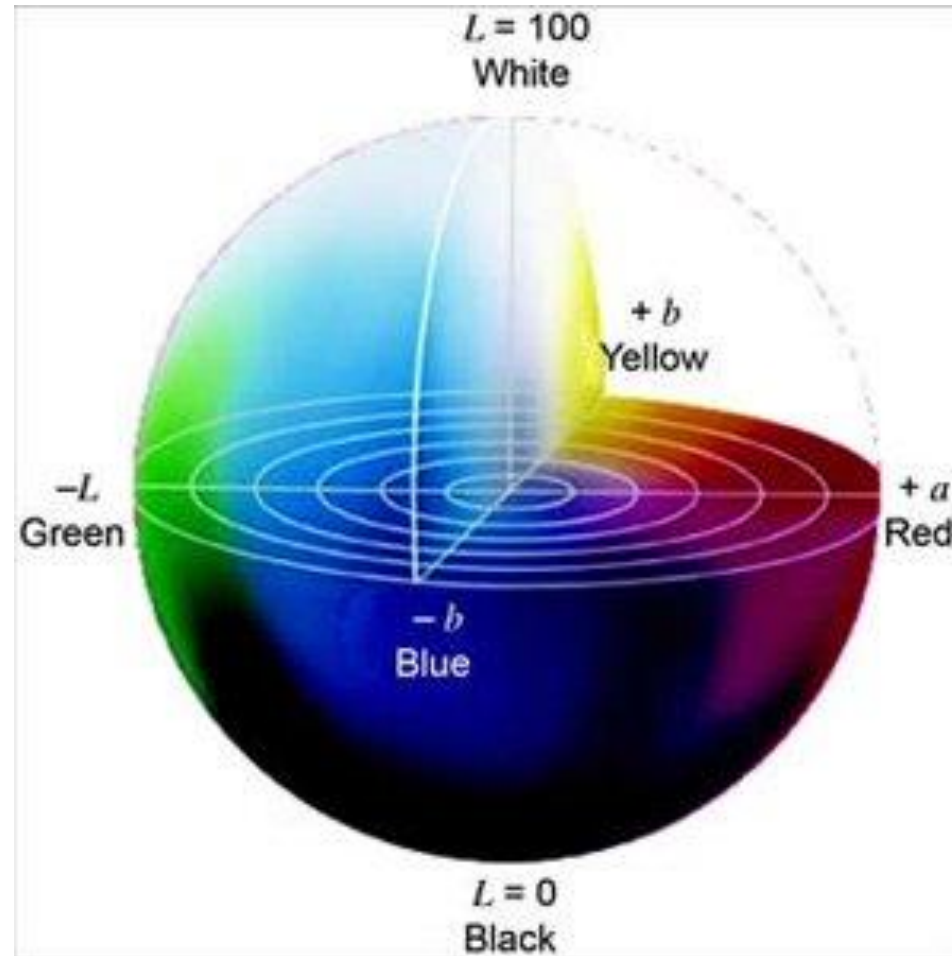
Determine
Dominant Wavelength
and Purity

Useful for characterizing perceptual qualities of colors

La*b* Color Model



Non-linear
compression
of XYZ
color space
based on
perception



Useful for measuring perceptual differences between colors

Summary



- Images
 - Pixels are samples
 - Photographs sample plenoptic function
- Colors
 - Tristimulus theory of color
 - Different color models for different devices, uses, etc.
 - RGB model is common due to human perception
 - CIE Chromaticity Diagram
- Next time
 - Image processing!