

Achromatic Light

Attributes:

Luminance: Physical intensity

Brightness: Perceived intensity

Intensity Display:

- ★ b : # bits to encode 2^b levels of intensity.
- ★ How should levels be distributed?
Black: 0 White: 1
- ★ Linear scale: Uniformly distributed
 $I_k = k/2^b \quad 0 \leq k < 2^b$

Intensity Perception:

- ★ Eyes perceive ratio of intensities.
- ★ Intensity 0.11 is to 0.1, perceptually the same as 0.55 is to 0.5.



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Logarithmic Display

Ideally: Each level should increase the intensity by a constant factor.

$n = 2^b - 1$, I_0 : minimum intensity, $I_n = 1$.

$$I_1 = rI_0, \quad I_2 = rI_1 = r^2I_0, \quad I_3 = rI_2 = r^3I_0.$$

$$I_n = r^n I_0 = 1.0 \Rightarrow r = \left(\frac{1}{I_0}\right)^{1/n}$$

$$I_j = I_0^{1-j/n}.$$

Example: $I_0 = 1/128$, $b = 3$, $n = 7$.

$$I = \frac{1}{128}, \frac{1}{64}, \frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 1.$$

- ★ *Dynamic range:* $1/I_0$.
- ★ # *Intensities:* $n = \log_r(1/I_0)$.
- ★ Typical value of r : **1.01**.



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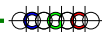
Typical values

Display Media	Dynamic range	# Intensities
CRT	50 – 200	400 – 350
Photographic prints	100	465
Photographic slides	1000	700
Coated B/W paper	100	465
Coated colored paper	50	400
Newspaper print	10	234



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Examples



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Gamma Correction

★ V : Input voltage.

★ N : # electrons in the beam.
 $N \propto V$

$$I = k' N^\gamma = k V^\gamma \quad 1.8 \leq \gamma \leq 2.5.$$

$$V = \left(\frac{I}{k}\right)^{1/\gamma}.$$

How do we determine the voltage for a perceived intensity?

★ Compute the I_j closest to I .

$$j = \text{Round}(\log_r \frac{I}{I_0}); \quad I_j = I_0^{1-j/n}.$$

★ $V_j = \text{Round}((\frac{I_j}{k})^{1/\gamma})$.



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Halftone Approximation

★ More intensity levels than allowed by the device.

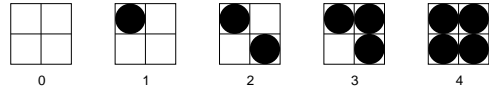
★ Integration of intensity over small areas.

★ A small area is printed with black disks.

★ Black area is proportional to $1 - I$.

★ Newspaper: 60–80 halftones per inch.
 Magazine: 110–200 halftones per inch.

Example: 2×2 pixel area of bilevel display



$n \times n$ pixel matrix generates $n^2 + 1$ levels.

3×3 pixel matrix values:

6	8	4
1	0	3
5	2	7



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Halftone Approximation



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Chromatic Light

Color depends on:

★ *Physical conditions*

- Material properties.
- Spectral distribution of incident light.
- Medium in which light travels.

★ *Psychophysical conditions*

- Background/surrounding color.
- Adaption of visual system.



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Color Specification

Hue: Distinguishes among colors.

Example: red, green, blue, purple.

Saturation: Distance from equal-intensity gray.

Example: red vs pink, royal blue vs sky blue.

Lightness: Perceived intensity of reflected light.

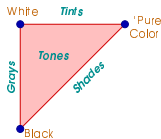
Brightness: Perceived intensity of self-luminous light.

Artist's view:

Tint: Saturation; decreases with white pigments.

Shade: Lightness; decreases with black pigments.

Tone: Combination of above.



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Colorimetry

Dominant wavelength: Hue.

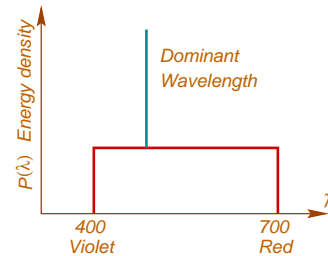
Wavelength of the color we see.

Excitation purity: Saturation.

Ratio of pure light of the dominant wavelength and the white light present in the color.

Luminance: Lightness, brightness.

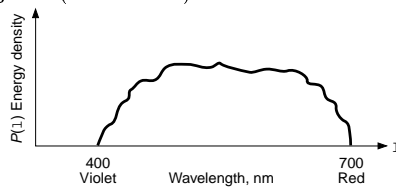
Amount of light energy.



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Colored Light

Colored light is distribution of energy over wavelength (400–700 nm)



Color can be specified by

- ★ dominant wavelength,
- ★ excitation purity,
- ★ luminance.

Many spectral distributions produce the same color.



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Human Visual System

Retina has four main layers:

- ★ Epithelium
- ★ Rods and cones
- ★ Bipolar cells
- ★ Ganglion cells
- ★ Many more rods ($\approx 120M$) than cones ($\approx 6M$).
- ★ Rods are more sensitive.
- ★ Rods are responsible for achromatic light.
- ★ Cones detect colors.
- ★ Cones are concentrated near *fovea*: $\approx 147K$ cones/mm.

Trichromatic Theory:

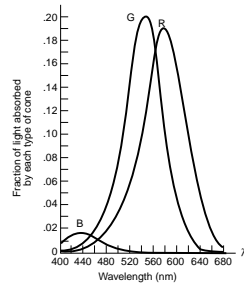
- ★ First proposed by Thoms Young, 1801.
- ★ Refined by Herman von Helmholtz, 1861.
- ★ Three types of cones: blue, green, red.
- ★ Explains color blindness.
 - Protanope (red blindness)
 - Deuteranope (green blindness)
 - Tritanope (blue blindness); very rare.



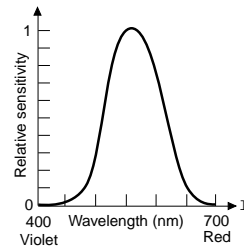
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Trichromatic Theory

Spectral Response of three types of cones.



Luminous efficiency. Conjecture: Sum of the response of three cones.

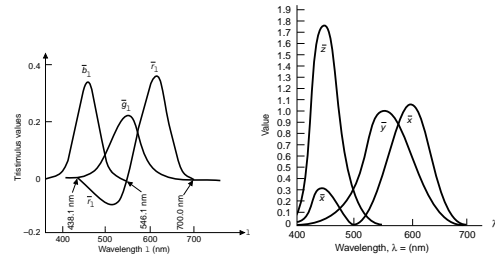


Conjecture: Colors can be specified by the positive weighted sum of red, blue, and green!



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Trichromatic Theory



R, G, B values needed to match the color luminance for each dominant wavelength.

Some values are negative!

Commission Internationale de l'Éclairage (CIE), 1931!

Defined three primary colors: **X, Y, Z.**



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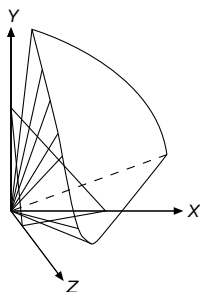
Trichromatic Theory

- ★ **Y:** Same as luminance-efficiency curve.
- ★ Each color *C* is specified as a positive weighted sum of **X, Y, Z.**

$$C = X\mathbf{X} + Y\mathbf{Y} + Z\mathbf{Z}.$$

- ★ $P(\lambda)$: Spectral distribution of *C*.
 $X = k \int P(\lambda)x_\lambda d\lambda$, $Y = k \int P(\lambda)y_\lambda d\lambda$,
 $Z = k \int P(\lambda)z_\lambda d\lambda$.

- ★ (X, Y, Z) specify a color; called *XYZ*-space.



Cone specifies all visible colors.
Clipped at the plane
 $X + Y + Z = 1.$



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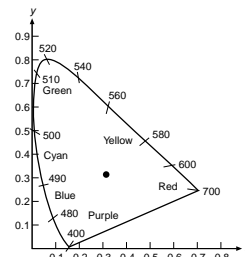
Chromaticity

Chromaticity:

- ★ depends on dominant wavelength & saturation.
- ★ Independent of luminance.

$$x = \frac{X}{X+Y+Z}, \quad y = \frac{Y}{X+Y+Z}, \quad z = \frac{Z}{X+Y+Z}.$$

Chromaticity is encoded in the cross-section of the cone with the plane $X + Y + Z = 1$.



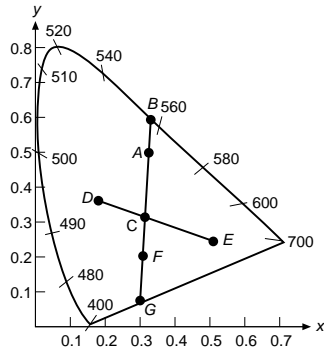
- ★ Interior and boundary contain all visible chromaticities.
- ★ Spectral pure colors lie along the boundary.

White light: Center dot *C*, near $x = y = z = 1/3$
Power distribution that is close to daylight at a correlated temp. 6774K.



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CIE Diagram



Color adding:

- ★ Combination of two colors C_1, C_2 lies on the segment C_1C_2 .
A is mix of white C and B.
- ★ Dominant wavelength of A is B.
- ★ Excitation purity of A = $|AC|/|BC|$.



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CIE Diagram

Complementary colors:

- ★ Mixing complementary colors C_1, C_2 produces white C.
C is the midpoint of the segment C_1C_2 .
- ★ D and E are complementary colors.

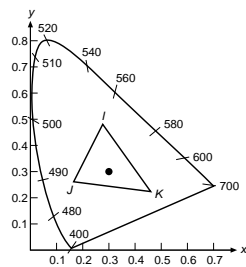
Non spectral colors:

- ★ Cannot be defined by a dominant wavelength (e.g. F).
- ★ Define dominant wavelength as:
Dominant wavelength of its complementary color.
- ★ Excitation purity remains the same.
Excitation purity of F: $|CF|/|CG|$.



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Color Gamut



- ★ Mixture of I, J, K produces colors in $\triangle IJK$.
- ★ $\triangle IJK$: color gamut of I, J, K.

	Short persistence			Long persistence		
	R	G	B	R	G	B
x	0.61	0.29	0.15	0.62	0.21	0.15
y	0.35	0.59	0.063	0.33	0.685	0.063

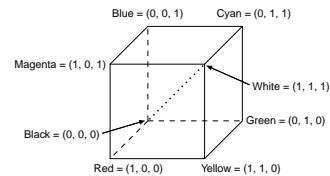
- ★ Smaller gamut \Rightarrow fewer colors.
- ★ Can compare gamuts.



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RGB Model

- ★ Additive color model.
- ★ Uses Cartesian coordinate system.
- ★ Origin is black.
- ★ Grays: principal diagonal.



Linear relationship between RGB and XYZ colors.

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_r & X_g & X_b \\ Y_r & Y_g & Y_b \\ Z_r & Z_g & Z_b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$



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CMY Model

- ★ Subtractive primitives.
- ★ Cartesian coordinate system.
- ★ Start with white; color is specified by what is removed.

Example: RGB color printer.

- ★ Cyan ink absorbs red light.
- ★ Magenta ink absorbs green light.
- ★ Yellow ink absorbs blue light.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C \\ M \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C + M + Y = \text{Black}$$

CMYK Model: Use black ink (*K*: Carbon)

$$K = \min(C, M, Y).$$

$$C = C - K, M = M - K, Y = Y - K.$$



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YIQ Model

- ★ Used for TV broadcasting.
- ★ Compatibility with black and white TV.
- ★ *Y*: Primary color **Y**; luminance efficiency.
- ★ *Y* component is used by black and white TV.
- ★ Chromaticity is encoded by *I* and *Q*.

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.275 & -0.321 \\ 0.212 & -0.523 & 0.311 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

	R	G	B
x	0.67	0.21	0.14
y	0.33	0.71	0.09

White: $x_w = 0.31$, $y_w = 0.316$, and $Y_w = 100.00$



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YIQ Model

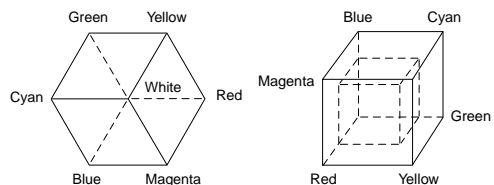
- ★ Human eyes are more sensitive to luminance than to chromaticity.
- ★ Assigns more bandwidth to *Y*
 - 4MHz to *Y*
 - 1.5 MHz to *I*
 - 0.6 MHz to *Q*
- ★ Use *Y* values to disambiguate colors when converting to black and white TV.
- ★ Objects lying in a narrow field of view:
 - Color is not so important.
 - Use only one color (*I*).



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HSV Model

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- ★ Top of hexcone: $V = 1$; bright colors.
 - ★ *H*: Angle around the vertical axis:
 - $R = 0^\circ$, $G = 120^\circ$,
 - $B = 240^\circ$.
 - ★ Complementary colors are 180° apart.
 - ★ $S \in [0, 1]$: Fractional distance from the vertical axis.
 - ★ Apex: Black ($V = 0$), white: $S = 0, V = 1$, gray $V < 1, S = 0$.



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