Lecture 2: Color

Tuesday, Sept 4

Why do we need color for visual processing?

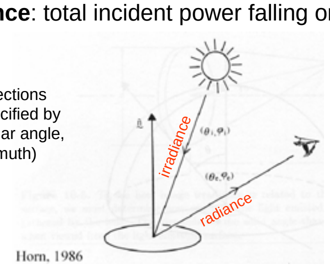
Color

- **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

Radiometry: some definitions

- **Radiance**: power emitted per unit area in a direction
- **Irradiance**: total incident power falling on a surface

Directions specified by (polar angle, azimuth)



Radiometry: BRDF

- **Bidirectional reflectance distribution function**: Model of local reflection that tells how **bright** a surface appears when viewed from one direction when light falls on it from another.

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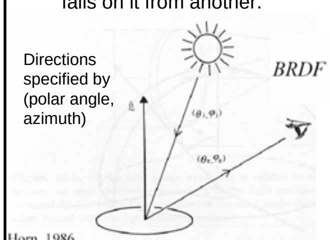


$$BRDF = f(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_e, \phi_e) = \frac{L(\theta_e, \phi_e)}{E(\theta_i, \phi_i)}$$

radiance / irradiance

Radiometry: BRDF

- BRDF is a very general notion
  - some surfaces need it (underside of a CD; tiger eye; etc)
  - very hard to measure
    - illuminate from one direction, view from another, repeat
  - very unstable
    - minor surface damage can change the BRDF
    - e.g. ridges of oil left by contact with the skin can act as lenses
- For many surfaces, light leaving the surface is largely independent of exit angle

Slide from Marc Pollefeys

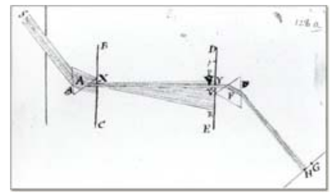
Lambertian surfaces

- E.g.: Lambertian / diffuse surfaces: appear equally bright from all viewing directions

$$f(\theta_i,\phi_i,\theta_e,\phi_e) = \text{Constant}$$

Color and light

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



Newton 1665

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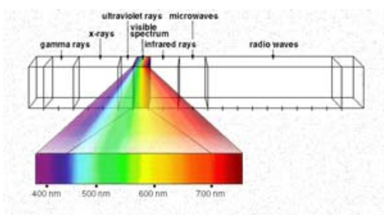
Since light can arrive in different quantities at different wavelengths…



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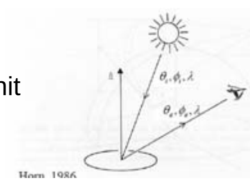
$$\Downarrow$$

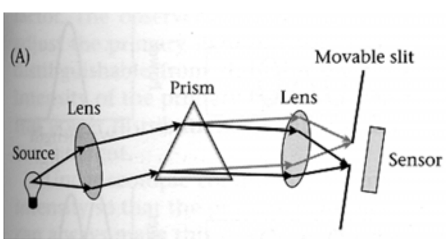
$$BRDF = f(\theta_i,\phi_i,\theta_e,\phi_e,\lambda) = \frac{L(\theta_e,\phi_e,\lambda)}{E(\theta_i,\phi_i,\lambda)}$$

Spectral radiance / spectral irradiance

…extend radiometry terms to incorporate *spectral* units (per unit wavelength)



Measuring spectra



Spectroradiometer: separate input light into its different wavelengths, and measure the energy at each

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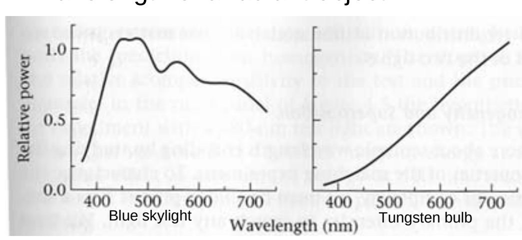
Spectral power distribution

- the power per unit area per unit wavelength of a radiant object



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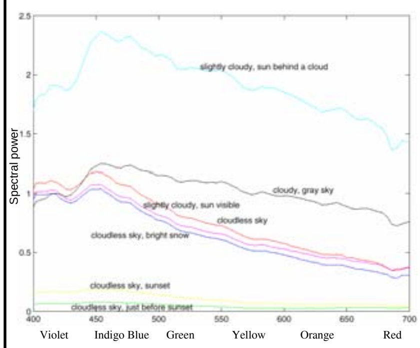
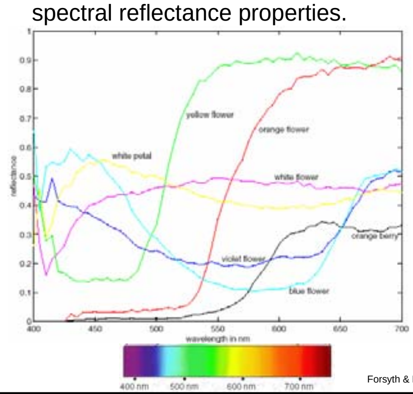


Spectral power of daylight varies depending on time of day, year, and other conditions.

Measurements by J. Parkkinen and P. Silfsten.

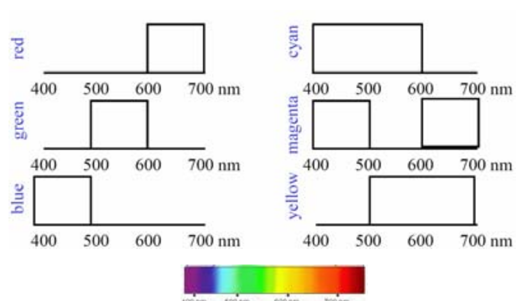
The color viewed is also affected by the surface's spectral reflectance properties.



Spectral reflectances for some natural objects: how much of each wavelength is reflected

Forsyth & Ponce, measurements by E. Koivisto

Color mixing



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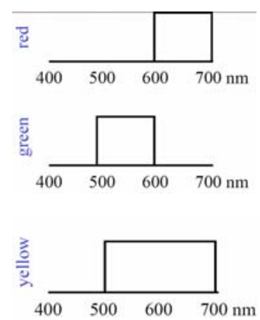
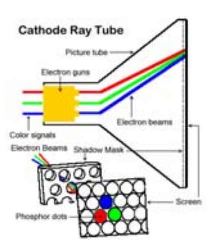
Additive color mixing



Colors combine by *adding* color spectra

Light *adds* to black.

Examples of additive color systems



CRT phosphors

multiple projectors

http://www.jegsworks.com
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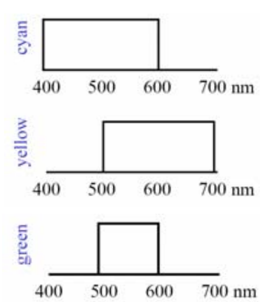
Subtractive color mixing



Colors combine by *multiplying* color spectra.

Pigments *remove* color from incident light (white).

Examples of subtractive color systems

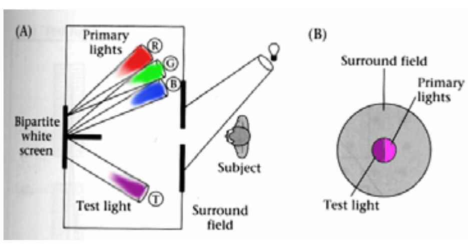
- Printing on paper
- Crayons
- Most photographic film

Why specify color numerically?

- Accurate color reproduction is commercially valuable
  - Many products are identified by color ("golden" arches)
- Few color names are widely recognized by English speakers
  - About 10; other languages have fewer/more, but not many more.
  - Common to disagree on appropriate color names.
- Color reproduction problems increased by prevalence of digital imaging – e.g. digital libraries of art.
  - How to ensure that everyone perceives the same color?
  - What spectral radiances *produce the same response* from people under simple viewing conditions?

Forsyth & Ponce

Color matching experiment



Observer adjusts weight (intensity) for primary lights (fixed SPD's) to match appearance of test light.

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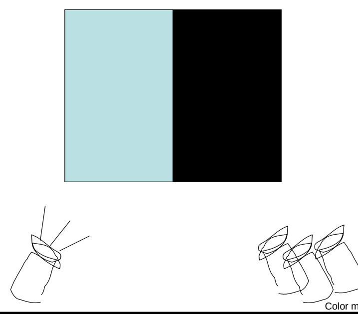
After Judd & Wyszecki.

Color matching experiment 1



Color matching slides from W. Freeman

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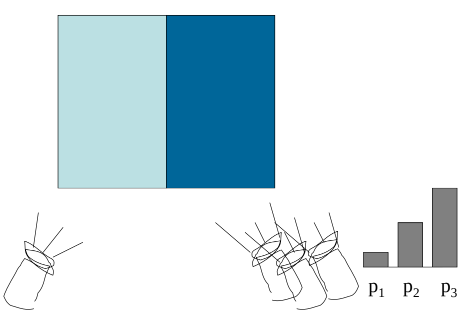

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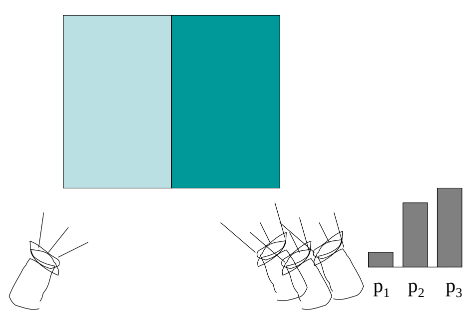

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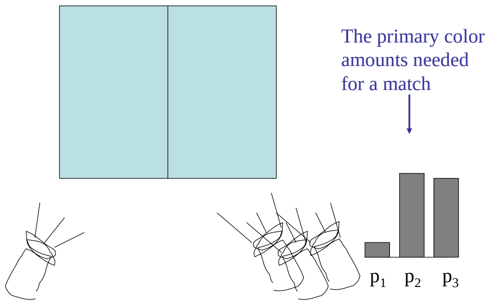

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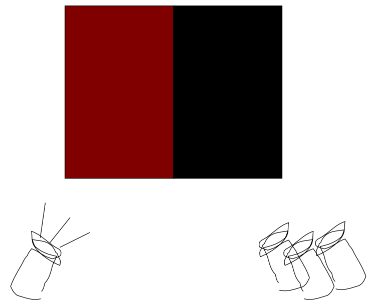

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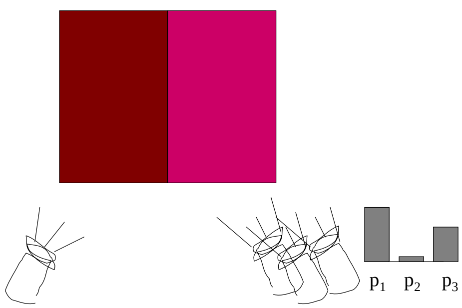

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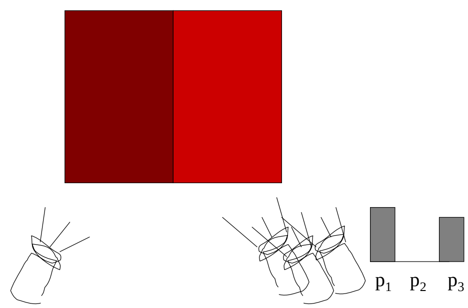

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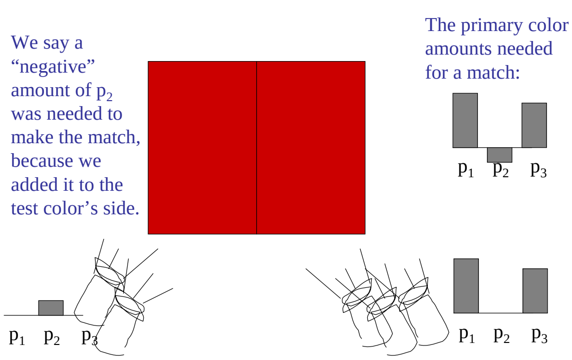
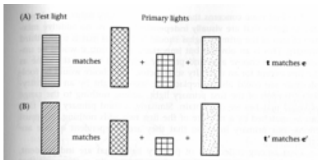


Color matching

- Lights forming a *perceptual* match may be *physically* different
  - Match light: must be combination of primaries
  - Test light: any light
- **Metamers**: pairs of lights that match perceptually but not physically

Grassman's Laws



Mixing the matches for two test lights will match the mixture of the two test lights.

If same weights used to match two test lights, then test lights match.

Positive scaling of test light -> scaling of weights (additive matching is linear).

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Measuring color by color-matching

- Pick a set of 3 primary color lights.
- Find the amounts of each primary, e_1, e_2, e_3, needed to match some spectral signal, t.
- If you have some other spectral signal, s, and s matches t perceptually, then e_1, e_2, e_3 will also form a match for s, by Grassman's laws.
- Useful:
  - Predict the color of a new spectral signal
  - Translate to representations using other primary lights.

Adapted from W. Freeman

Measuring color by color-matching

- Why is computing the color match for any color signal for any set of primaries useful?
  - Want to paint a carton of Kodak film with the Kodak yellow color.
  - Want to match skin color of a person in a photograph printed on an ink jet printer to their true skin color.
  - Want the colors in the world, on a monitor, and in a print format to all look the same.

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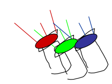
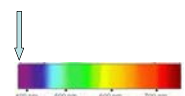
Computing color matches

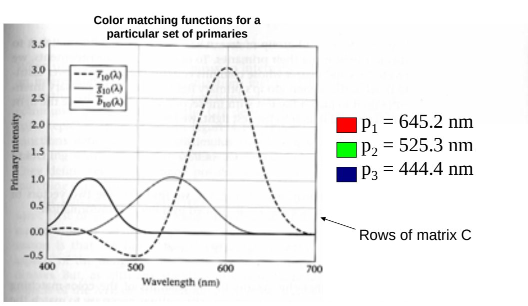
- How to compute the weights that will yield a perceptual match for any test light using any set of primaries:
  1. Select primaries
  2. Estimate their *color matching functions*: observer matches series of monochromatic lights, one at each wavelength





$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1(\lambda_1) \\ c_2(\lambda_1) \\ c_3(\lambda_1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Computing color matches



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Rows of matrix C

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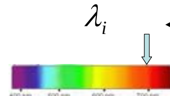
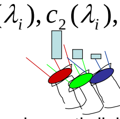
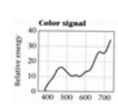
λ_i matches $c_1(\lambda_i), c_2(\lambda_i), c_3(\lambda_i)$





Now have matching functions for all monochromatic light sources

Arbitrary new spectral signal is a linear combination of the monochromatic sources



$$\mathbf{t} = \begin{pmatrix} t(\lambda_1) \\ \cdots \\ t(\lambda_N) \end{pmatrix}$$

Computing color matches

Intensities of primary lights needed to obtain match:

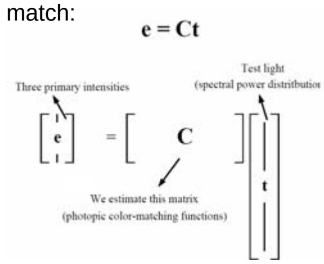


Fig from B. Wandell, 1996

How do you translate colors between different systems of primaries?

$p_1 = (0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0 \ldots\ 0\ 1\ 0)^T$
$p_2 = (0\ 0 \ldots 0\ 1\ 0 \ldots 0\ 0)^T$
$p_3 = (0\ 1\ 0\ 0 \ldots 0\ 0\ 0\ 0)^T$
Primary spectra, P
Color matching functions, C

$p'_1 = (0\ 0.2\ 0.3\ 4.5\ 7 \ldots\ 2.1)^T$
$p'_2 = (0.1\ 0.44\ 2.1 \ldots\ 0.3\ 0)^T$
$p'_3 = (1.2\ 1.7\ 1.6 \ldots\ 0\ 0)^T$
Primary spectra, P'
Color matching functions, C'

Any input spectrum, t

The amount of each primary in P needed to match the color with spectrum t.

$$C\vec{t} = CP'C'\vec{t}$$

The amount of each P' primary needed to match t

The color of that match to t, described by the primaries, P.

The spectrum of a perceptual match to t, made using the primaries P'

Slide by W. Freeman

How do you translate colors between different systems of primaries?

The values of the 3 primaries, in the unprimed system

The values of the 3 primaries, in the primed system

$$e = \underbrace{CP'}_{\text{a 3x3 matrix}}e'$$

a 3x3 matrix

- Transforms one set of primaries to another
- Each column is vector of intensities of the original primaries (P) that are needed to match the new primaries (P')

Adapted from W. Freeman

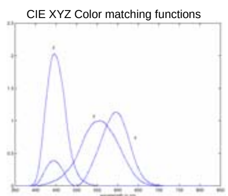
Standard color spaces

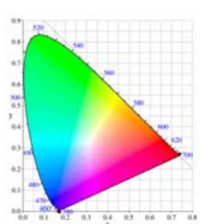
- Use a common set of primaries/color matching functions
- Linear
  - CIE XYZ
  - RGB
  - CMY
- Non-linear
  - HSV

CIE XYZ color space

- Established by the commission international d'eclairage (CIE), 1931
- Usually projected to display: (x,y) = (X/(X+Y+Z), Y/(X+Y+Z))

CIE XYZ Color matching functions

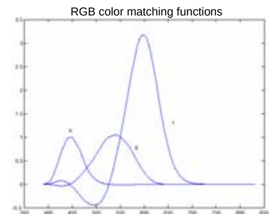




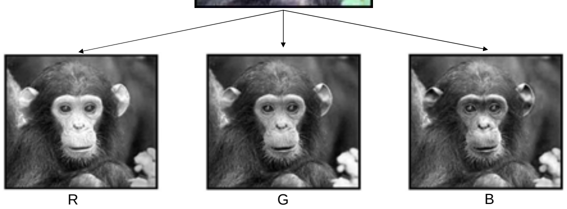
RGB color space

- Single wavelength primaries
- Phosphors for monitor

RGB color matching functions

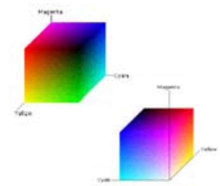


Color images, RGB color space



CMY

- Cyan Magenta Yellow
- Subtractive mixing (inks, pigment)



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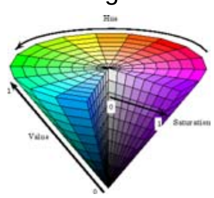
HSV

- Hue, Saturation, Value (Brightness)
- Nonlinear – reflects topology of colors by coding **hue** as an angle



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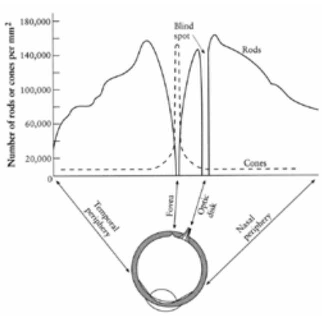
Human photoreceptors

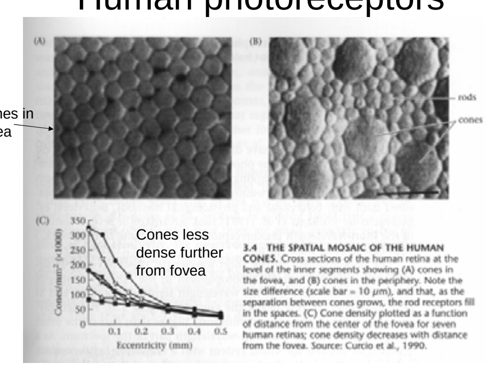


-**Rods** responsible for intensity
-**Cones** responsible for color
-**Fovea:** small region (1 or 2°) at the center of the visual field containing the highest density of cones (and no rods).
– Less visual acuity in the periphery

Adapted from Seitz, Duygulu

Human photoreceptors

Cones in fovea



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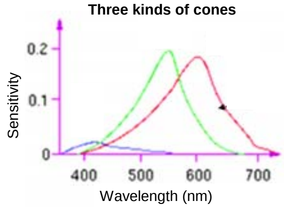
Human photoreceptors

- React only to some wavelengths, with different sensitivities
- Brain fuses responses from local neighborhood of several cones for perceived color
- Sensitivities vary from person to person, and with age
- Color blindness: deficiency in at least one type of cone



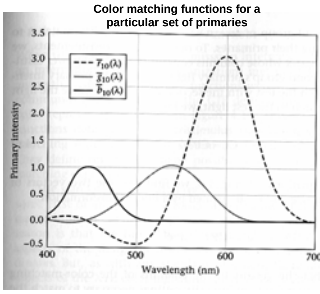
Trichromacy

- Experimental facts:
  - **Three primaries** will work for most people if we allow subtractive matching
    - Exceptional people can match with two or only one primary.
    - This could be caused by a variety of deficiencies.
  - Most people make the *same* matches (i.e., select the same mixtures)
    - Suggests three common types of receptors
    - …observed color matching functions obtainable from some 3x3 matrix transformation of the human photopigment response curves?

Adapted from D. Forsyth

Computing color matches

Color matching functions for a particular set of primaries



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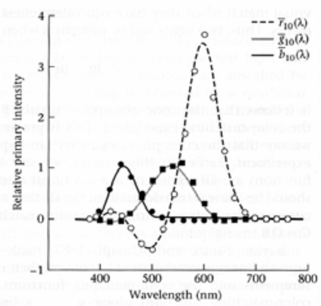

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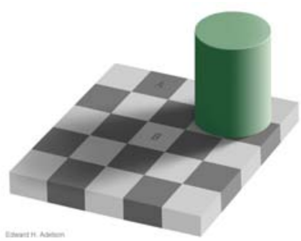
Color, shading perception

- *Chromatic adaptation*: we adapt to a particular illuminant
- *Assimilation & contrast effects*: nearby colors affect what is perceived

Color matching ~= color appearance

Physics of light ~= perception of light

Color/shading perception



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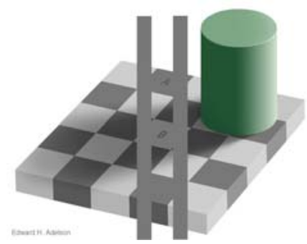
Color/shading perception



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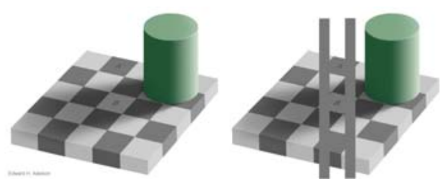

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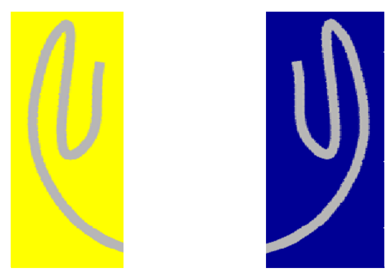

Name that color

Perceptual color matching

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- Metamers: pairs of lights that match perceptually but not physically

Metameric spectral power distributions

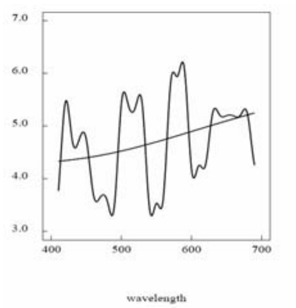
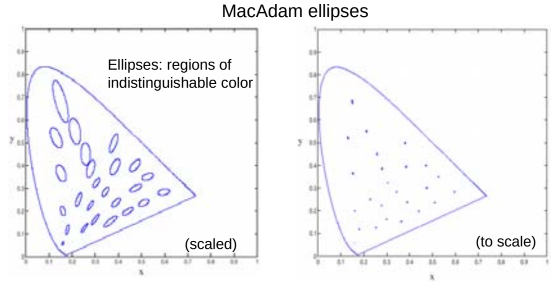


Fig from B. Wandell, 1996

MacAdam ellipses



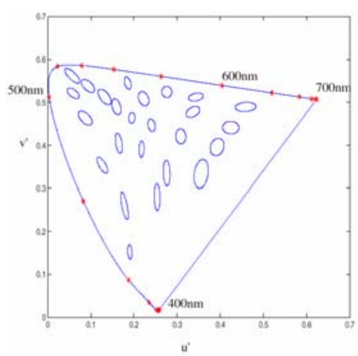
Variations in color matches in CIE x,y space

Euclidean distance in x,y not a good metric for perceptual similarity.

Figs from Forsyth & Ponce

CIE u'v'

- Projective transform of CIE x, y
- Closer to uniform color space (want MacAdam ellipses to be circles)

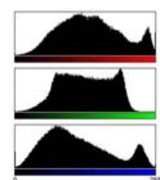


See also: CIE Lab

Forsyth & Ponce

Color histograms

- A simple cue: use distribution of colors to describe image (region)
- No spatial info - invariant to translation, rotation, scale.



See Swain and Ballard, Color Indexing, IJCV 1991.

Skin detection

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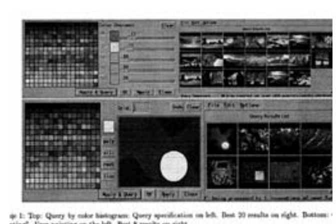
Color as a low-level cue for CBIR



IBM's Query by image content (QBIC) system
From Ashley et al., SIGMOD 1995

Blobworld system
Carson et al, 1999

When is color not a good indicator?

Color-based segmentation for robot soccer

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Next

- Pset0 due Thursday before class – turn in hardcopy
- Read Chapter 7 for Tuesday

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