

# COLOR

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Lecture 7

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## Announcements

- Homework 1 is due Apr 24, 11:59 PM
- Reading:
  - Chapter 2 Image formation

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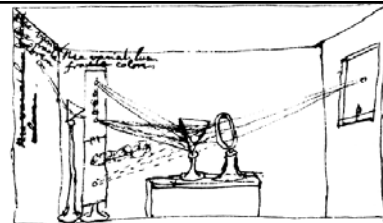
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## The appearance of colors

- Color appearance is strongly affected by (at least):
  - Spectrum of lighting striking the retina
  - other nearby colors (space)
  - adaptation to previous views (time)
  - “state of mind”

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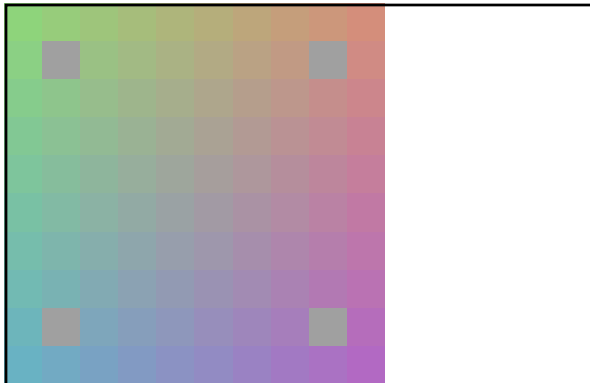
4.1 NEWTON'S SUMMARY DRAWING of his experiments with light. Using a point source of light and a prism, Newton separated sunlight into its fundamental components. By recombining the rays, he also showed that the decomposition is reversible.

From Foundations of Vision, Brian Wandell, 1995, via B. Freeman slides



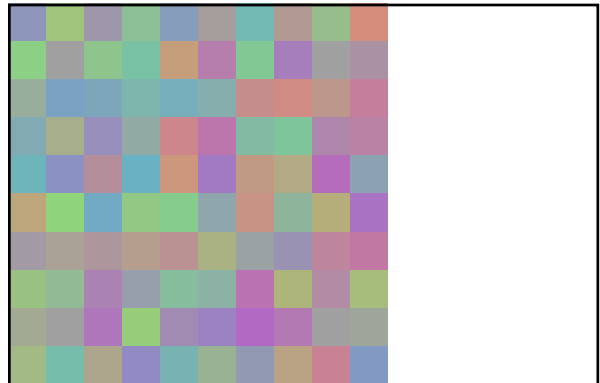
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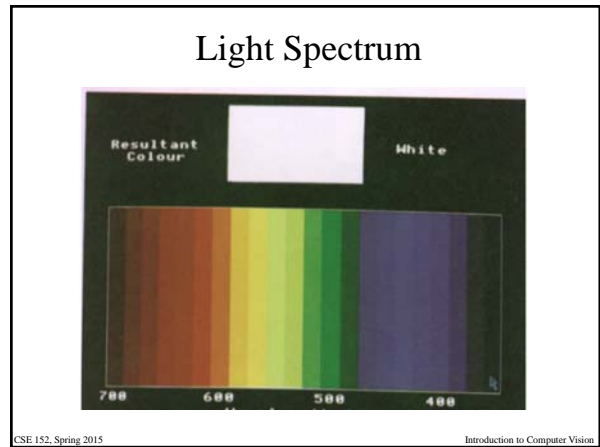
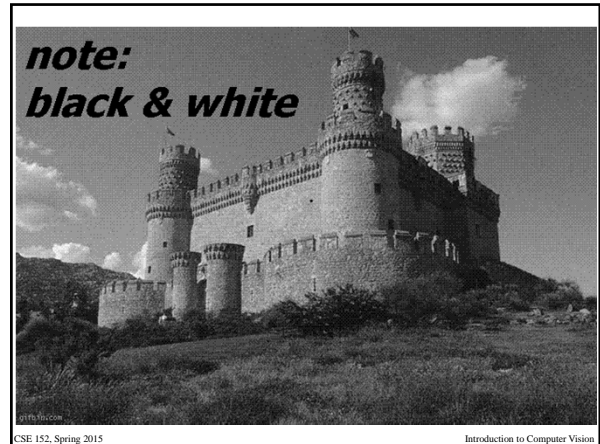
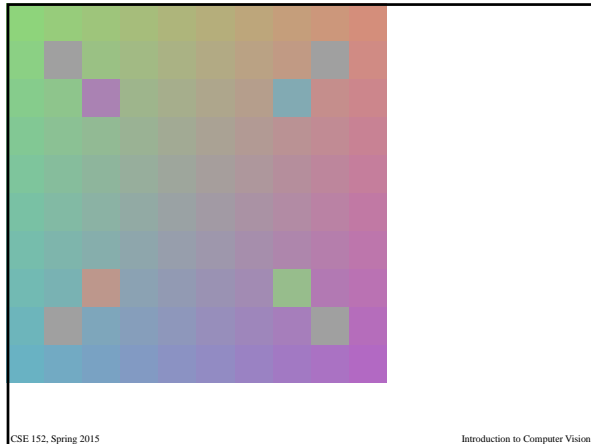
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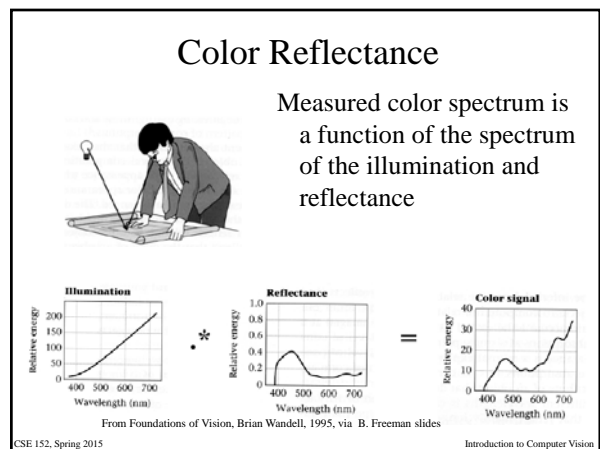
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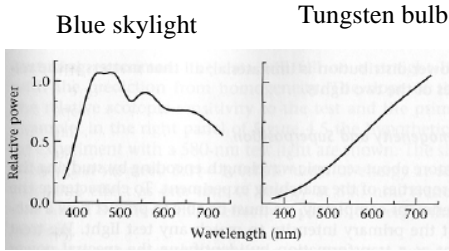
### Talking about colors

1. Spectrum –
  - A positive function over interval 400nm-700nm
  - “Infinite” number of values needed.
2. Names
  - red, harvest gold, cyan, aquamarine, auburn, chestnut
  - A large, discrete set of color names
3. R,G,B values
  - Just 3 numbers

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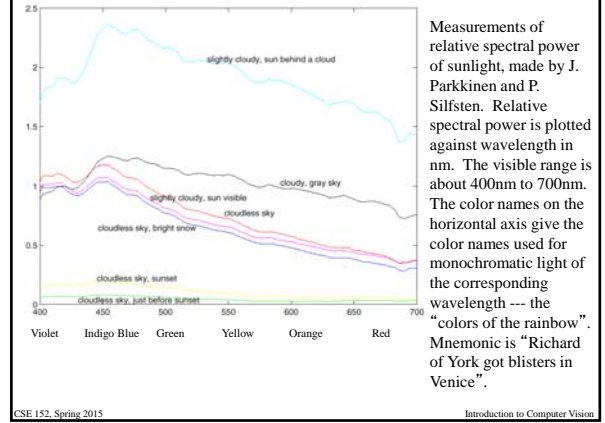
## Illumination Spectra



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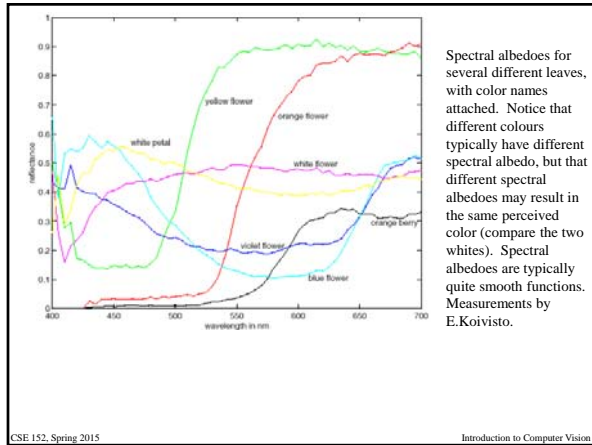
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Measurements of relative spectral power of sunlight, made by J. Parkkinen and P. Silfsten. Relative spectral power is plotted against wavelength in nm. The visible range is about 400nm to 700nm. The color names on the horizontal axis give the color names used for monochromatic light of the corresponding wavelength --- the "colors of the rainbow". Mnemonic is "Richard of York got blisters in Venice".

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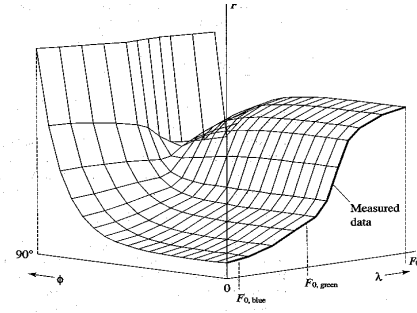


Spectral albedoes for several different leaves, with color names attached. Notice that different colours typically have different spectral albedo, but that different spectral albedoes may result in the same perceived color (compare the two whites). Spectral albedoes are typically quite smooth functions. Measurements by E.Koivisto.

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## Fresnel Equation for Polished Copper



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## Dialectrics (e.g., plastics)

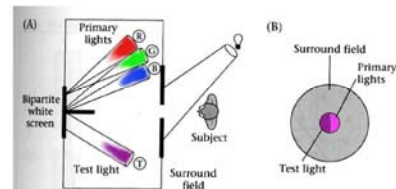


Diffuse + specular component  
Specularity is the color of the light source

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## Color matching experiment



4.10 THE COLOR-MATCHING EXPERIMENT. The observer views a bipartite field and adjusts the intensities of the three primary lights to match the appearance of the test light. (A) A top view of the experimental apparatus. (B) The appearance of the stimuli to the observer. After Judd and Wyszecki, 1975.

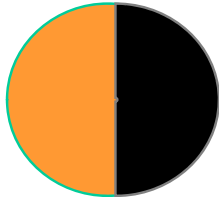
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
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### Color Matching










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### Color matching experiment 1



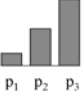


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### Color matching experiment 1



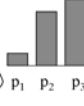


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### Color matching experiment 1










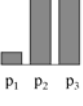
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### Color matching experiment 1




The primary color amounts needed for a match





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### Color matching experiment 2



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### Color matching experiment 2

We say a "negative" amount of  $p_2$  was needed to make the match, because we added it to the test color's side.

The primary color amounts needed for a match:

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### The principle of 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.
    - There are some anomalous trichromats, who use three primaries but make different combinations to match.

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### Color receptors

"Red" cone      "Green" cone      "Blue" cone

Response of  $k$ 'th cone =  $\int \rho_k(\lambda) E(\lambda) d\lambda$

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### Color Cameras: Three kinds of pixels

Bayer filter

Single sensor with color mosaic overlaid

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## Color matching functions

- Choose primaries, say  $P_1(\lambda)$ ,  $P_2(\lambda)$ ,  $P_3(\lambda)$
- For monochromatic (single wavelength) energy function, what amounts of primaries will match it?
- i.e., For each wavelength  $\lambda$ , determine how much of A, of B, and of C is needed to match light of that wavelength alone.

$$a(\lambda)$$

$$b(\lambda)$$

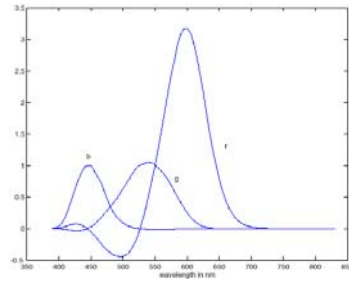
$$c(\lambda)$$

- These are color matching functions

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## RGB

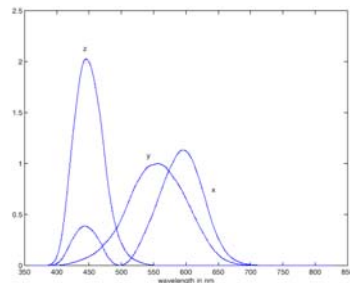


RGB: primaries are monochromatic, energies are 645.2nm, 526.3nm, 444.4nm. Color matching functions have negative parts -> some colors can be matched only subtractively.

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## CIE XYZ



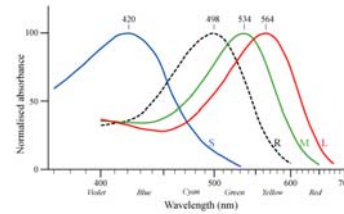
CIE XYZ: Color matching functions are positive everywhere, but primaries are imaginary. Usually draw  $x$ ,  $y$ , where  $x = X/(X+Y+Z)$   $y = Y/(X+Y+Z)$

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## Three types of cones: R,G,B

$$\text{Response of } k\text{'th cone} = \int \rho_k(\lambda)E(\lambda)d\lambda$$



There are three types of cones

- S: Short wave lengths (Blue)
- M: Mid wave lengths (Green)
- L: Long wave lengths (Red)

- Three attributes to a color
- Three numbers to describe a color

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## Color spaces

- Linear color spaces describe colors as linear combinations of primaries
- Choice of primaries=choice of color matching functions=choice of color space
- Color matching functions, hence color descriptions, are all within linear transformations
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## Color Spaces

There are many different color spaces, with each describing a color using three numbers:

1. RGB
2. HLS
3. YCrCb
4. HSV
5. CMY
6. YIQ (NTSC),
7. YUV (PAL),
8. CIExyz,
9. CIELAB
10. SUV

In general a color represented in one color space (say HLS) can be converted and represented in a second color space (say RGB), unless the result falls outside of the gamut of the second space.

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## RGB Color Cube

- Block of colours for (r, g, b) in the range (0-1).
- Convenient to have an upper bound on coefficient of each primary.
- In practice:
  - primaries given by monitor phosphors
  - (phosphors are the materials on the face of the monitor screen that glow when struck by electrons)

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## YIQ Model

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.275 & -0.321 \\ 0.212 & -0.532 & 0.311 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

- Used by NTSC TV standard
- Separates Hue & Saturation (I,Q) from Luminance (Y)

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## CIE -XYZ and x-y

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## CIE xyY (Chromaticity Space)

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## Color Specification: Chromaticity

- Chromaticity coordinates
  - (x, y, z)
  - where  $x + y + z = 1$
  - Usually specified by (x, y)
  - where  $z = 1 - x - y$

The CIE 1931 color space chromaticity diagram

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## Chromaticities

- Set of chromaticities
  - Red
  - Green
  - Blue
  - White (point)

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