

**CS443: Digital Imaging and Multimedia
Color in Digital Images**

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Outlines

- **Color Perception**
- **RGB color space**
- **HSV and HLS**
- **Color Models for TV and Video**
- **Color Models for Printing**
- **Colorimetric Color Spaces**

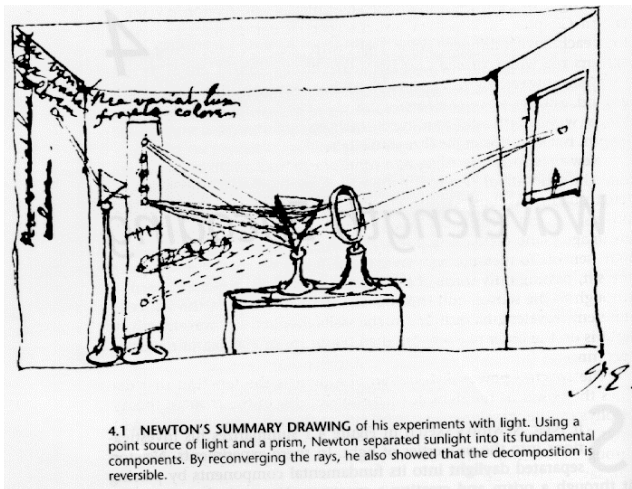
- **Sources:**
 - **Burger and Burge “Digital Image Processing” Chapter 12**

Color Perception

- Color perception is a fascinating and complicated phenomenon that has occupied the interest of scientist, psychologists, philosophers, and artists for hundreds of years.
- Color plays an important role in object recognition
- What is the best way to represent colors in the digital domain?
- Challenging problem: color constancy.

Complications of color

- Spectral composition of light
 - Newton's original prism experiment
 - light decomposed into its spectral components



Complications of color

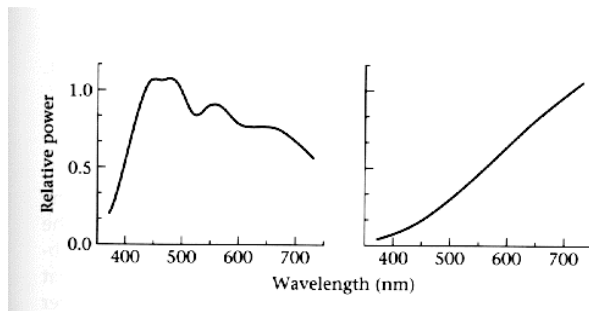
- Why does the prism separate the light into its spectral components?

- prism bends different wavelengths of light by different amounts
 - refractive index is a function of wavelength
 - shorter wavelengths are refracted more strongly than longer wavelengths

<u>Wavelength</u>	<u>Color (*)</u>
700	Red
610	Orange
580	Yellow
540	Green
480	Blue
400	Violet

* - viewed in isolation

Complications of color

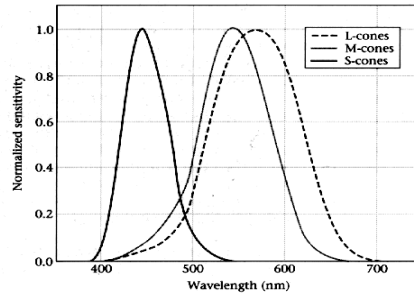


4.4 THE SPECTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION of two important light sources are shown: (left) blue skylight and (right) a tungsten bulb.

Cones and color - recall

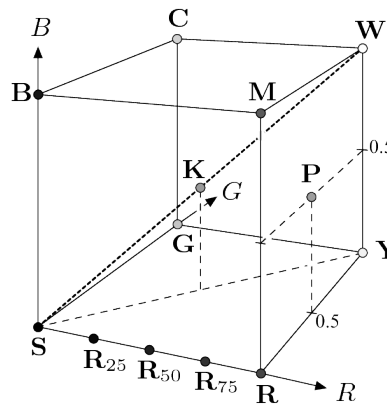
- Three different types of cones
 - they differ in their sensitivity to different wavelengths of light (blue-violet, green, yellow-red)

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.

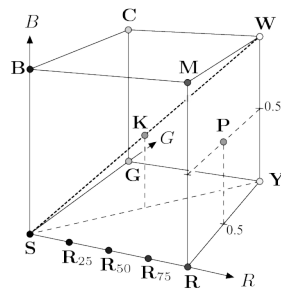


RGB color images

- Three primary colors: Red, Green, blue
- Widely used in transmission, representation, storage of color images.
- RGB is additive color system: add primary colored-light to form different colors

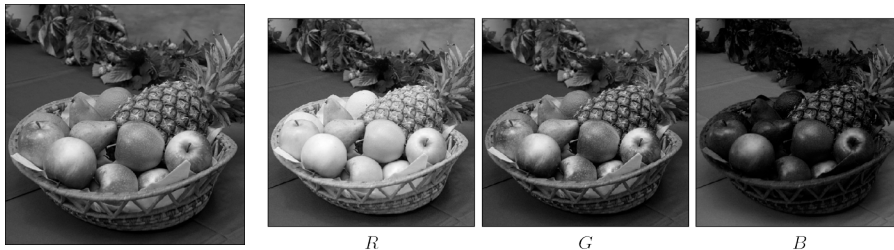


$$C_i = (R_i, G_i, B_i)$$



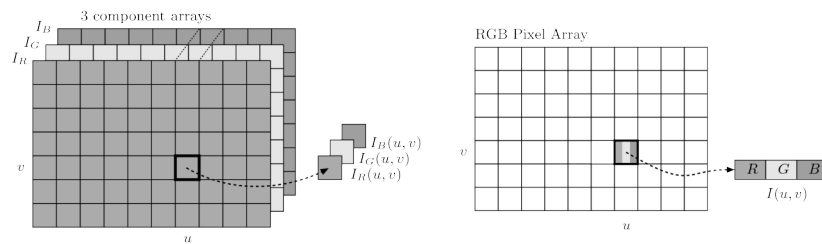
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R	Red	1.00	0.00	0.00
Y	Yellow	1.00	1.00	0.00
G	Green	0.00	1.00	0.00
C	Cyan	0.00	1.00	1.00
B	Blue	0.00	0.00	1.00
M	Magenta	1.00	0.00	1.00
W	White	1.00	1.00	1.00
K	50% Gray	0.50	0.50	0.50
R₇₅	75% Red	0.75	0.00	0.00
R₅₀	50% Red	0.50	0.00	0.00
R₂₅	25% Red	0.25	0.00	0.00
P	Pink	1.00	0.50	0.50

- It is hard to determine the color of a pixel from knowing its R,G,B components
- RGB is not a perceptually uniform representation: measured distance in the RGB color space doesn't correspond to our perception of color.



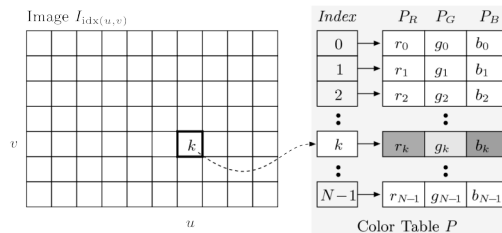
RGB representation

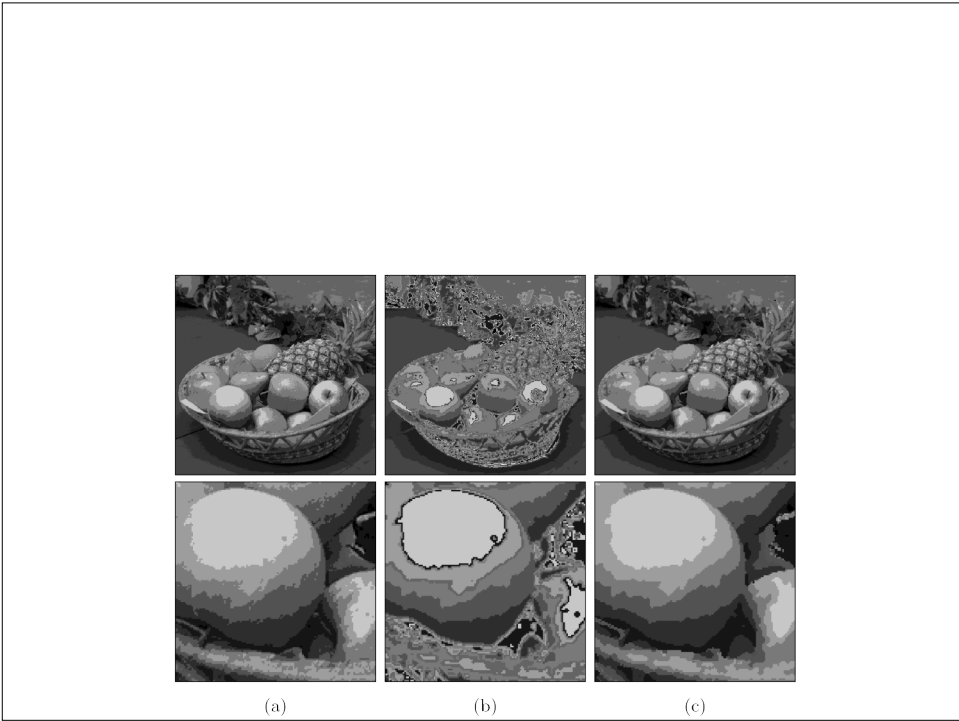
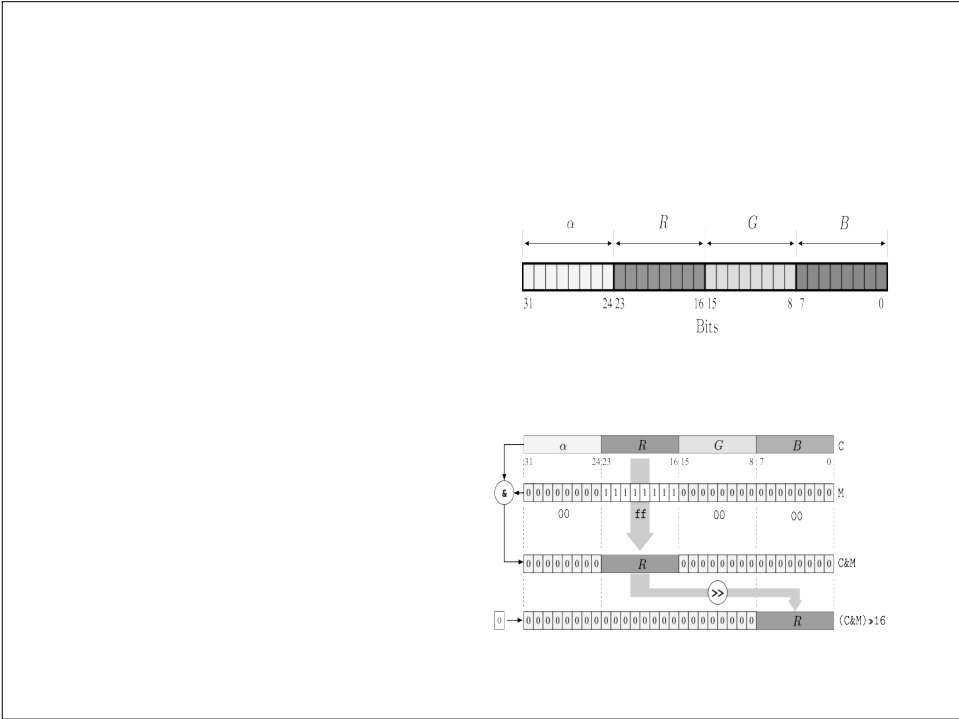
- True color images: represent each pixel with its R,G,B values.
 - Component ordering
 - Packed ordering



RGB representation

- Alternative representation: Indexed images:
 - make a color table
 - each pixel's color is represented by its color's index in the table
- Advantages?
- Limitations?

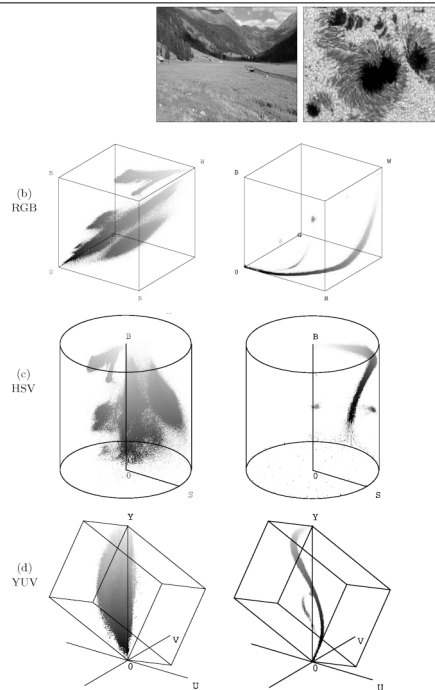




- RGB Limitations:
- It is hard to determine the color of a pixel from knowing it's R,G,B components
- RGB is not a perceptually uniform representation: measured distance in the RGB color space doesn't correspond to our perception of color.
- Brightness changes in the RGB color space are not perceived linearly.

Other Color Spaces

- HSV/HSB and HLS
- TV Color Spaces:
 - YUV, YIQ, YC_bC_r
- Color spaces for printing:
 - CMY, CMYK
- Colorimetric Color Spaces:
 - CIE XYZ
 - CIE L*a*b*



- Three important concepts:
 - Hue
 - Saturation
 - Luminance

From RGB to Grayscale

- How to compute luminance value Y from RGB

$$Y = \text{Avg}(R, G, B) = \frac{R + G + B}{3}$$

- We perceive red and green as being brighter than blue

$$Y = \text{Lum}(R, G, B) = w_R \cdot R + w_G \cdot G + w_B \cdot B$$

- For analog color TV signal

$$w_R = 0.299 \quad w_G = 0.587 \quad w_B = 0.114$$

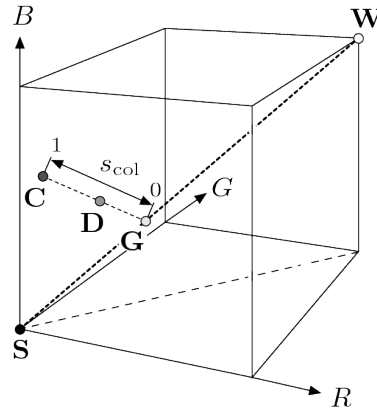
- For digital color encoding ITY-BT.709

$$w_R = 0.2125 \quad w_G = 0.7154 \quad w_B = 0.072$$



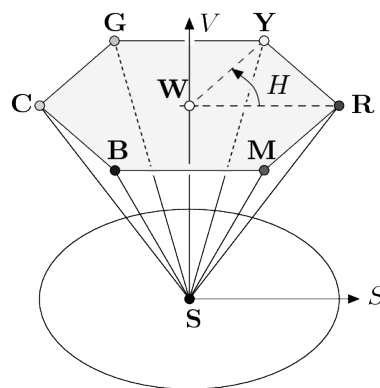
Desaturating Color Images

$$\begin{pmatrix} R_d \\ G_d \\ B_d \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} Y \\ Y \\ Y \end{pmatrix} + s_{col} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} R - Y \\ G - Y \\ B - Y \end{pmatrix}$$



HSV color space

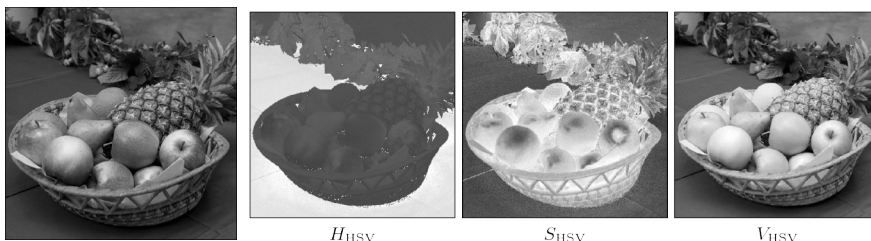
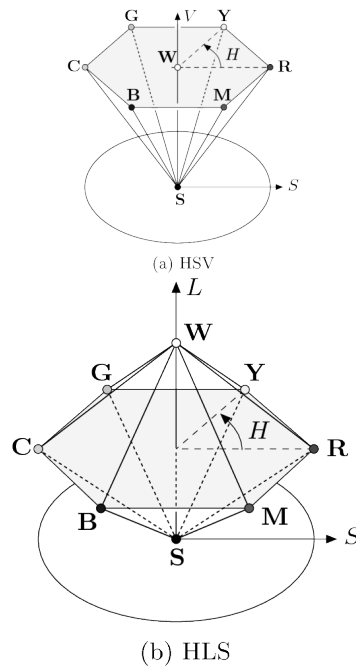
- Represent three components:
 - Hue
 - Saturation
 - Value (brightness)
- Also called HSB or HIS
- Upside-down six-sided pyramid



(a) HSV

HLS color space

- Similar to HSV:
 - Hue
 - Luminance
 - Saturation
- Also called HSL
- Double pyramid representation (like a diamond)



RGB to HSV

- Easier represented as a cylinder.

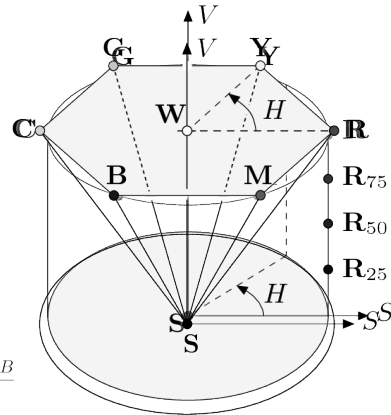
$$S_{\text{HSV}} = \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{rng}}}{C_{\text{high}}} & \text{for } C_{\text{high}} > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{\text{HSV}} = \frac{C_{\text{high}}}{C_{\text{max}}}$$

$$R' = \frac{C_{\text{high}} - R}{C_{\text{rng}}} \quad G' = \frac{C_{\text{high}} - G}{C_{\text{rng}}} \quad B' = \frac{C_{\text{high}} - B}{C_{\text{rng}}}$$

$$H' = \begin{cases} B' - G' & \text{if } R = C_{\text{high}} \\ R' - B' + 2 & \text{if } G = C_{\text{high}} \\ G' - R' + 4 & \text{if } B = C_{\text{high}} \end{cases}$$

$$H_{\text{HSV}} = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \begin{cases} (H' + 6) & \text{for } H' < 0 \\ H' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

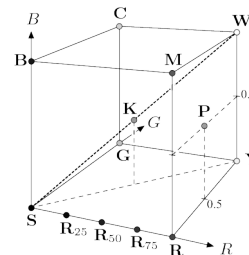
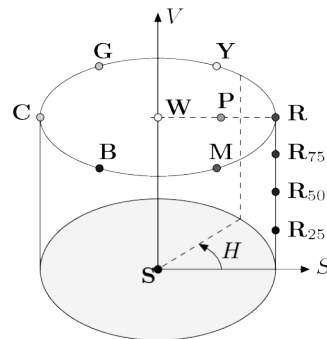


(a) HSV

RGB to HSV

RGB/HSV Values

Pt.	Color	R	G	B	H	S	V
S	Black	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00
R	Red	1.00	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	1.00
Y	Yellow	1.00	1.00	0.00	1/6	1.00	1.00
G	Green	0.00	1.00	0.00	2/6	1.00	1.00
C	Cyan	0.00	1.00	1.00	3/6	1.00	1.00
B	Blue	0.00	0.00	1.00	4/6	1.00	1.00
M	Magenta	1.00	0.00	1.00	5/6	1.00	1.00
W	White	1.00	1.00	1.00	—	0.00	1.00
R₇₅	75% Red	0.75	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	0.75
R₅₀	50% Red	0.50	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	0.50
R₂₅	25% Red	0.25	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	0.25
P	Pink	1.00	0.50	0.50	0	0.5	1.00

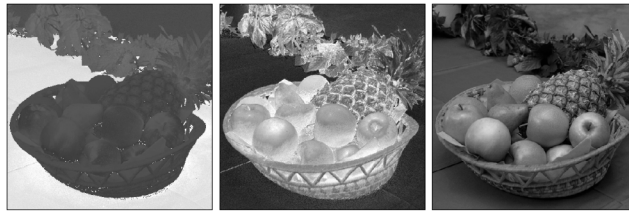


RGB to HLS

$$H_{HLS} = H_{HSV}$$

$$L_{HLS} = \frac{C_{high} + C_{low}}{2}$$

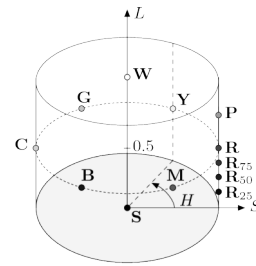
$$S_{HLS} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } L_{HLS} = 0 \\ 0.5 \cdot \frac{C_{rgb}}{L_{HLS}} & \text{for } 0 < L_{HLS} \leq 0.5 \\ 0.5 \cdot \frac{C_{rgb}}{1 - L_{HLS}} & \text{for } 0.5 < L_{HLS} < 1 \\ 0 & \text{for } L_{HLS} = 1 \end{cases}$$



H_{HLS}

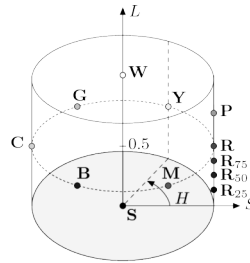
S_{HLS}

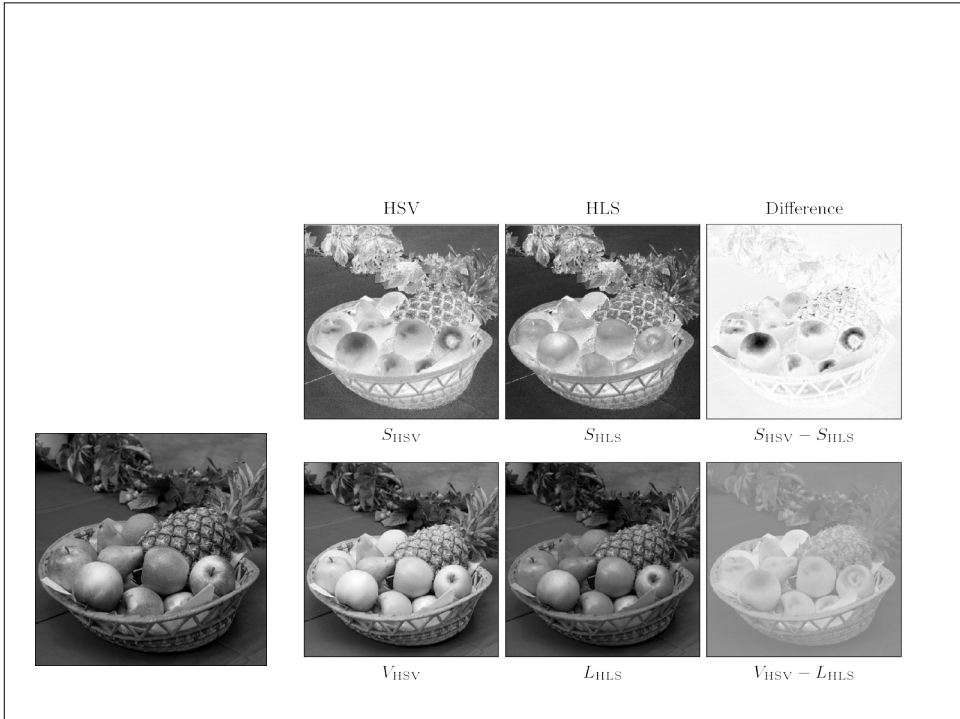
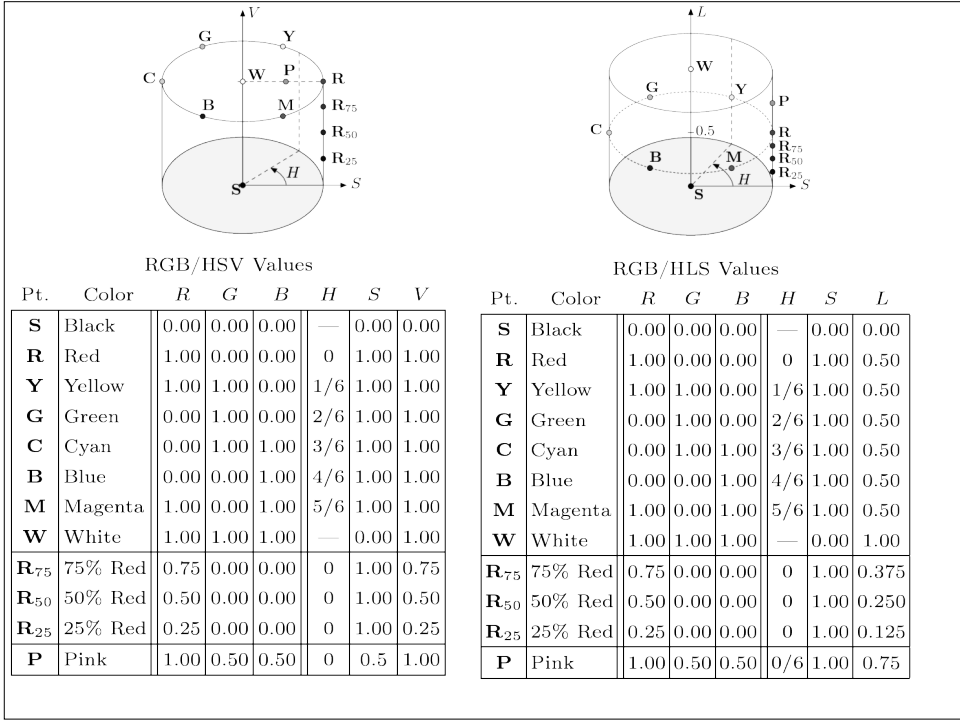
L_{HLS}

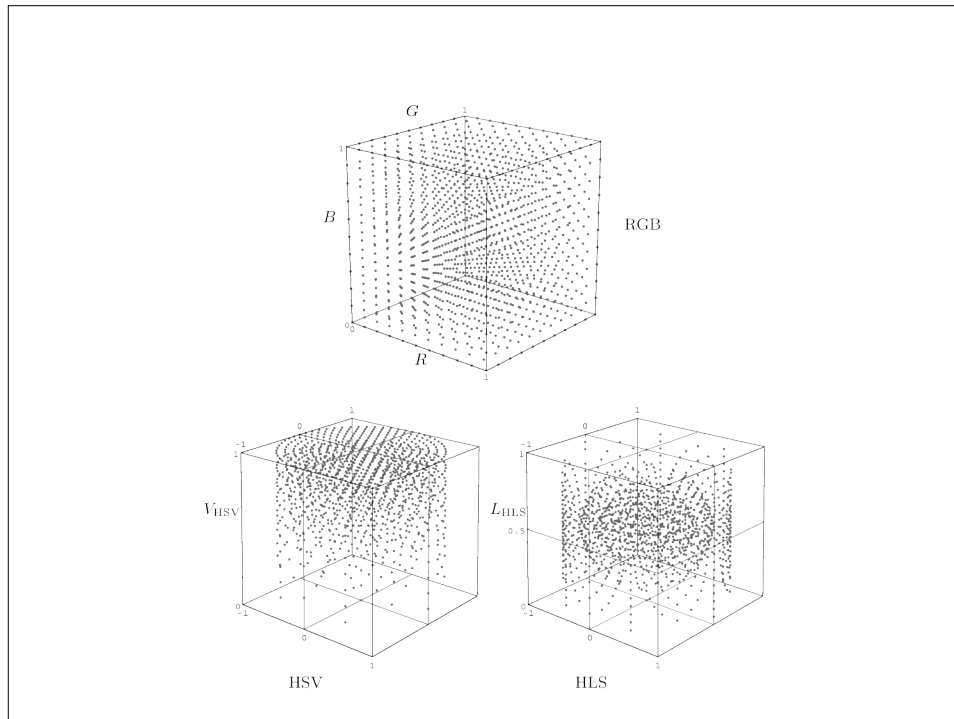


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Y	Yellow	1.00	1.00	0.00	1/6	1.00	0.50
G	Green	0.00	1.00	0.00	2/6	1.00	0.50
C	Cyan	0.00	1.00	1.00	3/6	1.00	0.50
B	Blue	0.00	0.00	1.00	4/6	1.00	0.50
M	Magenta	1.00	0.00	1.00	5/6	1.00	0.50
W	White	1.00	1.00	1.00	—	0.00	1.00
R ₇₅	75% Red	0.75	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	0.375
R ₅₀	50% Red	0.50	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	0.250
R ₂₅	25% Red	0.25	0.00	0.00	0	1.00	0.125
P	Pink	1.00	0.50	0.50	0/6	1.00	0.75







Color Models in TV and Video

- Part of the standards for recording, storage, transmission, and display of TV signals
- YIQ: used in analog NTSC systems. Also in VHS videotape coding. (N. America and Japan)
- YUV: used in European TV standard (SECAM)
- YCbCr: a variation of YUV that is used in digital video and digital TV. Also in JPEG
- Common ideas:
 - A separate luminance component Y
 - Two chroma components
 - Encode color difference instead of absolute colors
 - More bandwidth for luminance than chroma components.
 - Linear transformation from RGB (a matrix multiplication for conversion).

YUV

- **Luminance component:**

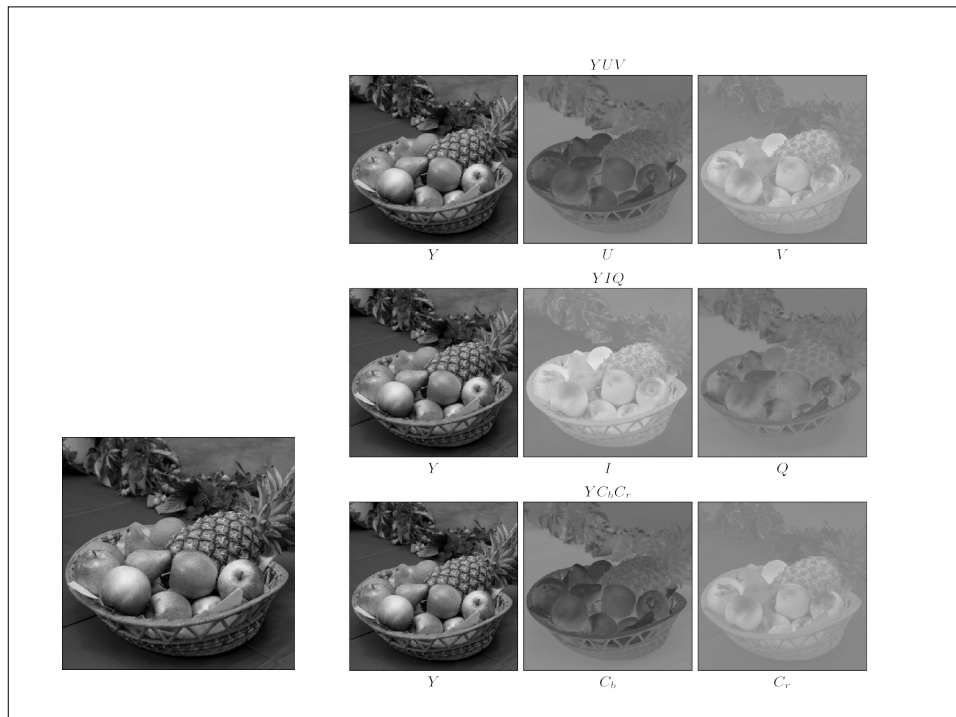
$$Y = 0.299 \cdot R + 0.587 \cdot G + 0.114 \cdot B$$

- **Chroma components: based on differences between the luminance and the blue and red components:**

$$U = 0.492 \cdot (B - Y) \quad \text{and} \quad V = 0.877 \cdot (R - Y)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ -0.147 & -0.289 & 0.436 \\ 0.615 & -0.515 & -0.100 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1.000 & 0.000 & 1.140 \\ 1.000 & -0.395 & -0.581 \\ 1.000 & 2.032 & 0.000 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} Y \\ U \\ V \end{pmatrix}$$



YIQ and YCbCr

- **YIQ: similar to YUV (rotate and mirror the UV)**

$$\begin{pmatrix} I \\ Q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \cos \beta & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} U \\ V \end{pmatrix}$$

- **YCbCr:** $Y = w_R \cdot R + (1 - w_B - w_R) \cdot G + w_B \cdot B$

$$C_b = \frac{0.5}{1 - w_B} \cdot (B - Y)$$

$$C_r = \frac{0.5}{1 - w_R} \cdot (R - Y)$$

- **Setting the weights to $w_B=0.299$ and $w_R=0.114$**

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ C_b \\ C_r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ -0.169 & -0.331 & 0.500 \\ 0.500 & -0.419 & -0.081 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

Color Models for Printing

- **Subtractive color models: CMY and CMYK**
- **Color printing requires a minimum of three primary colors: traditionally: Cyan, Magenta, and Yello**
- **White: C=M=Y=0 (no ink)**
- **Black: C=M=Y=1 (complete subtraction of light)**
- **CMY from RGB (simplified):**

$$C = 1 - R$$

$$M = 1 - G$$

$$Y = 1 - B$$

CMYK

- In actual printing, CMY is not sufficient, we need a black ink as well. K component
- How to determine the amount of black ink?

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

- The more the black the less the C, M, Y ink should be
- If C=M=Y, we only need black ink
- Different conversions are possible.
- Very complicated task in reality, which depends on the printer used

CMY to CMYK

- **Version 1**

$$\begin{pmatrix} C' \\ M' \\ Y' \\ K' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C - K \\ M - K \\ Y - K \\ K \end{pmatrix}$$

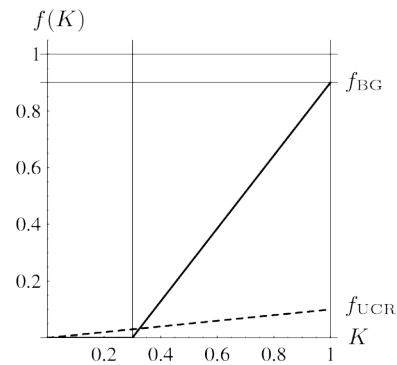
- **Version 2**

$$\begin{pmatrix} C' \\ M' \\ Y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C - K \\ M - K \\ Y - K \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-K} & \text{for } K < 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$K' = K$$

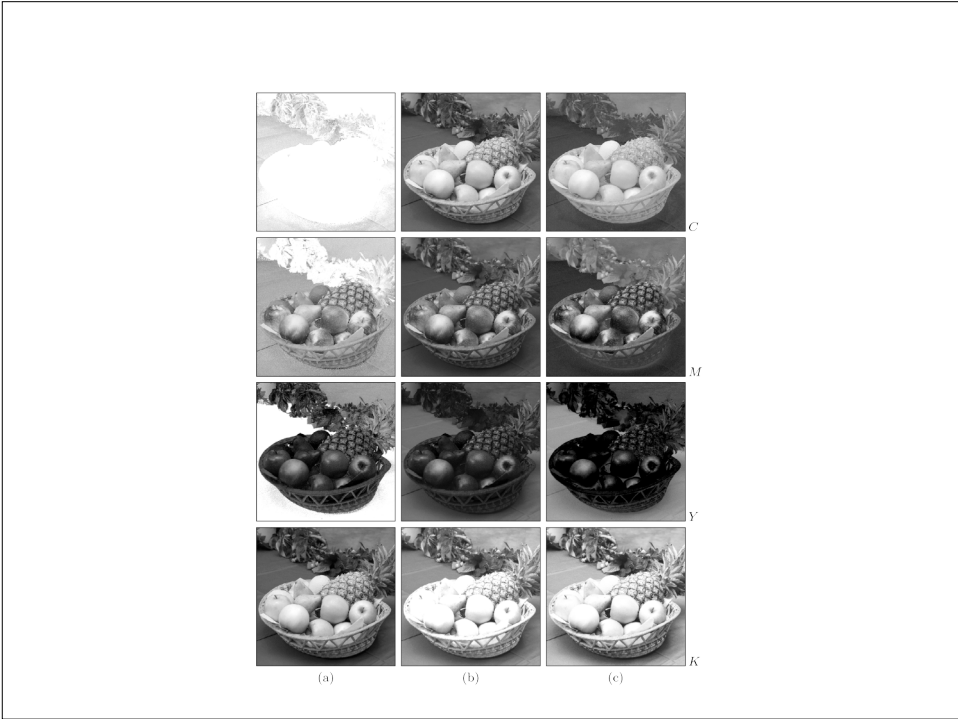
- **Version 3**

$$\begin{pmatrix} C' \\ M' \\ Y' \\ K' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C - f_{\text{UCR}}(K) \\ M - f_{\text{UCR}}(K) \\ Y - f_{\text{UCR}}(K) \\ f_{\text{BG}}(K) \end{pmatrix}$$



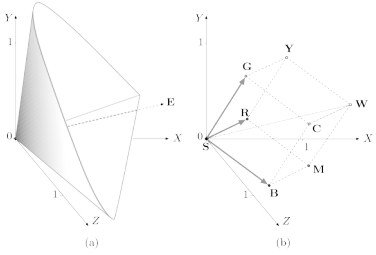
$$f_{\text{UCR}}(K) = s_K \cdot K$$

$$f_{\text{BG}}(K) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } K < K_0 \\ K_{\text{max}} \cdot \frac{K - K_0}{1 - K_0} & \text{for } K \geq K_0 \end{cases}$$



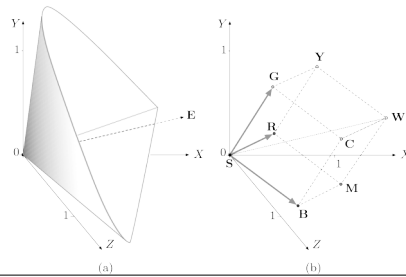
Colorimetric Color Spaces

- Goal: measure colors independent of devices
- A calibrated device-independent color system
- CIE color spaces: CIE (Commission Internationale d'Eclairage - International commission on Illumination).
- CIE XYZ, CIE x,y, CIE L*a*b*

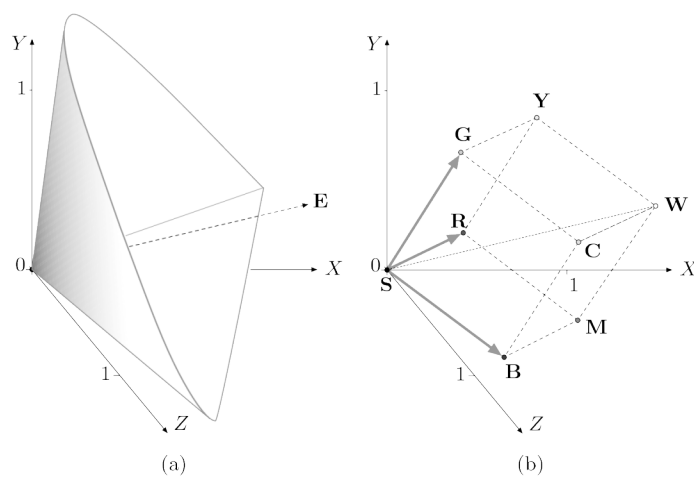


CIE XYZ

- Three imaginary primary colors X, Y, Z
- All the visible colors are summations of positive components.
- All visible colors lie inside a cone-shaped region, which doesn't include the X, Y, Z
- Y corresponds to the luminosity of the color (lightness)
- RGB cube is a distorted cube in the XYZ space.
- Linear transformation between RGB and XYZ
- Similar to RGB, the space is nonlinear wrt human color perception



CIE - XYZ



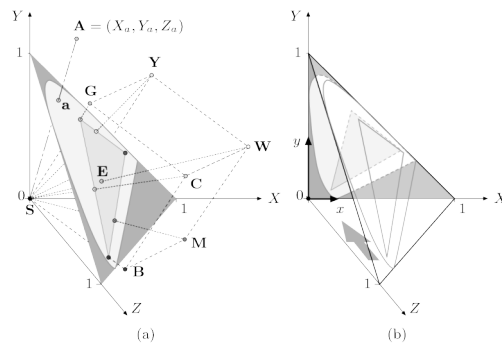
RGB to CIE XYZ - a linear transformation

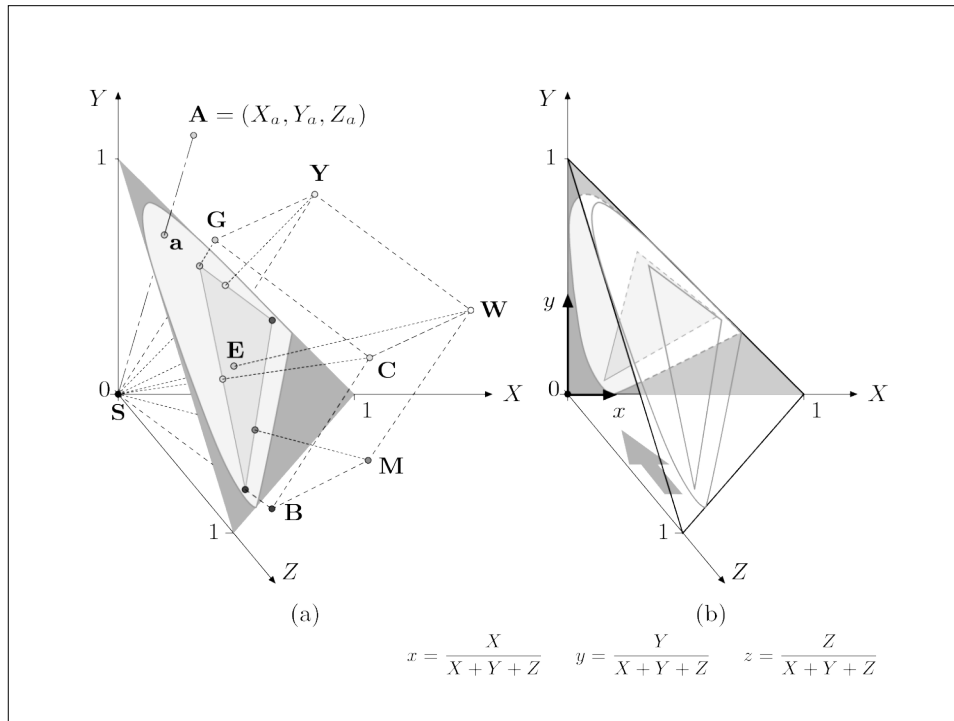
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R	red	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.4125	0.2127	0.0193	0.6400	0.3300
Y	yellow	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.7700	0.9278	0.1385	0.4193	0.5052
G	green	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.3576	0.7152	0.1192	0.3000	0.6000
C	cyan	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.5380	0.7873	1.0694	0.2247	0.3288
B	blue	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.1804	0.0722	0.9502	0.1500	0.0600
M	magenta	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.5929	0.2848	0.9696	0.3209	0.1542
W	white	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.9505	1.0000	1.0888	0.3127	0.3290

CIE x,y chromaticity

- How to separate the color hue from the luminance
- A central projection (through S) to the plane $X + Y + Z = 1$

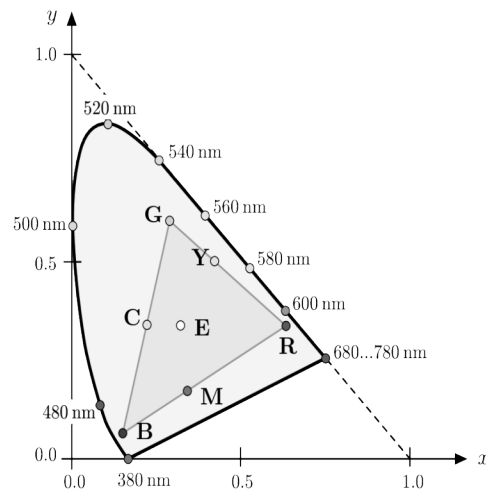
$$x = \frac{X}{X+Y+Z} \quad y = \frac{Y}{X+Y+Z} \quad z = \frac{Z}{X+Y+Z}$$
- Then, project to the XY plane (use only the x,y - drop z)





CIE-xy chromaticity diagram

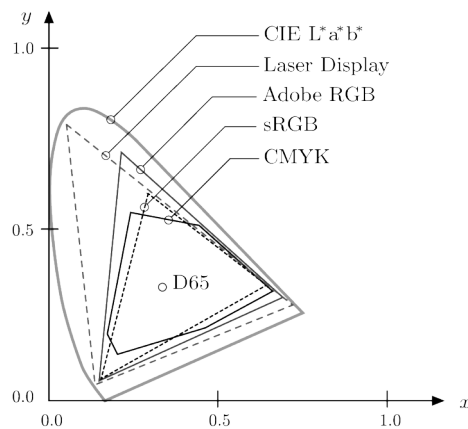
- Horseshoe-shaped
- The outer boundary represents monochromatic (spectrally pure), maximally saturated colors.
- Neutral point (E) where $x=y=1/3$, ($X=Y=Z=1$)
- Saturation falls off towards E
- Complementary colors?



- We cannot reconstruct the XYZ from xy only
- We can reconstruct the XYZ if we know x,y, and Y

$$X = x \cdot \frac{Y}{y} \quad Z = z \cdot \frac{Y}{y} = (1 - x - y) \cdot \frac{Y}{y}$$

- Standard illuminants
 - D50: emulate direct sunlight illumination
 - D65: emulate overcast daylight illumination
- These are important reference points to transform between color spaces and devices
- Gamut: the set of all colors that can be handled by a certain media device or can be represented by a given color space.



Pt.	Temp.	X	Y	Z	x	y
D50	5000° K	0.964296	1.000000	0.825105	0.3457	0.3585
D65	6500° K	0.950456	1.000000	1.088754	0.3127	0.3290
E	5100° K	1	1	1	1/3	1/3

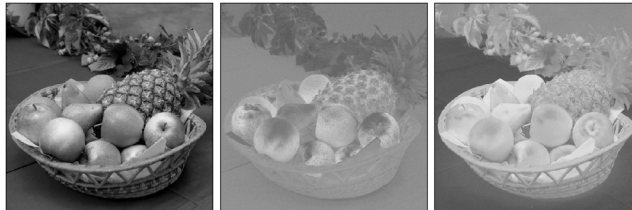
CIE L*a*b*

- XYZ is not perceptually uniform
- L*a*b* is a similar color space but more uniform
- Green-red, blue-yellow hue axis.

$$L^* = 116 \cdot Y' - 16 \quad X' = f_1\left(\frac{X}{X_{ref}}\right) \quad Y' = f_1\left(\frac{Y}{Y_{ref}}\right) \quad Z' = f_1\left(\frac{Z}{Z_{ref}}\right)$$

$$a^* = 500 \cdot (X' - Y') \quad f_1(c) = \begin{cases} c^{\frac{1}{3}} & \text{for } c > 0.008856 \\ 7.787 \cdot c + \frac{16}{116} & \text{for } c \leq 0.008856 \end{cases}$$

$$b^* = 200 \cdot (Y' - Z')$$



L^*

a^*

b^*

sRGB

- Standard RGB: precisely specifying where are the R,G,B colors and the white reference point in the XYZ space.
- Important standard (developed by HP and MS)
- Used in JPEG, PNG, HTML4,...

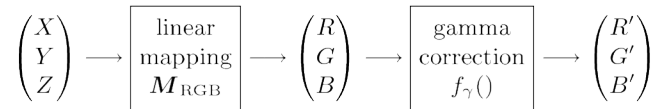
Pt.	R	G	B	X_{65}	Y_{65}	Z_{65}	x_{65}	y_{65}
R	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.412453	0.212671	0.019334	0.6400	0.3300
G	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.357580	0.715160	0.119193	0.3000	0.6000
B	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.180423	0.072169	0.950227	0.1500	0.0600
W	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.950456	1.000000	1.088754	0.3127	0.3290

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{RGB}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3.240479 & -1.537150 & -0.498535 \\ -0.969256 & 1.875992 & 0.041556 \\ 0.055648 & -0.204043 & 1.057311 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{M}_{\text{RGB}}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.412453 & 0.357580 & 0.180423 \\ 0.212671 & 0.715160 & 0.072169 \\ 0.019334 & 0.119193 & 0.950227 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{RGB}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}_{\text{RGB}}^{-1} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R' = f_\gamma(R) \quad G' = f_\gamma(G) \quad B' = f_\gamma(B)$$

$$f_\gamma(c) = \begin{cases} 1.055 \cdot c^{\frac{1}{2.4}} - 0.055 & \text{for } c > 0.0031308 \\ 12.92 \cdot c & \text{for } c \leq 0.0031308 \end{cases}$$



Pt.	Color	sRGB <i>nonlinear</i>			sRGB <i>linearized</i>			CIE XYZ		
		<i>R'</i>	<i>G'</i>	<i>B'</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>X</i> ₆₅	<i>Y</i> ₆₅	<i>Z</i> ₆₅
S	black	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
R	red	1.00	0.0	0.0	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.4125	0.2127	0.0193
Y	yellow	1.00	1.0	0.0	1.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.7700	0.9278	0.1385
G	green	0.00	1.0	0.0	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.3576	0.7152	0.1192
C	cyan	0.00	1.0	1.0	0.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.5380	0.7873	1.0694
B	blue	0.00	0.0	1.0	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.1804	0.0722	0.9502
M	magenta	1.00	0.0	1.0	1.0000	0.0000	1.0000	0.5929	0.2848	0.9696
W	white	1.00	1.0	1.0	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	0.9505	1.0000	1.0888
K	50% gray	0.50	0.5	0.5	0.2140	0.2140	0.2140	0.2034	0.2140	0.2330
R ₇₅	75% red	0.75	0.0	0.0	0.5225	0.0000	0.0000	0.2155	0.1111	0.0101
R ₅₀	50% red	0.50	0.0	0.0	0.2140	0.0000	0.0000	0.0883	0.0455	0.0041
R ₂₅	25% red	0.25	0.0	0.0	0.0509	0.0000	0.0000	0.0210	0.0108	0.0010
P	pink	1.00	0.5	0.5	1.0000	0.2140	0.2140	0.5276	0.3812	0.2482