IFT3355: Infographie Couleur

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Color Appearance



 0.1 cd/m^2



» 2 - 3 \mathbf{z} D 4 E + 5 F D C 6 CZ 7 ELOPZD 100 8 DEFFOTEC di. 9 LEFODFCT 140 100 cd/m^2



1 cd/m²



γ rays	X rays	ultraviolet	violet	red	infrared	radar	FM	radio
10 ⁻³	10^{0}	10 ²	380	780	10^{4}	10^{6}	10 ⁹	10 ¹⁴

Color corresponds to an electromagnetic wave between 380 and 780 *nm*



Color as a Spectral Distribution of Intensities



The relative spectral power distribution of blackbody (or Planckian) radiators with color temperatures of 2856 K, 5000 K, and 10,000 K.



Structures of the Human Eye - Cornea

- Clear coating over the front of the eye
- Protects the eye and initial focusing
- 40 *D* (curvature + refraction)
- Strongest focusing element in the eye



Structures of the Human Eye - Lens



- Crystalline lens
- Ciliary muscles tense to compress (rounder) the lens
 - uncompressed : far focus
 - compressed : near focus
- Accommodation
 - ability of lens to stretch (elasticity)
 - -10-30 D in children
 - after 45 years, most elasticity is lost



(a)

(c)





Structures of the Human Eye - Retina



Rods / Cones

- Rods
 - 10x more sensitive than cones
 - night vision (scotopic)
 - beyond a certain intensity, rods are completely saturated
 - no synaptic chemicals released
 - typical daylight
- Cones
 - day vision (photopic)
 - when adapted, cones react like rods wrt saturation



Structures of the Human Eye - Fovea

- Center of visual axis
- 1-2 degree of visual angle
- Roughly radially symetric around fovea
- Contains only cones
- 147,000 cones/*mm*



Structures of the Human Eye - Retina

- Rods increase when moving away from fovea
- At edge of fovea, more rods than cones
- Further away, rods form rings around cones
- Highest rod density at 20 degree from fovea point
- Photoreceptors diminish when moving away from fovea
- Visual acuity at fovea, less precision away
- 120 million rods / 6 million cones



Structures of the Human Eye - Optic Nerve

- 1 million fibers : eye does some processing before signal reaches the brain
- 180,000 per mm² Blind • Blind spot spot \cap Rods 140,000 11 cones 11 – no photoreceptors 11 11 100,000 Number of rods or 1 – completion process 60,000 20,000 Cones Optic disk ovea remporal periphery Peripherv Hasal

Structures of the Human Eye - Eye Shape

- Cornea + lens = 60-80 D
- With 24 mm, only 42 D is needed
 - compensating for the imperfect shape of the eye
- Corrective lenses
 - Myopic
 - near-sighted, focus in front of retina
 - Hyperopic
 - far-sighted, focus behind retina

Cones

- 3 types of cones in human eye
 - -S 420 nm
 - **M** 530 *nm*







- Bell-shaped curves
- No S cones in very center of fovea

Color Blindness

Original



Miissing L cones





Missing M cones





A simulation of what an observer missing either S, L, or M cones might see. Notice that the red apple and red pepper become very dark to an observer missing L cones. [After Burnham (1963). See Brettel (1997) for a more quantitative simulation.]

Color Blindness



Reaction to Light

- One photon is enough to produce a chemical reaction
- Info transmitted by the cone or rod is the stimulation, but not the associated wavelength
- Spatial vs. spectral density
 - "more types of cones" takes more space
 - "less types of cones" requires to reconstruct the spectrum
 - some birds have 5-7 types of cones

Temporal Smoothing

- Flicker disappears at 60 Hz in best conditions
- 300 Hz for a bee



Adaptation

• Eye responds to enormous variations in levels of incoming light

moonless overcast night0.00003 candelas / m^2 twilight3clear day3,000snow in sunlight16,000

Luminous Efficiency Curves



Metamerism



It is a common (and sometimes unpleasant) fact that pairs of colors with different spectral reflectance curves can match under one set of viewing and illuminating conditions, but fail to match under another. They are called *metameric pairs or metamers*. When the mismatch occurs due to a change in illumination, the phenomenon is called *illuminant metamerism*.



When the mismatch occurs due to a change in observer, the phenomenon is called *observer metamerism*.

Metamerism



Ensemble of spectral reflectance curves corresponding to three chromatic-pigment recipes all matching a tan material when viewed by an average observer under daylight illumination. [Based on Berns (1988b).]

Visual Phenomena - Contrast Sensitivity

- Eye is sensitive to intensity ratios, not absolute values
- Adaptation plays an important role in contrast sensitivity





 ΔI : just noticeable difference

ratio $\Delta I/I$ (Weber fraction) is nearly at 0.02 over a range of intensities

Visual Phenomena - Mach Bands

- Variously emphasizes edges or suggests edges where the signal changes smoothly
- Regions of high changes and high first derivatives





Visual Phenomena - Lightness Contrast

• Lightness of a region seems to depend on surrounding intensity



- Difficulty to pick a color that will appear the same throughout the picture, but the eye is used to that...
- Color constancy : change illumination but keep the same mental image of the scene

Color Appearance, Color Constancy



Color Appearance



Visual Phenomena -CSF (contrast spatial frequency?)



Factors Affecting the Visual System Response

- Adaptation of eye
- Psychological processing
- Frequency and distribution of background illumination
- Image size
- Frequency and intensity of recent stimuli
- Fatigue
- Age
- Nutrition
- etc.

Hopeless... but it isn't that bad!

Color Perception (Three Properties)

- Hue
 - determined by the dominant wavelength
 - red, yellow, purple
- Saturation
 - distance from grey from the same intensity
 - from neutral to vivid
- Lightness (luminance)



- quantity of light the color reflects/transmit
- brightness for emission



Additive vs. Subtractive Models



Cone Response Functions for S, M, L



For a spectral $\Phi(\lambda)$ signal, the response of each type of cone corresponds to the integral of the product at each wavelength





three primary monochromatic lights



The Color Matching System



A flexible color-matching apparatus can be constructed in which red, green, and blue primaries are projected onto a screen. The intensity of each primary can be adjusted by the observer. In the bottom test field, a test light is also projected (shown as cyan) along with a second set of identical red, green, and blue primaries.

CIE XYZ

- Negative portion of CIE RGB is inconvenient
- Choose three different primaries : *X*, *Y*, *Z*
- *Y* is the same as the luminous efficiency curve



"Cone" of Colors to CIE Chromaticity Diagram $X = k \int P(\lambda) \bar{x}_{\lambda} d\lambda, \quad Y = k \int P(\lambda) \bar{y}_{\lambda} d\lambda, \quad Z = k \int P(\lambda) \bar{z}_{\lambda} d\lambda.$



The Colors in the Chromaticity Diagram



Chromaticity Diagram



- A: color
- D: illuminant
- B: dominant wavelength of A
- C: complementary color of A (can be mixed with A to give white)

 $\frac{AD}{BD}$: purity of A

Chromaticity Diagram - White



Color Gamut



AB: all colors defined by a mix of colors A and B

ABC: all colors defined by a linear combination of A, B, and C

Three visible colors cannot produce all visible colors

Gamut is formed by a convex polygon with primaries at the vertices

Color Gamut

- Each medium has it own color gamut
- Mapping from one gamut to another (for relative fidelity) is a difficult problem







Gamut Mapping



Gamut Mapping



Gamut Mapping

- Given two arbitrary gamuts
 - projection
 - over-saturation
 - linear transformations
 - lost of contrasts
 - shift in the colors (e.g., skin)
- Must maintain color relationships





Many Ancestors to Experimental Color Spaces





Perceptually Uniform Space: Munsell book of colors

- 1500 color plates separated by strict perception experiments
- hue, chroma, value : 9R5/8







Munsell Color Space



munsell.com

CIE Luv

• In color space CIE *XYZ*, the perceived distance between colors (points) is not equal everywhere



MacAdam ellipses

- Encode perceived differences
- 15:1 differences between radii
- here, exaggerated by factor of 10

Measured Differences by MacAdam



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Measured Differences by MacAdam



Measured Differences by MacAdam



CIE Luv

- CIE *Luv* is an attempt to better distribute the colors in a more perceptual fashion
- Transform CIE *XYZ* to be more perceptual homogeneous
- Radii closer to 4:1

$$L^{*} = 116(Y/Y_{n})^{1/3} - 16 \quad \text{for} (Y/Y_{n} > 0.01)$$

$$u^{*} = 13L^{*}(u' - u'_{n})$$

$$v^{*} = 13L^{*}(v' - v'_{n})$$

$$u' = \frac{4X}{X + 15Y + 3Z} \qquad v' = \frac{9Y}{X + 15Y + 3Z}$$



CIE Luv



CIE Lab for textiles developed in parallel



Color Spaces

- We need a space to manipulate colors
- Chromaticity diagram does not provide an intuitive tool to manipulate colors
- Color spaces based on medium cannot reproduce all visible colors
- Hardware

– RGB, CMY, YIQ, HSV, HLS

• Experiments

- Ostwald, Munsell, CNS





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- Depends on the monitor phosphores
 - clipping produces color shifts and saturation
 - transformations



- Subtractive
- $K = \min(C, M, Y)$: black ink in 4-color printing

YIQ (NTSC transmission)

- *Y* : *Y* from CIE *XYZ* (2/3 of the signal) luminance used for black-and-white TVs
- *I*: *in phase* (1/4 of the signal) skin colors
- *Q* : *quadrature* (1/12 of the signal) green-purple

-purple convert
to grays
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.275 & -0.321 \\ 0.212 & -0.523 & 0.311 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

HSV - HLS

- Hue-Saturation-Value / Hue-Lightness-Saturation
- More intuitive, closer to artist perceptions
- Cylindrical coordinates



Horizontal cut : corners of RGB cube S = 0 : gray

S = 1 : saturated color

