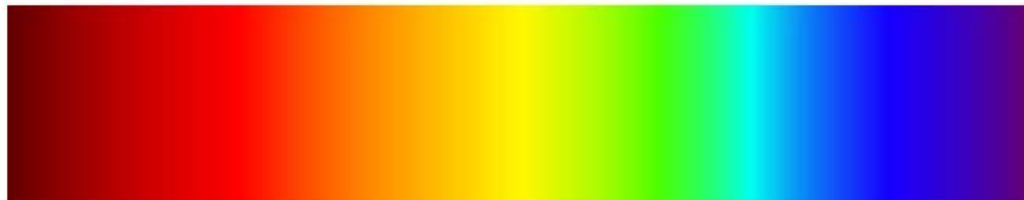


Image Processing

Color



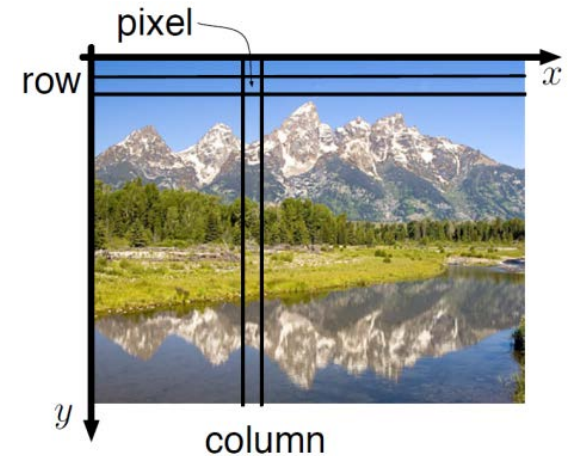
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Lecture Objectives

- Previously
 - **Digital Images are Numbers**
 - 2D function $f(x, y)$
 - or a matrix
 - $f(x, y) = \text{Pixel Intensity Value}$
 - » $f(x,y) \in [0, 255]$ or $f(x,y) \in [0, 1]$
 - Greyscale (scalar)
 - Color (3-vector)
- Today
 - Color
 - Perception
 - Representation

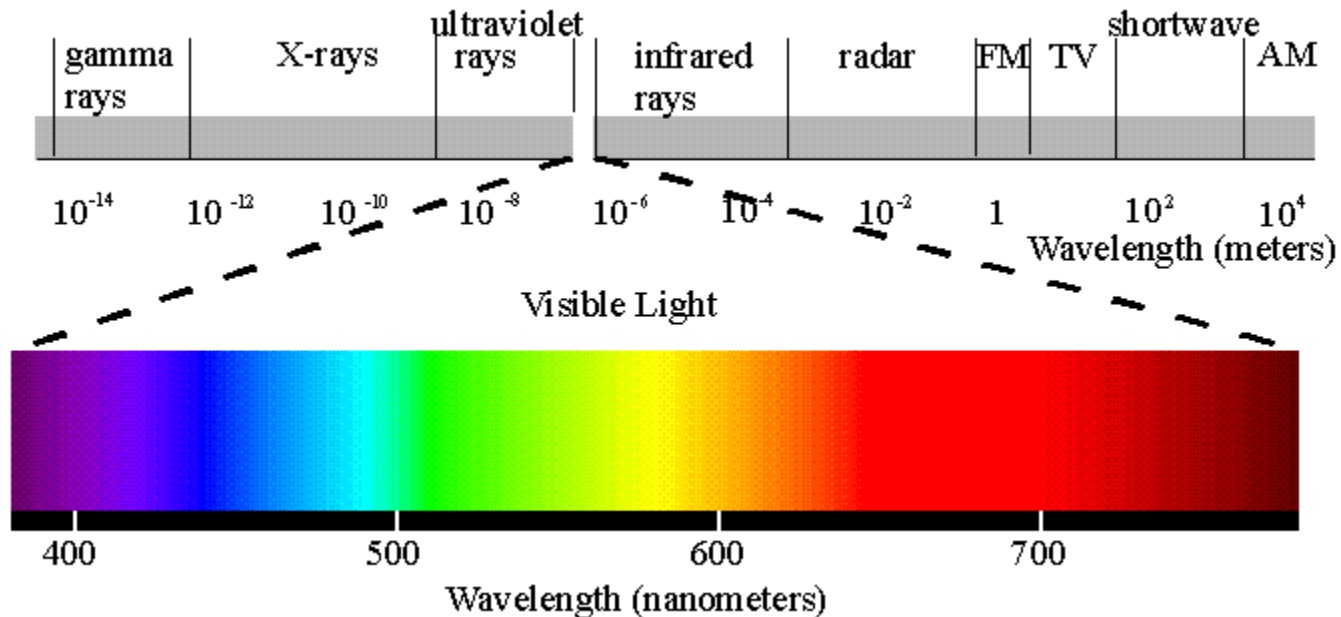


What is Color?

- Who should we ask?
 - physicist?
 - biologist?
 - artist?

Physical Color

- Color is directly related to the physical phenomenon of light
 - It is a way of describing distributions of light energy

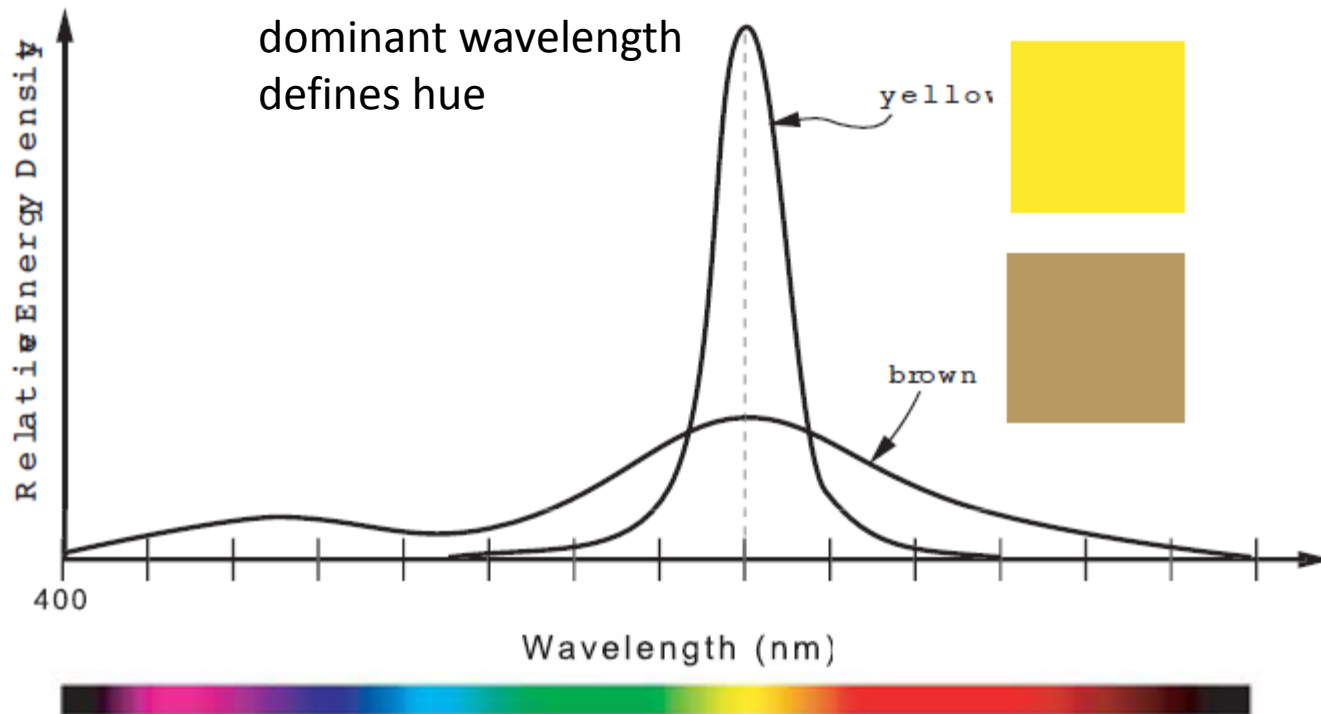


Electromagnetic Waves

Spectrum Defines Color

*Think:
spectral
analysis*

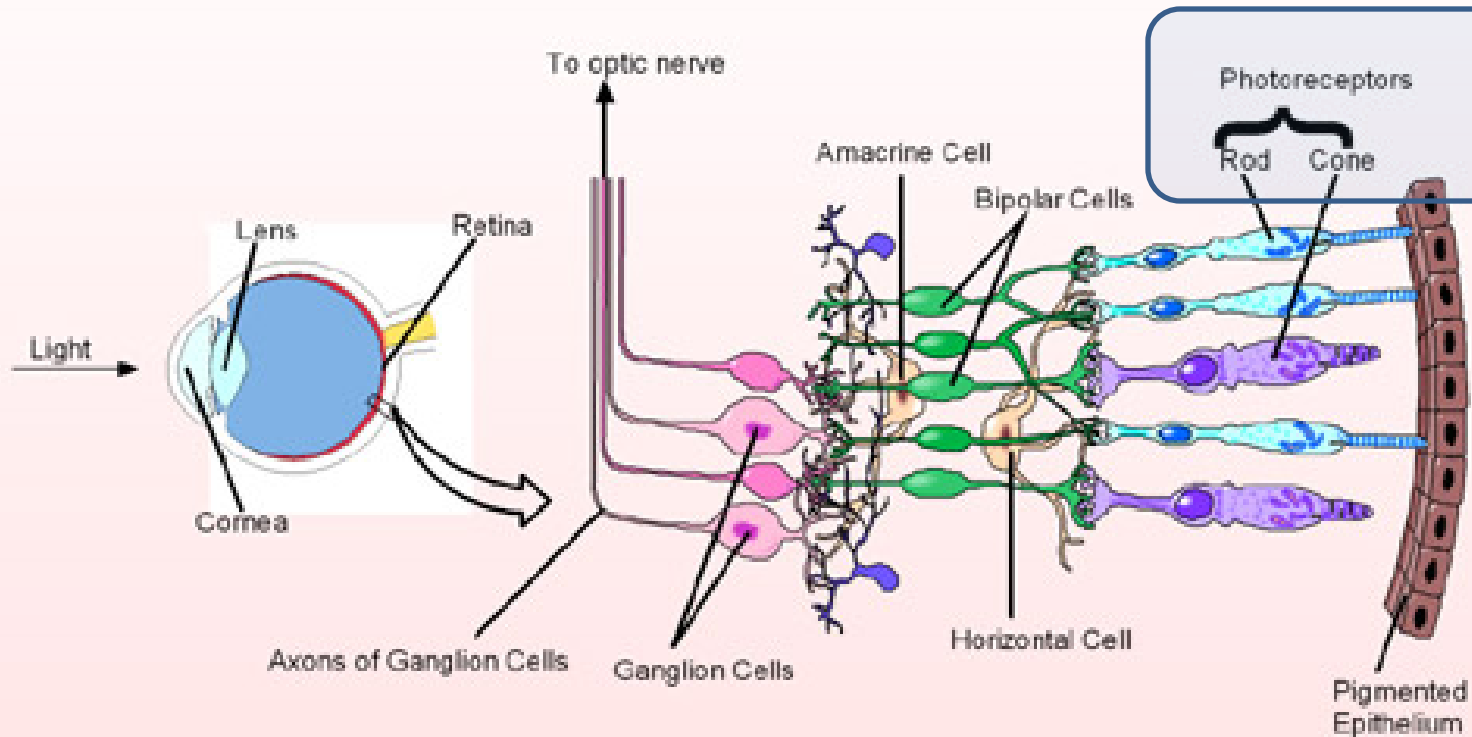
- speed of light = wavelength * frequency



total energy (area under curve) are the same
distributions are different... (so things will “appear” different)

Biology

The Retina



Rods and Cones are Important to Color Perception

Light moves through four levels of transparent neurons which consist of the ganglion, amacrine, bipolar, and horizontal cells

Visual information is processed through the four layers of neurons

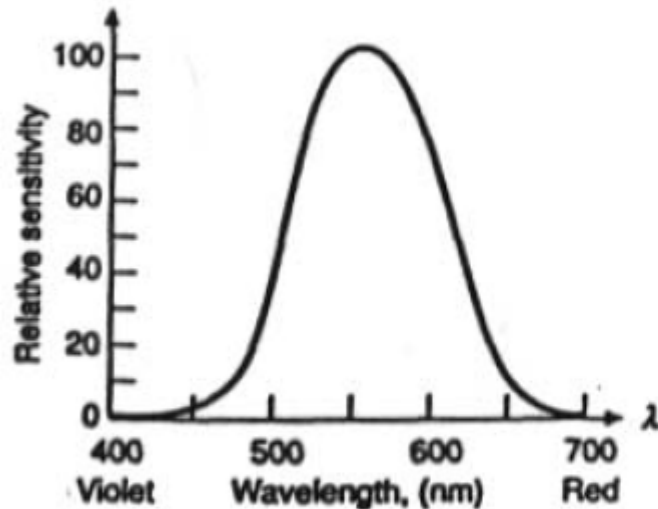
The brain receives this information via axons joining at the ganglion cells

Towards the back of the retina, the discs in the rods and cones absorb the light entering the eye

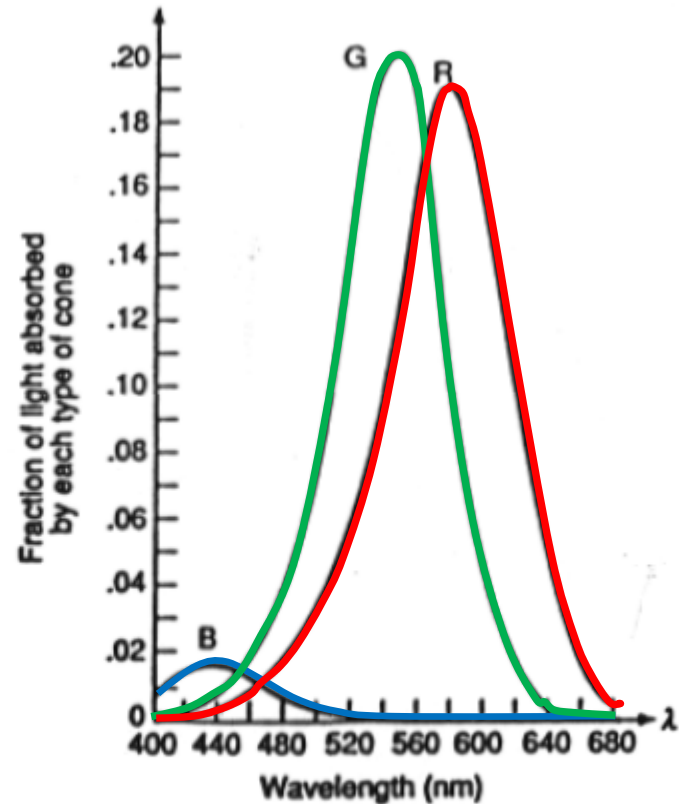
Rod and Cone Response Curves

RODS:

- low light
- constant luminance
varied wavelength



a) rods



b) cones

Figure 4.2: Spectral Sensitivity of Retinal Rod and Cone Cells copied from Foley, van Dam, Feiner and Hughes, *Computer Graphics Principles and Practice*, Addison-Wesley, 1990, pg. 577.

Rod and Cone Response Curves

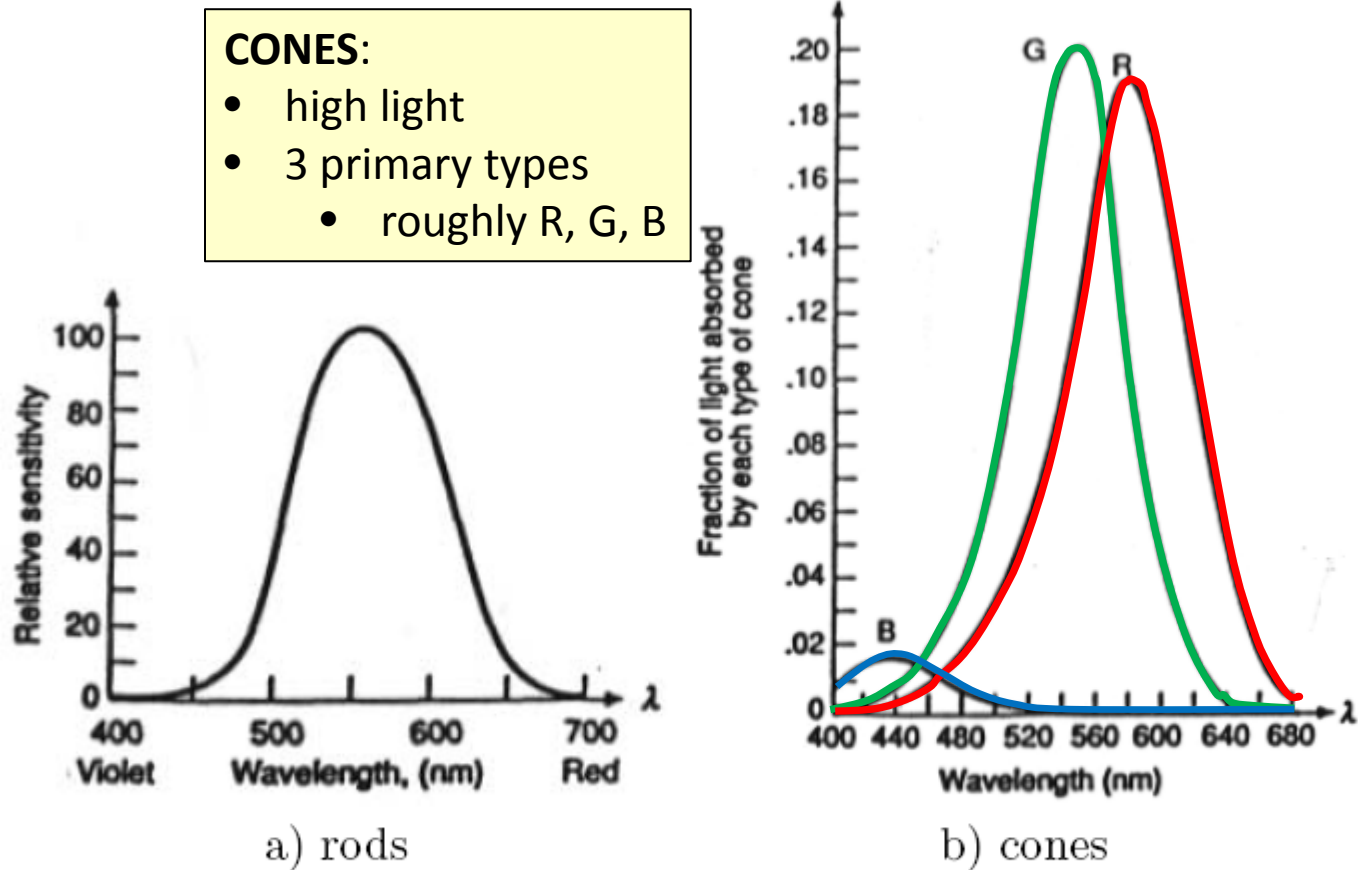
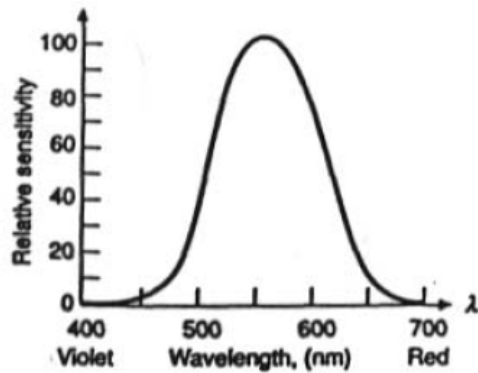
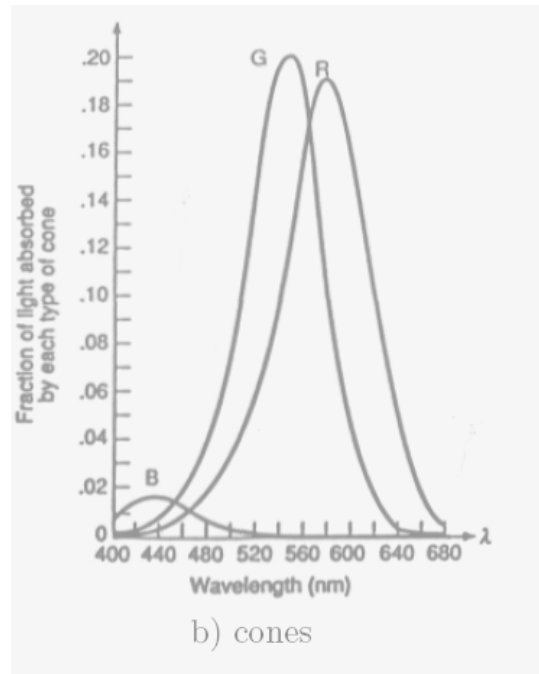


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Luminous Efficiency Function



a) rods



b) cones

By experimental evidence:

(a) is the sum of the 3 curves of (b)

So (a) is often called the **Luminous Efficiency Function**

Tri-Stimulus Theory of Color

- Additive Color Systems
 - RGB
 - HSV
 - CIE xyY
- Subtractive Color System
 - CMY
 - CMYK

Tri-Stim Theory of Color

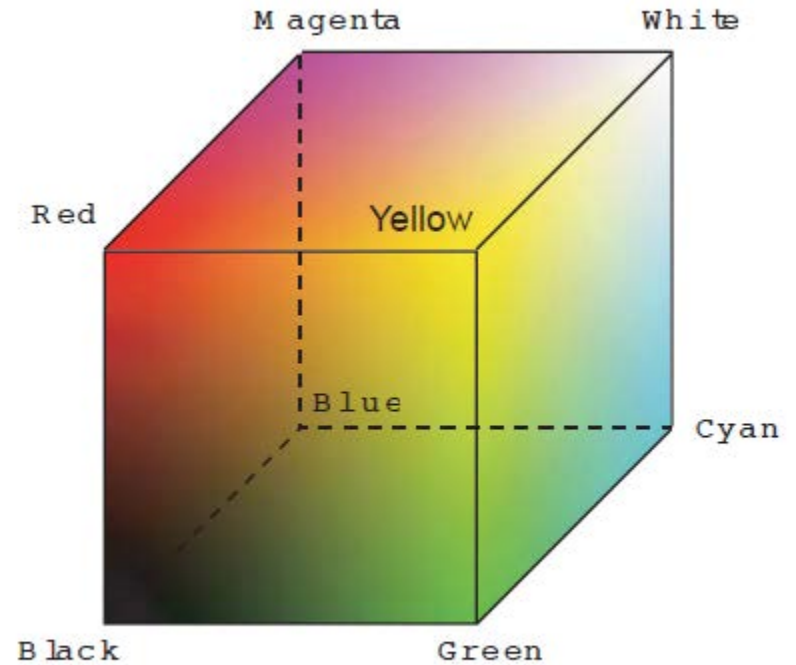
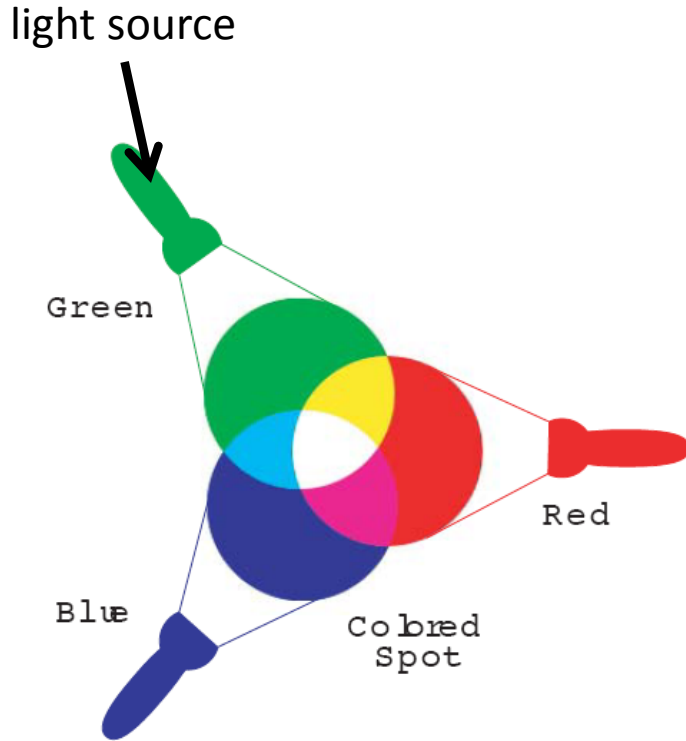


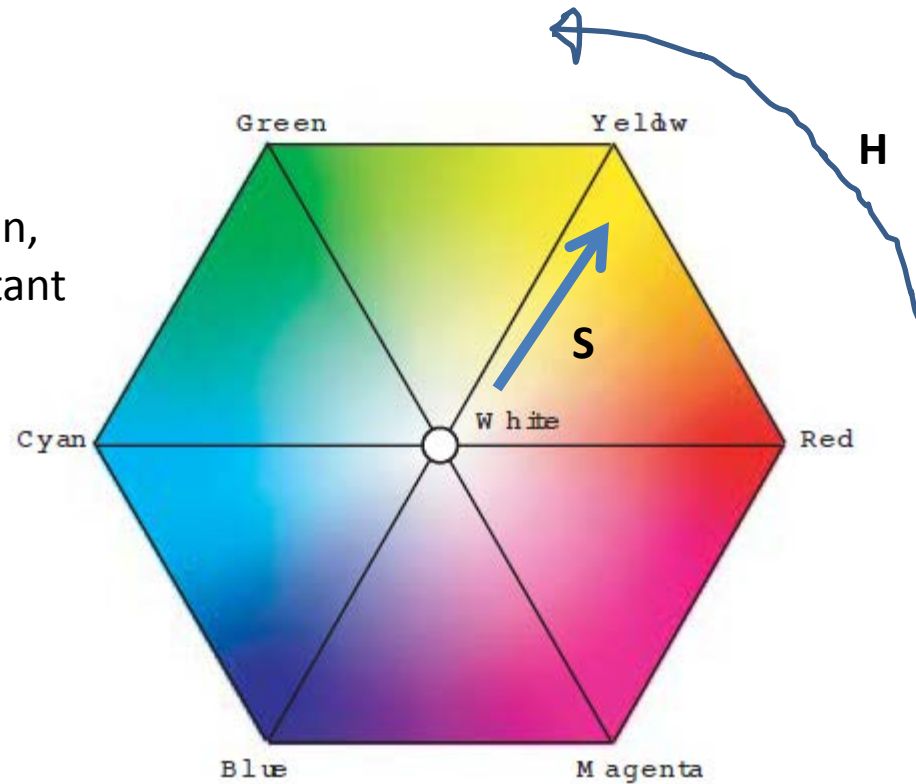
Figure 1.7: Additive Color Mixing for the Red-Green-Blue System

a) RGB

HSV Color Space (Artists)

Hue, Saturation, Value

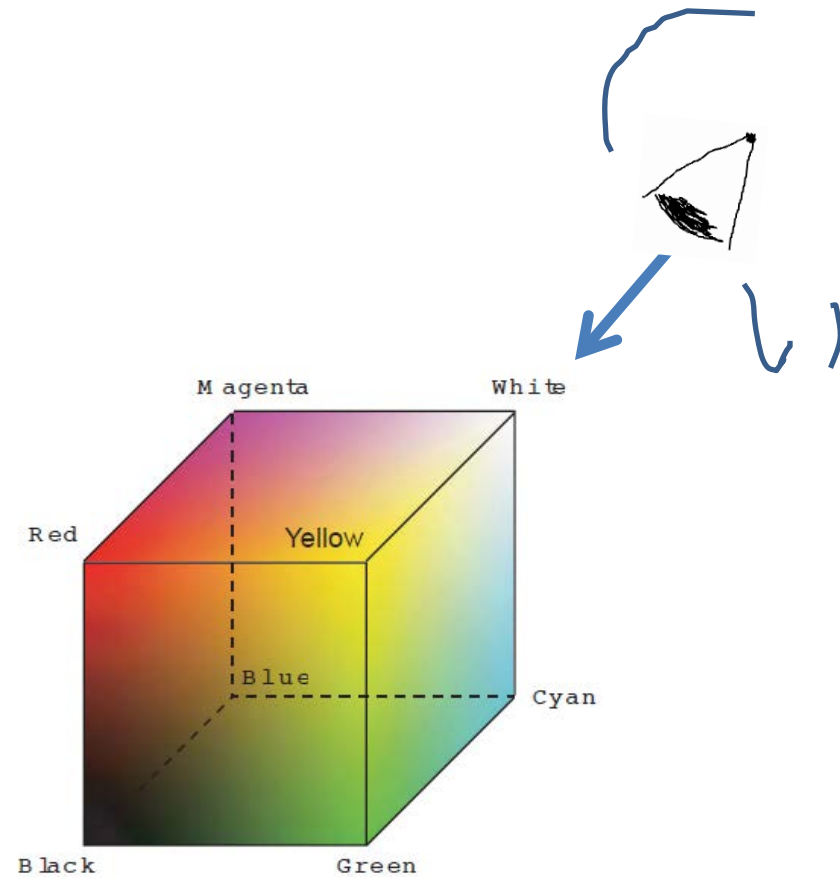
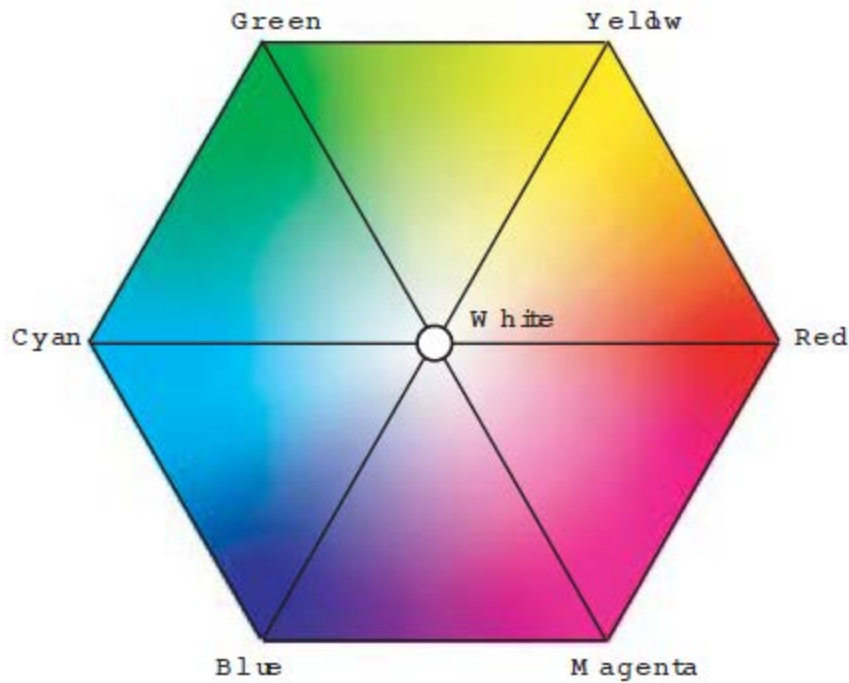
Cross-Section,
so V is constant



RGB versus HSV

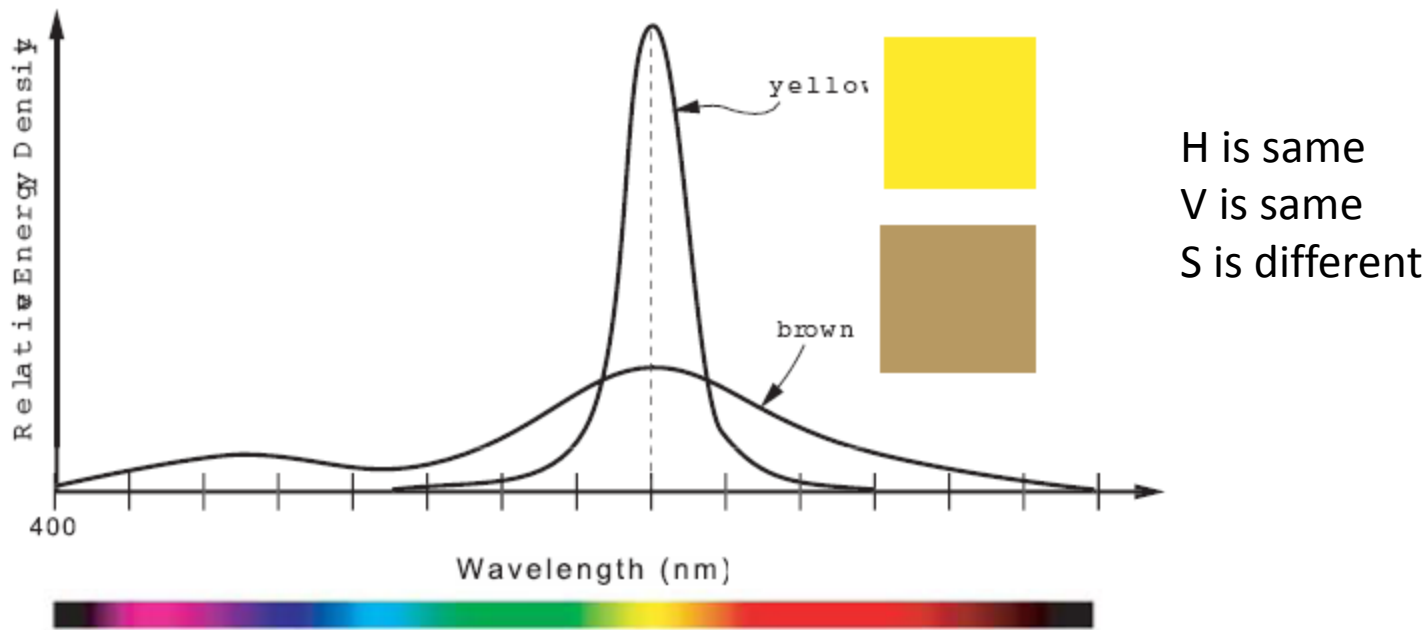
RGB can be translated to HSV and back

Orient the cube so you are looking down the diagonal from the white corner to the black corner of the cube



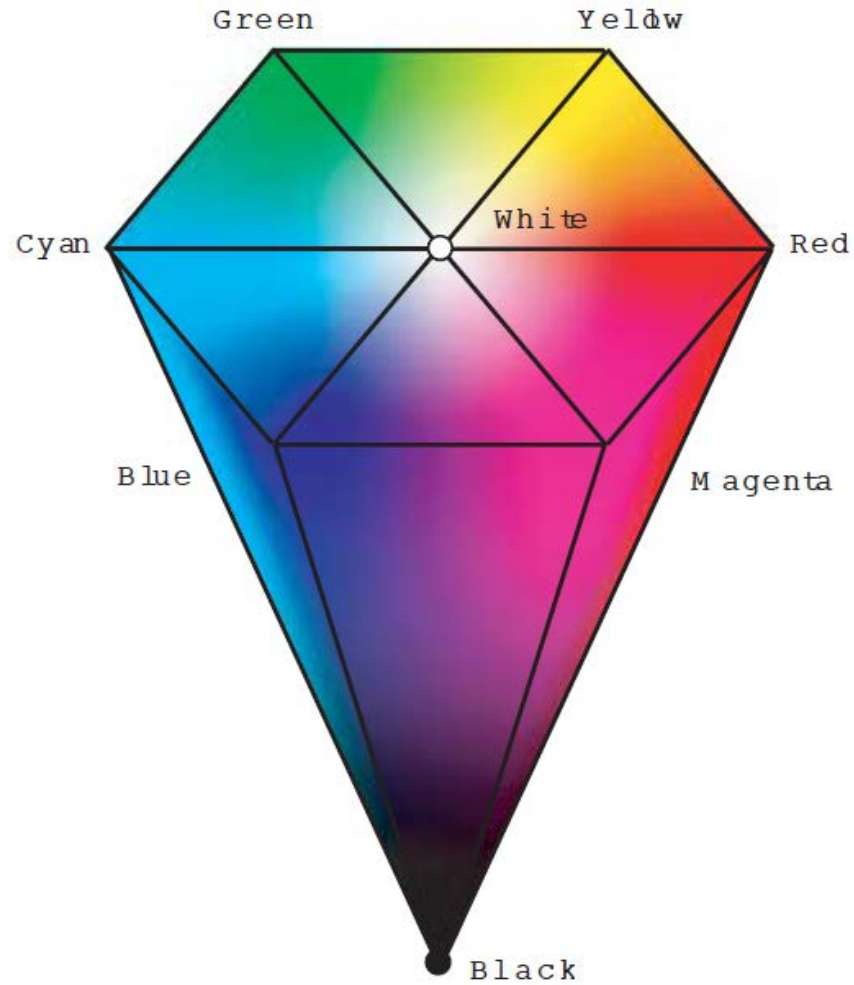
a) RGB

HSV: yellow versus brown



- Same Hue \leftrightarrow Same dominant wavelength
- Same Value \leftrightarrow Same area under the curves
 - » different brightness due to response curve of eye
- Different Saturation \leftrightarrow Different Spectral Distribution

HSV Color Hexcone



Using the Cone

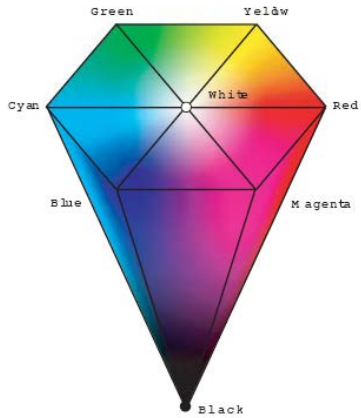
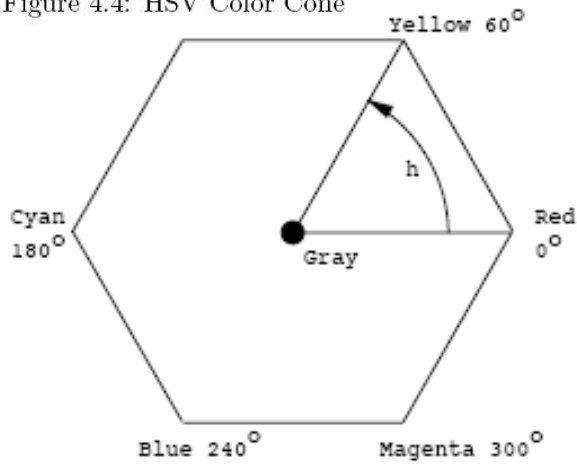
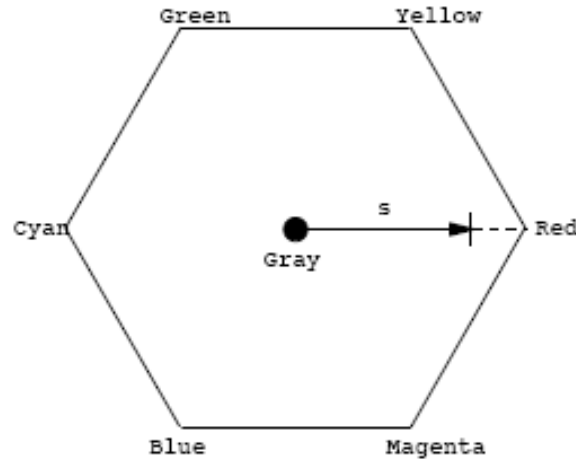


Figure 4.4: HSV Color Cone



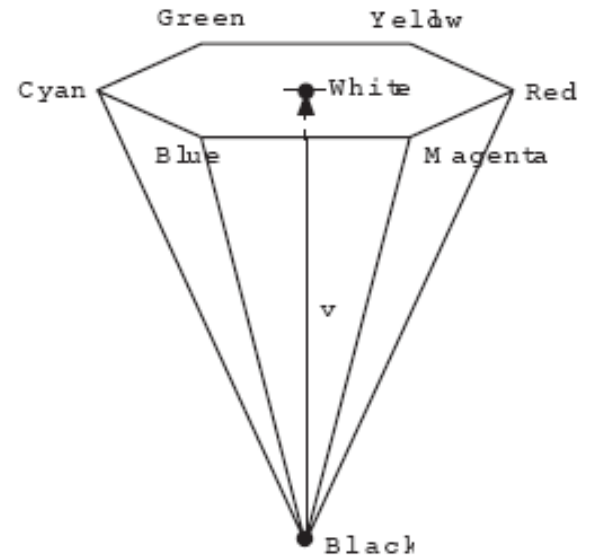
a) hue

range here: [0, 360)



b) saturation

range here: [0, 1]



c) value

range here: [0, 1]

Figure 4.5: Parameterization of HSV Color Space

CIE Color Space

- CIE: International Commission on Illumination
 - Desire to: **Specify precise reproducibility**
 - Developed a color space to reflect desired mathematical properties
 - based on experimental results of human eye response/perception

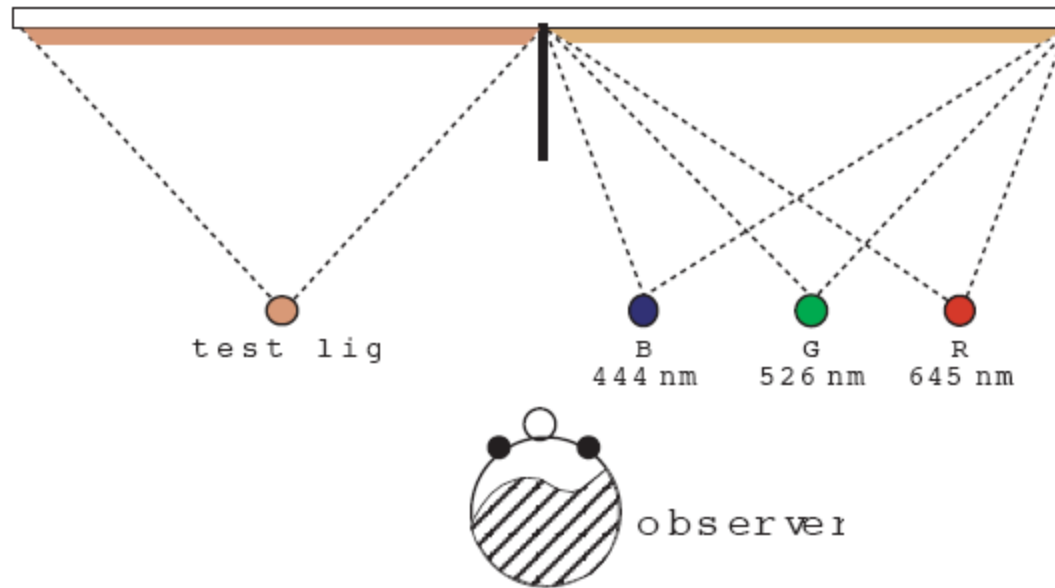


Figure 4.6: CIE Test Apparatus

Question to observer: does the left color match the right?

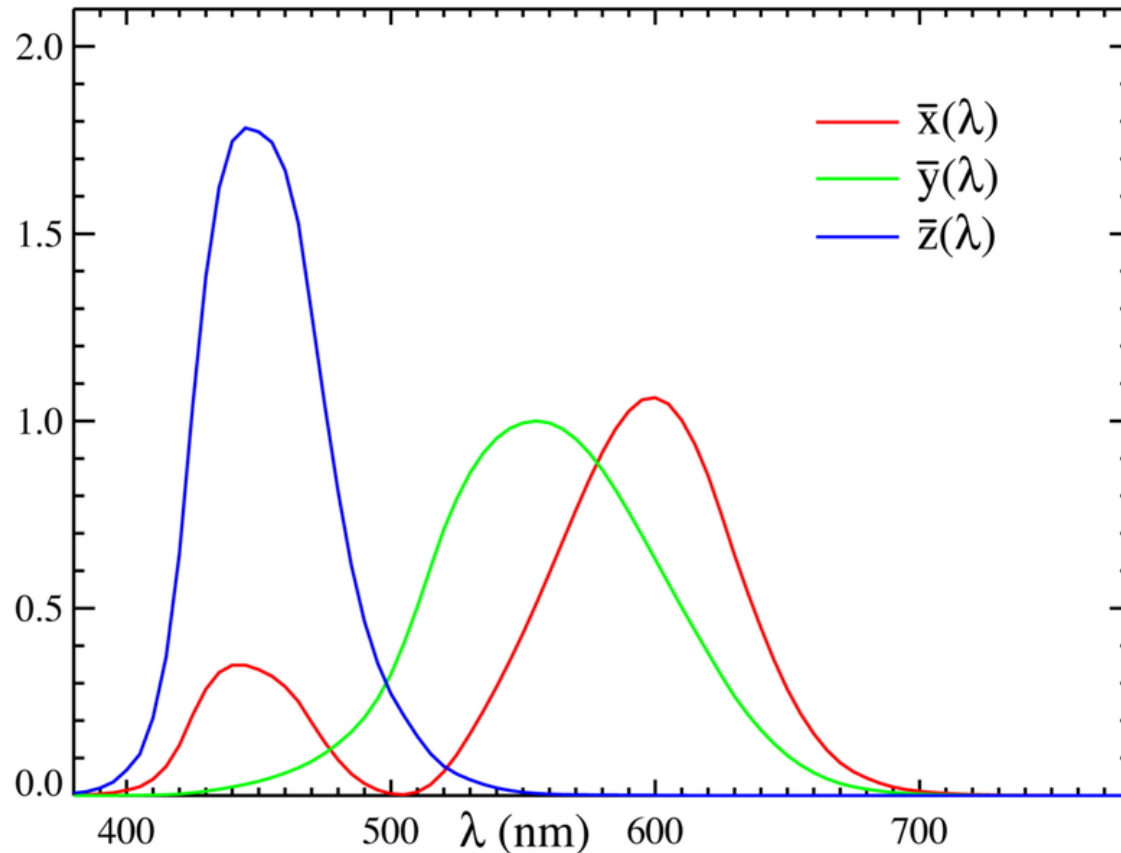
CIE Color Space: A space of desires

- CIE intent is to
 - Define a colored light using a mixture of 3 primaries
 - Three imaginary primaries are denoted: x, y, z
 - So each color can be made with positive combinations of x, y, z
 - New space is related to CIE RGB space by a linear transformation
 - R, G, B and x, y, z can be converted linearly
 - Assign Luminous Efficiency Curve to y (Choose y to be luminosity)

$$C = X\mathbf{x} + Y\mathbf{y} + Z\mathbf{z}$$

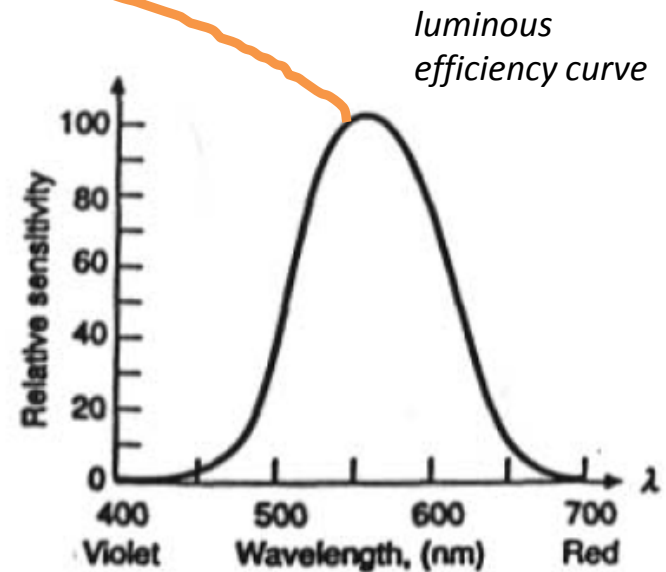
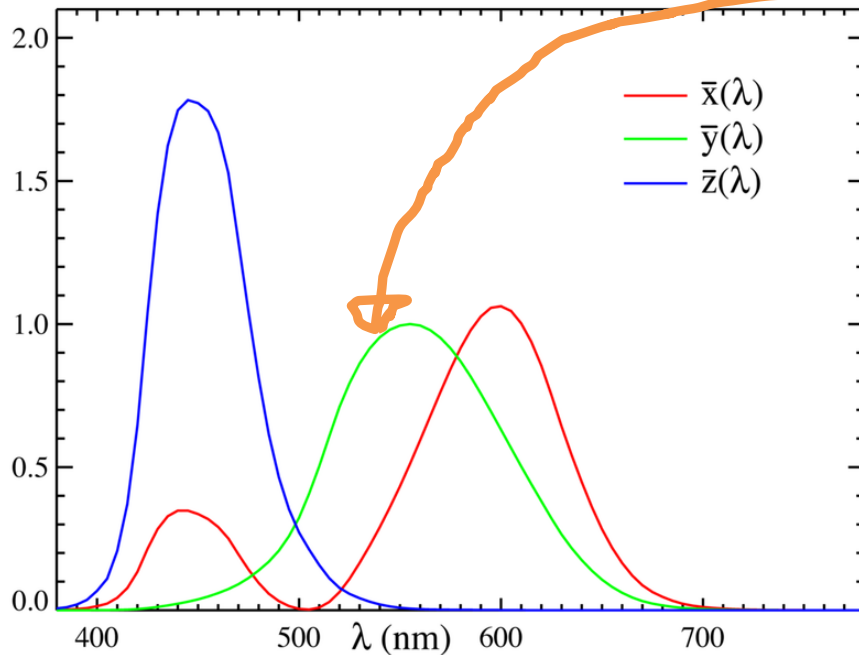
$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{b_{21}} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{0.17697} \begin{bmatrix} 0.49 & 0.31 & 0.20 \\ 0.17697 & 0.81240 & 0.01063 \\ 0.00 & 0.01 & 0.99 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

CIE Color Matching Functions



- Plots of x , y , z transformed from RGB
 - transform is LINEAR

CIE Color Matching Functions



- By design the y curve is just the luminous efficiency curve of the human eye

CIE xyY color specification

- Three imaginary color primaries: x, y, z

$$C = Xx + Yy + Zz$$

- Normalizing X, Y, Z yields:

$$x = X / (X + Y + Z)$$

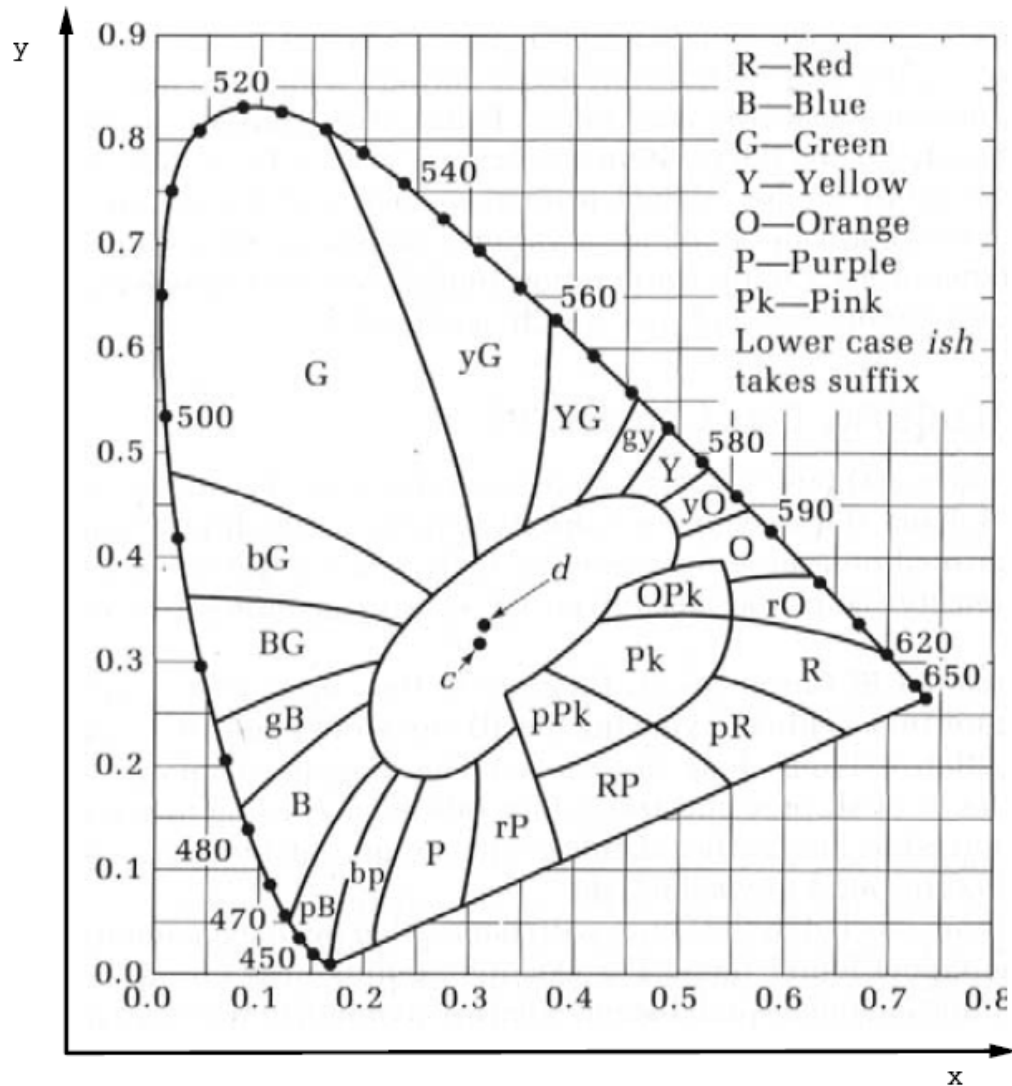
$$y = Y / (X + Y + Z)$$

$$z = Z / (X + Y + Z) = 1 - (x + y)$$

Choose Y to be luminance
i.e. sort of V in HSV

x, y can then represent all colors
i.e. sort of H, S in HSV

Color is then given by (x, y, Y)



Y is constant in this picture

(x, y) specifies the color

Figure 4.9: Cross Section of the CIE Space for Fixed Luminance Y
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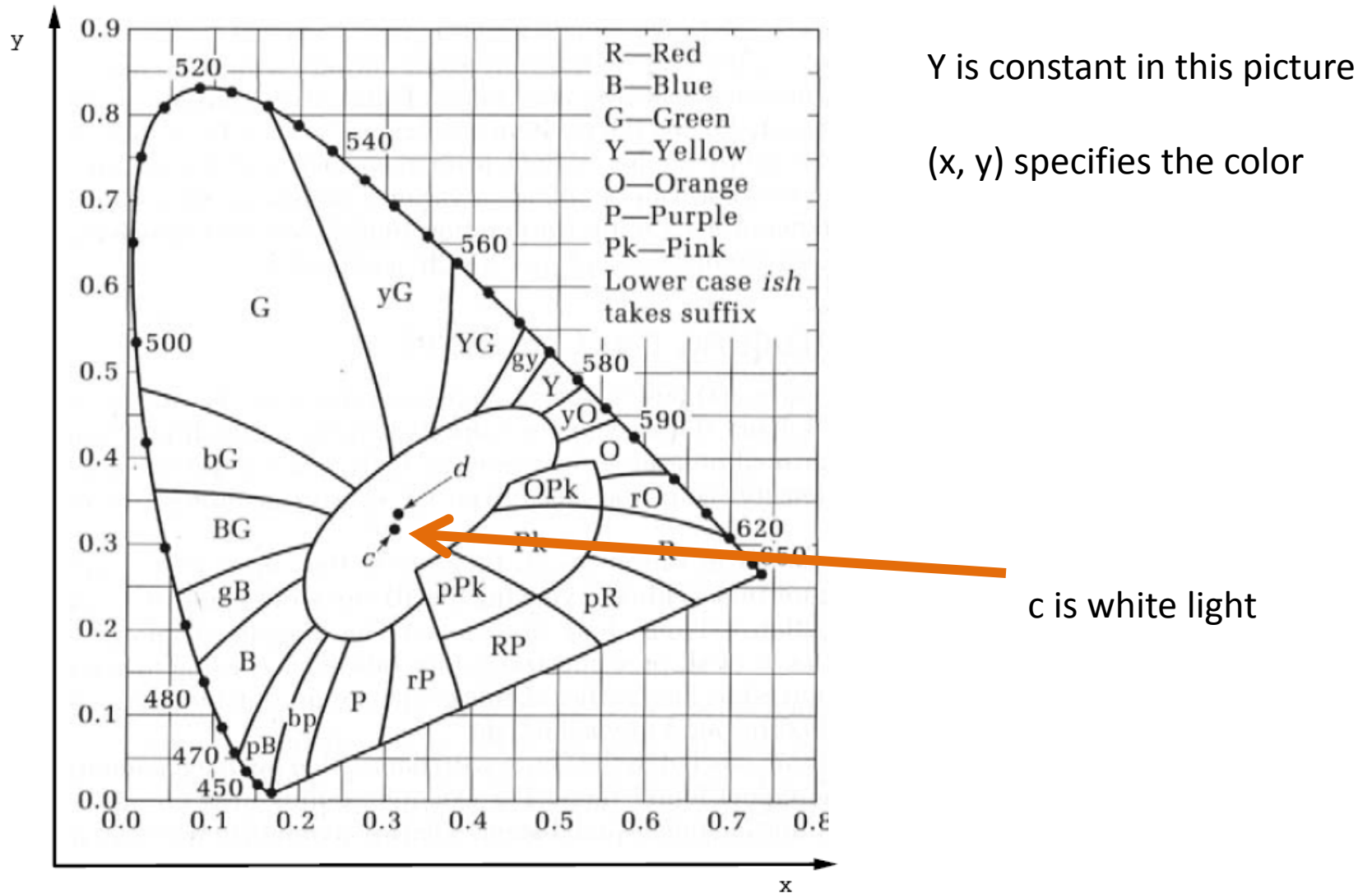
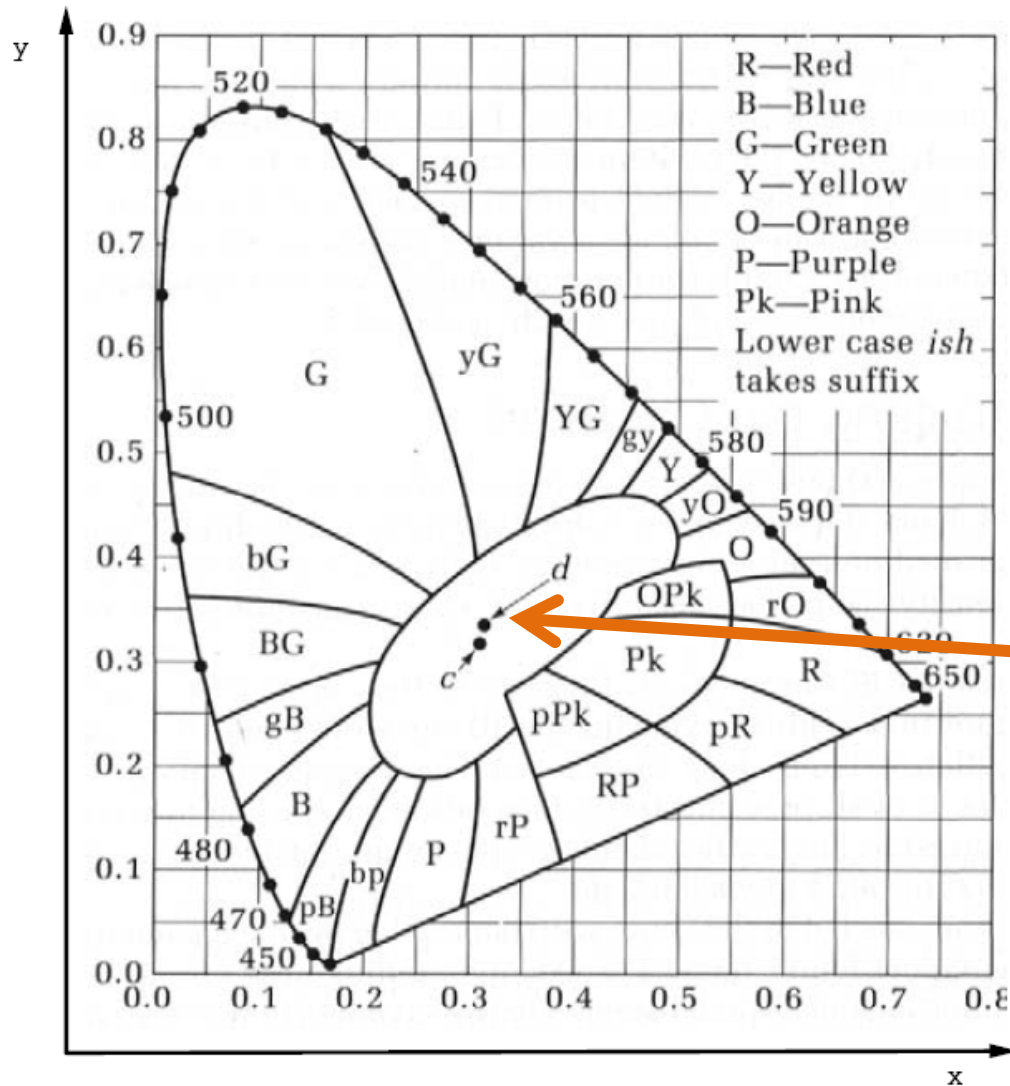


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d is white light for NSTC

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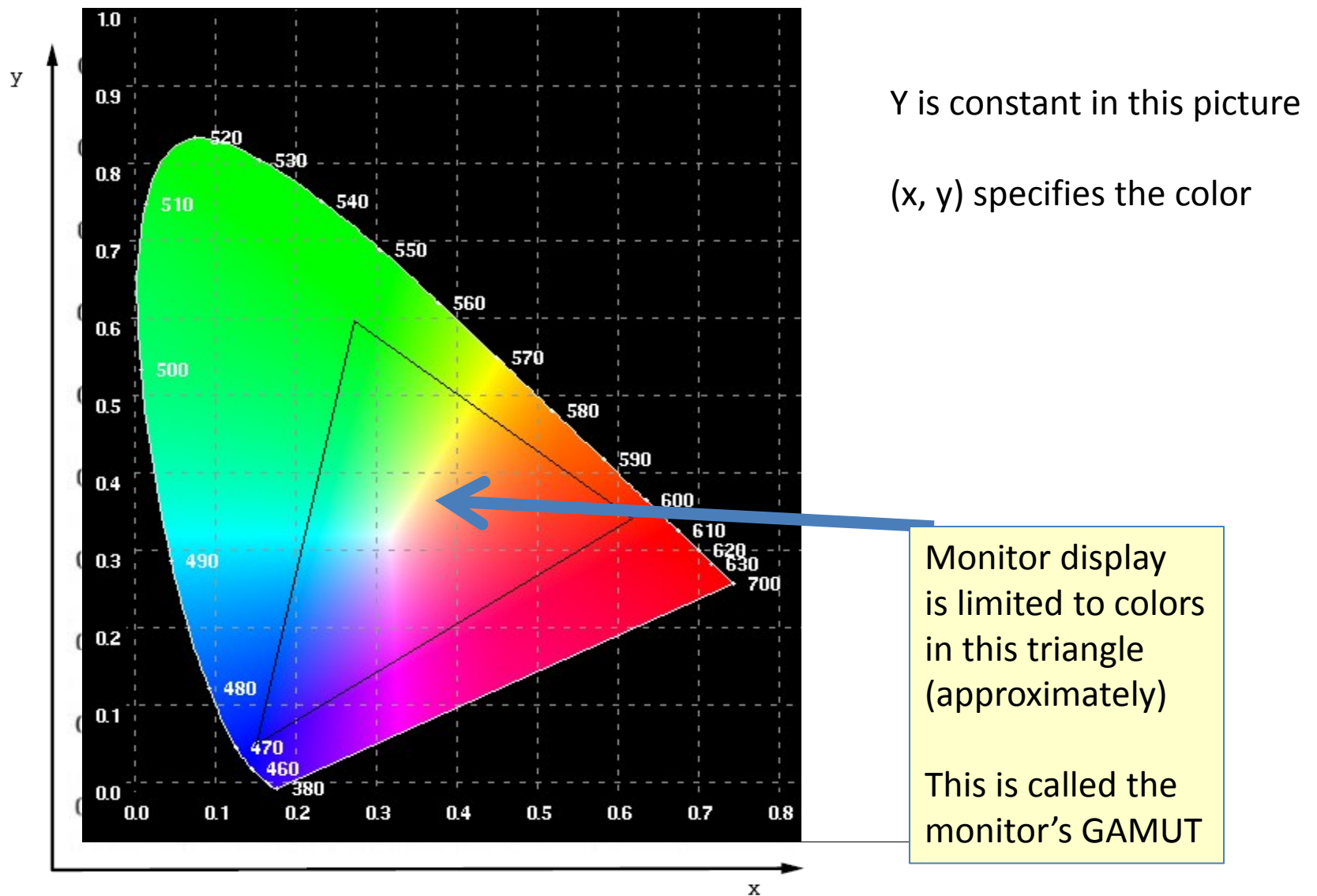


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Summary

- Color

- For humans

- Tri-stimulus based
 - Many different color spaces
 - Examples: RGB, HSV, CIE xyY
 - Translation between them usually linear
 - *NOTE: HSV, HSL, HSI are NOT the same*
 - » *V = value, L = lightness, I = intensity*

- Hardware has limitations too

- only a GAMUT of colors can be displayed

- *Additional discussion on different color spaces and conversion between them can be found at*
 - <http://www.poynton.com/PDFs/coloureq.pdf>

Aside:

Color spaces themselves tend not be linear as they try to match human eye responses

See discussions on perception

Questions?

- Beyond D2L
 - Examples and information can be found online at:
 - *<http://docdingle.com/teaching/cs.html>*

- *Continue to more stuff as needed*

Extra Reference Stuff Follows

Credits

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 - *Digital Image Processing*, Gonzalez and Woods
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