

# Color Models

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# Main Color Spaces

- CIE XYZ, xyY
- RGB, CMYK
- HSV (Munsell, HSL, IHS)
- Lab, UVW, YUV, YCrCb, Luv,

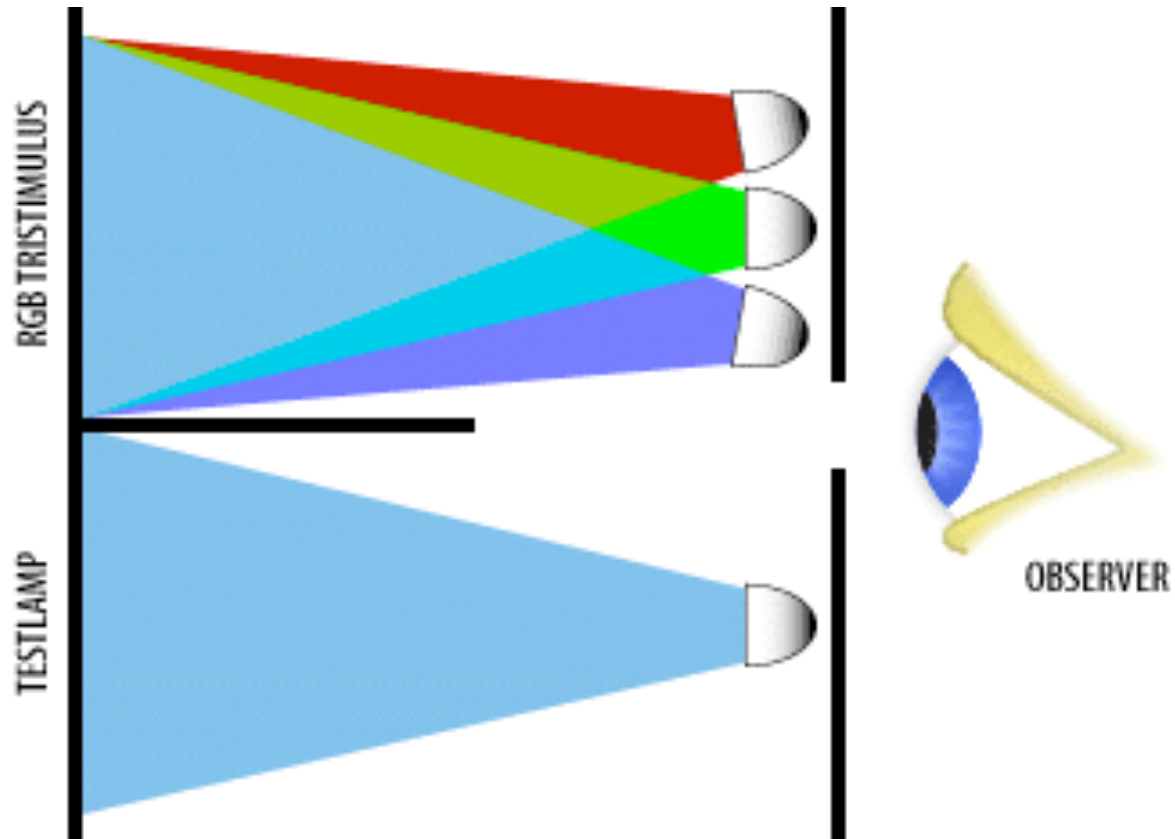
# Differences in Color Spaces

- What is the use? For display, editing, computation, compression, ...?
- Several key (very often conflicting) features may be sought after:
  - Additive (RGB) or subtractive (CMYK)
  - Separation of luminance and chromaticity
  - Equal distance between colors are equally perceivable

# CIE Standard

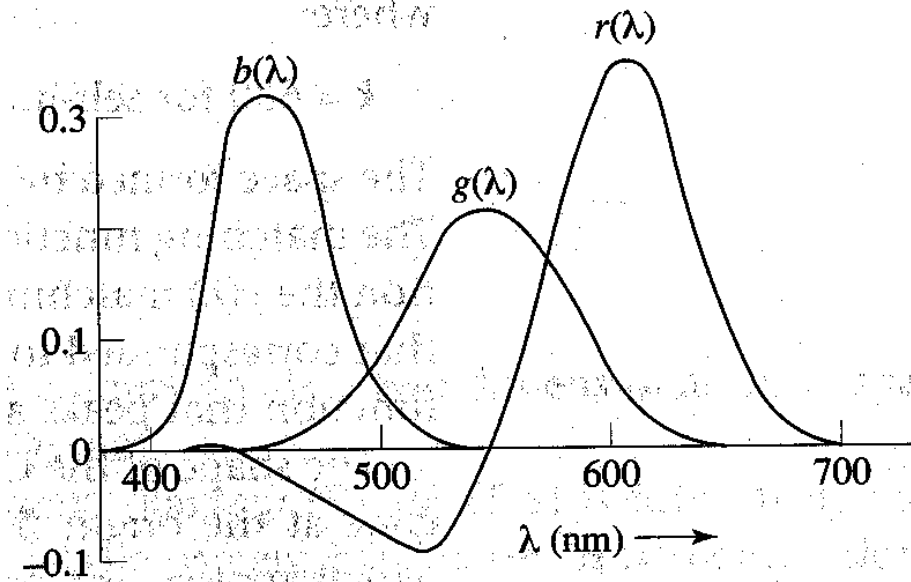
- CIE: International Commission on Illumination (Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage).
- Human perception based standard (1931), established with color matching experiment
- Standard observer: a composite of a group of 15 to 20 people

# CIE Experiment



# CIE Experiment Result

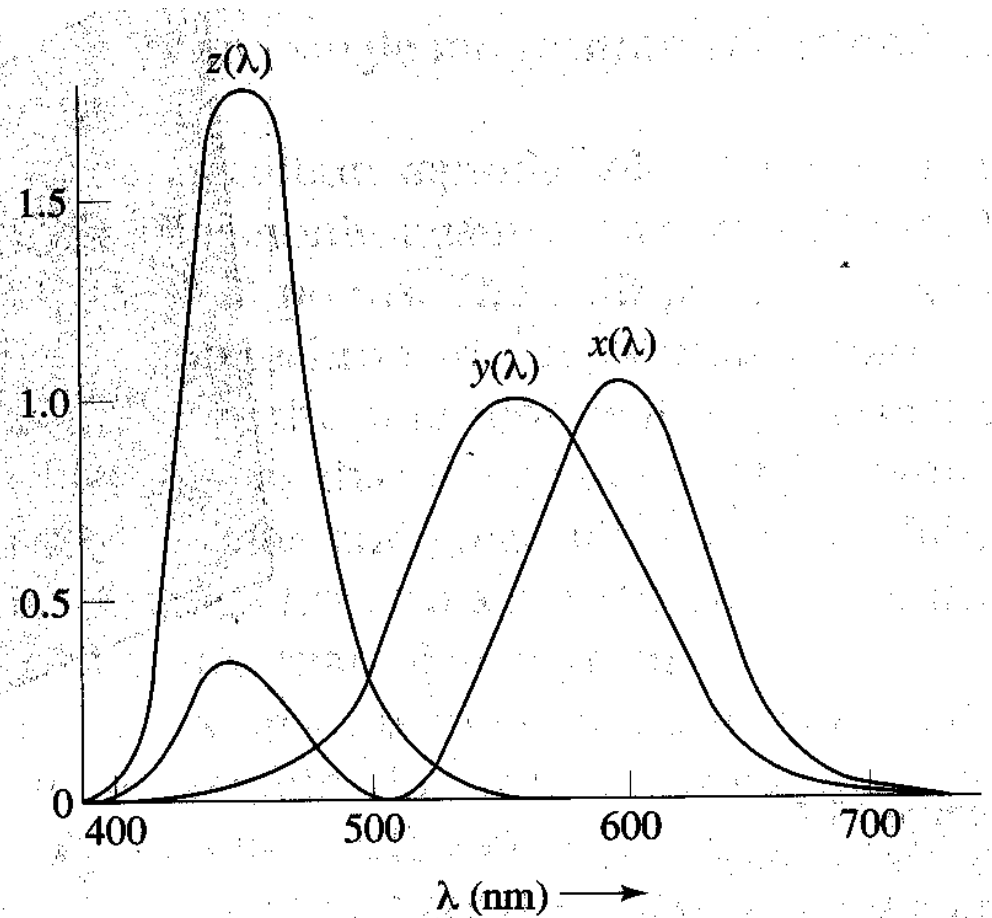
- Three pure light source: R = 700 nm, G = 546 nm, B = 436 nm.



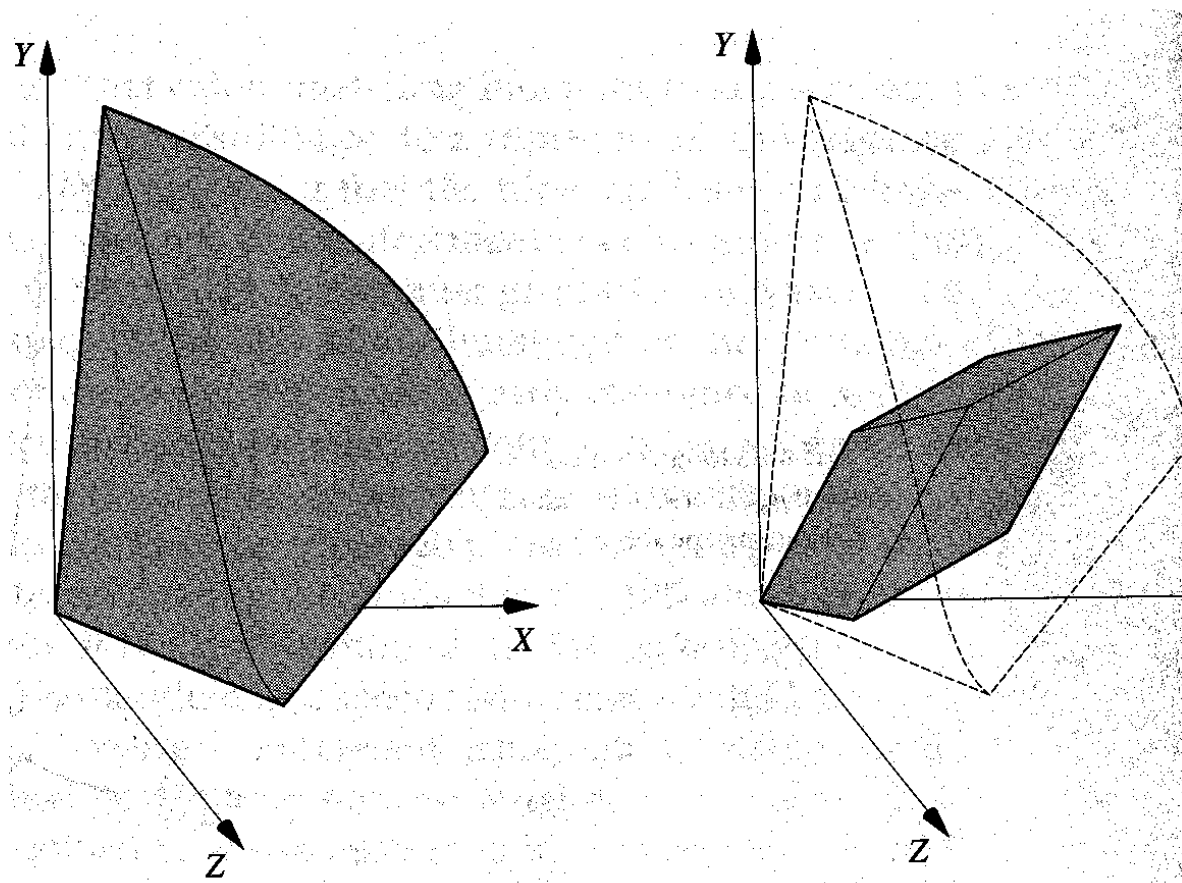
$$C_{\lambda} = r(\lambda) + g(\lambda) + b(\lambda)$$

# CIE Color Space

- 3 hypothetical light sources, X, Y, and Z, which yield positive matching curves
- Y: roughly corresponds to luminous efficiency characteristic of human eye



# CIE Color Space

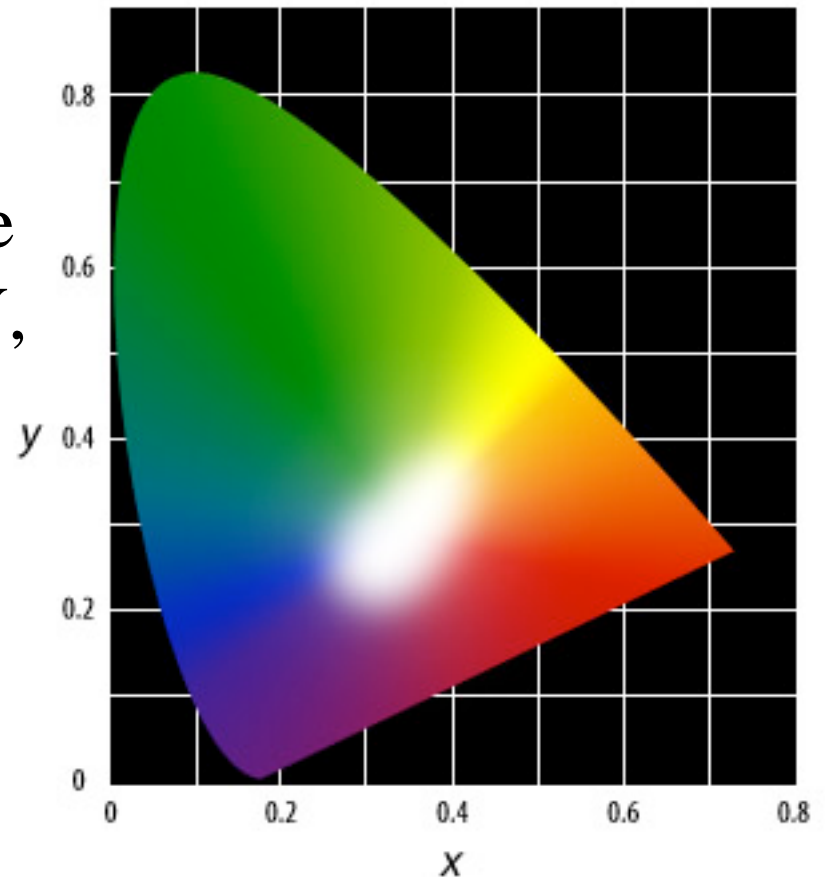




# CIE xyY Space

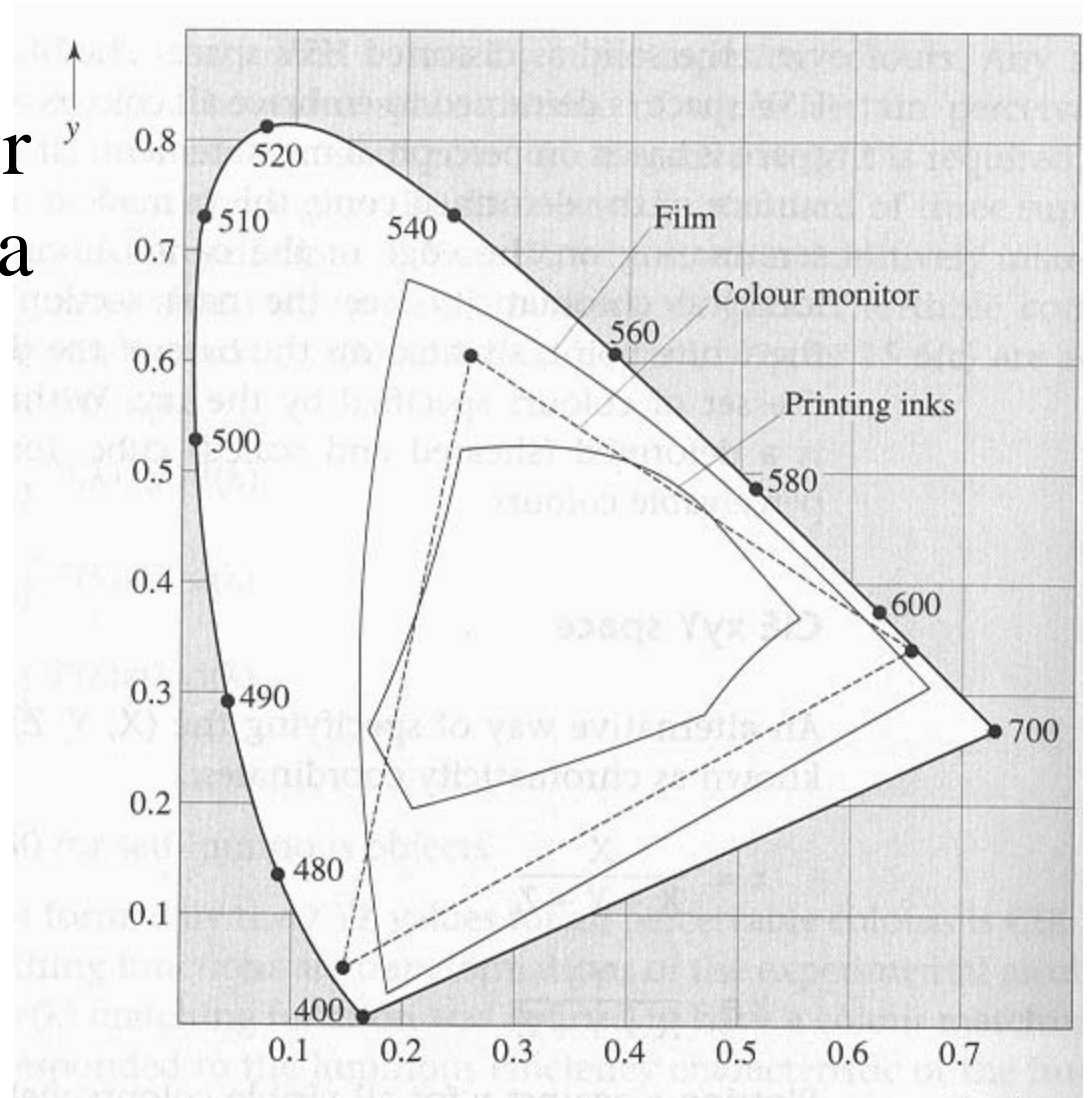
- Irregular 3D volume shape is difficult to understand
- Chromaticity diagram (the same color of the varying intensity, Y, should all end up at the same point)

$$x = \frac{X}{X + Y + Z}$$
$$y = \frac{Y}{X + Y + Z}$$



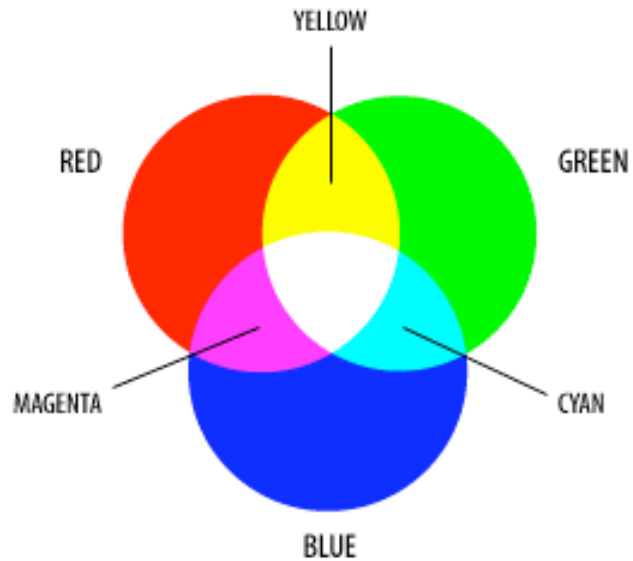
# Color Gamut

- The range of color representation of a display device



# RGB (monitors)

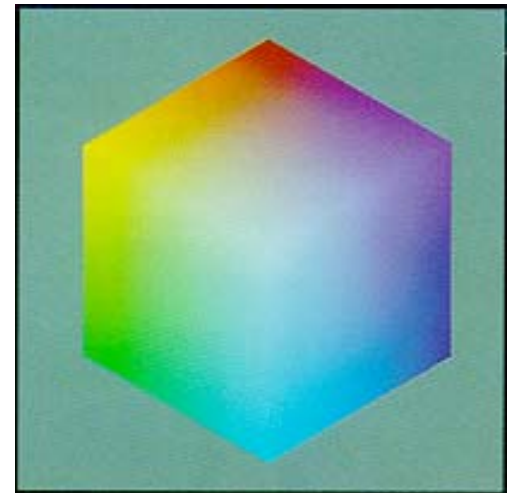
- The de facto standard



$$\mathbf{C} = r\mathbf{R} + g\mathbf{G} + b\mathbf{B}$$

# The RGB Cube

- RGB color space is perceptually non-linear
- RGB space is a subset of the colors human can perceive
- Con: what is ‘bloody red’ in RGB?



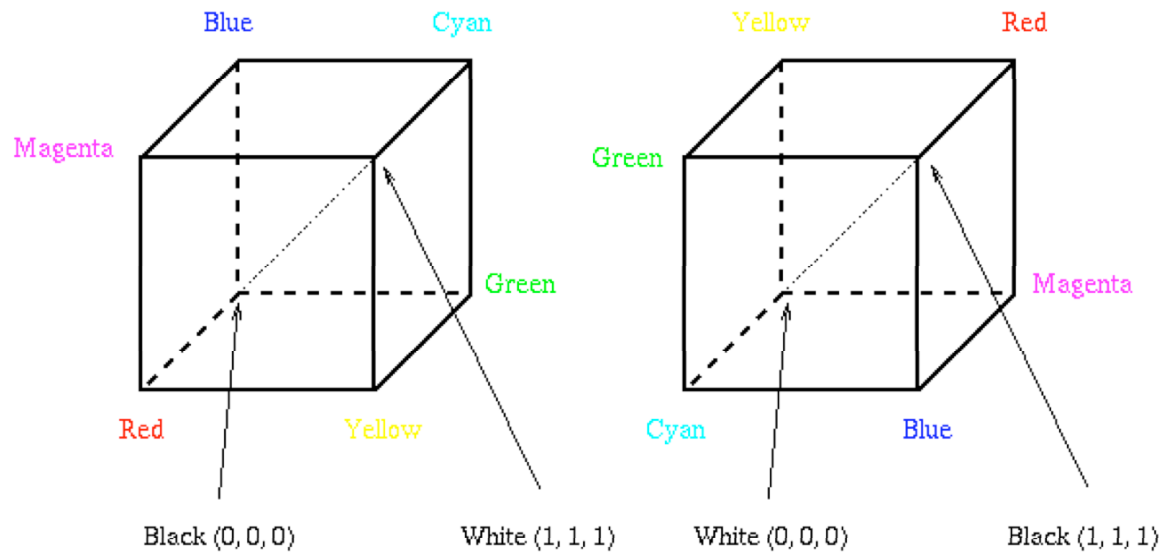
# CMY(K): printing

- Cyan, Magenta, Yellow (Black) – CMY(K)
- A subtractive color model

<i>dye color</i>	<i>absorbs</i>	<i>reflects</i>
cyan	red	blue and green
magenta	green	blue and red
yellow	blue	red and green
black	all	none

# RGB and CMY

- Converting between RGB and CMY



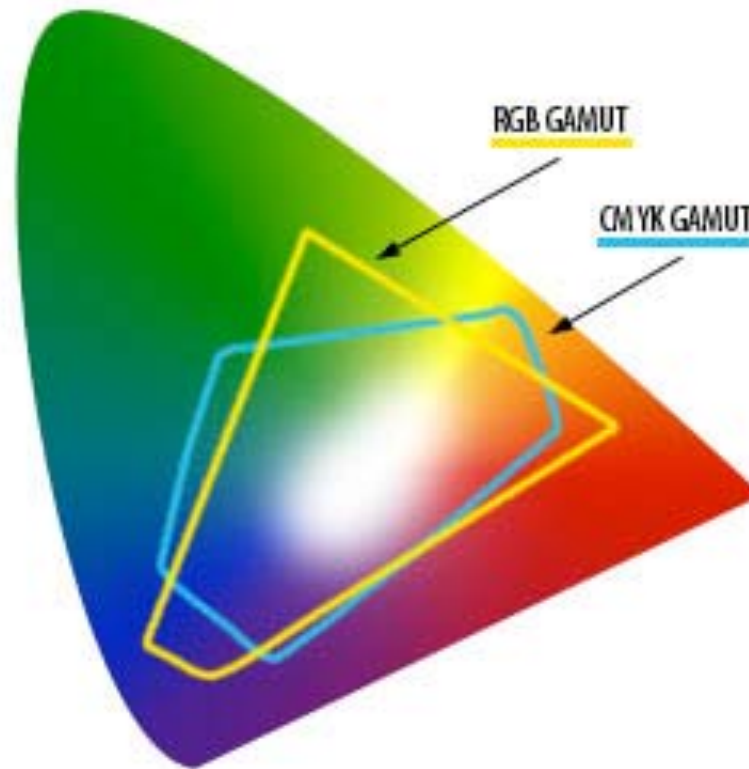
The RGB Cube

The CMY Cube

$$\begin{bmatrix} C \\ M \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

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# RGB and CMY



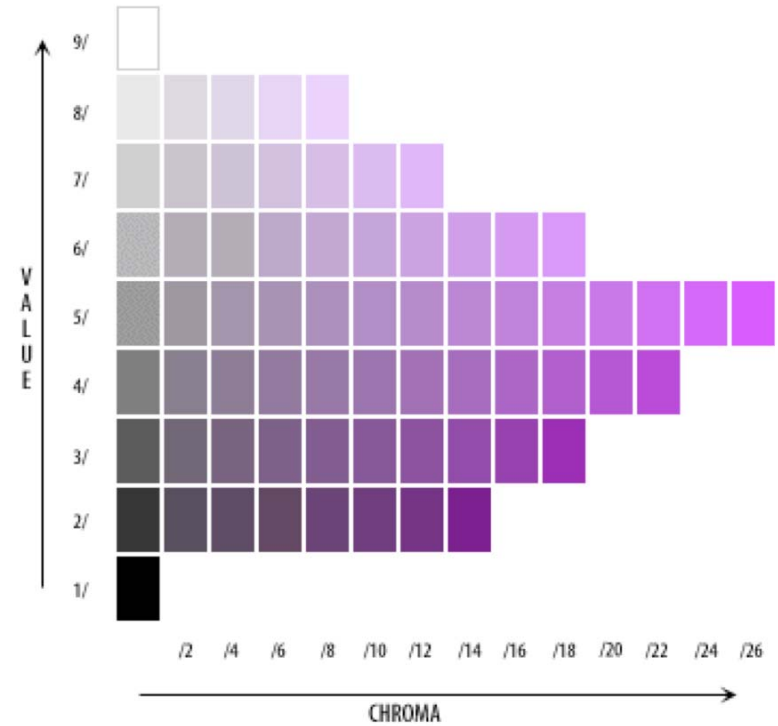
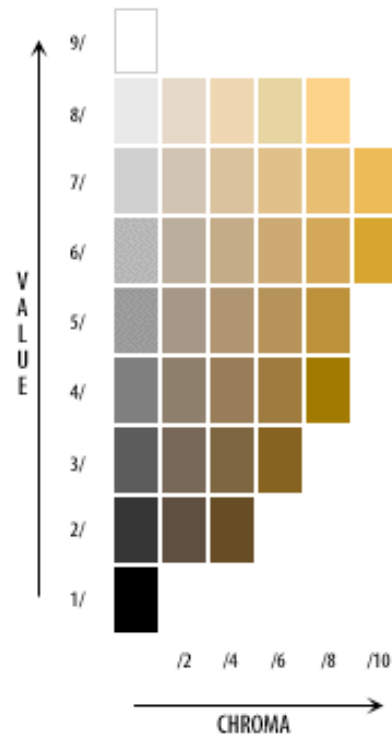
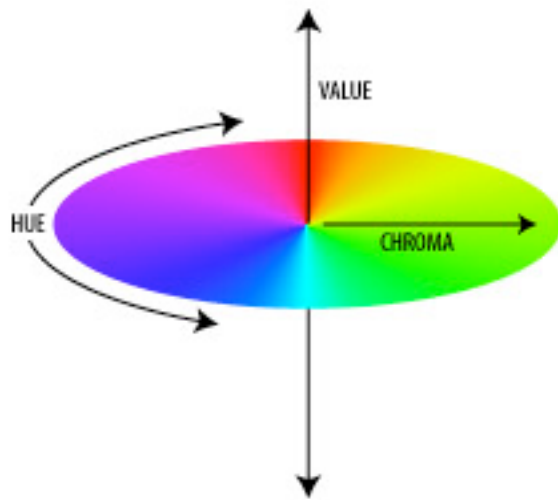
# HSV

- This color model is based on polar coordinates, not Cartesian coordinates.
- HSV is a non-linearly transformed (skewed) version of RGB cube
  - Hue: quantity that distinguishes color family, say red from yellow, green from blue (what color?)
  - Saturation (Chroma): color intensity (strong to weak). Intensity of distinctive hue, or degree of color sensation from that of white or grey (what purity?)
  - Value (luminance): light color or dark color (what strength?)



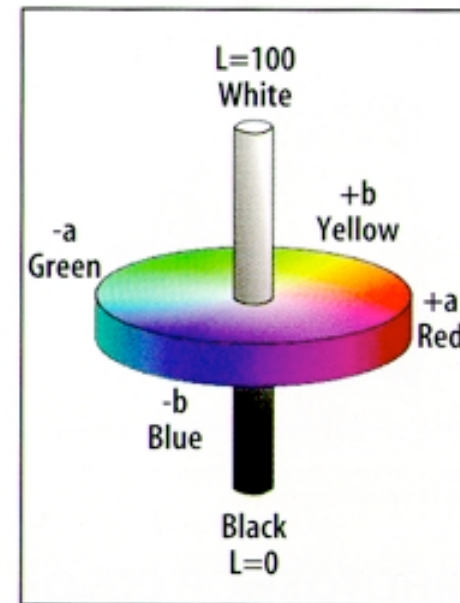
# HSV Hexcone

- Intuitive interface to color



# Lab: photoshop

- Photoshop uses this model to get more control over color
- It's named CIE Lab model (refined from the original CIE model)
- Luminance: L
- Chrominance: a – ranges from green to red and b ranges from blue to yellow



*Lab model*

# Luv and UVW

- A color model for which, a unit change in luminance and chrominance are uniformly perceptible

$$U = 13 W^* (u - u_o); V = 13 W^* (v - v_o); W = 25 (100 Y)^{1/3} - 17$$

where Y , u and v can be calculated from :

$$X = 0.607 Rn + 0.174 Gn + 0.200Bn$$

$$Y = 0.299 Rn + 0.587 Gn + 0.114Bn$$

$$Z = 0.066 Gn + 1.116 Bn$$

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

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

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

$$u = 4x / ( -2x + 12y + 3 )$$

$$v = 6y / ( -2x + 12y + 3 )$$

- Luv is derived from UVW and Lab, with all components guaranteed to be positive

# Yuv and YCrCb: digital video

- Initially, for PAL analog video, it is now also used in CCIR 601 standard for digital video

- Y (luminance) is the CIE Y primary.

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

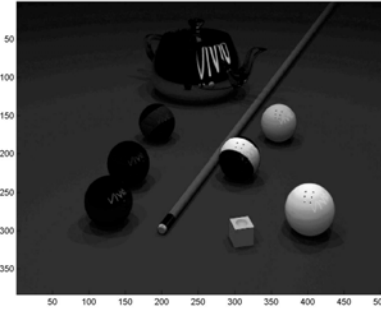
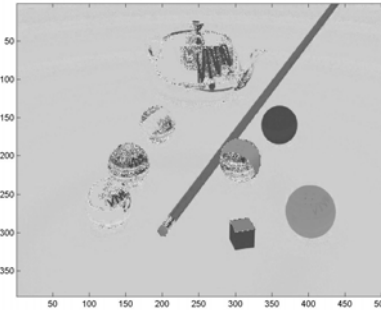
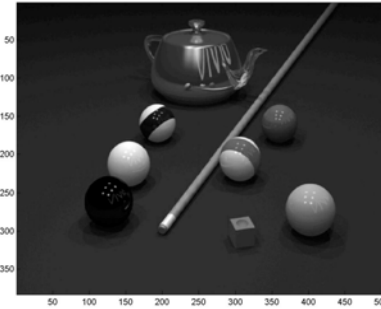
- *Chrominance* is defined as the difference between a color and a reference white at the same luminance. It can be represented by U and V -- the *color differences*.

$$U = B - Y; V = R - Y$$

- YCrCb is a scaled and shifted version of YUV and used in JPEG and MPEG (all components are positive)

$$Cb = (B - Y) / 1.772 + 0.5; Cr = (R - Y) / 1.402 + 0.5$$

# Examples (RGB, HSV, LuV)



# Color Matching on Monitors

- Use CIE XYZ space as the standard

$$\begin{bmatrix} R' \\ G' \\ B' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_R & X_G & X_B \\ Y_R & Y_G & Y_B \\ Z_R & Z_G & Z_B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

- Use a simple linear conversion

$$\mathbf{C}_2 = \mathbf{M}_2^{-1} \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{C}_1$$

- Color matching on printer is more difficult, approximation is needed (CMYK)

# Gamut Mapping

- Negative RGB: add white (maintains hue, de-saturate)
- $>1$  RGB, scale down (in what space?)
- Not a trivial question (sometimes known as tone mapping)

# Tone mapping

- Real scene: large range of luminance (from  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^6$  cd/m<sup>2</sup> )
- Limitation of the display 1-100 cd/m<sup>2</sup>
- cd : candela, unit for measuring intensity of flux of light

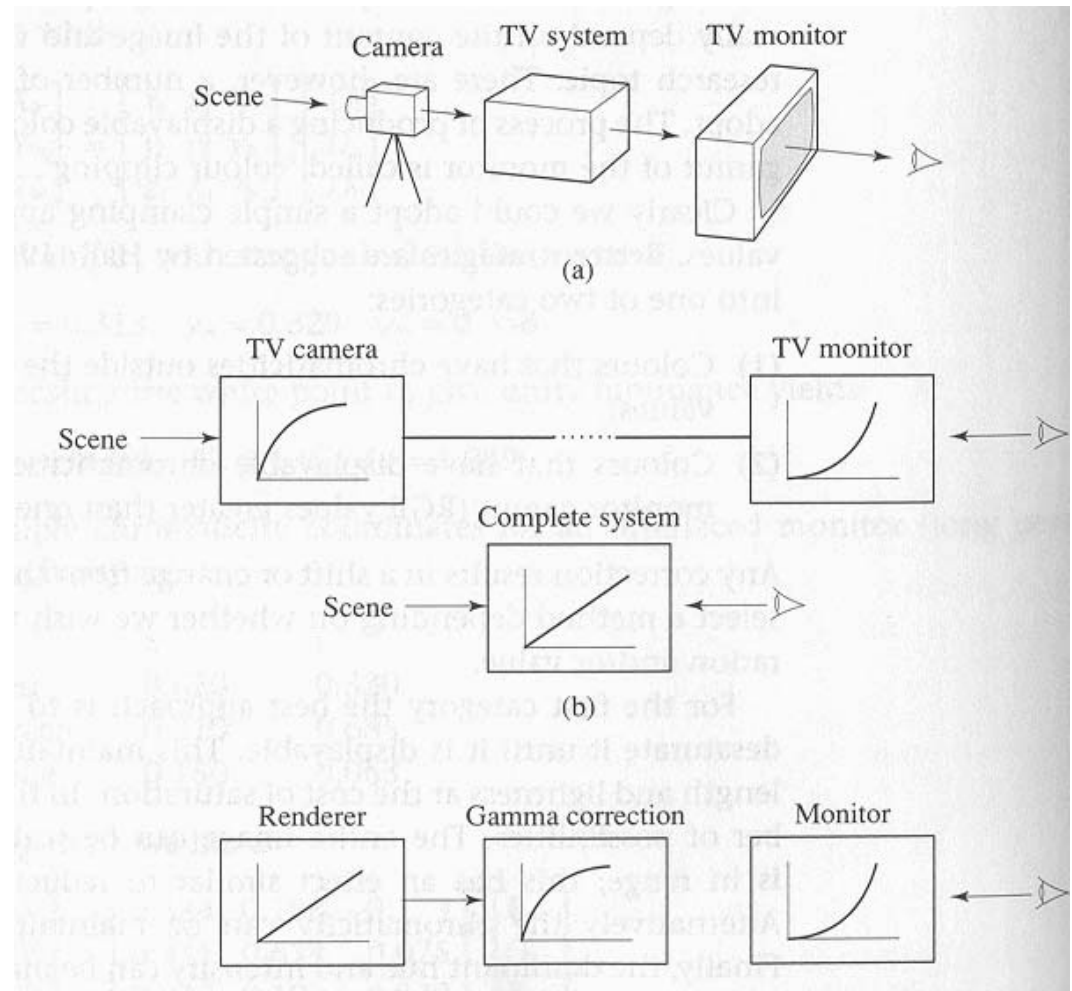


# Gamma Correction

- The phosphor dots are not a linear system (voltage vs. intensity)

$$R_m = K(R'_i)^{\gamma_T}$$

$$R'_i = k(R_i)^{1/\gamma_T}$$



# Gamma correction

- Without gamma correction, how will (0,255,127) look like?
- Normally gamma is within 1.7 and 2.8
- Who is responsible for Gamma correction?
- SGI does it for you
- PC/Mac etc, you should do it yourself

# No gamma correction



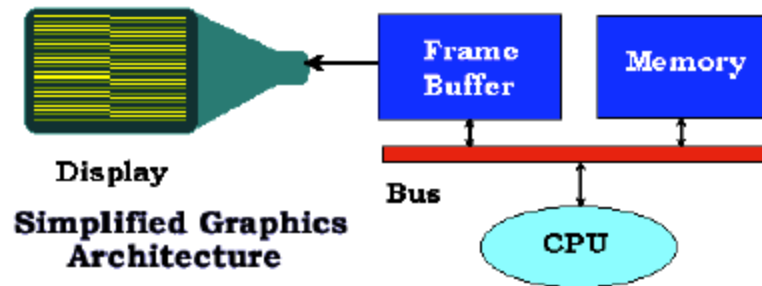
Gamma corrected to 1.7



# Residual Gamma or System Gamma

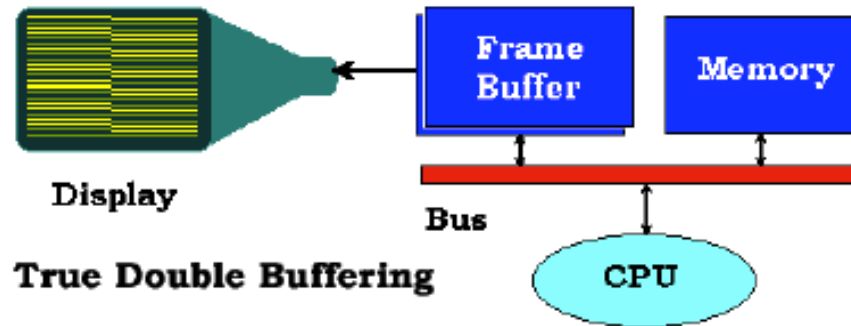
- Systems such as SGI monitor has a gamma of 2.4, but they only gamma correct for 1.7.
- The residue gamma is  $2.4/1.7 = 1.4$ , why?
- Depends on how you see it? Bright screen, dark room causes changes in your eye transfer function too.
- What about web pages? Which screen do you intend for?

# Raster Displays



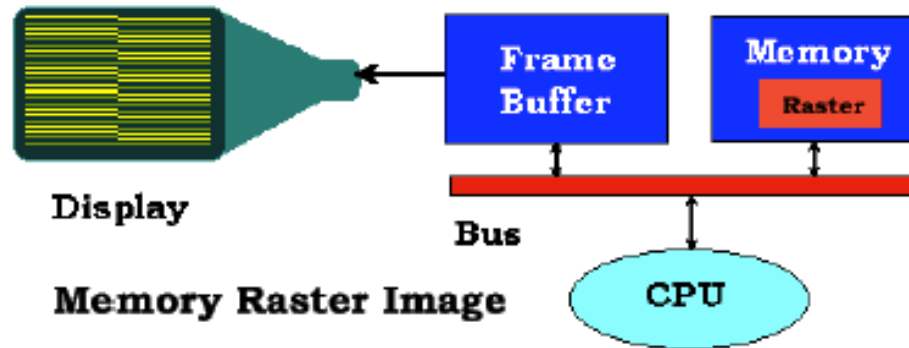
- Display synchronized with CRT sweep
- Special memory for screen update
- Pixels are the discrete elements displayed
- Generally, updates are visible

# Double Buffer



- Adds a second frame buffer
- Swaps during vertical blanking
- Updates are invisible
- Costly

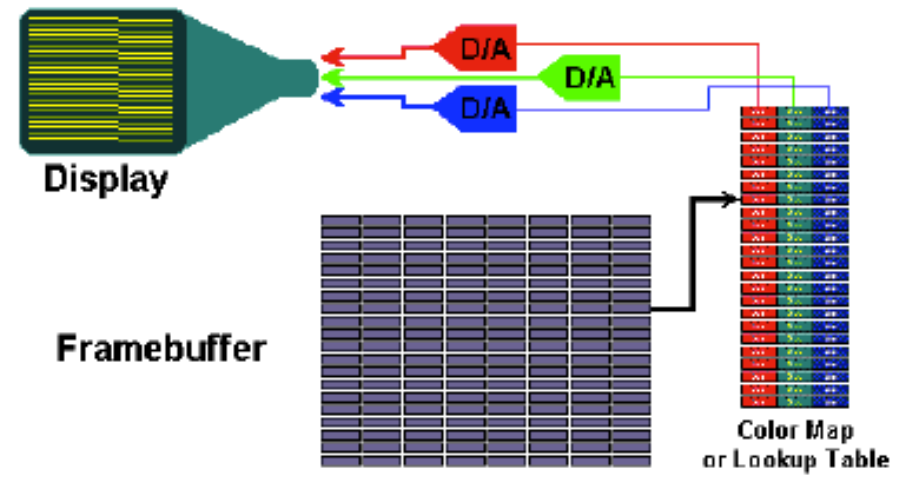
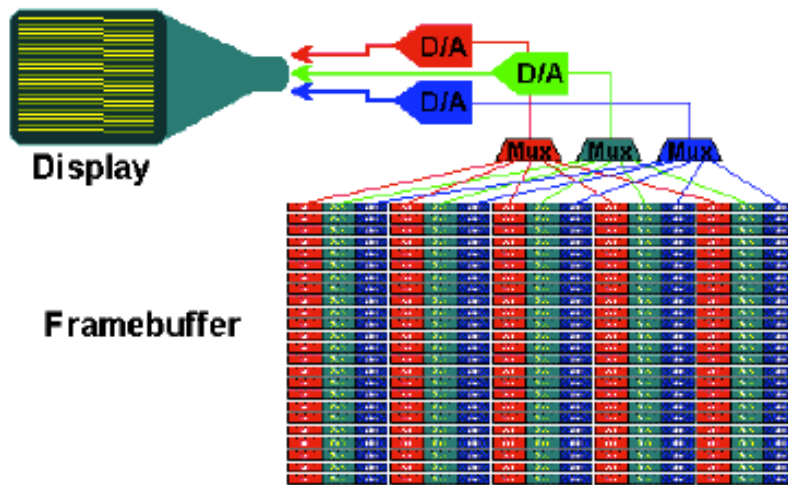
# Memory Rasterizer



- Maintains a copy of the screen (or some part of it) in memory
- Relies on a fast copy
- Updates are *nearly* invisible



# True Color and Indexed Color FB



# High Color FB



Pixels are packed in a short.  
Each primary uses 5 bits.

- Popular *PC/( SVGA)* standard (popular with Gamers)
- Each pixel can be one of  $2^{15}$  colors
- Can exhibit worse quantization (banding) effects than indexed- color