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"If" condition satisfy for RGB image

if size(Image,3)==3

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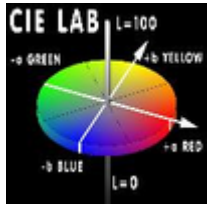
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See this snippet where I check if the number of color channels is 1 and then, if it's not, and I wanted a grayscale image instead of an RGB image, I convert it to gray scale:

```
grayImage = imread(fullFileName);  
% Get the dimensions of the image.  
% numberOfColorBands should be = 1.  
[rows, columns, numberOfColorChannels] = size(grayImage);  
if numberOfColorChannels > 1  
    % It's not really gray scale like we expected - it's color.  
    % Convert it to gray scale by taking only the green channel.  
    grayImage = grayImage(:, :, 2); % Take green channel.  
end
```

Of course you can call the image array anything you want, and check if `numberOfColorChannels > 1` or if `numberOfColorChannels == 3`, or however you want to do it, and then take whatever actions you want to based on knowing how many color channels it has.

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