Physical Basis of Color

光=不同波长的电磁辐射(可见光光谱范围内400~700nm)

不同波长的光具有不同的折射率

Spectrum 光谱:不同波长(频率)的光对应的类型

Spectral Power Distribution (SPD) 谱功率密度:描述一束光在所有波长的分布

• 线性:可叠加

Color 颜色:是人的一种感知,不是光线的一种根本属性 a phenomenon of human perception; it is not a universal property of light

• 不同波长的光Different wavelengths of light are not "colors"

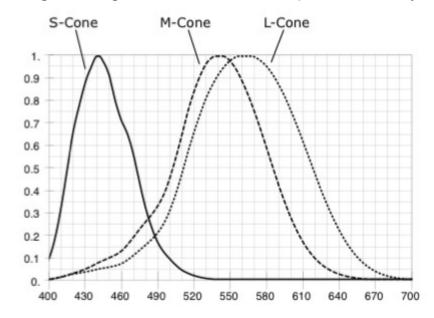
人眼的简单介绍:瞳孔=光圈,晶状体=透镜,视网膜=感光元件

视网膜上的感光细胞 Retinal Photoreceptor Cells

• Rods: 视杆细胞,棒状,很多,感知光的强度(而非波长)

• Cones:视锥细胞,锥形,较少,产生"颜色"的感觉

• Three types of cones S, M, and L (corresponding to peak response at short, medium, and long wavelengths), each with different spectral sensitivity



不同视锥细胞对不同波长的光的响应曲线

• 不同的人的视锥细胞分布大不一样 Fraction of Three Cone Cell Types Varies Widely

Tristimulus Theory of Color

Spectral Response of Human Cone Cells

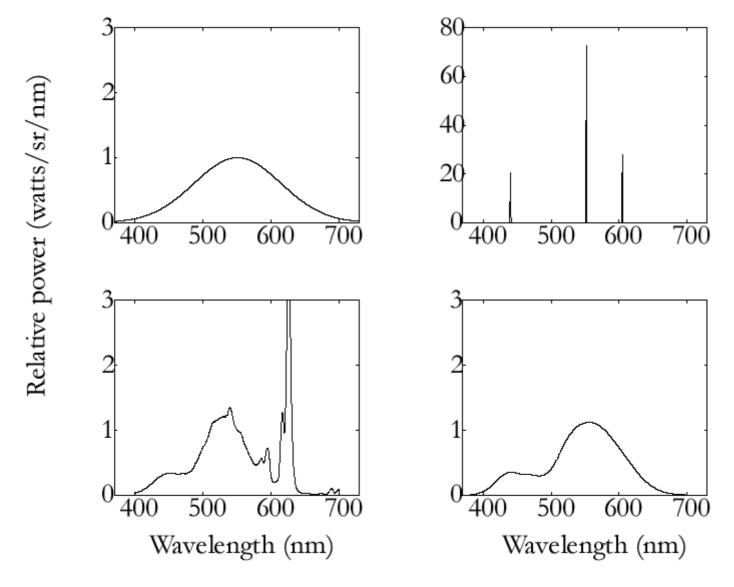
于是不同视锥细胞的信号强度=其对所有波长的光的响应的积分

$$S = \int r_S(\lambda) s(\lambda) d\lambda \ M = \int r_M(\lambda) s(\lambda) d\lambda \ L = \int r_L(\lambda) s(\lambda) d\lambda$$

于是有 任何一束光 → (S,M,L) → Color 的对应,人眼只知道(S,M,L),不知道原来的光线分布 (SPD)

Metamerism (同色异谱)

Metamerism (同色异谱): 不同的SPD → 同样的(S,M,L) = 同样的Color



Metamers are two different spectra (∞-dim) that project to the same (S,M,L) (3-dim) response.

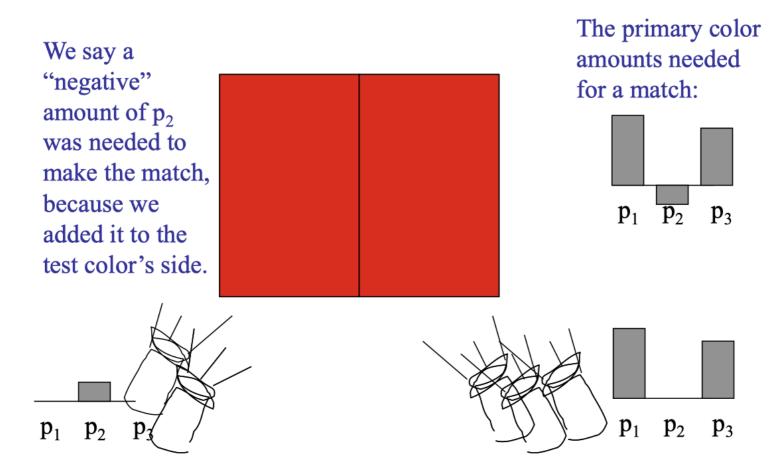
- These will appear to have the same color to a human The existence of metamers is critical to color reproduction/Matching
- Don't have to reproduce the full spectrum of a real world scene
- Example: A metamer can reproduce the perceived color of a real-world scene on a display with pixels of only three colors 通过显示器的三色光,也可以混合出现实中的种种色彩(虽然背后的光谱一般完全不一样)

Color Reproduction / Matching 颜色匹配、重建

计算机的成像系统是加色系统:

- 给定一组主色(例如RGB)的光谱分布(S,M,L?) $s_R(\lambda), s_G(\lambda), s_B(\lambda)$
- 调整三种主色的强度并相加,得到一种颜色 $Rs_R(\lambda) + Gs_G(\lambda) + Bs_B(\lambda)$
- 于是这种颜色就可以用(R,G,B)这三个标量表示。
- 于是也可以通过实验确定不同颜色的(R,G,B)表示->Additive Color Matching Experiment

有些颜色怎么混合也混不出来,但是通过给原色加色,就可以混合出来,那么将最后混合的颜色中减去加上的颜色,就是对这种颜色的表示→系数会有负数!



CIE RGB Color Matching Experiment

CIE: 一个组织

主光 RGB 都是单一波长的光

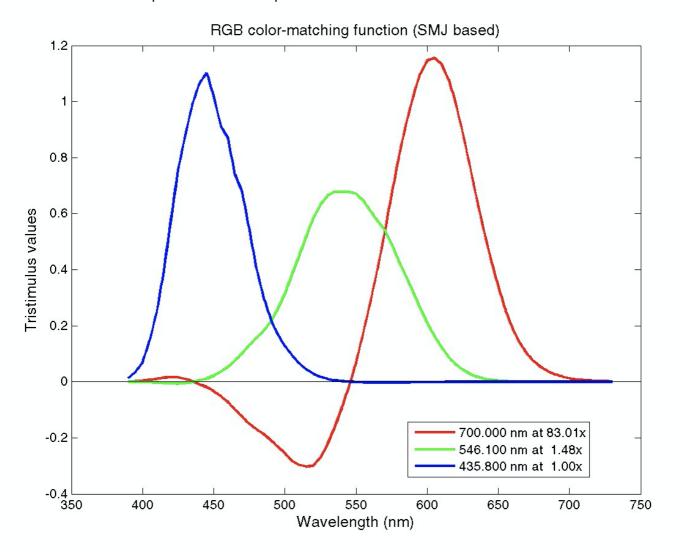
测试光也都是单一波长的光

做测试,测量多少强度的三种主光加起来会获得和测试光一样的颜色

颜色匹配函数 color matching functions 描述了三种主光各自多少强度加起来会获得和测试光一样的颜色。

Graph plots how much of each CIE RGB primary light must be combined to match a monochromatic light of wavelength given on x-axis

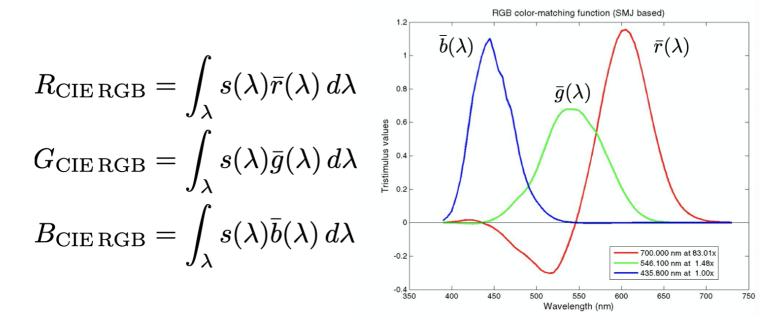
Careful: these are not response curves or spectra!



颜色匹配函数 color matching functions 横轴:单一波长光的波长,纵轴:主光强度

现实的光线 = 许多不同强度单一波长光的积分

现实的光线表示的颜色 = 许多不同强度单一波长光的Color Matching值的积分 → (R,G,B)



Color Spaces 颜色空间

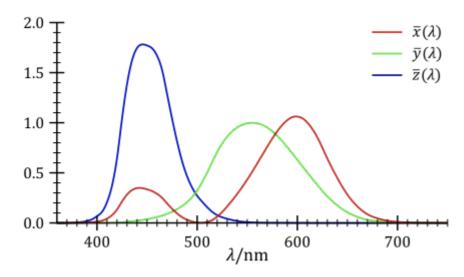
Standard Color Spaces

Standardized RGB (sRGB)

- makes a particular monitor RGB standard
- other color devices simulate that monitor by calibration
- widely adopted today
- gamut (色域) is limited

A Universal Color Space: CIE XYZ

同样定义了CIE XYZ color matching functions, 但是并非实验测得, 而是人造, 虚拟的



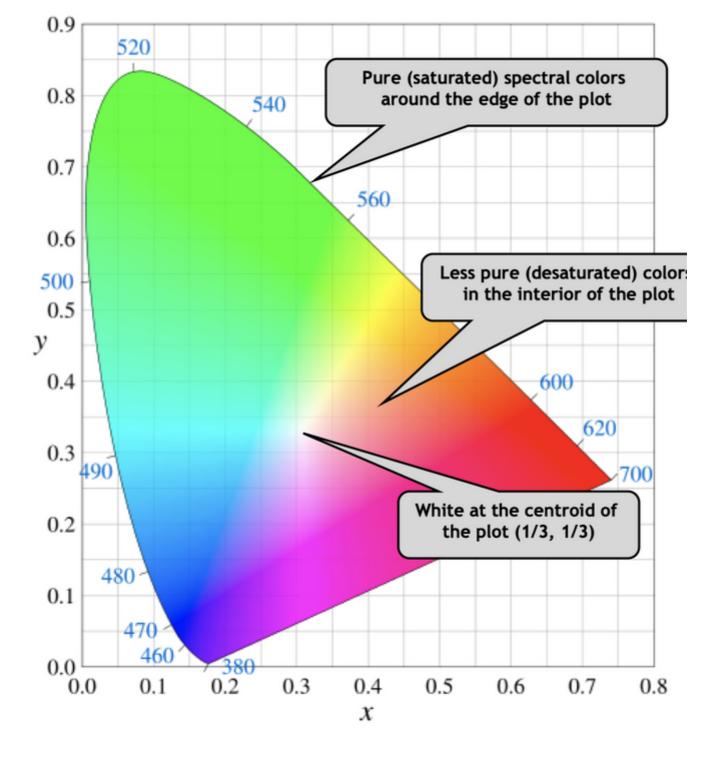
Imaginary set of standard color primaries X, Y, Z

- Primary colors with these matching functions do not exist
- Y is luminance (brightness regardless of color) (亮度)

为何如此设计?

- Matching functions are strictly positive 没有负数
- Span all observable colors 覆盖所有可见光

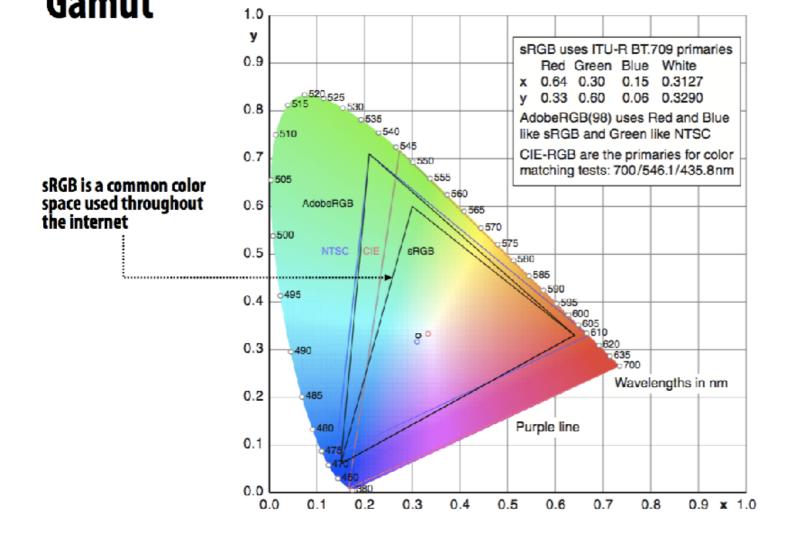
将(X,Y,Z) 归一化获得(x,y,z)(x + y + z = 1), 然后对(x,y)做枚举,获得一张二维图像,表示在Y(亮度)固定的情况下,不同X,Z对应的颜色。



- since x + y + z = 1, we only need to record two of the three
- usually choose x and y, leading to (x, y) coords at a specific brightness Y
- The curved boundary: spectral locus
 - corresponds to monochromatic light (each point representing a pure color of a single wavelength)
- Any color inside is less pure, mixed

Gamut (色域): the set of chromaticities generated by a set of color primaries

- Different color spaces represent different ranges of colors
- So they have different gamuts, i.e.
- they cover different regions on the chromaticity diagram



Perceptually Organized Color Spaces

HSV Color Space (Hue-Saturation-Value)

Axes correspond to artistic characteristics of color

Widely used in a "color picker" 拾色器

Hue(色调)

- the "kind" of color, regardless of attributes
- colorimetric correlate: dominant wavelength
- artist's correlate: the chosen pigment color

Saturation (饱和度)

- the "colorfulness"
- colorimetric correlate: purity
- artist's correlate: fraction of paint from the colored tube

Lightness (or value) (亮度)

- the overall amount of light
- colorimetric correlate: luminance
- artist's correlate: tints are lighter, shades are darker

CIELAB Space (AKA L_a_b*)

A commonly used color space that strives for perceptual uniformity

- L* is lightness (brightness)
- a and b are color-opponent pairs
- a* is red-green 正方向:红色,负方向:绿色
- b* is blue-yellow

基于互补色理论(Opponent Color Theory)

There's a good neurological basis for the color space dimensions in CIE LAB

- the brain seems to encode color early on using three axes:
- white black, red green, yellow blue
- the white black axis is lightness; the others determine hue and saturation

one piece of evidence: you can have a light green, a dark green, a yellow-green, or a blue-green, but you can't have a reddish green (just doesn't make sense)

• thus red is the opponent to green

another piece of evidence: afterimages (following slides)

人眼是奇怪的

- 视觉暂留
- 视错觉
- 颜色的相对性

减色系统

典型: CMYK: A Subtractive Color Space

墨水越混越黑

- Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, and Key
- 靛蓝、品红、黄色、黑色

什么没有提

- HDR
- Gamma Correction矫正: Radiance → 颜色,因为显示器上颜色显示是非线性的,需要抵消