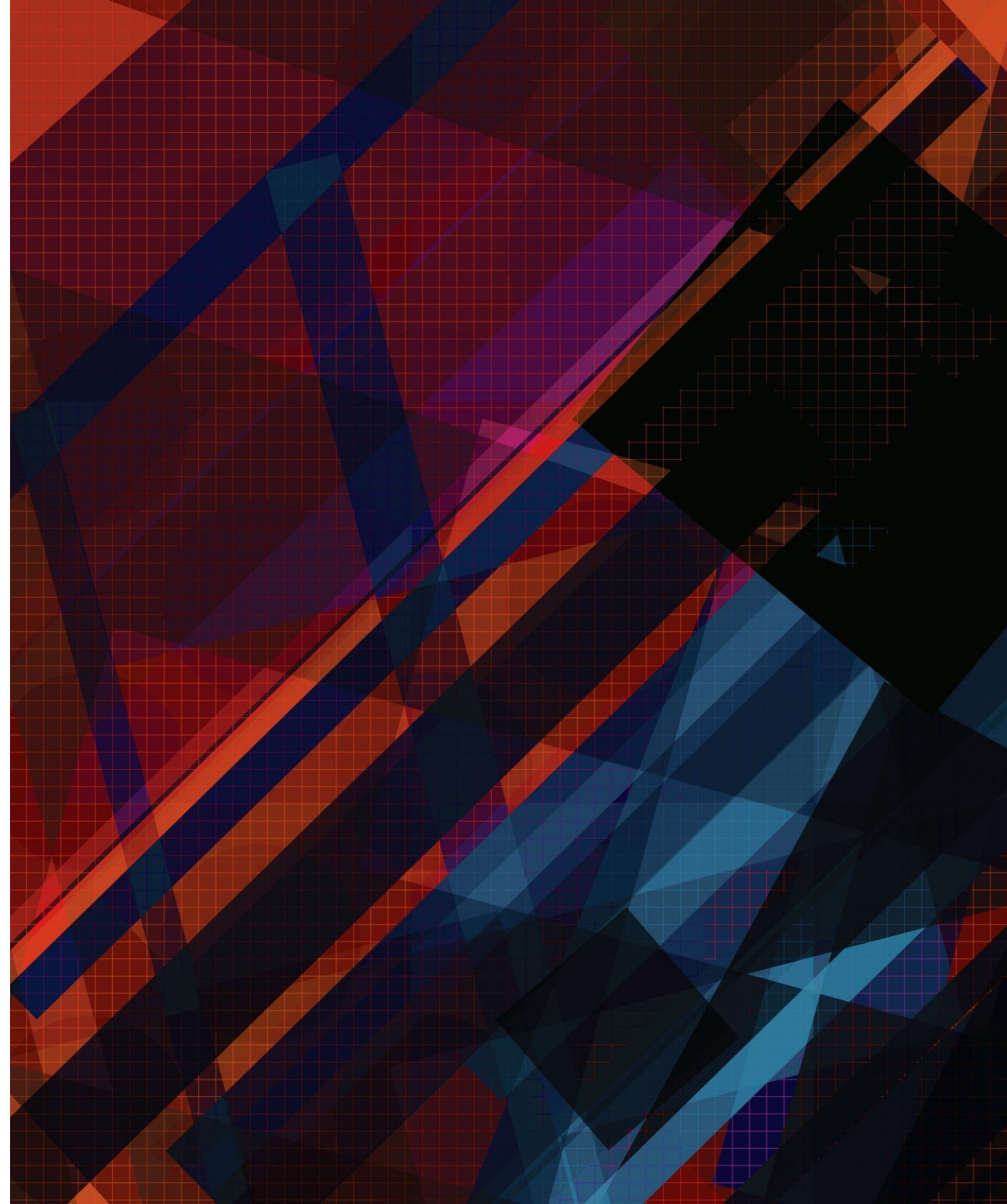

SIGNAL PROCESSING (FOR MACHINE LEARNING)



WHY IS SIGNAL PROCESSING NEEDED IN AI ?

WHEN SIGNAL PROCESSING IS **NOT** NEEDED IN AI

- Natural Language Processing (**NLP**) that doesn't involve the speech component
 - Tabular structured data (**CSVs**) - various tasks
 - Malware detection
 - **Graph modeling** (social networks analysis, knowledge graph representations)
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WHEN IS SIGNAL PROCESSING REQUIRED IN AI?

- **Computer vision**
 - Object detection and classification
 - Image segmentation
 - Image generation
 - Satellite image analysis
 - **Biomedical** signal processing
 - EEG
 - EMG
 - Medical images – MRI, X-Ray, CT
 - **Audio** processing tasks
 - Speech synthesis (Text-to-Speech)
 - Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)
 - Source separation
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1D SIGNALS

TIME DOMAIN

- Let's represent a signal in time domain:
 - What is **sample rate** (rata de eşantionare) ?
 - What is **quantization** (cuantizare) ?



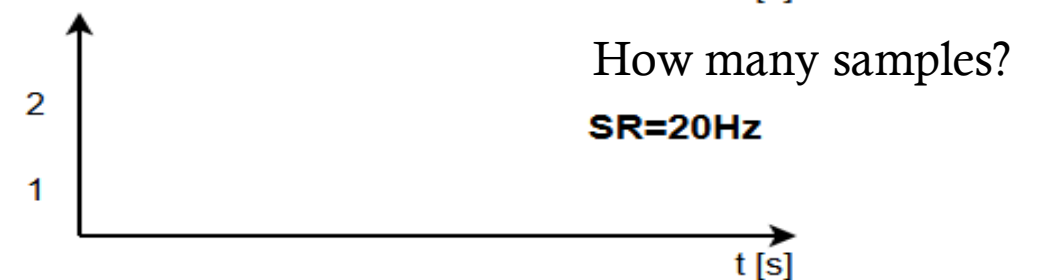
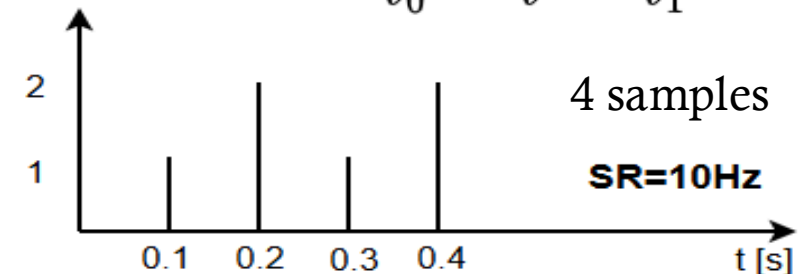
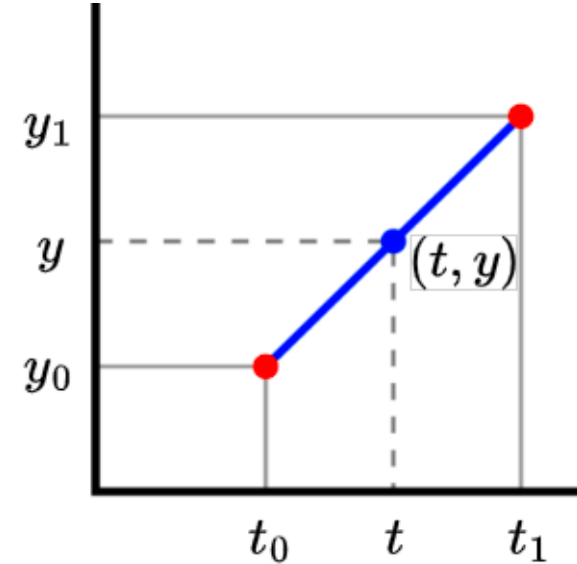
1D SIGNALS

RESAMPLING

- Example of method:
- linear interpolation between samples (t_0, y_0) and (t_1, y_1) , at time t :

$$y(t) = y_0 + (y_1 - y_0) \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0}$$

- Simple scenario:
 - A) resample from 10 Hz to 20 Hz
 - B) resample from 20Hz to 10Hz
- **WHY IS SAMPLE RATE (SR) CRITICAL FOR MACHINE LEARNING?**



1D SIGNALS

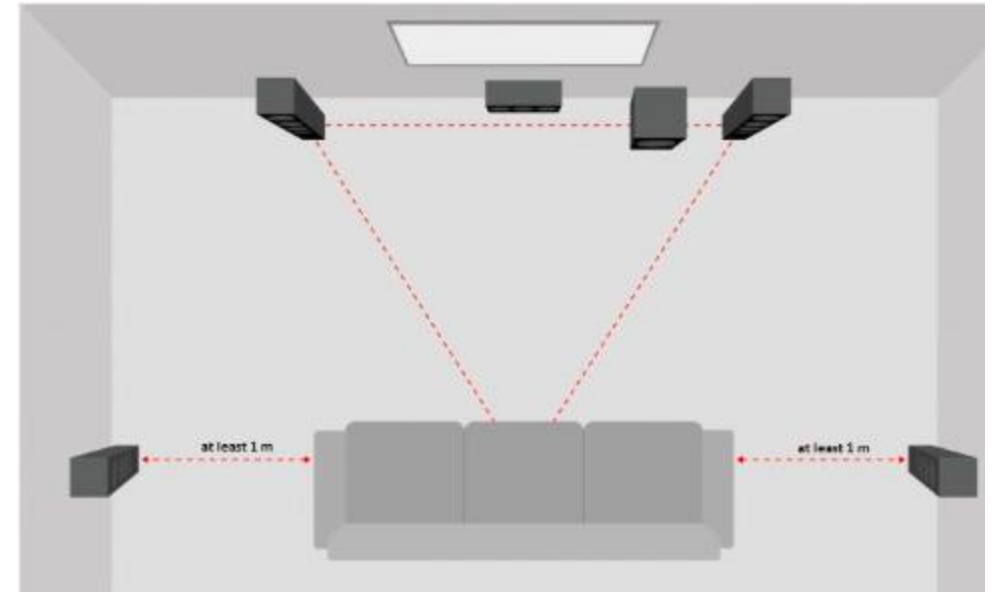
CHANNEL NUMBER

- **Audio**

- Mono (1 source)
- Stereo/Binaural (2 sources)
- Home cinema (Ex: 5.1 - RL RR FL FR C SBW)

- **Other signals**

- Ex: EMG bracelet with 8 channels



Why does it matter?

1D SIGNALS

TIME DOMAIN FEATURES

- Used as **features for ML models!**
- ZCR (Zero crossing rate)
 - The times the signal changes its sign per second
- RMS Energy
 - Overall average 'power' of a signal
- Autocorrelation
 - Multiply the signal with itself – compute average
 - Apply for multiple values of the *time lag* k
- Computed on **SMALL WINDOWS (WHY?)**

$$ZCR = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |s(n) \cdot s(n+1) < 0|$$


$$RMS = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x(n)^2}$$

$$R_x(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-k-1} x(n) \cdot x(n+k)$$

1D SIGNALS

FREQUENCY DOMAIN

- Fourier Transform
 - express the signal as a sum of cosines

$$X(e^{j\omega}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} x[n] e^{-j\omega n}$$

$$\cos(2\pi f t) - j \sin(2\pi f t)$$

$$X(f) = a + jb$$

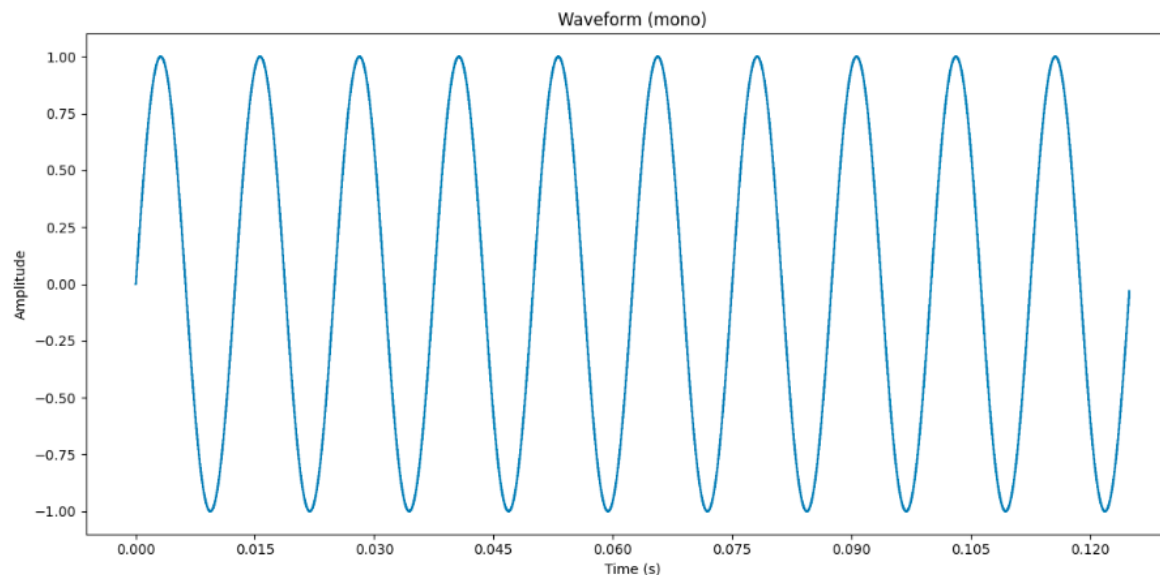
$$|X(f)| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\phi(f) = \text{atan2}(b, a)$$

1D SIGNALS

FOURIER

- Fourier Transform
 - express the signal as a sum of cosines which are:
 - a) Scaled an amplitude $|X(f)|$
 - b) Shifted in phase (delayed) by $\Phi(f)$



1D SIGNALS

FOURIER

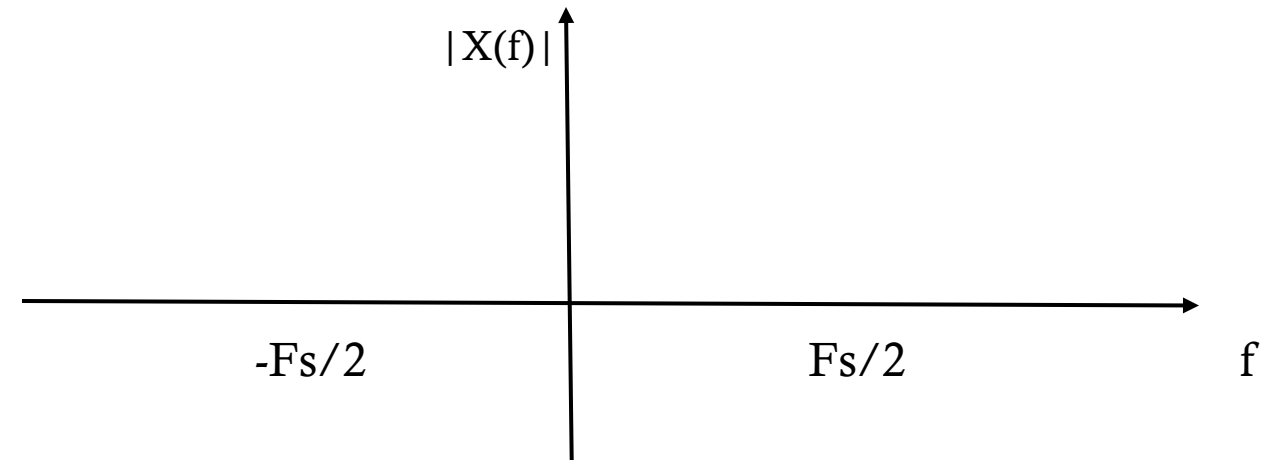
- Some real-life signals may be estimated using this method
- But in most cases, an infinite number of terms are required for perfect stimation

1D SIGNALS

DFT. NIQUIST

$$X_s(f) = \frac{1}{T_s} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} X(f - kF_s)$$

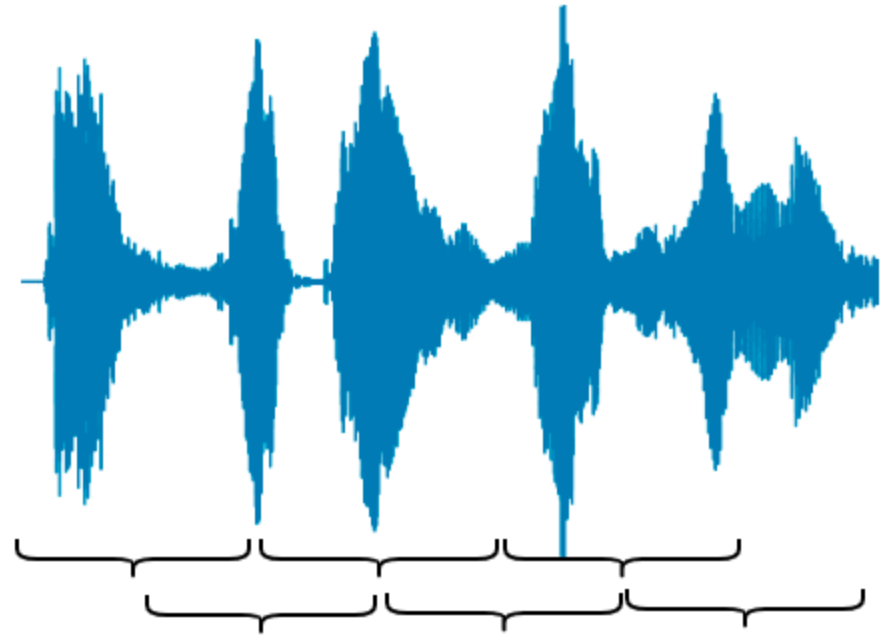
- DFT = Discrete Fourier Transform
- **Th. Niquist:** The sampling frequency has to be at least double the maximum frequency component of the signal.
 - $F_{\text{sample}} \geq 2 \max\{F_{\text{signal}}\}$
- **But why?**
- The spectrum has **period F_s**



1D SIGNALS

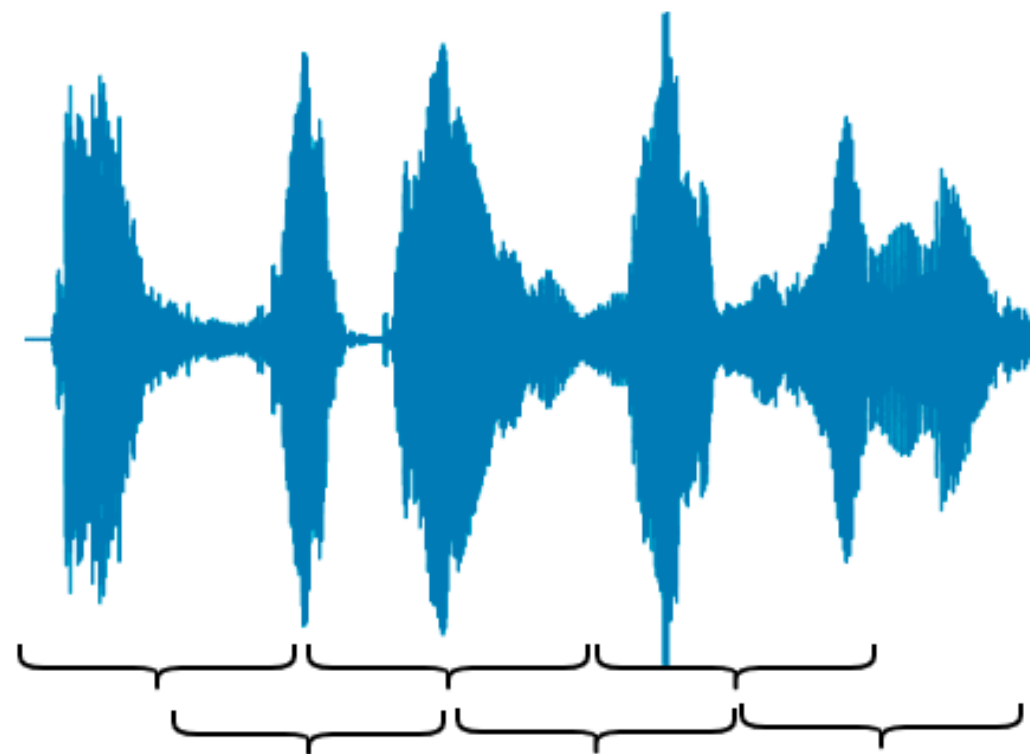
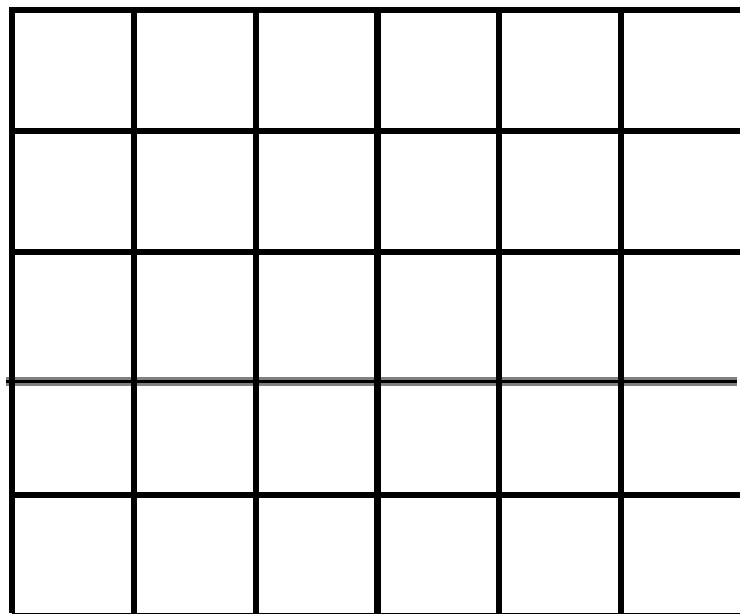
TIME-FREQUENCY DOMAIN (SPECTROGRAMS)

- Is frequency domain enough?
- Let's discuss:
 - Windowing
 - Window overlapping – **why?**
 - **FFT assumes the signal is infinite**
=> **sharp edges!** => Hamming or Han windows
 - Creating spectrograms



1D SIGNALS

SPECTROGRAMS



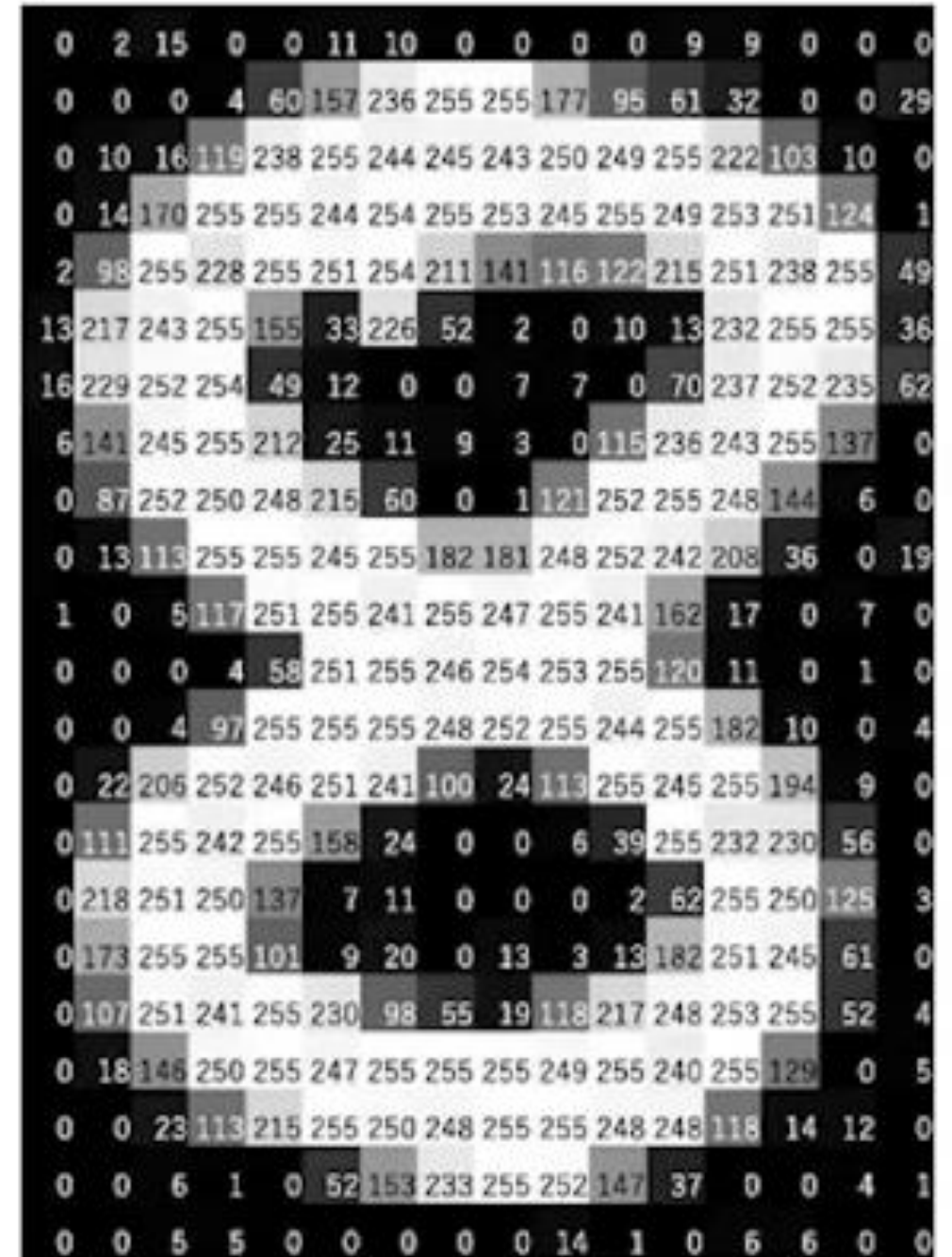
1D SIGNALS

PSD

- PSD = Power Spectral Density
 - PROBLEM: FFT is a sum/integral
 - \Rightarrow the same sine, but LONGER (in time) will lead to higher values.
 - SOLUTION: PSD shows the POWER of the frequency component
 - \Rightarrow is time duration agnostic.
 - Remember: $\text{Power} = \text{Energy} / \text{Time}$
 - PSD is frequently used in brain signal analysis (**EEG**)
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2D SIGNALS IMAGE REPRESENTATION

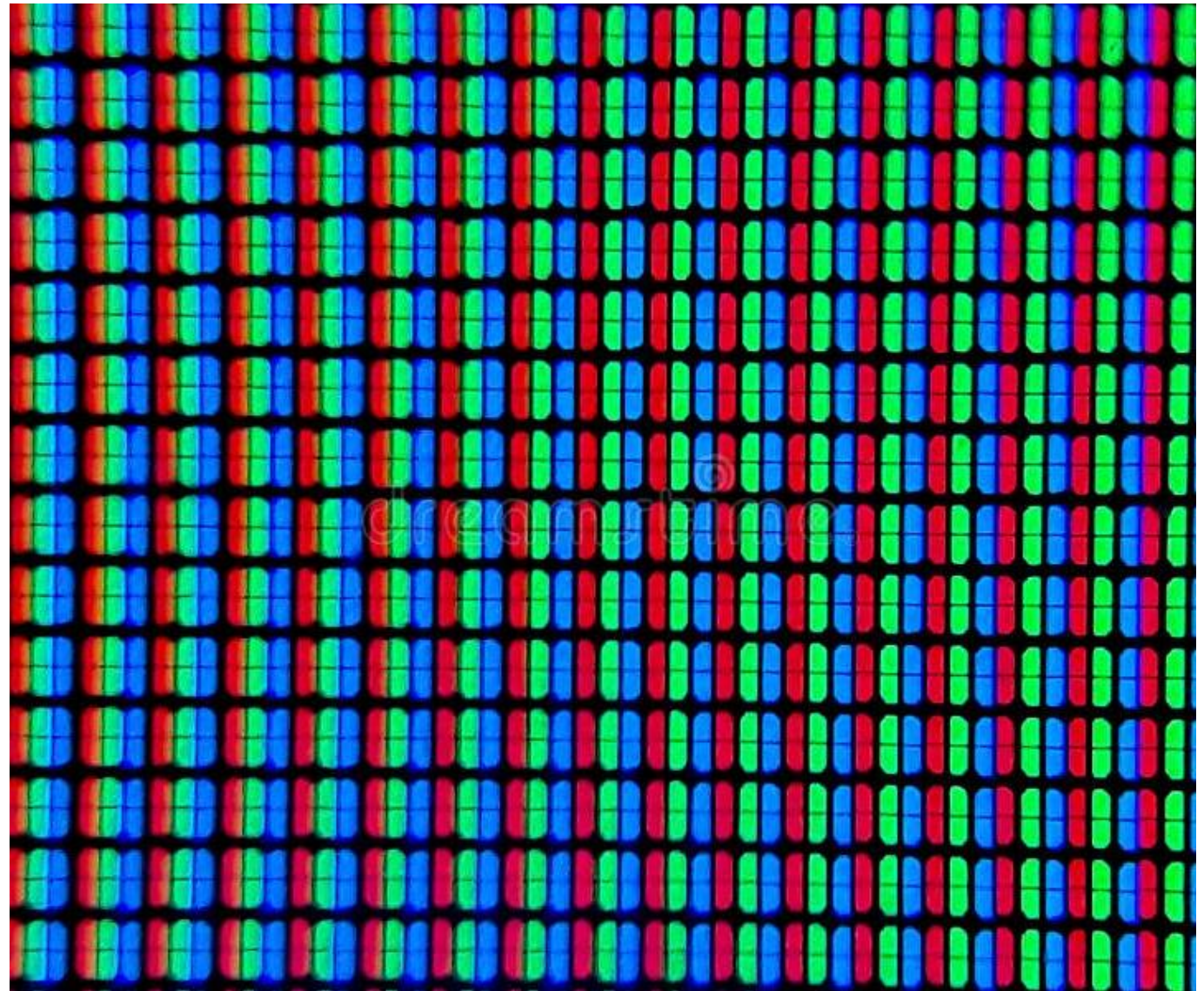
- Vectorial images (svg)
- Raster images - **MATRICES**
 - Grayscale (1channel)
 - Color RGB (3 channels)
 - Others (satellite, medical, IR)



2D SIGNALS

RGB CHANNELS

- Common color images have 3 values, for each pixel
 - R (Red)
 - G (Green)
 - B (Blue)



2D SIGNALS

BIT DEPTH

- An image = a **MATRIX**
- **Question 1:** for one individual element of the image, what are the values it can take? What range is it is?
- **Question 2:** does it matter if the total number of values is lower or higher?



2D SIGNALS

QUANTIZATION

- Usually, images use 8 bits for every gray level
- **Question:** how many bits are required for an RGB image pixel?

1-bit
(2 levels)



2-bit
(4 levels)



4-bit
(16 levels)



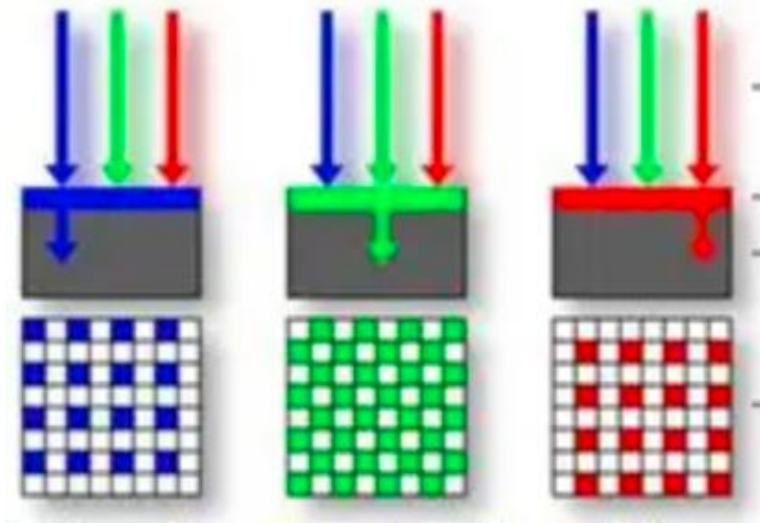
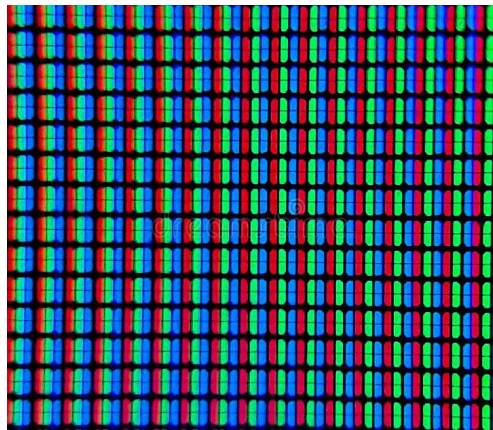
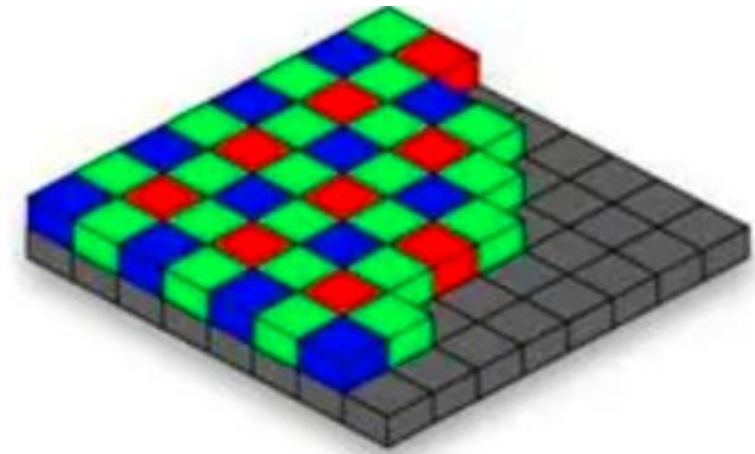
8-bit
(256 levels)



2D SIGNALS

COLOR SPACES

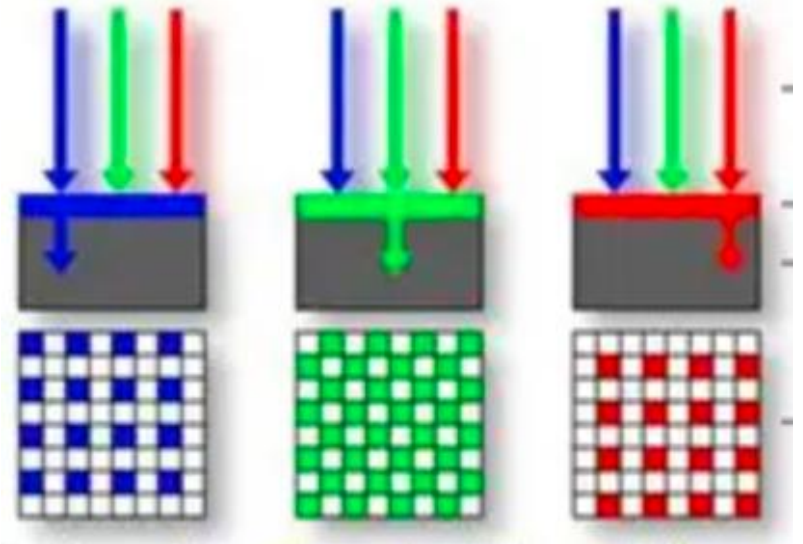
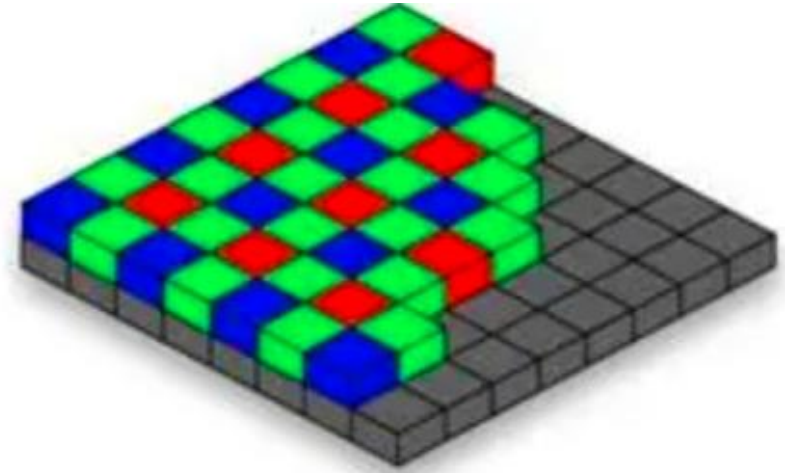
- Usually, we express images in RGB format, but **WHY?**
- Is RGB the best color space?



2D SIGNALS

THE BAYER GRID

- Why are there more **green** sensors in the Bayer grid?

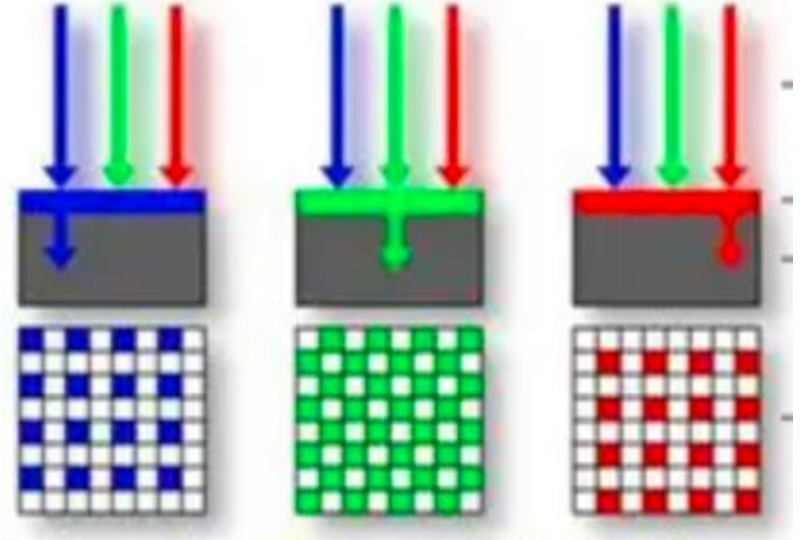
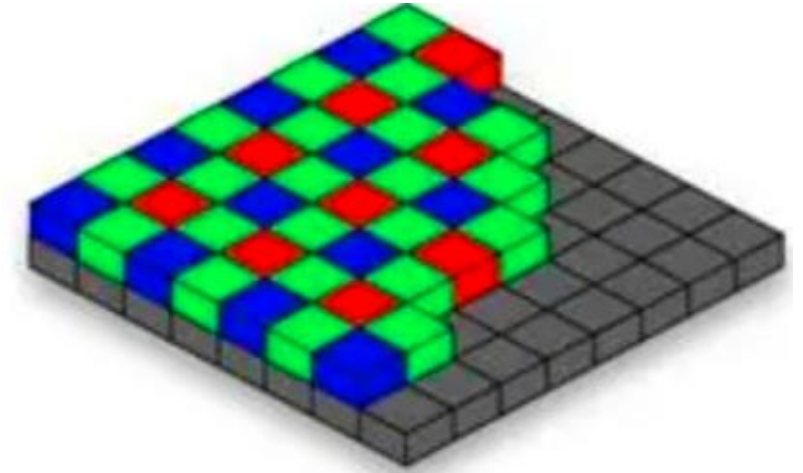


2D SIGNALS

THE BAYER GRID

- Why are there more **green** sensors in the Bayer grid? (compared to the others)
- **R: because of sensitivity**
- **(perceptual) Luminance** = perceptual brightness

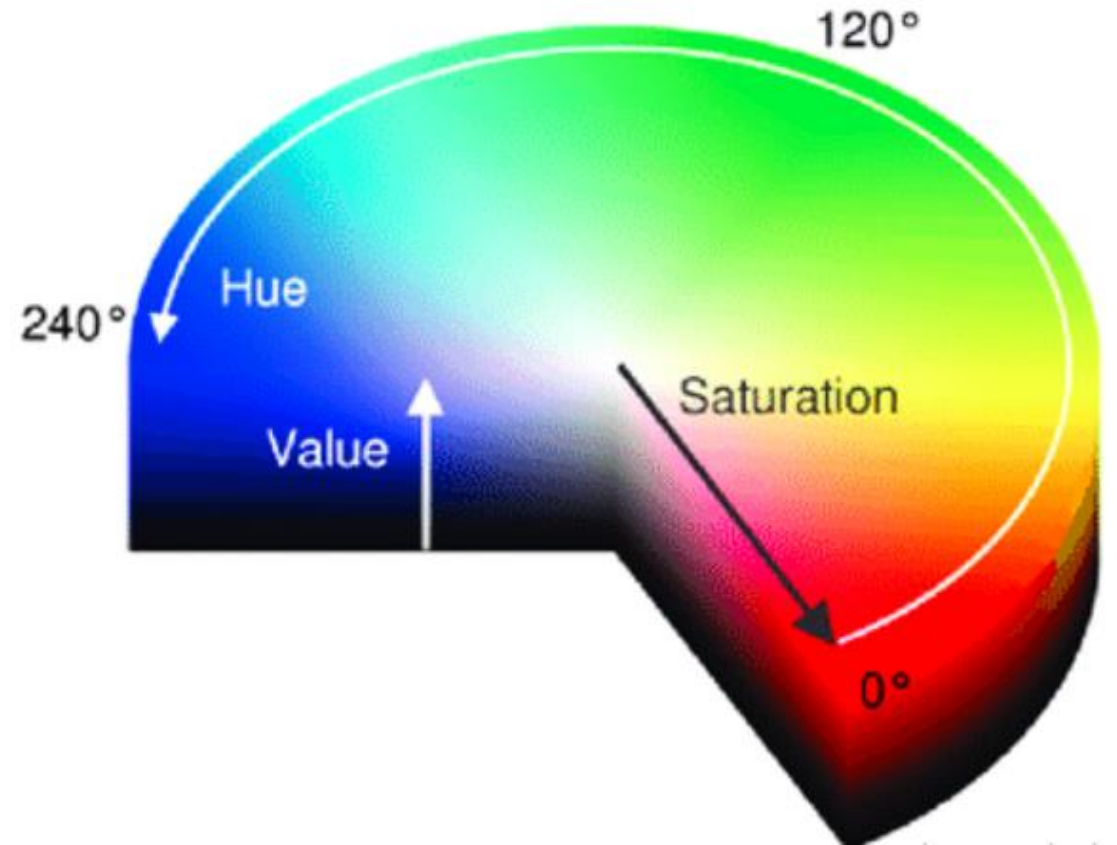
$$Y = 0.299 \cdot R + 0.587 \cdot G + 0.114 \cdot B$$



2D SIGNALS

OTHER COLOR SPACES

- HSV
 - **Hue** = "what kind of **colors** are used"
 - **Saturation** = "How much **pigment** is used" (distance from the gray axis)
 - **Value** = "how light-dark it is"
- HSV is more **intuitive for humans**, but it is not perceptually uniform.
- HSV is sometimes used in ML for extracting handcrafted features when working with small datasets



2D SIGNALS

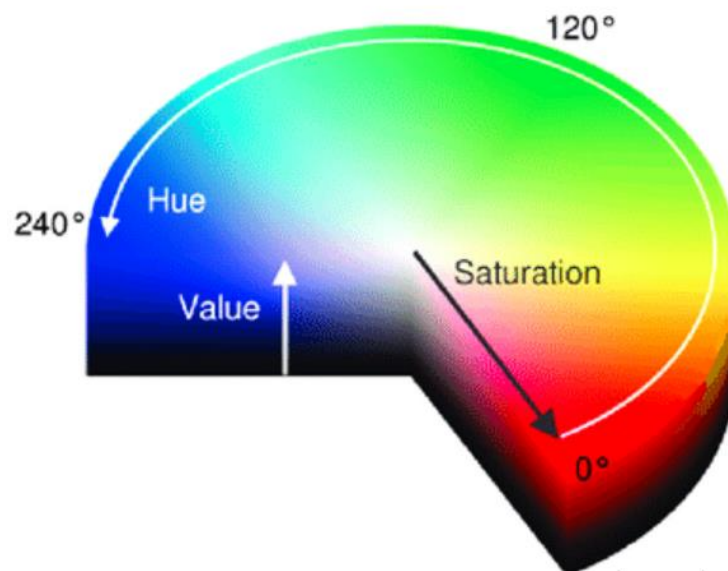
HSV COLOR SPACE

- For each pixel, RGB-HSV transformation is defined by:

$$H = \begin{cases} \arccos \left\{ \frac{(R - G) + (R - B)}{2\sqrt{(R - G)^2 + (R - B)(G - B)}} \right\} & B \leq G \\ 2\pi - \arccos \left\{ \frac{(R - G) + (R - B)}{2\sqrt{(R - G)^2 + (R - B)(G - B)}} \right\} & B > G \end{cases}$$

$$S = \frac{\max(R, G, B) - \min(R, G, B)}{\max(R, G, B)}$$

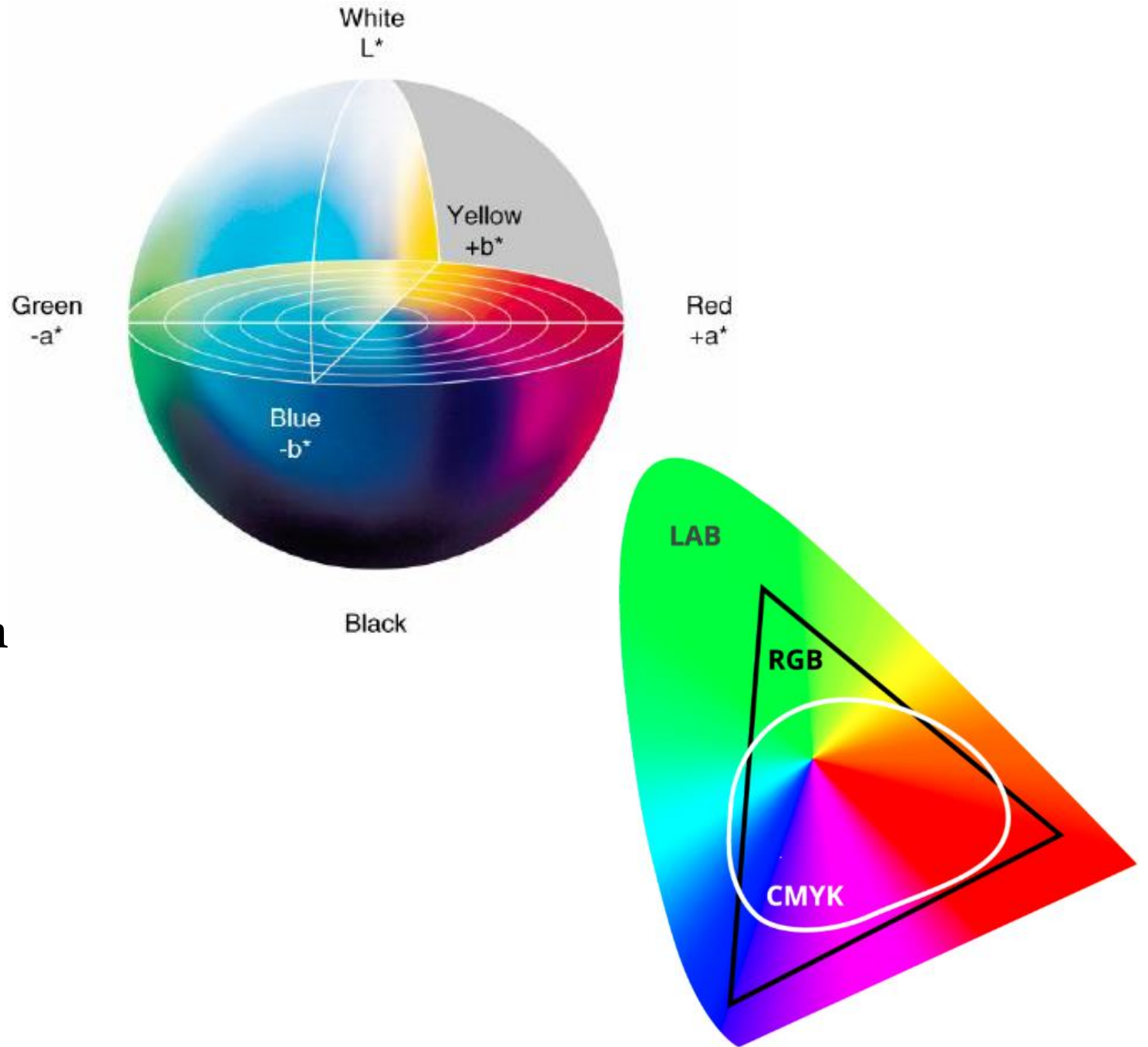
$$V = \frac{\max(R, G, B)}{255}$$



2D SIGNALS

LAB SPACE

- Lab:
 - L = Luminance
 - a = Green (-) - Red (+)
 - B = Blue (-) - yellow (+)
- Lab is **perceptually uniform**
- **What is gamut?**
- **Gamut** = 'full range'



2D SIGNALS HISTOGRAMS

BACK TO GRAYSCALE...

- A **histogram** shows how **gray values** are **distributed** in an image.

$$p(k) = \frac{h(k)}{N}$$

- $h(k)$ = number of pixels with value k
- N = total number of pixels

0	0	1	1	1
0	2	2	3	3
2	2	2	3	3



2D SIGNALS

CONVOLUTION

- A **filter slides** along the image
- For each location, the region from the image gets **multiplied elementwise** with the filter
- The output feature map gets assigned the **average of elements, after product.**

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1
2	2	2	2	2
2	2	2	2	2
2	3	2	1	2

1	1	1
0	0	0
-1	-1	-1

Convolution result



- *convolution can be defined for every type of signal, **including 1D**, but it may be more intuitive in 2D
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2D SIGNALS

FILTERING USING CONVOLUTION

- **HPF** (High Pass Filter)
 - What is high frequency in an image?
- **LPF** (Low Pass Filter)
 - What is low frequency in an image?

2D SIGNALS

FILTERING WITH CONVOLUTION

- **HPF** (High Pass Filter)
 - 'quick' variation in space
 - Details
 - Edges
- **LPF** (Low Pass Filter)
 - “Slow” variation in space
 - Smooth surfaces
 - Background / overall shapes
- **Derivation** filters
 - Coefficients sum up to 1
- **Smoothing** filters
 - Coefficients sum up to 1
 - All values positive

Sobel kernels

1	2	1	1	0	-1
0	0	0	2	0	-2
-1	-2	-1	1	0	-1

Averaging kernel

1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9
1/9	1/9	1/9

COMPRESSION

Why compression?

1. Lossless compression
2. Lossy compression



FILE FORMATS

Audio

- Wav
 - **Uncompressed**, raw waveform
 - Very large size
 - Usually used for training ML models
- flac
 - Compressed, **lossless**
 - **Smaller size** than wav
- MP3
 - Compressed, **lossy**
 - Much smaller size

Images

- BMP
 - Uncompressed
 - Used for icons, thumbnails
- PNG
 - Compressed, **lossless**
 - **Larger size** compared to JPEG
 - Alpha channel
- JPG/JPEG
 - Compressed, **lossy** => **block artefacts**
 - **Smaller size** compared to JPEG

WHY DOES FILE FORMAT MATTER FOR AI?
