

## Image Processing and Analysis lecture 8. Color Image Processing

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## Color Image Representation in MATLAB

### Color Image Representation in MATLAB

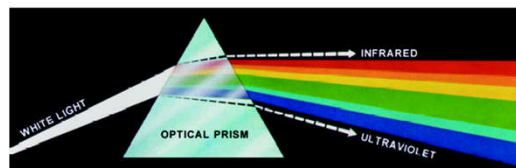


FIGURE 6.1 Color spectrum seen by passing white light through a prism. (Courtesy of the General Electric Co., Lamp Business Division.)

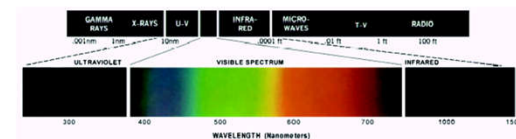


FIGURE 6.2 Wavelengths comprising the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum. (Courtesy of the General Electric Co., Lamp Business Division.)

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## Color Image Representation in MATLAB

### Color Image Representation in MATLAB(cont.)

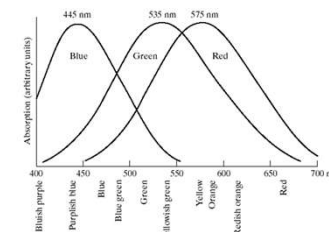


FIGURE 6.3 Absorption of light by the red, green, and blue cones in the human eye as a function of wavelength.

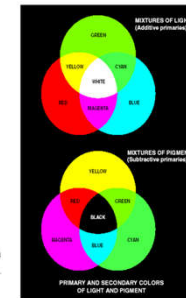


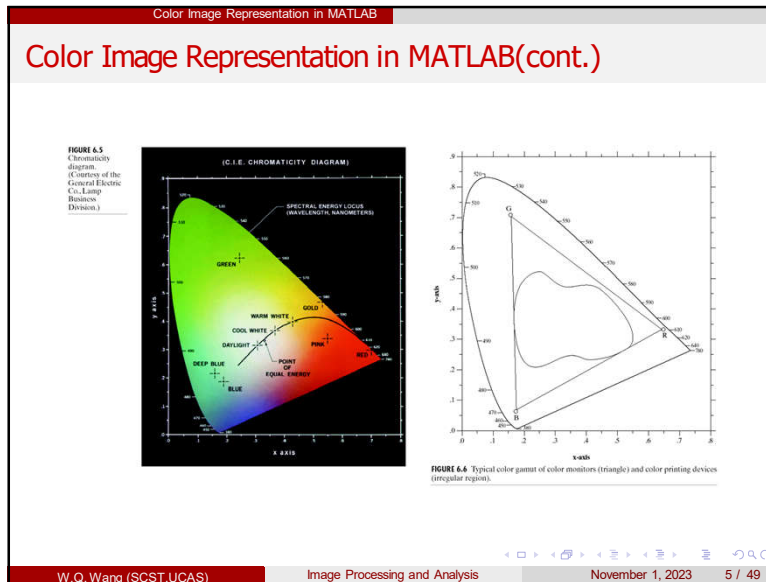
FIGURE 6.4 Primary and secondary colors of light and pigments. (Courtesy of the General Electric Co., Lamp Business Division.)

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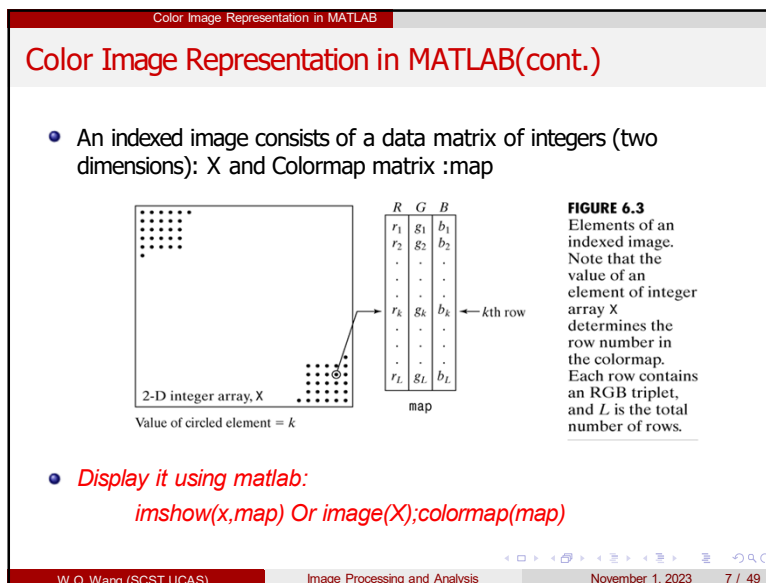


Color Image Representation in MATLAB

### Color Image Representation in MATLAB(cont.)

- RGB:  $M \times N \times 3$  array of color pixels
- Cat operator to stack the images:  
 $\text{rgb\_image} = \text{cat}(3, \text{fr}, \text{fg}, \text{fb});$   
 $\text{fr} = \text{rgb\_image}(:, :, 1);$   
 $\text{fg} = \text{rgb\_image}(:, :, 2);$   
 $\text{fb} = \text{rgb\_image}(:, :, 3);$
- View the color cubic  
 $\text{rgbcube}(\text{vx}, \text{vy}, \text{vz})$

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### Color Image Representation in MATLAB(cont.)

- Approximate an indexed image by one with fewer colors  
 $[Y, \text{newmap}] = \text{imapprox}(x, \text{map}, n)$

Long name	Short name	RGB values
Black	k	[0 0 0]
Blue	b	[0 0 1]
Green	g	[0 1 0]
Cyan	c	[0 1 1]
Red	r	[1 0 0]
Magenta	m	[1 0 1]
Yellow	y	[1 1 0]
White	w	[1 1 1]

Name	Description
autumn	Varies smoothly from red, through orange, to yellow.
bone	A gray-scale colormap with a higher value for the blue component. This colormap is useful for adding an "electronic" look to gray-scale images.
colorcube	Contains as many regularly spaced colors in RGB color space as possible, while attempting to provide more steps of gray, pure red, pure green, and pure blue.
cool	Consists of colors that are shades of cyan and magenta. It varies smoothly from cyan to magenta.
copper	Varies smoothly from black to bright copper.
flag	Consists of the colors red, white, blue, and black. This colormap completely changes color with each index increment.
gray	Returns a linear gray-scale colormap.
hot	Varies smoothly from black, through shades of red, orange, and yellow, to white.
hsv	Varies the hue component of the hue-saturation-value color model. The colors begin with red, pass through yellow, green, cyan, blue, magenta, and return to red. The colormap is particularly appropriate for displaying periodic functions.
jet	Ranges from blue to red, and passes through the colors cyan, yellow, and orange.
lines	Produces a colormap of colors specified by the ColorOrder property and a shade of gray. Consult online help regarding function ColorOrder.
pink	Contains pastel shades of pink. The pink colormap provides sepia tone colorization of grayscale photographs.
prism	Repeats the six colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet.
spring	Consists of colors that are shades of magenta and yellow.
summer	Consists of colors that are shades of green and yellow.
white	This is an all white monochrome colormap.
winter	Consists of colors that are shades of blue and green.

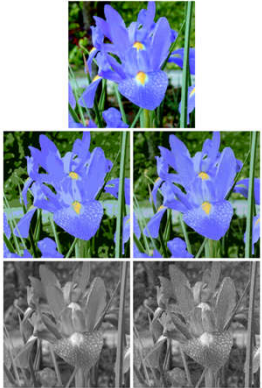
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### Color Image Representation in MATLAB(cont.)

Function	Purpose
dither	Creates an indexed image from an RGB image by dithering.
grayslice	Creates an indexed image from a gray-scale intensity image by multilevel thresholding.
gray2ind	Creates an indexed image from a gray-scale intensity image.
ind2gray	Creates a gray-scale intensity image from an indexed image.
ind2rgb	Creates an RGB image from an indexed image.
rgb2gray	Creates a gray-scale image from an RGB image.

**TABLE 6.3**  
IPT functions for converting between RGB, indexed, and gray-scale intensity images.



**FIGURE 6.4**  
(a) RGB image. (b) Number of colors reduced to 8 without dithering. (c) Number of colors reduced to 8 with dithering. (d) Gray-scale version of (a) obtained using function rgb2gray. (e) Dithered gray-scale image (this is a binary image).

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Converting to Other Color Spaces

### Converting to Other Color Spaces

- RGB → NTSC
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.274 & -0.322 \\ 0.211 & -0.523 & 0.312 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{yiq\_image} = \text{rgb2ntsc}(\text{rgb\_image})$$
- NTSC → RGB
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.000 & 0.956 & 0.621 \\ 1.000 & -0.272 & -0.647 \\ 1.000 & -1.106 & 1.703 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rgb\_image} = \text{ntsc2rgb}(\text{yiq\_image})$$

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### Converting to Other Color Spaces(cont.)

- RGB → YCbCr
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ Cb \\ Cr \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 128 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 65.481 & 128.553 & 24.966 \\ -37.797 & -74.203 & 112.000 \\ 112.000 & -93.786 & -18.214 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix} / 256 (\text{about})$$

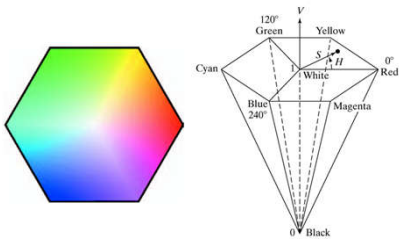
$$\text{Ycbr\_image} = \text{rgb2ycbcr}(\text{rgb\_image})$$

$$\text{rgb\_image} = \text{ycbcr2rgb}(\text{ycbcr\_image})$$

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### Converting to Other Color Spaces(cont.)

- HSV
 

**FIGURE 6.5**  
(a) The HSV color hexagon. (b) The HSV hexagonal cone.

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### Converting to Other Color Spaces(cont.)

- CMY & CMYK

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

Cmy\_image=imcomplement(rgb\_image) Rgb\_image=imcomplement(cmy\_image)

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### Converting to Other Color Spaces(cont.)

- HIS

FIGURE 6.6 Relationship between the RGB and HSI color models.

FIGURE 6.7 Hue and saturation in the HSI color model. The dot is an arbitrary color point. The angle from the red axis gives the hue, and the length of the vector is the saturation. The intensity of all colors in any of these planes is given by the position of the plane on the vertical intensity axis.

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### Converting to Other Color Spaces(cont.)

- RGB→HSI

$$H = \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } B \leq G \\ 360 - \theta & \text{if } B > G \end{cases}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left\{ \frac{\frac{1}{2}[(R-G) + (R-B)]}{[(R-G)^2 + (R-B)(G-B)]^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right\}$$

$$S = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{3}[(R-G) + (R-B)]}{\min(R, G, B)}$$

$$I = \frac{1}{3}(R + G + B)$$

- HSI → RGB

- BR sector ( $240^\circ \leq H \leq 360^\circ$ )

$$H = H - 240^\circ \quad G = I(1 - S)$$

$$B = I \left[ 1 + \frac{S \cos H}{\cos(60^\circ - H)} \right]$$

$$R = 3I - (R + B)$$

FIGURE 6.8 The HSI color model based on (a) triangular and (b) circular color planes. The triangles and circles are perpendicular to the vertical intensity axis.

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### Converting to Other Color Spaces(cont.)

- HSI→RGB

- BR sector ( $240^\circ \leq H \leq 360^\circ$ )

$$H = H - 240^\circ \quad G = I(1 - S)$$

$$B = I \left[ 1 + \frac{S \cos H}{\cos(60^\circ - H)} \right]$$

$$R = 3I - (R + B)$$

- GB sector ( $120^\circ \leq H \leq 240^\circ$ )

$$R = I(1 - S) \quad H = H - 120^\circ$$

$$G = I \left[ 1 + \frac{S \cos H}{\cos(60^\circ - H)} \right]$$

$$B = 3I - (R + B)$$

FIGURE 6.9 HSI component images of an image of an RGB cube. (a) Hue, (b) saturation, and (c) intensity images.

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FIGURE 6.16 (a) RGB image and the components of its corresponding HSI image: (b) hue, (c) saturation, and (d) intensity.

FIGURE 6.17 (a)-(c) Modified HSI component images. (d) Resulting RGB image. (See Fig. 6.16 for the original HSI images.)

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$$c = \begin{bmatrix} cr \\ cg \\ cb \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix} \quad c = \begin{bmatrix} cr(x, y) \\ cg(x, y) \\ cb(x, y) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R(x, y) \\ G(x, y) \\ B(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

FIGURE 6.10 Spatial masks for gray-scale and RGB color images.

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## Color Transformations

- $s_i = T_i(r), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$   
*monochrome*
- $s_i = T_i(r), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$
- Interpolation

FIGURE 6.11 Specifying mapping functions using control points: (a) and (c) linear interpolation, and (b) and (d) cubic spline interpolation.

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## Color Transformations

- $z = \text{interp1}(x, y, xi);$
- Figure 6.11(a)  
 $z = \text{interp1}([0 \ 0.6 \ 1]', [0 \ 0.4 \ 1]', \text{linspace}(0, 1, 10));$   
 $\text{plot}(\text{linspace}(0, 1, 10), z);$   
 $\text{grid};$
- $z = \text{spline}(x, y, xi);$
- Figure 6.11(b)  
 $z = \text{spline}([0 \ 0.6 \ 1]', [0 \ 0.4 \ 1]', \text{linspace}(0, 1, 10));$   
 $\text{plot}(\text{linspace}(0, 1, 10), z);$   
 $\text{grid};$

FIGURE 6.11 Specifying mapping functions using control points: (a) and (c) linear interpolation, and (b) and (d) cubic spline interpolation.

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## Color Transformations

- ICE (interactive color editing)

$g = \text{ice}(\text{'Property Name' , 'property value' , ...})$

Property Name	Property Value
'image'	An RGB or monochrome input image, f, to be transformed by interactively specified mappings.
'space'	The color space of the components to be modified. Possible values are 'rgb', 'cmy', 'hsi', 'hsv', 'ntsc' (or 'yiq'), and 'ycbcr'. The default is 'rgb'.
'wait'	If 'on' (the default), g is the mapped input image. If 'off', g is the handle of the mapped input image.

```
>>ice
>>f=imread('Fig0303(a)(breast).tif');
>>g=ice('image',f);
>>g=ice('image',f, 'wait', 'off');
>>g=ice('image',f, 'space', 'hsi');
```

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## Color Transformations

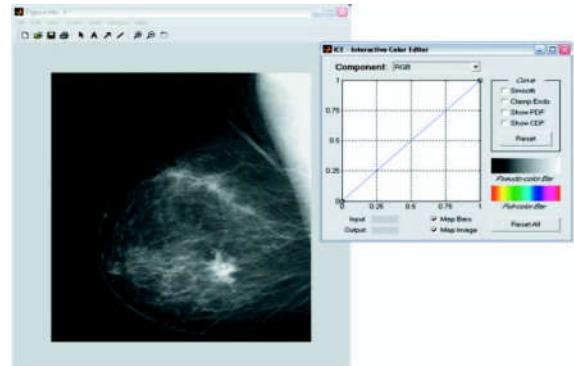
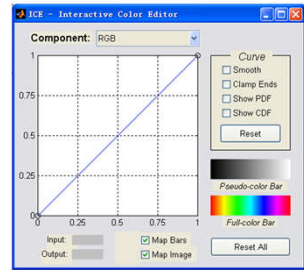


FIGURE 6.12 The typical opening windows of function ice. (Image courtesy of G. E. Medical Systems.)

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## ICE



GUI Element	Function
Smooth	Checked for cubic spline (smooth curve) interpolation. If unchecked, piecewise linear interpolation is used.
Clamp Ends	Checked to force the starting and ending curve slopes in cubic spline interpolation to 0. Piecewise linear interpolation is not affected.
Show PDF	Display probability density function(s) [i.e., histogram(s)] of the image components affected by the mapping function.
Show CDF	Display cumulative distribution function(s) instead of PDFs. (Note: PDFs and CDFs cannot be displayed simultaneously.)
Map Image	If checked, image mapping is enabled; otherwise it is not.
Map Bars	If checked, pseudo- and full-color bar mapping is enabled; otherwise the unmapped bars (a gray wedge and hue wedge, respectively) are displayed.
Reset	Initialize the currently displayed mapping function and uncheck all curve parameters.
Reset All	Initialize all mapping functions.
Input/Output	Shows the coordinates of a selected control point on the transformation curve. Input refers to the horizontal axis, and Output to the vertical axis.
Component	Select a mapping function for interactive manipulation. In RGB space, possible selections include R, G, B, and RGB (which maps all three color components). In HSI space, the options are H, S, I, and HSI, and so on.

Mouse Action Result  
 Left Button Move control point by pressing and dragging.  
 Left Button + Shift Key Add control point. The location of the control point can be changed by dragging (while still pressing the Shift Key).  
 Left Button + Control Key Delete control point.

<sup>1</sup>For three button mice, the left, middle, and right buttons correspond to the move, add, and delete operations in the table.

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## Inverse Mappings: Monochrome negatives

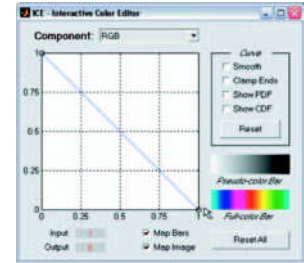



FIGURE 6.13 (a) A negative mapping function, and (b) its effect on the monochrome image of Fig. 6.12.

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## Inverse Mappings: Color Complement

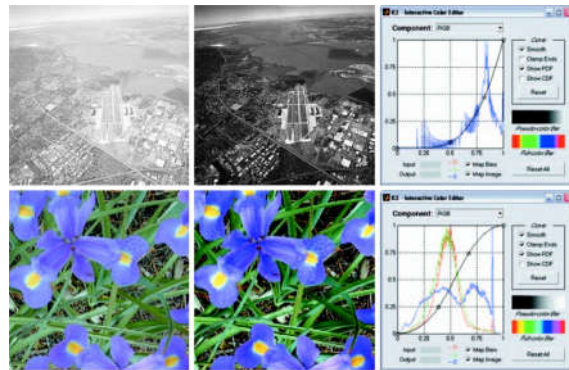


**FIGURE 6.14** (a) A full color image, and (b) its negative (color complement).

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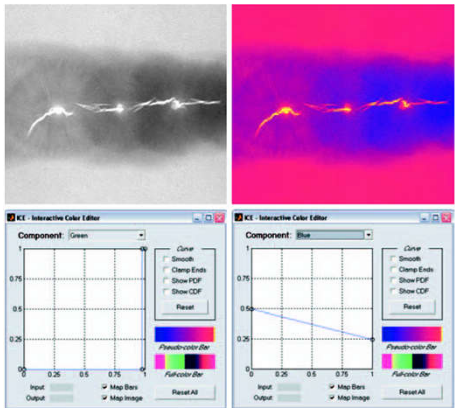


**FIGURE 6.15** Using function `ice` for monochrome and full color contrast enhancement: (a) and (d) are the input images, both of which have a "washed-out" appearance; (b) and (e) show the processed results; (c) and (f) are the `ice` displays. (Original monochrome image for this example courtesy of NASA.)

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## Pseudocolor Mappings

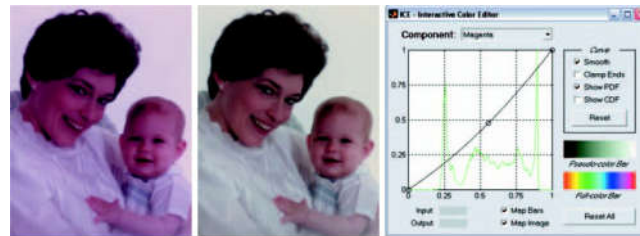


**FIGURE 6.16** (a) X-ray of a defective weld; (b) a pseudocolor version of the weld; (c) and (d) mapping functions for the green and blue components. (Original image courtesy of X-TEK Systems, Ltd.)

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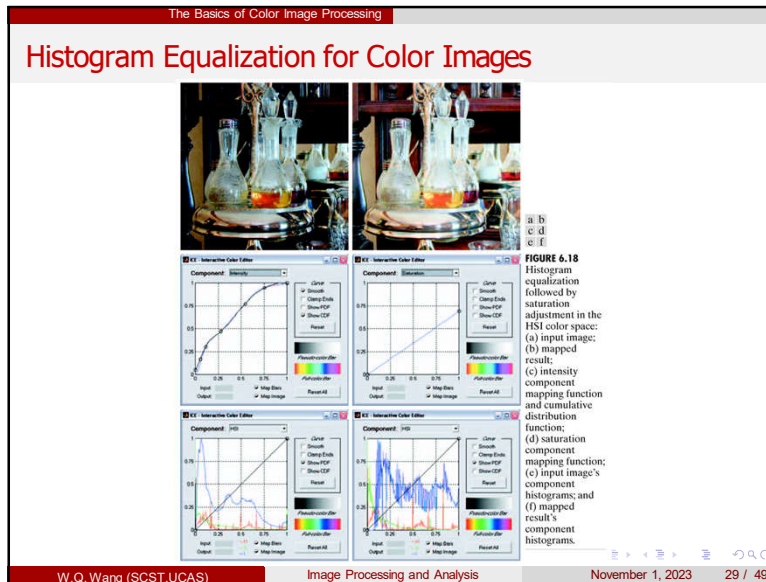
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## Color Balancing



**FIGURE 6.17** Using function `ice` for color balancing: (a) an image heavy in magenta; (b) the corrected image; and (c) the mapping function used to correct the imbalance.

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Spatial Filtering of Color Images

- The average of the RGB vectors in its neighborhood is

$$\bar{c}(x, y) = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} c(s, t)$$

$$\bar{c}(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{K} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} R(s, t) \\ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} G(s, t) \\ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{(s,t) \in S_{xy}} B(s, t) \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Smoothing an RGB color image,  $fc$ , with a linear spatial filter consists of the following steps:
  - 1. Extract  
 $fR = fc(:, :, 1); \dots$
  - 2. Filter each component image individually  
 $fR\_filtered = \text{imfilter}(fR, w); \dots$
  - 3. Reconstruct  
 $fc\_filtered = \text{cat}(3, fR\_filtered, \dots);$

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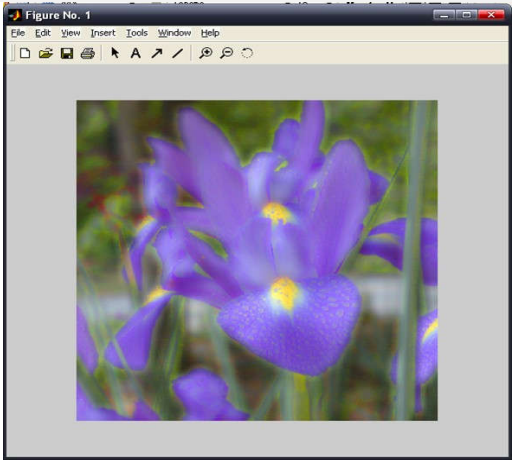
```
>> fc=imread('Fig0619(a)(RGB_iris).tif');
>> h=rgb2hsi(fc);
>> H=h(:, :, 1); S=h(:, :, 2); I=h(:, :, 3);
>> w=fspecial('average', 25);
>> I_filtered=imfilter(I, w, 'replicate');
>> h=cat(3, H, S, I_filtered);
>> f=hsi2rgb(h);
>> f=min(f, 1);
>> imshow(f);
```

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## Spatial Filtering of Color Images



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## Spatial Filtering of Color Images




**FIGURE 6.19**  
(a) RGB image;  
(b) through  
(d) are the red,  
green and blue  
component  
images,  
respectively.


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## Spatial Filtering of Color Images



**FIGURE 6.20** From left to right: hue, saturation, and intensity components of Fig. 6.19(a).



**FIGURE 6.21** (a) Smoothed RGB image obtained by smoothing the  $R$ ,  $G$ , and  $B$  image planes separately. (b) Result of smoothing only the intensity component of the HSI equivalent image. (c) Result of smoothing all three HSI components equally.

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## Spatial Filtering of Color Images

- Color image sharpening

$$\nabla^2[c(x, y)] = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla^2 R(x, y) \\ \nabla^2 G(x, y) \\ \nabla^2 B(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

- `fb=imread('Fig0619(a)(RGB_iris).tif');`
- `lapmask=[1 1 1;-8 1;-1 1 1];`
- `fen=imsubtract(fb,imfilter(fb,lapmask,'replicate'));`
- `imshow(fen);`

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**FIGURE 6.22** (a) Blurred image. (b) Image enhanced using the Laplacian, followed by contrast enhancement using function 100.

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Color Edge Detection Using the Gradient

*gradient*

$$\nabla f = \begin{bmatrix} G_x \\ G_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix}$$

*magnitude*

$$|\nabla f| = \text{mag}(\nabla f) = [G_x^2 + G_y^2]^{1/2} = [(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x})^2 + (\frac{\partial f}{\partial y})^2]^{1/2}$$

*angle*

$$\alpha(x, y) = \tan^{-1}(\frac{G_x}{G_y})$$

$z_1$	$z_2$	$z_3$	-1	-2	-1	-1	0	1
$z_4$	$z_5$	$z_6$	0	0	0	-2	0	2
$z_7$	$z_8$	$z_9$	1	2	1	-1	0	1

**FIGURE 6.23** (a) A small neighborhood. (b) and (c) Sobel masks used to compute the gradient in the x (vertical) and y (horizontal) directions, respectively, with respect to the center point of the neighborhood.

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Working Directly in RGB Vector Space

- $r, g$  and  $b$  are the *unit vectors* along the R, G and B axis.

$$u = \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} r + \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} g + \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} b$$

and

$$v = \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} r + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} g + \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} b$$

- Quantities

$$g_{xx} = u \cdot u = u^T u = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \right|^2$$

$$g_{yy} = v \cdot v = v^T v = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right|^2$$

$$g_{xy} = u \cdot v = u^T v = \left| \frac{\partial R}{\partial x} \frac{\partial R}{\partial y} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} \frac{\partial G}{\partial y} \right| + \left| \frac{\partial B}{\partial x} \frac{\partial B}{\partial y} \right|$$

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Working Directly in RGB Vector Space

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- Angle=the direction of max rate of change of  $c(x, y)$

$$\theta(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{2g_{xy}}{g_{xx} - g_{yy}} \right]$$

- The value of the rate of the change

$$F_\theta(x, y) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [(g_{xx} + g_{yy}) + (g_{xx} - g_{yy}) \cos 2\theta + 2g_{xy} \sin 2\theta] \right\}^{1/2}$$

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- The IPT for color gradient for RGB images  
 $[VG, A, PPG] = \text{colorgrad}(f, T)$

**FIGURE 6.24** (a) through (c) RGB component images (black is 0 and white is 255). (d) Corresponding color image. (e) Gradient computed directly in RGB vector space. (f) Composite gradient obtained by computing the 2-D gradient of each RGB component image separately and adding the results.

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**FIGURE 6.25** (a) RGB image. (b) Gradient computed in RGB vector space. (c) Gradient computed as in Fig. 6.24(f). (d) Absolute difference between (b) and (c), scaled to the range [0, 1].

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- Image Segmentation in RGB Vector Space
 
$$D(z, m) = ||z - m||$$

$$= [(z - m)'(z - m)]^{1/2}$$

$$= [(z_R - m_R)^2 + (z_G - m_G)^2 + (z_B - m_B)^2]^{1/2}$$
- A useful generalization of the preceding equation is a distance measure of the form.
 
$$D(z, m) = [(z - m)'C^{-1}(z - m)]^{1/2}$$

The matrix C can be defined any format(if you like)

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- IPT for segmentaion  
 $S = \text{colorseg}(\text{method}, f, T, \text{parameters})$

**FIGURE 6.26** Two approaches for enclosing data in RGB vector space for the purpose of segmentation.

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- >> f=imread('Fig0627(a)(jupitermoon \_original).tif');
- >> mask=roipoly(f);
- >> imshow(mask);
- >> red=immultiply(mask,f(:, :, 1));
- >> green=immultiply(mask,f(:, :, 2));
- >> blue=immultiply(mask,f(:, :, 3));
- >> g=cat(3, red, green, blue);
- >> imshow(g);

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FIGURE 6.27  
(a) Pseudocolor of the surface of Jupiter's Moon Io.  
(b) Region of interest extracted interactively using function roipoly. (Original image courtesy of NASA.)

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- >> [M,N,K]=size(g);
- >> I=reshape(g,M\*N,3);
- >> idx=find(mask);
- >> I=double(I(idx,1:3));
- >> [C,m]=covmatrix(I);
- >> d=diag(C);
- >> sd=sqrt(d)';
- >> e25=colorseg('euclidean',f,25,m);

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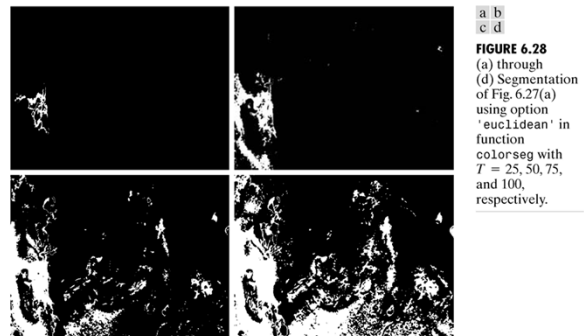


FIGURE 6.28  
(a) through (d) Segmentation of Fig. 6.27(a) using option 'euclidean' in function colorseg with  $T = 25, 50, 75,$  and  $100,$  respectively.

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