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Aim: Understanding Image Histograms and implementing histogram equalization and matching.

Image Histogram:

- An image histogram is a plot of the gray-level frequencies (i.e., the number of pixels in the image that have that gray level).
- Divide frequencies by total number of pixels (m x n image size) to represent as probabilities.

Histogram equalization:

- To improve the contrast of an image.
- To transform an image in such a way that the transformed image has a nearly uniform distribution of pixel values.

Histogram matching:

- Histogram equalization yields an image whose pixels are uniformly distributed among all gray levels.
- Sometimes, this may not be desirable. Instead, we may want a transformation that yields an output image with a pre-specified histogram. This technique is called histogram specification/matching.

Important Functions:

1. Plot histogram of RGB image.

A screenshot of a MATLAB script editor window. The window has five tabs at the top: 'task1.m', 'plot_hist.m' (which is the active tab), 'imequalizecolorhist.m', 'imequalizehist.m', and 'imhistmatch.m'. The script in the active tab is as follows:

```
1 function void = plot_hist(r)
2     red_channel = r(:,:,1);
3     green_channel = r(:,:,2);
4     blue_channel = r(:,:,3);
5
6     [yRed, x] = imhist(red_channel);
7     [yGreen, x] = imhist(green_channel);
8     [yBlue, x] = imhist(blue_channel);
9
10    plot(x, yRed, x, yGreen, x, yBlue);
11    legend("Red", "Green", "Blue");
12 endfunction
```

2. Histogram equalization of grayscale image.

```
task1.m x plot_hist.m x imequalizehist.m x imequalizecolorhist.m x imhistmatch.m x
1 function [s,final] = imequalizehist(r)
2     L=256;
3     [m,n] = size(r);
4     hist = zeros(size(L-1));
5     for i=0:(L-1),
6         hist(i+1) = sum(sum(r==i));
7     endfor
8     pdf = hist/(m*n);
9     total(1) = pdf(1);
10    for i=1:(L-1),
11        total(i+1) = total(i)+pdf(i+1);
12    endfor
13    s = (L-1)*total;
14    s = round(s);
15    final = zeros(m,n);
16    for i=0:(L-1),
17        final = final + (r==i)*s(i+1);
18    endfor
19    final = uint8(final);
20 endfunction
```

3. Histogram equalization of RGB image.

```
task1.m x plot_hist.m x imequalizehist.m x imequalizecolorhist.m x imhistmatch.m x
1 function [s, final] = imequalizecolorhist(r)
2     [m,n,d] = size(r);
3     L=256;
4
5     red_channel = r(:,:,1);
6     green_channel = r(:,:,2);
7     blue_channel = r(:,:,3);
8
9     [sr, finalr] = imequalizehist(red_channel);
10    [sg, finalg] = imequalizehist(green_channel);
11    [sb, finalb] = imequalizehist(blue_channel);
12
13    s=zeros(d,L);
14    s(1,:)=sr;
15    s(2,:)=sg;
16    s(3,:)=sb;
17    s = uint8(s);
18
19    final = zeros(size(r));
20    final(:,:,1) = finalr;
21    final(:,:,2) = finalg;
22    final(:,:,3) = finalb;
23    final = uint8(final);
24 endfunction
```

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4. Histogram matching of grayscale image.

```
task1.m x plot_hist.m x imequalizehist.m x imequalizecolorhist.m x imhistmatch.m x
1 function [s,final] = imhistmatch(r,ref)
2     L=256;
3     [m,n] = size(r);
4     [s ,final1] = imequalizehist(r);
5     [G, final2] = imequalizehist(ref);
6     for i=0:(L-1),
7         [val ind(i+1)] = min(abs(G-s(i+1)));
8     endfor
9     ind = ind-1;
10    s=ind;
11    final = zeros(m,n);
12    for i=0:(L-1),
13        final = final + (r==i)*ind(i+1);
14    endfor
15    final = uint8(final);
16 endfunction
```

Task 1:

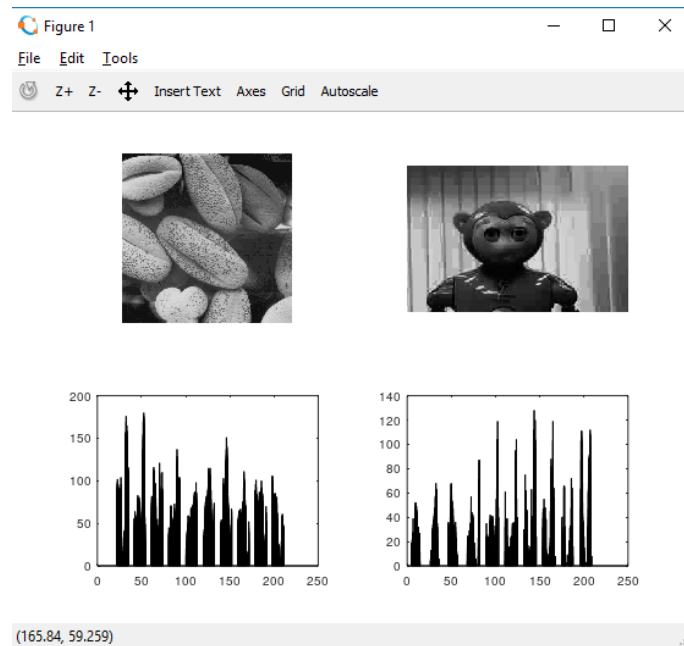
1. Can two visually different images have the same histogram? If yes, synthesize two grayscale images which are visually different but have the same histogram and also show the histogram. If no, justify your answer.

Yes, two visually different images can have the same histogram. Each column in the histogram represents how many pixels in the photograph have the pixel value represented by the column. Histogram does not tell you where those pixels are located within the image. As a result, two different images can result in the same histogram.

Below two images are created by histogram matching. It seems two images have the same histogram though they are slightly different.

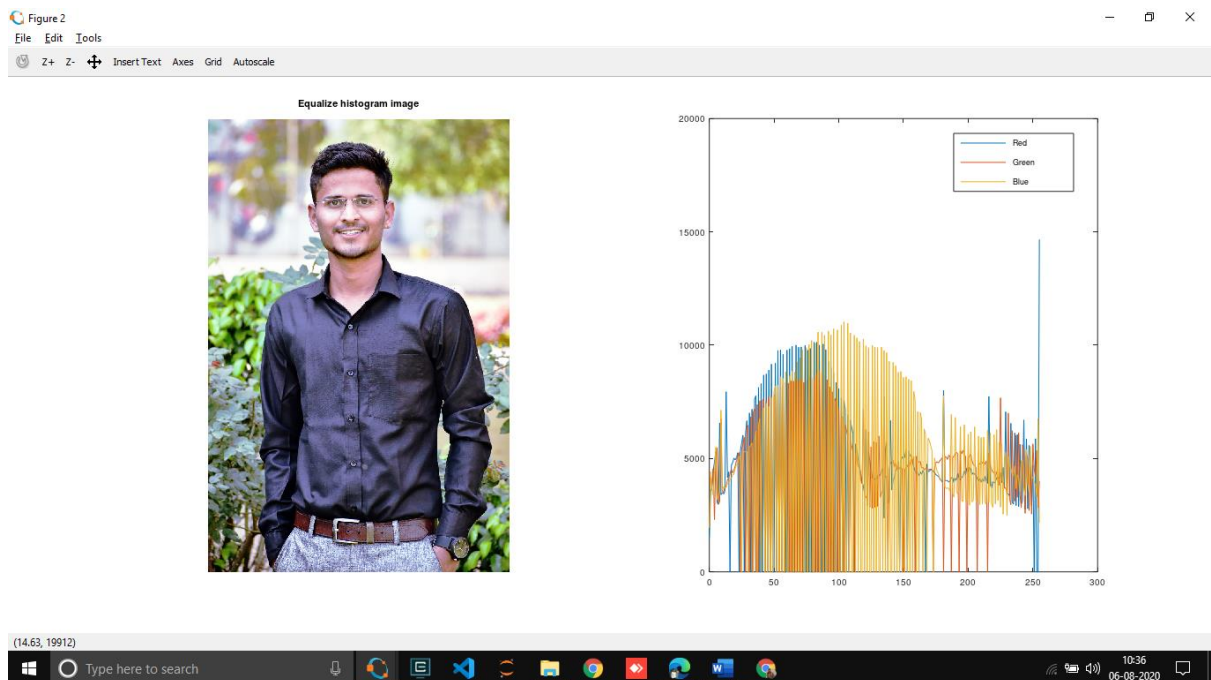
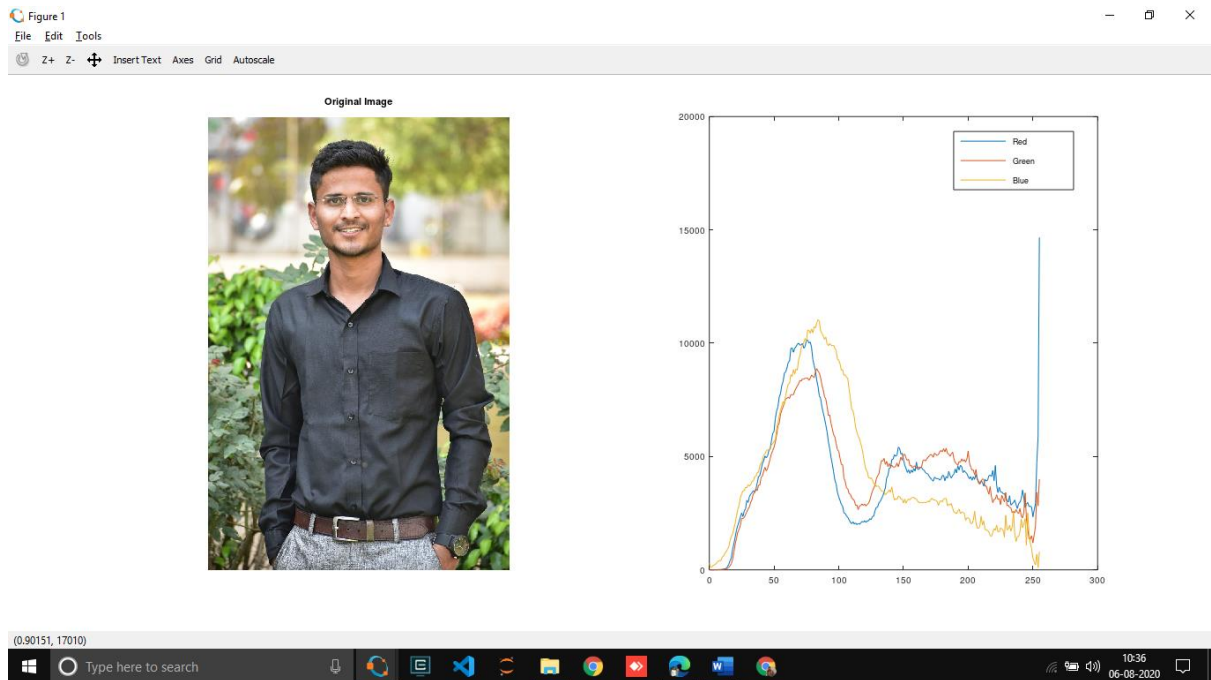
A screenshot of a MATLAB script editor window. The window has five tabs: 'task1.m', 'plot_hist.m', 'imequalizehist.m', 'imequalizecolorhist.m', and 'imhistmatch.m'. The 'task1.m' tab is active, showing a script with 18 lines of code. The code reads three images: 'test3.tif', '1.jpg', and '2.jpg'. It then performs histogram matching between 'test3.tif' and '2.jpg' to produce 'r1', and between '1.jpg' and '2.jpg' to produce 'r2'. Finally, it displays the original images and the matched results in a 2x2 grid, with histograms for the matched images 'r1' and 'r2' shown in the third and fourth columns respectively.

```
1 i1 = imread('lab4Images/test3.tif');
2 i2 = imread('lab4Images/1.jpg');
3 ref = imread('lab4Images/2.jpg');
4
5 [s1,r1] = imhistmatch(i1,ref);
6 [s2,r2] = imhistmatch(i2,ref);
7
8 subplot(2,2,1);
9 imshow(r1);
10
11 subplot(2,2,2);
12 imshow(r2);
13
14 subplot(2,2,3);
15 hist(r1);
16
17 subplot(2,2,4);
18 hist(r2);
```



Task 2: Take your color photograph taken in dark. Equalize its histogram.

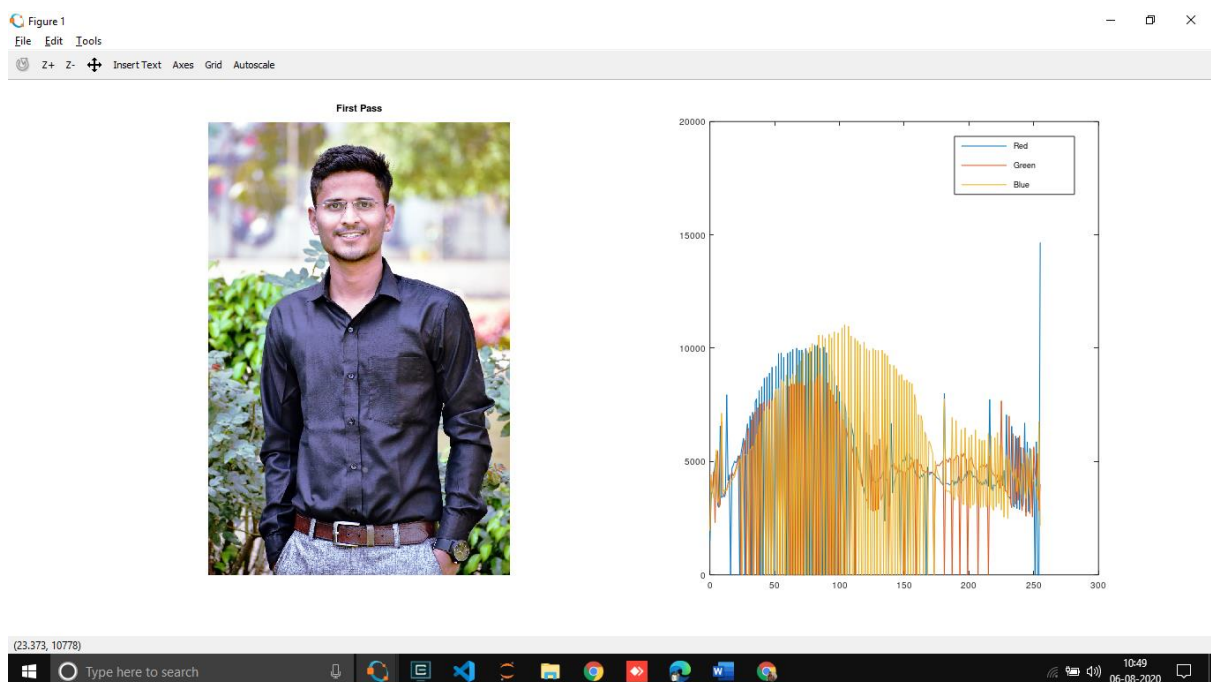
```
task2.m task1.m plot_hist.m imequalizehist.m imequalizecolorhist.m imhistmatch.m
5 title('Original Image');
6 red_channel = r(:,:,1);
7 green_channel = r(:,:,2);
8 blue_channel = r(:,:,3);
9
10 [yRed, x] = imhist(red_channel);
11 [yGreen, x] = imhist(green_channel);
12 [yBlue, x] = imhist(blue_channel);
13
14 subplot(1,2,2);
15 plot(x, yRed, x, yGreen, x, yBlue);
16 legend("Red", "Green", "Blue");
17
18 [sr, finalr] = imequalizehist(red_channel);
19 [sg, finalg] = imequalizehist(green_channel);
20 [sb, finalb] = imequalizehist(blue_channel);
21
22 [yRedf, xf] = imhist(finalr);
23 [yGreenf, xf] = imhist(finalg);
24 [yBluef, xf] = imhist(finalb);
25
26 figure;
27
28 s = zeros(size(r));
29 s(:,:,1) = finalr;
30 s(:,:,2) = finalg;
31 s(:,:,3) = finalb;
```

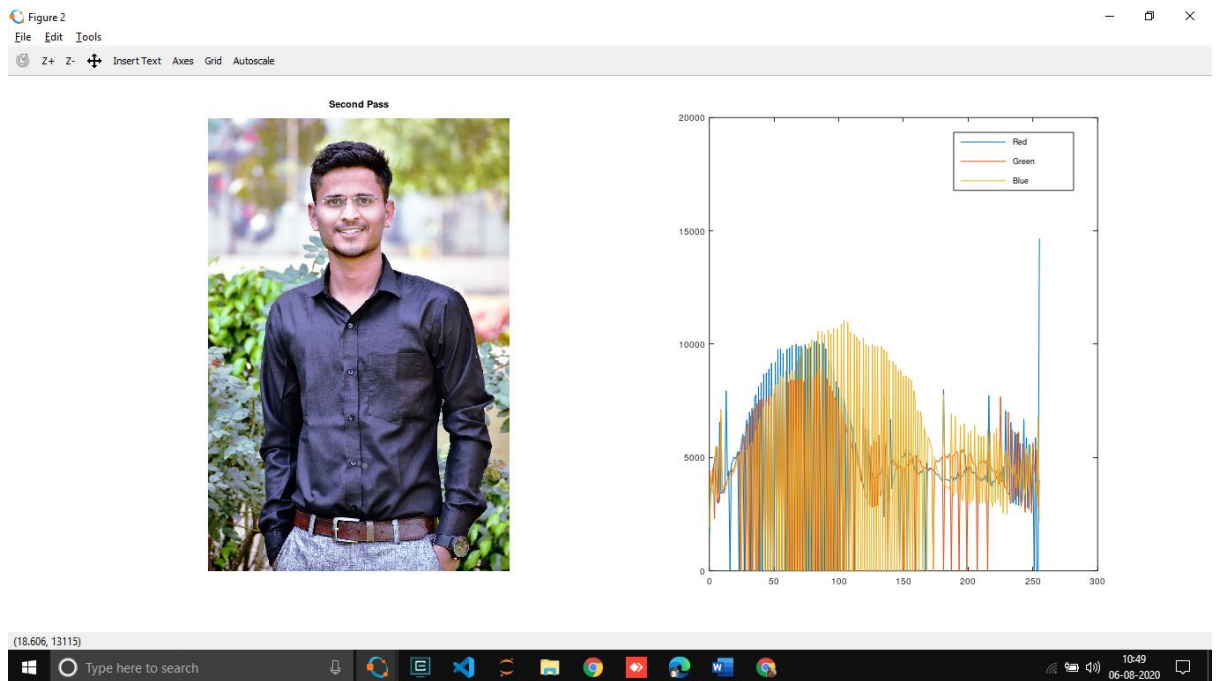


Task 3. Perform histogram equalization of equalized image obtained. Is the second pass of the histogram equalization process useful? Justify your answer.

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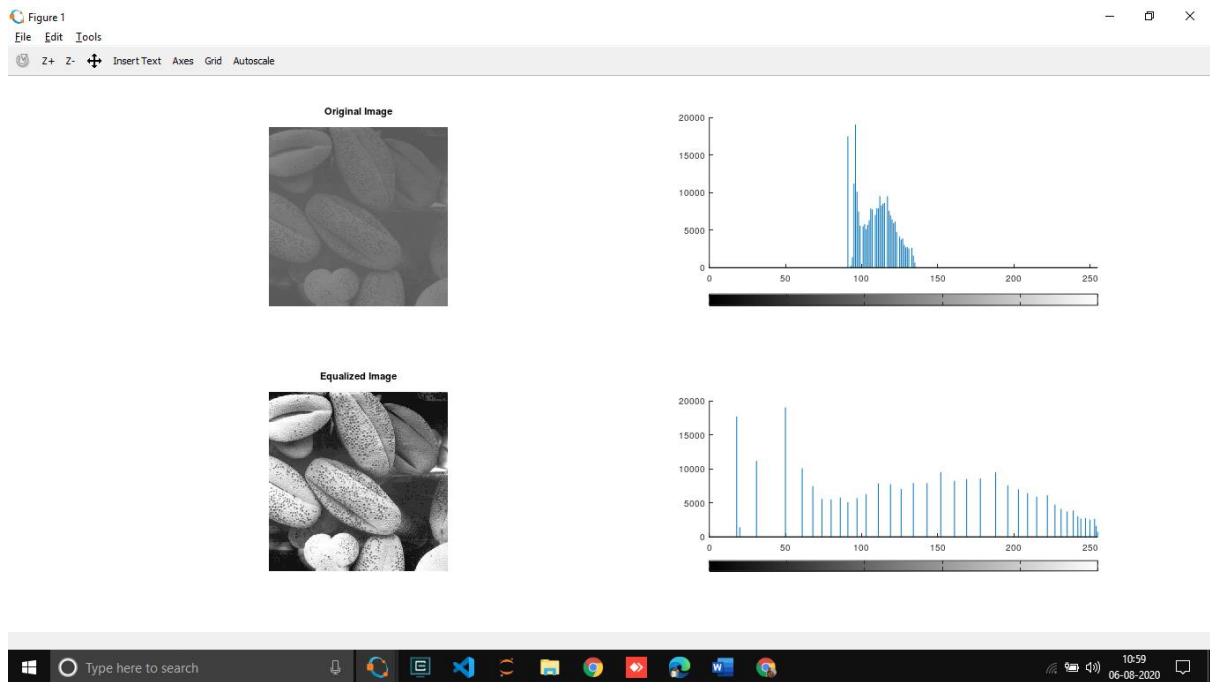
```
task1.m x plot_hist.m x imequalizehist.m x imequalizecolorhist.m x imhistmatch.m x task3.m x
1 r = imread('lab4Images/xr.jpeg');
2 [s1, final1] = imequalizecolorhist(r);
3 [s2, final2] = imequalizecolorhist(final1);
4
5 subplot(1,2,1);
6 imshow(final1);
7 title("First Pass");
8 subplot(1,2,2);
9 plot_hist(final1);
10
11 figure;
12
13 subplot(1,2,1);
14 imshow(final2);
15 title("Second Pass");
16 subplot(1,2,2);
17 plot_hist(final2);
```





4. Perform histogram equalization for image 'test3.tif'.

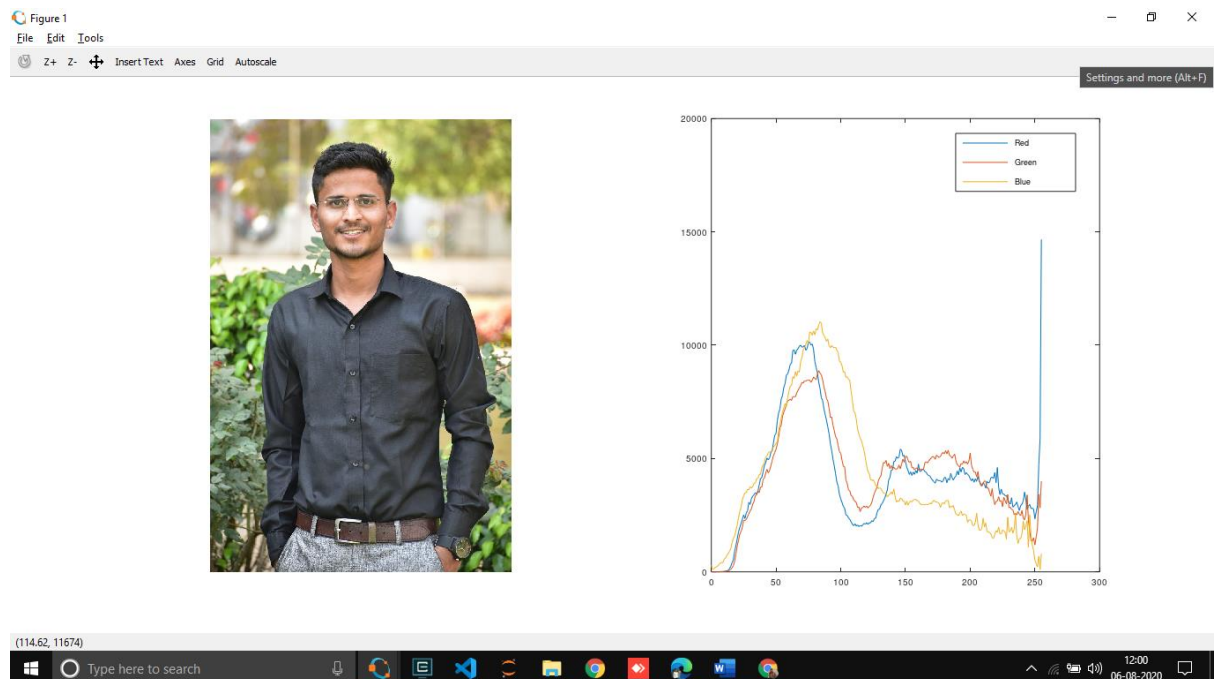
```
task4.m task2.m task3.m
1 pkg load image
2 r = imread('lab4Images/test3.tif');
3 subplot(2,2,1);
4 imshow(r);
5 title("Original Image");
6 subplot(2,2,2);
7 imhist(r);
8
9 [s, final] = imequalizehist(r);
10 subplot(2,2,3);
11 imshow(final);
12 title("Equalized Image");
13 subplot(2,2,4);
14 imhist(final);
15
```

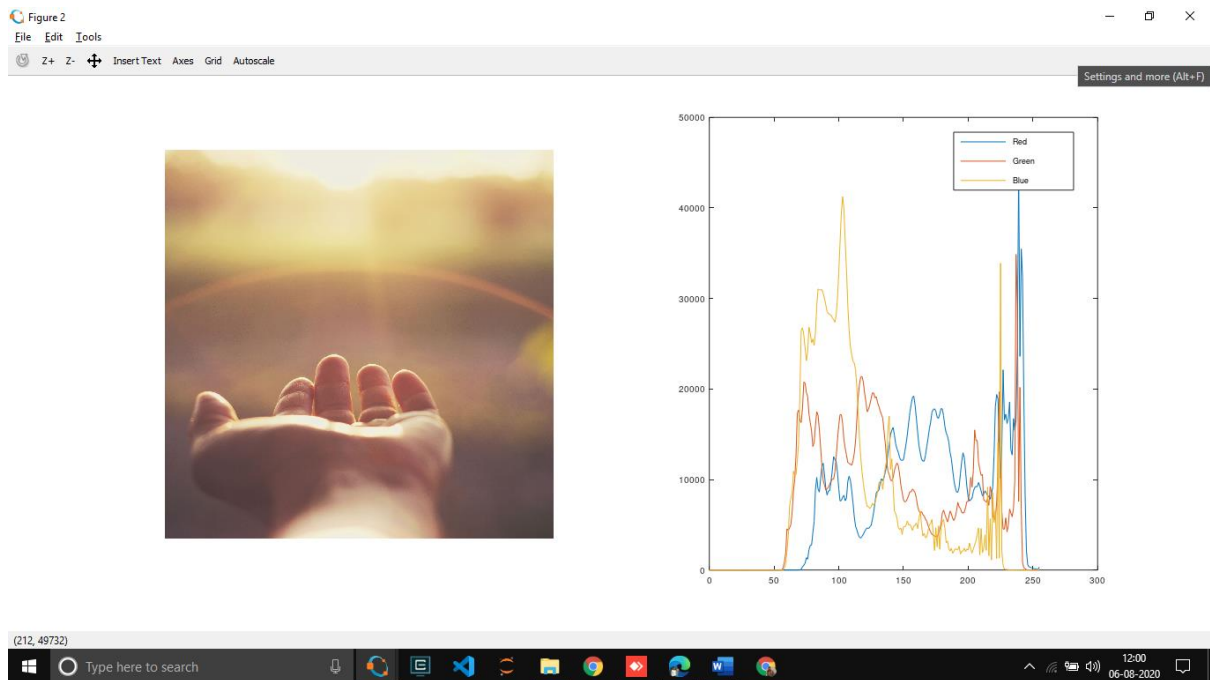
Task 5. Take any of your photographs, match its histogram with the histogram of image 'test4.jpg'. plot histogram of original image, template and matched image for all three channels.

```
task5.m task2.m
1 pkg load image;
2 r = imread('lab4Images/xr.jpeg');
3 ref = imread('lab4Images/test4.jpg');
4
5 subplot(1,2,1);
6 imshow(r);
7 subplot(1,2,2);
8 plot_hist(r);
9
10 figure;
11
12 subplot(1,2,1);
13 imshow(ref);
14 subplot(1,2,2);
15 plot_hist(ref);
16
17 figure;
18
19 L=256;
20 [m,n,d] = size(r);
21
22 [sf1, final(:, :, 1)] = imhistmatch(r(:, :, 1), ref(:, :, 1));
23 [sf2, final(:, :, 2)] = imhistmatch(r(:, :, 2), ref(:, :, 2));
24 [sf3, final(:, :, 3)] = imhistmatch(r(:, :, 3), ref(:, :, 3));
25
26 final = uint8(final);
27
```

Original Image:



Template Image:



Matched Image:

