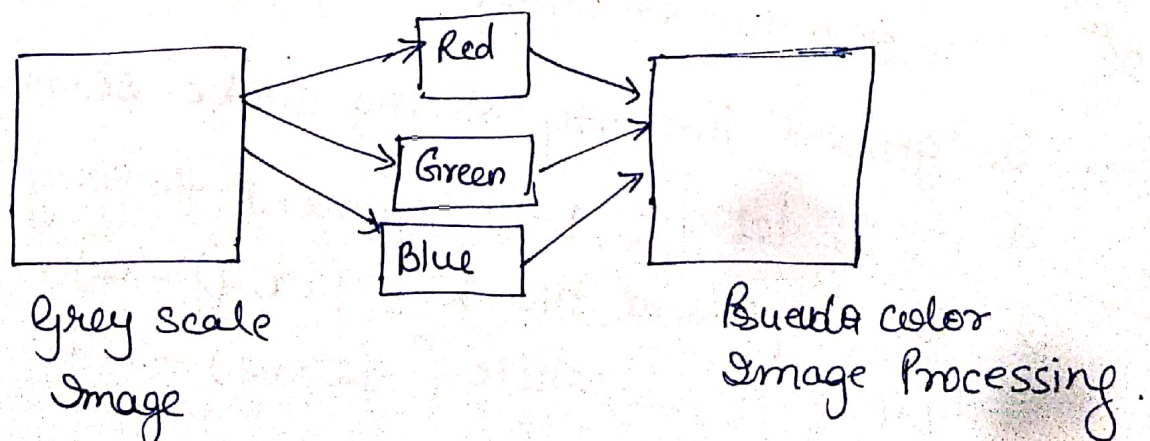


# Pseudocolor Image Processing

- Pseudocolor (also known as False Color) image processing consists of assigning colors to grey values based on a specific criterion.
- The principle use of pseudocolor image processing is for Human Visualization & Interpretation for gray scale events.
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Human can discern b/w thousands of color shades & intensities, compared only about 2 dozen or shades of grey.
- Three approaches for Pseudocolor Image Processing
  - (i) Intensity Slicing & color coding.
  - (ii) Grey-level to color transformations.
  - (iii) Filtering approach.



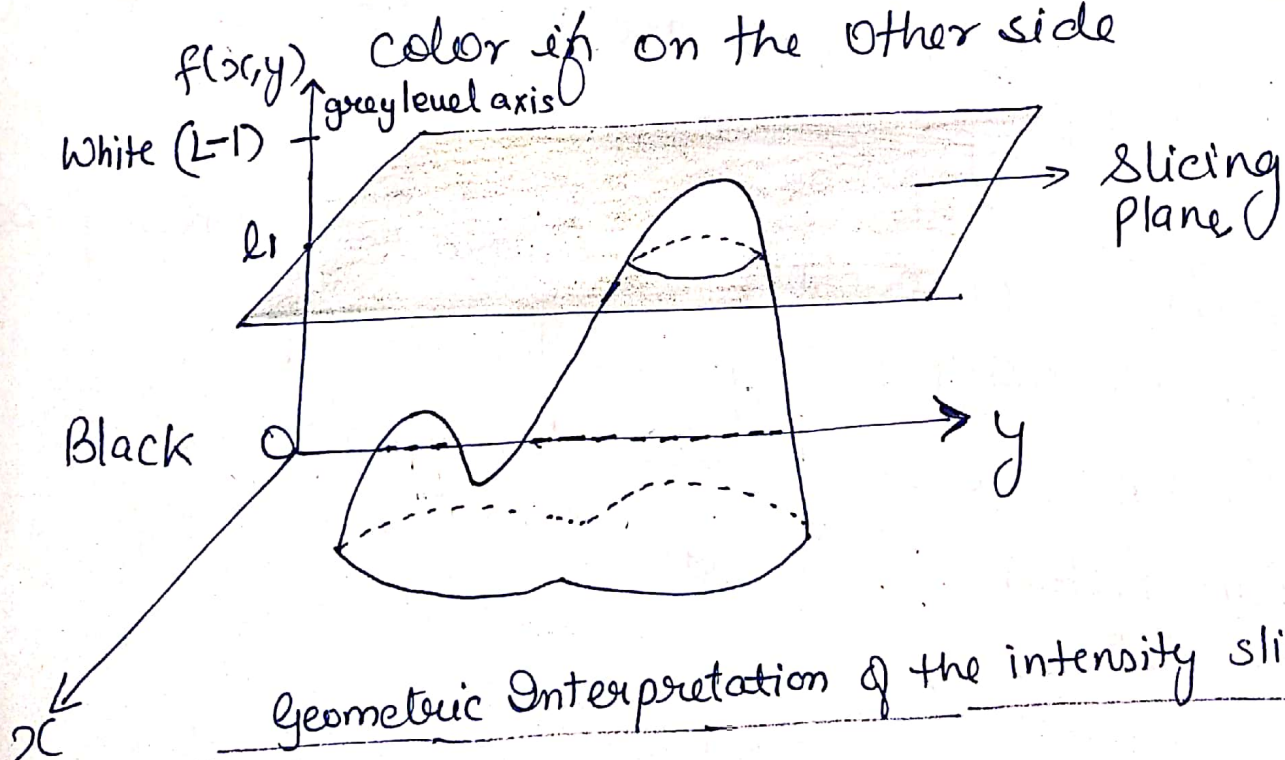
① Intensity slicing / Density slicing / Color Coding  
 → It is one of the simplest kinds of pseudocolor image processing.

Step 1 :- We consider an image as a 3-D fun<sup>n</sup> mapping spatial coordinates to intensities. (that we consider heights).

Step 2 :- Now consider placing planes at certain levels parallel to the co-ordinate plane.

If a value is on one side of such a plane it is rendered in one color & different

color if on the other side



Geometric Interpretation of the intensity slicing mth.

→ In general intensity slicing can be summarised as :-

- ① let  $[0, L-1]$  represent the grey scale
- ②  $l_0$  represent black  $[f(x,y) = 0]$
- $l_{L-1}$  " white  $[f(x,y) = L-1]$



③ Suppose  $P$  plane is perpendicular to the intensity axis are defined at levels  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_P$

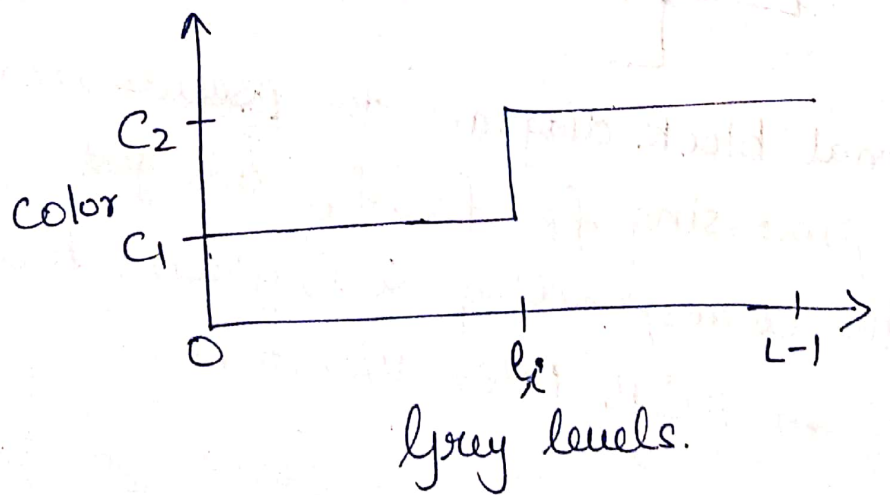
④ Assuming that  $0 < P < L-1$  then the  $P$  planes partition the grey scale into  $P+1$  intervals  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{P+1}$

⑤ Grey level color assignments can then be made according to the relation:

$$f(x, y) = c_k \quad \text{if } f(x, y) \in V_k$$

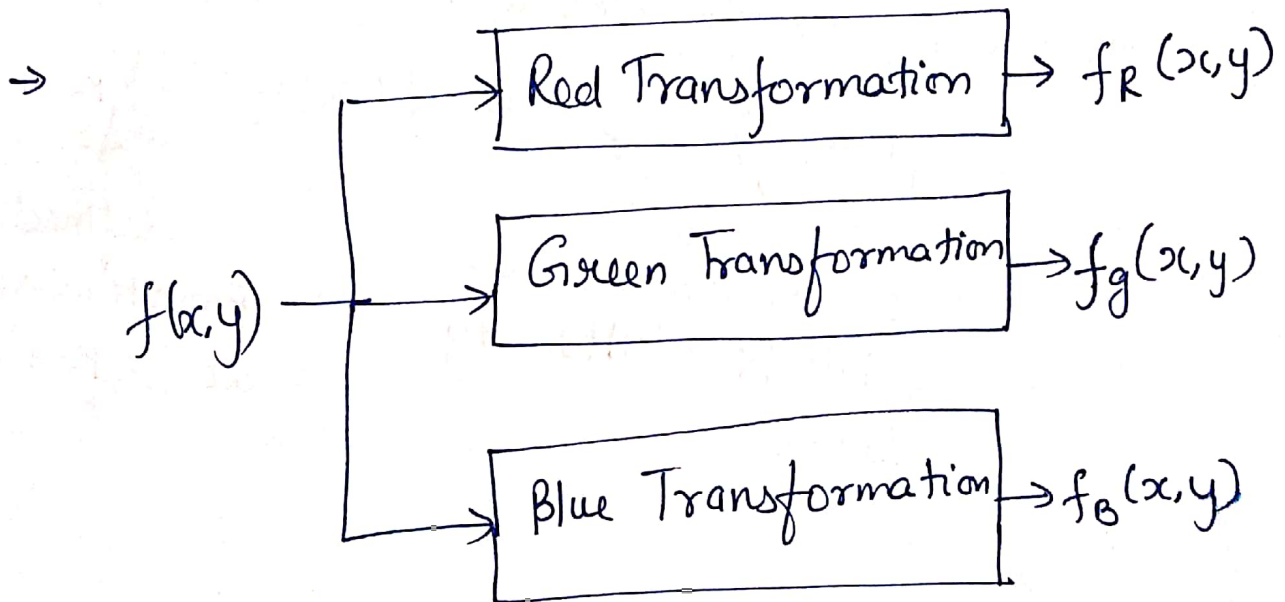
color associated with  $k^{\text{th}}$  intensity level

defined by the partitioning planes at  $L=k-1$  &  $L=k$ .



## II) Gray Level to color transformations.

→ Perform 3 Independent transformations on the gray level of any i/p pixel & combine the three results (eg. for color television monitor: feed the results separately into Red, Green & Blue guns.)



functional block diagram for pseudocolor image processing  $f_R, f_g, f_b$  are fed into the corresponding red, green, blue i/p's of an RGB color Monitor.

→ The main idea behind pseudo color transformation is to perform 3 independent transformation (Red, Green, Blue) on the grayscale or Intensity image & map the corresponding intensity value in the image to the result obtained.

Example:- ① Consider an intensity or grey scale image of size  $M \times N$  say  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

② Define a colormap with 3 columns namely RED, GREEN & BLUE & no. of rows depending on the maximum possible intensity of the i/p image.

Let us define a colormap of size  $5 \times 3$  by assuming 5 is the maximum value.

$$\text{my map} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & .5 & .5 \\ .5 & 1 & .5 \\ 0 & .5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & .5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The 1<sup>st</sup> col<sup>n</sup> corresponds to RED  
2<sup>nd</sup> " " to GREEN  
3<sup>rd</sup> " " to BLUE



③ Pre-allocate an o/p matrix, say B with zeros of size  $M \times N \times 3$

$$B(:, :, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Red

$$B(:, :, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Green

$$B(:, :, 3) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Blue.

④ Map the position of the values in the colormap to the intensity or pixel value of the gray scale image & replace it with the corresponding value from the colormap.

Take the pixel value at the index position (1,1) in A, here 4

Find the corresponding color values at the index 4 of the colormap  $[0 \ 0.5 \ 1]$

$$\text{my-map} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

update the RGB matrix B at pixel position (1, 1, 1), (1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 3) with 0, 0.5 & 1

$$B(:, :, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad B(:, :, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B(:, :, 3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Repeat this process for all pixel values in matrix A =  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Final updated Matrix B

$$B(:, :, 1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B(:, :, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 1 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B(:, :, 3) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

- ⑥ Convert the matrix  $B$  to unit 8 format
- ⑦ Display or write pseudo color image.