Digital Image Processing

Color Models

Motive

- Color is a powerful descriptor that often simplifies object identification and extraction from a scene.
- Human can discern thousands of color shades and intensities, compared to about only two dozen shades of gray.





- Color image processing is divide into two major area:
 - Full-Color Processing

The images are acquired by full color sensor like color scanner

- Pseudo-Color Processing
- A color is assigned to a monochrome intensity or range of intensities.

Color Fundamentals

The experiment of Sir Isaac Newton, in 1666.

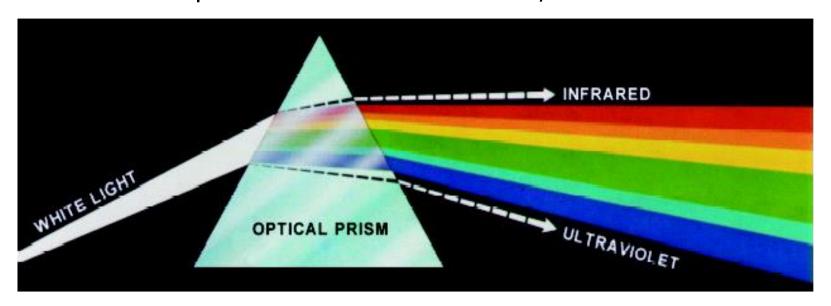


FIGURE 6.1 Color spectrum seen by passing white light through a prism. (Courtesy of the General Electric Co., Lamp Business Division.)

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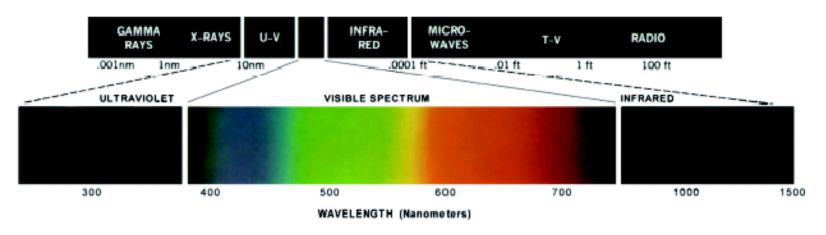


FIGURE 6.2 Wavelengths comprising the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum. (Courtesy of the General Electric Co., Lamp Business Division.)

Color Fundamentals

- Basic quantities to describe the quality of light source:
 - Radiance: Total amount of energy that flows from the light source (in W).
 - Luminance: A measure of the amount of energy an observer perceives from the light source (in lm(lumens))
 - Brightness: A subjective descriptor that embodies the achromatic notion of intensity and is practically impossible to measure.

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Standard wavelength values for the primary colors. 6 to 7 million cones in human eye.65% are sensitive to red light,33% to green and 2% to blue.

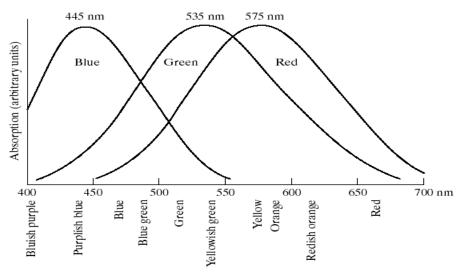
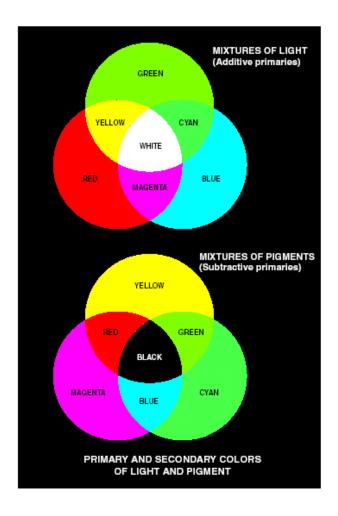


FIGURE 6.3 Absorption of light by the red, green, and blue cones in the human eye as a function of wavelength.

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

Color Fundamentals

- The characteristics generally used to distinguish one color from another are Brightness, Hue, and Saturation.
 - Hue: Represents dominant color as perceived by an observer.
 - Saturation: Relative purity or the amount of white light mixed with a hue
- Hue and saturation taken together are called Chromaticity, and therefore, a color may be characterized by its Brightness and Chromaticity.

Color Models

- The purpose of a color model (also called color space or color system) is to facilitate the specification of colors in some standard, generally accept way.
- RGB (red,green,blue) : monitor, video camera.
- CMY(cyan, magenta, yellow), CMYK (CMY, black) model for color printing.
- and HSI model, which corresponds closely with the way humans describe and interpret color.

The CMY and CMYK Color Models

- Cyan, Magenta and Yellow are the secondary colors of light
- Most devices that deposit colored pigments on paper, such as color printers and copiers, require CMY data input.

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

Converting colors from RGB to HSI

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

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

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

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

- Converting colors from HSI to RGB
 - RG sector: $0^{\circ} \leq H < 120^{\circ}$

$$B = I(1-S)$$

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

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

- Converting colors from HIS to RGB
 - **GB sector**: $120^{\circ} \le H < 240^{\circ}$

$$H = H - 120^{\circ}$$

$$R = I(1 - S)$$

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

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

- Converting colors from HIS to RGB
 - **BR sector**: $240^{\circ} \le H < 360^{\circ}$

$$H = H - 240^{\circ}$$

$$G = I(1 - S)$$

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

R = 3I - (G + B)

Pseudocolor Image Processing

- Pseudocolor (also called false color) image processing consists of assigning colors to gray values based on a specified criterion.
- The principal use of pseudocolor is for human visualization and interpretation of gray-scale events in an image or sequence of images.