

Computer Graphics

Visualization II

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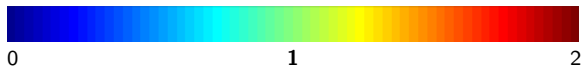
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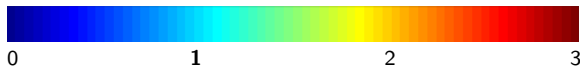
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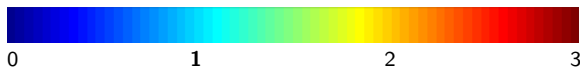
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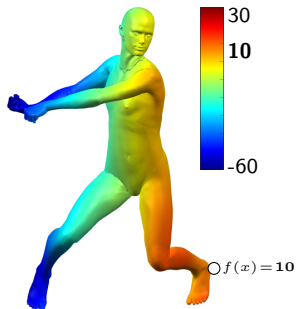
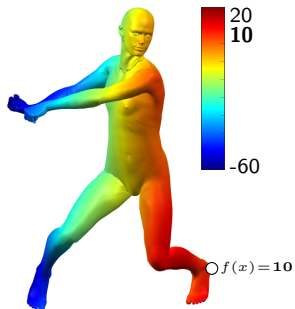
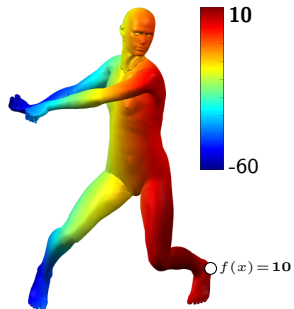
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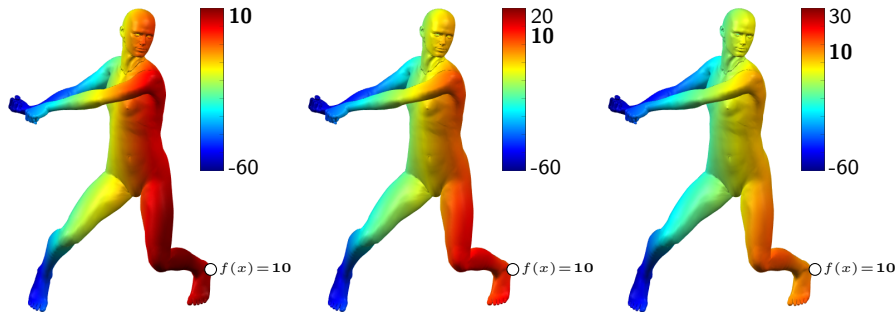


- Values \geq the **max limit** are mapped to the max
- Values \leq the **min limit** are mapped to the min
- Values between min and max are linearly interpolated

Increasing the max limit

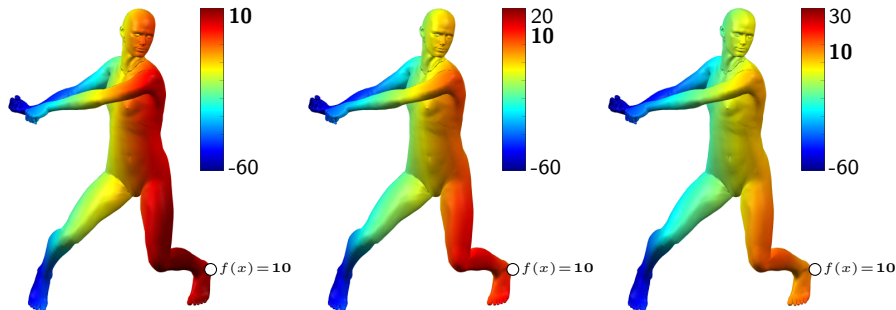


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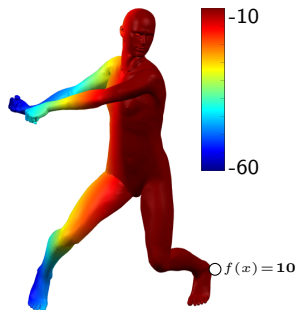
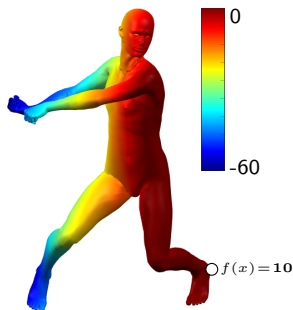
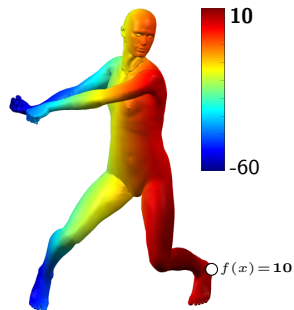
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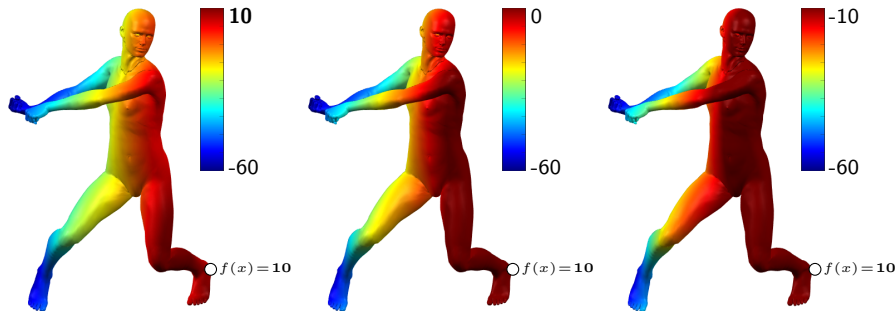
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In Matlab: `caxis([min max])` sets the colormap limits and does all the saturation and interpolation for us

Decreasing the max limit



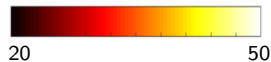
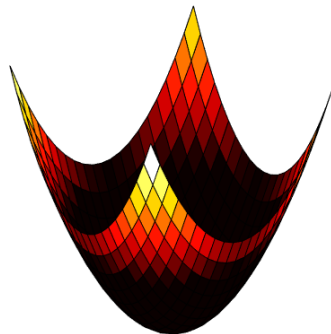
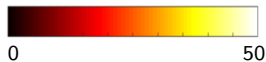
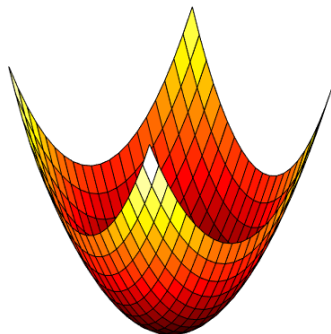
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For smooth colormaps, the effect is to **saturate** the colors and make variations more evident

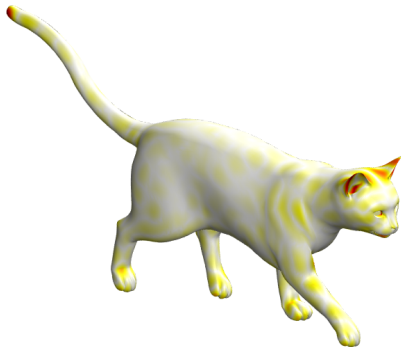
Example: Visualizing maxima

Increasing the min limit can be useful for visualizing maxima

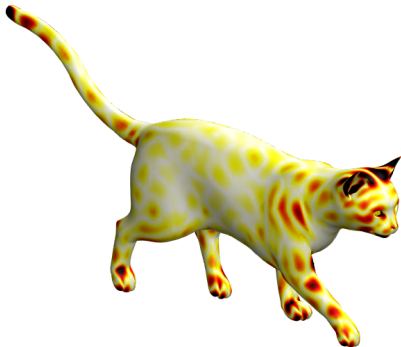


Example: Visualizing point-wise error

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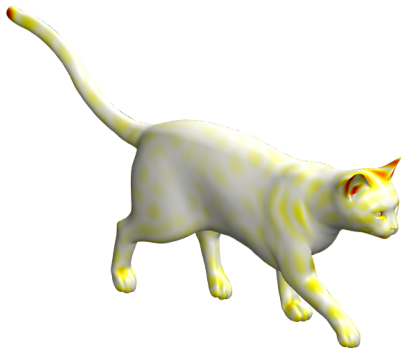
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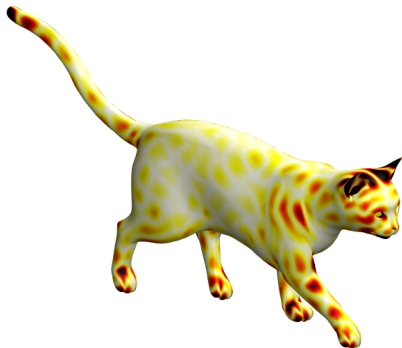
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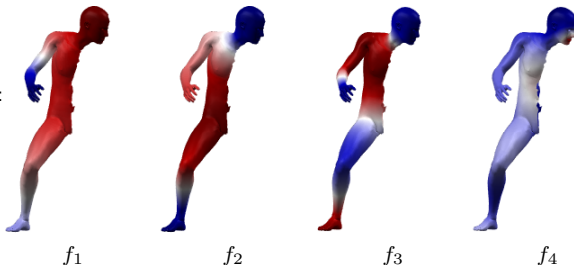
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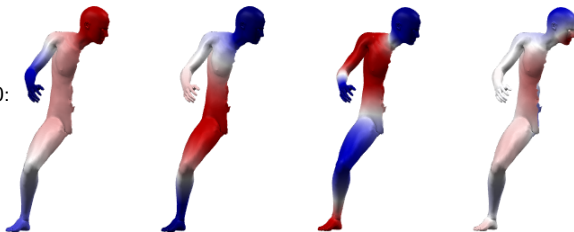
Example: Zero-centered functions

If $f : \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ but f is not surjective, it can be useful to recenter colors

not centered:

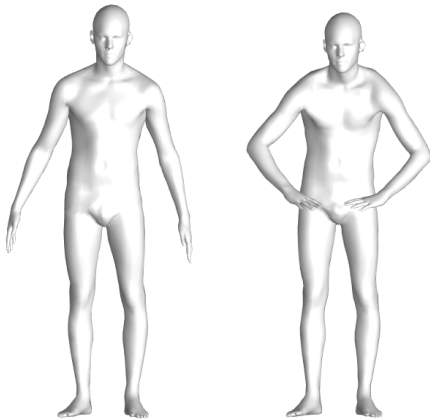


centered at 0:



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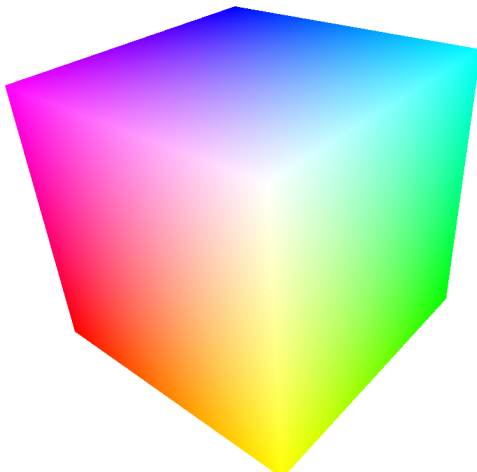
It is often useful to **paint** our surfaces



We may assign a color to each vertex, and interpolate between neighbors

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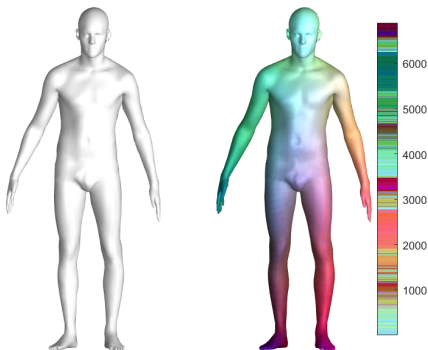
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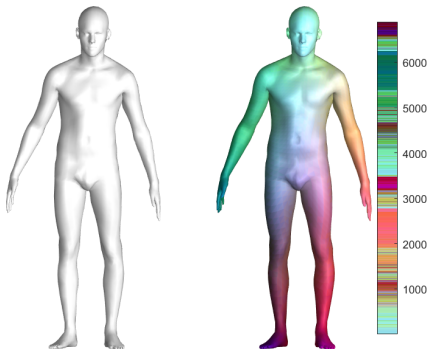
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Warning: New versions of Matlab require shading flat (not interp)