

# Color Models

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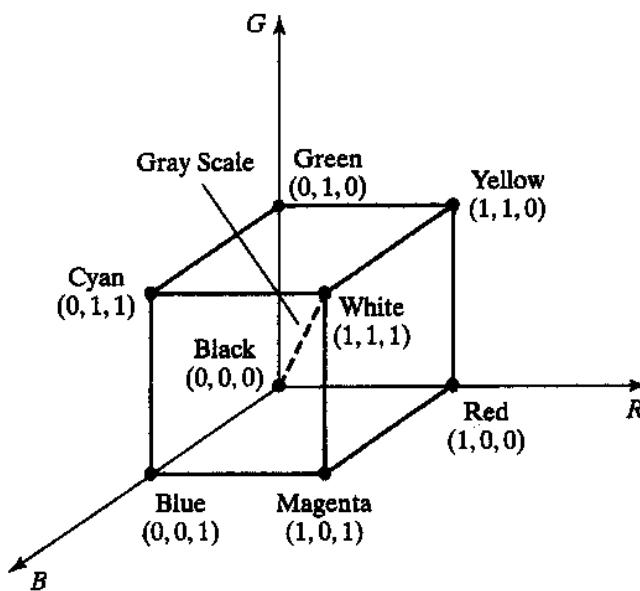
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# What is Color Models?

- Also known as color spaces or color systems
- To facilitate the specification of colors in some standard way
- Provides a coordinate system and a subspace in it **where each color is represented by a single point**



# What is a descriptor in digital image processing?

- In computer vision, image descriptors describe **elementary characteristics such as shape, color, texture, or motion, which are visual features of images.**



# What is Color?

- Color is a powerful **descriptor** that often simplifies object identification and extraction from a scene (or **visual perceptual properties**)
- Color is a fundamental attribute of our viewing experience
- Very important in human perception
- Same shapes with different color coding may look different



Cat on a rug?



Tiger in a jungle!

Computer Vision

# Preview



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## Light

*Light* is fundamental for *color vision*

Unless there is a source of light, there is nothing to see!

## *What do we see?*

We do not see objects, but the light that has been

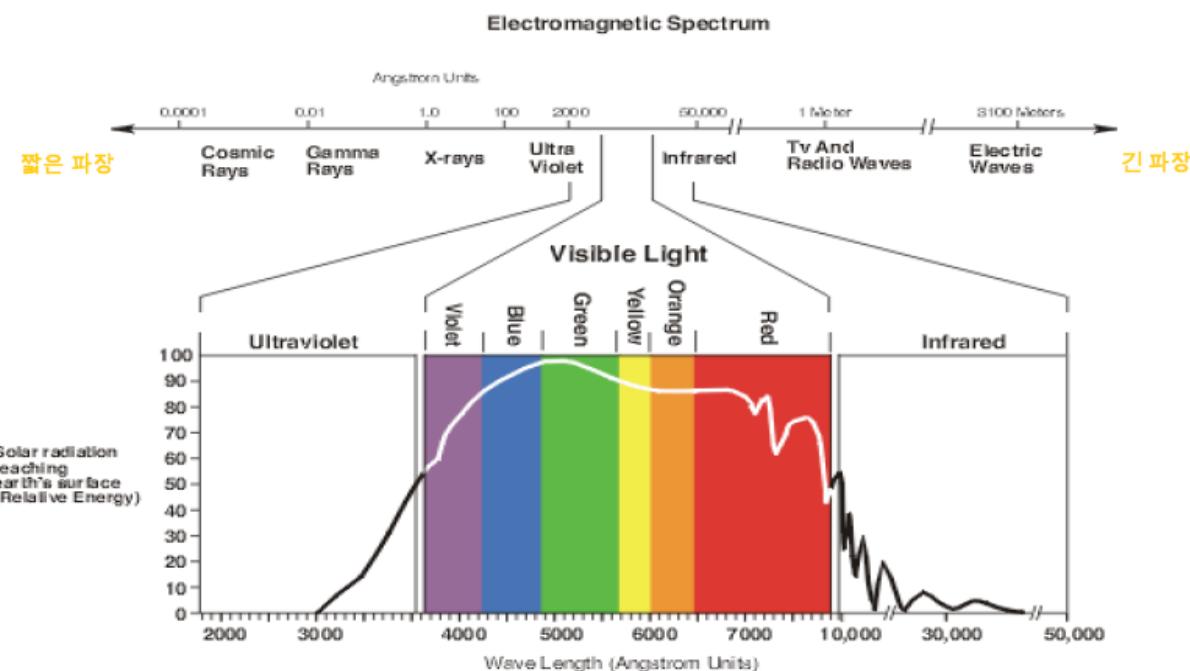
*reflected by* or *transmitted through* the objects



# Light and EM waves

Light is an electromagnetic wave

If its wavelength is comprised between 400 and 700 nm (*visible spectrum*), the wave can be detected by the human eye and is called *monochromatic light*



# Physical properties of light

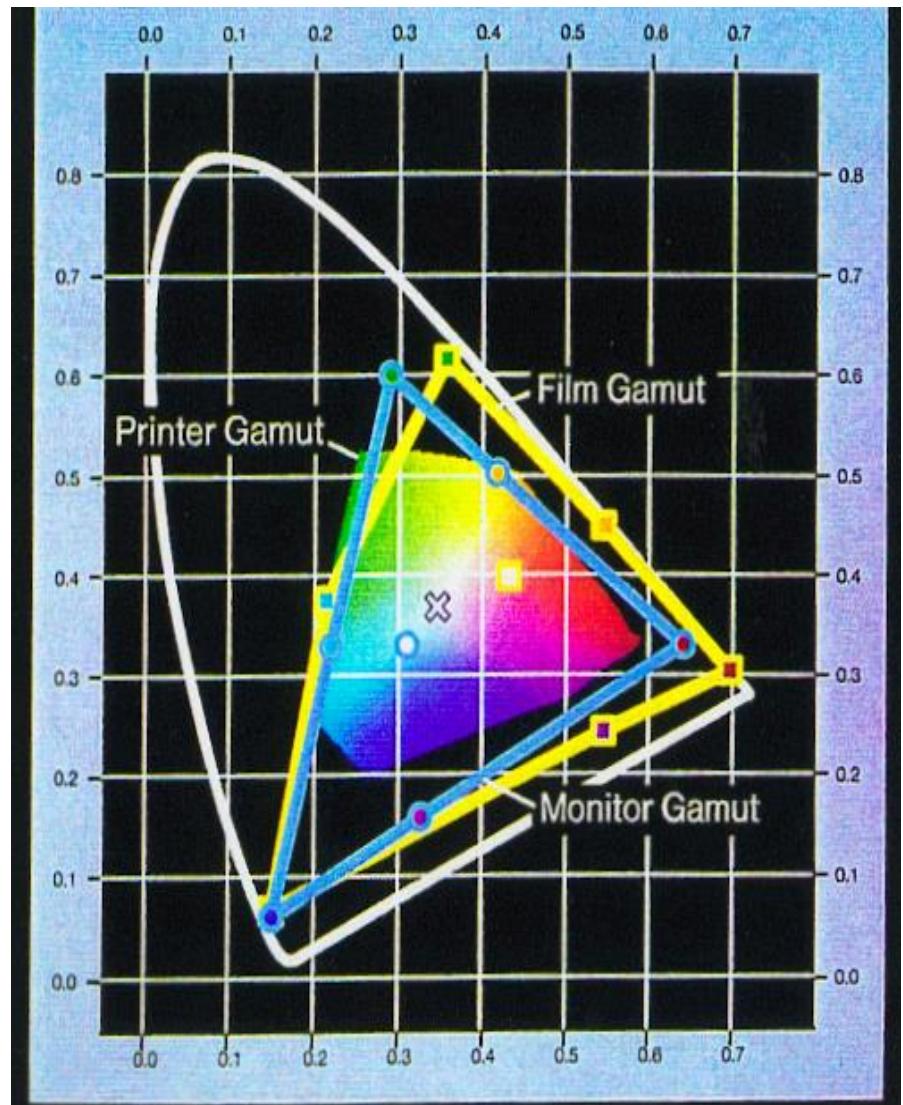
This distribution may indicate:

- **Dominant wavelength (or frequency)** represents the color of the light (hue).
- **Brightness (luminance)** indicates the intensity of the light (value).
- **Purity (saturation)** describes the degree of vividness (intensity).



# CIE standard

- International Commission on Illumination (1931) is the international authority on light, illumination, color, and color spaces
- not a computer model
- each color = a weighted sum of three imaginary primary colors



# Types of Color Model

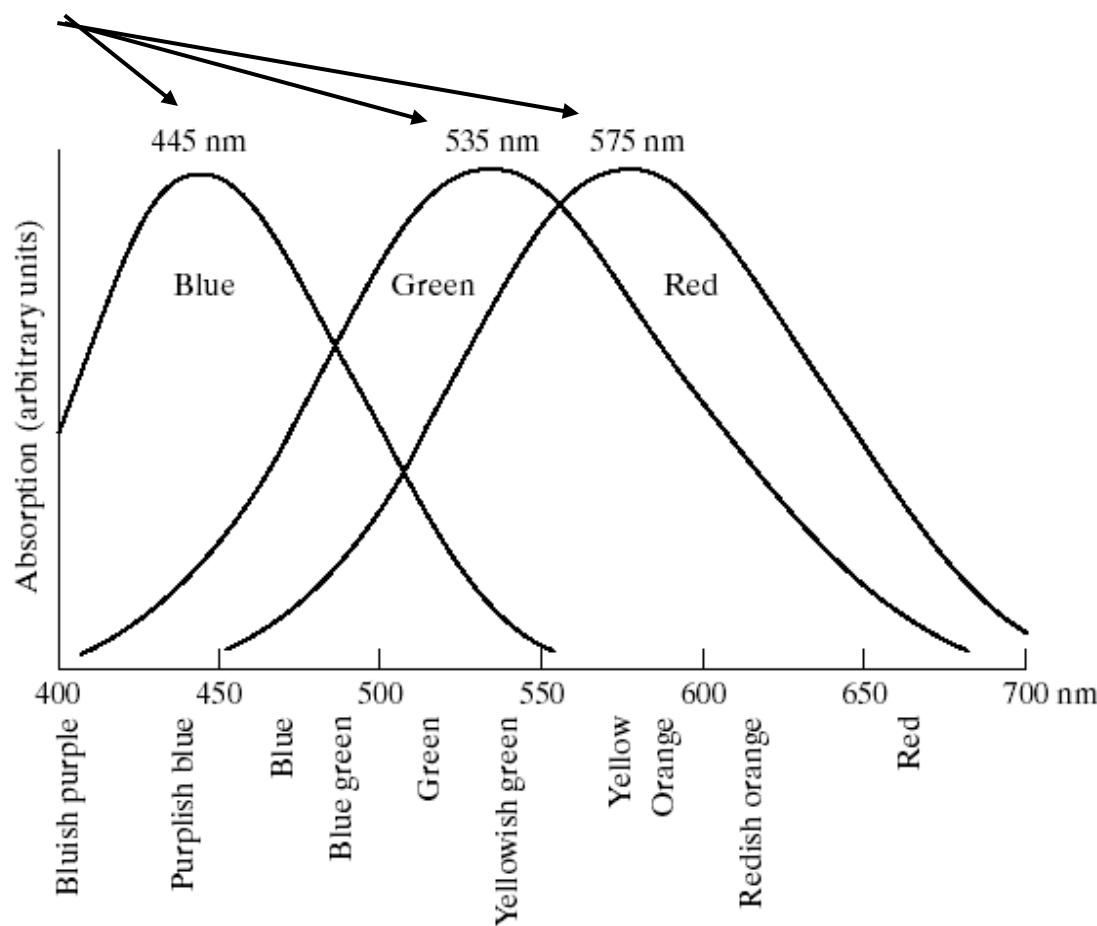
- RGB model
  - Color monitor, color video cameras
- CMY model
  - Color printer
- HSI model
  - Color image manipulation
- Grayscale
- XYZ (CIE standard, Y directly measures the luminance)
- YUV (used in PAL color TV)
- YIQ (used in NTSC color TV)

YCbCr (used in digital color TV standard BT.601)



# Cont.

Standard wavelength values for the primary colors



**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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- **Tri-stimulus** values: The amount of Red, Green and Blue needed to form any particular color  
Denoted by: X, Y and Z

## ■ **Tri-chromatic coefficient:**

$$x = \frac{X}{X + Y + Z}$$

$$y = \frac{Y}{X + Y + Z}$$

$$z = \frac{Z}{X + Y + Z}$$

$$x + y + z = 1$$



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



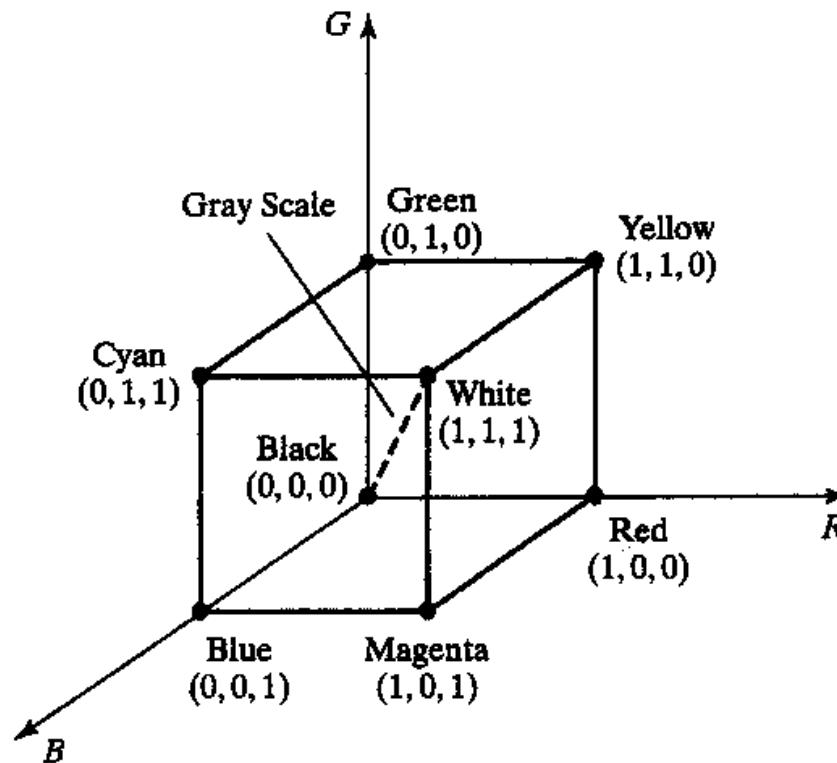
# RGB (red, green, blue) color model

- The RGB color space is related to human vision through the tristimulus theory of color vision
- The RGB color space or typical color image consists of the **3 additive primaries**: red, green, and blue
  - r gives the intensity of the red component
  - g gives the intensity of the green component
  - b gives the intensity of the blue component
- Spectral components of these colors combine additively to produce a resultant color
- Use 8 bits for each primary color and obtain 16 million colors



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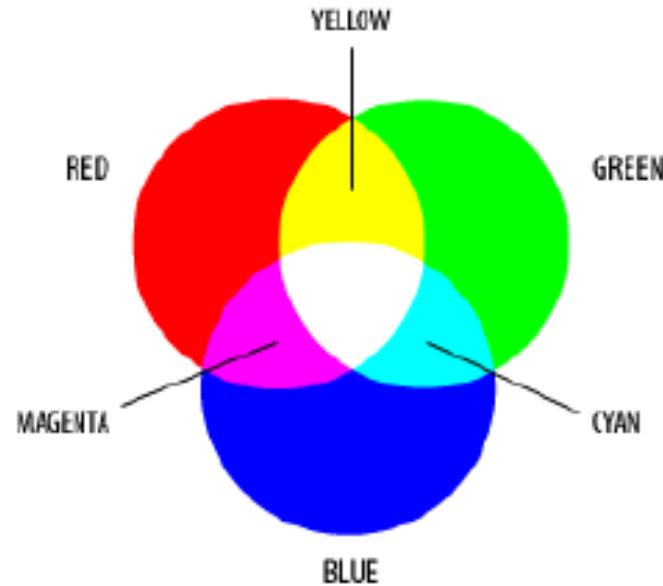
- For example, if all three primary colors are 0 percent, the result is black
- If all three primary colors are 100 percent (the maximum value), the result is white.



# RGB Color model



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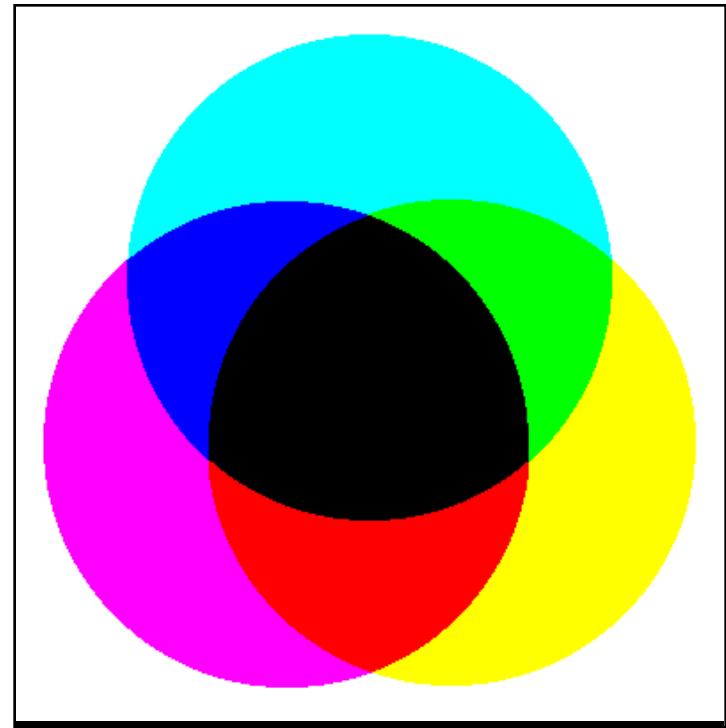


Active displays, such as computer monitors and television sets, emit combinations of red, green and blue light. This is an **additive** color model

# CMY Color Model



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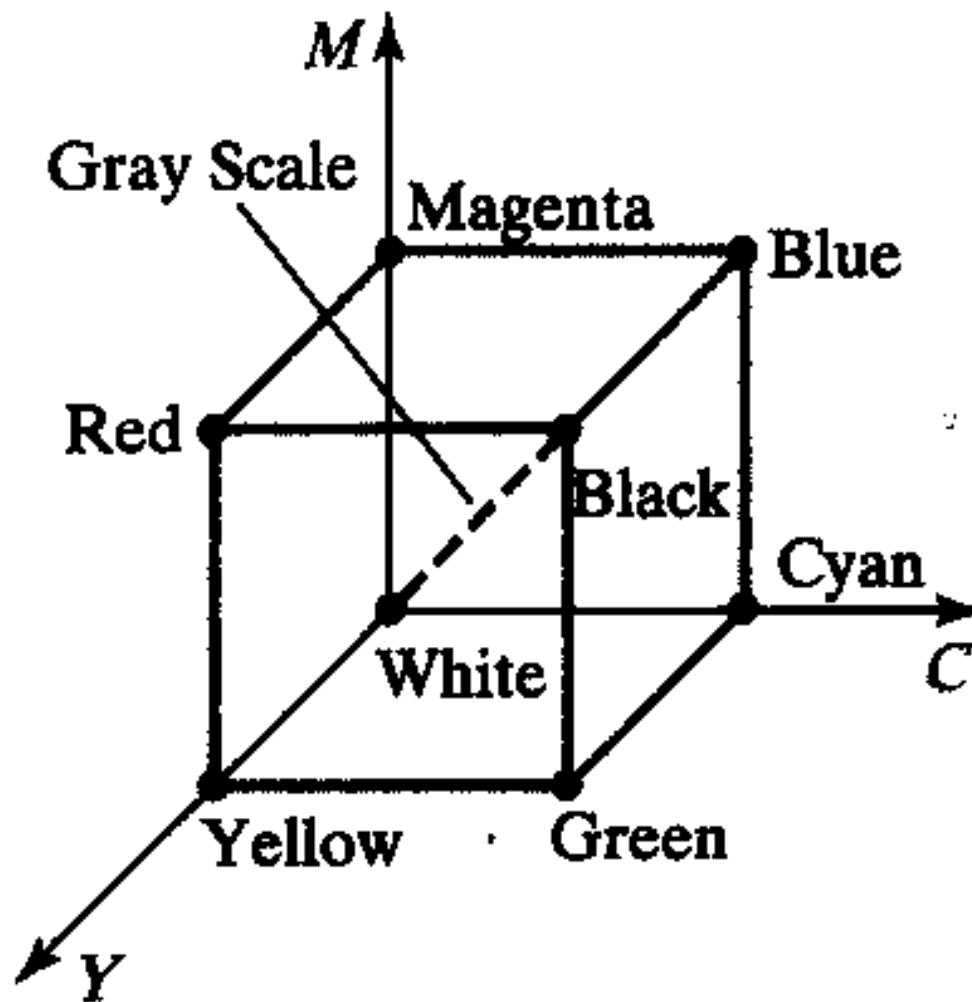
Passive displays, such as color inkjet printers, **absorb** light instead of emitting it. Combinations of **cyan**, **magenta** and **yellow** inks are used. This is a **subtractive** color model.

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CMY cartridges for color printers.



# The CMY and CMYK Color Spaces



# Cont.

- 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.

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



# Cont.

The conversion from RGB to CMY is given by the formula

$$\begin{bmatrix} c \\ m \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} r \\ g \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

**Example:** The red colour is written in RGB as (1,0,0). In CMY it is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} c \\ m \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} r \\ g \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

that is, magenta and yellow.



# Cont.

**Example:** The magenta is written in CMY as (0,1,0). In RGB it is written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} r \\ g \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

giving,

$$\begin{bmatrix} r \\ g \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

that is, red and blue.



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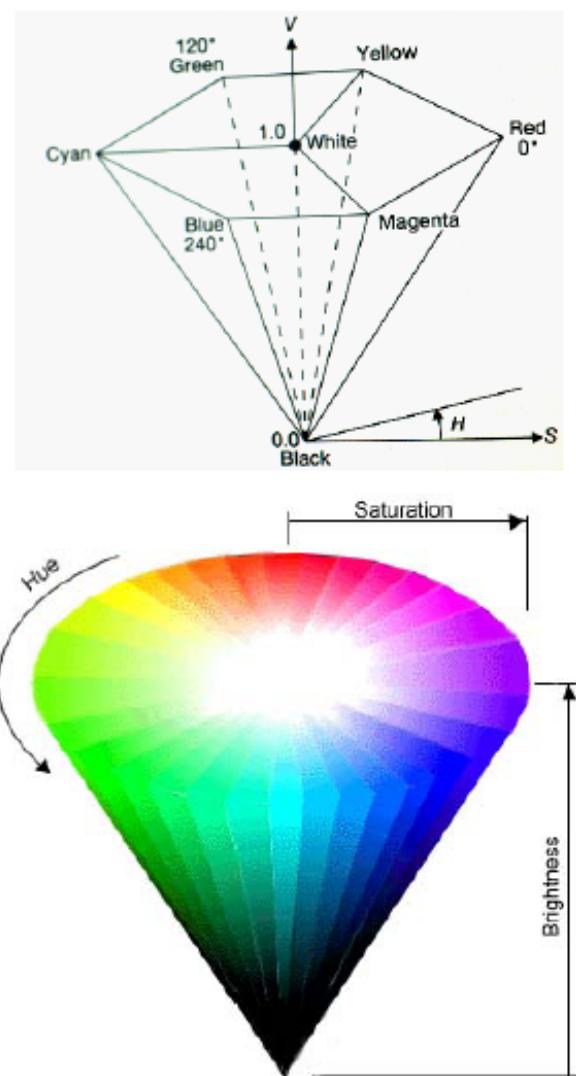
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- For printing and graphics art industry, CMY is not enough; a fourth primary, K which stands for black, is added
- Conversions between RGB and CMYK are possible, although they require some extra processing



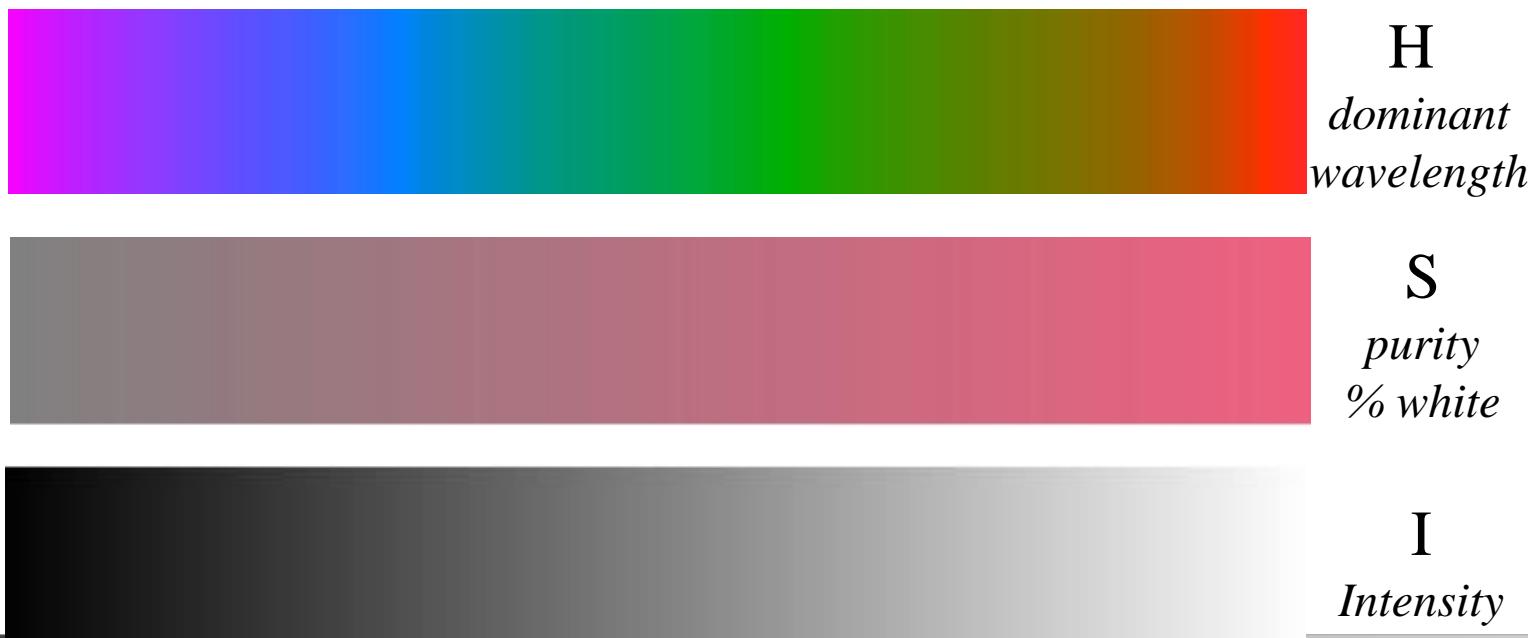
# HSI Color Model

- HSI (=HSB)
  - Hue, Saturation, Value (=Brightness)
  - **HUE**: the actual color.
    - measured in angular degrees around the cone
    - Ex) red = 0 or 360 (so yellow = 60, green = 120, etc.).
  - **SATURATION** : the purity of the color
    - measured in percent from the center of the cone (0) to the surface (100).
    - At 0% saturation, hue is meaningless.
  - **BRIGHTNESS/INTENSITY**
    - measured in percent from black (0) to white (100).
    - At 0% brightness, both hue and saturation are meaningless.



# HSI Color Model

- HSI colors are not described based on percentages of primary colors, but rather by their hue, saturation, and intensity
- Hue and saturation taken together are called *Chromaticity*; therefore, a color may be characterized by its Brightness and Chromaticity.



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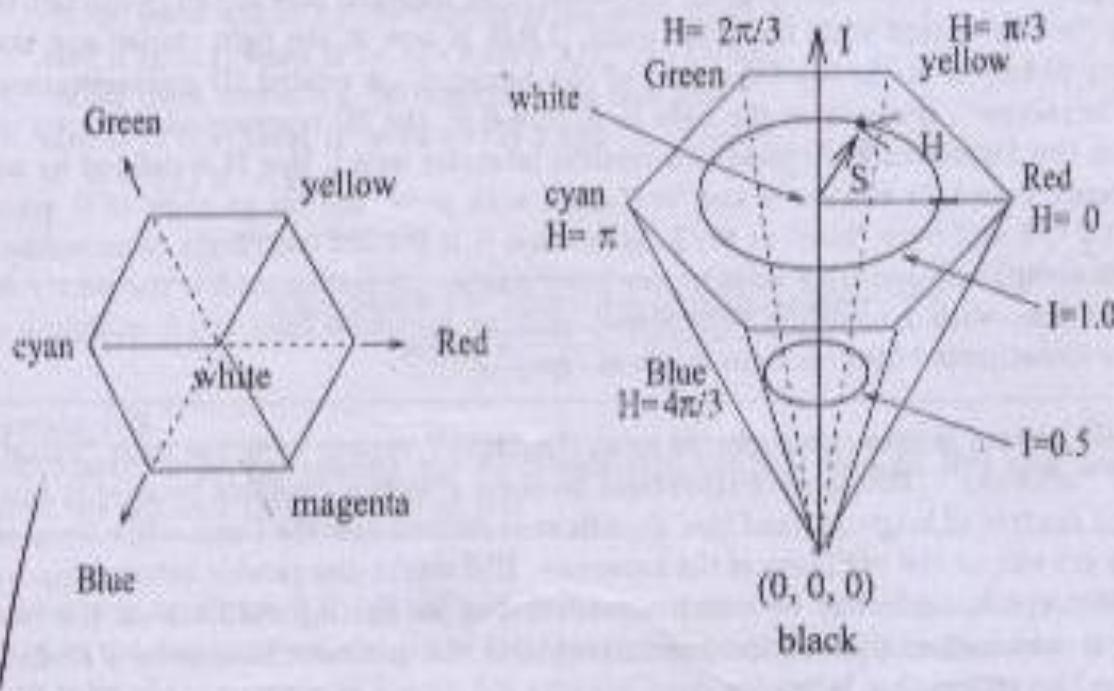


Figure 6.8: Color hexacone for HSI representation. At the left is a projection of the RGB cube perpendicular to the diagonal from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$ : color names now appear at the vertices of a hexagon. At the right is a hexacone representing colors in HSI coordinates; intensity ( $I$ ) is the vertical axis; hue ( $H$ ) is an angle from 0 to  $2\pi$  with RED at 0.0; saturation ( $S$ ) ranges from 0 to 1 according to how pure, or unlike white, the color is with  $S=0.0$  corresponding to the  $I$ -axis.

# Cont.

Conversion of RGB encoding to HSI encoding.

R,G,B : input values of RGB all in range [0,1] or [0,255];  
I : output value of intensity in same range as input;  
S : output value of saturation in range [0,1];  
H : output value of hue in range  $[0,2\pi]$ , -1 if S is 0;  
R,G,B,H,S,I are all floating point numbers;

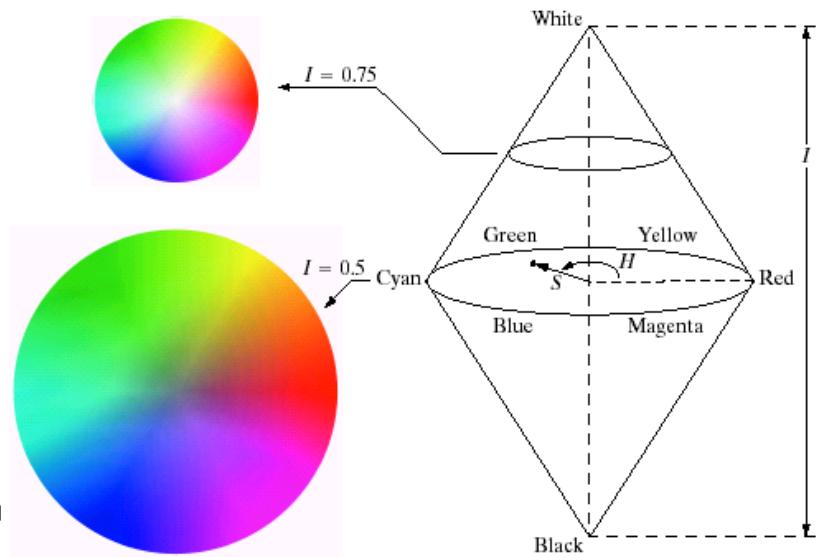
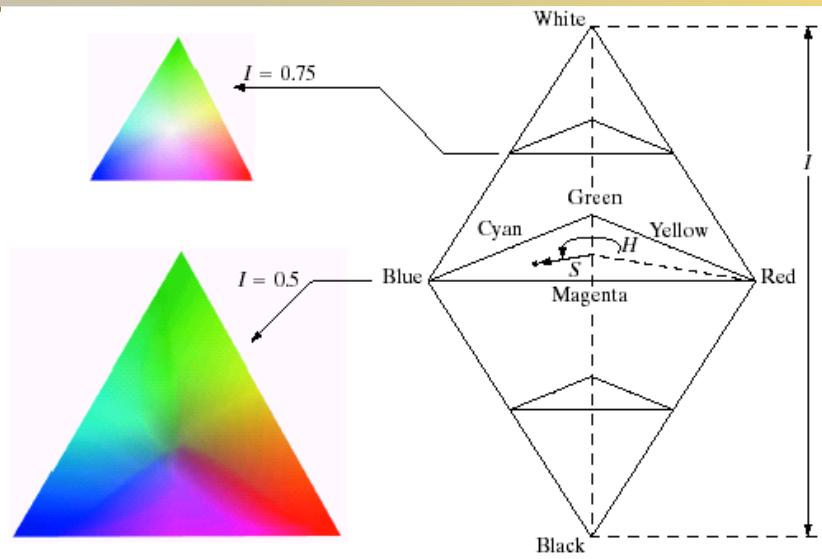
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procedure RGB_to_HSI( in R,G,B; out H,S,I)
{
    I := max ( R, G, B );
    min := min ( R, G, B );
    if (I ≥ 0.0) then S := (I - min )/I else S := 0.0;
    if (S ≤ 0.0) then { H := -1.0; return; }

    "compute the hue based on the relative sizes of the RGB components"
    diff := I - min;
    "is the point within +/- 60 degrees of the red axis?"
    if (r = I) then H := ( $\pi/3$ )*(g - b)/diff;
    "is the point within +/- 60 degrees of the green axis?"
    else if (g = I) then H := ( $2 * \pi/3$ ) +  $\pi/3 * (b - r)/diff$ ;
    "is the point within +/- 60 degrees of the blue axis?"
    else if (b = I) then H := ( $4 * \pi/3$ ) +  $\pi/3 * (r - g)/diff$ ;
    if (H ≤ 0.0) H := H +  $2\pi$ ;
}
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Algorithm 15: Conversion of RGB to HSI.



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# Cont.

- Converting colors from RGB to HSI

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

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

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

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



# Cont.

- Converting colors from HSI to RGB
  - RG sector :

$$0^\circ \leq H < 120^\circ$$

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

$$G = 3I - (R + B) \quad B = I(1 - S)$$



# Cont.

- Converting colors from HSI to RGB
  - GB sector :

$$120^\circ \leq H < 240^\circ$$

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

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

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

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



# Cont.

- Converting colors from HSI to RGB
  - BR sector :

$$240^\circ \leq H < 360^\circ$$

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

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

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

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



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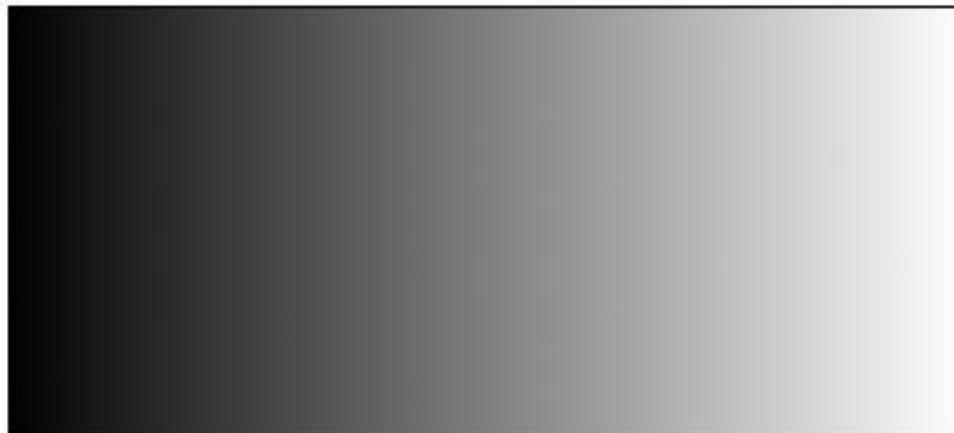
	RGB	CMY	HSI
RED	(255, 0, 0)	( 0, 255, 255)	(0.0 , 1.0, 255)
YELLOW	(255,255, 0)	( 0, 0,255)	(1.05, 1.0, 255)
	(100,100, 50)	(155,155,205)	(1.05, 0.5, 100)
GREEN	( 0,255, 0)	(255, 0,255)	(2.09, 1.0, 255)
BLUE	( 0, 0,255)	(255,255, 0)	(4.19, 1.0, 255)
WHITE	(255,255,255)	( 0, 0, 0)	(-1.0, 0.0, 255)
GREY	(192,192,192)	( 63, 63, 63)	(-1.0, 0.0, 192)
	(127,127,127)	(128,128,128)	(-1.0, 0.0, 127)
	( 63, 63, 63)	(192,192,192)	(-1.0, 0.0, 63)
	...		
BLACK	( 0, 0, 0)	(255,255,255)	(-1.0, 0.0, 0)



# Gray color model

## ■ Grayscale

- BLACK = 0% brightness, 100% grey.
- WHITE = 100% brightness, 0% grey.



# YIQ Color Coordinate System

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- YIQ is defined by the National Television System Committee (NTSC)
- Y describes the luminance, I and Q describes the chrominance.
- A more compact representation of the color.
- YUV plays similar role in PAL and SECAM.



# YUV/ YCbCr Coordinate

- YUV is the color coordinate used in color TV in PAL system, somewhat different from YIQ.
- YCbCr is the digital equivalent of YUV, used for digital TV, with 8 bit for each component, in range of 0-255



# Cont.

YCbCr Color Space is used in MPEG video compression standards

- Y is luminance
- Cb is blue chromaticity
- Cr is red chromaticity

$$Y = 0.257*R + 0.504*G + 0.098*B + 16$$

$$Cr = 0.439*R - 0.368*G - 0.071*B + 128$$

$$Cb = -0.148*R - 0.291*G + 0.439*B + 128$$

- YIQ color space (Matlab conversion function: `rgb2ntsc`):

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.275 & -0.321 \\ 0.212 & -0.528 & 0.311 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$



# Question Please?

