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Visual Display

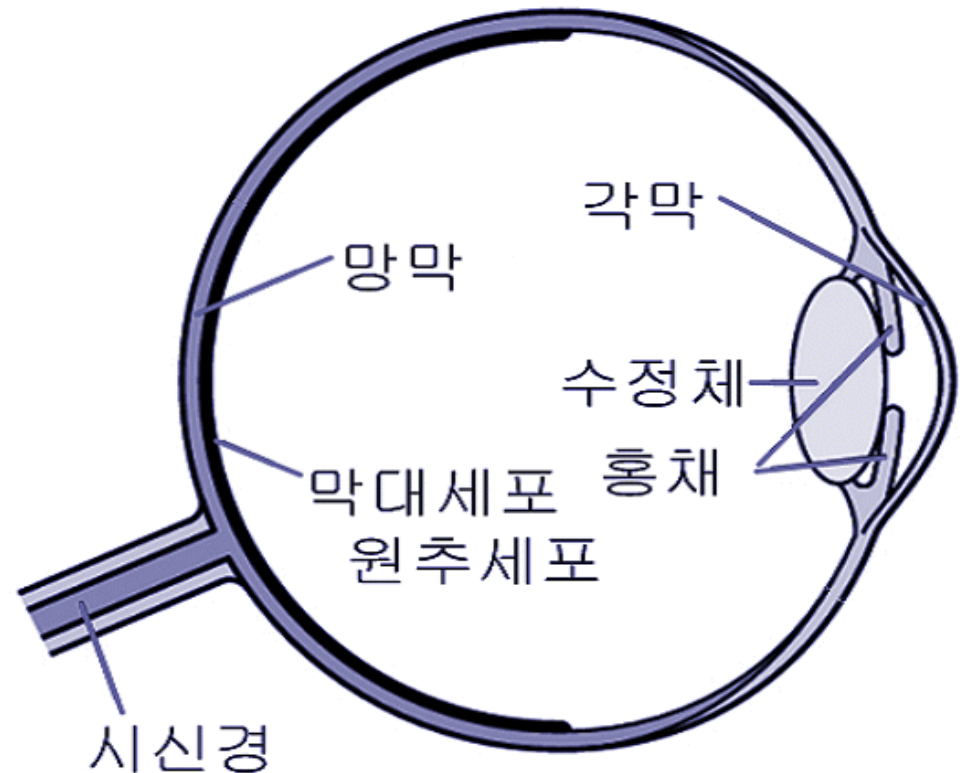


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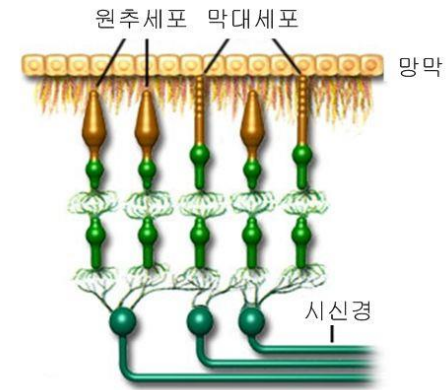


Human Eye

- 홍채: 빛의 양을 조절
- 수정체: 초점거리 조절



Rods and Cones



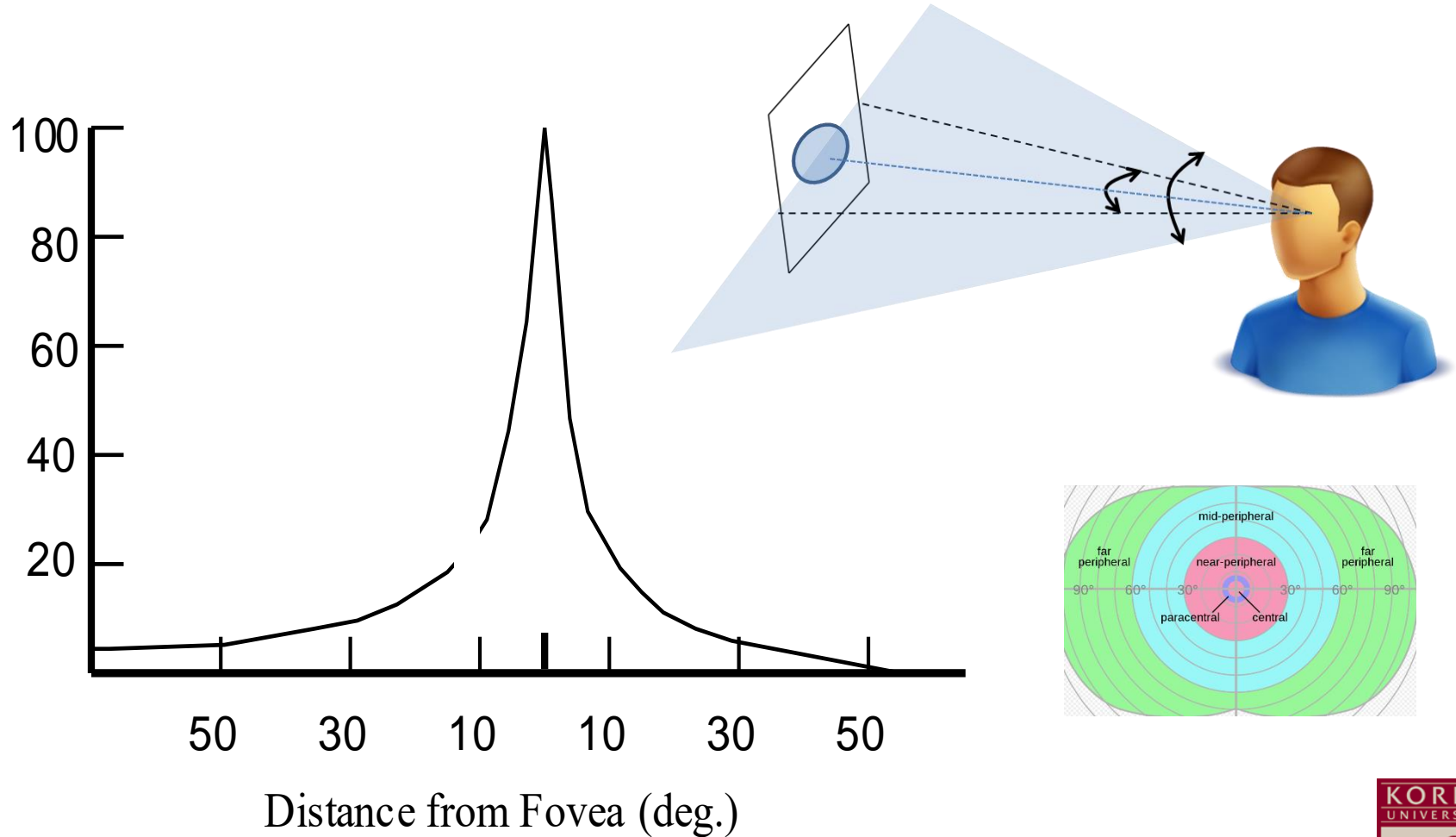
- These two systems visual perception
- Rods - provide "scotopic" or low intensity vision (명암인식, 어두운 빛 반응)
 - Provide our night vision ability for very low illumination (but no color),
 - Are distributed primarily in the periphery of the visual field.
- Cones - provide "photopic" or high acuity vision (색상인식, 밝은 빛 반응)
 - Provide our day vision, high resolution images, color vision, by means of three types of cones (concentrated in the fovea):
 - "L" or red, long wavelength sensitive,
 - "M" or green, medium wavelength sensitive,
 - "S" or blue, short wavelength sensitive.

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Then to the brain

- The ganglion nerve cells that collect and aggregate nerve impulses converge at the optic disk and form the optic nerve. At the optic disk there are no photoreceptor cells which creates a blind spot on the retina.
- It is estimated that vision accounts for **at least 40%** of brain functioning.

Acuity Distribution



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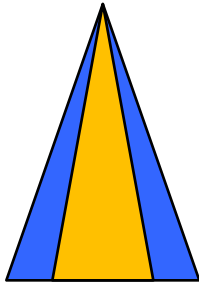


(b)

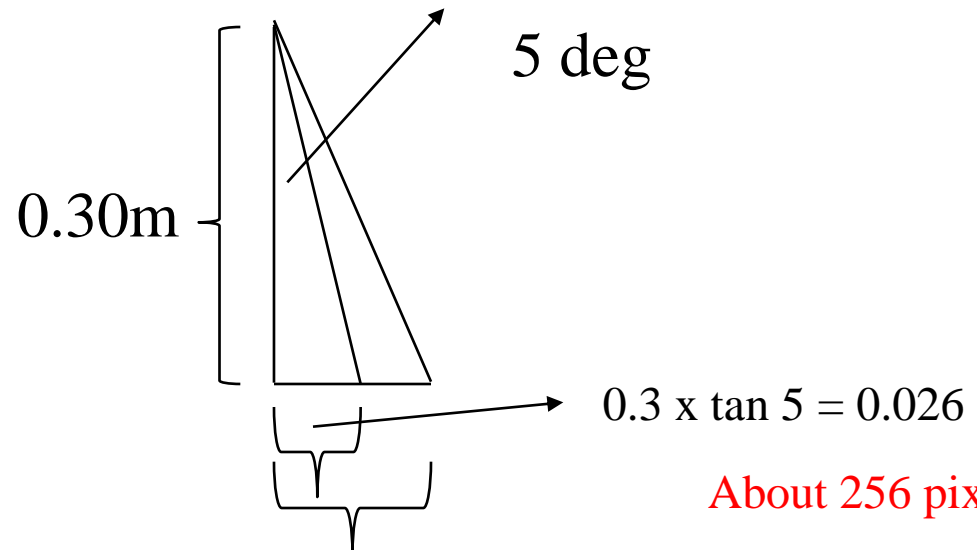
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Smaller screen

Closer viewing distance

Relatively more area covered by foveal vision



Small screen:
1024 / 10cm

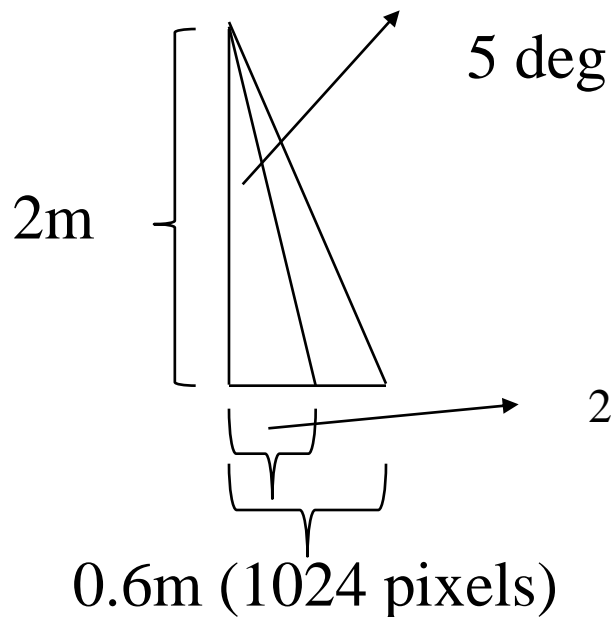


About 256 pixels
over 0.026m
(50% of the whole)

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Larger screen

Farther viewing distance

Relatively less area covered by foveal vision

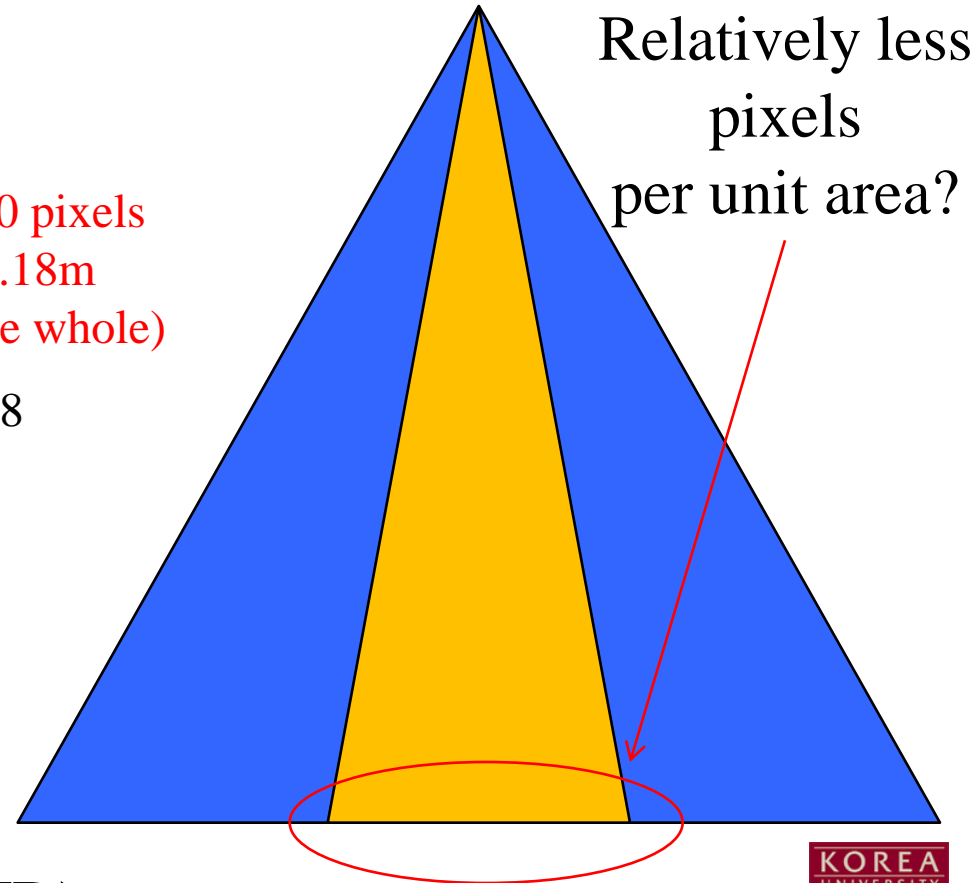


About 300 pixels
over 0.18m
(30% of the whole)

$$2 \times \tan 5 = 0.18$$

Large Screen:

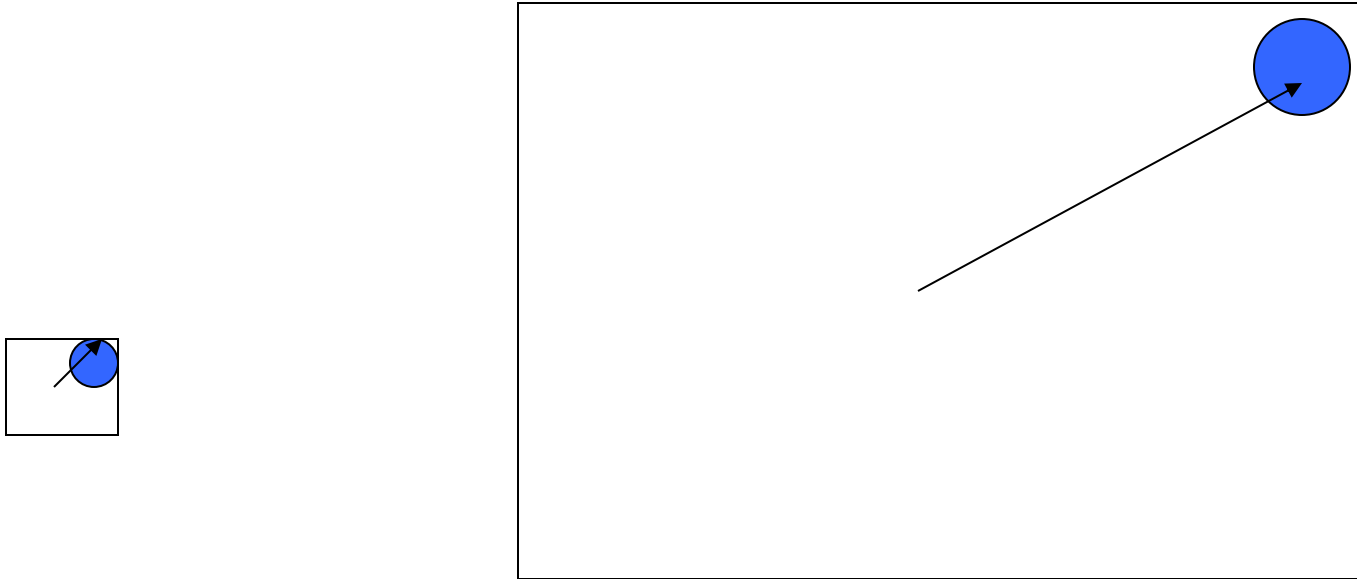
2048 / 120cm (this is not even UHD)



$$300\text{px}/0.18 < 724\text{px}/0.42$$

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How efficiently can we use each display?



It will take approximately 2.5x as long to fixate targets at the edge of the big screen

Head movements accompany eye movements ($\sim > 25$ deg)

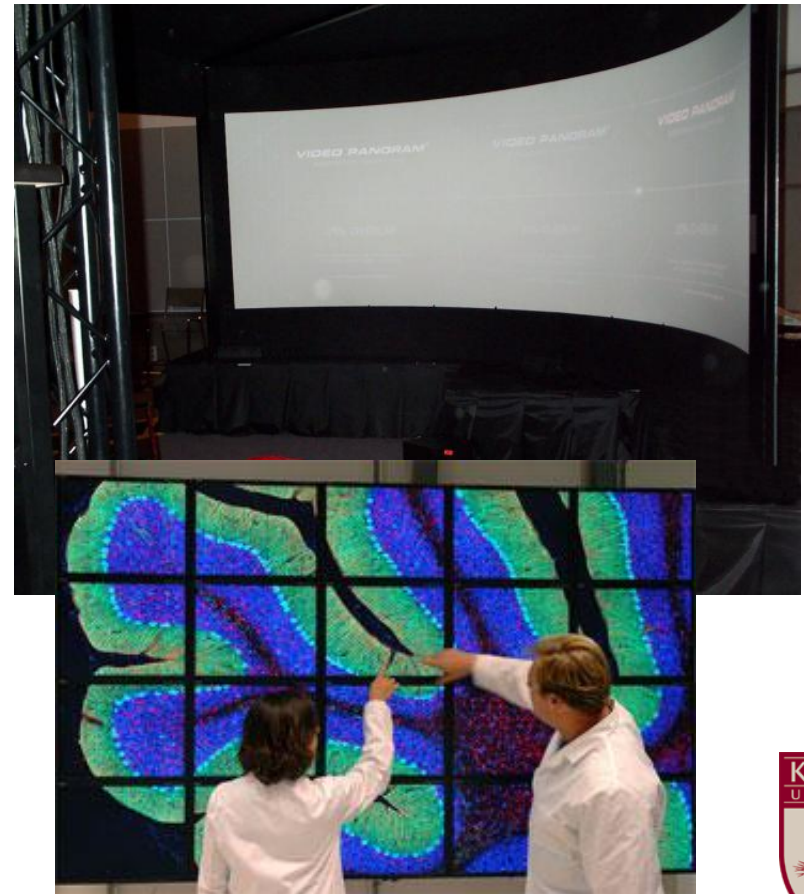
Data walls (near immersion)

- **Stereo, no head tracking, wide screen**



Is it any good?

- If you are viewing from a far distance, will you perceive the details to the UHD?
- If you are viewing from a close distance, what good is the rest of the display?
- It is not even completely immersive ...
- Need right resolution (and right cost)



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Scale matters



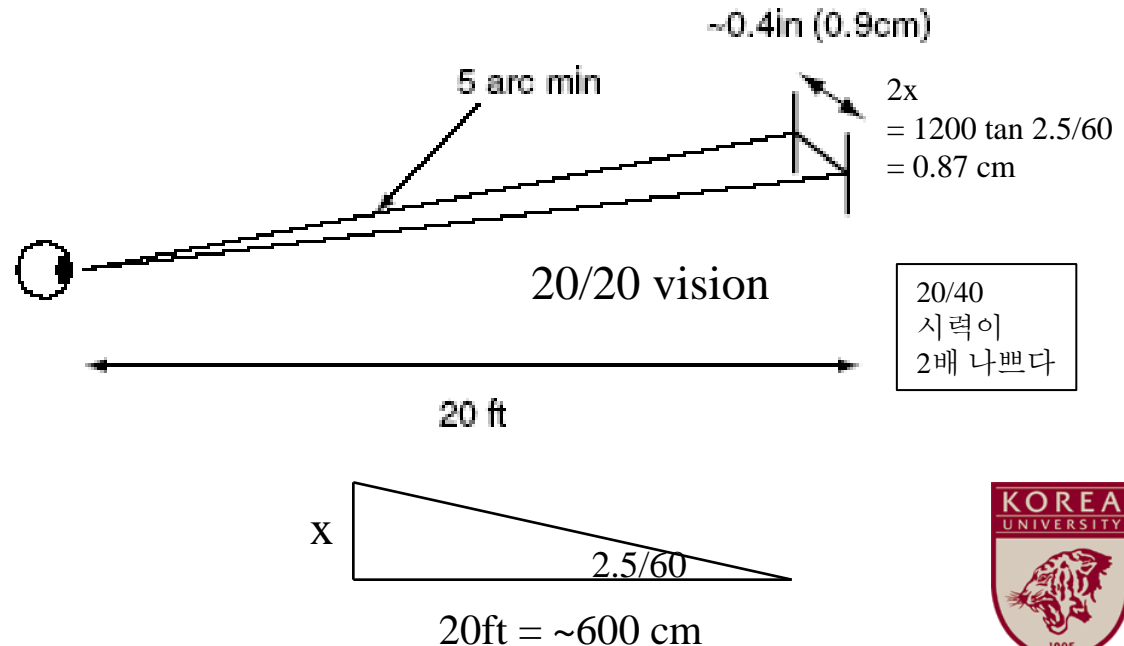
While size is a relative thing,
absolute size sometimes matter
(i.e. absolute w.r.t. human scale,
remnants of evolution?)



Variability (with vision)

- Visual acuity problems: Minimum Lateral Length or Depth Human Eyes can perceive (Acuity drops at the Periphery)
 - Known to distinguish elements subtended by **1~5 arc min** from **20 ft**.

- Near vision
(근시, 멀리 있는것이 안보임)
- Far vision
- Astigmatism
- Color-Blindness
- Contrast Sensitivity :

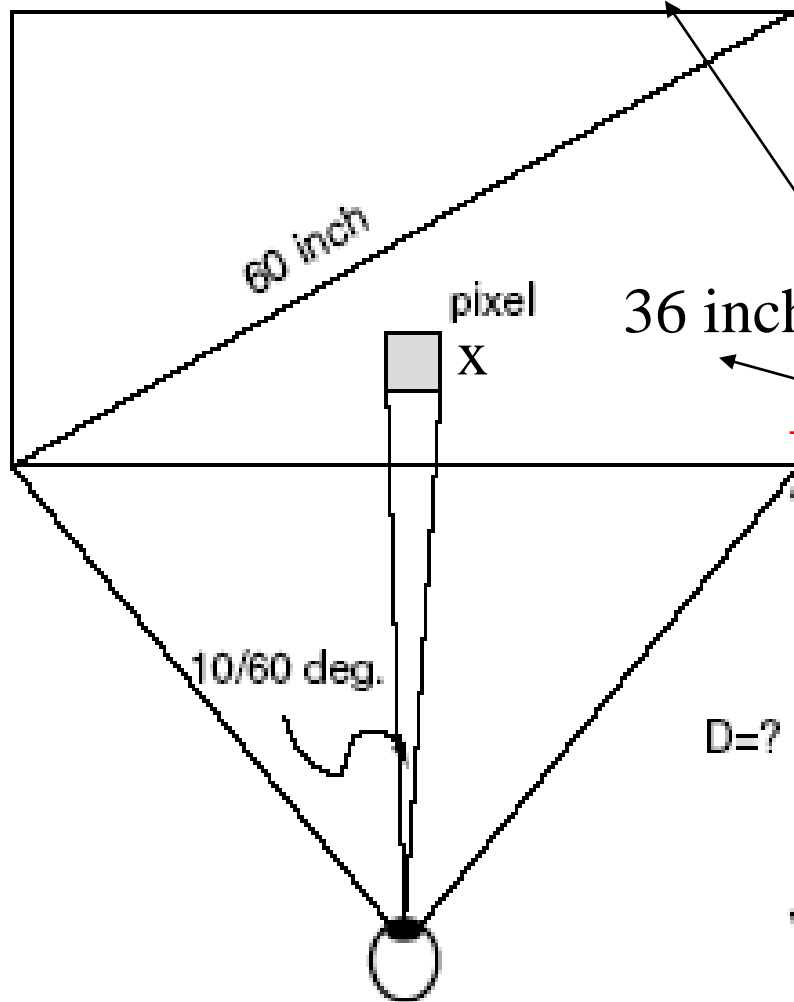


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Display Parameters: want to match eye and display parameters as close as possible

- FOV (Field of View): Angle subtended by the viewing surface from a given observer location
 - Humans: 120H x 180V
 - Related to Spatial Resolution
 - Related to Angular Resolution
- Spatial Resolution: No. of pixels that can be displayed in unit area
- Pitch: How wide and Tall the Pixel is
- Angular Resolution: Visual angle the pixel subtends from a particular viewing distance
- Critical Flicker Frequency (~ 60 Hz)
- Refresh Rate (15 ~ 20 Hz)
- Brightness / Contrast
- Color





Given 60 inch project screen
 Visual acuity assumed and required : 10 arc min
 Resolution 640 X 480 → pitch = 0.09 inch.

~~Visual activity satisfied with $D < 16$ in.~~

~~The display's resolution is overly high for viewing distance of over 16 inch!! (Can only distinguish up to pixel level with D less than 16 in.)~~

$$(640x)^2 + (480x)^2 = 60^2$$

$$x = 0.075 \text{ inch}$$

$D = ?$

0.0375

$$0.0375 = 0.075/2$$

D

$$D = 0.0375 / \tan(5/60) = 26 \text{ inch (very close ...)} = 65 \text{ cm}$$

Beyond 65 cm, with give acuity, I cannot discern a single pixel (of 0.0375 size)



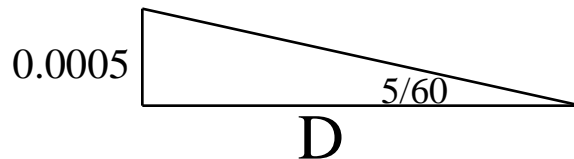
Larger display (100 inch / 245 cm) with higher resolution ...

$$(2560x)^2 + (1920x)^2 = 100^2$$

$$x = 0.00098 \text{ inch}$$

$$D = 0.0005 / \tan(5/60) = < 1 \text{ inch}$$

Beyond 1 inch, you cannot discern a pixel



I can make out a pixel at less than 2.45 cm from the screen

→ Q: Do I need such resolution for this sized Display with such visual acuity?

If D was 10 ft \approx 300 cm (let's say a normal viewing distance for **2m** display)

Discernable Pitch with given visual acuity would be $= D * \tan 5/60 = 1.8 \text{ inch}$

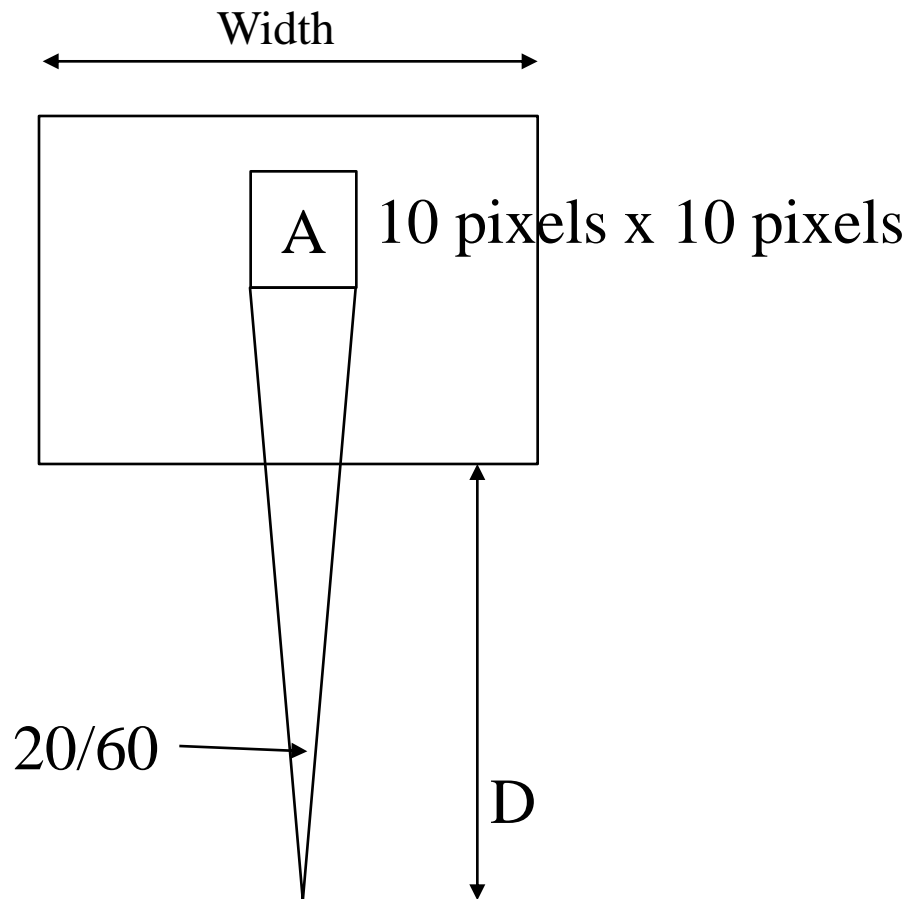
Suppose 4000 pixels → 7200 inch screen = 2880 cm display from 3 m (gigantic)

Suppose 2000 pixels → 3600 inch screen = \sim 15m display ... (still gigantic)

For 2m display then ... $200 \text{ cm} / (1.85 \text{ inch} * 2.54 \text{ cm/inch}) = 880 \text{ pixels} \dots$

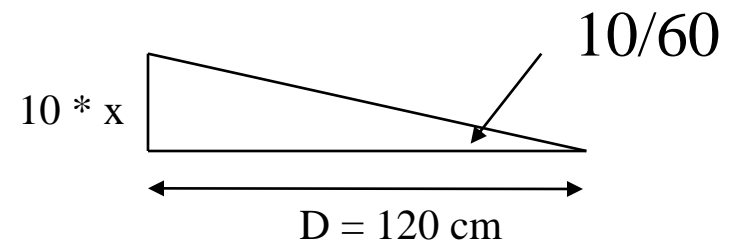


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20 arc min visual acuity
To discern a letter (rather than a pixel)

$D = 120 \text{ cm} = 1.2 \text{ m}$
Size of display?
Resolution: 2560 x 1920
 $x \rightarrow$ size of pixel?



$$\tan(1/6) = 10 * x / 120$$

$$x = \tan(1/6) * 12 = 0.036 \text{ cm}$$

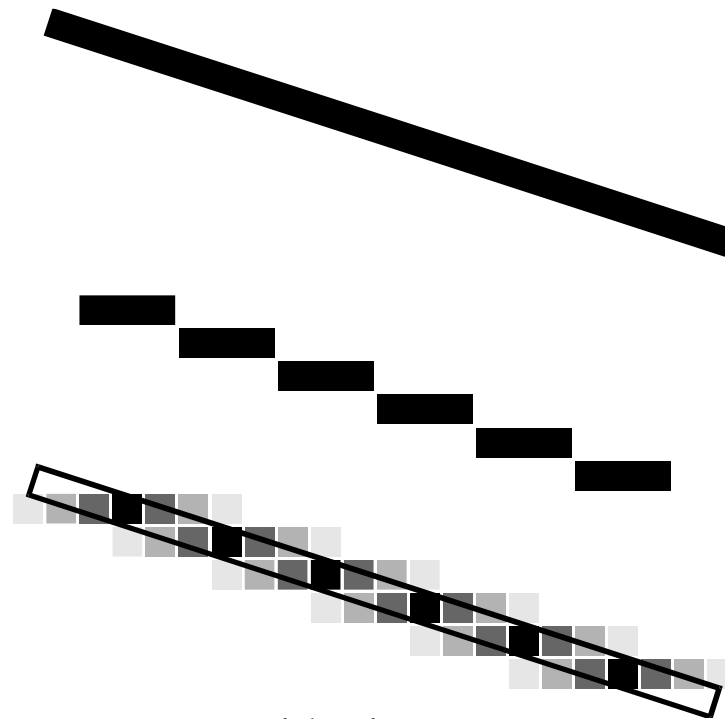
$$\text{Width} = 2560 * x = 92 \text{ cm}$$

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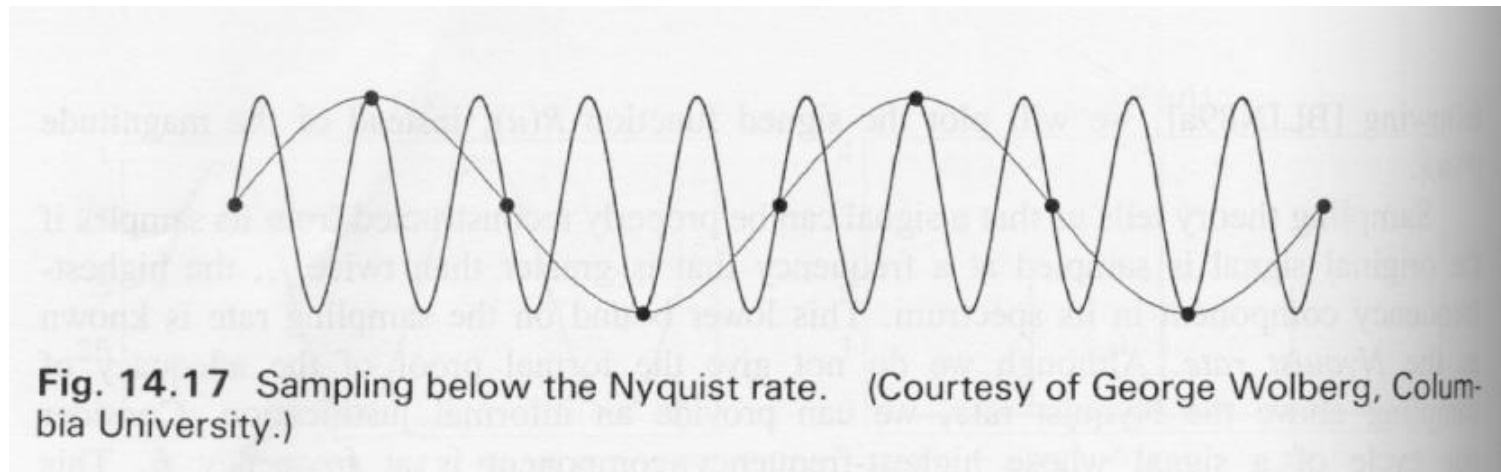
Anti aliasing: Overcoming aliasing



Dithering

Nyquist Sampling Theorem

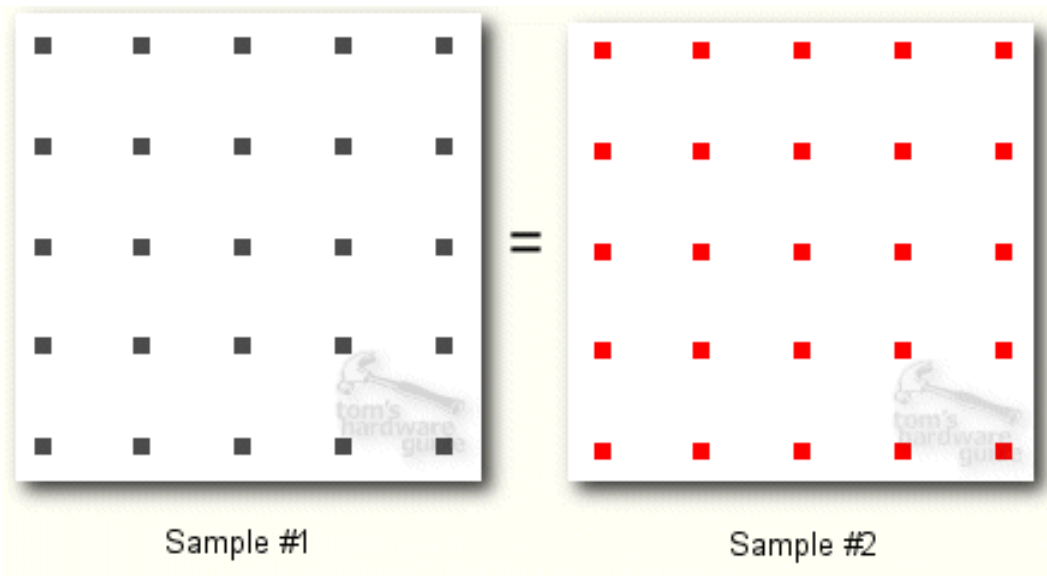
- The ideal samples of a continuous function contain all the information in the original function if and only if the continuous function is sampled at a frequency greater than twice the highest frequency in the function



GeForce3

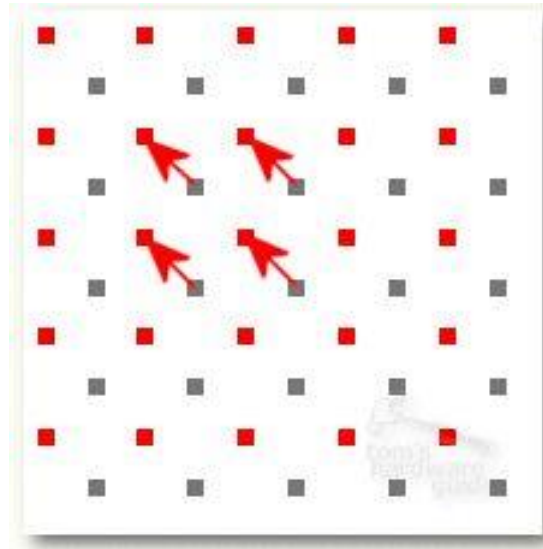
- **Multisampling**

- After each pixel is rendered, write pixel value to two different places in frame buffer



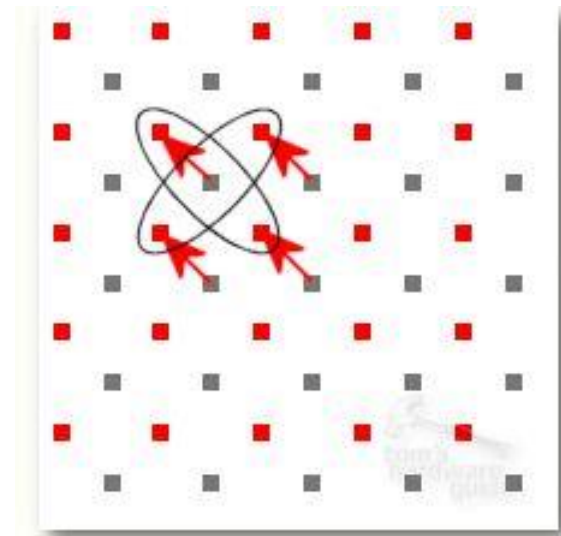
GeForce3 - Multisampling

- **After rendering two copies of entire frame**
 - Shift pixels of Sample #2 left and up by $\frac{1}{2}$ pixel
 - Imagine laying Sample #2 (red) over Sample #1 (black)

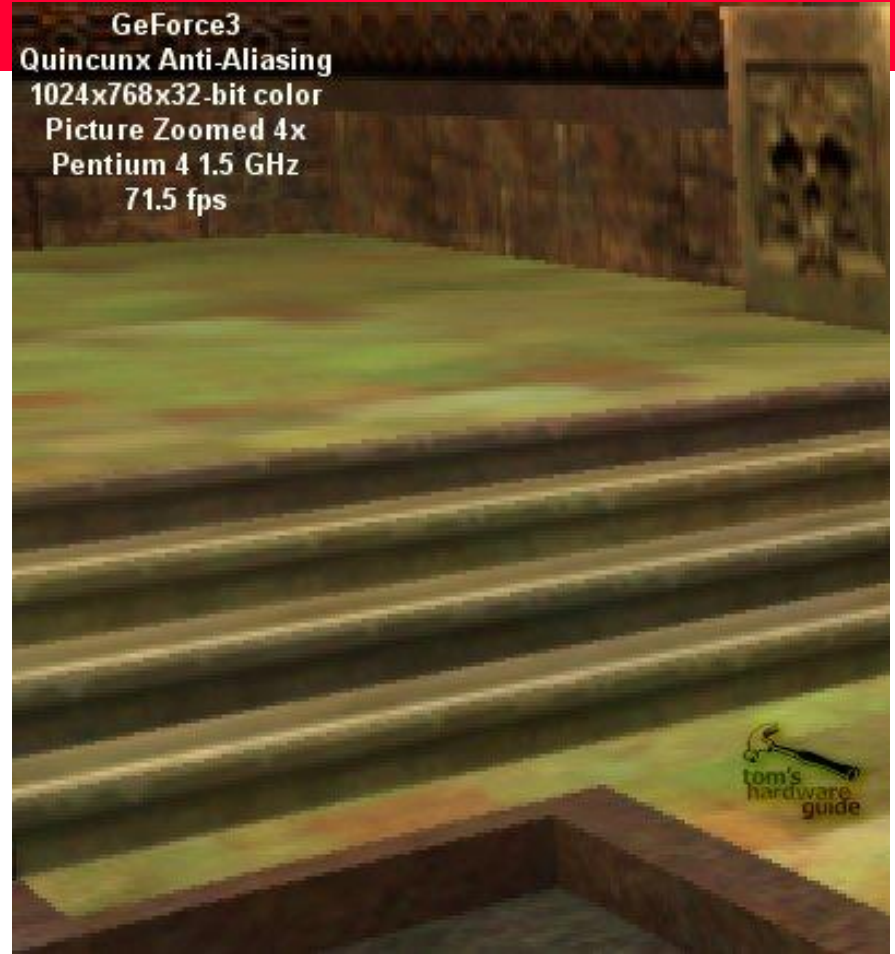
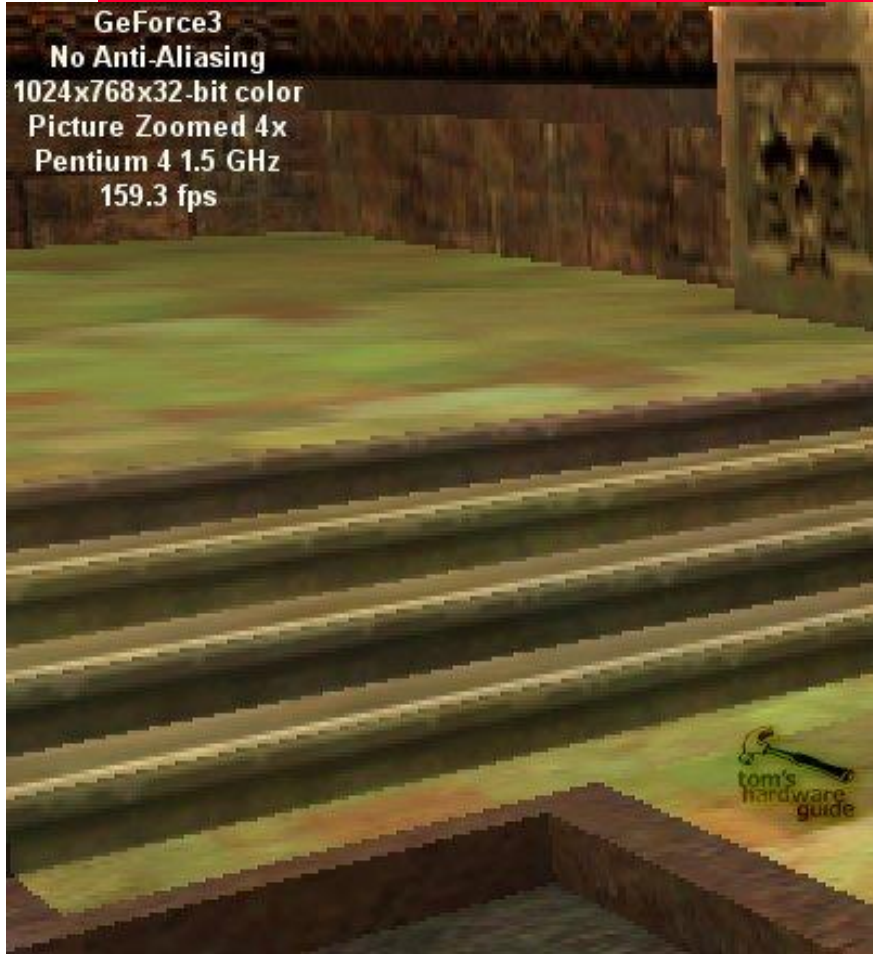


GeForce3 - Multisampling

- Resolve the two samples into one image by computing average between each pixel from Sample 1 (black) and the four pixels from Sample 2 (red) that are $1/\sqrt{2}$ pixels away



GeForce3 - Multisampling



- No AA

Multisampling

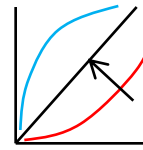
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Light measurement

- **Luminance:**
Physical measurement of the amt. of light in the environment: L
- **Brightness: Amount of perceived light**
 - Brightness = L^n
 - e.g. (in the dark) = $L^{1/3}$
- **Lightness: Perceived surface reflectance**
- **Monitor and Luminance**
 - $L = V^\lambda$ (Gamma parameter)
 - Gamma correction (set the relationship manually ...)



Gamma Correction



$y = kv$ (expect black)
→ but perceived as blue

* v^n

→ perceived as linear

- 프로그래머의 기대치 대 실제 밝기
 - 회색도 128은 실제로 더욱 어둡게 나타남

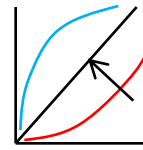


Perceptually what you expect (linearly changing brightness)
And what is outputted by linear voltage control



What you actually perceive

Gamma Correction



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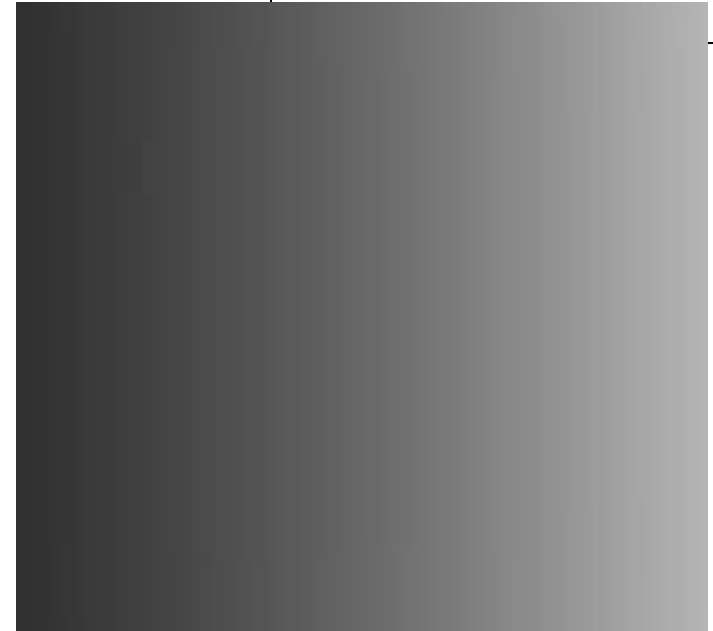
$* v^n$

→ perceived as linear



original output

$* v^n =$



Changed output by gamma correction



Perceived as linear variation

Steven's power law

- Proposed relationship between the magnitude of a physical stimulus and its perceived intensity or strength.

$$S = kI^a$$

The diagram shows the equation $S = kI^a$ with four blue arrows pointing to its components:

- An arrow from 'sensation magnitude' to S .
- An arrow from 'Constant (arbitrary constant determining the scale unit)' to k .
- An arrow from 'Stimulus intensity' to I .
- An arrow from 'Power exponent dependent on modality' to a .

$$\log(S) = a \log(I) + \log(k) = a \log(I) + K$$

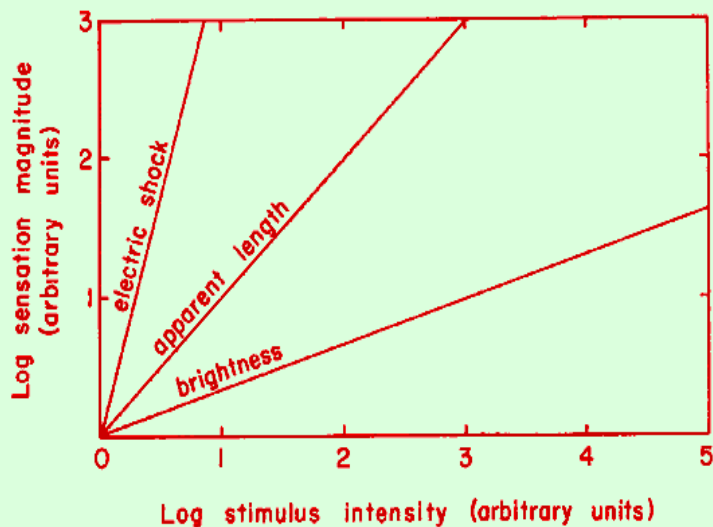


FIG. 8.3. Psychophysical magnitude functions for three perceptual continua. The linearity of the functions on double logarithmic coordinates indicates that sensation magnitude is a power function of stimulus intensity. The slope of the line corresponds to the exponent of the power function. The exponents for electric shock to the fingertips, line length, and the brightness of relatively large stimuli lasting about 1 sec are 3.5, 1.0, and .33, respectively.

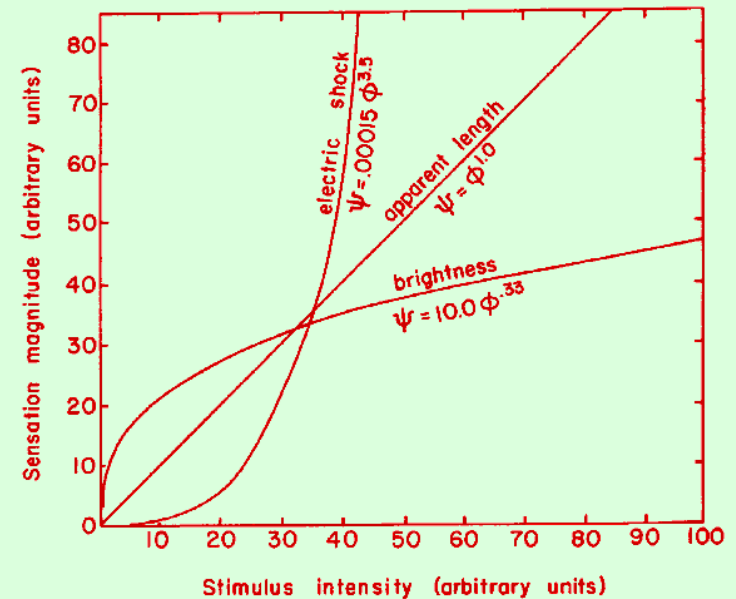
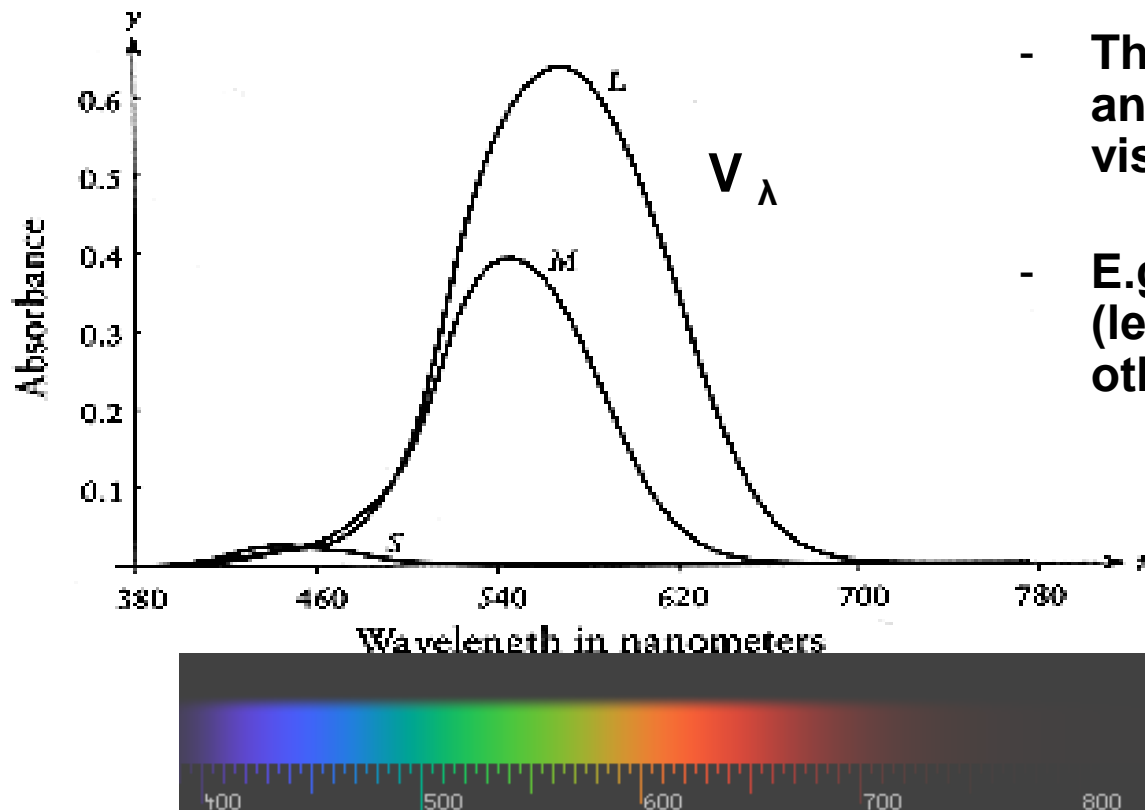


FIG. 8.4. Psychophysical magnitude functions for three perceptual continua plotted on linear coordinates. Each function is a power function. The form of the function is greatly influenced by the size of the exponent. An exponent of 1.0 corresponds to a linear function. An exponent less than 1.0 corresponds to a concave downward function, and an exponent greater than 1.0 corresponds to a concave upward function.

Cone Sensitivity Functions (also basis of color vision)



- There are both luminance and chromatic channel for visual info. processing
- E.g. don't use blue text ... (less sensitive ... there are other reasons too ...)

three types: sensitivity functions peaks at different wavelengths (“red”, “green”, “blue”)

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Luminance & Chrominance (color)

- The luminance channel is important since information presented in this channel is more likely to be perceived (by humans) vs. chrominance.
- The luminance channel yields better performance on spatial vision tasks for form, perception, and acuity and on temporal vision tasks for motion perception.
- The luminance channel dominates when resolving detail, required for reading small text or interpreting small symbols. For this reason, luminance contrast is more important in display design than color contrast.



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Short wavelength sensitive cones

Blue text on a dark background is to be avoided. We have very few short-wavelength sensitive cones in the retina and they are not very sensitive



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Luminance/Brightness Contrast

- Contrast between characters or symbols and their background is one of the most important determinants of readability. Recall, that our visual system works “more” by making comparisons--not by quantifying or measuring the amount of light.
- The greater the contrast, the greater the legibility of the display. The finer the detail present, the greater the luminance contrast required.
- Measurement: To determine contrast, luminance is measured with a photometer
- Calculations: Luminance contrast and/or contrast ratio can be calculated using the various “contrast” formulas.

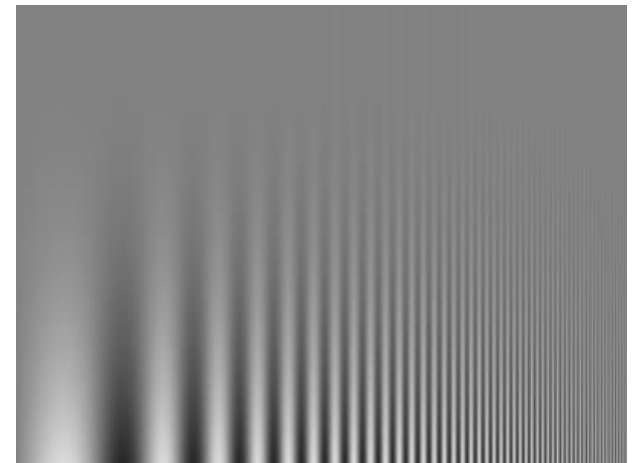
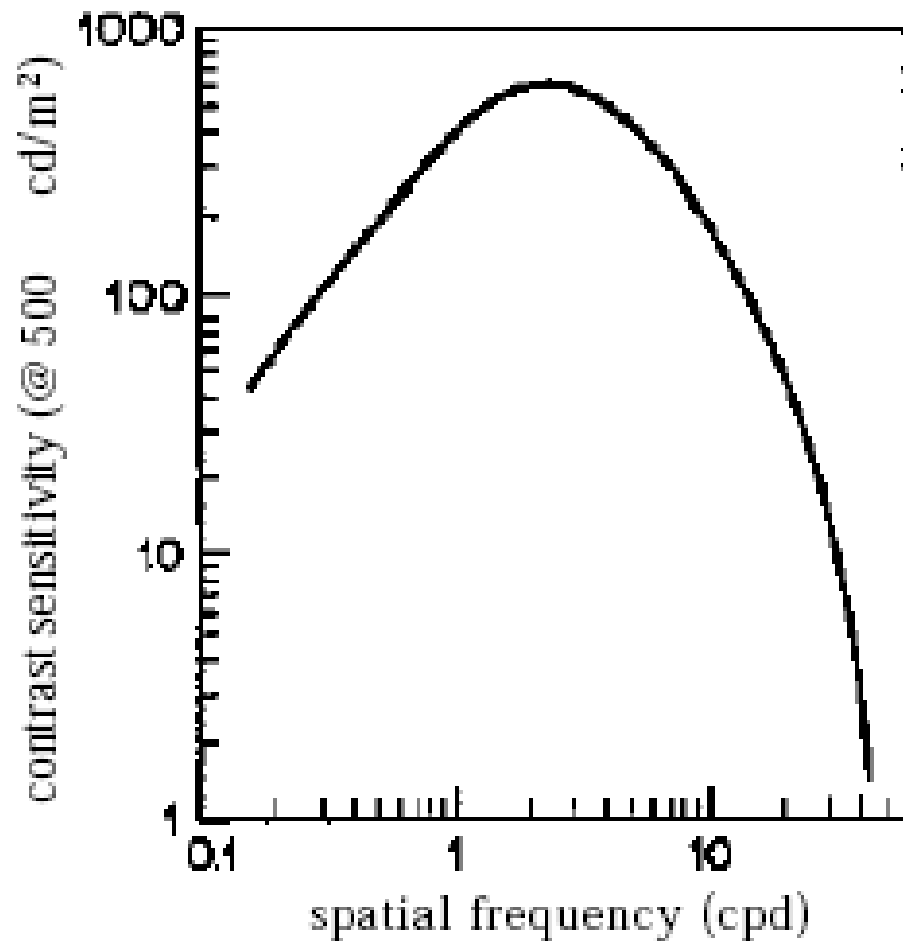


Luminance/Brightness Contrast

- E.g. this formula is used to measure contrast between an object such as a character or symbol and its background.
 - $(L_{\text{object}} - L_{\text{background}}) / L_{\text{background}}$
 - $(L_{\text{max}} - L_{\text{min}}) / (L_{\text{max}} + L_{\text{min}})$
- Recommended contrast ratios for general use computer displays (e.g. for symbols and text relative to background on self-luminous displays)
 - General Use
 - Minimum symbol contrast - 3:1
 - Preferred symbol contrast - 7:1 ~ 10:1
 - Air Traffic Control Display
 - Minimum contrast - 8:1



Contrast sensitivity

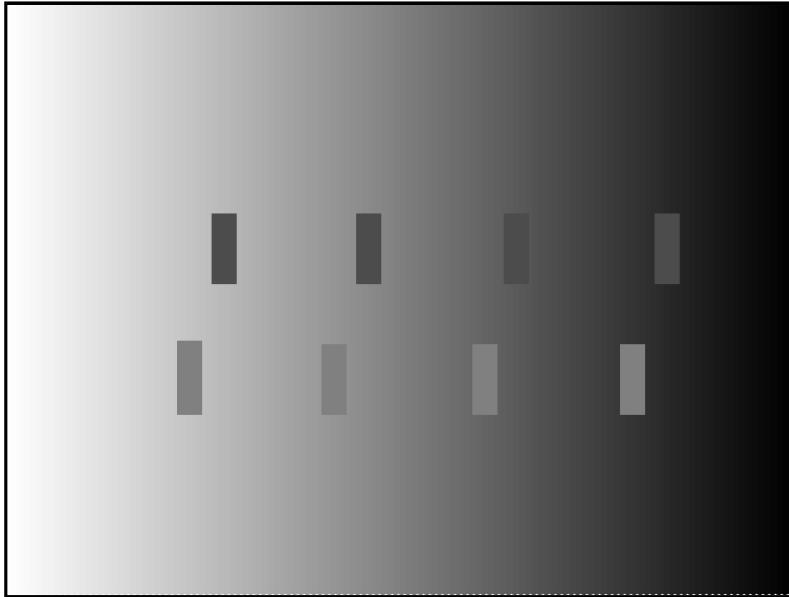


Contrast varies by the content

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Simultaneous Contrast

Same gray patch looks lighter with darker background
(biological phenomenon, not psychological)

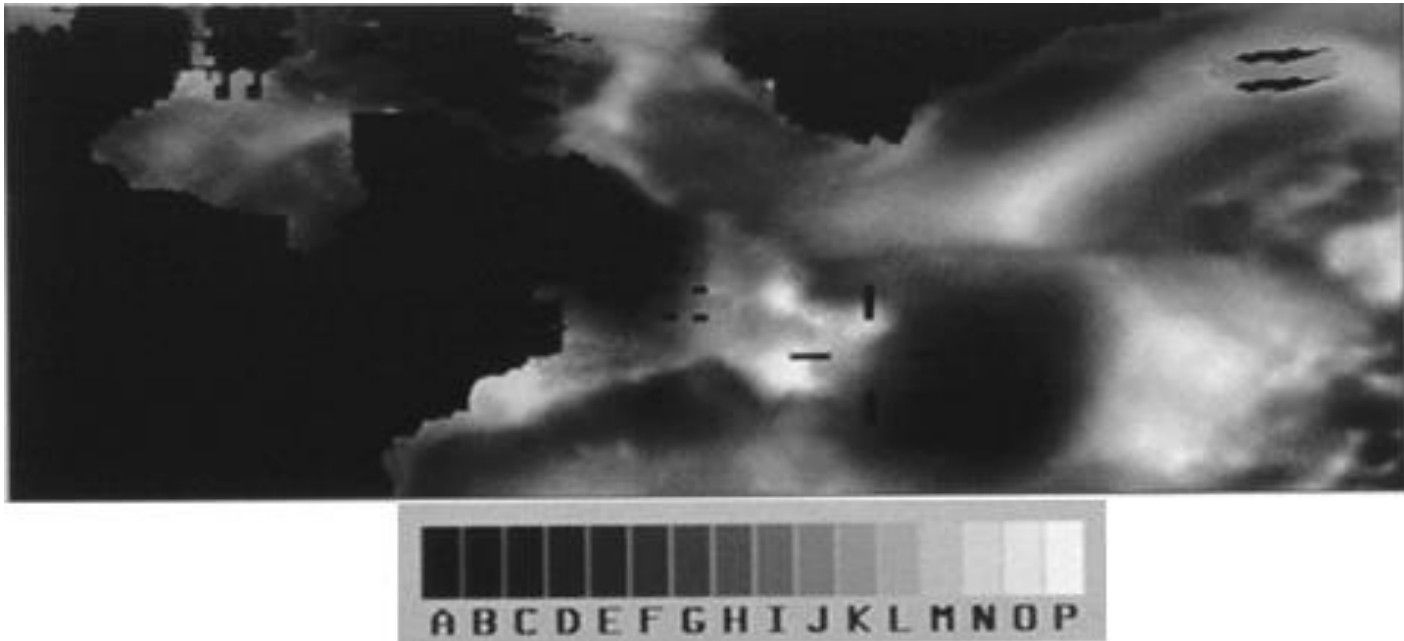


Upper row: all same brightness
Lower row: all same brightness

Another contrast variation by external factor
(background or environment)

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Errors in Map Reading



The map and the code look different !

Lightness (or Luminance/Brightness) constancy

- **Luminance vs. Lightness**
 - Black paper under the sun outdoors: ~1000 candelas
 - White paper in an office: 50 candelas
 - White paper in a dark office < 50 candelas
 - Still we can tell black from white !
- **Humans tries to achieve “lightness constancy” despite env. condition**
 - Discounts illumination level
- **Mechanisms**
 - Adaptation
 - Photo-pigment is bleached and become less sensitive with great env. light
 - When darker, recovers (takes up to 30 min)
 - Lightness of surface is kept within range at least
 - Texture, shadow, light orientation etc.
 - Cognitive aspects

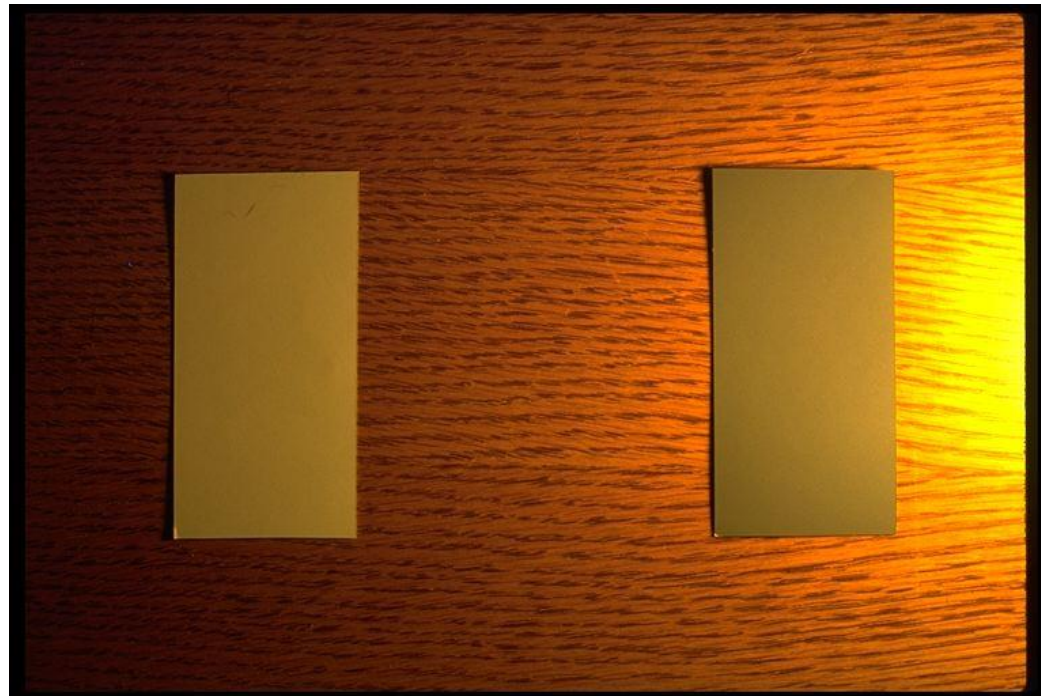


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Constancy vs. Simultaneous Contrast

Paper near the lamp is gray, but reflects more light (should perceive it as similar to white)

Paper far from the lamp is white



But S. contrast makes it that gray paper look darker with brighter background (or white paper lighter with darker background)

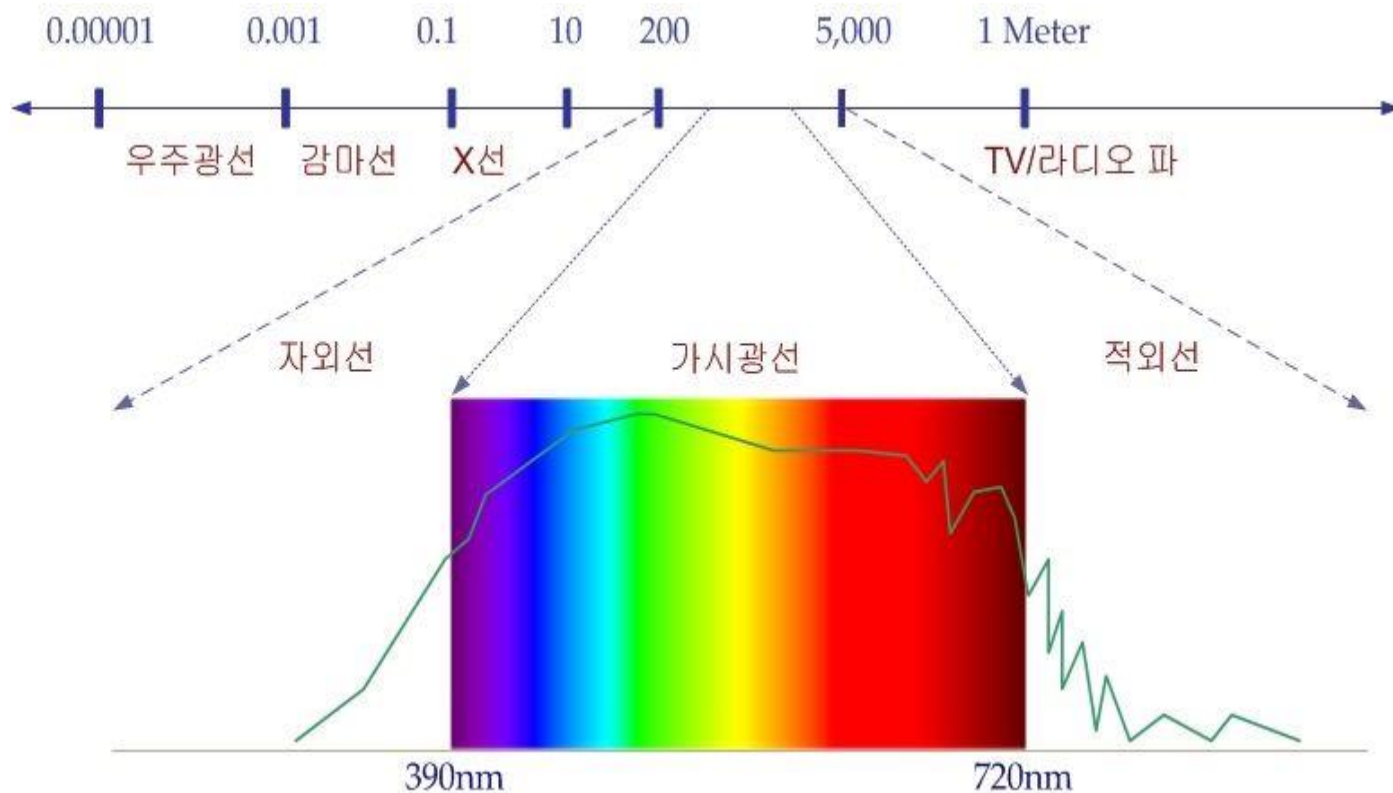
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Summary

- **Humans can adapt and keep lightness (and color) constancy but help would be appreciated**
- **Contrast is important for selection of background and surrounds for visualization of information**

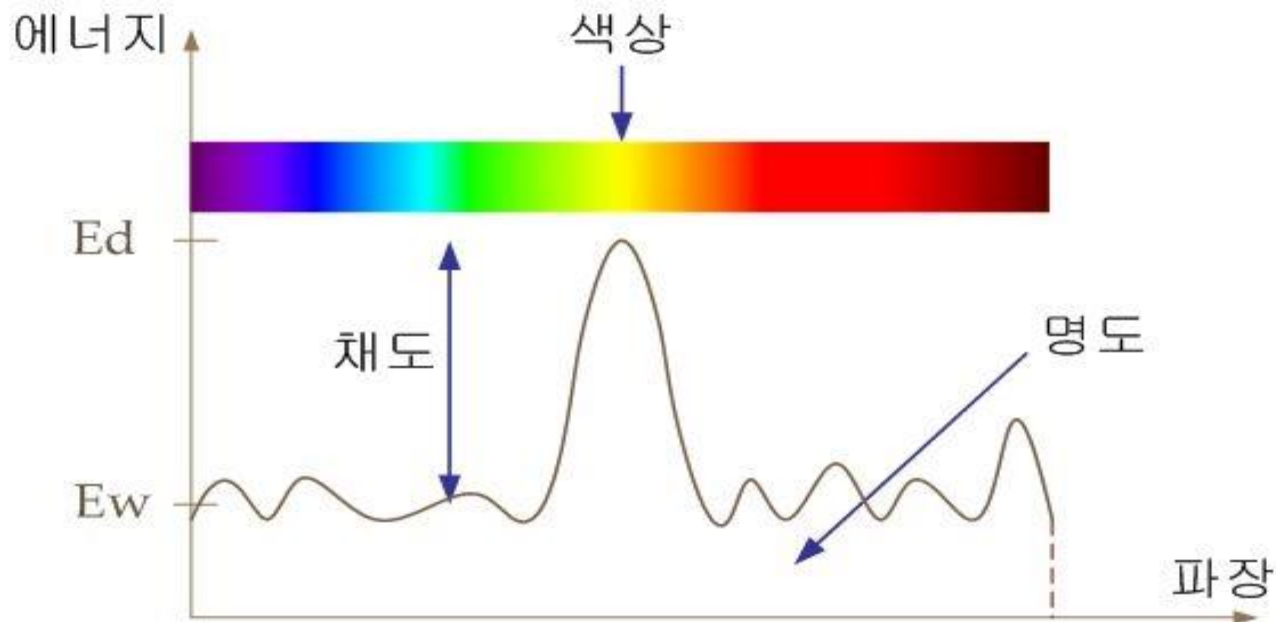
전자기파

- 주파수, 파장
- 가시광선의 파장: **390nm – 720nm**



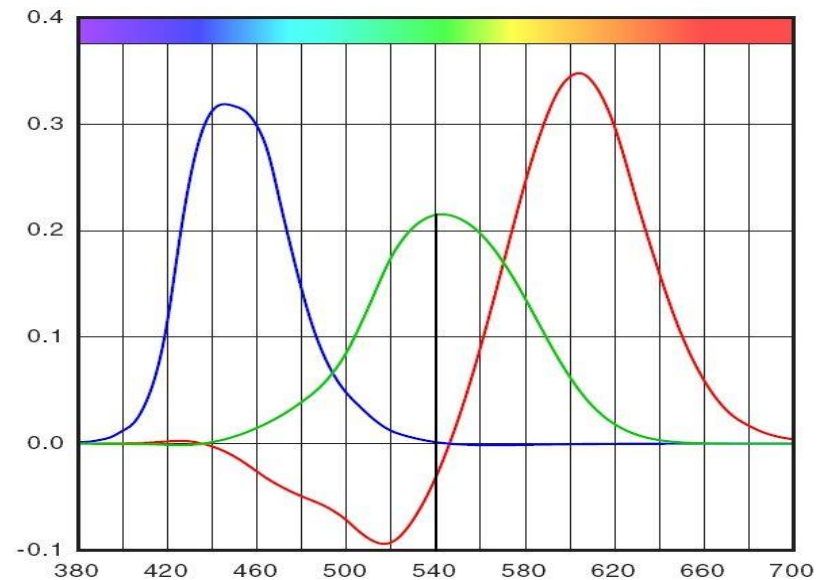
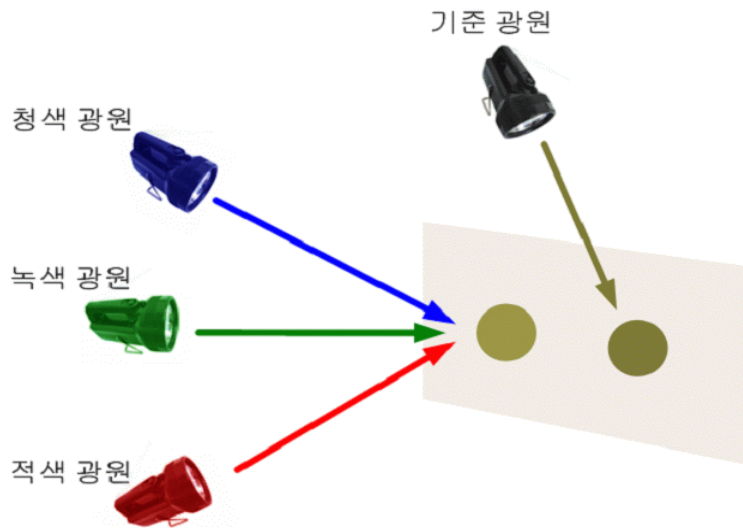
색상, 명도, 채도

- 색상: 우세주파수의 색
- 명도: 파형 아래의 면적
- 채도: $E_d - E_w$
 - 채도 증가: E_d 증가 또는 E_w 감소
 - E_w 감소: 명도 저하, 색상 인식이 어려움

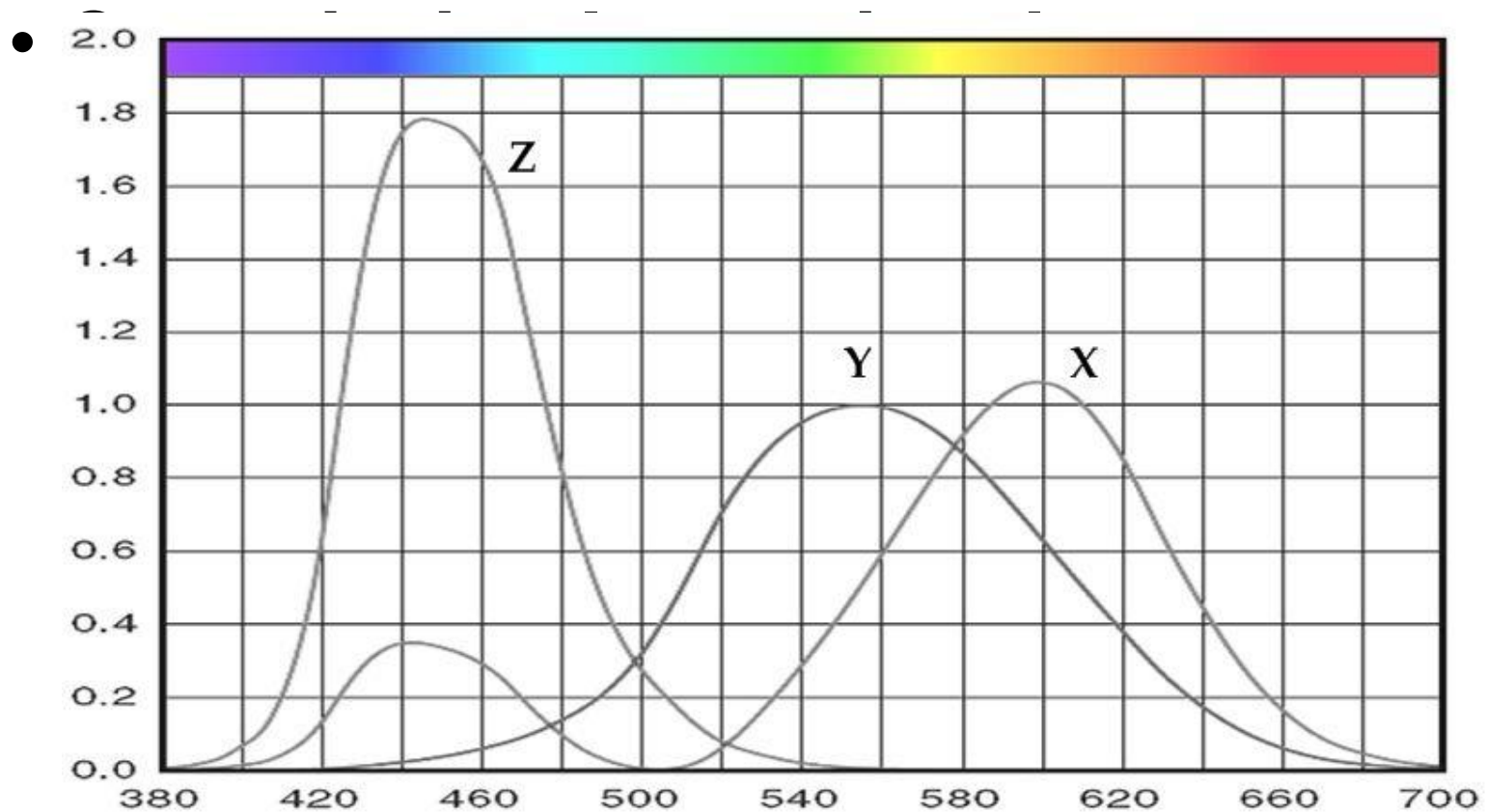


컬러 매칭

- 580 nm 황색 = 적색 광원(0.25) + 녹색광원(0.13) + 청색광원(0.0)
- 500nm 근처에서 적색광원은 음의 값
 - G, B를 합성한 색상에서 적색 성분을 빼야 함.
 - 현실적으로 불가능



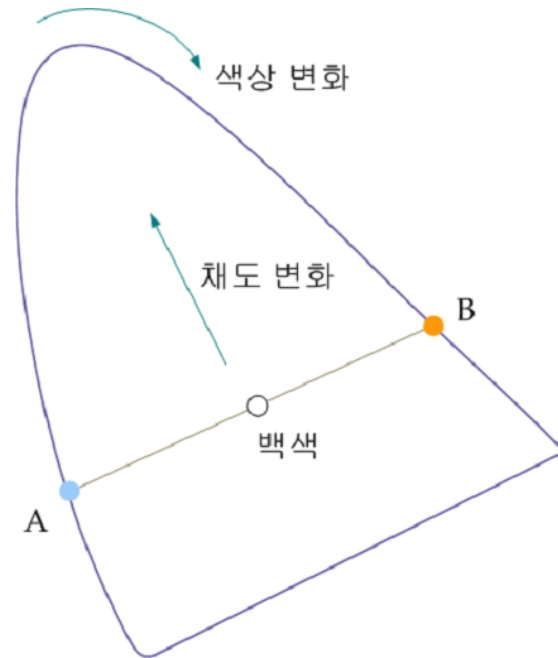
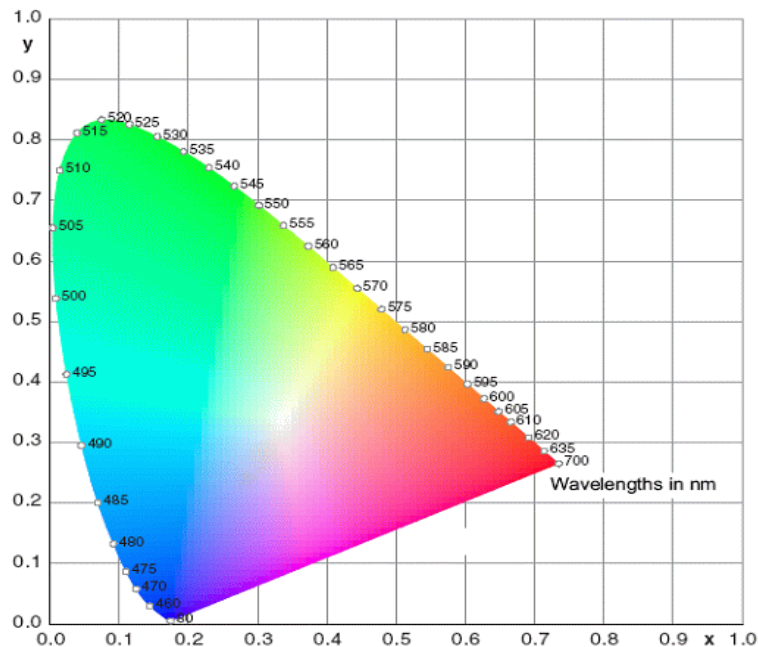
CIE 컬러 모델: $\text{color} = f(X, Y, Z)$



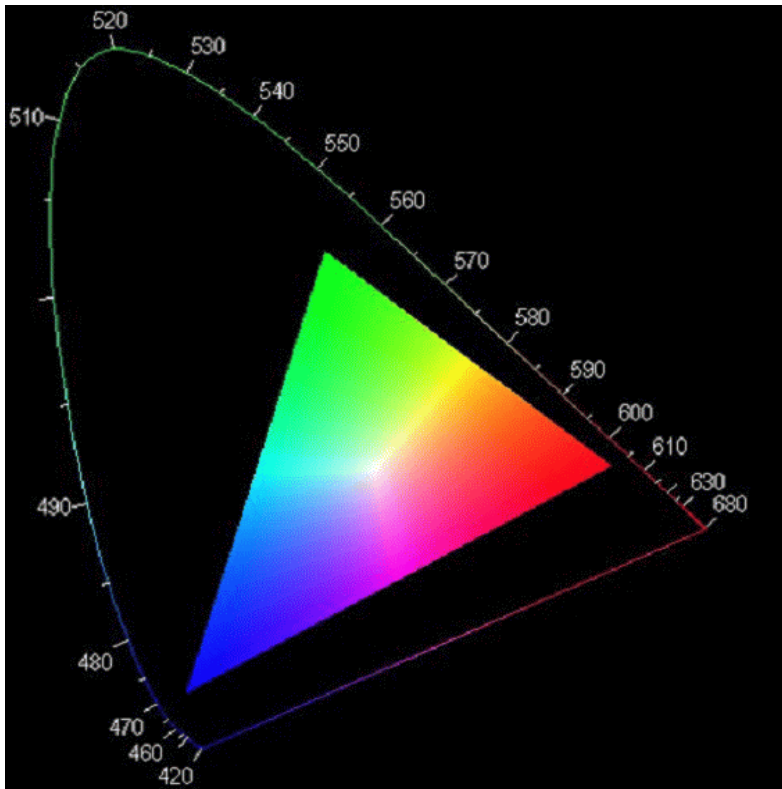
CIE 정규화 \rightarrow color = g(x, y)

$$x = X / (X + Y + Z) \quad y = Y / (X + Y + Z) \quad z = Z / (X + Y + Z)$$

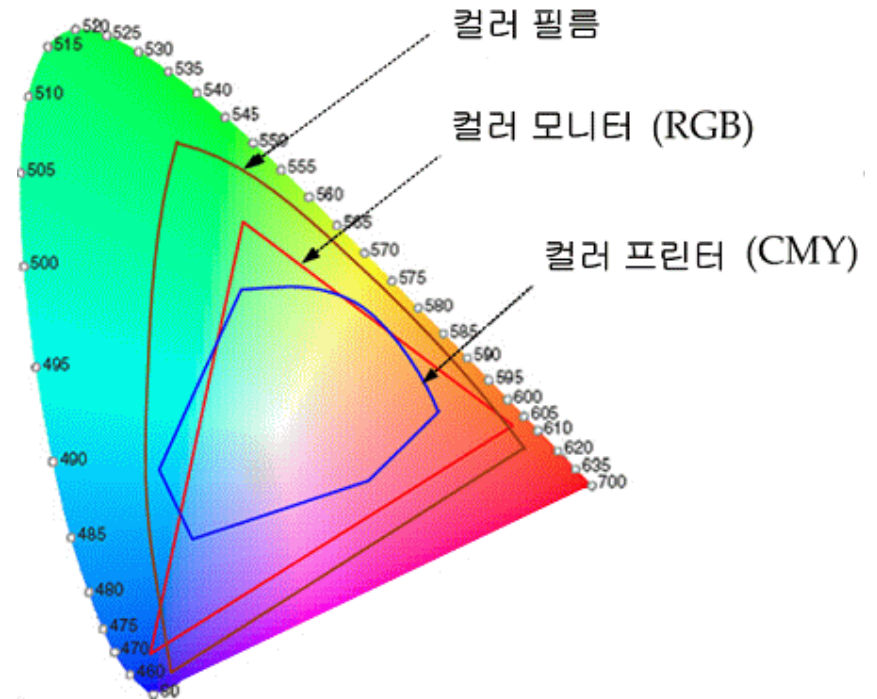
- $x+y+z = 1$ 이 되도록 x, y, z 를 설정
- x, y 가 결정되면 z 는 자동으로 결정됨: x, y 의 함수로서 색을 표현
 - CIE 색 범위
 - 순색(단일 파장): 경계선, 내부색: 순색의 혼합, 보색: 예. A와 B



색 범위(Color Gamut)



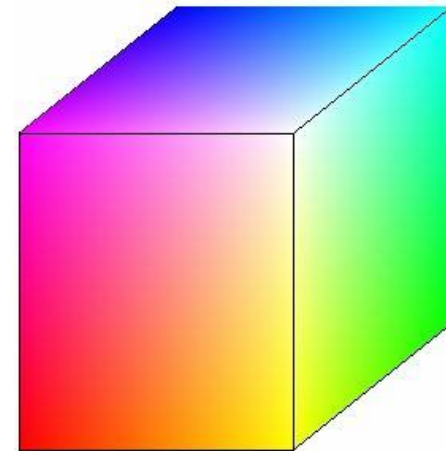
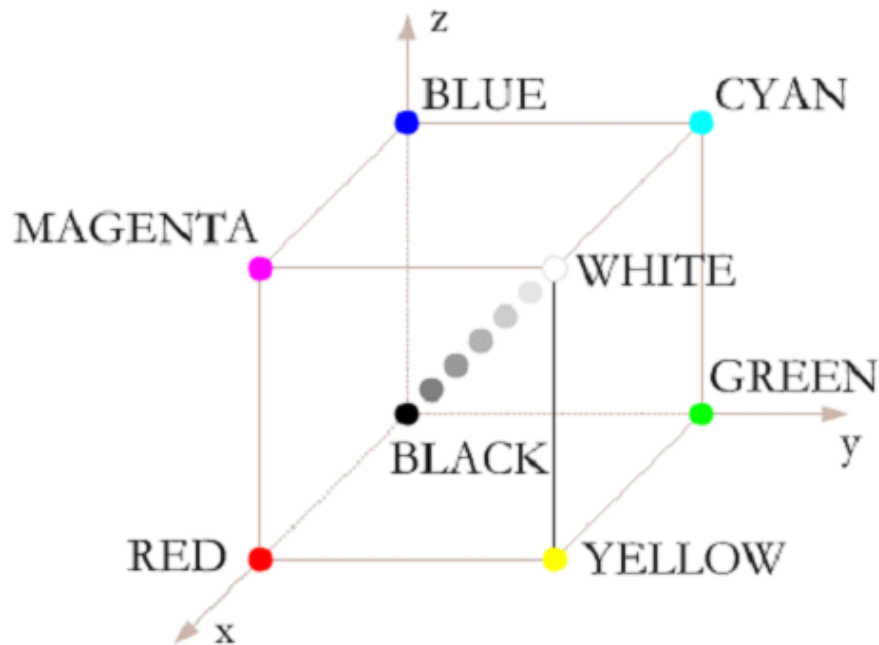
[그림 3-10] 컬러 모니터 색 범주



[그림 3-11] 출력 장비별 색 범주

RGB Color Model

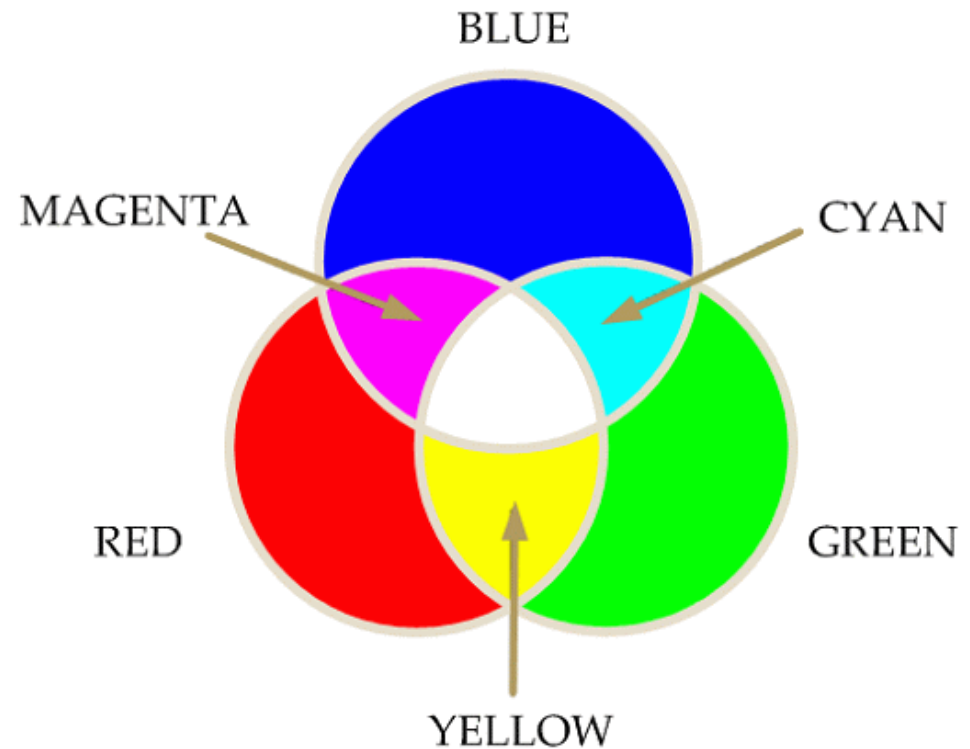
- 삼중 자극이론(Tri-Stimulus Theory)
 - 원추세포는 파장 630nm(빨강), 530 nm(녹색), 450nm(청색)에 가장 민감하게 반응



RGB Color Model

- **Additive**

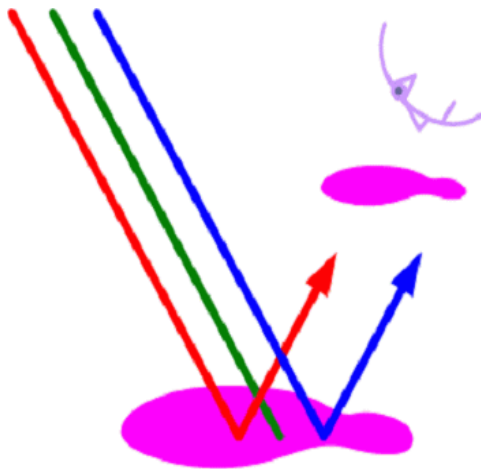
- 빛의 합성(예: 모니터)
- $R+G = Y$, $G+B = C$, $B+R = M$
- RGB의 보색은 CMY



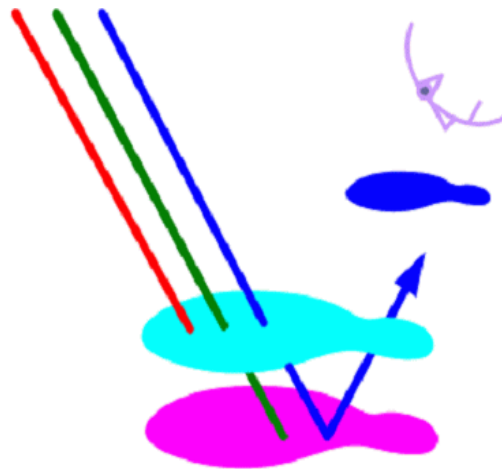
CMY Color Model

- **Subtractive**

- 물감의 합성 (예: 프린터)
- $W - G(\text{Complement of Magenta}) = R + B = \text{Magenta}$
- $(W - G) - R(\text{Complement of Cyan}) = \text{Blue}$
- $(W - G - R) - B(\text{Complement of Yellow}) = \text{Black}$



(a)



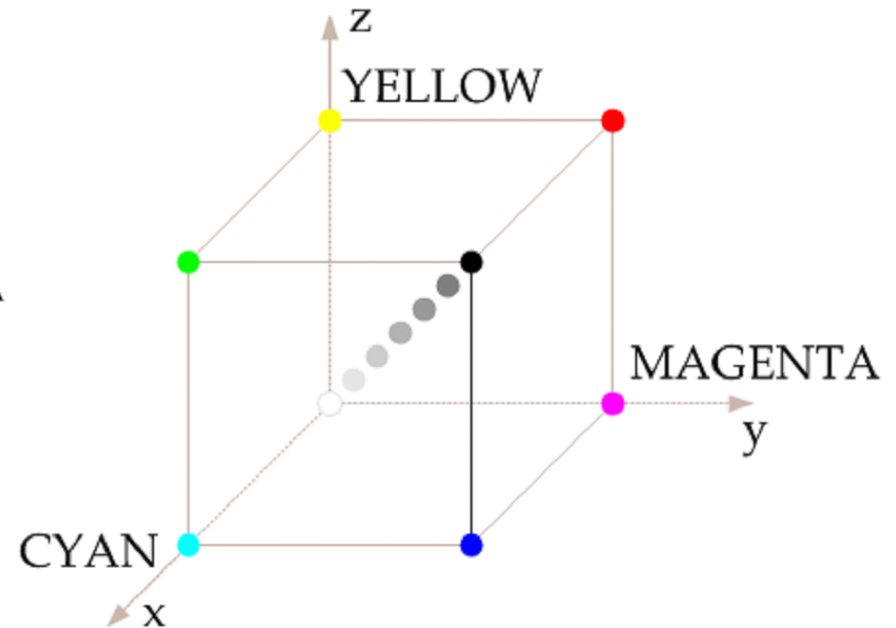
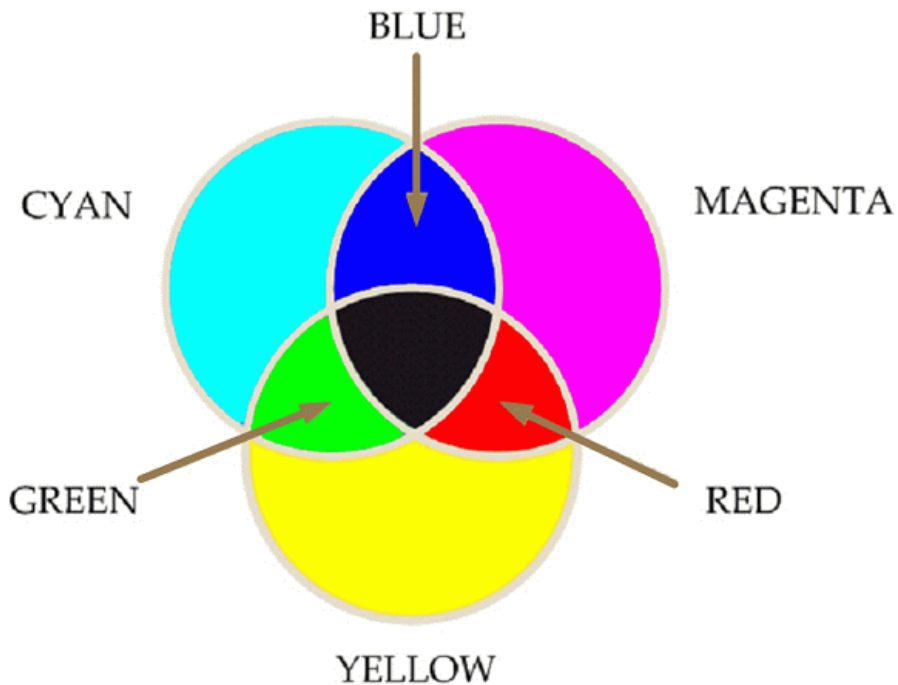
(b)



(c)

CMY Color Model

- RGB는 CMY의 합성으로 표현
- $C+M+Y = \text{Black}$ cf. $R+G+B$
- 물감의 삼원색은 CMY. 빨강노랑파랑이 아님.



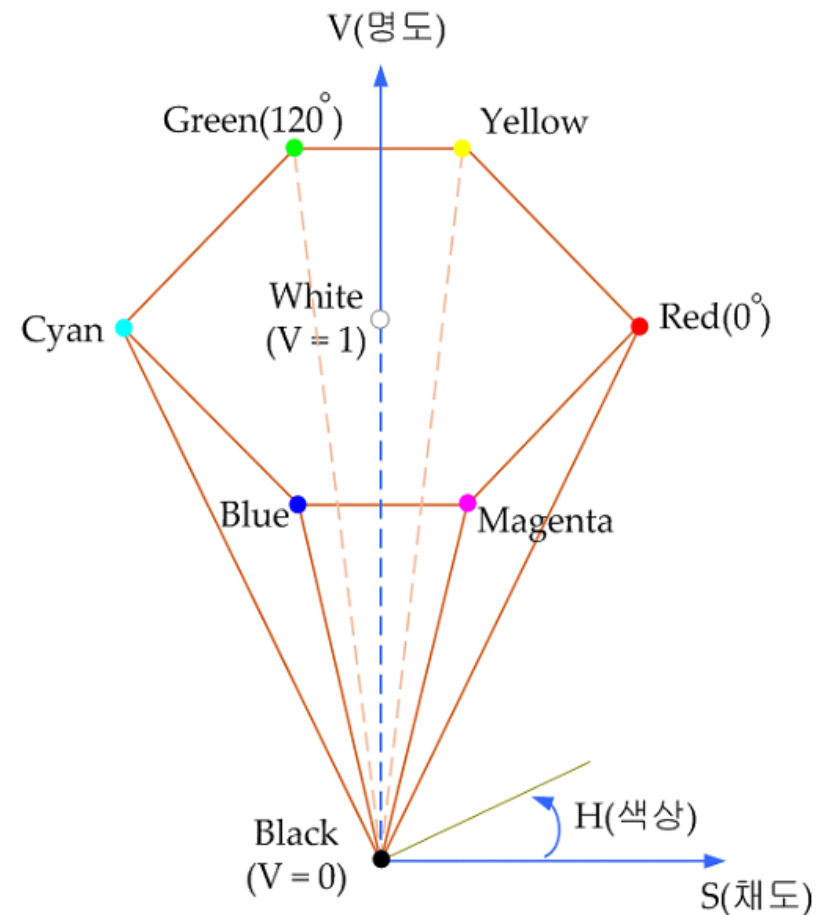
HSV Color Model

- **RGB 모델의 단점**
 - 직관적이지 않다. 보라색 = R, G, B 각각 얼마?
- **HSV(Hue, Saturation, Value)**
 - 또는 HSB(Hue, Saturation, Brightness)
 - 색상(Hue), 채도(Saturation), 명도(Value, Brightness)
 - 화가의 직관
 - 셰이드 = 어떤 색상에 흑색을 섞음. 채도와 명도를 동시에 낮춤.
 - 틸트 = 어떤 색상에 백색을 섞음. 채도는 낮추고 명도는 높임.

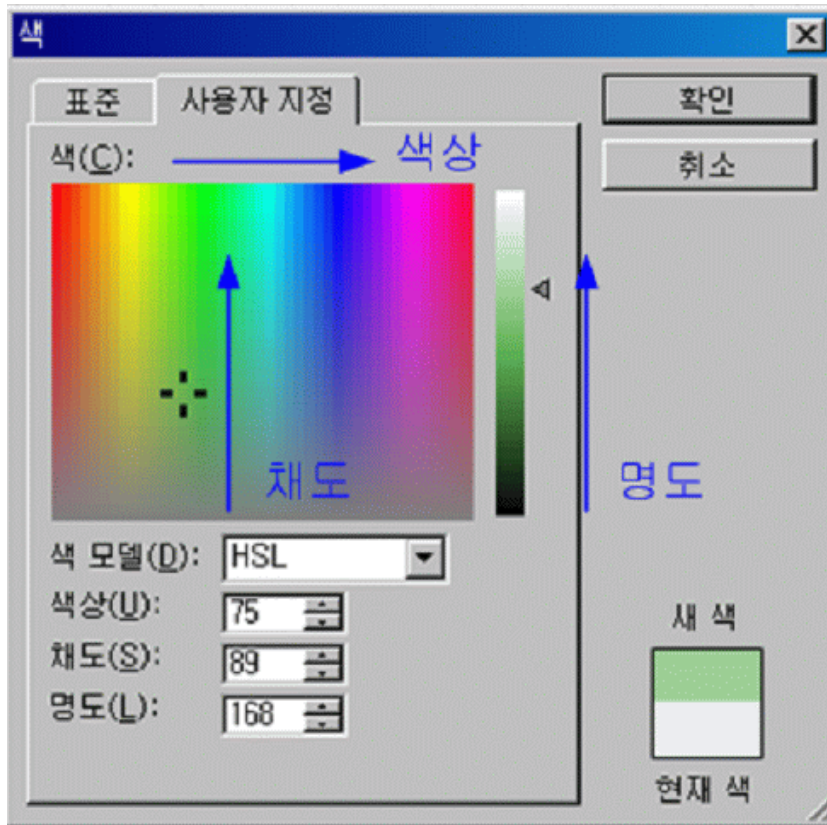


HSV Color Model

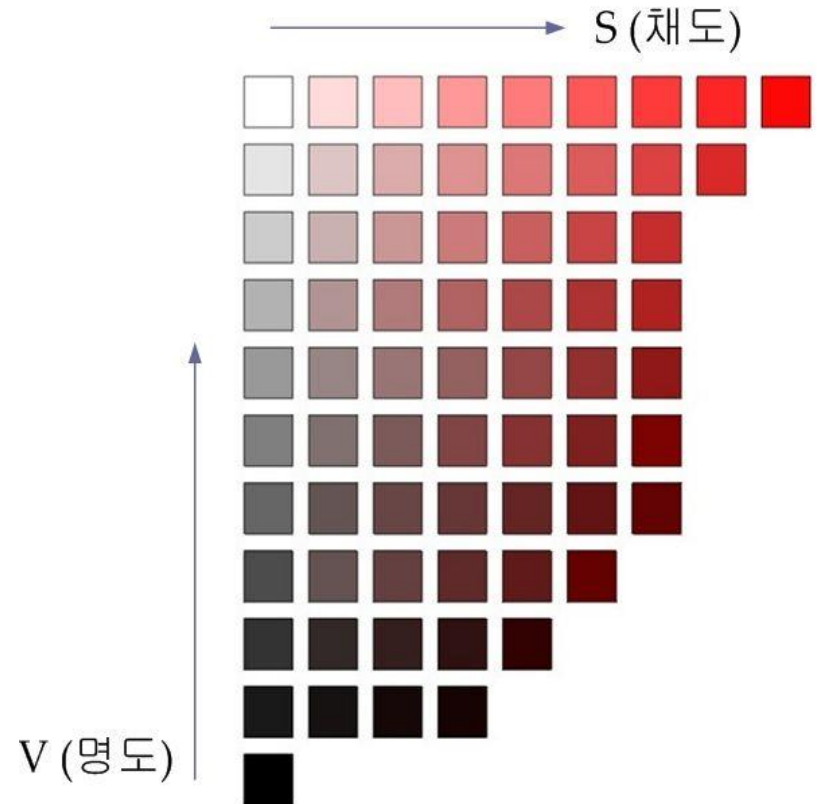
| H | S | V | 색 |
|-----|-----|------|-------|
| 0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | Red |
| 120 | 1.0 | 1.0 | Green |
| 240 | 1.0 | 1.0 | Blue |
| | 0.0 | 1.0 | White |
| | | 0.0 | Black |
| 90 | 0.5 | 0.25 | |



HSV Color Model



[그림 3-23] HSV 대화상자



[그림 3-24] HSV 단면

YUV

- 컬러 TV의 흑백 TV 호환성

- $- Y = 0.213R + 0.715G + 0.072B$

- $- Y' = 0.299R + 0.587G + 0.114B$

명도

- $- U = 0.492 (B - Y') \quad V = 0.877 (R - Y')$

색(색상, 채도)

- 디지털 TV

- $- Y'CbCr$

- $- Cb = (B - Y')/1.772 + 0.5 \quad Cr = (R - Y')/0.402 + 0.5$

- NTSC TV 표준

- I는 주황-청색(Orange-Blue), Q는 자주-녹색(Purple-Green)축

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ I \\ Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.299 & 0.587 & 0.114 \\ 0.596 & -0.275 & -0.321 \\ 0.212 & -0.523 & 0.311 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$



CIE $L^*a^*b^*$

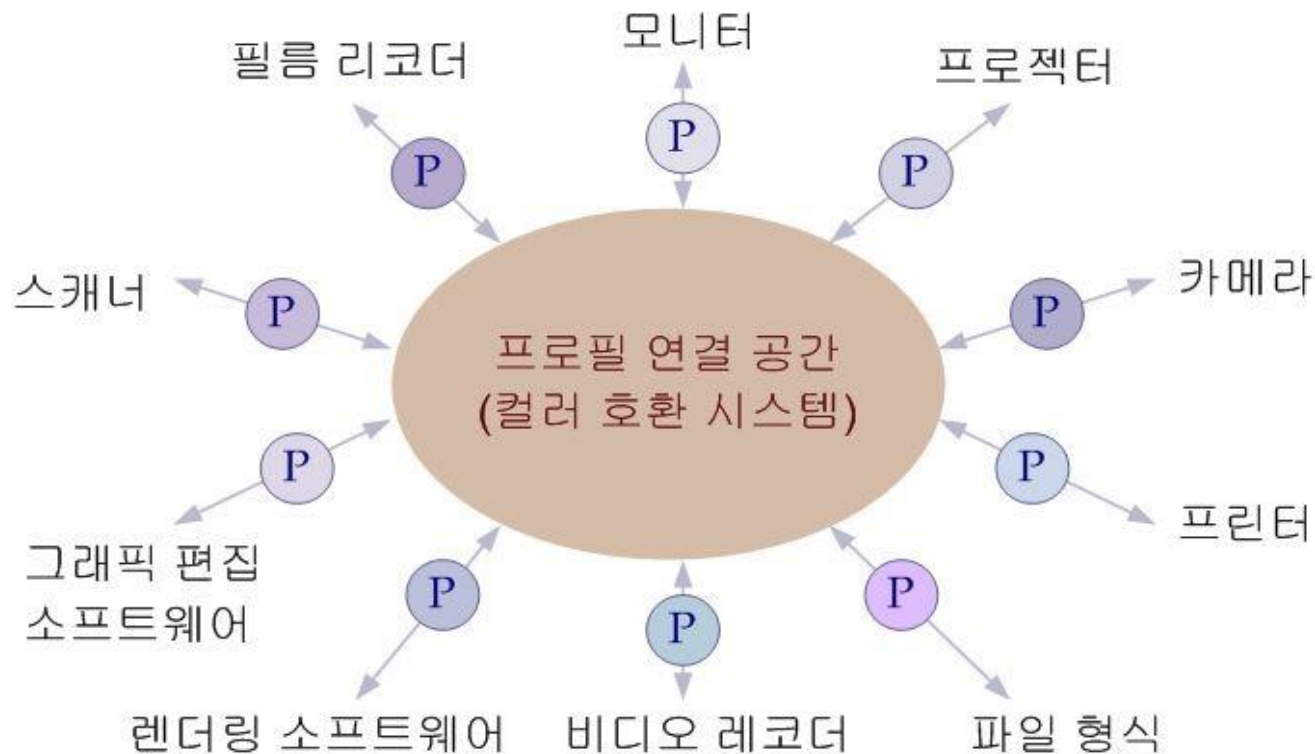
- 웨버의 법칙
 - 자극이 강할수록 상대적 감도는 낮아짐
 - 절대 명도 I 일 때, 인지된 명도는 $\text{Log}(I)$ 에 비례
- CIE 모델의 문제점
 - 인지된 색차가 그림의 거리에 비례하지 않음
- CIE의 변형
 - 인지 컬러모델(Perceptual Color Model)
 - 인지된 색차가 맵상의 거리에 비례하도록



CMS(Color Management System)

- 컬러 호환성

- 컬러모델, 장비특성에 따른 오차를 최소화
- 개별 장비의 컬러모델, 장비특성을 프로필 형태로 나타냄
- 장비에 무관한 컬러공간으로 사상



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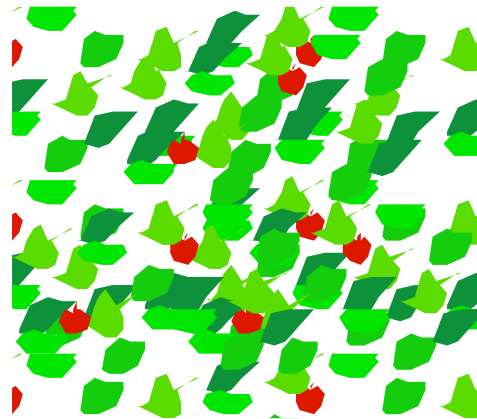
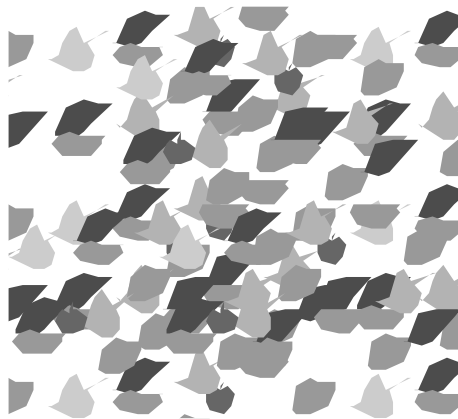
Color is irrelevant ...

- **To perceiving object shapes**
- **To perceiving layout of objects in space**
- **To perceiving how objects are moving**

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But, color is critical...

- To help us break camouflage
- To judge the condition of objects (food)
- To determine material types
- Extremely useful for coding information



Implications

- **Chromatic channels are only capable of one third of the info carried out by the luminance channel**
 - Chromatic difference is not suitable for display kind of detail

Luminance contrast needed to see detail

**3:1 recommended
10:1 idea for small text**

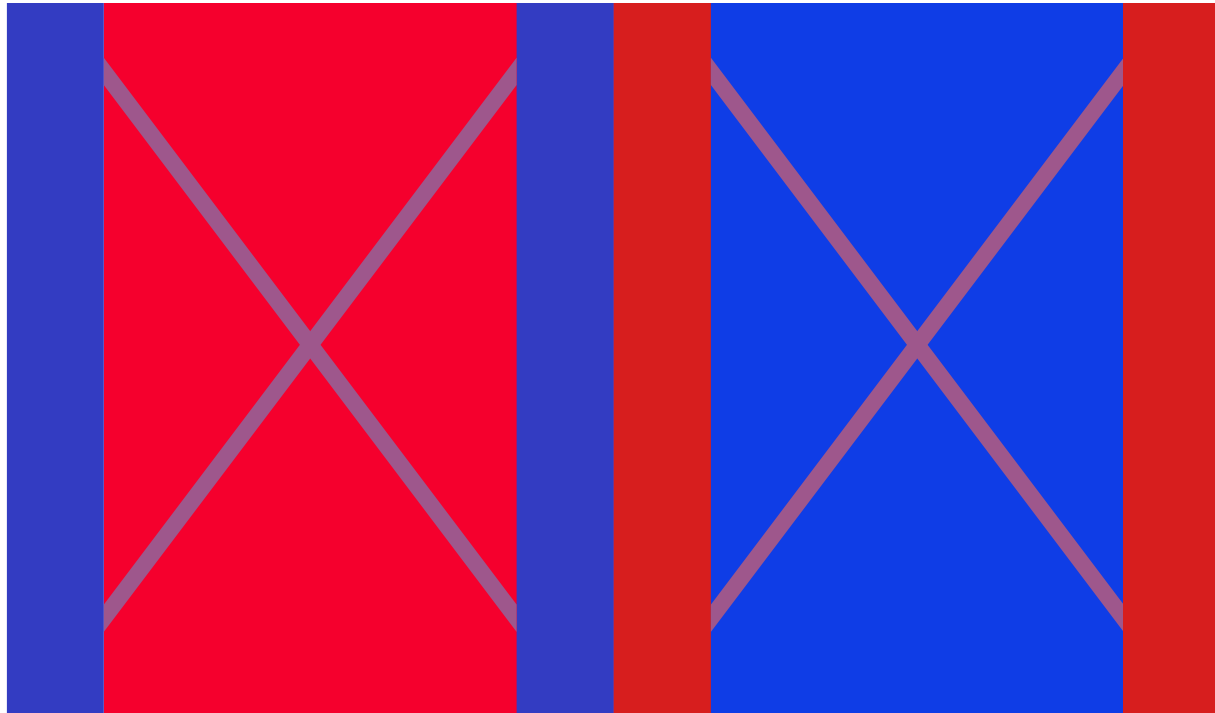
Some Natural philosophers suppose that these colors arise from accidental vapours diffused in the air, which communicate their own hues to the shadows; so that the colours of the shadows are occasioned by the reflection of any given sky colour: the above observations favour this opinion.

Text on an isoluminant background is hard to read



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Color contrast



| Legibility | Black Background | White Background |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Best | White | Black |
| | Yellow , Dark Yellow | Blue, Dark Blue |
| | Cyan , Dark Cyan | Red, Dark Red |
| Medium | Green, Dark Green | Magenta |
| | Magenta | Green, Dark Green |
| | Red, Dark Red | Cyan , Dark Cyan |
| Poorest | Blue, Dark Blue | Yellow , Dark Yellow |
| None | | |

Inappropriate Text Colors

- Beware of blue: Blue is inappropriate for discerning small shapes like alphanumeric characters, dots etc. on a dark background. However, blue is a good background color.
- Light greens are as well inappropriate as text colors on light backgrounds.

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|------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Blue | Blue | Red | Red | Green | Green |
| Blue | Blue | Red | Red | Green | Green |

Lightness and Hue Differences

For readable text (or graphics) always provide a significant lightness difference between the information and the background (the acuity of the eye is much higher for lightness changes than for changes in hue and saturation).

| Do | Do not |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Black on White | Black on Dark Grey |
| Dark Grey on White | Middle Grey on Light Grey |
| Black on Light Grey | Dark Grey on Middle Grey |

Discrimination on the basis of hue and/or saturation differences alone is not adequate in any situation where there is fine detail.

| Do: Hue/Saturation and Lightness | Do not: Hue/Saturation Only |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Blue on Cyan (Hue) | Blue on Cyan (Hue) |
| Blue on Blue (Saturation) | Blue on Blue (Saturation) |

Guideline: Allow a contrast ratio of at least 5:1 between text and background (ISO 9241 demands at least 3:1, but 10:1 is preferred).

| Maximum Lightness Difference | Little Lightness Difference |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Black on White, Bold | Blue on Green, Bold |
| Black on White, Plain | Blue on Green, Plain |
| White on Black, Bold | Green on Magenta, Bold |
| White on Black, Plain | Green on Magenta, Plain |

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Blue Text on Red Background and Vice Versa

Do not use **blue** text on a **red** background or vice versa - the colors are seen at different depths.



Put Colored Text on Neutral Background

For maximum **legibility**, avoid colored text with colored background (the hue changes through color contrast or hue induction.)

-> Place colored text on a neutral background (white, black, or grey) or use black or white text on a colored background.

| Do | Do not |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Blue on Grey | Blue on Green |
| Black on Yellow | Black on Blue |
| White on Blue | White on Yellow |

Rules for Choosing Black and White Text

- Background lightness between 0% and 20%: Use white text
- Background lightness between 40% and 100%: Use black text

| Background Lightness | White Text | Black Text |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| 20% | White | Black |
| 50% | White | Black |
| 80% | White | Black |

Improving Color Consistency

Color **consistency** can be improved (if color is necessary, e.g. for a corporate color scheme) by using backgrounds which are desaturated and either of a closely similar hue to the text or, for increased contrast, of a complementary hue.

| Similar Hue | Complementary Hue |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Blue on Light Blue | Blue on Light Yellow |
| Red on Light Red | Red on Light Cyan |
| Green on Light Green | Green on Light Magenta |

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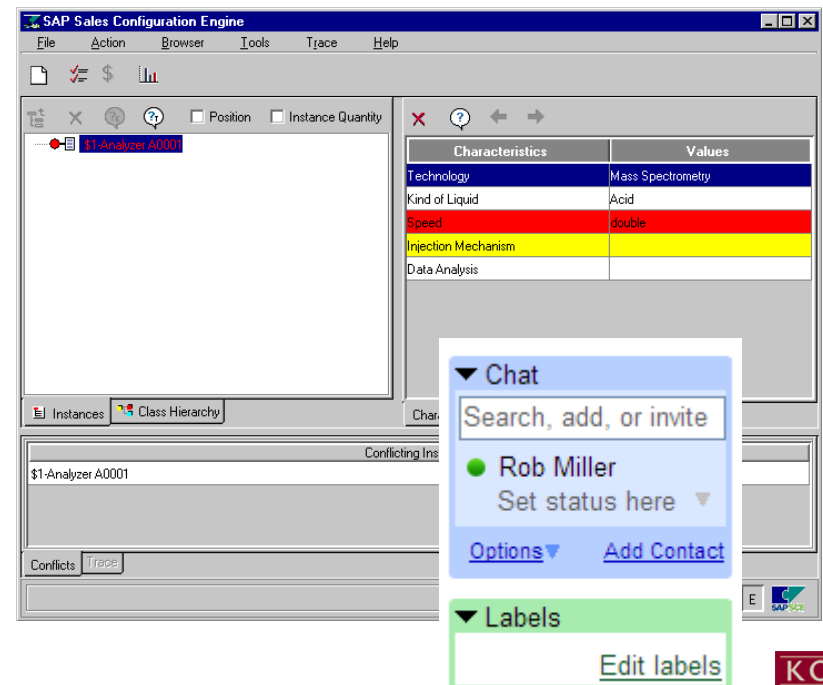
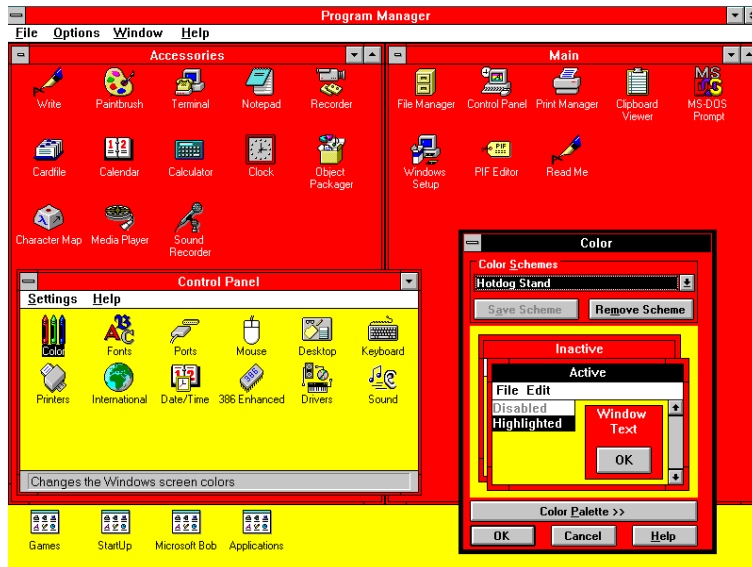
Avoid saturated colors

- In general, avoid strongly saturated colors - i.e., the colors around the outside edge of the HSV cone. Saturated colors can cause visual fatigue because the eye must keep refocusing on different wavelengths.
- They also tend to saturate the viewer's receptors (hence the name). One study found that air traffic controllers who viewed strongly saturated green text on their ATC (air traffic control) interfaces for many hours had trouble seeing pink or red (the other end of the red/green color channel) for up to 15 minutes after their shift was over.
- Use less saturated, “pastel” colors instead, which mix gray or white into the pure color.



Avoid saturated colors

- The examples on top use colors with high saturation; on the bottom, low saturation. Shades of gray have minimum saturation.



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Types of data and coding

- Nominal (labeling)
- Ordinal (orderable, but not regular)
- Interval (meaningful step sizes)
- Ratio (Zero, ratios)

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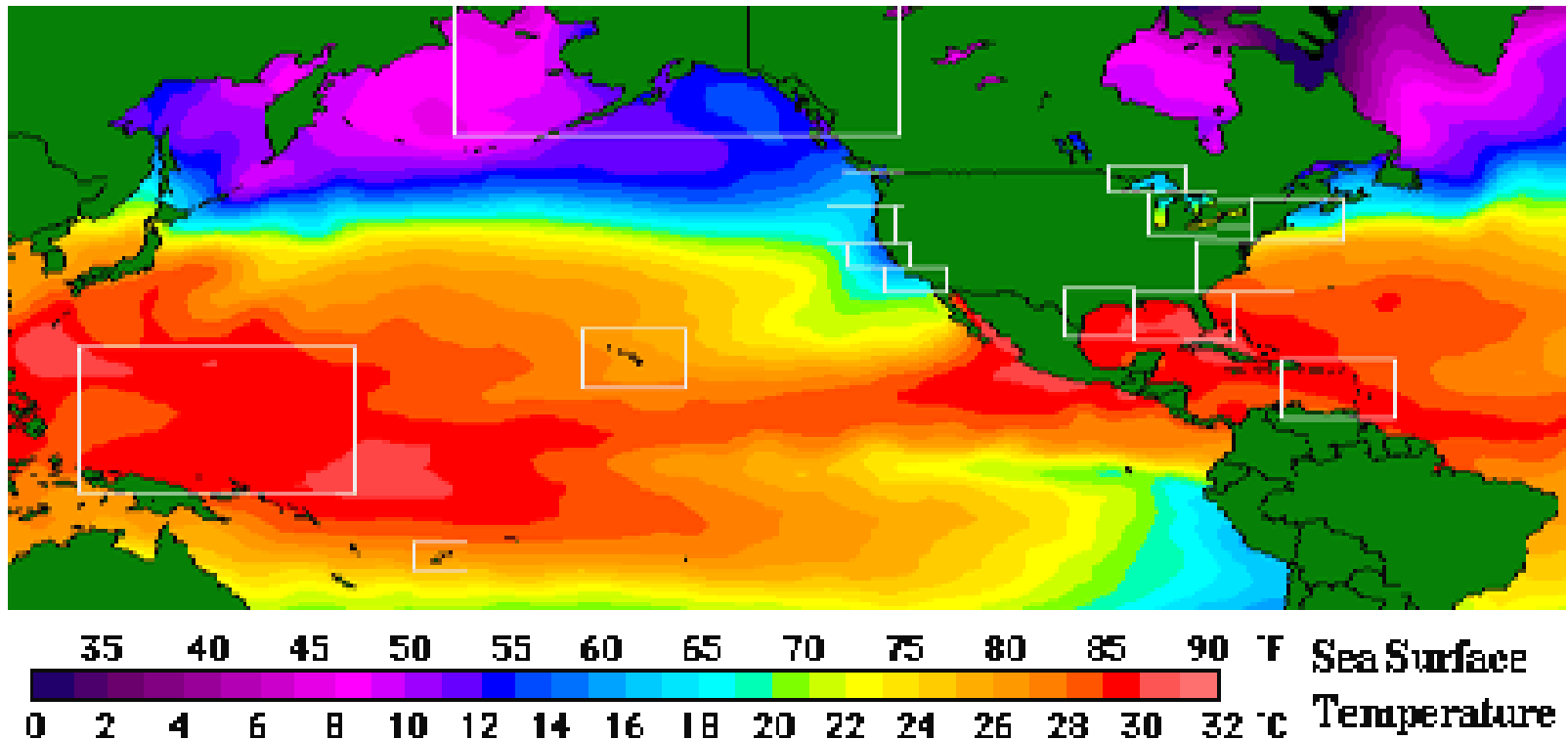
Color coding and memory

- Although human vision enables us to perceive differences among millions of colors, we have very poor color memory
- For this reason, the number of different colors used for coding on a display should be limited to between five and ten colors
- Humans are much better at performing “relative judgment” tasks in contrast to the “absolute judgment” task. One way to change a display from requiring absolute judgment to relative judgment is to incorporate a comparison scale (three dimensions ... e.g. HSV, RGB, ...)



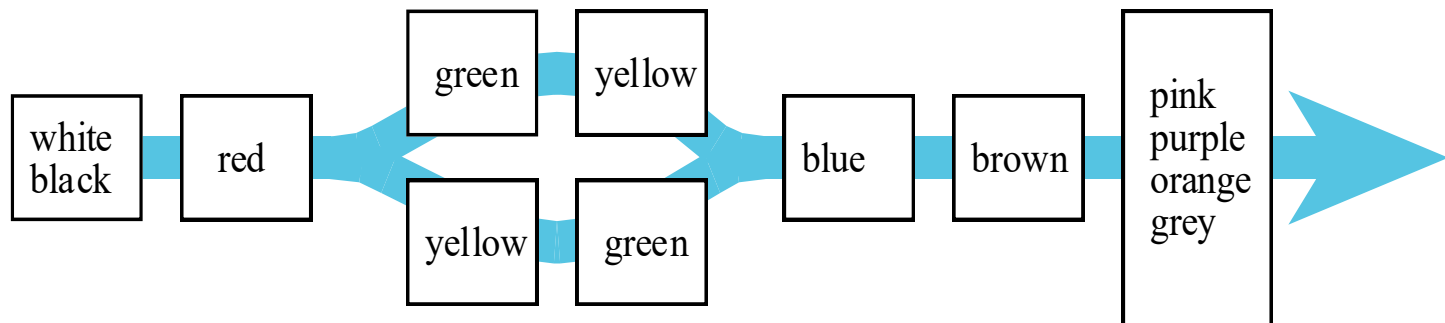
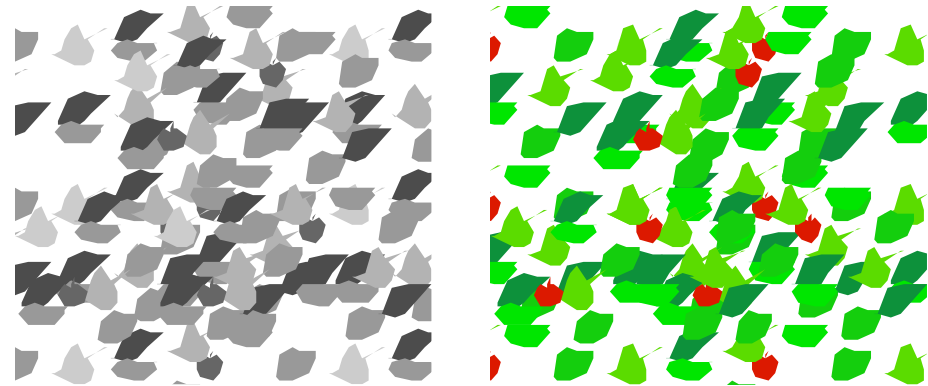
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Color coding and memory

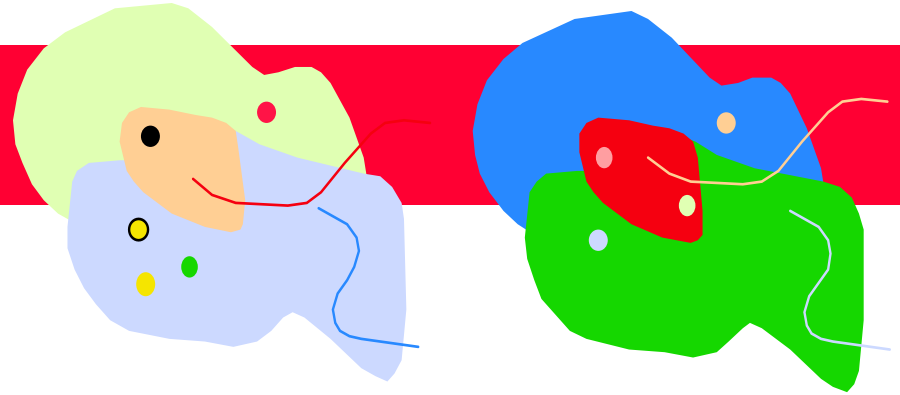


Color great for classification

- Rapid visual segmentation
- Color helps us determine type
- Only about six categories
(Magic Number ?)



Color coding



Large areas: low saturation

Small areas high saturation

Break iso-luminance with borders

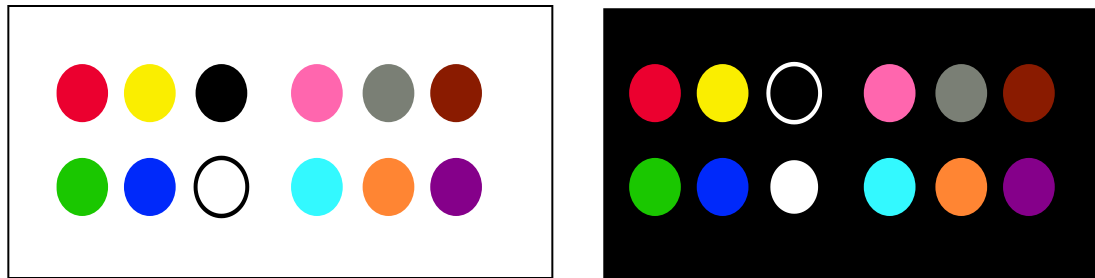
Must have luminance contrast with background to see details

The same rules apply to color coding text and other similar information. Small areas should have **high saturation** colors.

Large areas should be coded with low saturation colors

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Color choices (for coding)



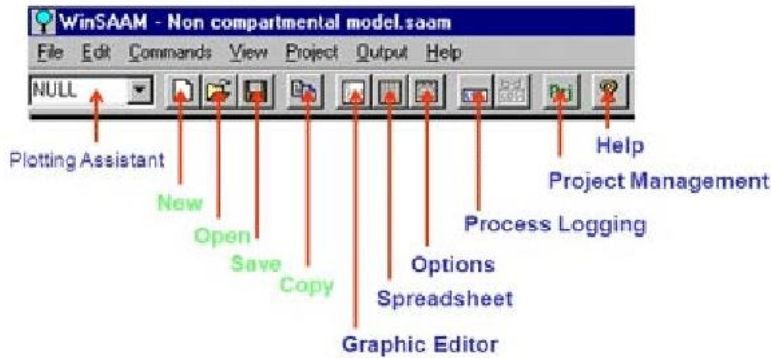
Which colors? (distinct and memorable)

Recommended: Red, Green, Yellow, Blue, Black, White

Pink, Cyan, Gray, Orange, Brown, Purple

Also consider cultural aspect: “Red” is good or bad?

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COMPOSE

Inbox

Starred

Important

Chats

Sent Mail

Drafts (2)

All Mail

Spam (125)

Trash

An interface with many colors appears more complex, more cluttered, and more distracting. Use only a small number of different hues.

The toolbar on top uses too many colors (many of them highly saturated), so none of the buttons stand out, and the toolbar feels hard to scan. In contrast, the toolbar at the bottom uses only a handful of colors. It's more restful to look at, and the buttons that actually use color (like the Open File button) really pop out.

A simple and very effective color scheme uses just one hue (like blue or green, weakly saturated and in various values), combined with black, white, and shades of gray.



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Examples: Color for classification

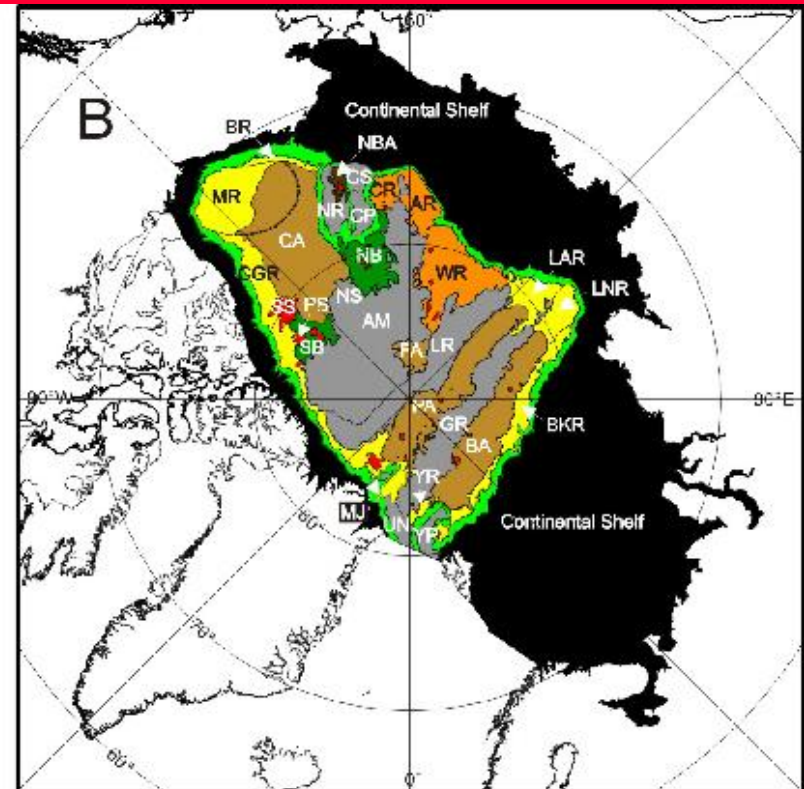
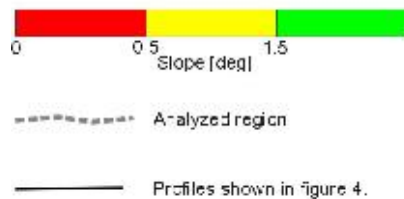
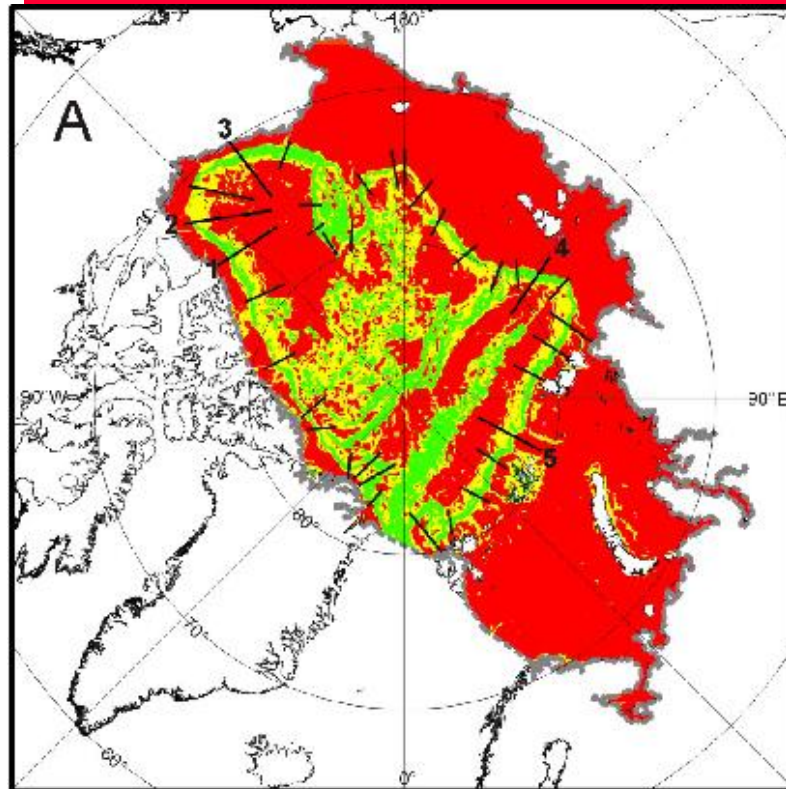


Figure 3A and B. Continuous scale (hue?)

Classification (9 colors)

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Ordinal data

- *Order*: ordered values should be represented by perceptually-ordered colors
- *Separation*: significantly different levels should be represented by distinguishable colors
- Can use uniform color spaces
- *Luminance*: good for showing form
- *Many hues*: useful for showing readable values



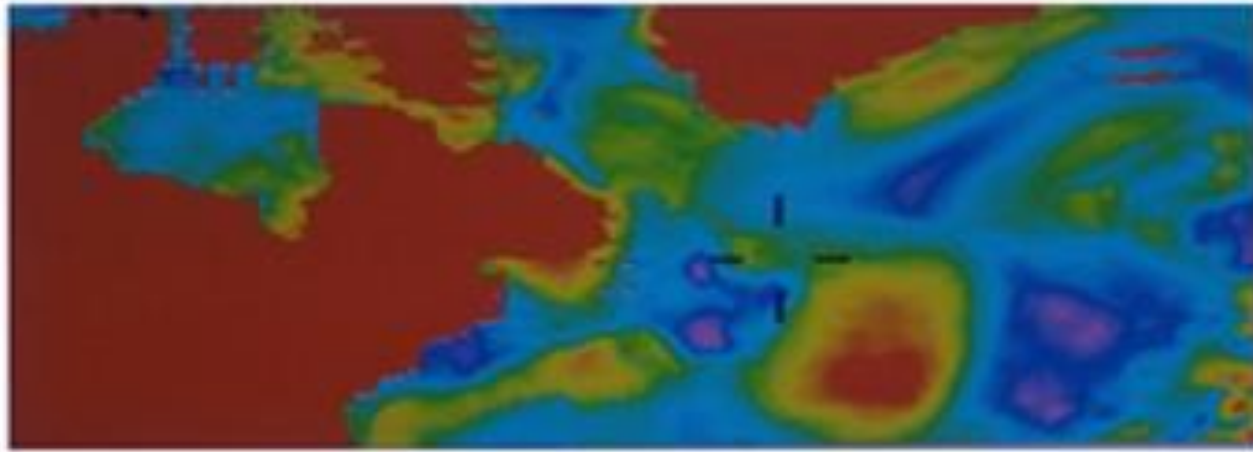
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Ordinal Data: Pseudo-color sequences

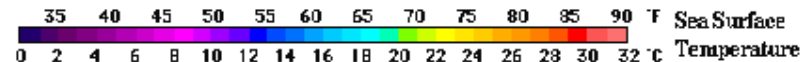
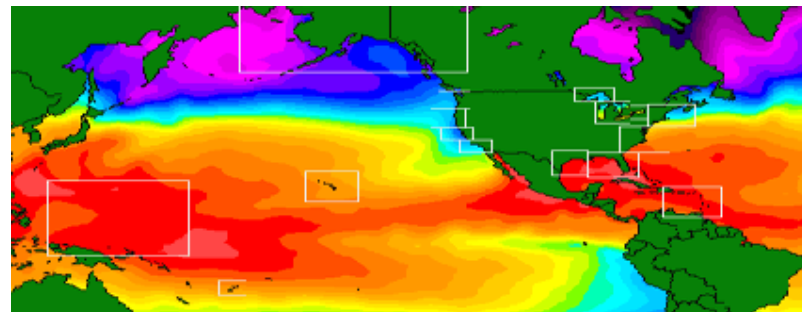
- One approach: Change a single color model component with other components held constant
- Examples
 - Grey scale
 - Saturation scale
 - Spectrum (hue, rainbow) scale



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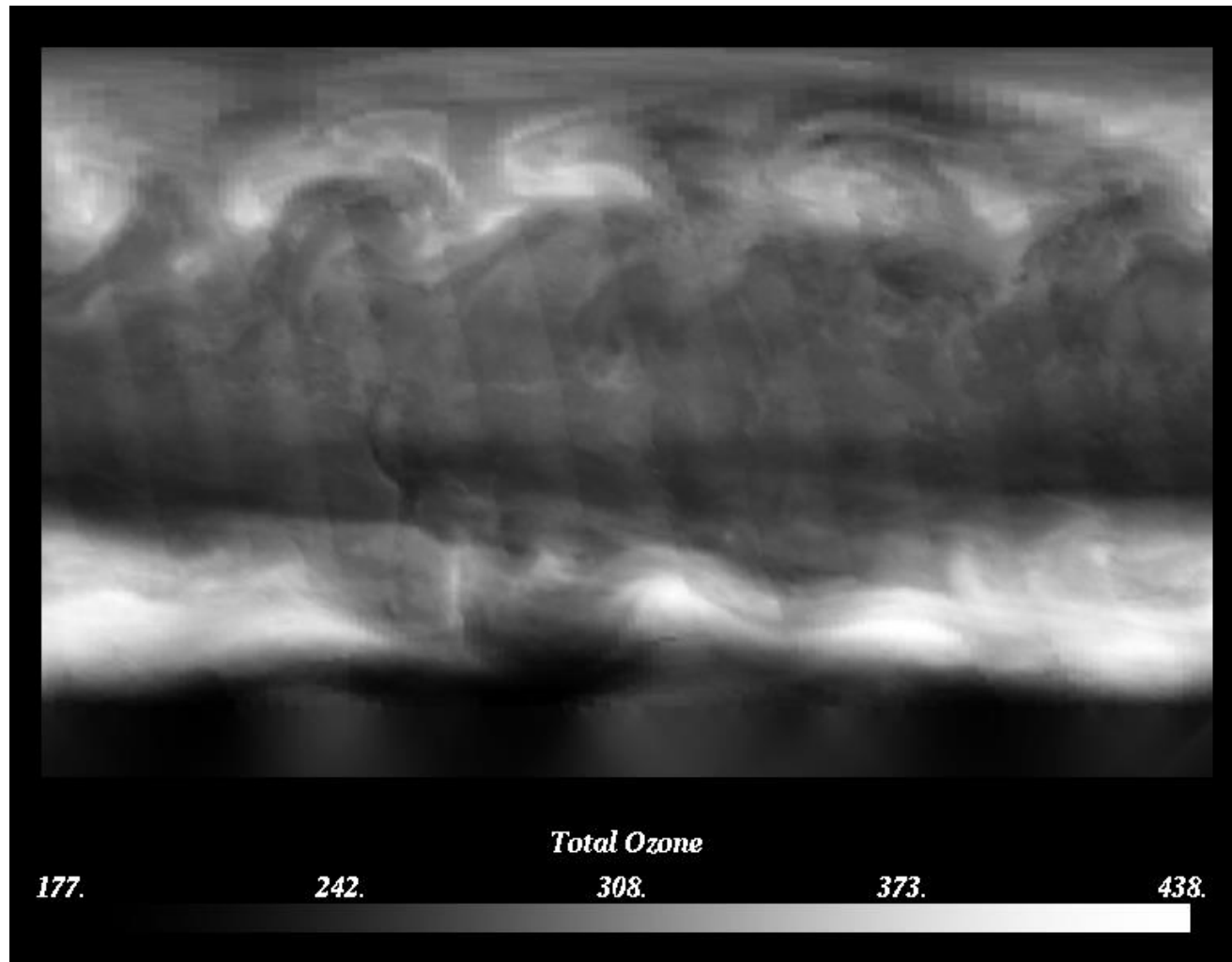


Pseudo color is just by the light spectrum ... (no other good choice)?



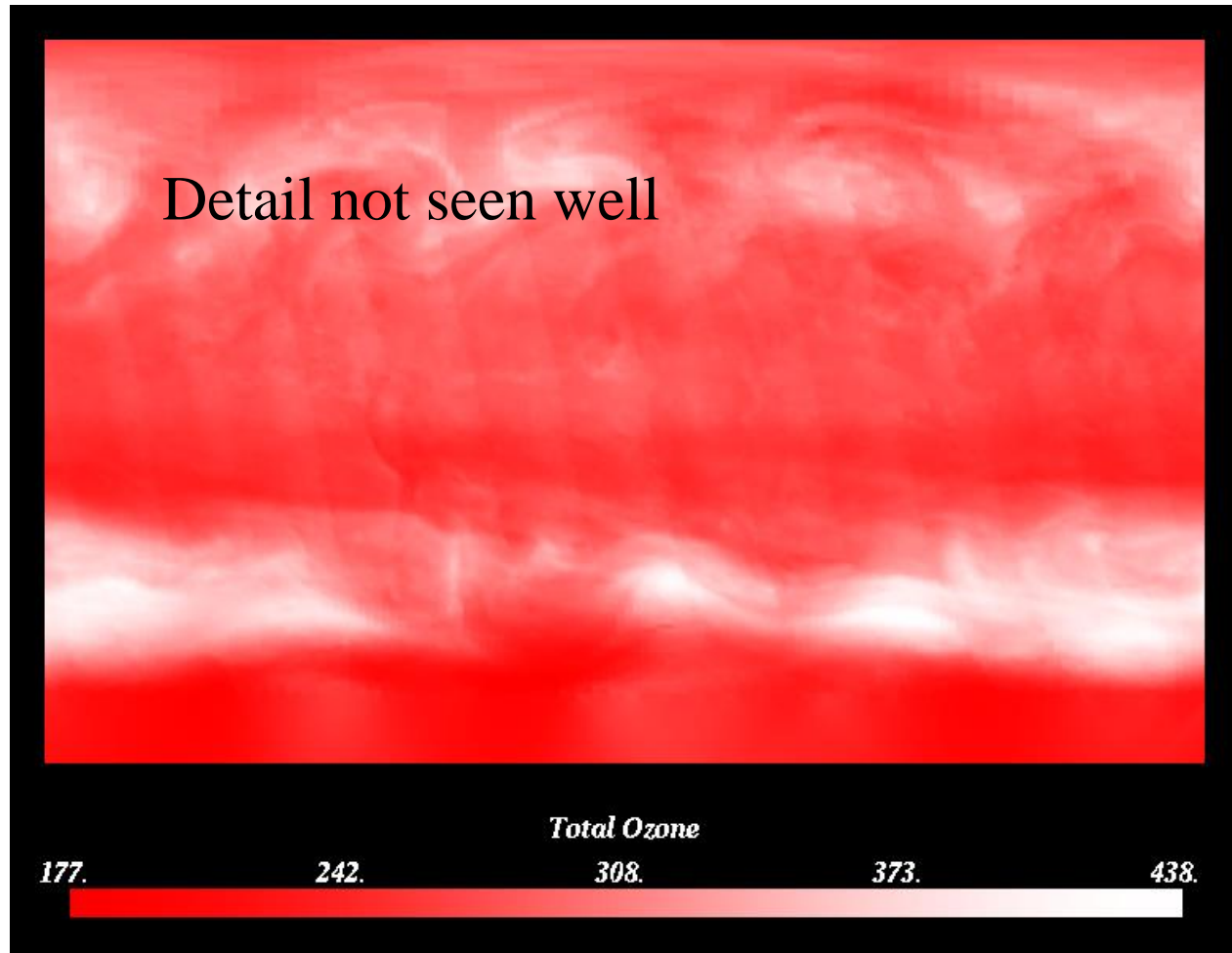
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Luminance (Gray) Scale



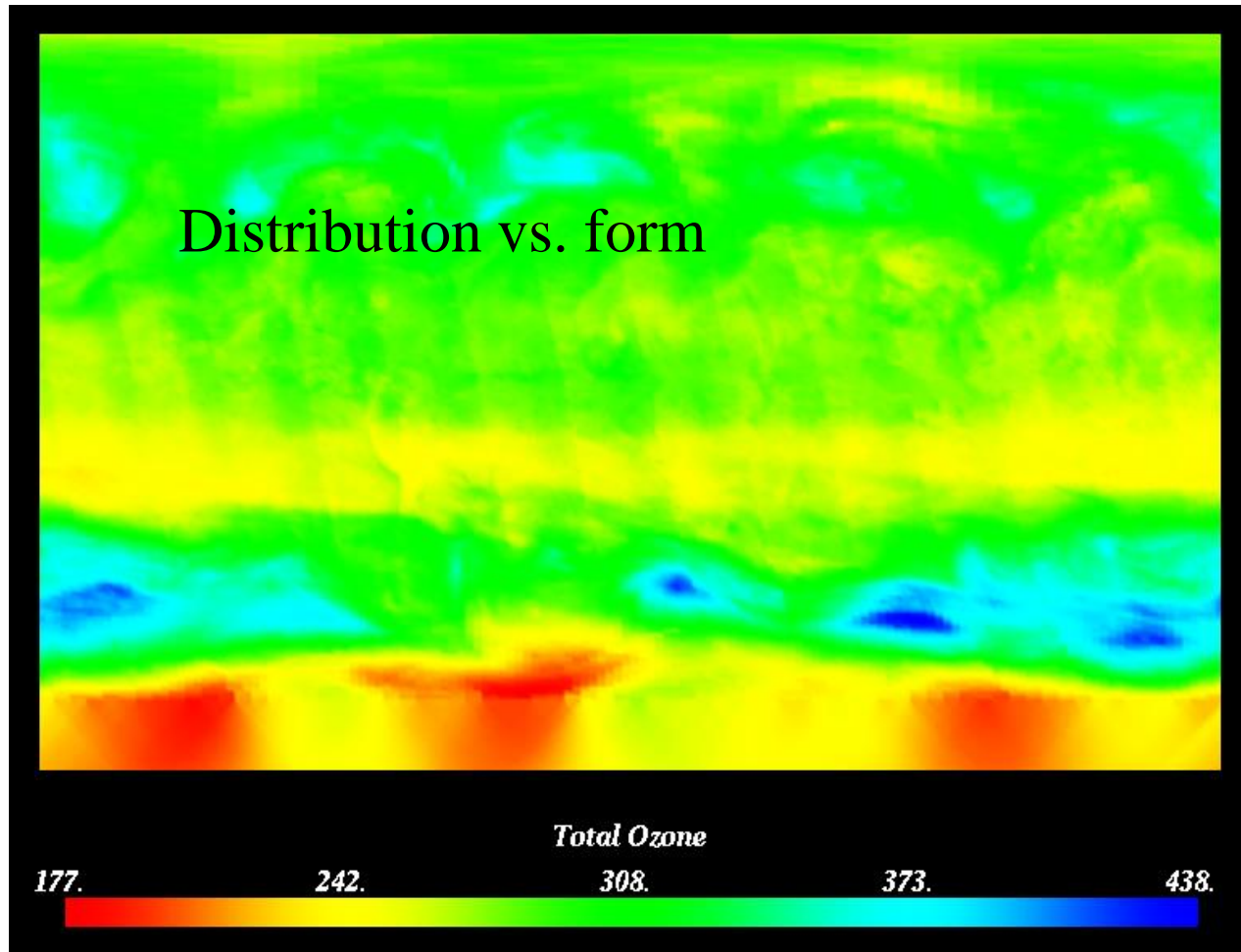
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Saturation Scale



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“Pseudo” color scheme (hue)



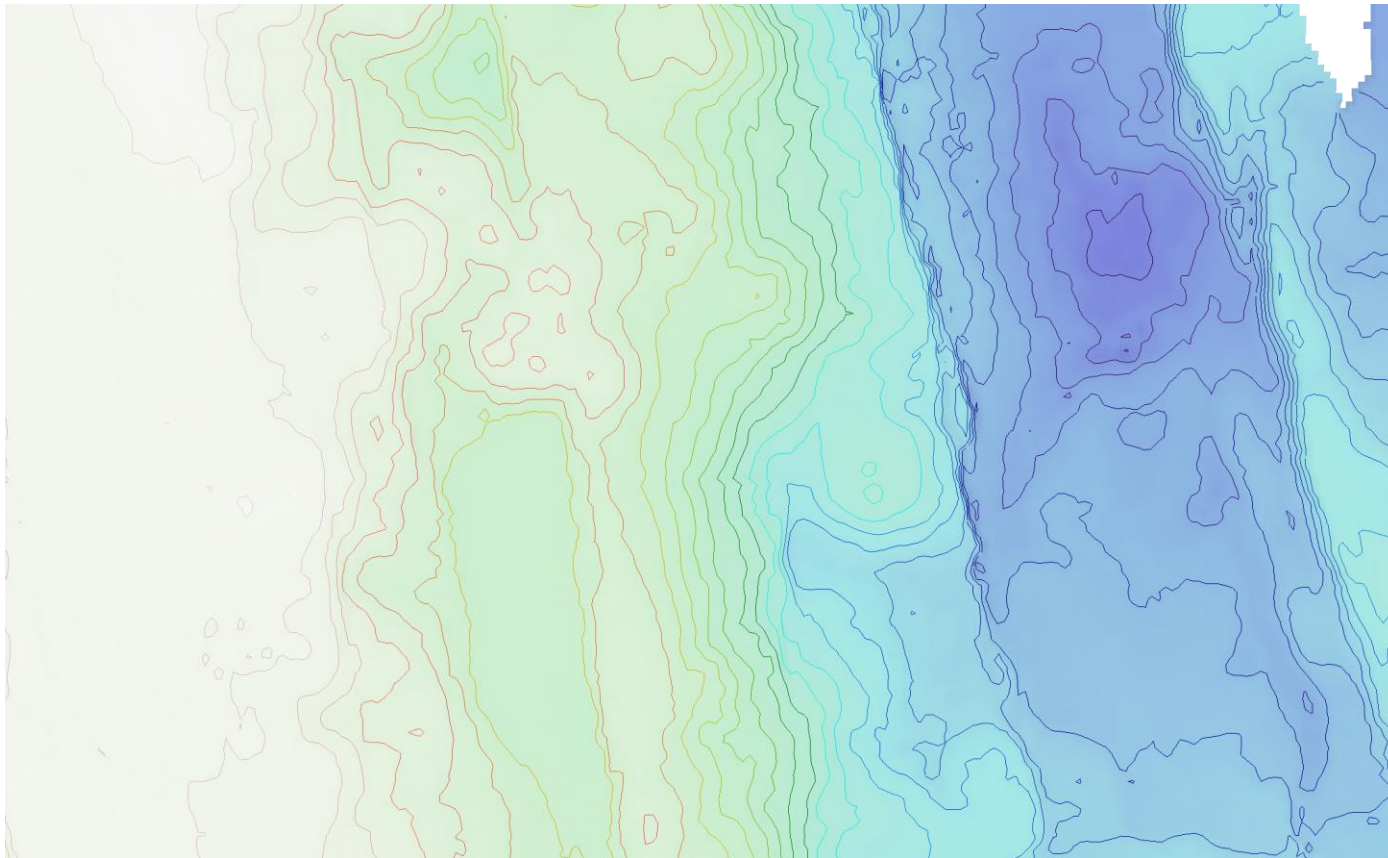
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Interval sequences: Contour Lines and Color

- Both indicate regions
 - Contour by showing the boundaries
 - Bands by showing the interiors
- Choice of **spacing**
 - Regular intervals to enable interval comparison
 - Specific values to highlight regions (sea level)

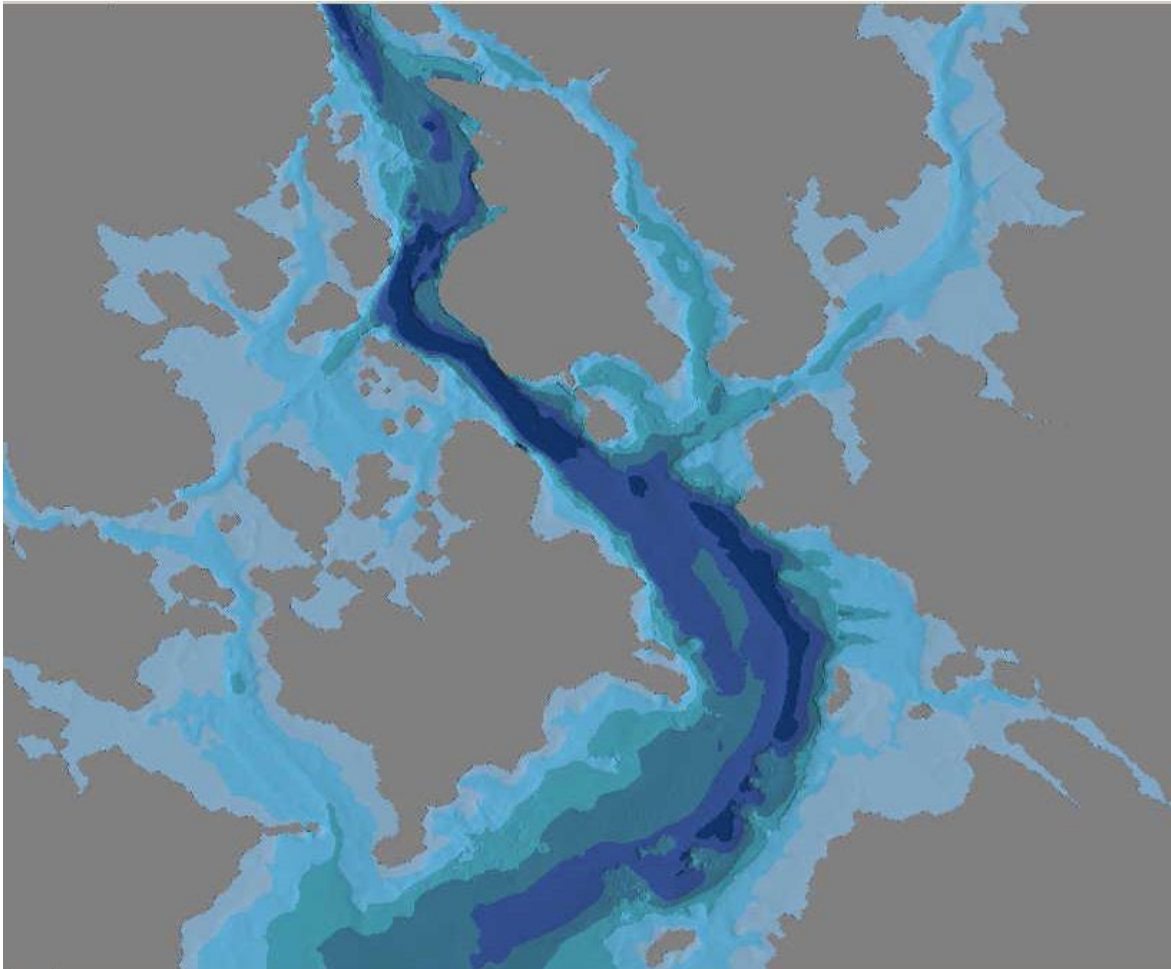
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Interval – contours and color

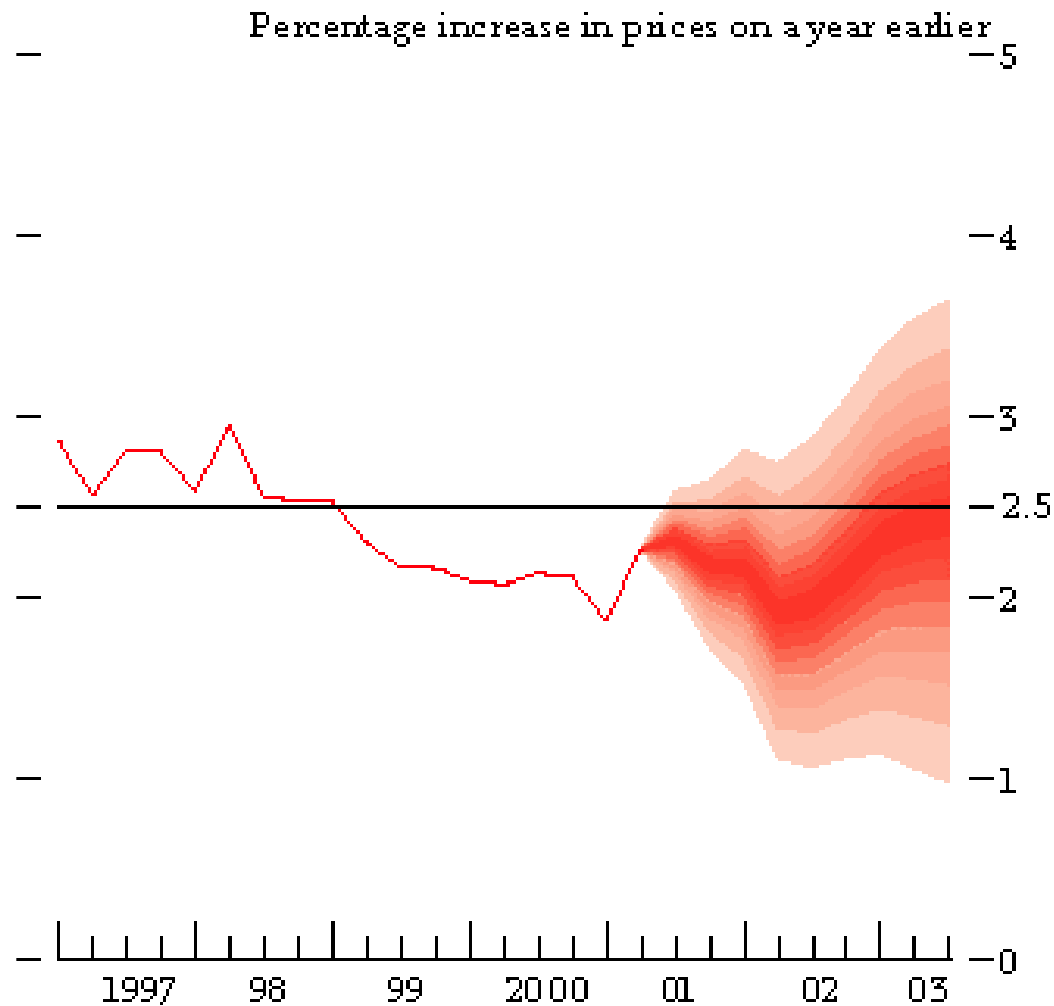


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Interval — step color (same hue / stepped by saturation)



Uncertainty – saturation ...



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Ratio sequence

- **Represent neutral by neutral on opponent-color channels (bipolar)**
 - Representing “zero”
 - Double ended scale
- **In the next example – more like categorical (hue)**
 - Red: positive
 - Green: negative
 - Gray: neutral

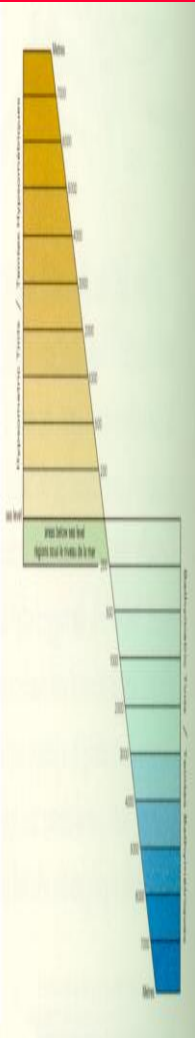
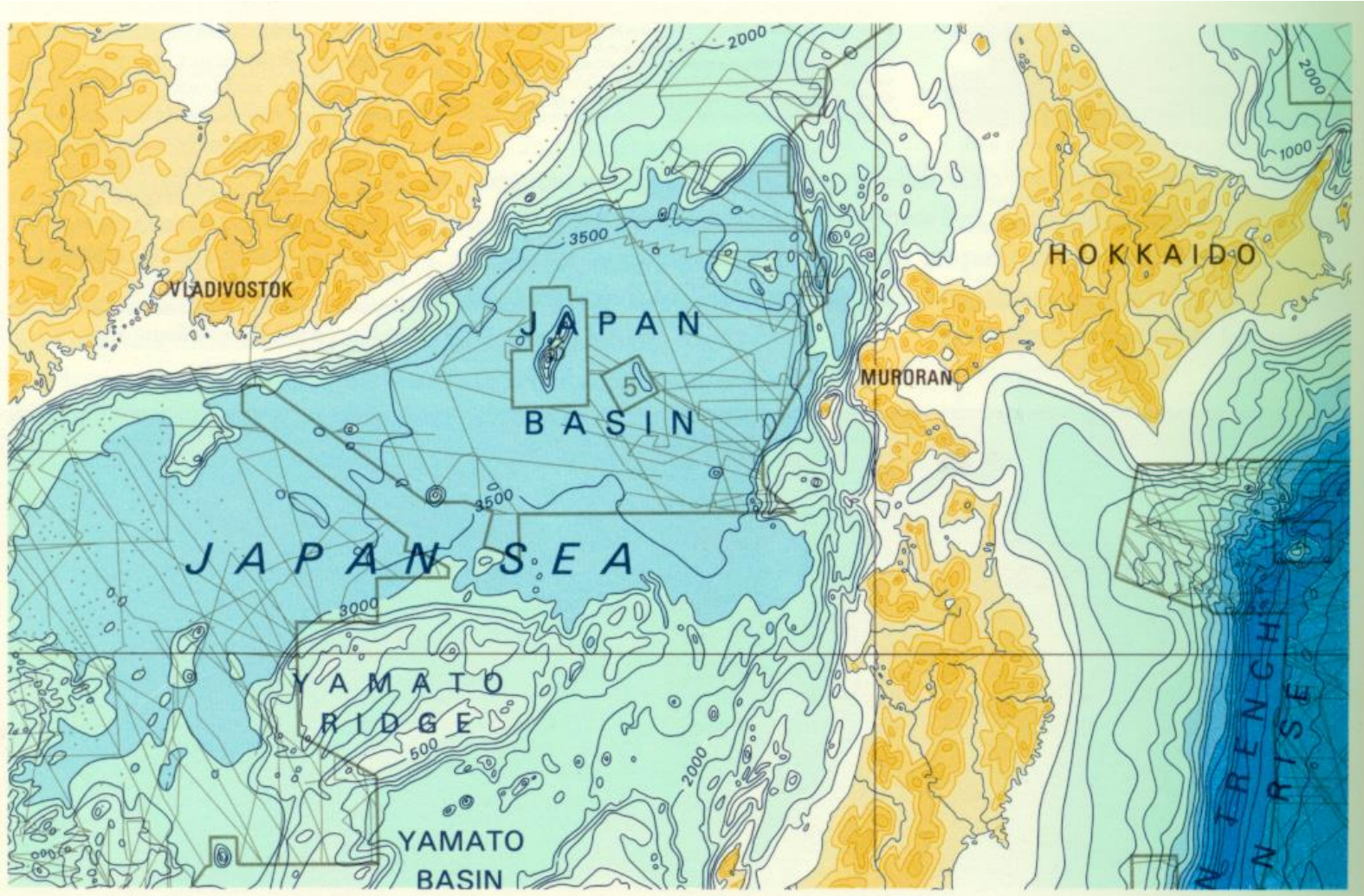


Double-Ended Income

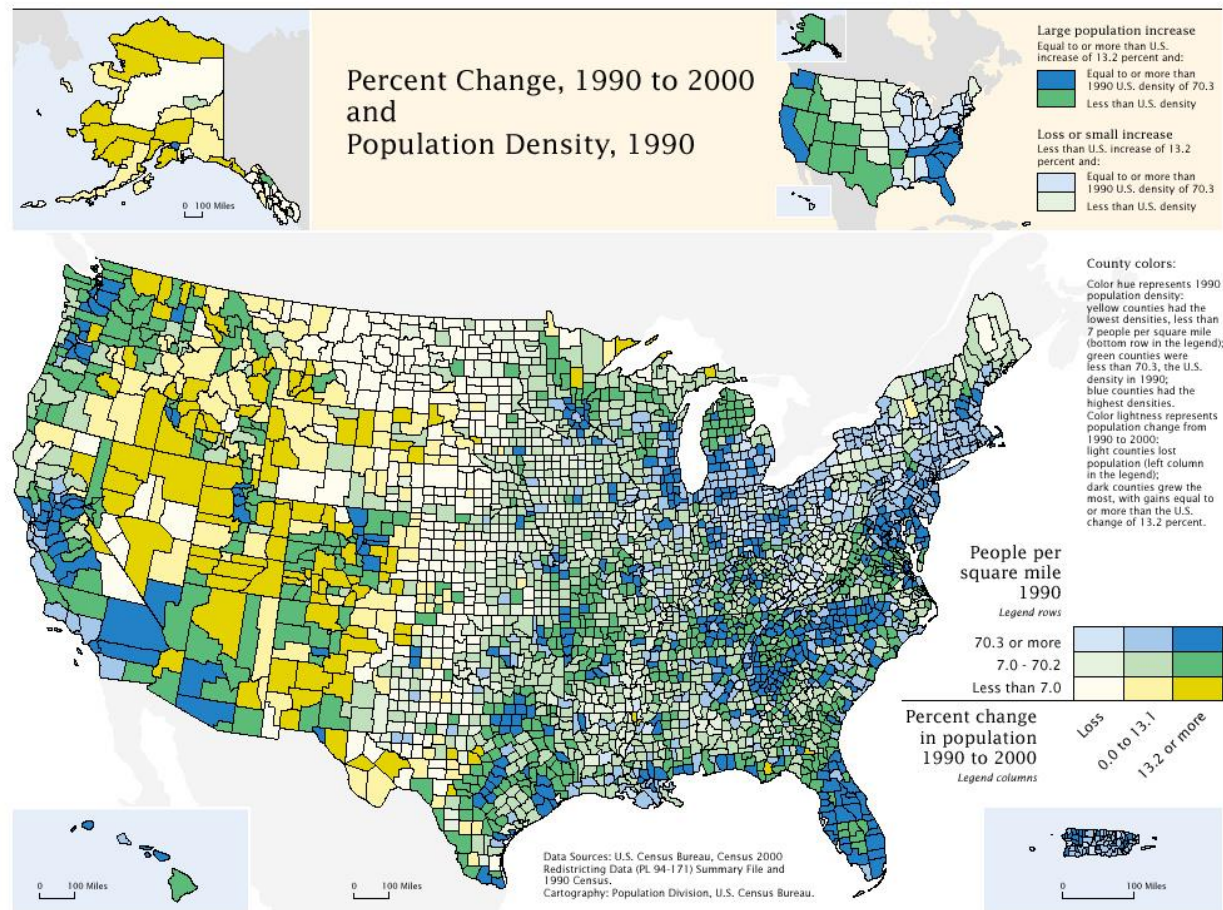


Hue and saturation

Ordered (and double-ended)



Hue and saturation – Bivariate (multi-dim)



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Take home messages

- Use luminance for detail, shape and form
- Use color for coding - few colors
- Minimize contrast effects
- Strong colors for small areas - contrast in luminance with background

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Consider user

- **Color deficient viewers?**
 - Don't depend on red-green differentiation
 - Use redundant scales
- **Application area conventions?**
 - Use familiar scales (or at least know when you're not)
- **Color associations with variables?**
 - Use associated color

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- Murch's Rules on colors

- Avoid the simultaneous display of highly saturated, spectrally extreme colors.
- Pure BLUE should be avoided for text, thin lines, and small shapes.
- Avoid adjacent colors that differ only in the amount of BLUE.
- Older operators need higher brightness levels to distinguish colors.
- Colors change in appearance as the ambient light level changes.
- The magnitude of a detectable change in color varies across the spectrum.
- It is difficult to focus upon edges created by color alone.
- Avoid RED and GREEN in the periphery of large-scale displays.
- Opposite colors go well together.
- For color-deficient (*color blind*) observers, avoid single-color distinctions.



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Color guideline (example)

- Use color conservatively. It may make it harder understand.
More color is more information.
- Limit the number of colors. up to 4 on one display (7 total).
- Recognize the power of color as a coding technique It speeds recognition if differences
e.g., new/old, OK/bad
- Ensure that color coding supports the task.
- Place color coding under user control allow users to turn color coding off.
- *Design for monochrome first* . Use color to enhance layout.
- Use color to help in formatting. e.g., physically close but different fields.
- Be consistent in color coding.



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Color guideline (continued)

- Use standard, and apply throughout system.
- Be alert to common expectations about color. E.g. stop/go, hot/cold, forest/water
- Be alert to problems with common pairings need good contrast.
- Some pairs hard to focus on together (saturated red & blue)
- Some color clash ... triggers color confusion (color blindness)(e.g., red/green)
- Use color changes to indicate status changes attention getting
(green changing to red)
- Use color in graphic displays for greater information density
(another dimension better than shading)
- Poor color use may be worse than no color.



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Pre-attentive Features

- The visual systems pattern **perception and recognition capabilities can be capitalized** upon in display design.
- There are simple shapes and colors that are very rapidly processed and recognized. This processing is termed "**pre-attentive**" because it occurs automatically prior to conscious attention.
- We can use knowledge of pre-attentive processing in the design of visual displays to organize information for **rapid recognition**. Pre-attentively processed items are those that "pop-out" and segmentation effects in our perception.



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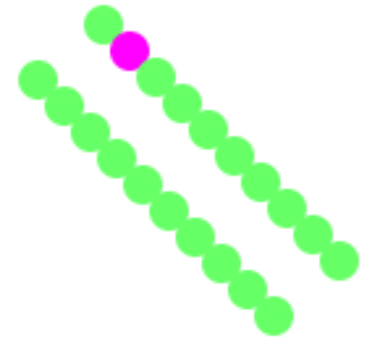
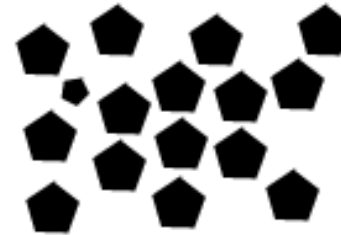
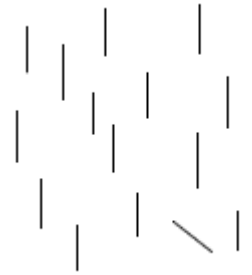
Pre-attentive Features

- A feature is considered pre-attentively processed if it can be recognized within a set of "distractors" in less than 10 m sec.
- Non-preattentively processed items take 40 msec per item or more. Pre-attentively processed features can be used in display design when we want the user to instantly (at a glance) extract information.



Pre-attentive Features

- Color - Color difference can make an item "pop-out" from surrounding items.
- Size - Size is easily pre-attentively processed.
- Shape - A difference in shape can be used to draw attention to an item.
- Orientation, Contrast/blur, Motion, Simple shading



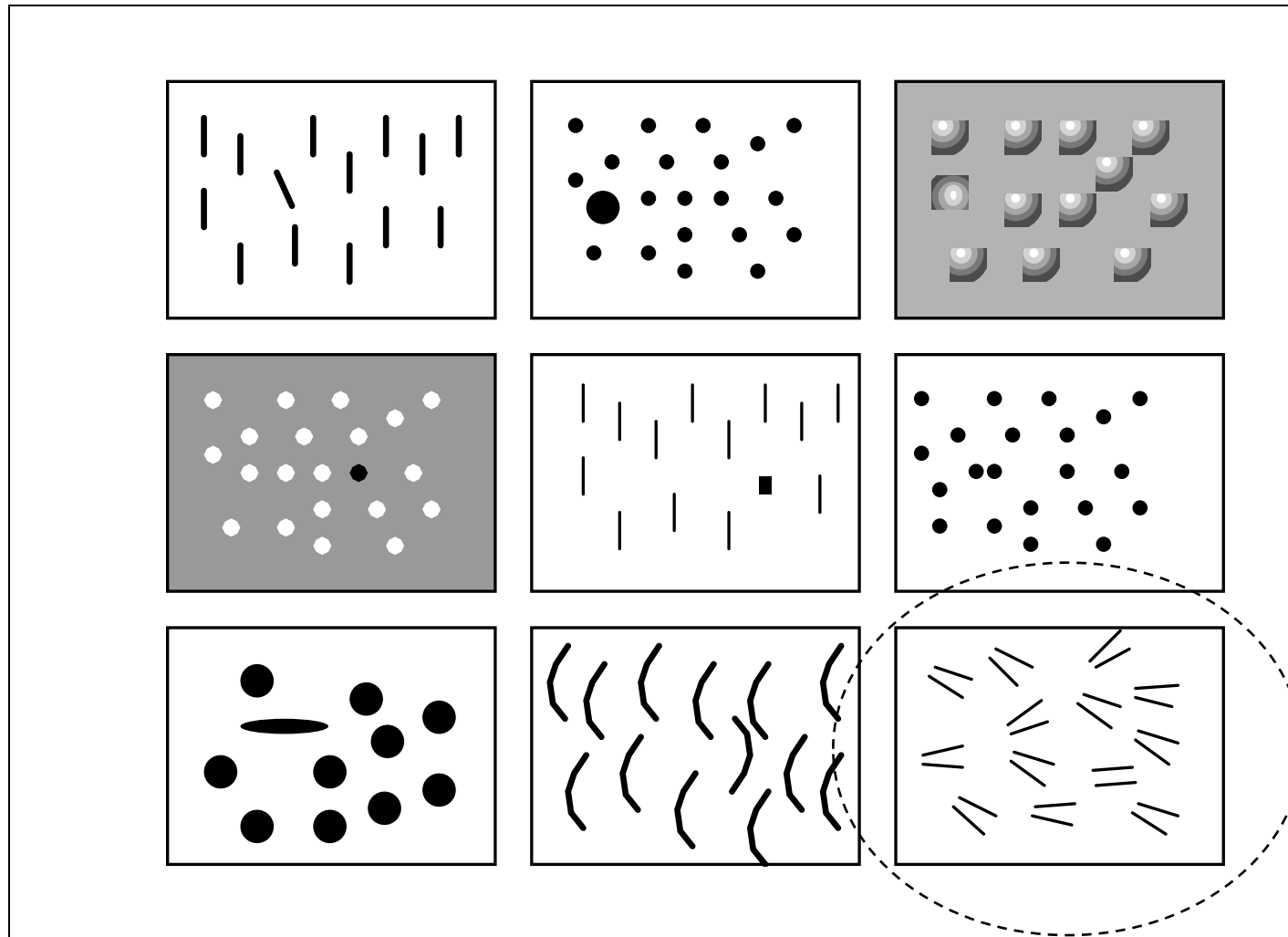
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Pre-attentive Pattern (Static): Gestalt

- Proximity - Objects near each other tend to be perceived as a unit.
- Continuity - Objects arranged or connected by a smooth curve tend to be perceived as a unit.
- Closure - Figures with gaps tend to be perceived as closed complete figures.
- Similarity - Objects similar to each other tend to be perceived as a unit.



More Pre-Attentive examples



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Laws of pre attentive display

- **Must stand out on some simple dimension**
 - color,
 - simple shape = orientation, size
 - motion,
 - depth
- **Lessons for highlighting – one of each**
- **Black art ... πππ**



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Highlighting to make info. available to attention

Using color

Using underlining

A flying box leads attention

Blinking momentarily attracts attention

➔ Motion elicits an orienting response

Adding is usually better than taking out
e.g. underline one word vs.
underline everything else

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Interference

- When designing visual displays, we may wish to use pre-attentive properties to call attention to specific items or to emphasize categories.
- Color and shape are both pre-attentive properties; however, if distractors share features with the target item(s), interference can result.
- Also, color will usually **dominate** shape in grouping or categorizing display elements.
- Conjunction search is example of interference.



Conjunction search

- When combinations of pre-attentive features are used, care must be taken not to create a "conjunction" search condition, thus losing the pre-attentive advantage.
- Conjunction is the result of visual interference by equally, attention getting features.
- Conjunction Search - Search for the red ellipse among the dark blue circles and ellipses. This is a conjunction search example, as each element must be scanned to find the red circle. It does not pre-attentively "pop-out."
- Pre-Attentive Search - Spatial grouping can be used to bring back pre-attentive features. The lower grouping is pre-attentive for the red ellipse.



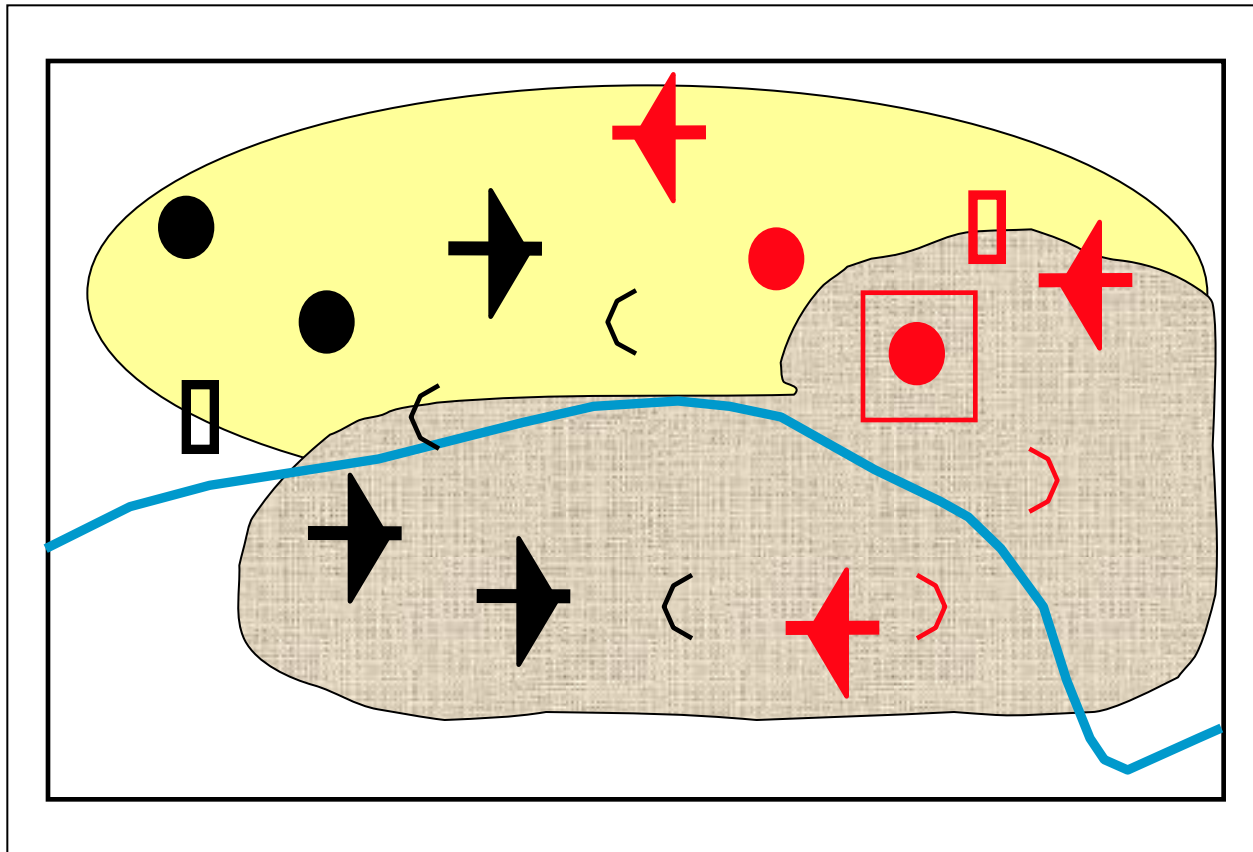
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Interference

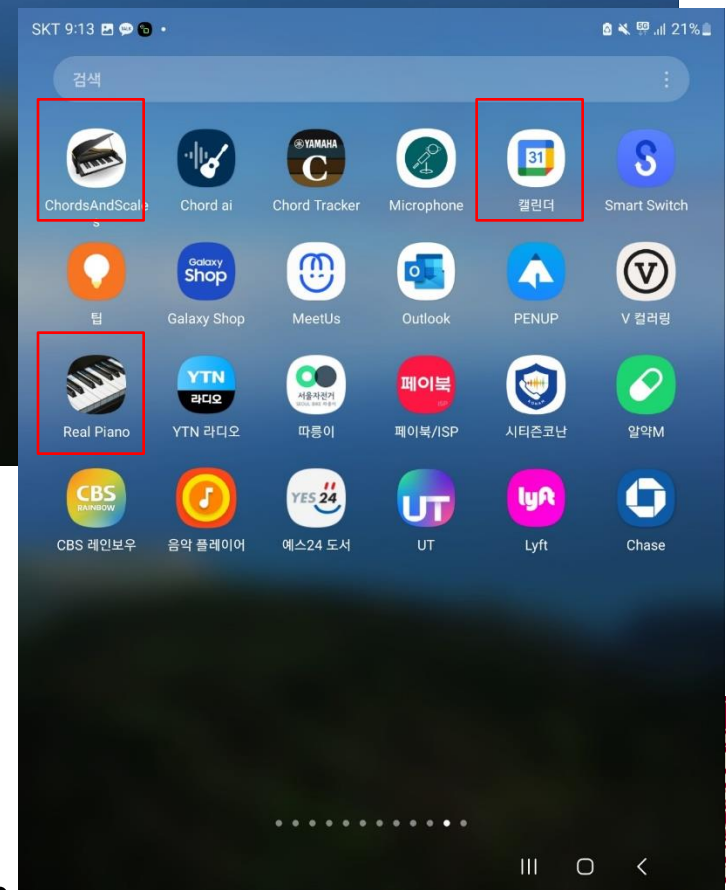
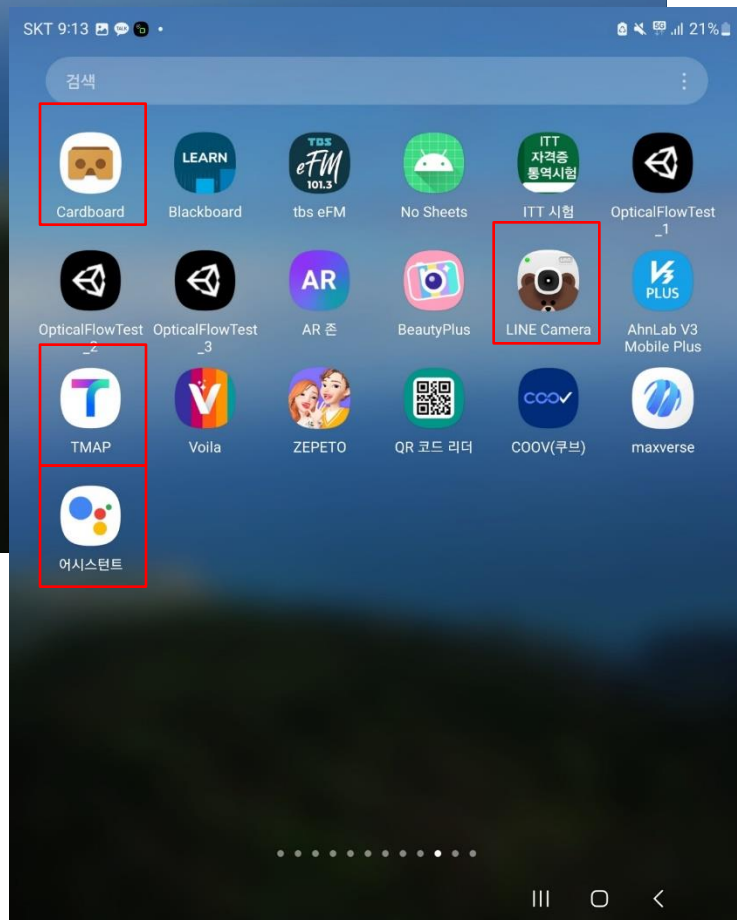
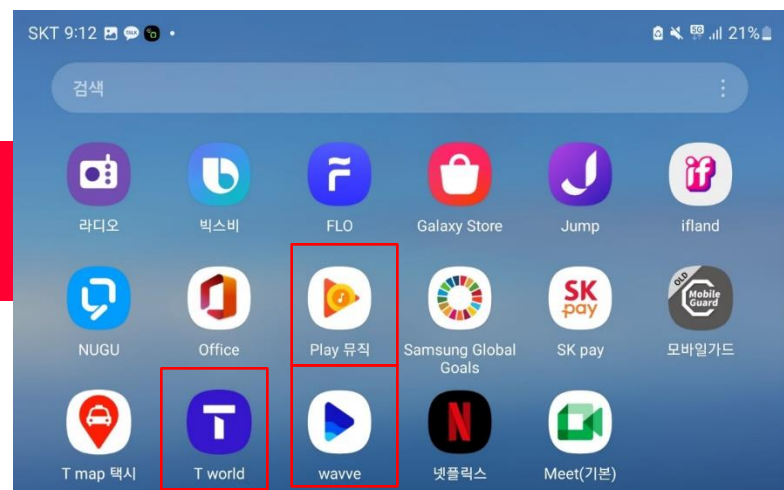
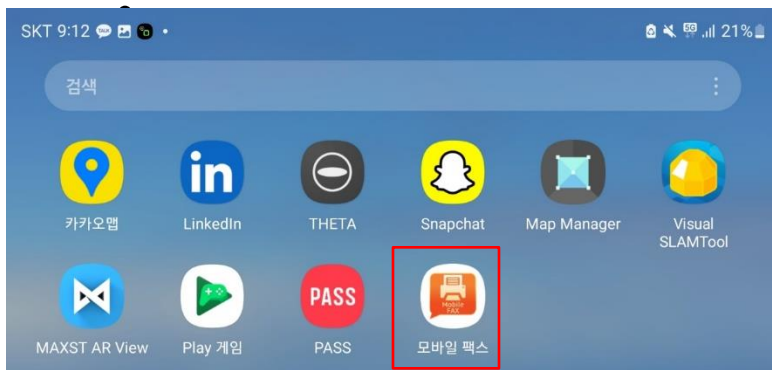
- Visual perception can conflict with verbal meaning, creating interference effects. This can cause displays to be difficult to use, can slow response time, or even lead to performance errors through misinterpretation.
- Stroop Effect - Count the number of times the word "RED" appears in this example. The verbal content conflicts with color perception.

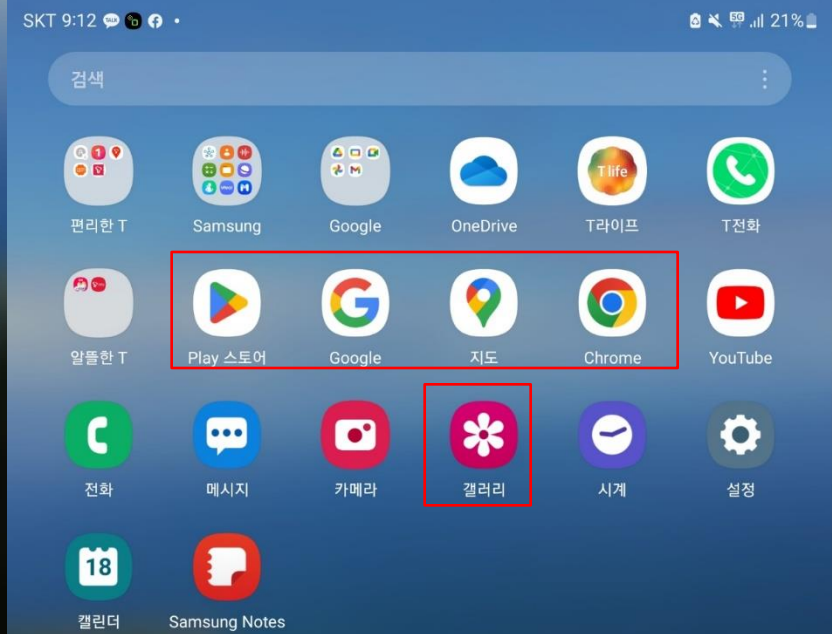
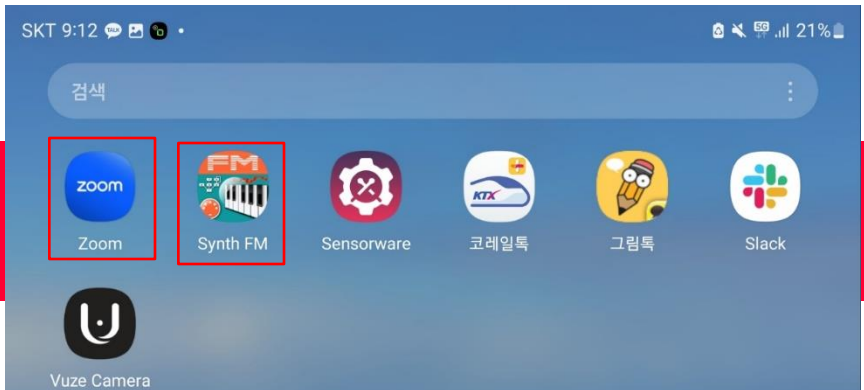
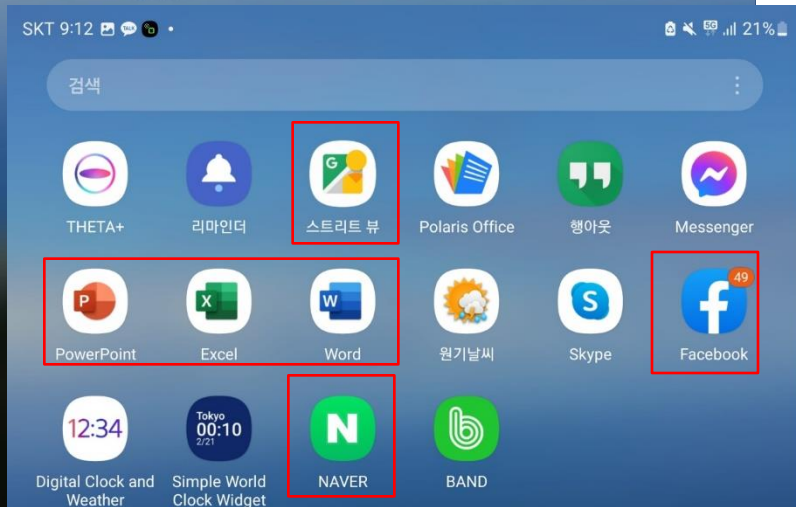
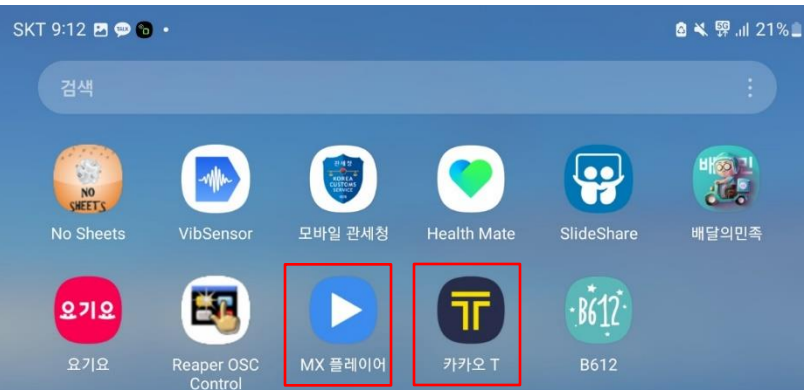
GREEN BLUE RED PURPLE YELLOW RED YELLOW
BLACK PINK WHITE BLUE GREEN YELLOW BLACK
FUSCHIA PINK GREEN YELLOW BLACK RED GREEN
RED WHITE PURPLE GREEN RED BLUE BROWN RED

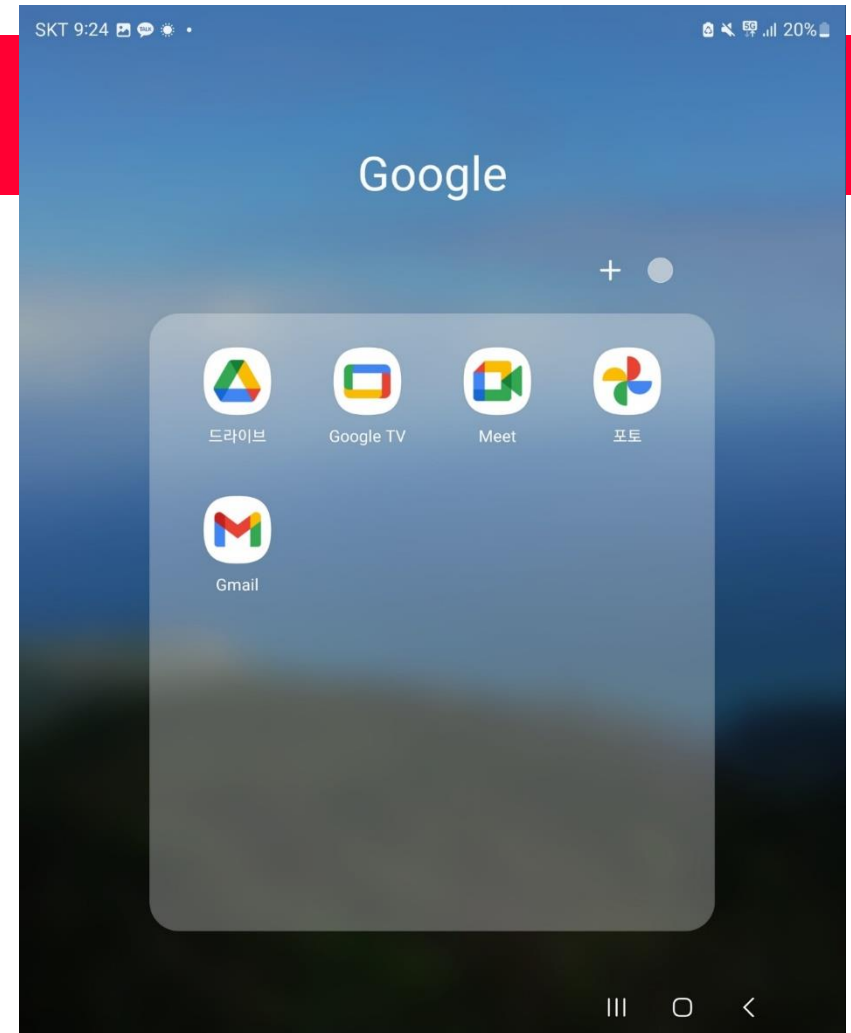
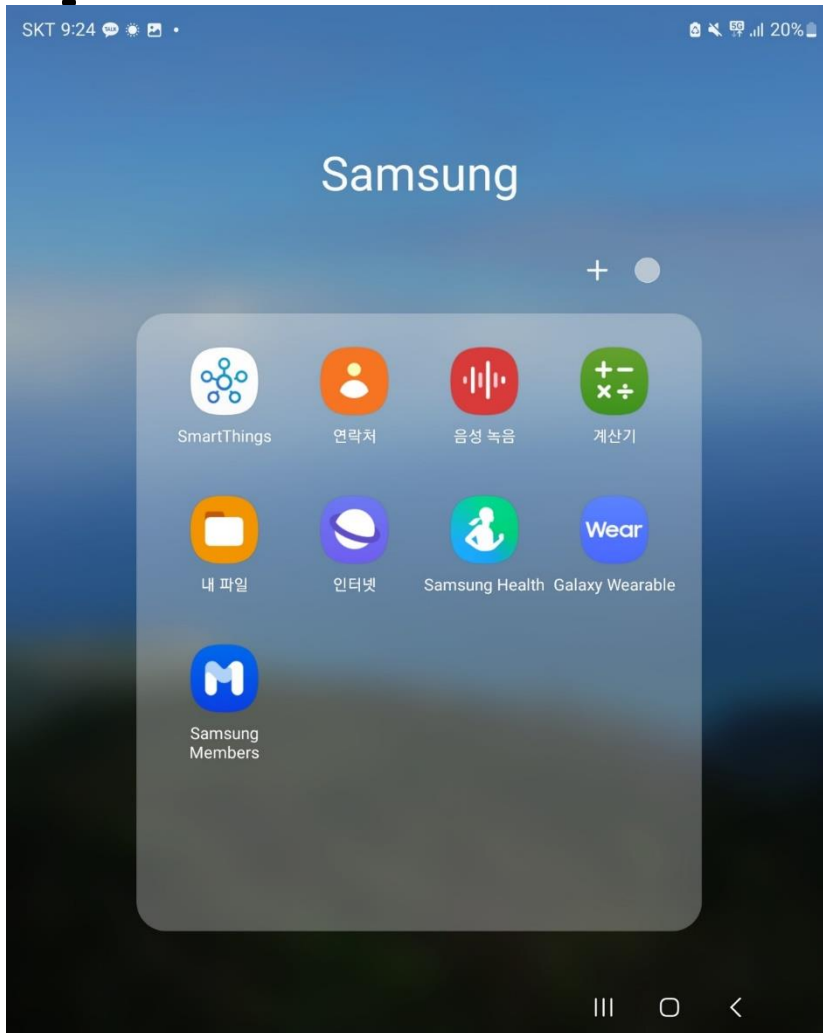
Apply preattentive features to designing symbols/icons



Red: hostile
Black: Friendly
Square:
 suspected
Different shapes:
 Airplane,
 Infantry, tank,
 building





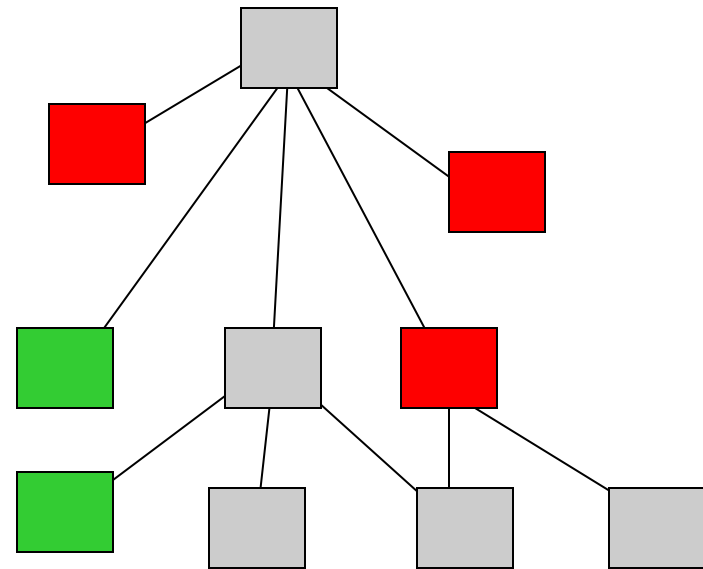


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Cultural semantics

The fact that certain colors are special is because they are hard wired

The meaning of those colors is culturally determined



Visual Grammar of diagrams/structure



Connecting contour

Proximity grouping

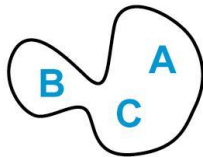
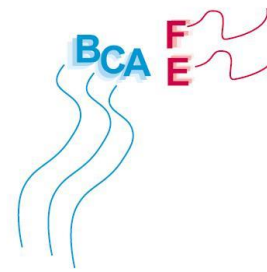
A C
B

F
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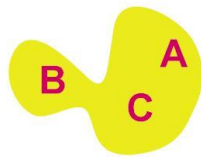
Alignment

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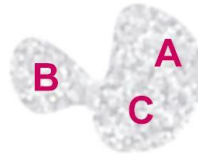
Common movement



Enclosing contour

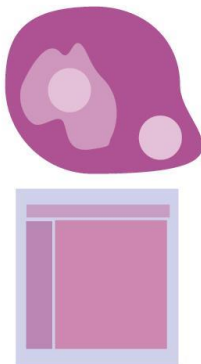


Common color region

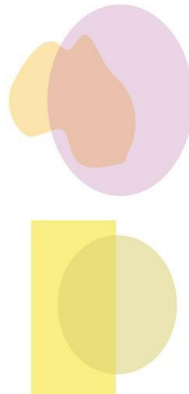


Common texture region

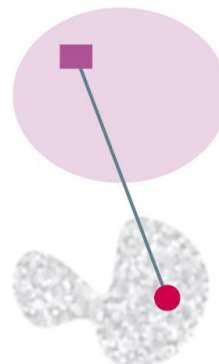
Nested regions



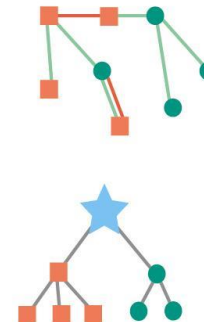
Overlapping regions






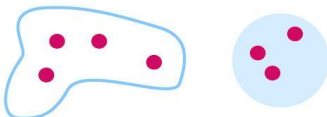


Entities related across regions



Multiple heterogeneous relationships

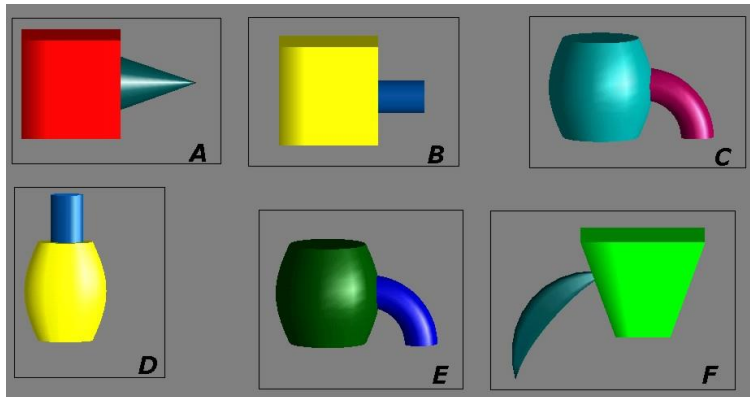


Semantics of structure

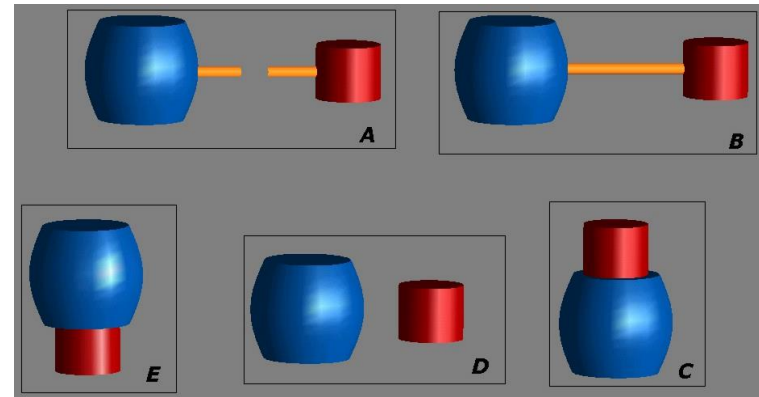
| Graphical Code | | Semantics |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Shapes connected by contour |  | Related entities, path between entities |
| Thickness of connecting contour |  | Strength of relationship |
| Color and texture of connecting contour |  | Type of relationship |
| Shapes enclosed by a contour, or a common texture, or a common color |  | Contained entities. Related entities |
| Nested regions, partitioned regions |  | Heirararchical concepts |
| Attached shapes |  | Parts of a conceptual structure |

Natural semantics

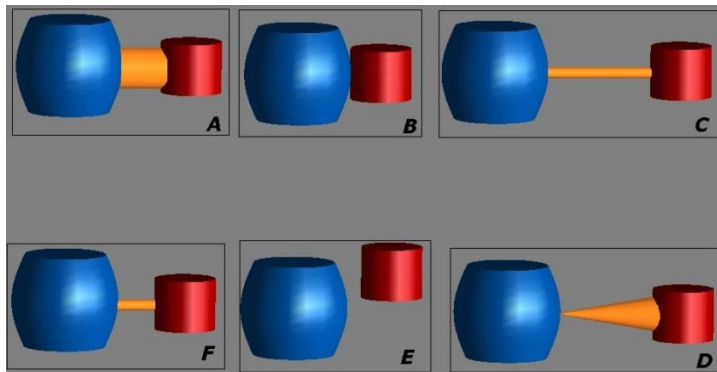
Instances



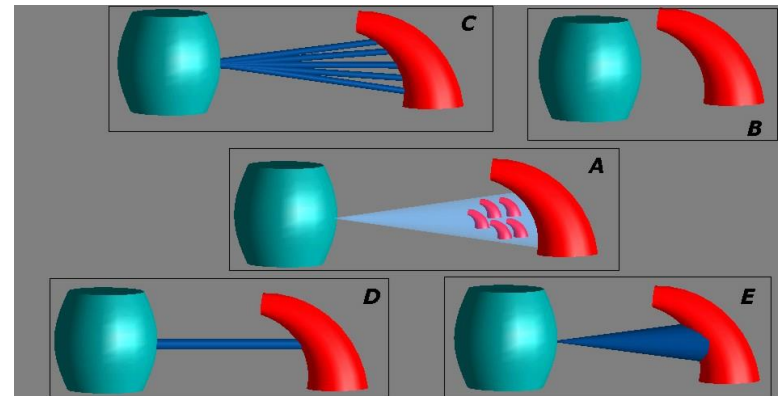
Dependency



Strength of Relationship

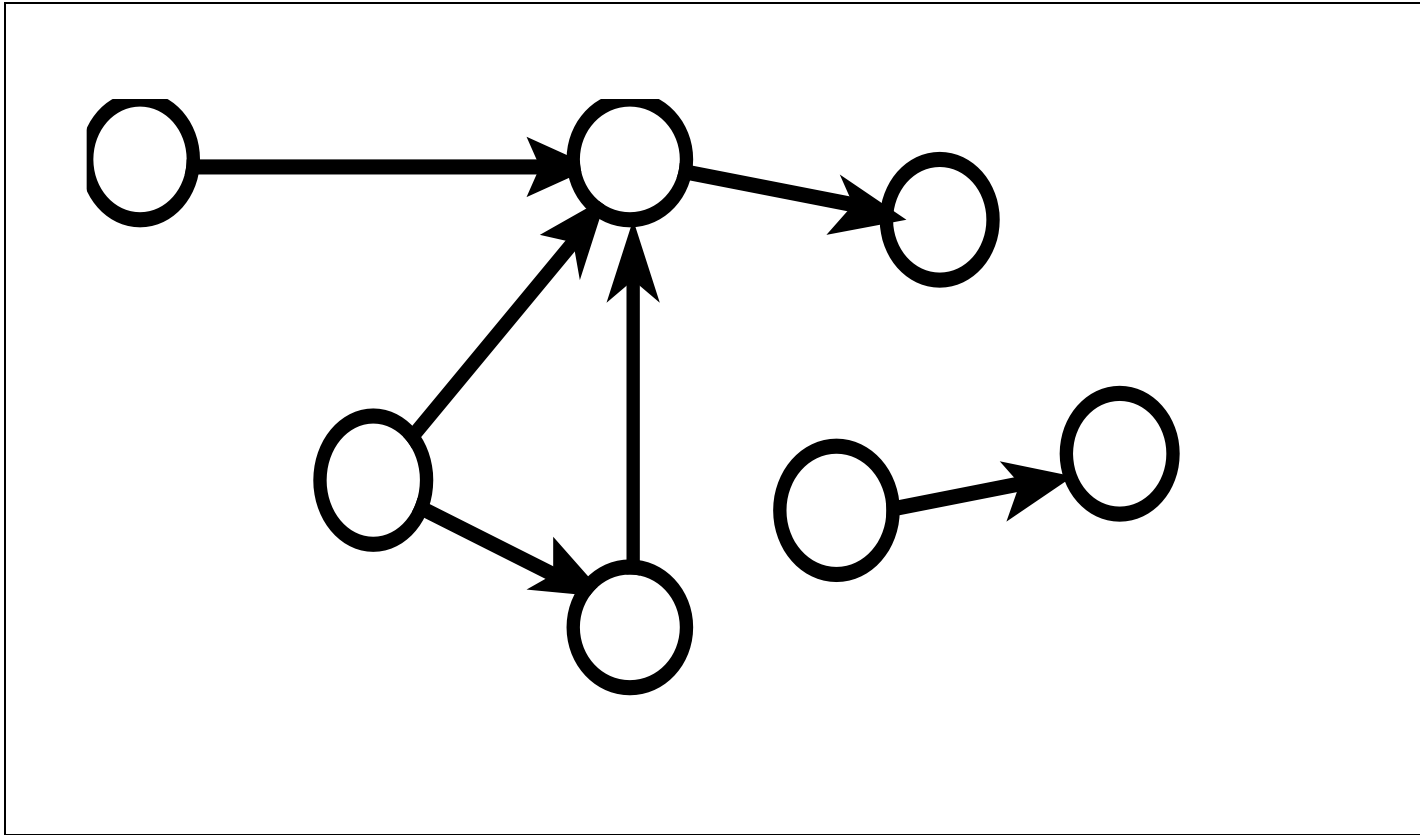


Multiplicity



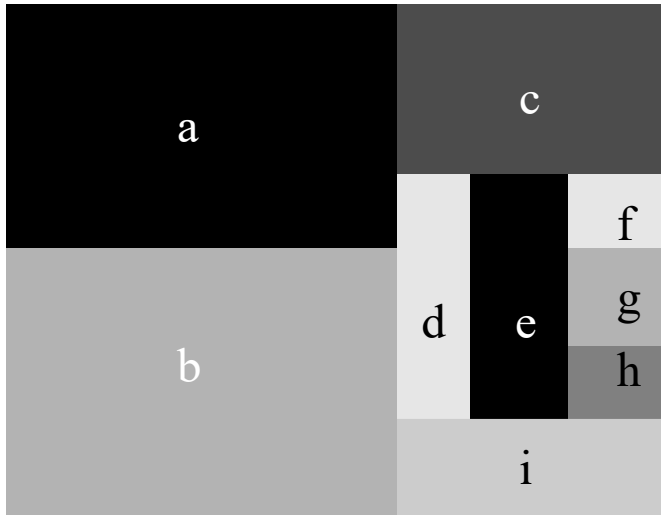
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A causal graph

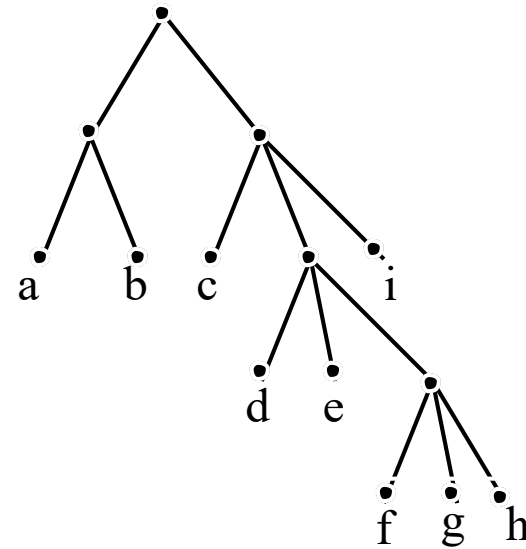


Treemaps and hierarchies

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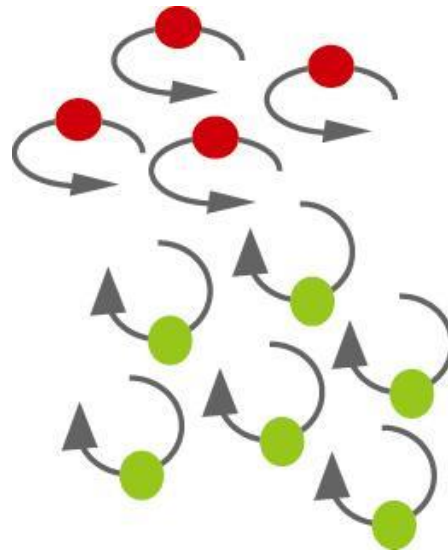
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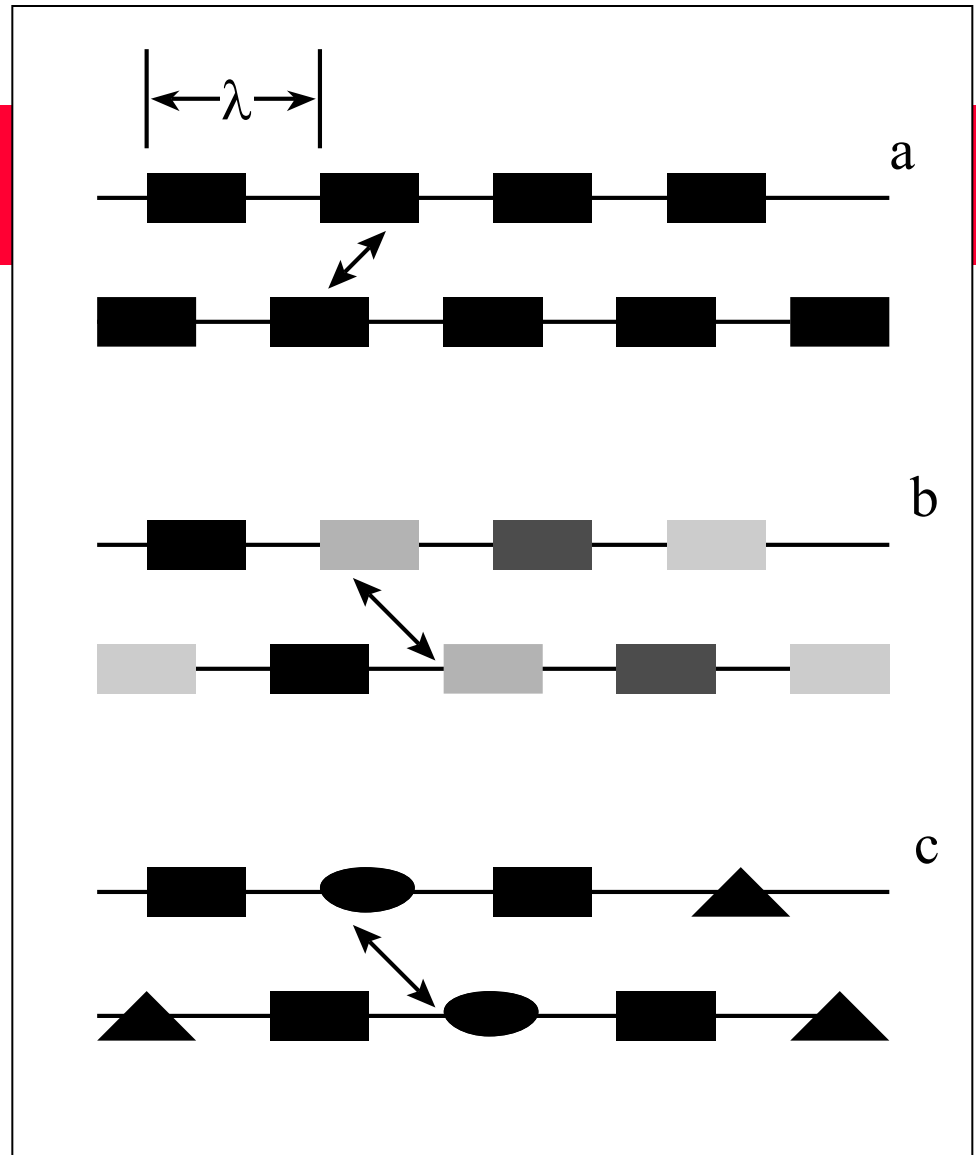
Motion patterns

- **Correlation between points:**
 - frequency, phase or amplitude
 - Result: phase is most noticeable



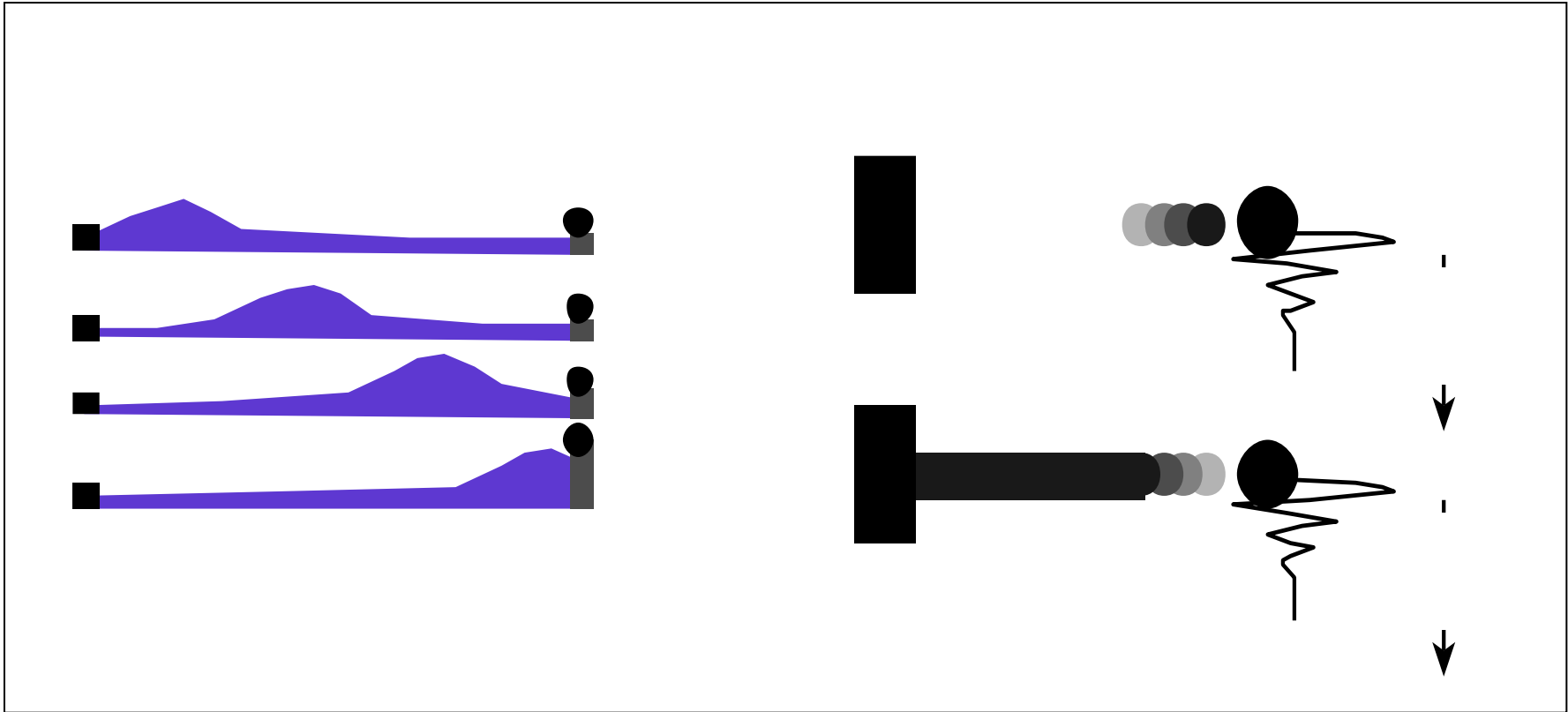
Motion patterns

- Can show motions that are limited by the Frame Rate (e.g. mobile device)



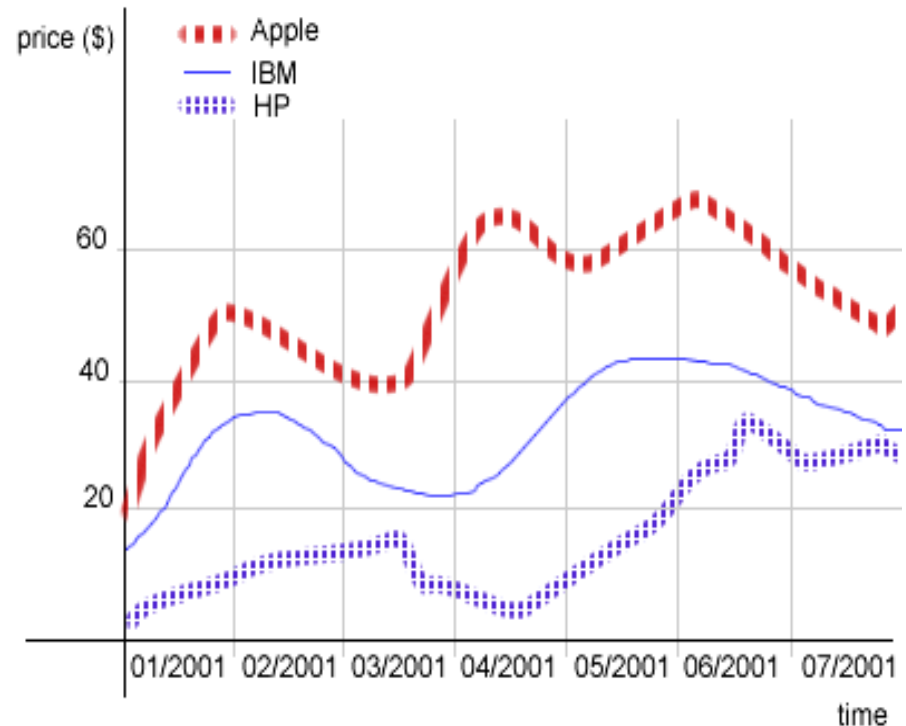
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Visual Causal Vectors



Redundant Coding

- Use color to group objects or draw attention (color coding)
- E.g. Line style (for those with vision deficiency)
- Symbols also (with small symbols, colors may be less discerning)

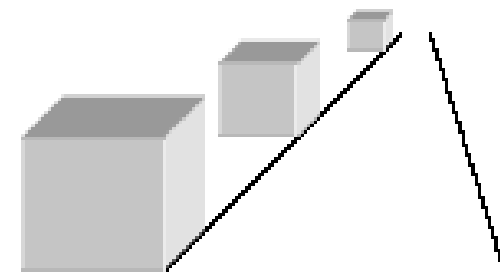


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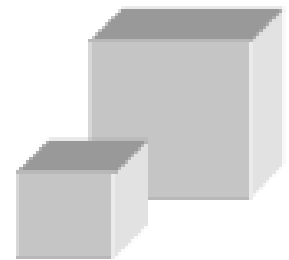
Psychological Depth Cues

- Perspective
- Motion Parallax: Differential angular velocity of objects at different depth from observer (close objects move more rapidly than far objects)
- Height in Field of View and Relative Size
- Occlusion and Texture Gradient
- Color and Haziness
- Shadows
- Cues are usually additive

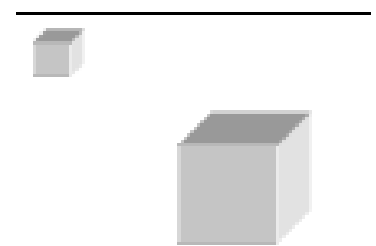




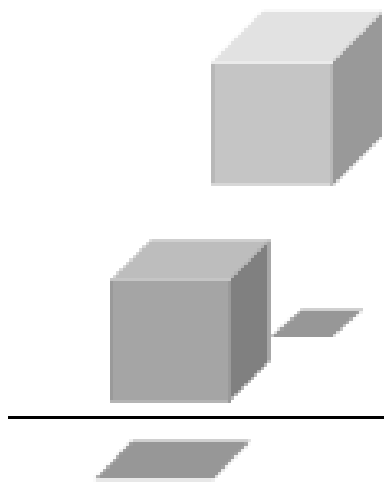
Perspective view



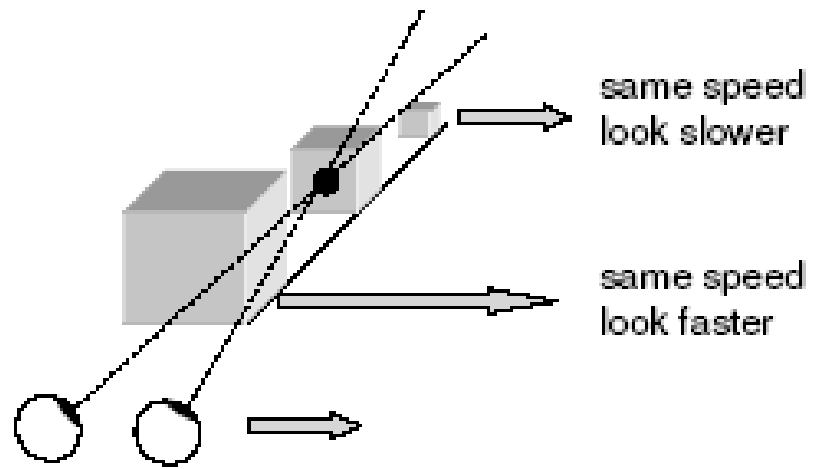
Object occlusion



Relative size



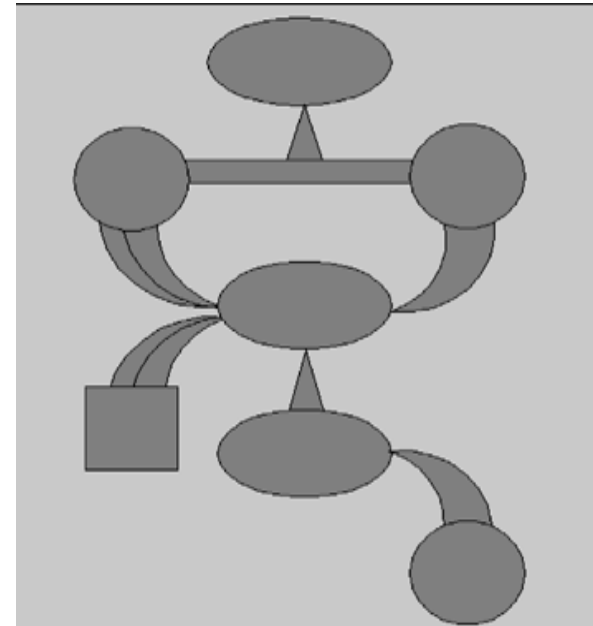
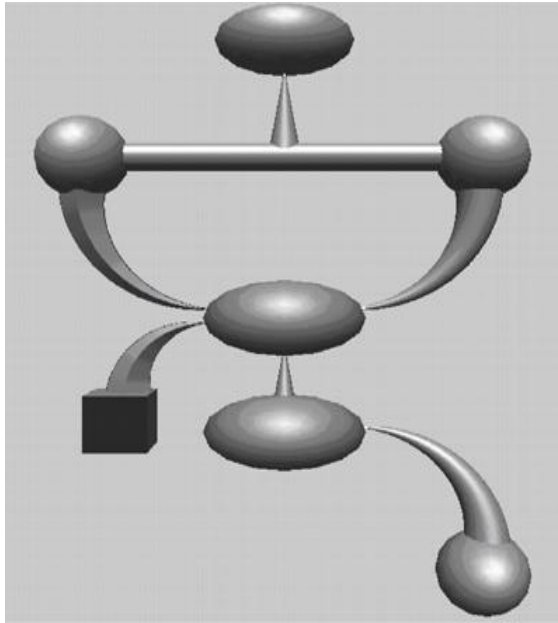
Shadow



Motion parallax

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3D versus 2D



Less errors with 3D in general

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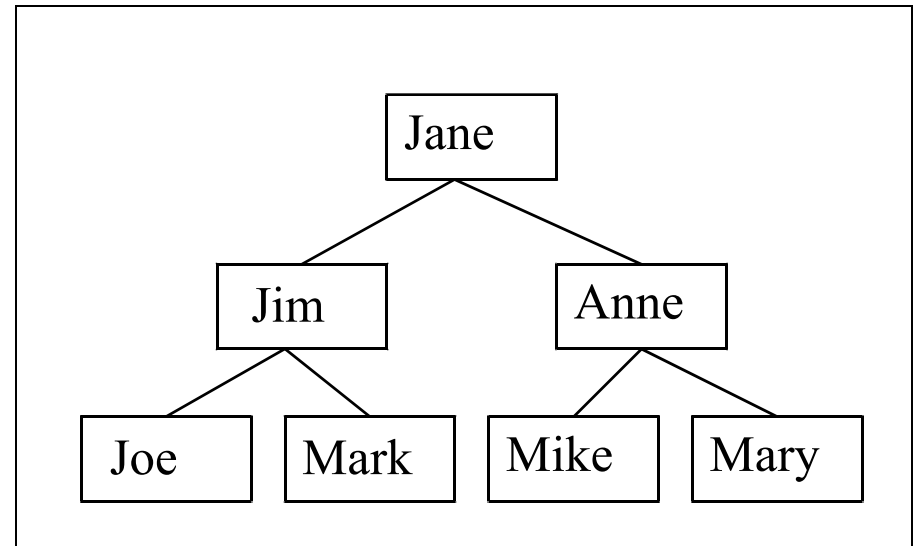
Image and words

- Words for procedure, logic and abstract meanings
- Images for pattern and structure

Abstraction

Pattern

- Jane is Jim's boss
- Jim is Joe's boss
- Anne works for Jane
- Mark works for Jim
- Anne is Mary's boss
- Anne is Mike's boss

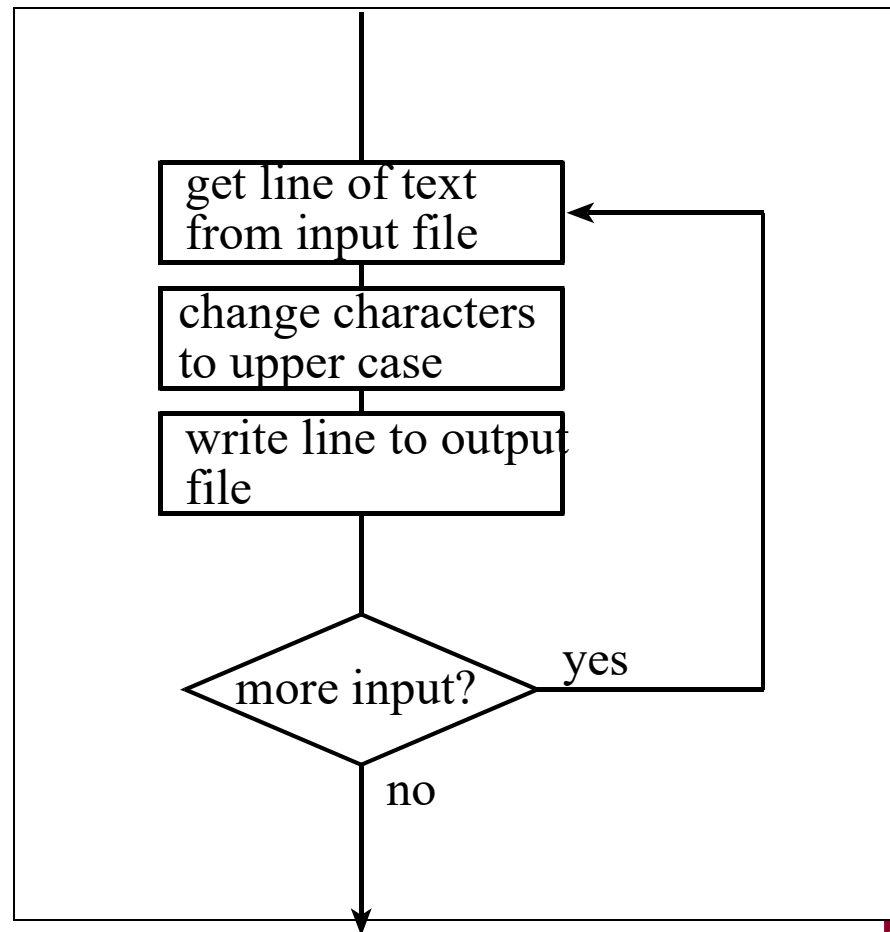


Visual and verbal pseudo-code

- **While letters in stack**

- Take a letter
- Put a stamp on it
- Put it in the 'out tray'

**Visual programming
languages have a
history of failure**

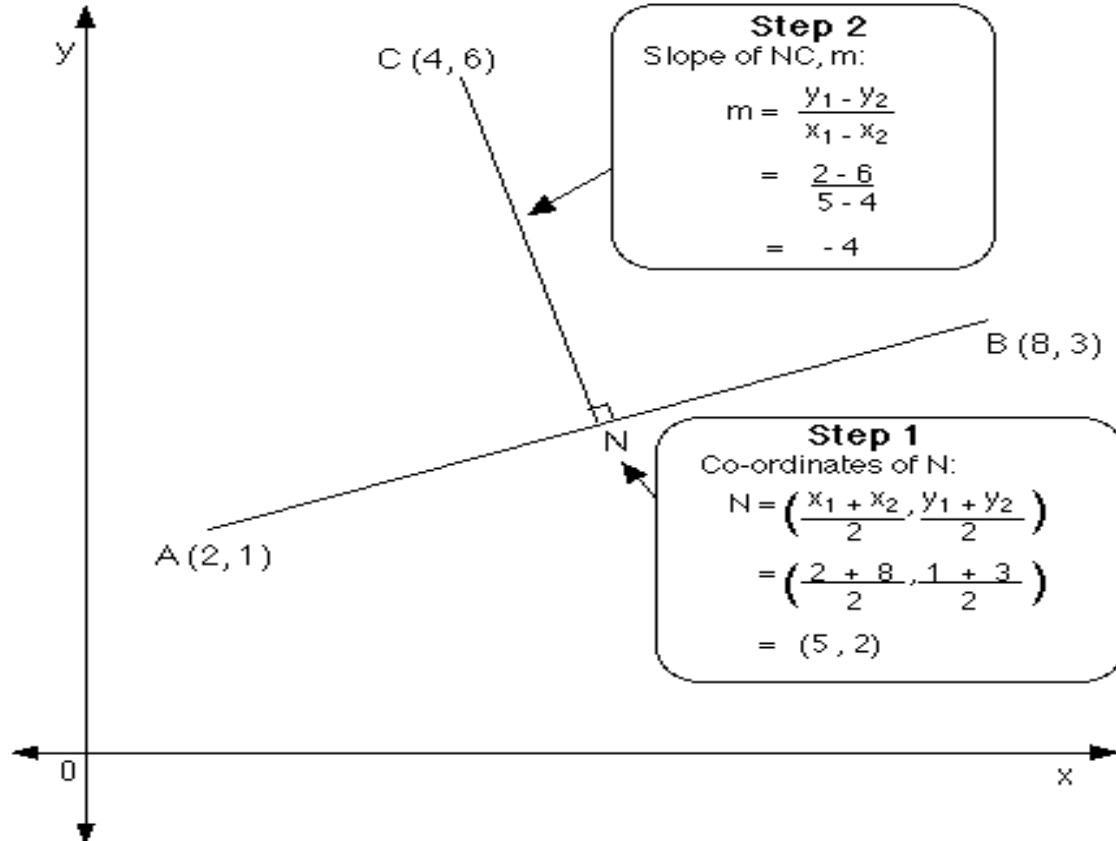


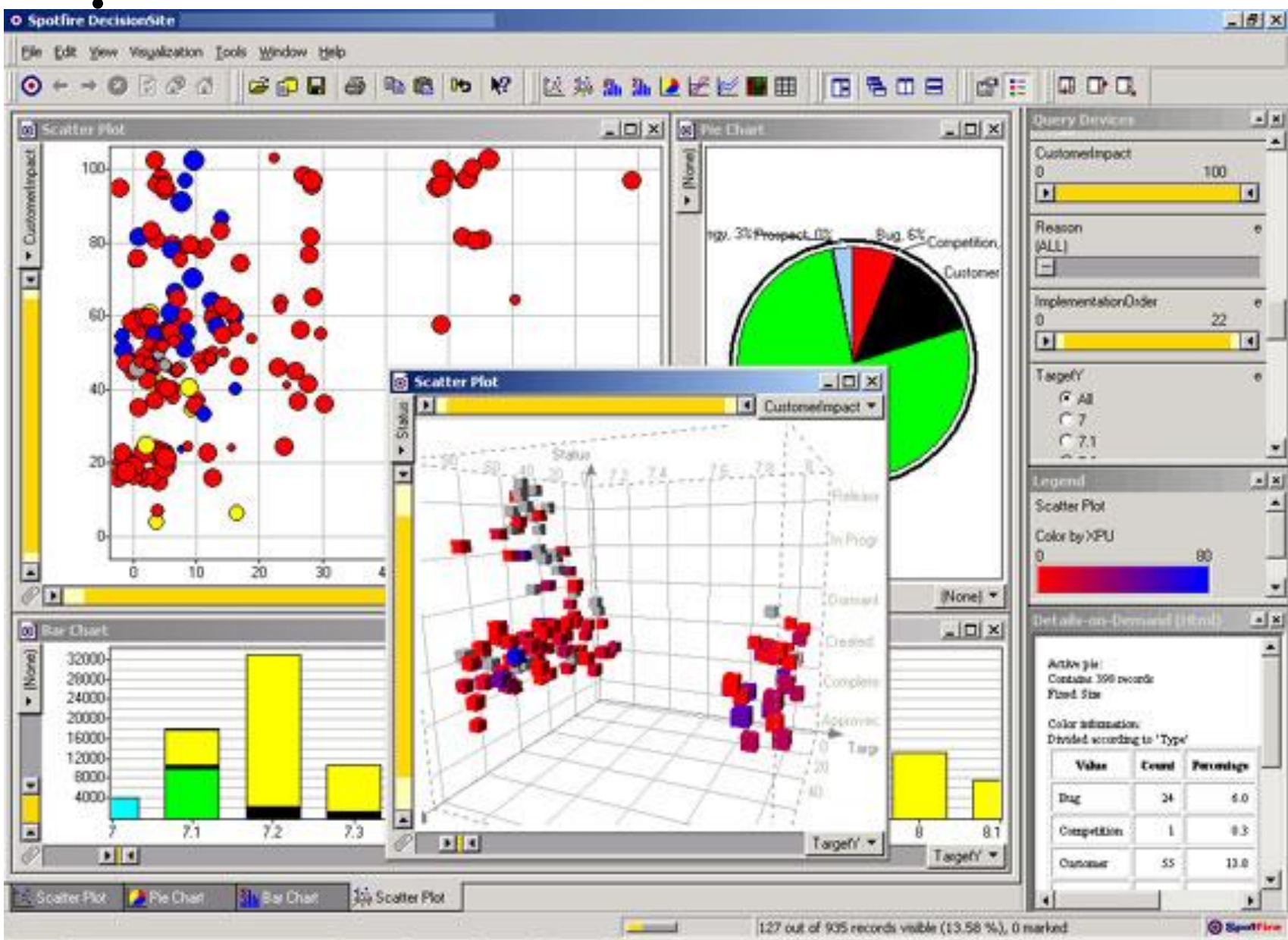
Data flow diagrams are defunct

Integrated pictures and words more effective

Problem

Find the co-ordinates of N, and the slope of the line NC, given that N is the mid-point on line AB.





Info Viz. (and interaction)