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Computer Vision

Chapter 2: Image formation, acquisition and
digitization

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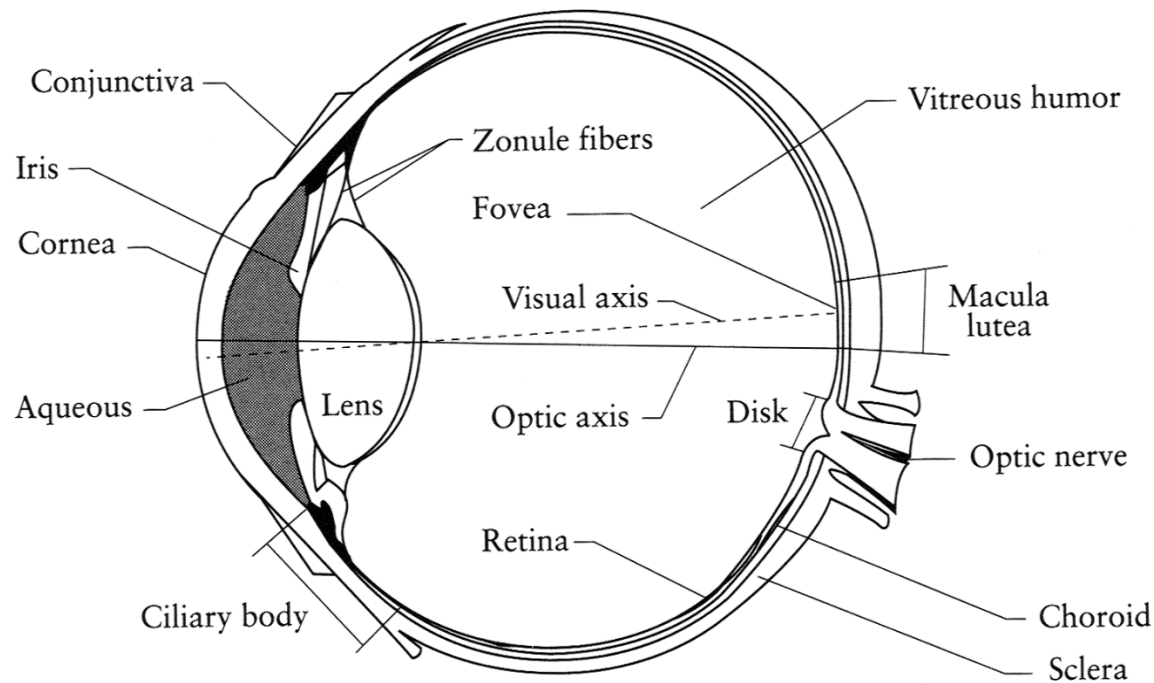
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- Color:
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Image formation

Image formation studies the forward process of producing images and videos.

- Image formation encompasses the radiometric and geometric processes by which 2D images of 3D objects are formed. To produce a real image, the nature of the visual sensors (i.e. CCD and CMOS cameras), should be studied.
- Imaging process is a [mapping of an object to an image plane](#).
- With [digital images](#), the image formation process also includes analog to digital conversion, [sampling](#)
- **Human color vision (Perception)** : In the case of computer vision the light incident on the sensor comprises the image. In the case of visual perception, the human eye has a color dependent response to light which is the spectral sensitivity of human vision.

The Eye



- The human eye is a camera
 - **Iris** - colored annulus with radial muscles
 - **Pupil** - the hole (aperture) whose size is controlled by the iris
 - What's the sensor?
 - photoreceptor cells (rods and cones) in the **retina**

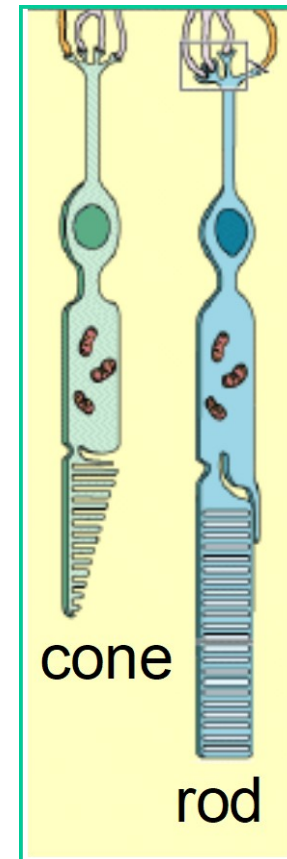
Two types of light-sensitive receptors

Cones

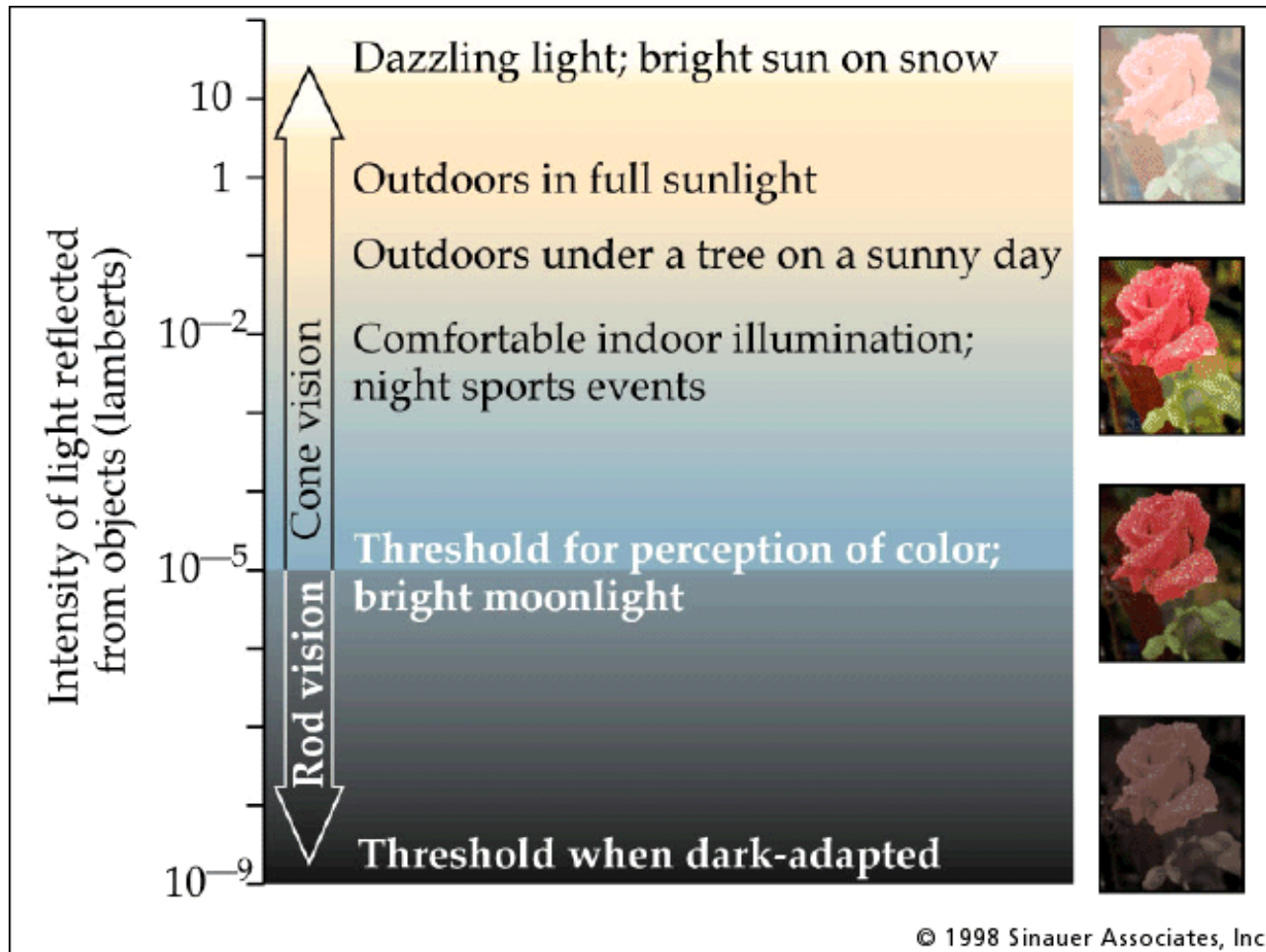
cone-shaped
less sensitive
operate in high light
color vision

Rods

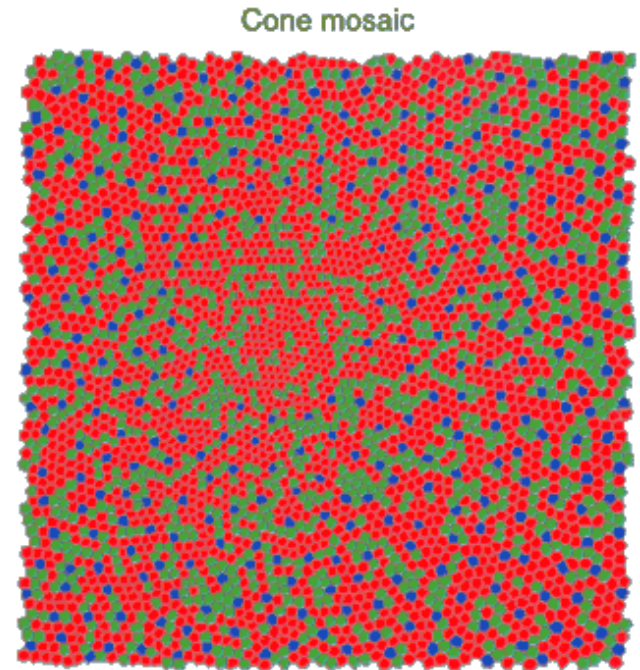
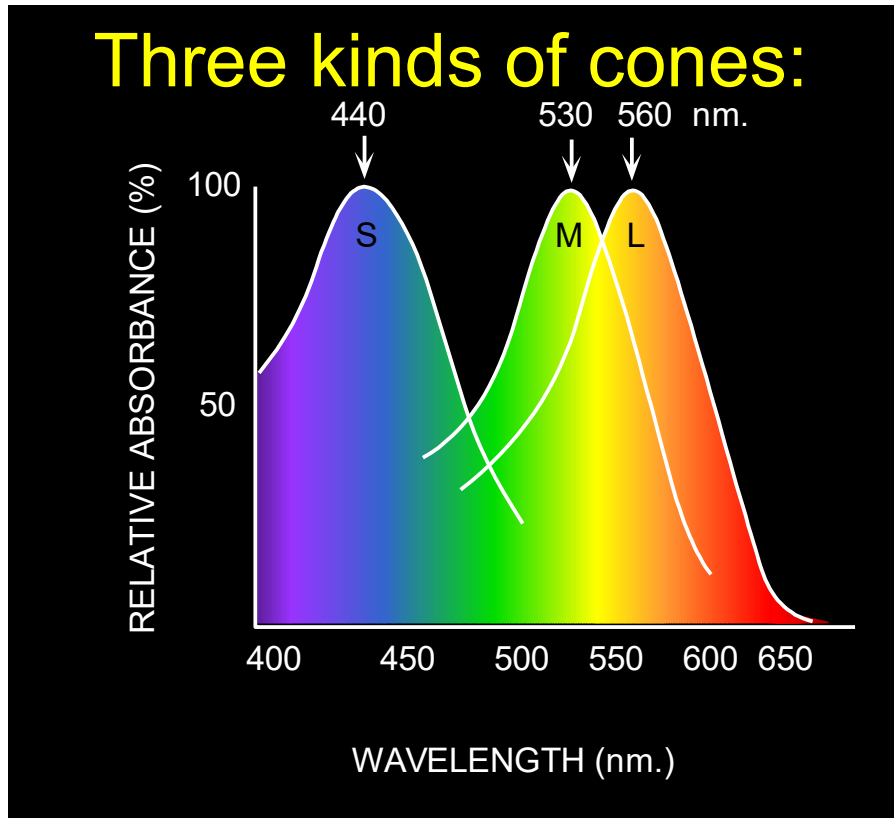
rod-shaped
highly sensitive
operate at night
gray-scale vision



Rod / Cone sensitivity

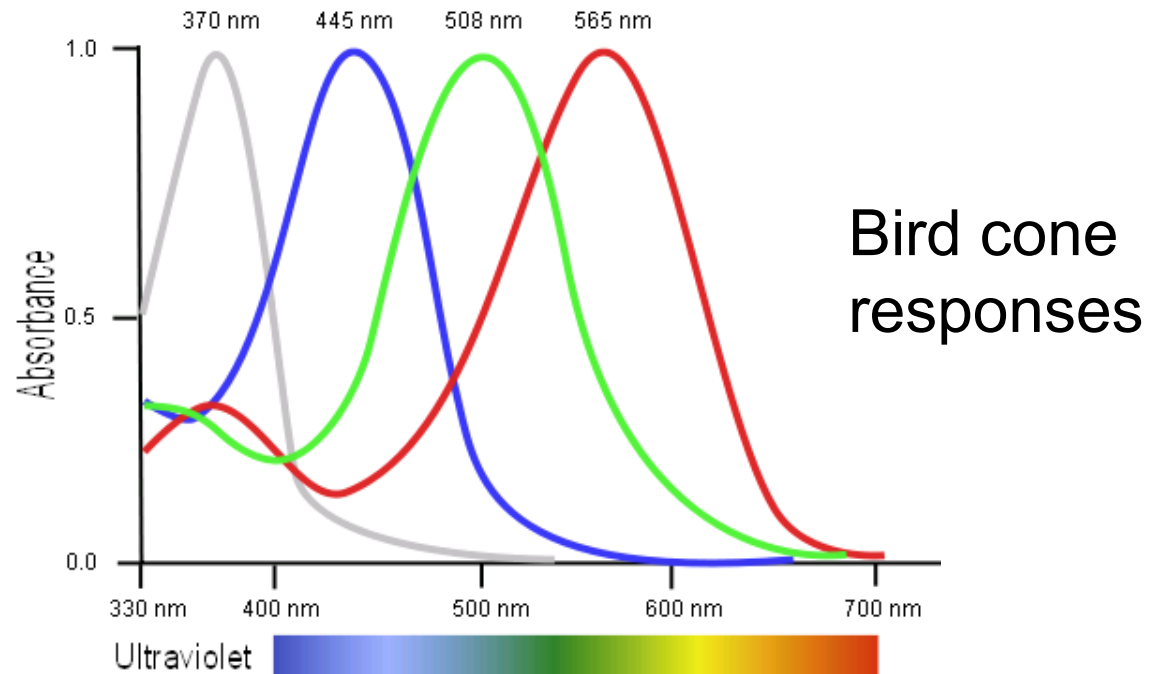


Physiology of Color Vision



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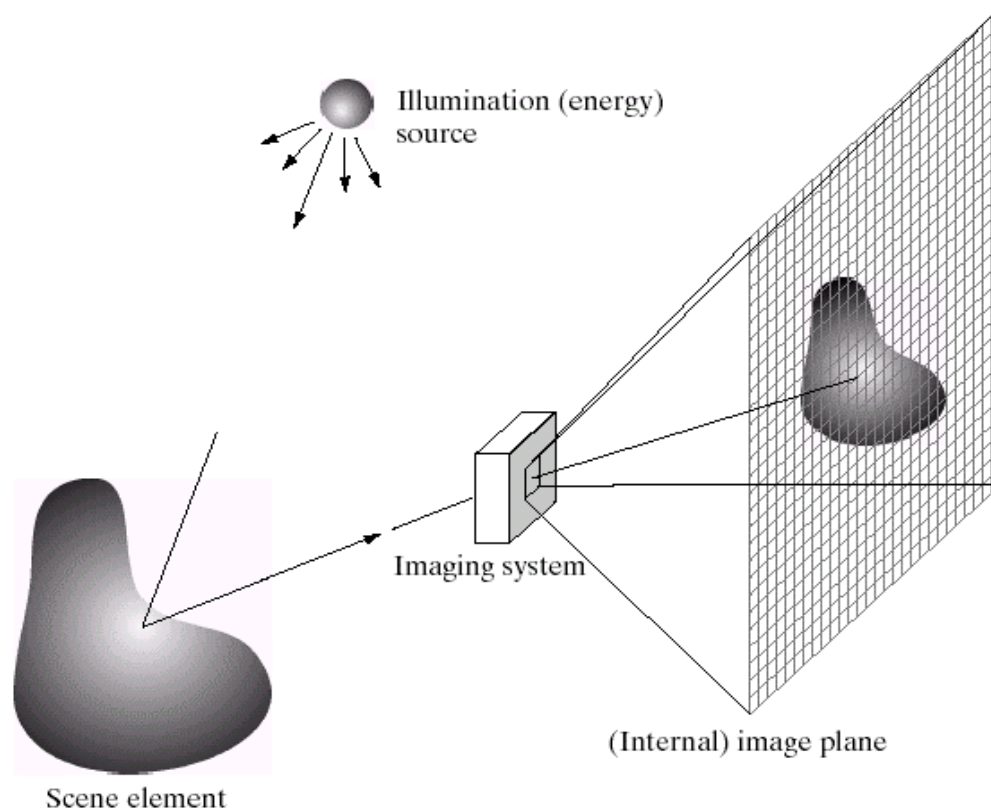
Tetrachromatism



- Most birds, and many other animals, have cones for ultraviolet light.
- Some humans seem to have four cones (12% of females).

James Hays

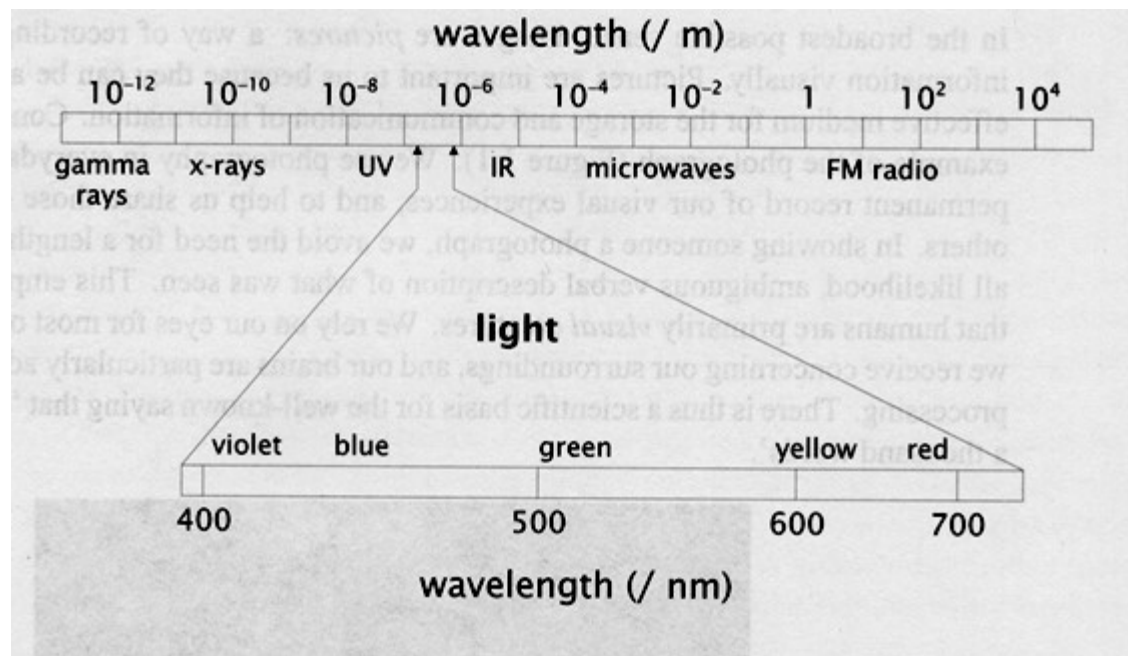
Image formation



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What is light?

- Light: The visible portion of the electromagnetic (EM) spectrum.
- Light occurs between wavelengths of approximately 400 and 700 nanometers.



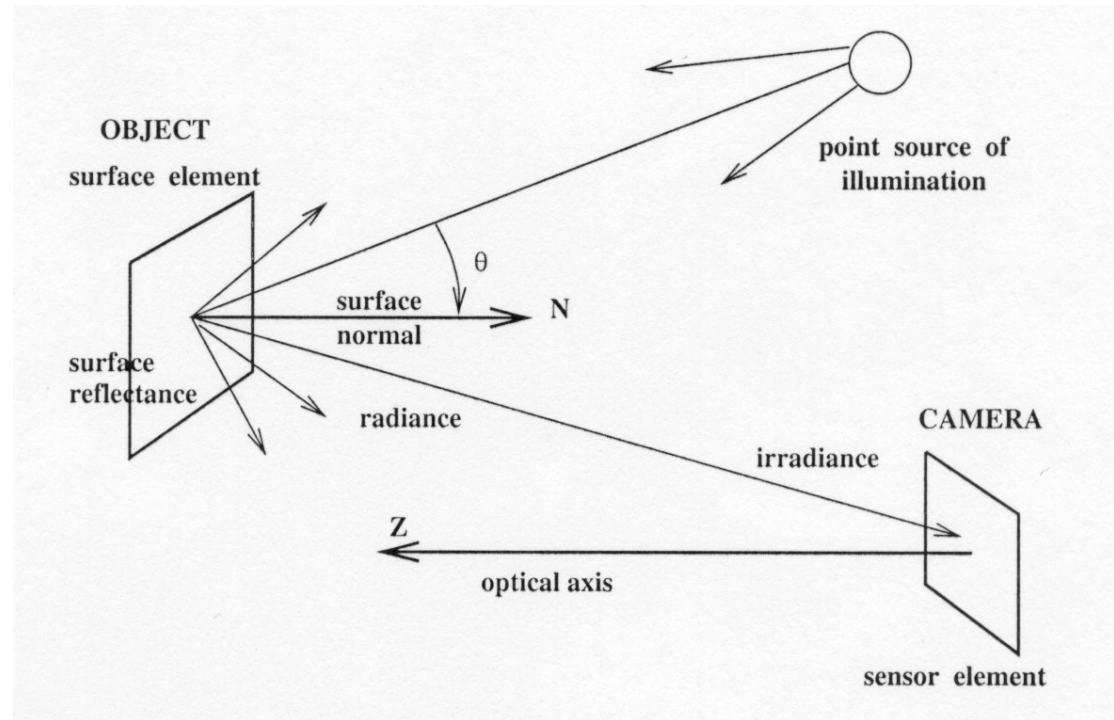
Photometric image formation

- Illumination source: Sun, light ...
- Photometric measurement:
 - Perceptual brightness of visible electromagnetic energy of light.
- Optical system (lenses):
 - An object (scene) may be illuminated by the light from an emitting source.
 - The light incident on the object is reflected in a manner dependent on the surface properties of the object
 - An illuminated object will scatter light toward a lens and the lens will collect and focus the light to create the image
- Imaging sensor: CCD (charge-coupled device) or CMOS sensors cameras provide the 2D sensed signal.
- Digital camera: 2D sensed signal is pass to analog-to-digital converter (sampling), it create the digital image

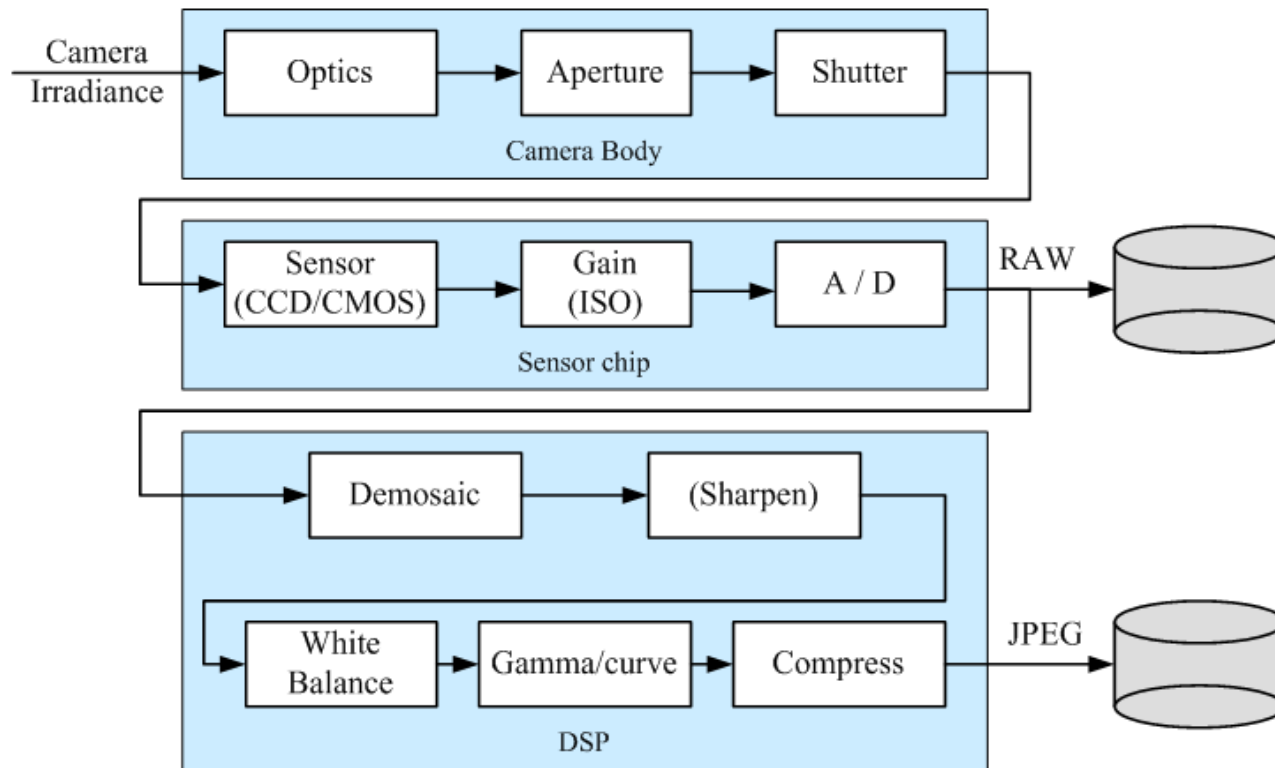
Photometric image formation

- Modeling the image formation process: 3D geometric features in the world are projected into 2D features in an image.
- A simplified model of photometric image formation is illustrated.

- The scene is illuminated by a single source.
- The scene reflects radiation towards the camera.
- The camera senses it via CCD/ CMOS



Acquisition and digitization: Digital camera



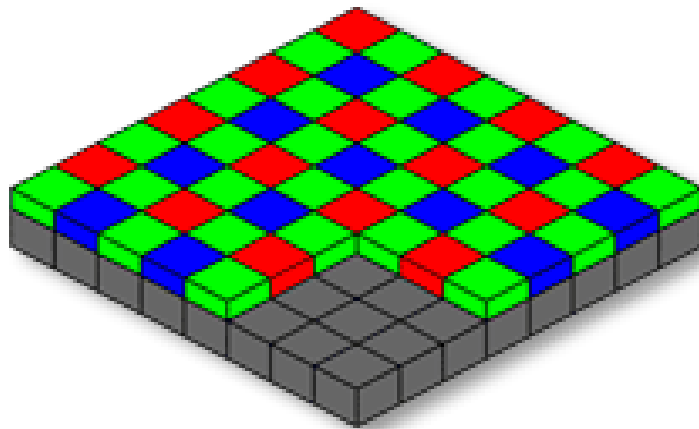
Digital camera: Image sensing and processing pipeline

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Digital camera

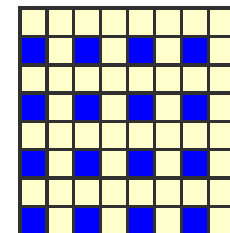
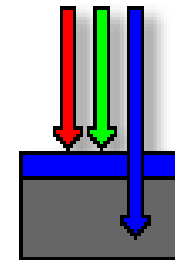
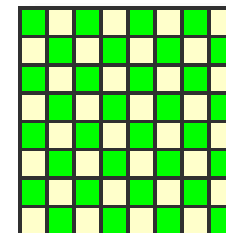
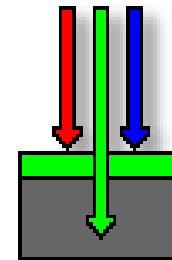
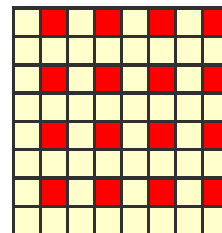
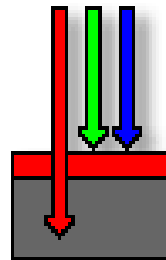
- **Image acquisition:**
 - Optical system, aperture (capture), shutter
 - Imaging sensor: CCD/ CMOS sensor camera consists of a array of photodiodes. Each cell in the is light-sensitive diode that converts photons to electrons.
 - 2D sensed signal of image, video
- **Digitization (ADC): Sampling and Quantization**
 - Sampling the 2D sensed signal create the samples or pixels
 - Quantizing the sample values as the integer values of pixels
- **Processing (DSP- Digital Signal Processing):**
 - Cameras perform a variety of digital signal processing operations *to enhance* the image before *compressing* and *storing* the pixel values in standard format file.

Sensor array : an example

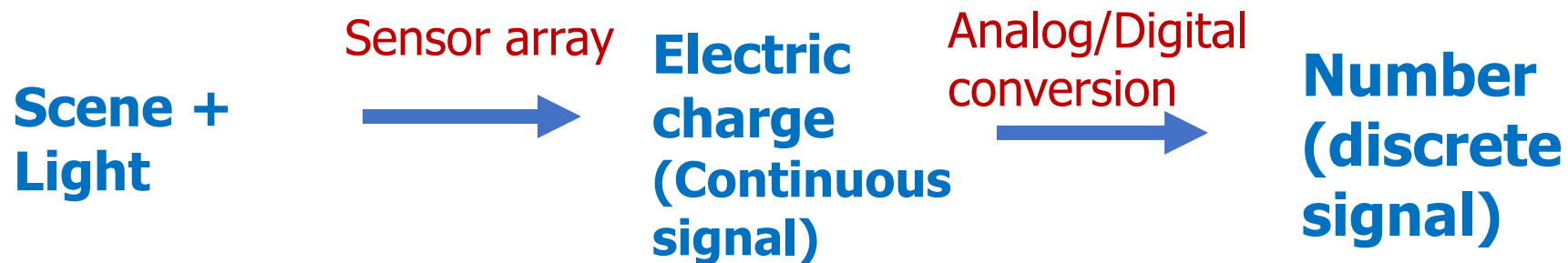


Capteur photosensible
recouvert d'une grille de Bayer

Rayonnement



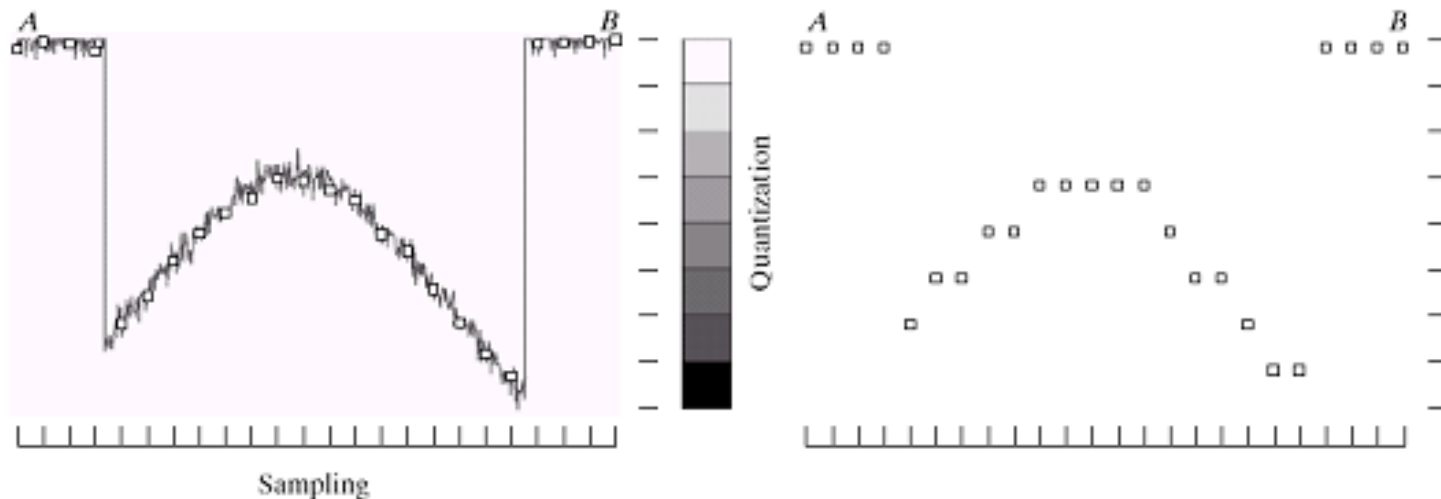
Real scene -> digital Image



Digitization = Sampling (lấy mẫu)
+ Quantization (Lượng tử hóa)

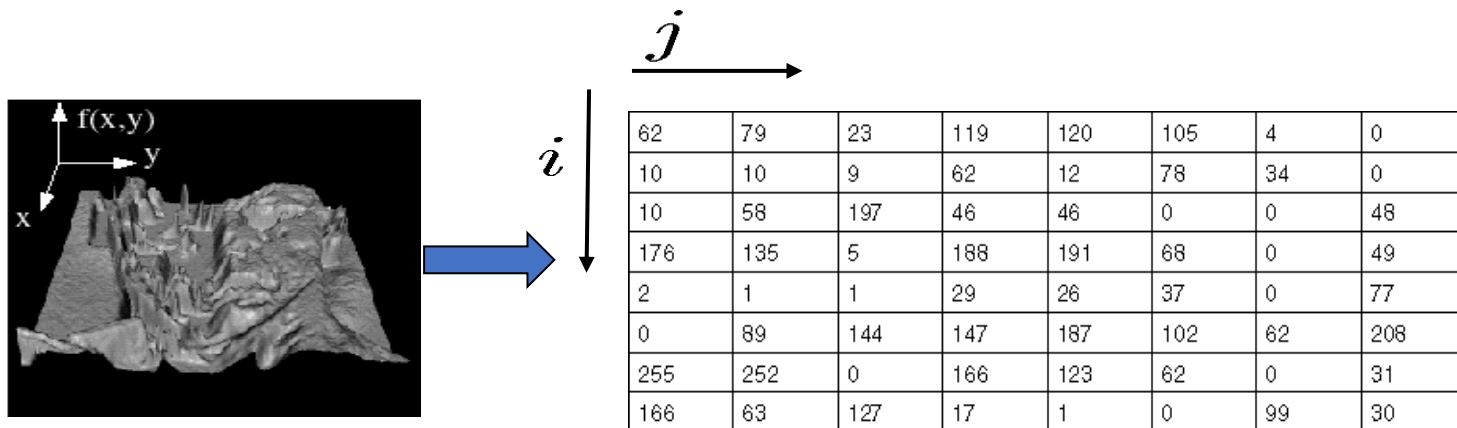
Sampling and quantization

- **Sample** the 2D space on a regular grid
- **Quantize** each sample (round to nearest integer)



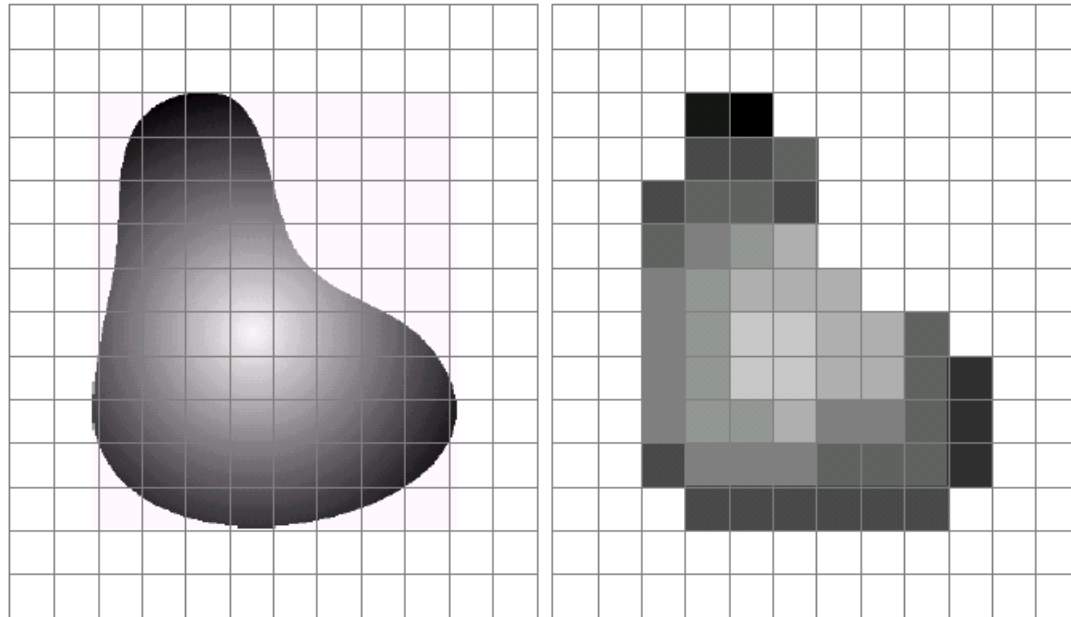
Sampling and quantization

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2D

Digital image



a b

FIGURE 2.17 (a) Continuous image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.

Spatial resolution (sampling)



200 X 278



50 X 70



12 X 18

Gray-level resolution (Quantization)



8 bits



4 bits



2 bits

Color spaces

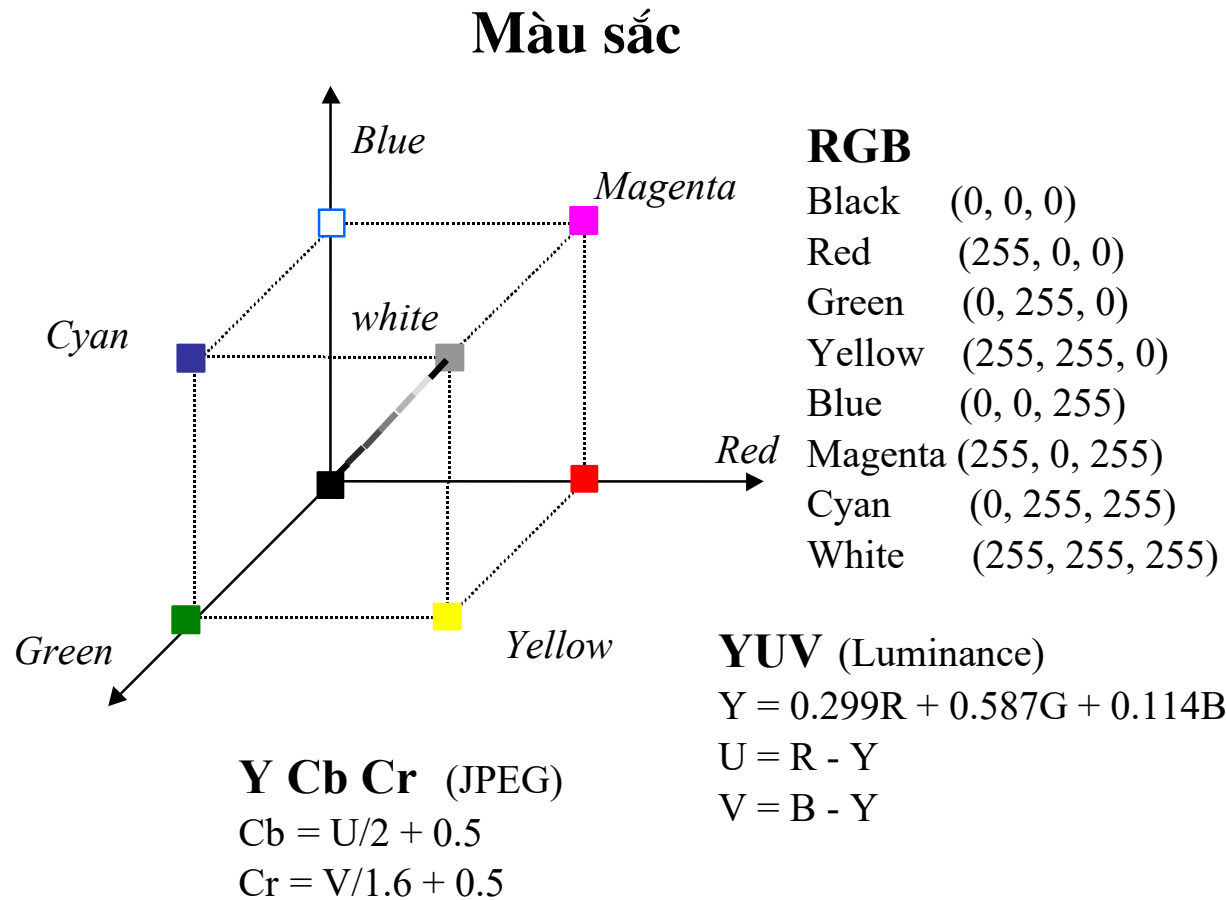
- Color spaces; different types of color modes
- Color represented by vector of components
 - ❖ Red, Green, Blue (**RGB**)
 - ❖ Hue, Saturation, Value (**HSV**)
 - ❖ Luminance, chrominance (**YUV**, LUV)
 - ❖ **XYZ**
- Color convert: RGB – YUV

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

$$U = 0.493 (B - Y) ; V = 0.877 (R - Y)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y \\ C_R \\ C_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.257 & 0.504 & 0.098 \\ 0.439 & -0.368 & -0.071 \\ -0.148 & -0.291 & 0.439 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R \\ G \\ B \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 128 \\ 128 \end{bmatrix}$$

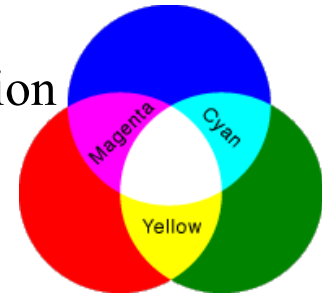
Color coordinate system



Color: Additive/Subtractive primary color

- **Primary color:** Red, Green, Blue (RGB)
- **Additive colors:**

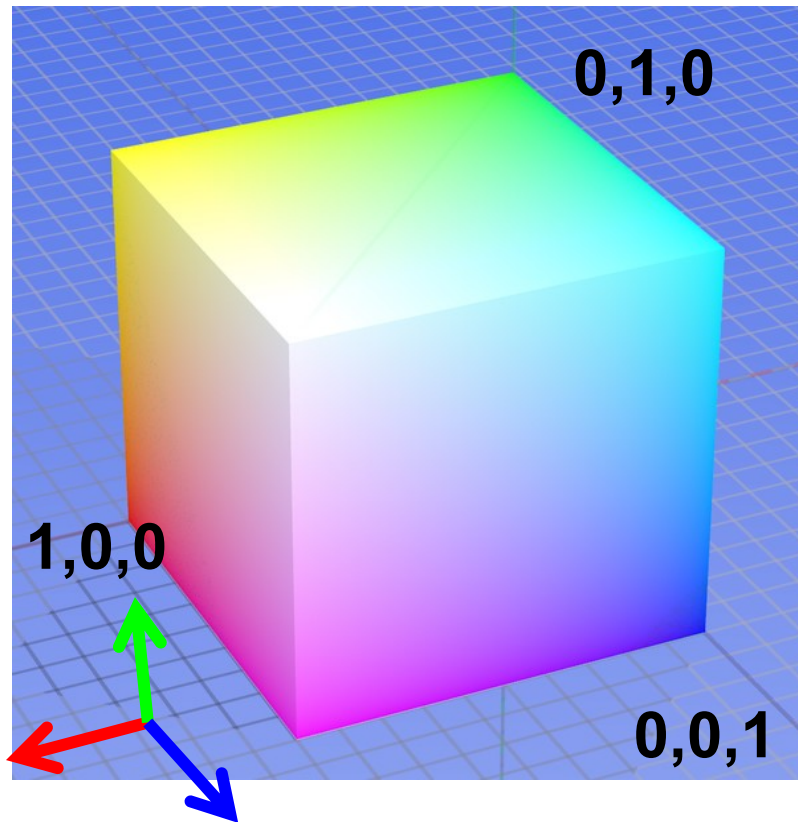
Colors:
combination
of RGB



- Combination of RGB can be mixed to produce Cyan, Magenta, Yellow (CMY) & White.
- **Additive color reproduction system:**
 - Combination of RGB to reproduce a colored light.
- **Subtractive colors** CMY can be mixed to produce RGB & black
 - **Subtractive color reproduction system:** A white light sequentially passes through cyan, magenta, yellow filters to reproduce a colored light.

Color spaces: RGB

Default color space



R = 1
(G=0,B=0)



G = 1
(R=0,B=0)

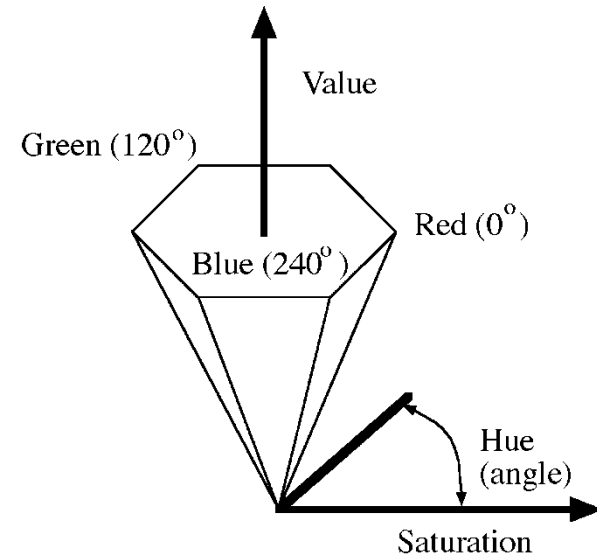
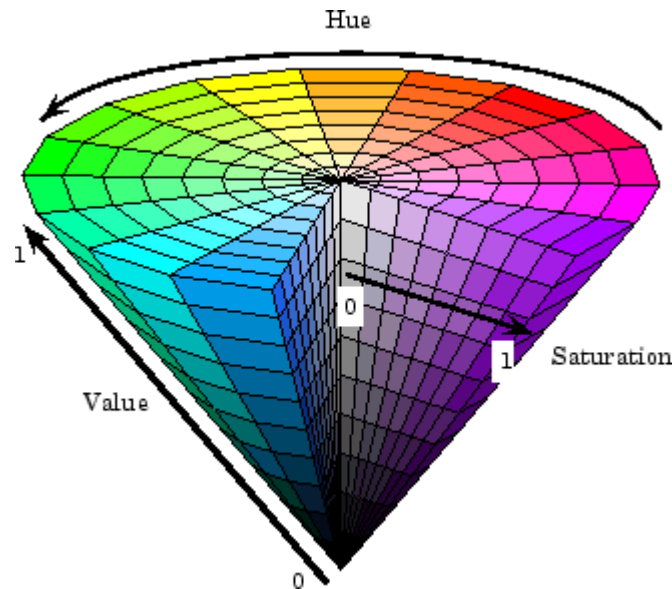
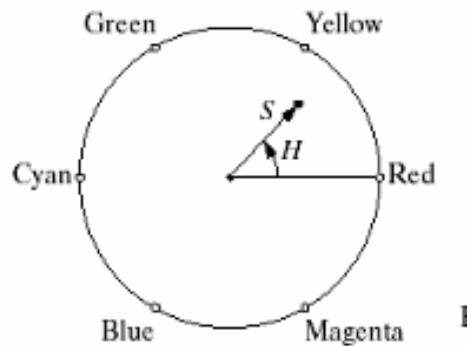
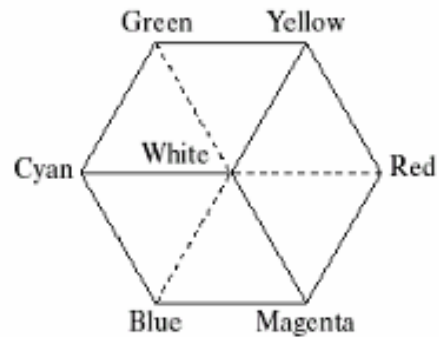


B = 1
(R=0,G=0)

Any color = $r \cdot R + g \cdot G + b \cdot B$

- Strongly correlated channels
- Non-perceptual

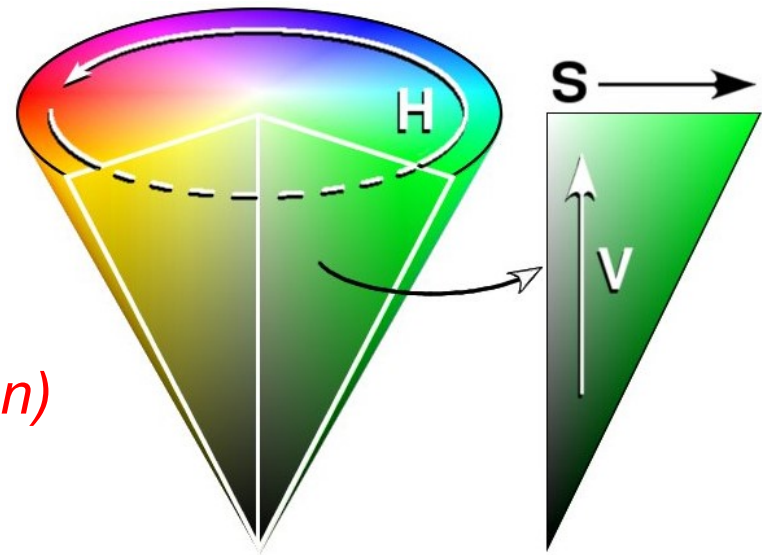
Nonlinear color spaces: HSV



- Perceptually meaningful dimensions:
 - Hue, Saturation (chroma)
 - Value (Intensity)

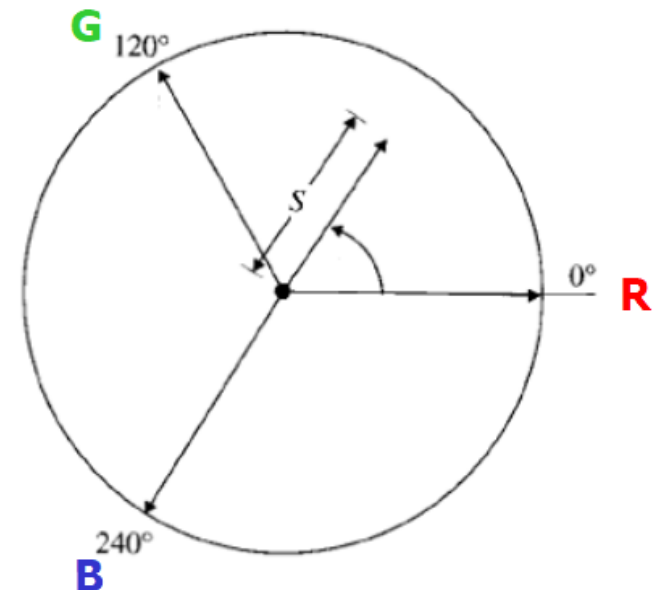
HSV (Hue – Saturation- Value)

- The Hue-Saturation-Value (HSV) color space is use for segmentation and recognition
 - Non-linear conversion
 - Visual representation of colors
- We identify for a pixel:
 - The pixel *intensity (value)*
 - The pixel *color (hue + saturation)*
- RGB does not have this seperation



HSV (Hue – Saturation- Value)

- **Hue (H)** is coded as an angle between 0 and 360
- **Saturation (S)** is coded as a radius between 0 and 1
 - $S = 0$: gray
 - $S = 1$: pure color
- **Value (V)** = MAX (Red, Green, Blue)



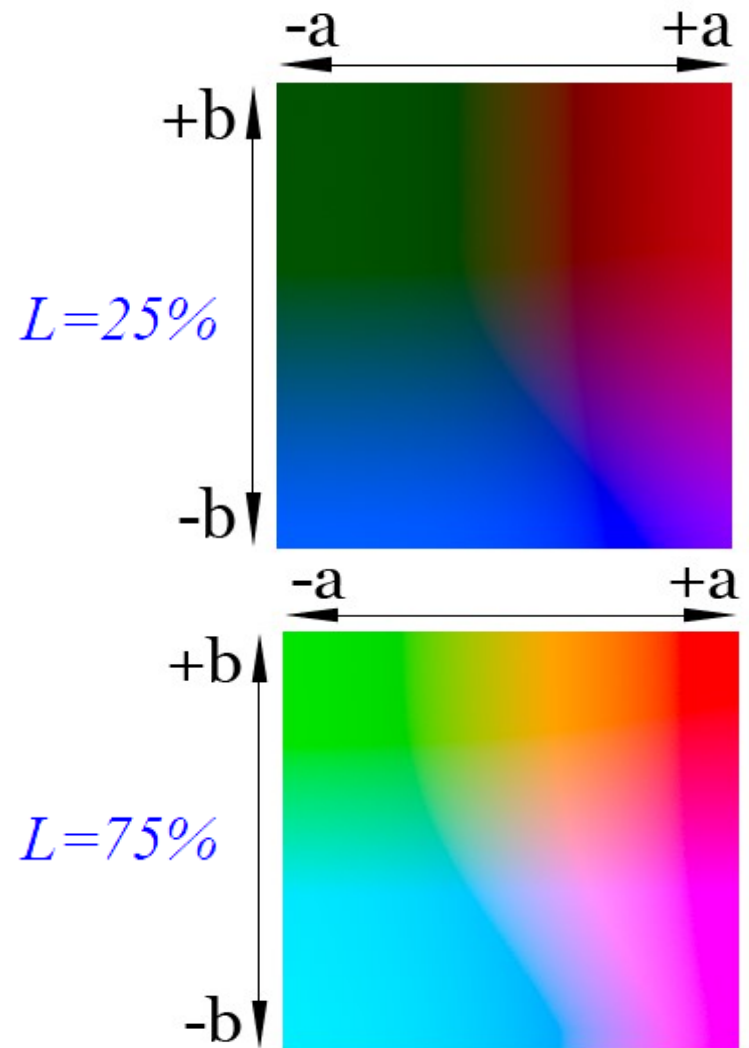
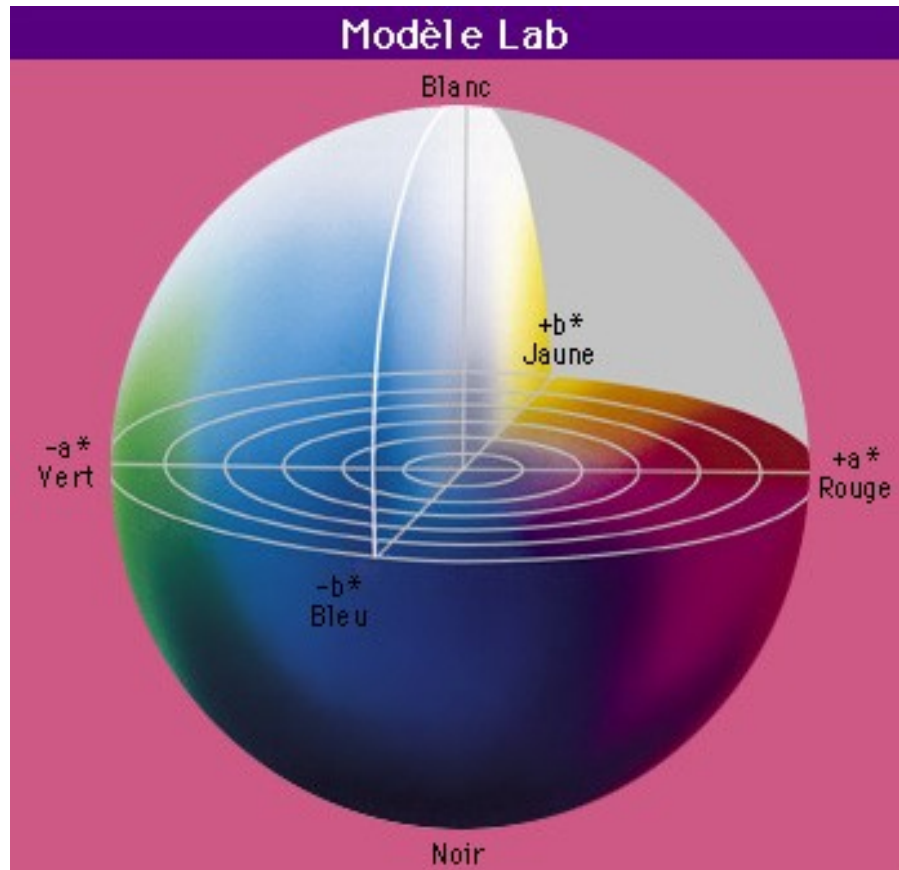
HSV (Hue – Saturation- Value)

- If we know the color of the object we are looking for, can model it using a **hue interval**
- Take care, because it is an angle (periodic value)
 - Hue < 60° means nothing
 - *Is 350° smaller or bigger than 60°?*
 - Define an interval: 350° < Hue < 60° (for example)
- This interval is valid if Saturation > threshold (otherwise gray level)
- This is **independant of Value** , which is more sensible to light conditions

Lab color space

- The **Lab** system (sometimes **L*a*b***) is based on a study from human vision
 - independant from all technologies
 - presenting colors as seen by the human eyes
- Colors are defined using 3 values
 - **L** is the luminance, going from 0% (black) to 100% (white)
 - **a*** represents an axis going from green (negative value, -127) to red (positive value, +127)
 - **b*** represents an axis going from blue (negative value, -127) to yellow (positive value, +127)

Lab color space



Color space vs. illumination conditions

- collected 10 images of the cube under varying illumination conditions



- separately cropped every color to get 6 datasets for the 6 different colors



Changes in color due to varying illumination conditions

- Compute the density plot: Check the distribution of a particular color say, blue or yellow in different color spaces. The density plot or the 2D Histogram gives an idea about the variations in values for a given color

Color space vs. illumination conditions

- Similar illumination: very compact

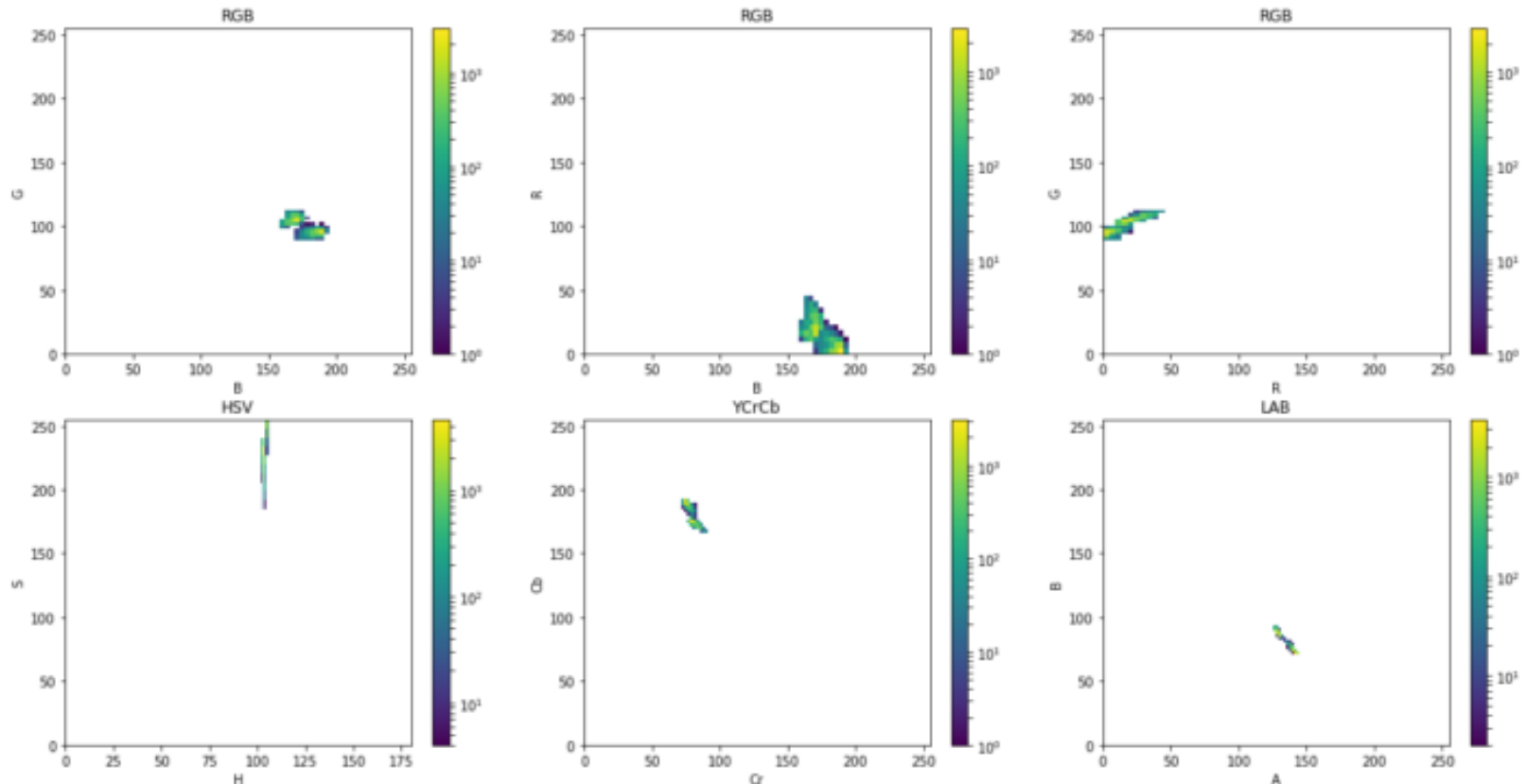


Fig.: Density Plot showing the variation of values in color channels for 2 similar bright images of **blue color**

Color space vs. illumination conditions

- Similar illumination: very compact

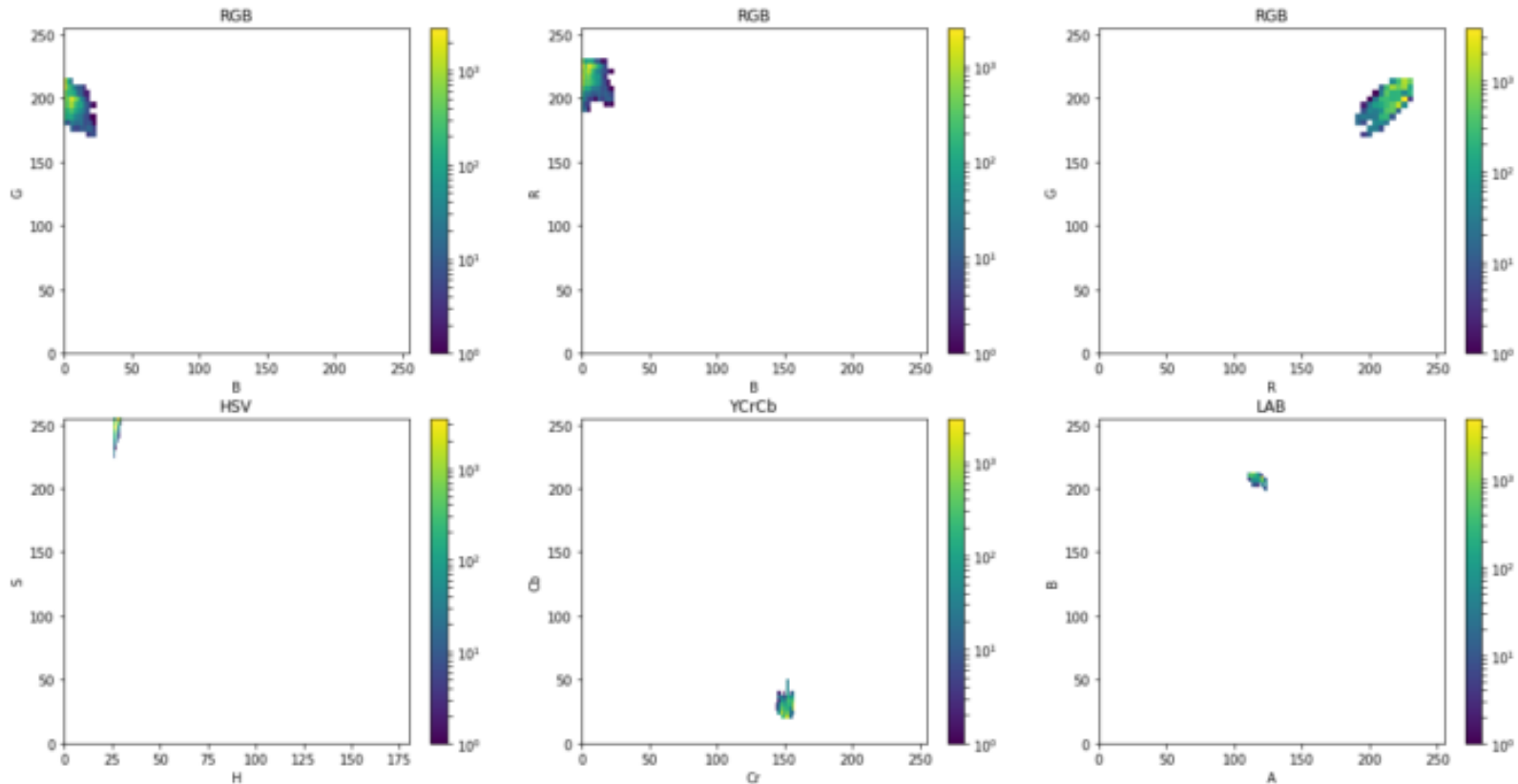


Fig.: Density Plot showing the variation of values in color channels for 2 similar bright images of **yellow color**

Color space vs. illumination conditions

- Different illumination:

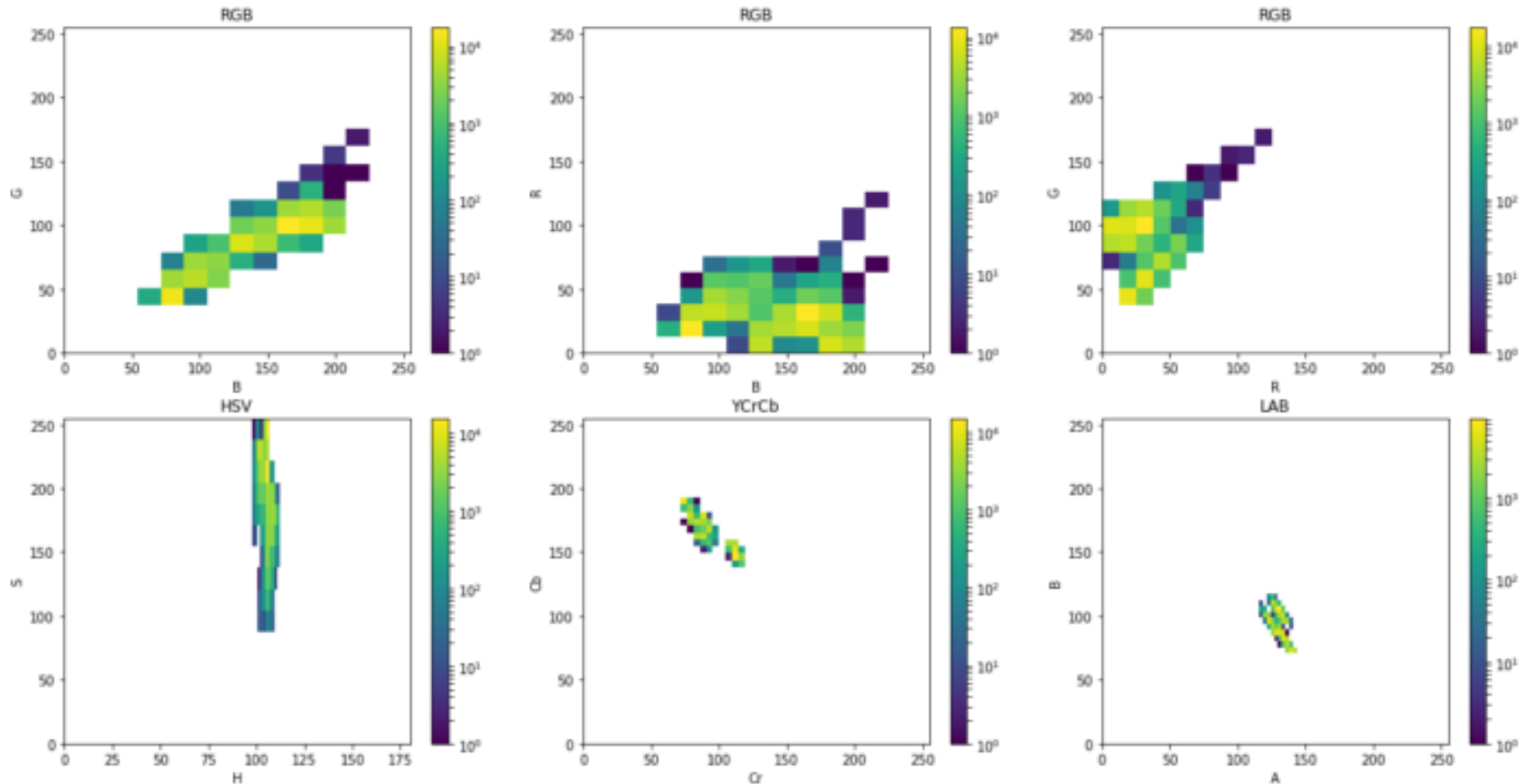


Fig.: Density Plot showing the variation of values in color channels under varying illumination for the **blue color**

Source: Vikas Gupta, Learn OpenCV

Color space vs. illumination conditions

- Different illumination:

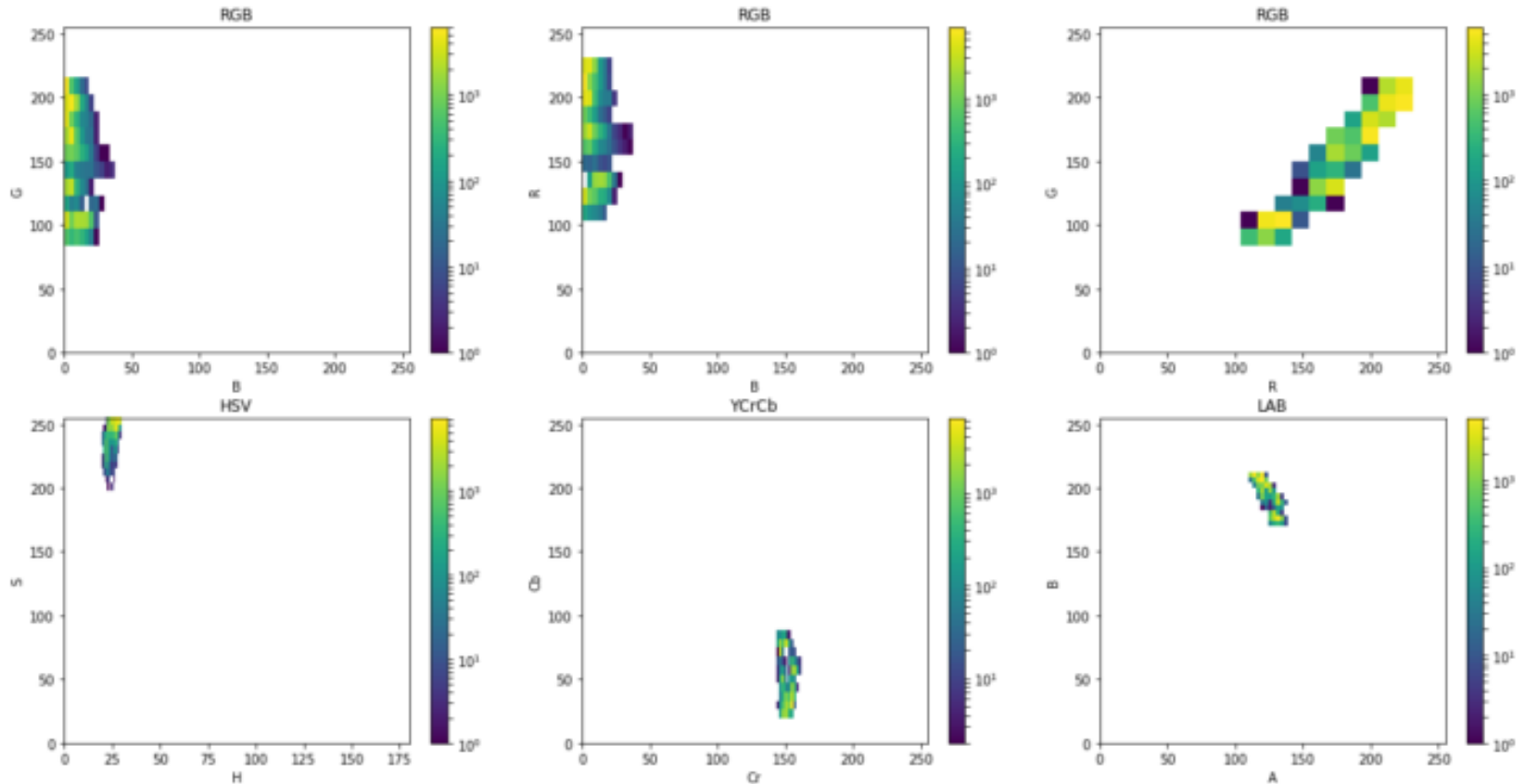


Fig.: Density Plot showing the variation of values in color channels under varying illumination for the **yellow color**

Color space vs illumination conditions

- Different illumination:
 - RGB space: the variation in the value of channels is very high
 - HSV: compact in **H**. Only H contains information about the absolute color → a choice
 - YCrCb, LAB: compact in **CrCb** and in **AB**
 - Higher level of compactness is in LAB
 - Convert to other color spaces (OpenCV):
 - `cvtColor(bgr, ycb, COLOR_BGR2YCrCb);`
 - `cvtColor(bgr, hsv, COLOR_BGR2HSV);`
 - `cvtColor(bgr, lab, COLOR_BGR2Lab);`

Image representation

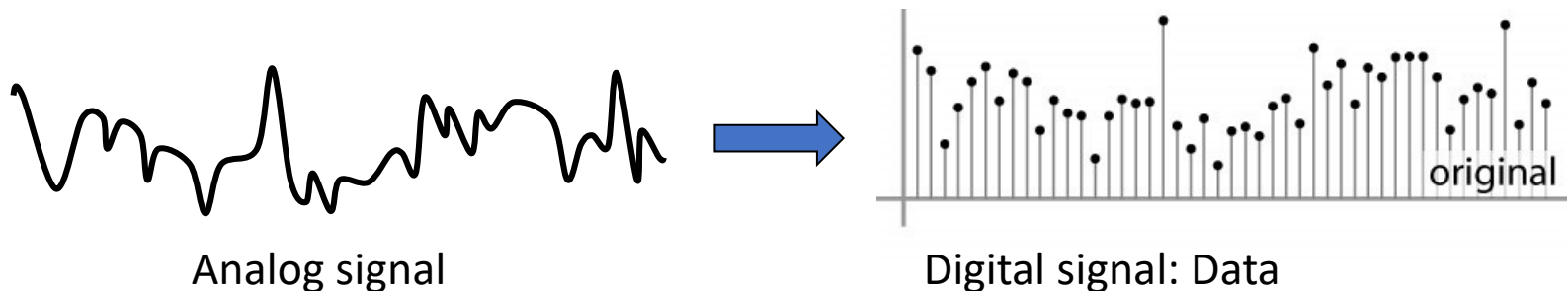
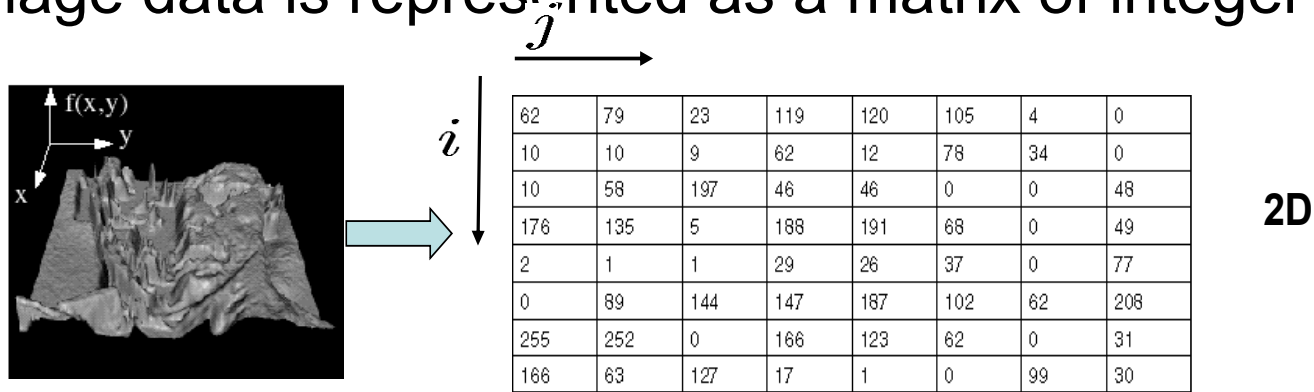
Continuous Images as functions

- Monochromatic Image: A continuous brightness function of a number of variables f , from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} :
 - $f(x, y)$ gives the intensity at position (x, y)
 - Realistically, we expect the image only to be defined over a rectangle, with a finite range
- A color image include 3 brightness functions of 3 color pasted together (3 color component signals). We can write this as a “vector-valued” function:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} r(x, y) \\ g(x, y) \\ b(x, y) \end{bmatrix}$$

Digital images representation

- Sample the 2D space on a regular grid is pixel
- Quantize each sample (round to nearest integer)
- Image data is represented as a matrix of integer values.



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Definition: Digital images

- Digital image functions f represented as matrices $X(i,j)$.
- **Image data** is represented by a rectangular array of integers
- An integer represents the brightness or darkness of the monochromatic image at that point (pixel). Limited brightness integer values (8 bit) = gray levels = values 0 to 255
- **Definition: Digital image is a matrix $X(i,j)$** of pixels, N:number of rows, M: number of columns, Q: integer brightness values

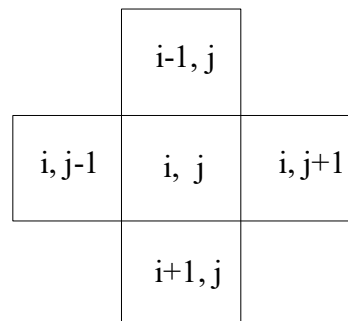
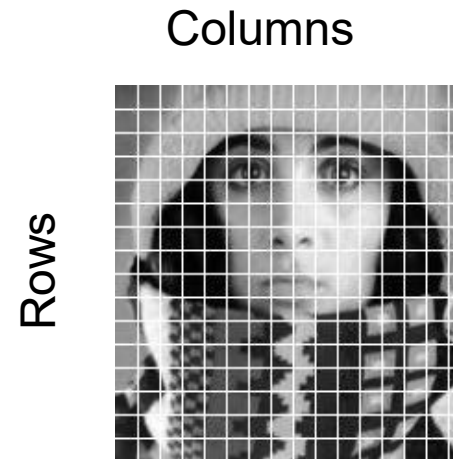
(levels) of pixels

$$X(i, j) = \begin{matrix} f(0,0) & f(0,1) & \dots & f(0,M-1) \\ f(1,0) & f(1,1) & \dots & f(1,M-1) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{matrix}$$

$$f(N-1,0) \quad f(N-1,1) \quad \dots \quad f(N-1,M-1)$$

Digital gray image

- Example: Matrix $X(i,j)$ of pixels of a gray level image
- Image data: 2D array $X(i,j)$ of integer brightness value uint8 of pixels at coordinates (i,j) .



$i-1, j-1$	$i-1, j$	$i-1, j+1$
$i, j-1$	i, j	$i, j+1$
$i+1, j-1$	$i+1, j$	$i+1, j+1$

Digital image format

❖ Parameters for digital image formats:

- **Digital image resolution:** (height x width) in pixels
- **Quantization** (bits per pixel):
 - Gray level image: 8 bits/ pixel
 - RGB color image: 24 bits/ pixel
 - Binary image: 1 bit/ pixel

❖ **Digital Image Storage:** file stored in two parts: Header; Data

❖ **Common image file formats:**

- GIF (Graphic Interchange Format) -
- PNG (Portable Network Graphics)
- JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group)
- TIFF (Tagged Image File Format)
- PGM (Portable Gray Map)
- FITS (Flexible Image Transport System)

Digital video format

- Parameters for digital video formats
 - Digital image resolution (height x width) in pixels
 - Quantization (bits per pixel)
 - Frame rate (frames per second)
- Standard video file formats
 - AVI, M-JPEG,
 - H26X (ITU_T:H.261, H.263, H.263, H264)
 - MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4 Part 10 / H264 AVC, mp4...



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