

# Image Processing

## Lecture 02 – Image Fundamentals

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- **Digital image**
- Point processing

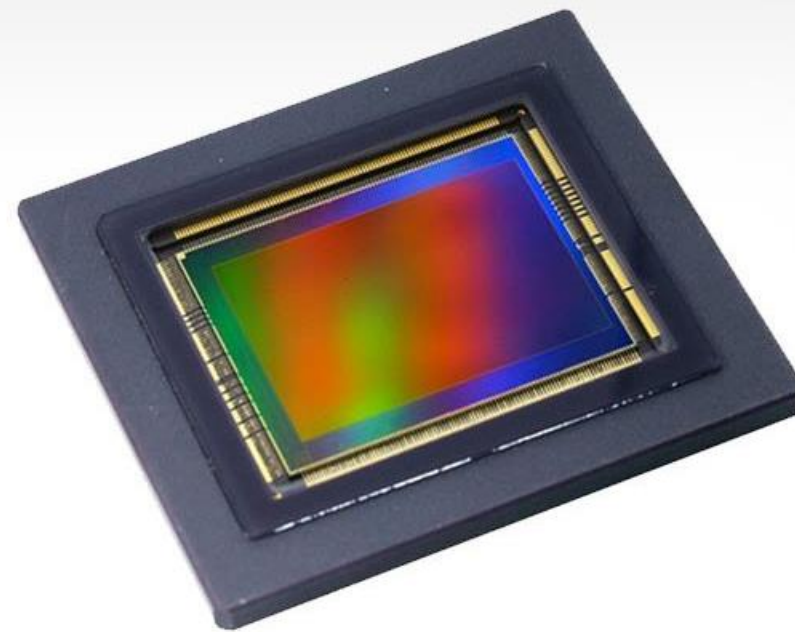
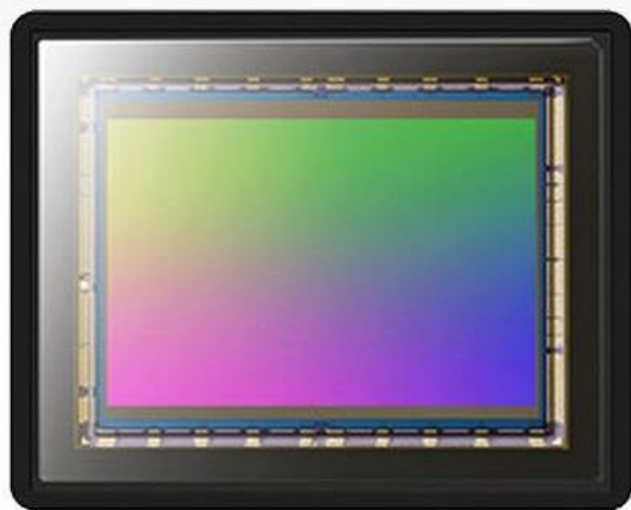


Image sensor

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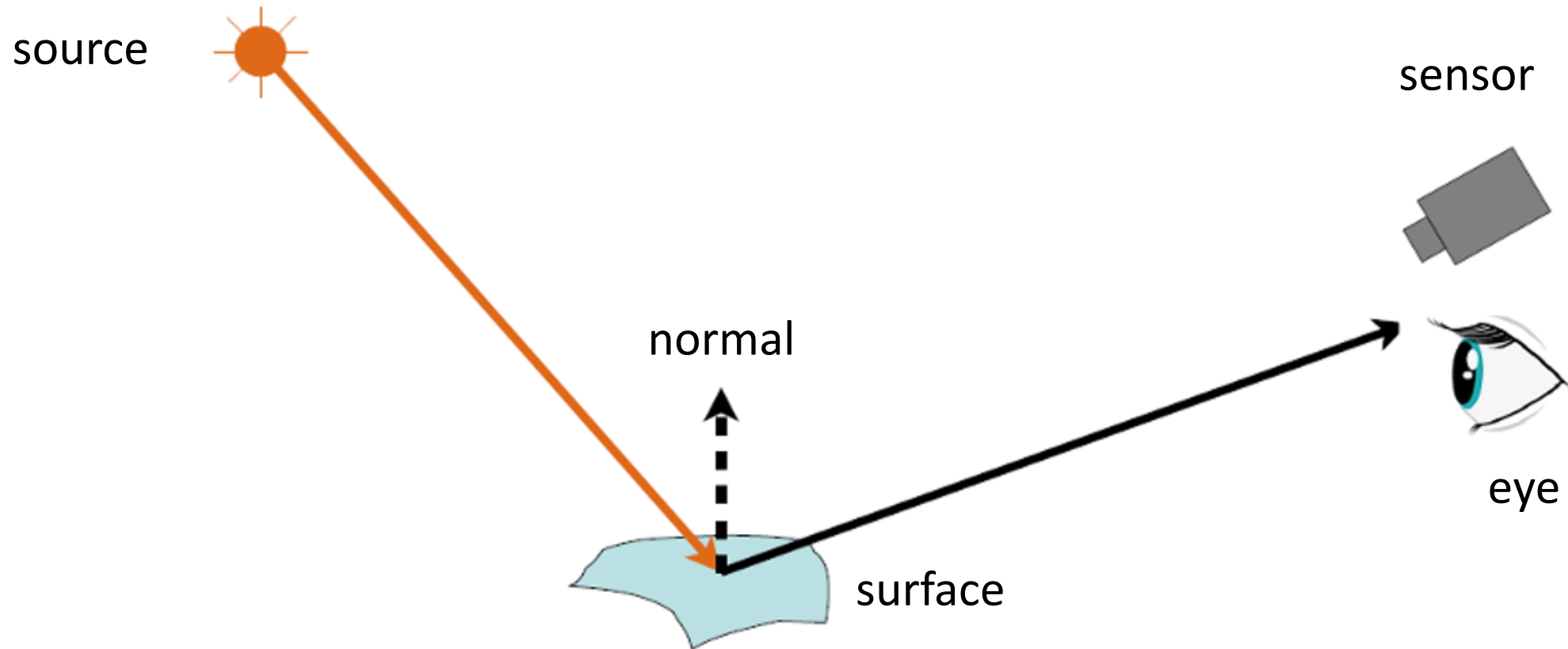
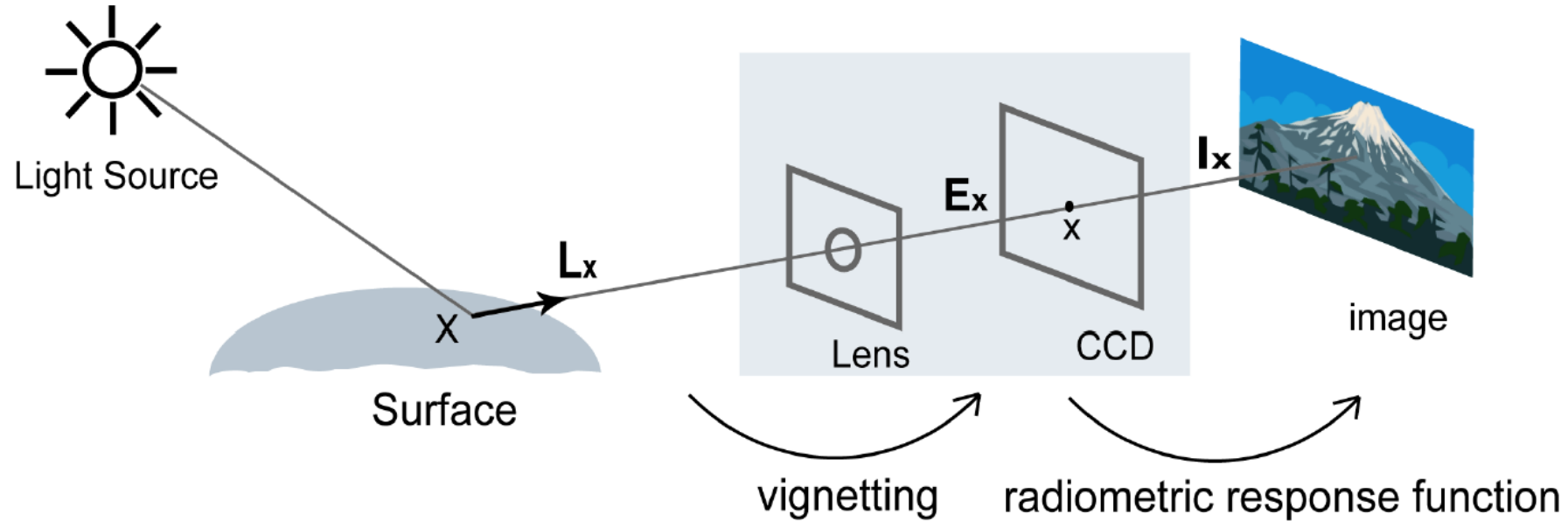


Image sensor **captures amount of light** from the object

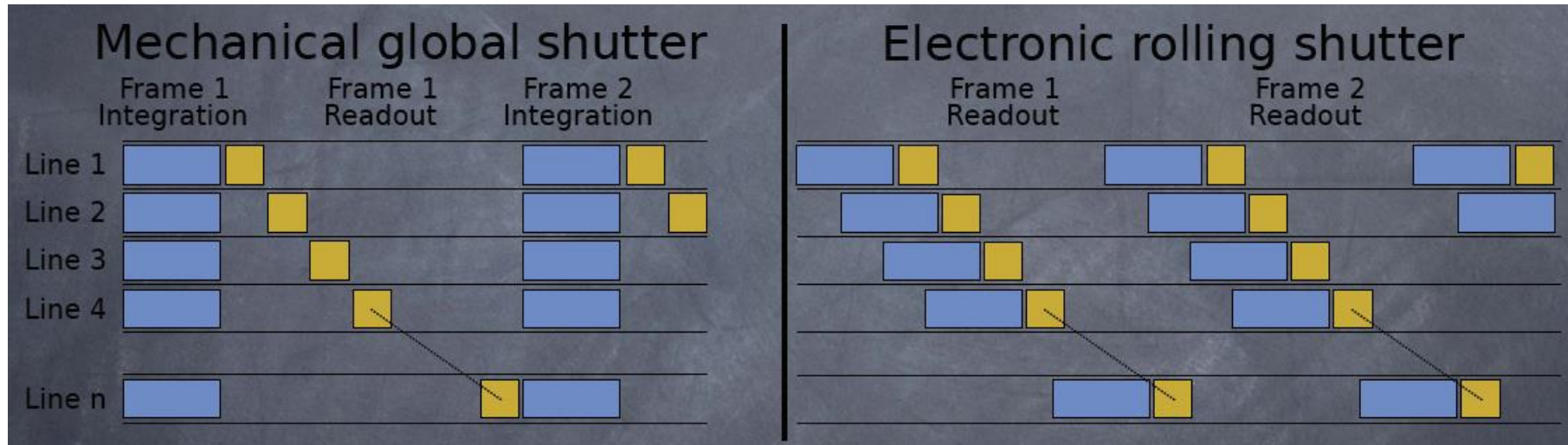
# Image sensor



- CCD (Charge coupled device) camera
  - High-end DSLR camera
- CMOS (Complementary metal-oxide semiconductor) camera
  - Smartphone

# CCD vs. CMOS

- Global(CCD) vs. rolling(CMOS) shutter

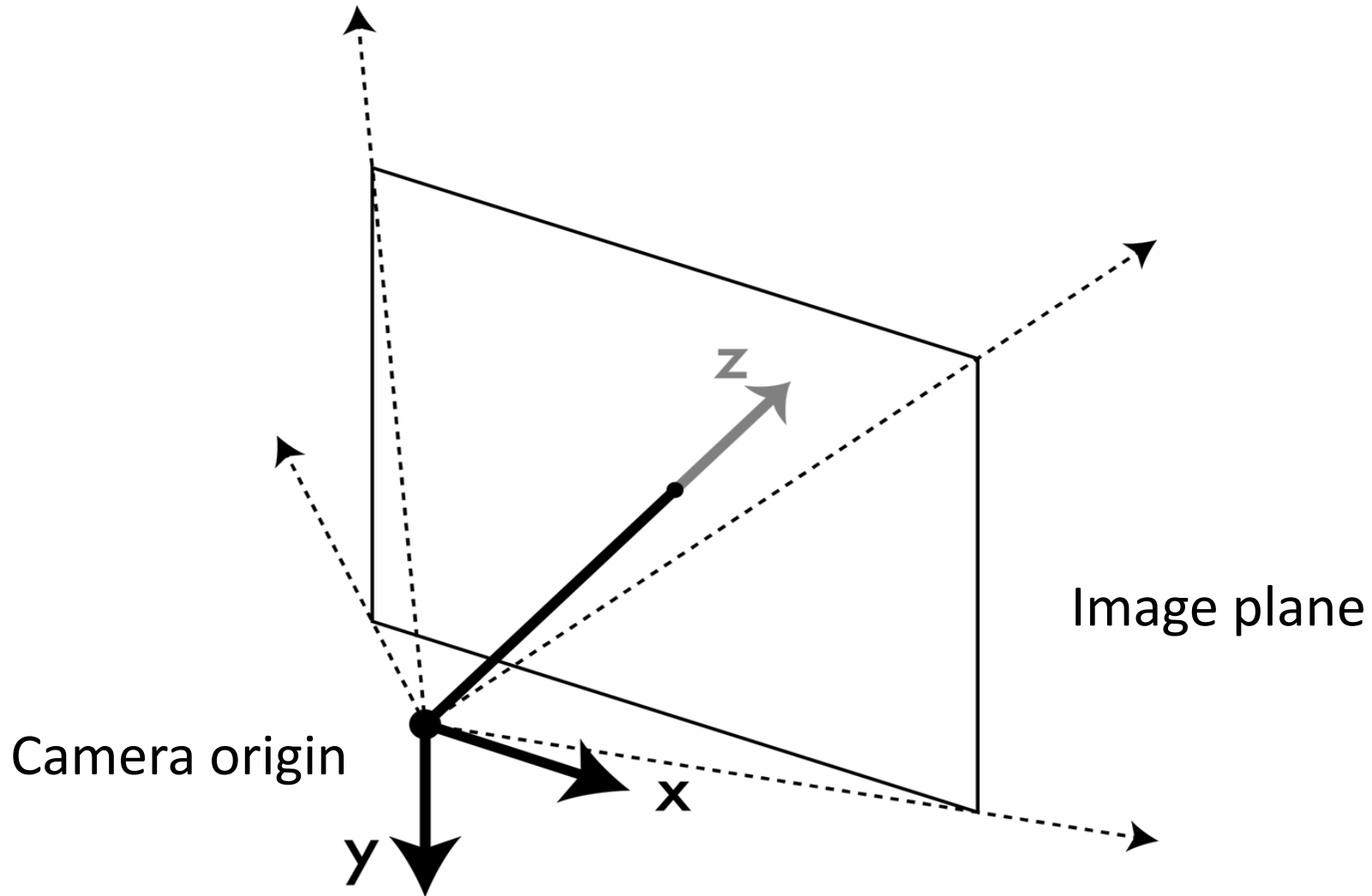


# Rolling shutter

- Distortions
  - Skew

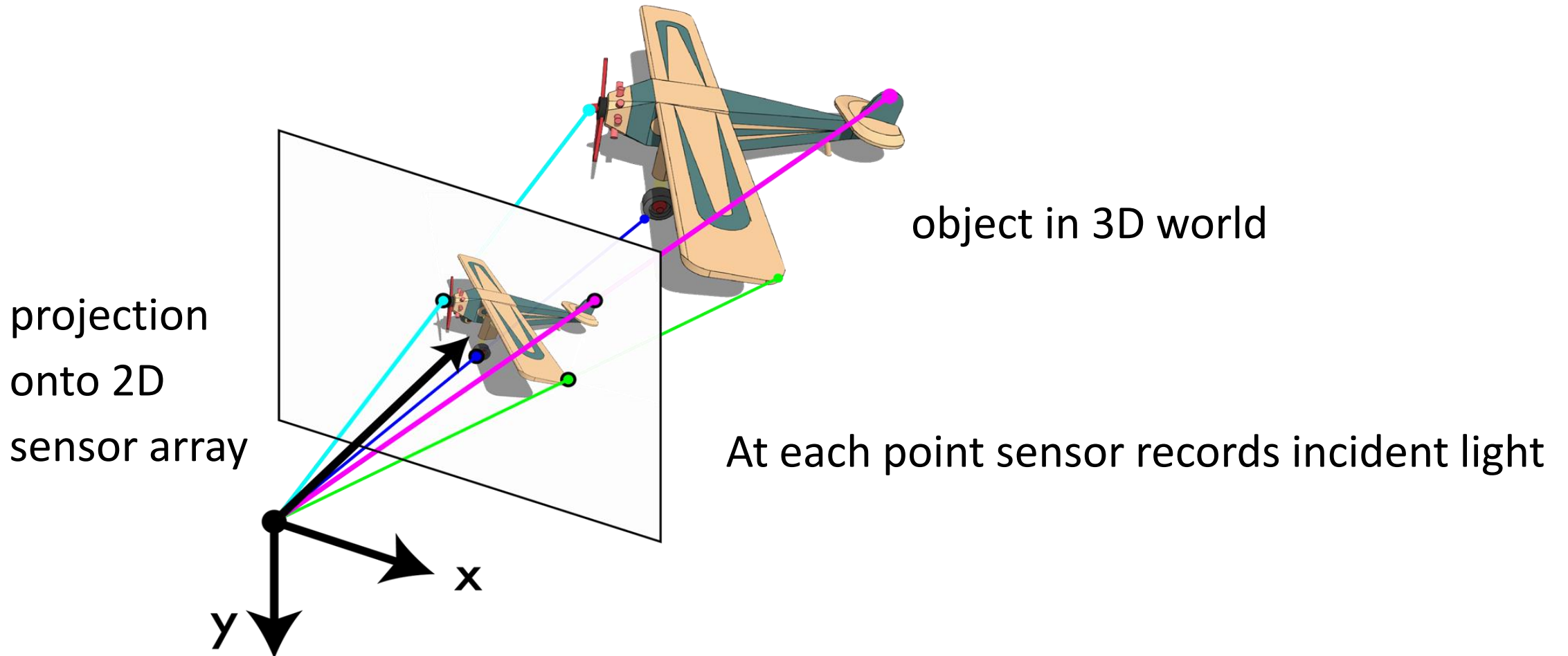


# Perspective projection: from 3d world to 2d image



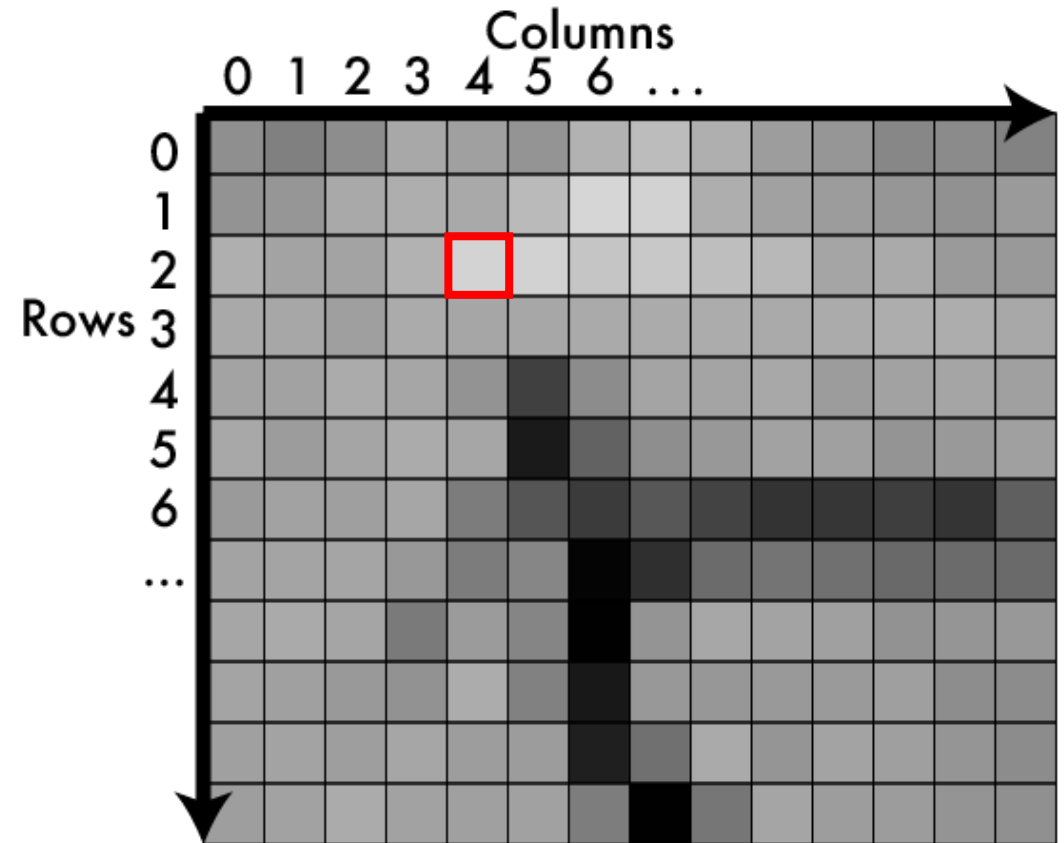


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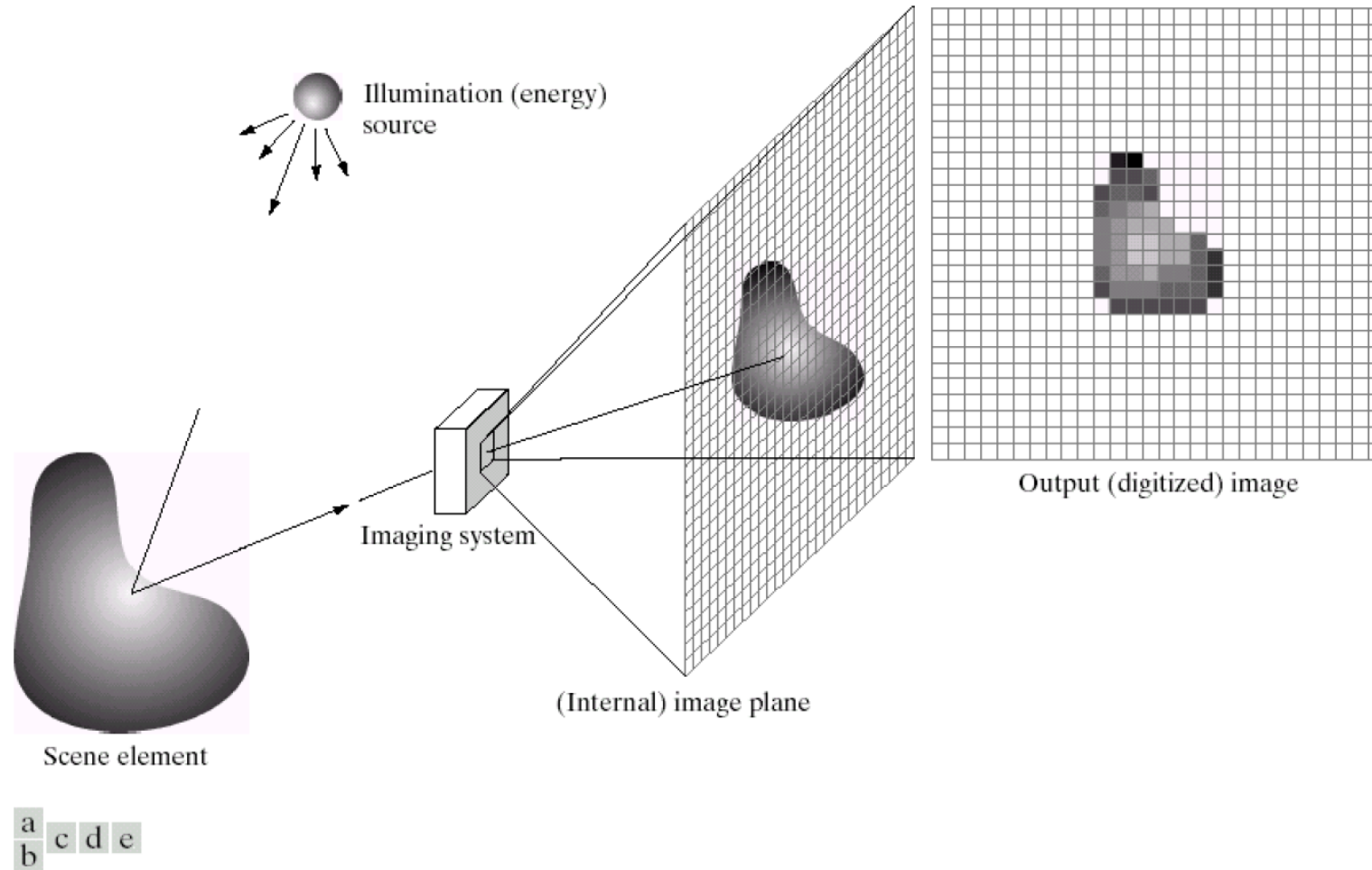
# Image: 2d array of light

- Each point in matrix called a pixel
  - A pixel has a 2D coordinates
  - A pixel has a value (intensity)



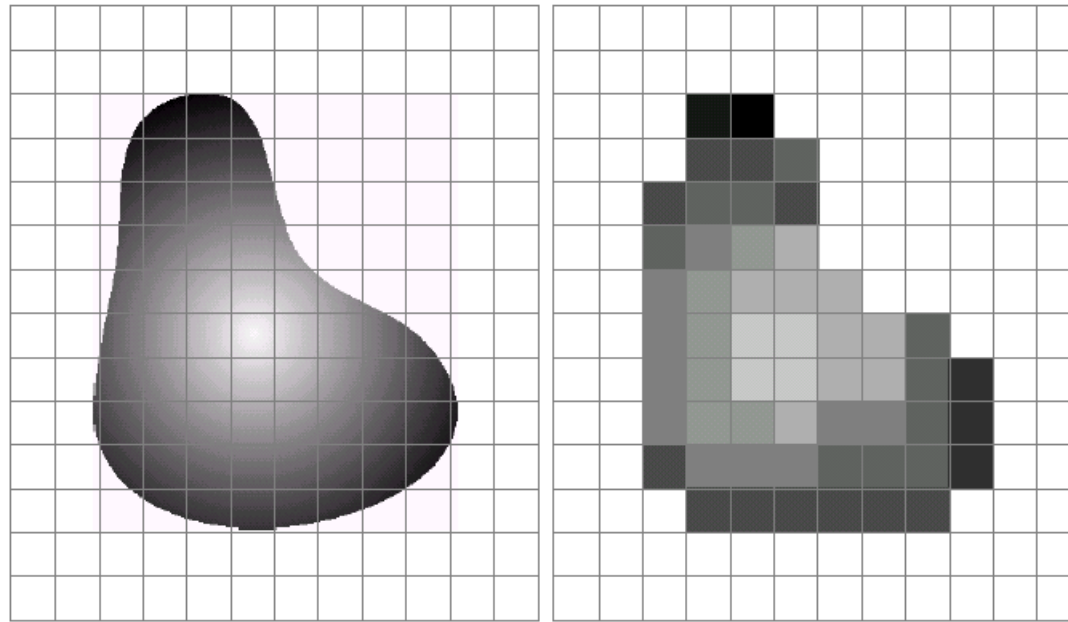


# Image Acquisition Process



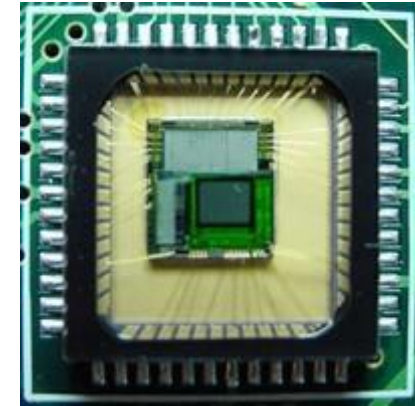
**FIGURE 2.15** An example of the digital image acquisition process. (a) Energy (“illumination”) source. (b) An element of a scene. (c) Imaging system. (d) Projection of the scene onto the image plane. (e) Digitized image.

# Sensor Array



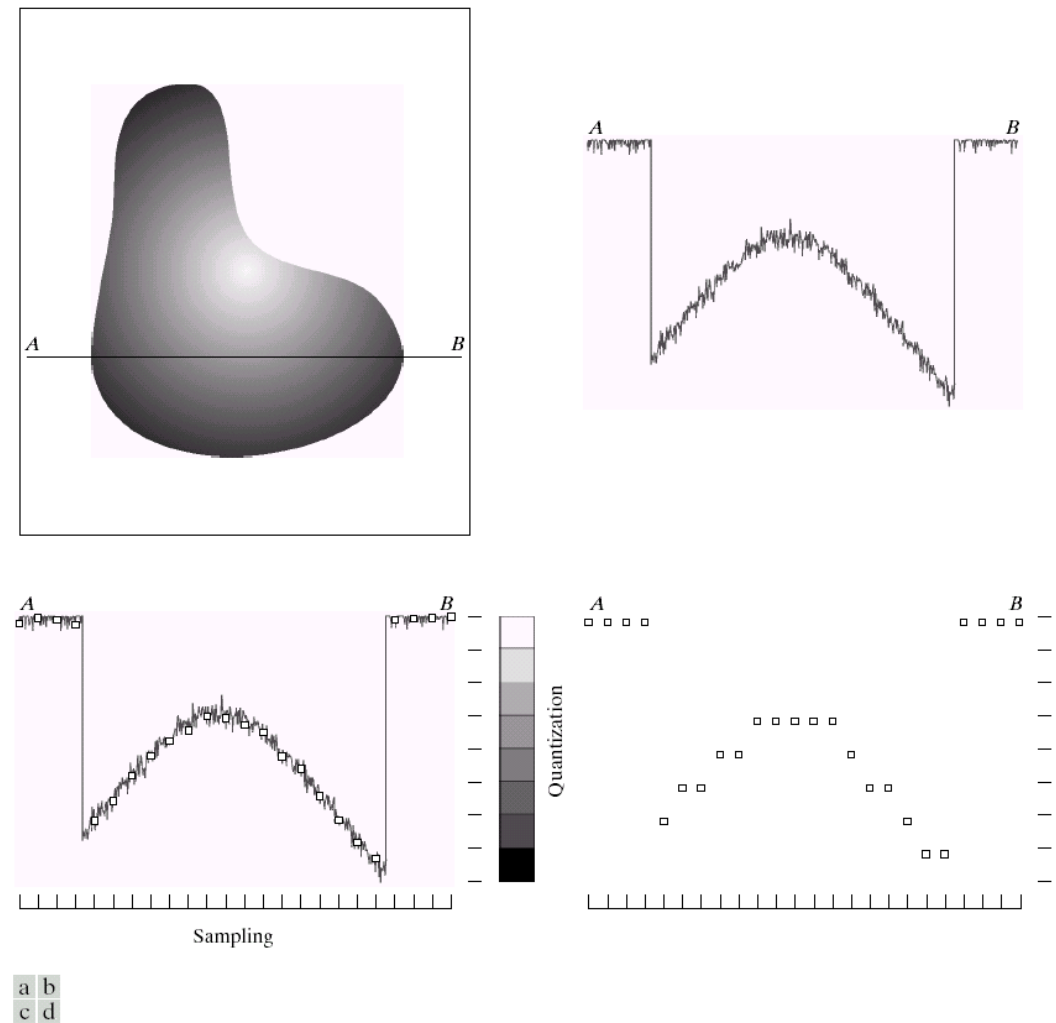
a b

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



CMOS sensor

# Sampling and Quantization



**FIGURE 2.16** Generating a digital image. (a) Continuous image. (b) A scan line from *A* to *B* in the continuous image, used to illustrate the concepts of sampling and quantization. (c) Sampling and quantization. (d) Digital scan line.

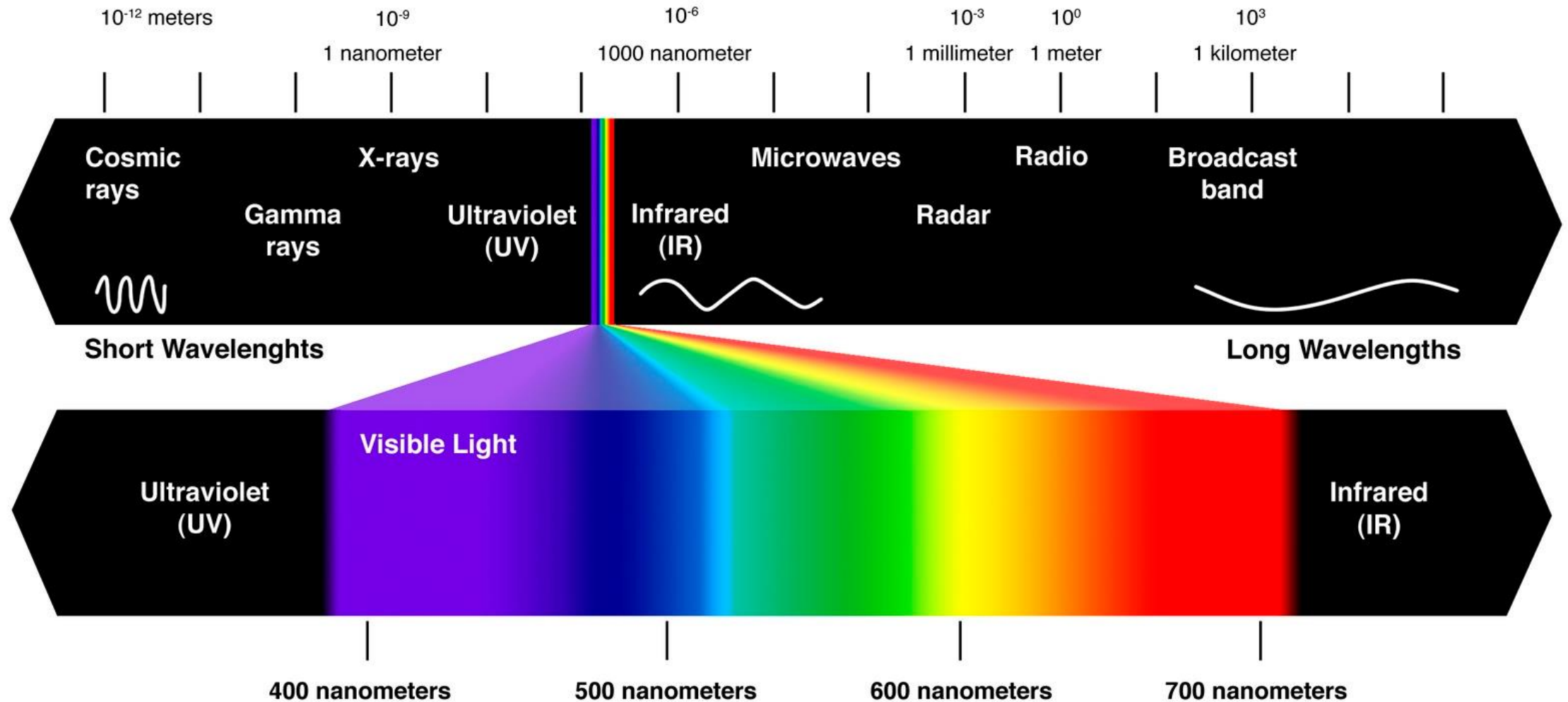




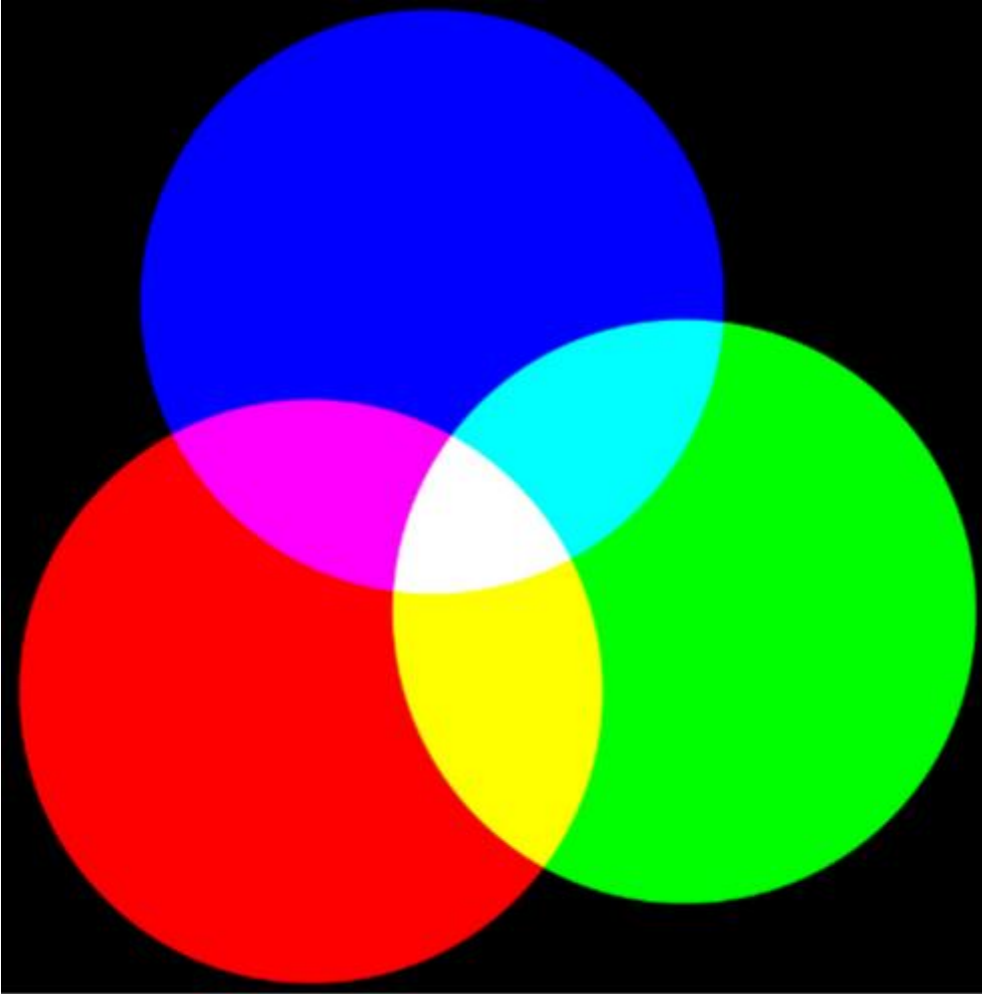
An image is a 2d  
array of number  
(matrix)



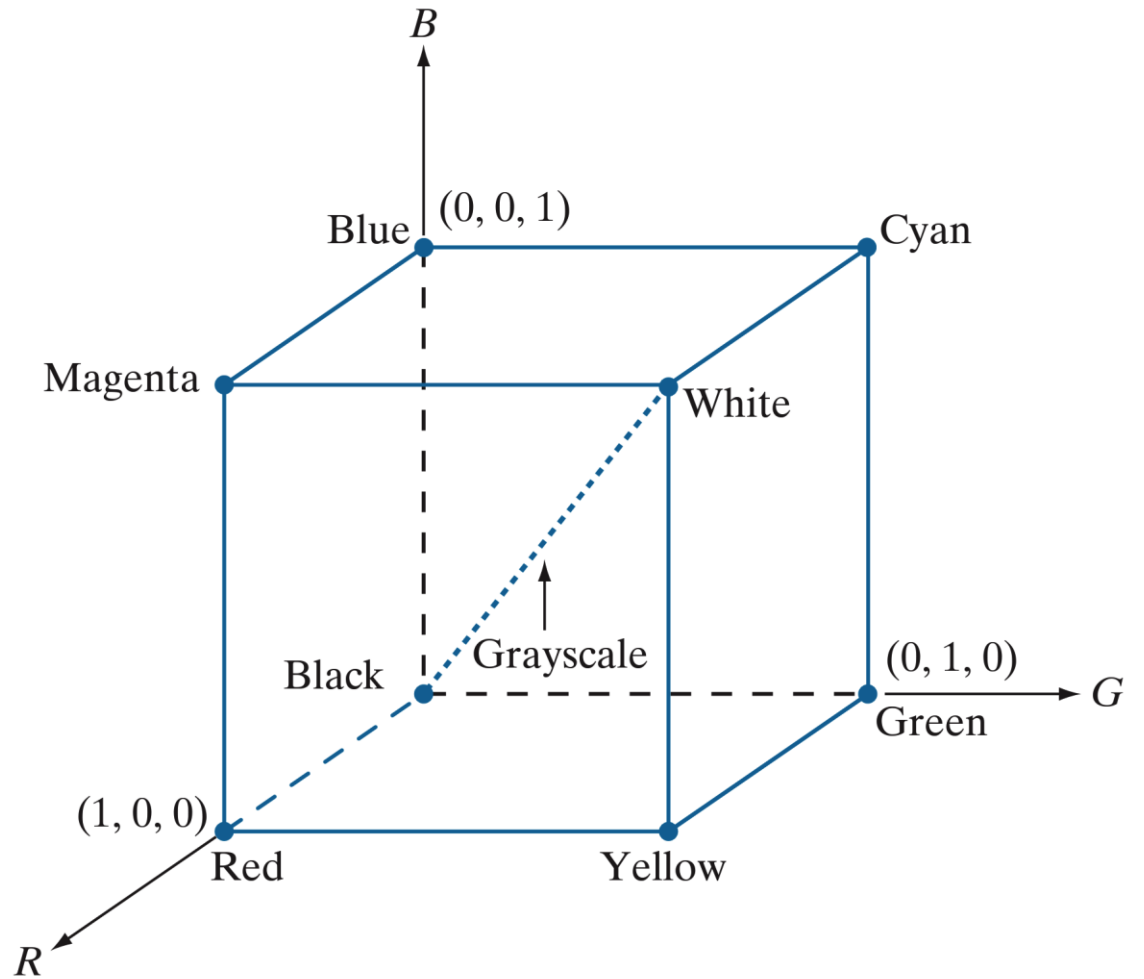
# How to record color?



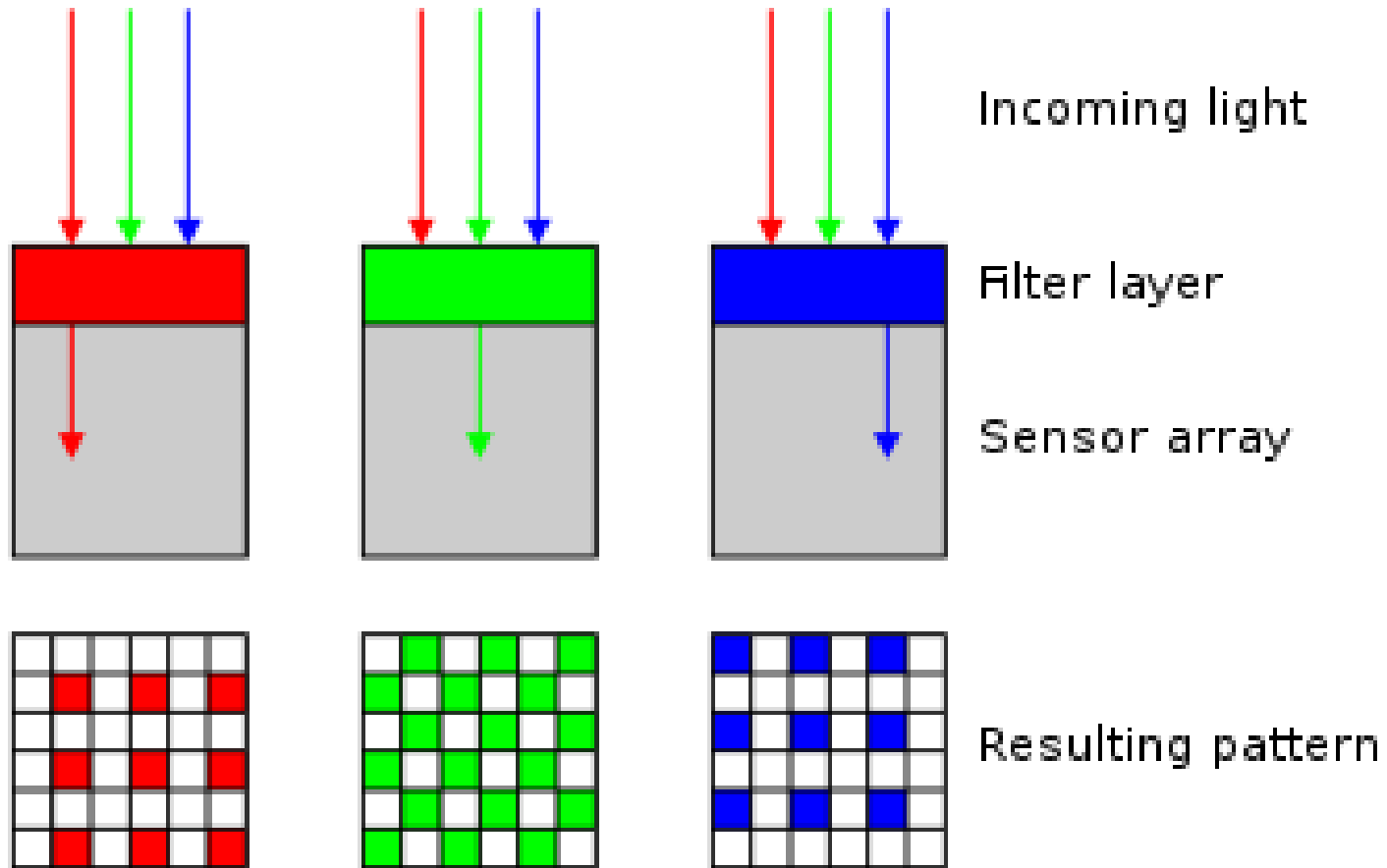
# How to record color?



RGB: Primary color of light

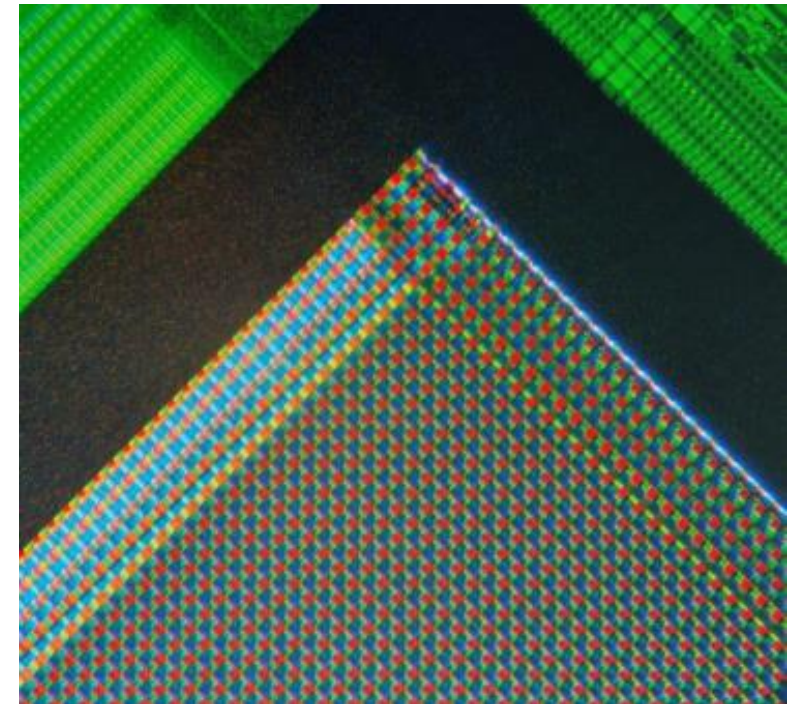
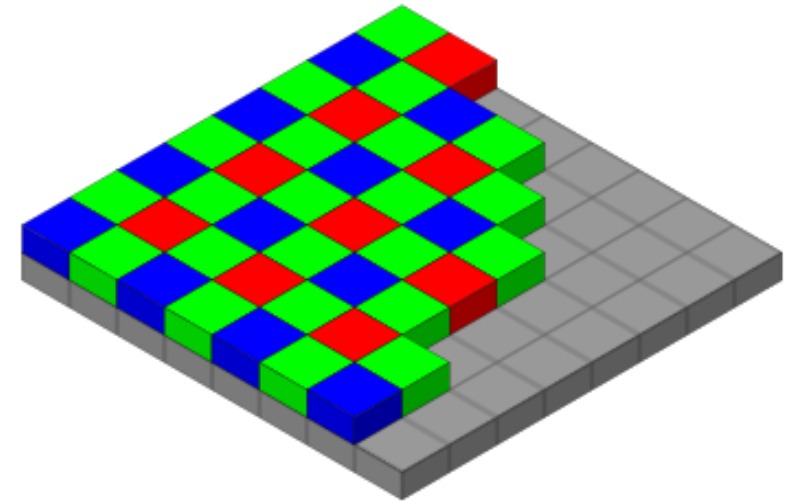


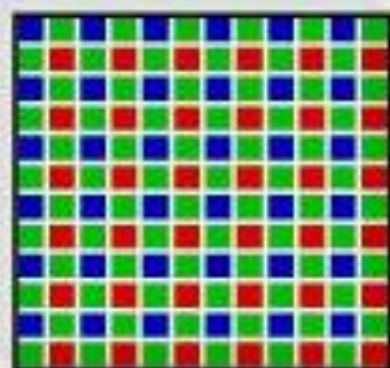
Schematic of the RGB color cube



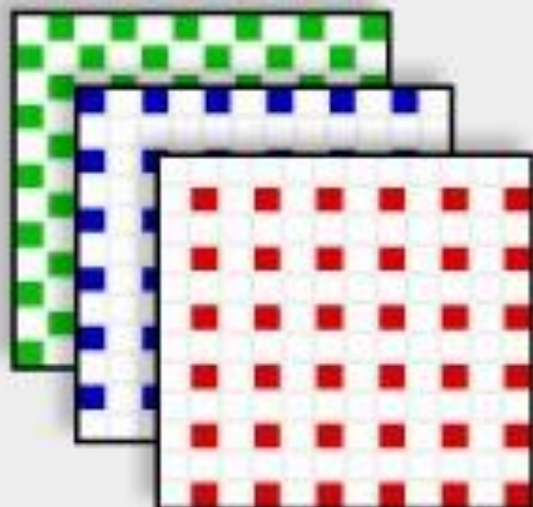
Bayer color pattern for image sensor

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayer\\_filter](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bayer_filter)





bayer color pattern



r, g, b channels with  
"missing" information



final image:  
r, g, b channels with  
interpolated information



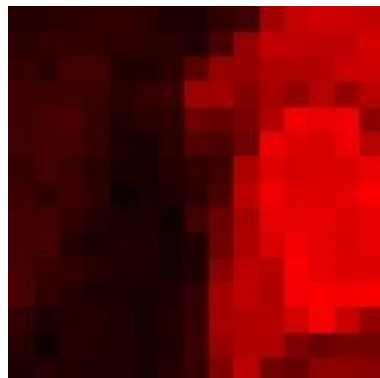


A color image is a  
2D array of color  
(3D tensor)

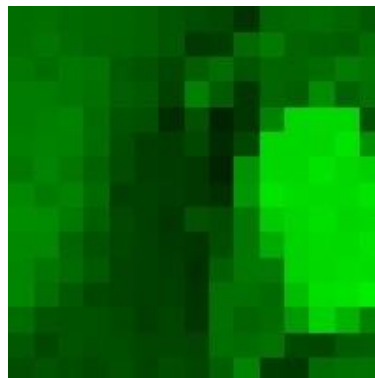


color image patch

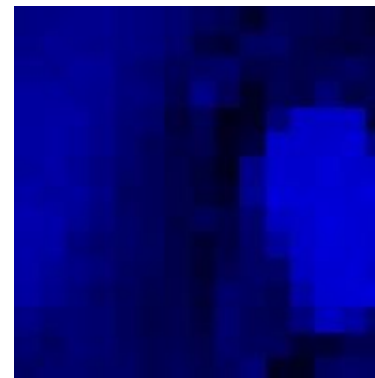
red



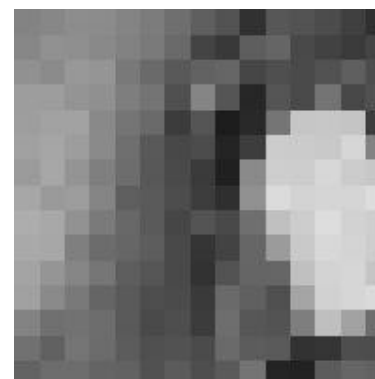
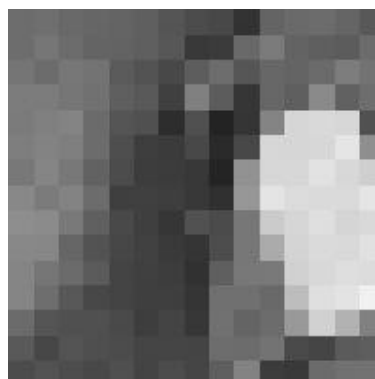
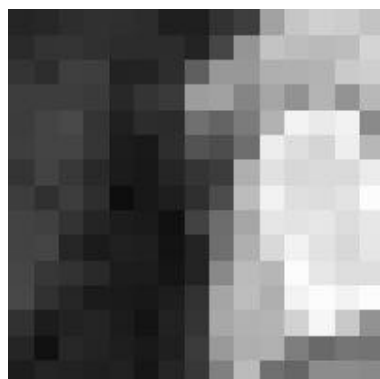
green



blue



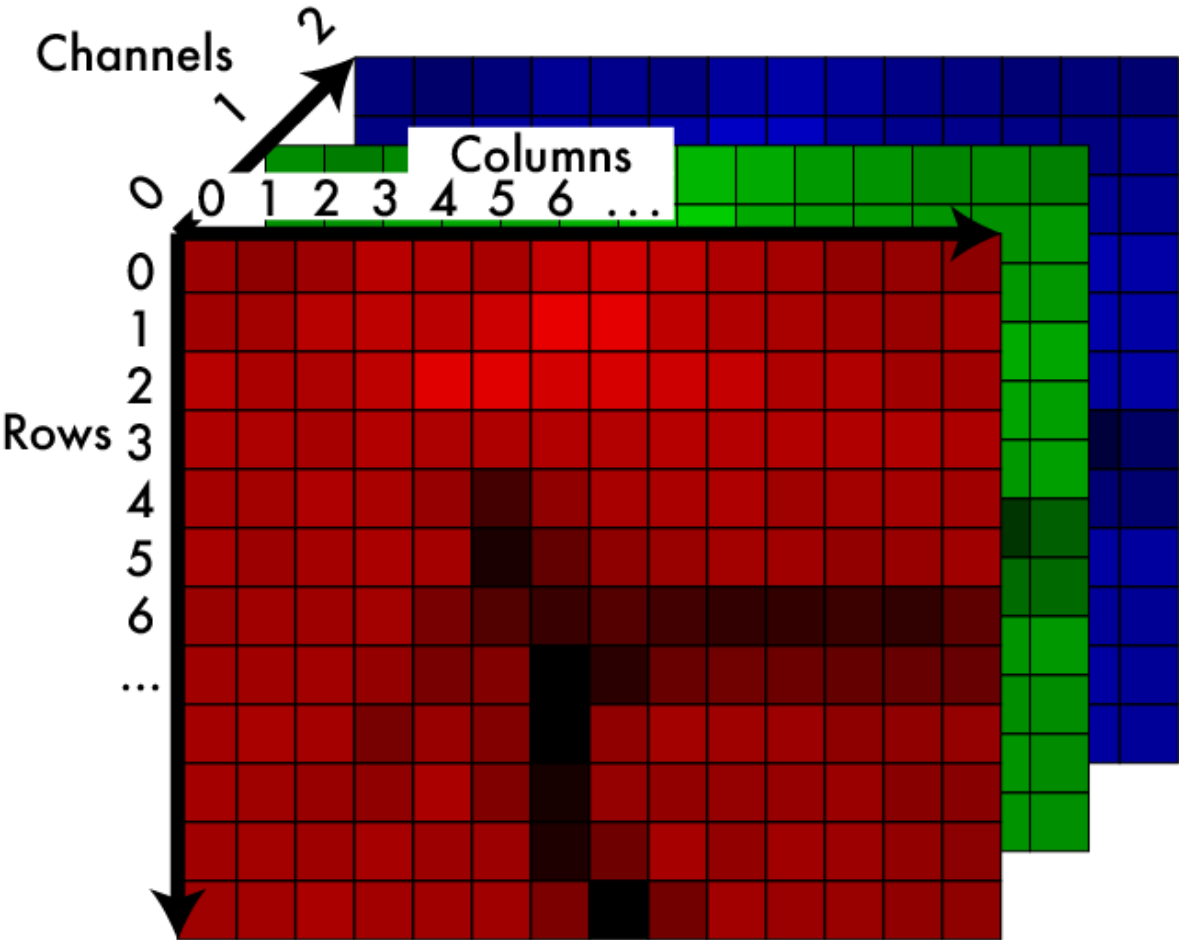
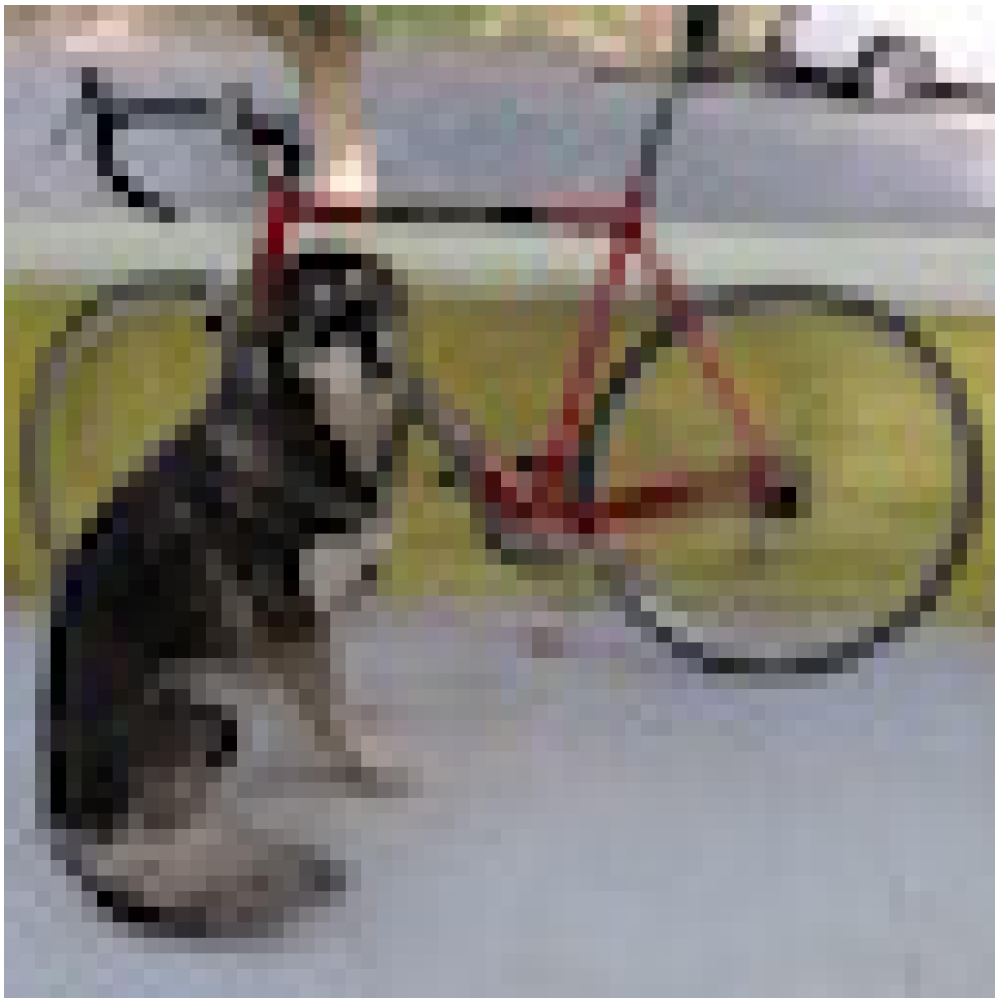
colorized for visualization



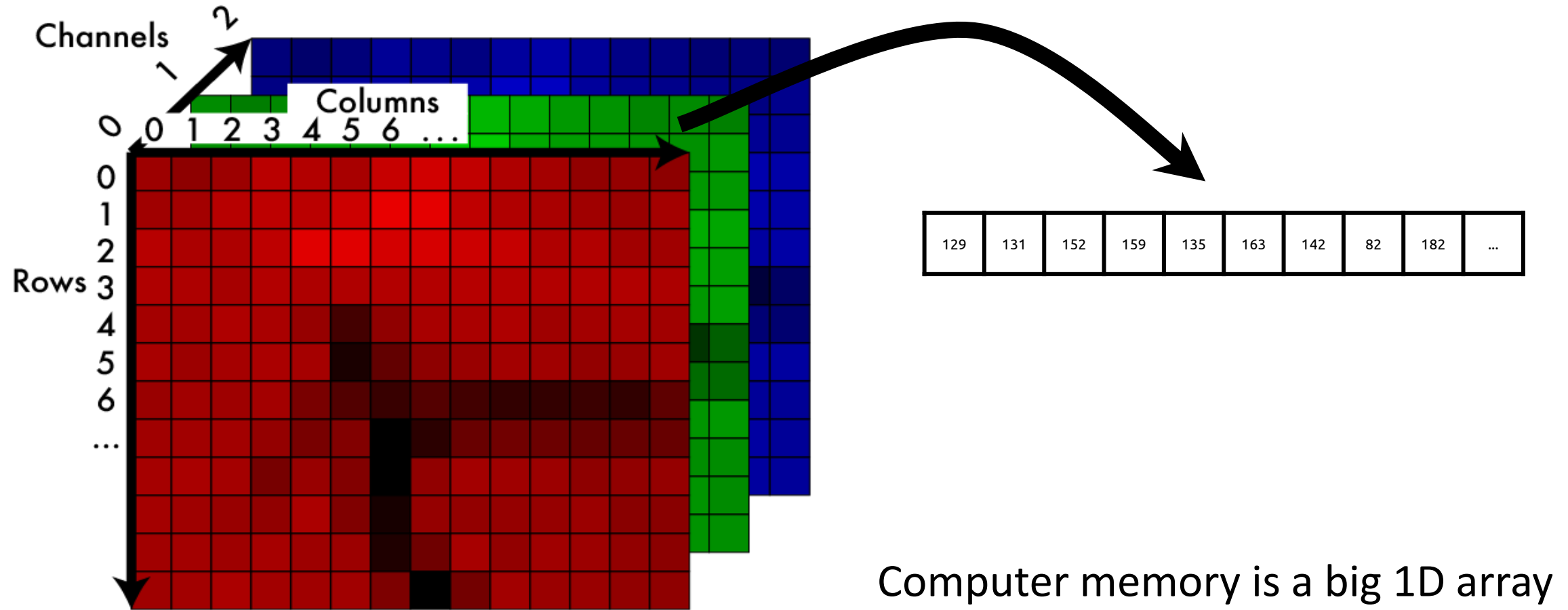
actual intensity values per channel

Each channel  
is a 2D array of  
numbers

Color image: 3d tensor in color space



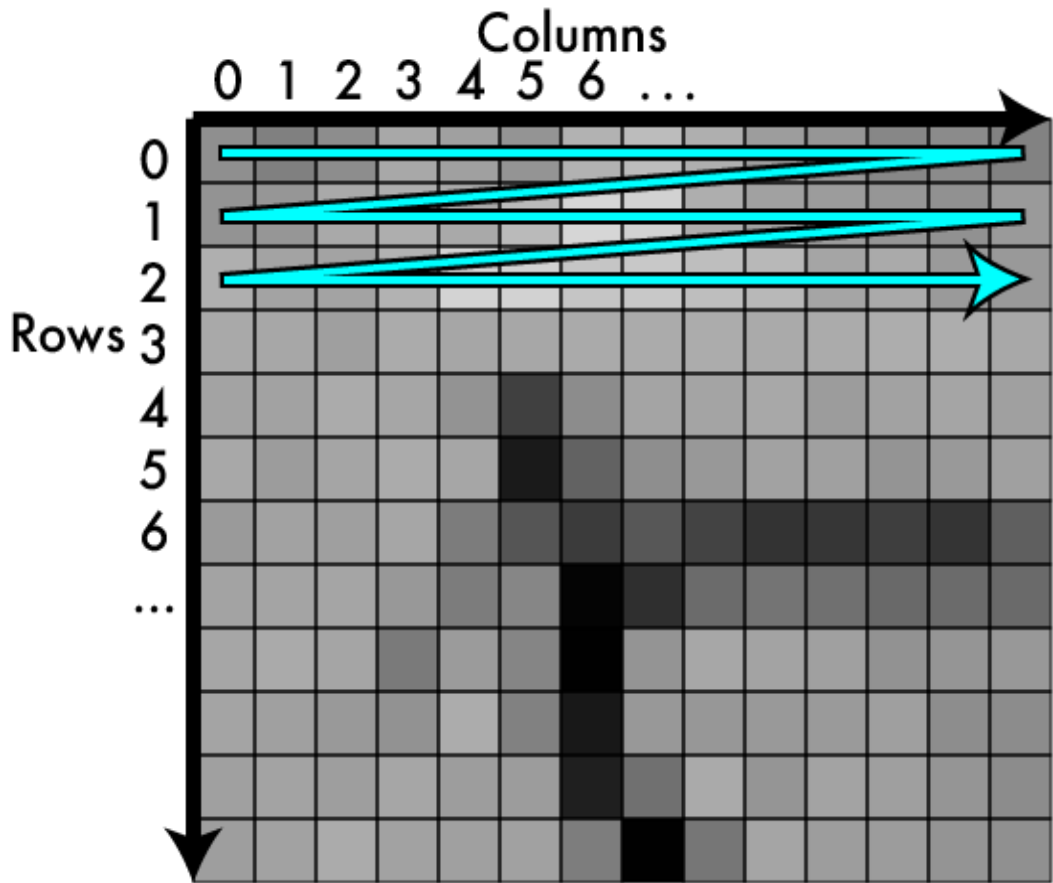
# How do computer store them?



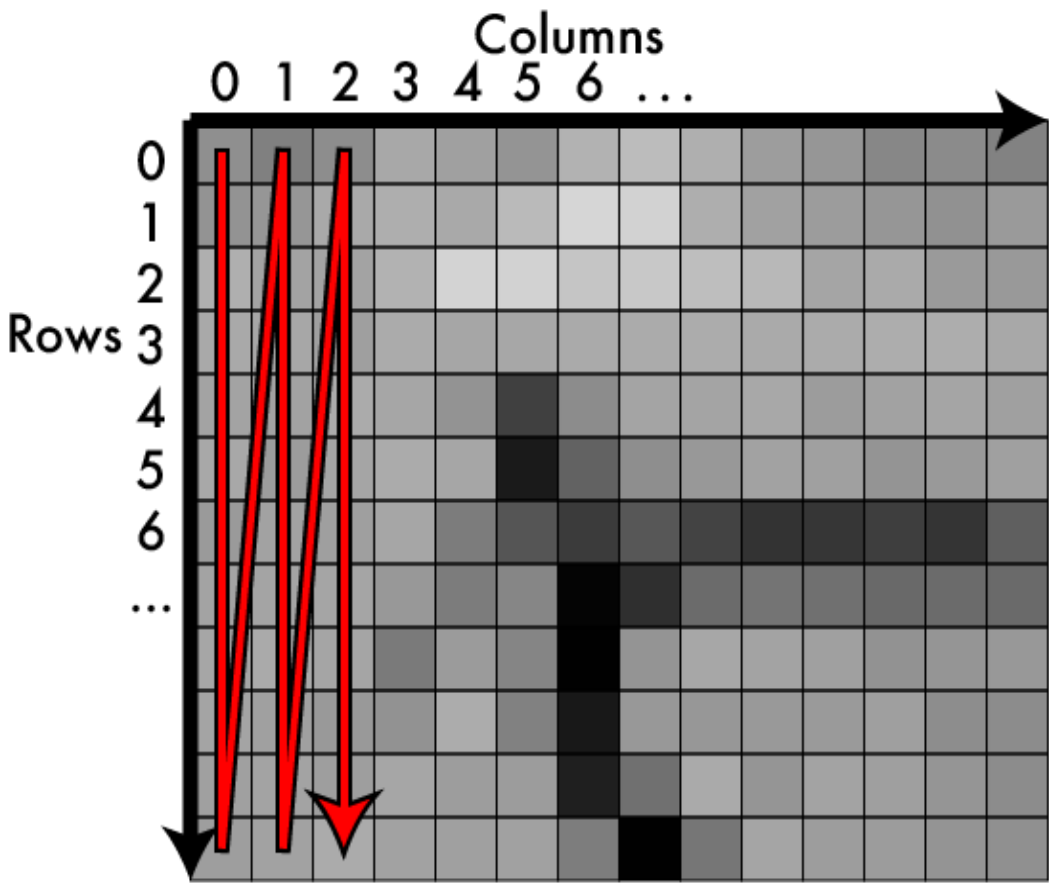


# Storage: row major vs column major

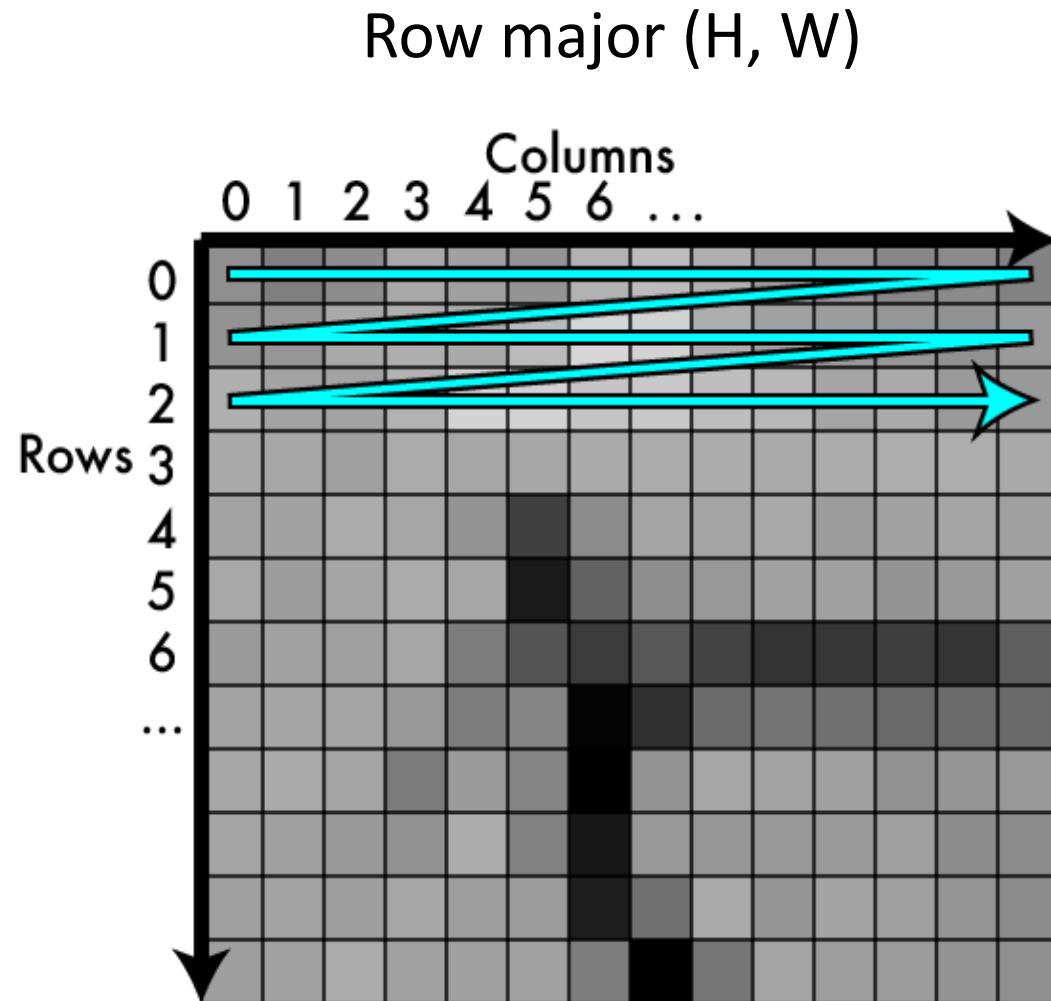
Row major (H, W)



Column major (W, H)

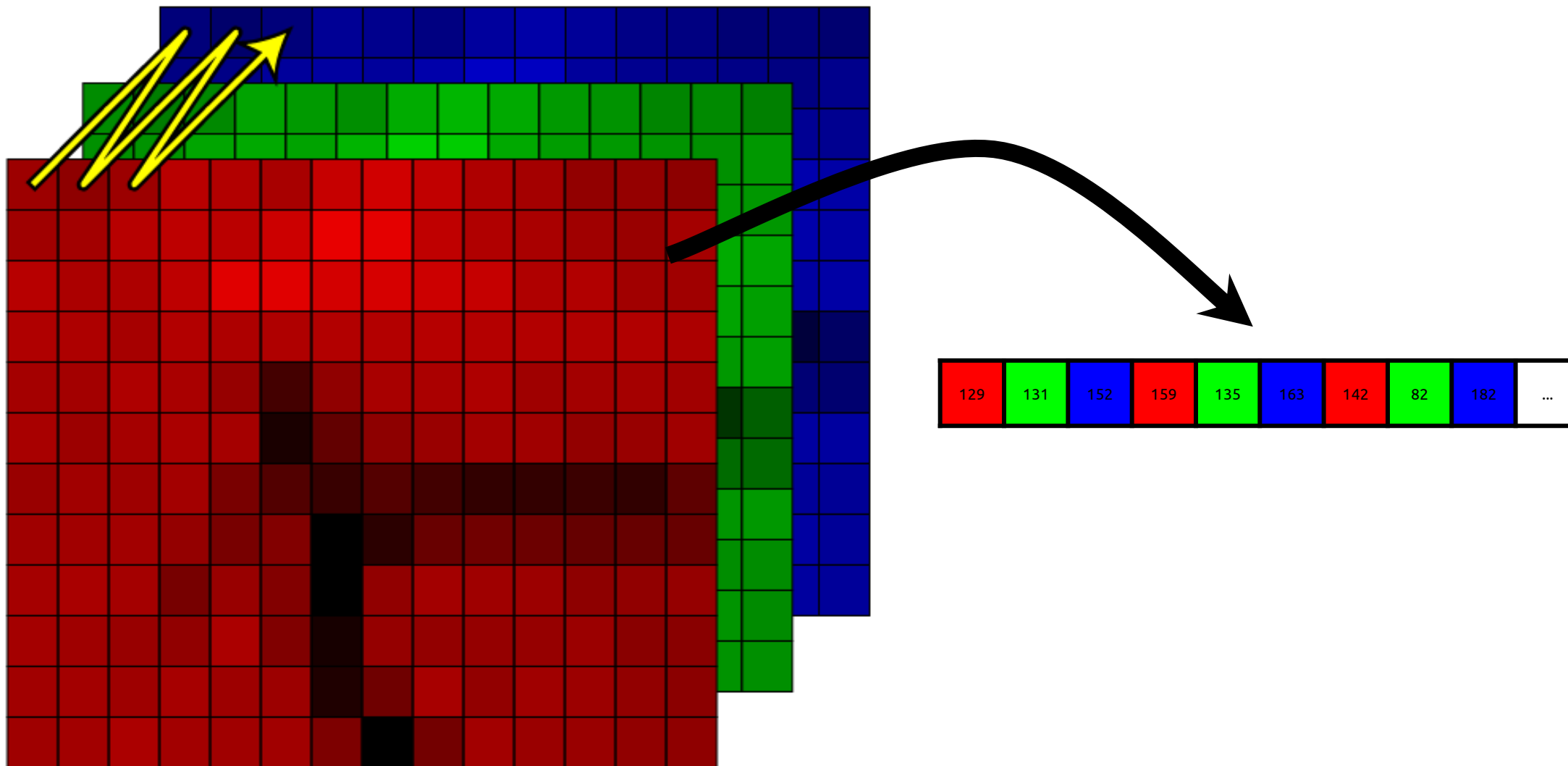


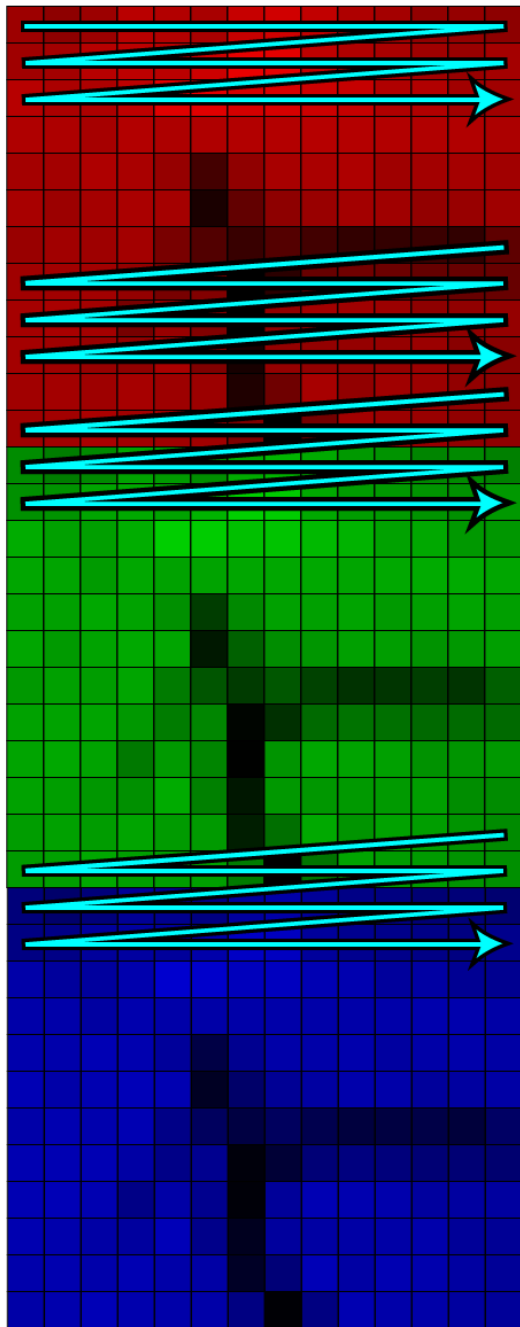
## Storage: row major vs column major



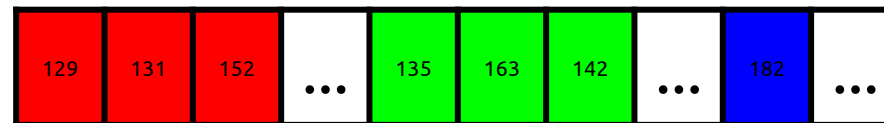
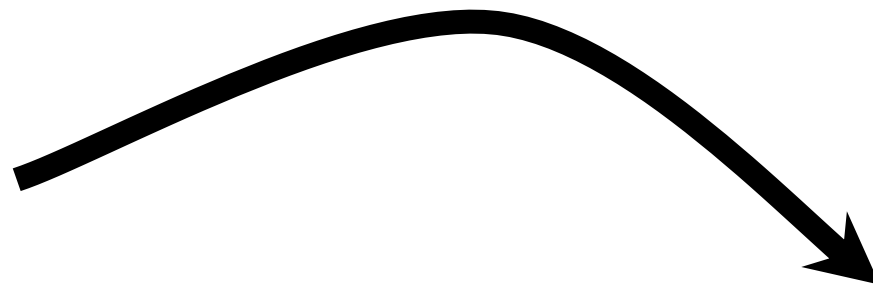
Most programming languages  
assume the row major order system

(H,W,C): channels interleaved





(C,H,W): channels separated

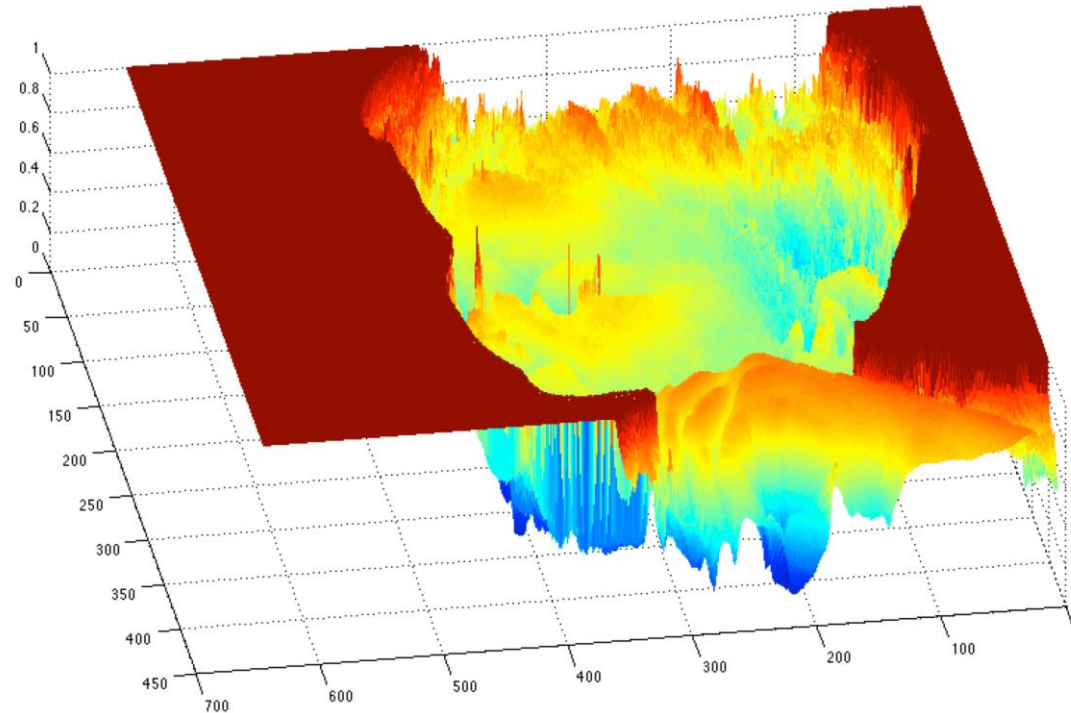


# Image as a 2D function

range  $f(\mathbf{x})$



grayscale image



domain  $\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$

An image is a  
2D function

# Video?

- Digital Video
  - The set of images
  - Frame rate
    - The number of images (frames) of a video per second
    - Frame per second (FPS)



Low  
frame  
rate



High  
frame  
rate

# Image as a 2D function

- 2-dimensional function  $f(x, y)$
- $(x, y)$ : 2-D spatial coordinate
- $f$ : 1-D scalar (gray image), 3-D vector (color image: RGB)
  - Each value is in (0. 255)

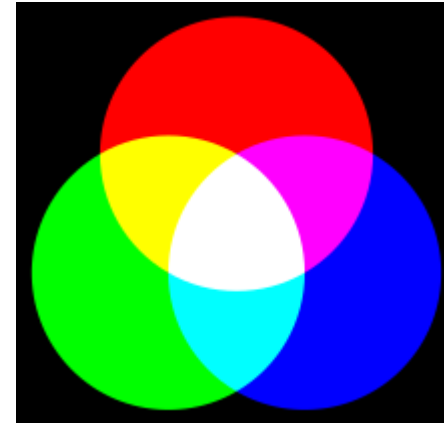


- $f(x, y, t)$ : video sequence
- $f(x, y, z)$ : 3-D object
- $f(x, y, z, t)$ : moving 3-D object



# Primary Colors of Light

- Primary colors
  - Red, Green, Blue
  - Each color can be represented by a 3D vector, e.g.
    - $R = (1, 0, 0)$
    - $G = (0, 1, 0)$
    - $B = (0, 0, 1)$
- Secondary colors
  - Cyan =  $G+B = (0, 1, 1)$
  - Magenta =  $B+R = (1, 0, 1)$
  - Yellow =  $R+G = (1, 1, 0)$
- $W = (1, 1, 1) = R+G+B$





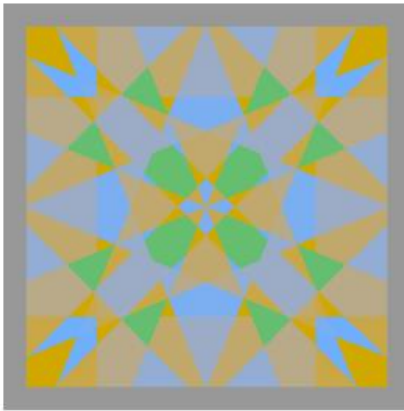
# Perceptual Aspects of Color

- **Luminance** is a quantity defining (approximately) the *brightness* by which humans *perceive* different colors
  - e.g. for RGB color base, a common way of computing luminance  $Y$  is
$$Y = (R + G + B) / 3$$
  - However, human visual experiments show that a *blue* light is *perceived* as **much more dark** than a *red* light, and green light is the brightest (even if they all have the same radiance)
  - Based on experimental data, a more *accurate* computation of luminance **for phosphor RGB** is

$$Y = 0.2125 R + 0.7154 G + 0.0721 B$$

# Some interesting topics

- Converting RGB to Gray with a minimum perceptual loss



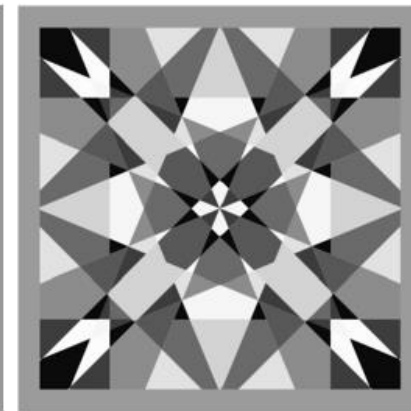
Input Picture



Photoshop CS5



IrfanView



Proposed method



From: “Contrast Preserving Decolorization with Perception-Based Quality Metrics”, Int. Journal of Computer Vision, 2014

## Some interesting topics

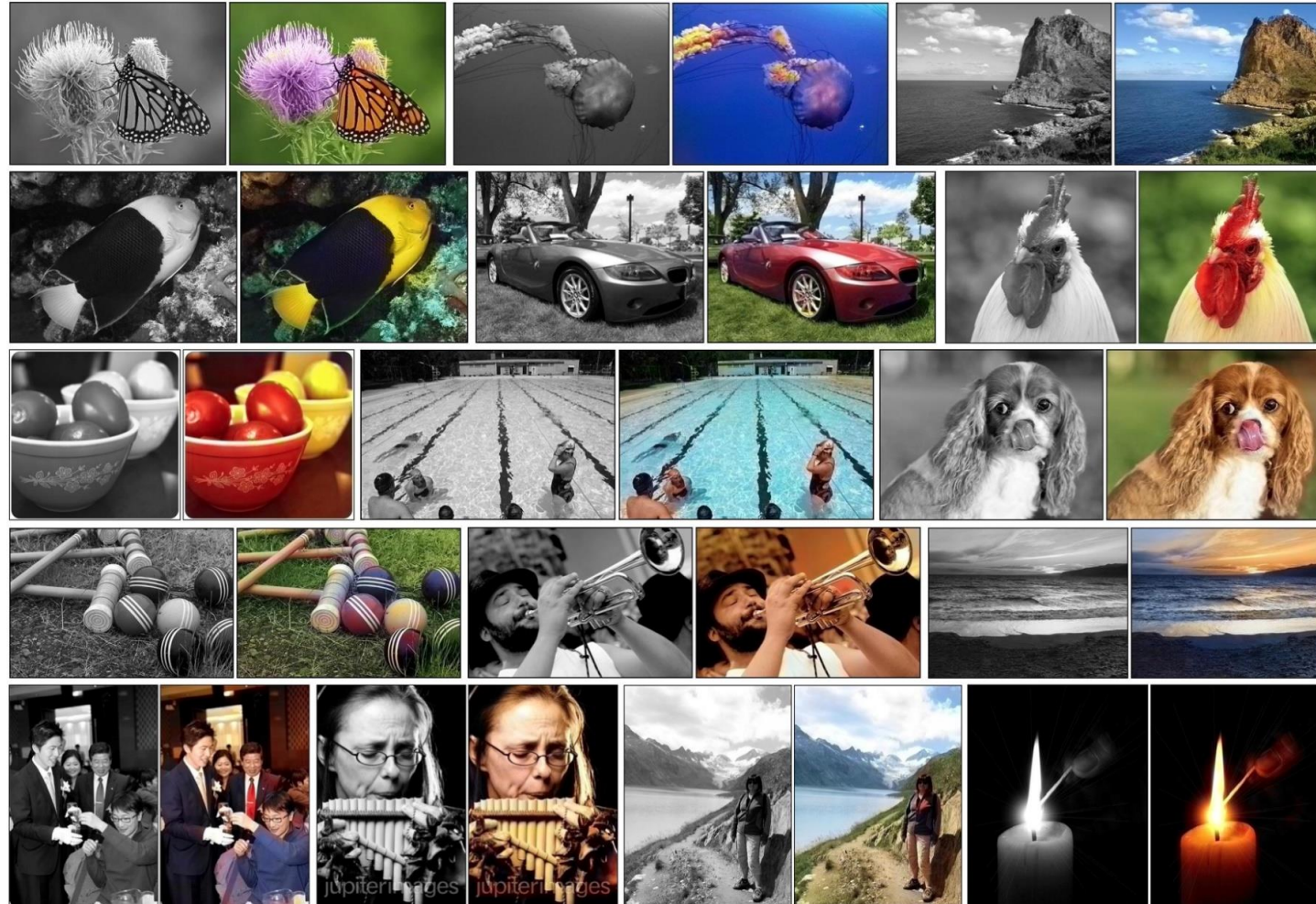
- Image colorization (gray2rgb)
  - Grayscale image + color scribble (given by user)-> color image





# Some interesting topics

- Image colorization



# Image Files and Formats

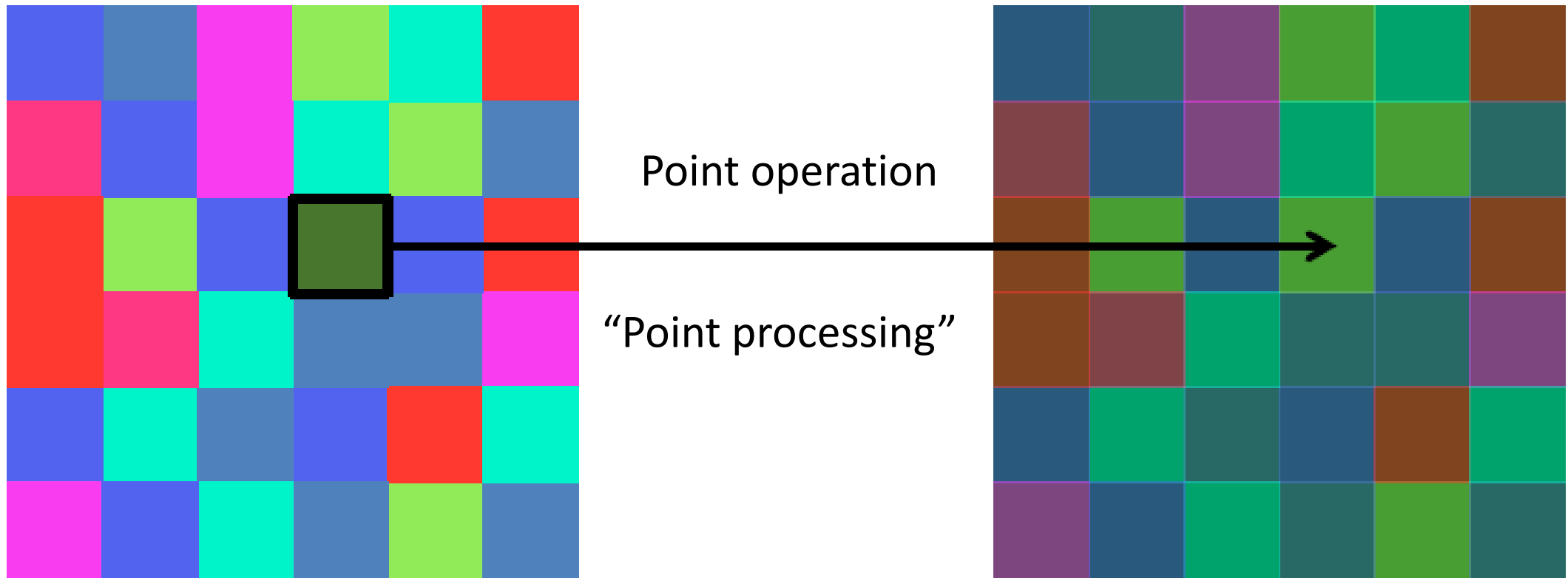
- GIF
  - Colors are stored using a color map
  - Allows multiple images per file: animated GIFs
- PNG
  - Supports true color
  - Lossless compression
- JPEG
  - Lossy compression

# Image Processing

## Lecture 02

- Digital image
- **Point processing**

# What types of image filtering can we do?



Each output pixel's value depends on only the corresponding input pixel value

# What types of image filtering can we do?



Each output pixel's value depends on only the corresponding input pixel value and its neighborhood pixel values



# Examples of point processing

original



darken



lower contrast



non-linear lower contrast



How would you implement these?

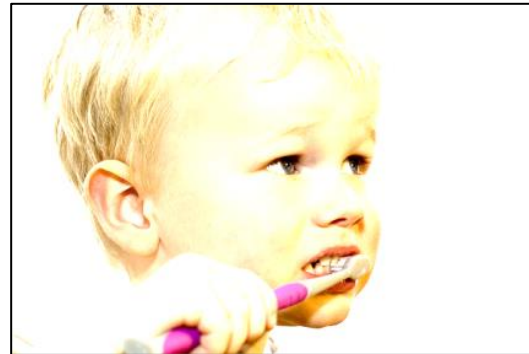
invert



lighten



raise contrast



non-linear raise contrast



# Examples of point processing

original



$$f(x)$$

darken



$$f(x) - 128$$

lower contrast



$$f(x)/2$$

non-linear lower contrast



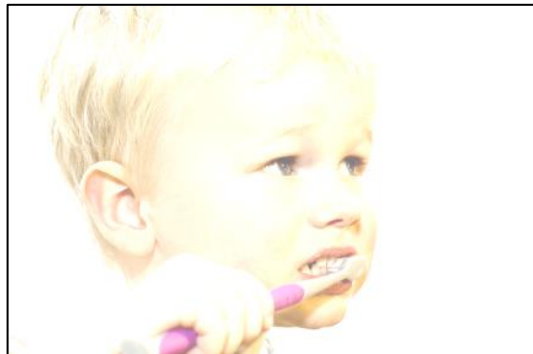
$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{255}\right)^{1/3} \times 255$$

invert



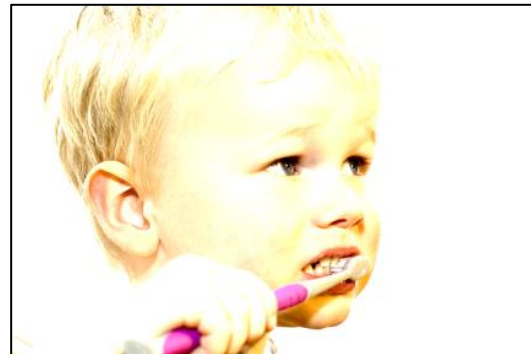
$$255 - f(x)$$

lighten



$$f(x) + 128$$

raise contrast



$$f(x) \times 2$$

non-linear raise contrast



$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{255}\right)^2 \times 255$$

# Brightness vs. contrast

**Brightness:** The mean intensity of image

- Lighten: Increasing the brightness of image
- Darken: Decreasing the brightness of image



$$f(x, y)$$



$$f(x, y) + 128$$



$$f(x, y) - 128$$

# Brightness vs. contrast

**Contrast:** The relative difference between pixel values



$$f(x, y)$$



$$f(x, y)/2$$



$$f(x, y) \times 2$$

# Brightness vs. contrast

## Adjusting brightness:

all pixels get lighter/darker,  
relative difference between pixel  
values stays the same



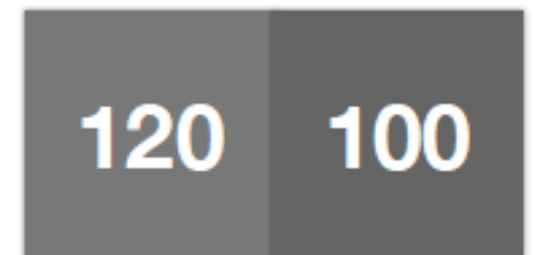
-128



x0.5

## Adjusting contrast:

relative difference between pixel  
values becomes higher / lower



# Intensity transformation

- In the point processing, the operator on spatial domain become

$$g(x, y) = h(f(x, y)) \longrightarrow s = h(r)$$

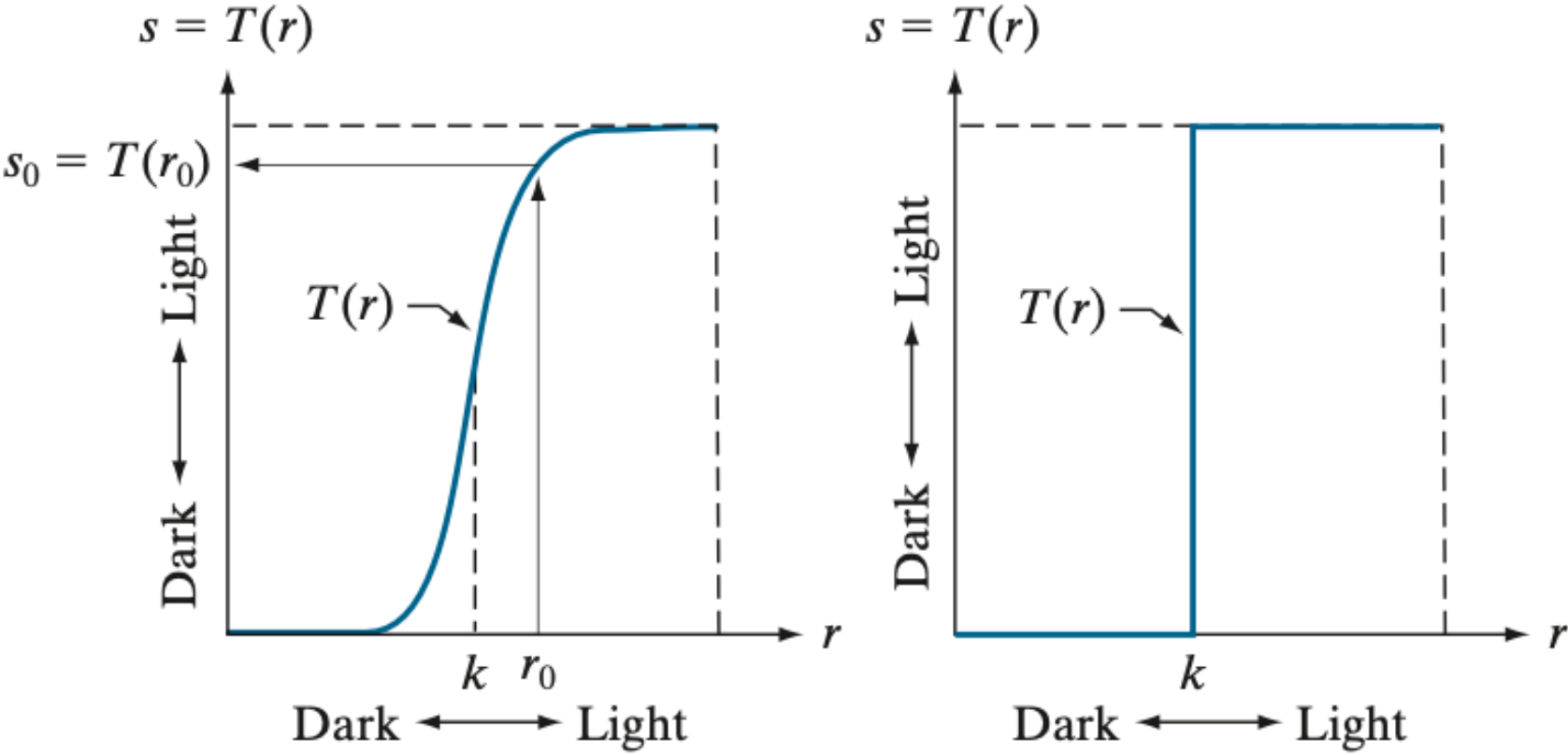
where  $s$  and  $r$  denote the intensity of  $g$  and  $f$  at any point  $(x, y)$ .

- We call  $h$  an intensity transformation function, because it transform the input intensity  $r$  into the output intensity  $s$ .

a b

**FIGURE 3.2**

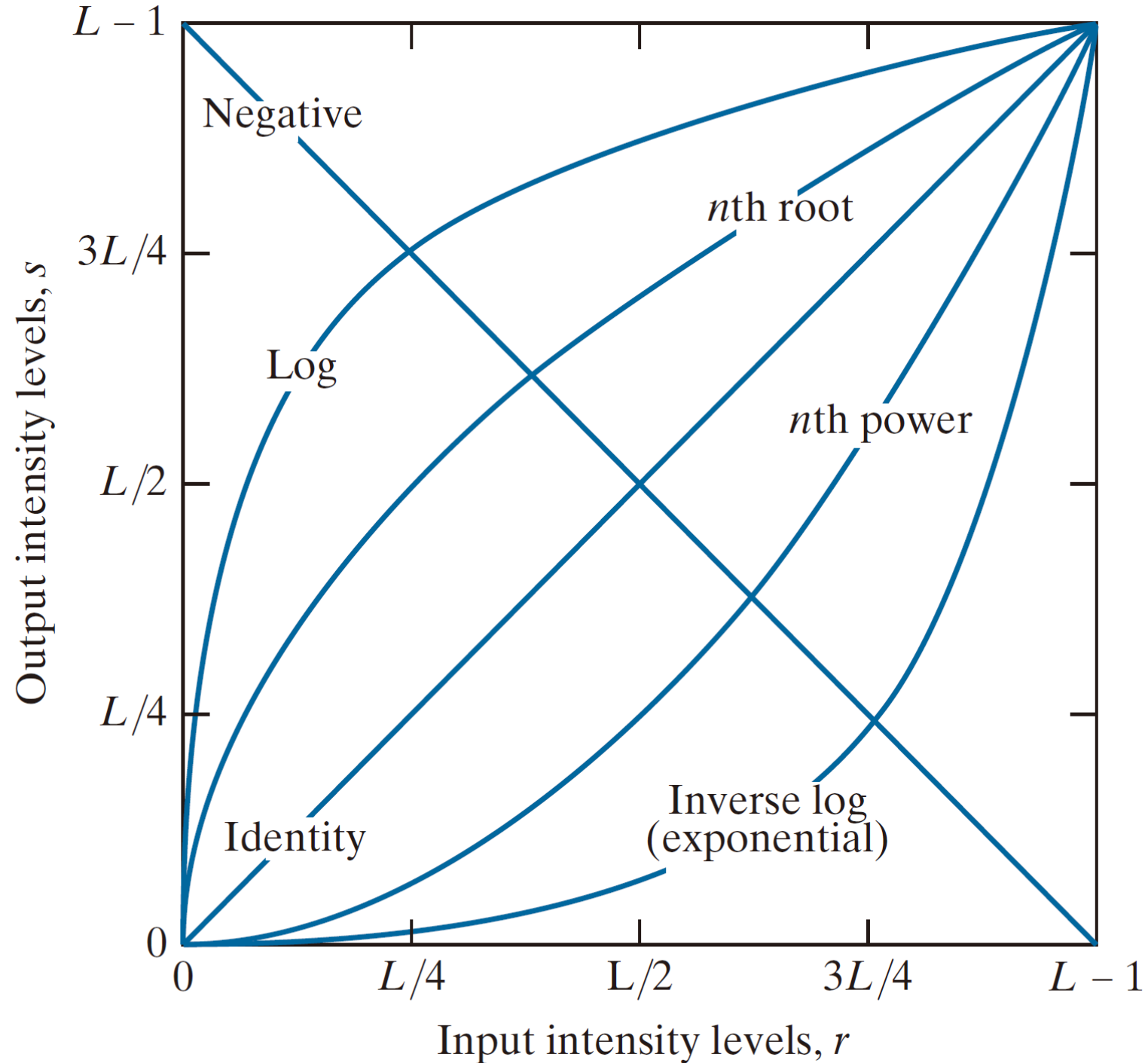
Intensity transformation functions.  
(a) Contrast stretching function.  
(b) Thresholding function.





**FIGURE 3.3**

Some basic intensity transformation functions. Each curve was scaled *independently* so that all curves would fit in the same graph. Our interest here is on the *shapes* of the curves, not on their relative values.





## Power-law (gamma) transformation

- Power-law (gamma) transformations have the form

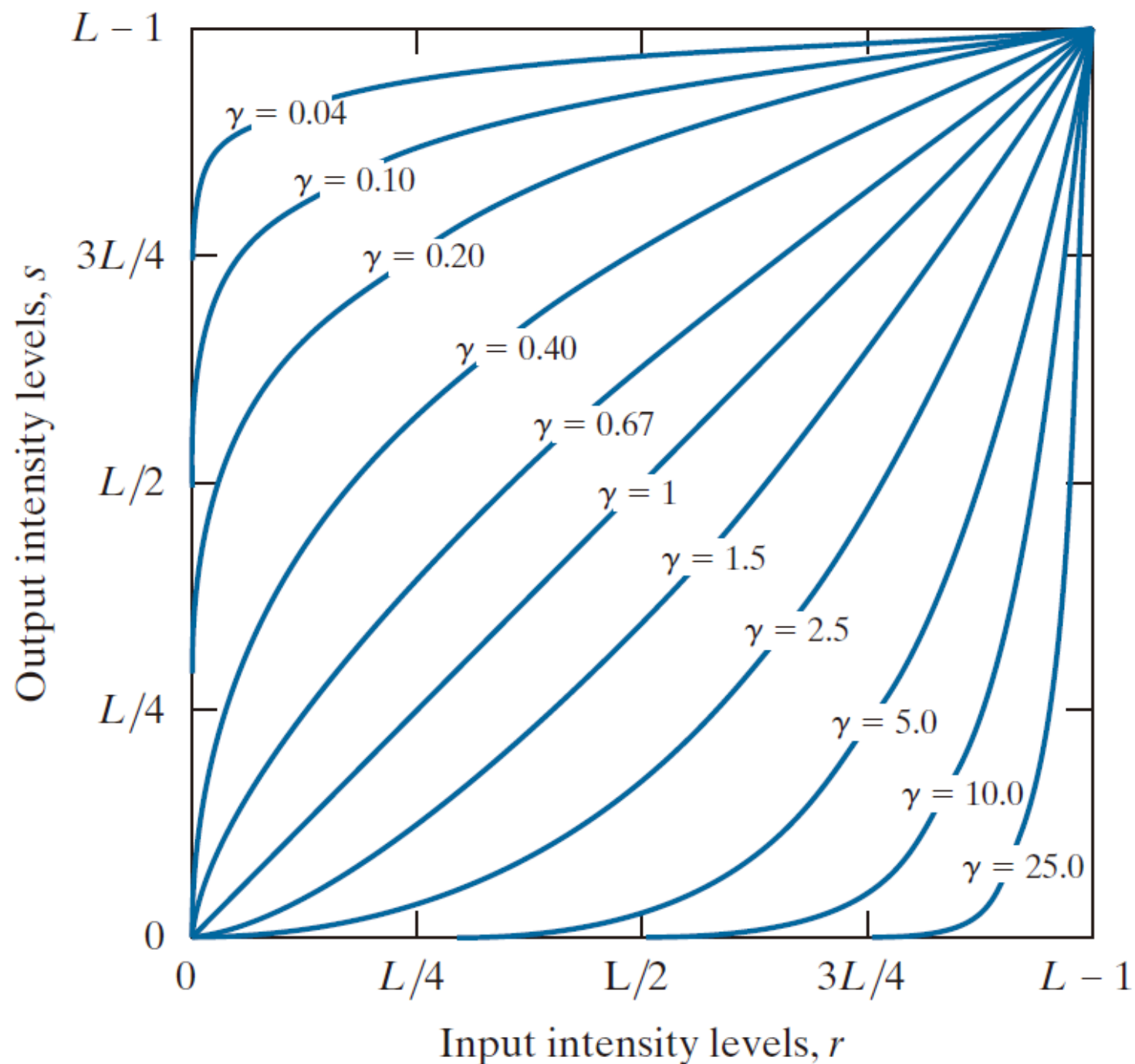
$$s = cr^\gamma$$

where  $c$  and  $\gamma$  are positive constants

- Power-law curves with fractional values of  $\gamma$  map a narrow range of dark input values into a wider range of output values, with the opposite being true for higher values of input levels

**FIGURE 3.6**

Plots of the gamma equation  $s = cr^\gamma$  for various values of  $\gamma$  ( $c = 1$  in all cases). Each curve was scaled *independently* so that all curves would fit in the same graph. Our interest here is on the *shapes* of the curves, not on their relative values.



|   |   |
|---|---|
| a | b |
| c | d |

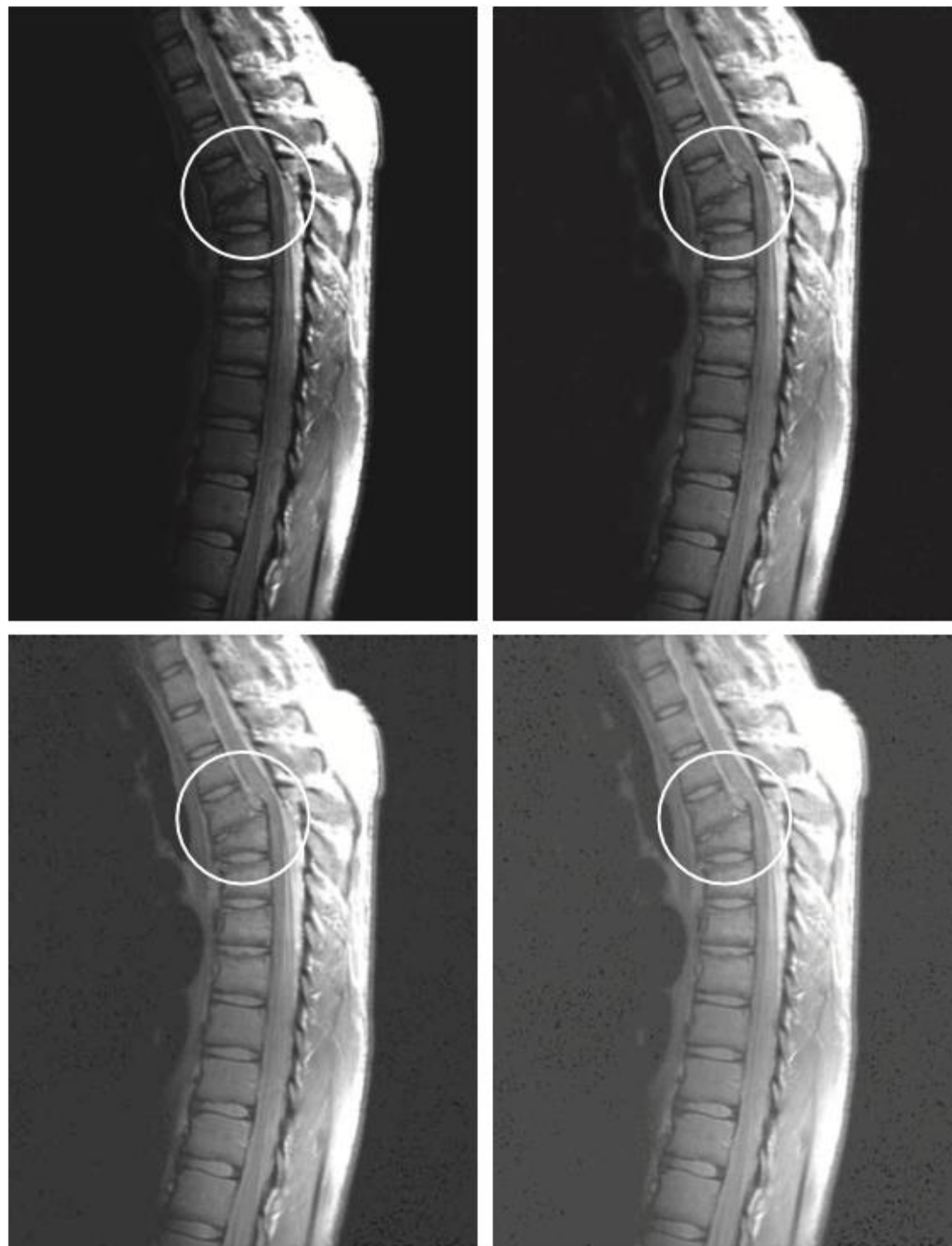
**FIGURE 3.8**

(a) Magnetic resonance image (MRI) of a fractured human spine (the region of the fracture is enclosed by the circle).

(b)–(d) Results of applying the transformation in Eq. (3-5)

with  $c = 1$  and  $\gamma = 0.6, 0.4,$  and  $0.3$ , respectively.

(Original image courtesy of Dr. David R. Pickens, Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.)



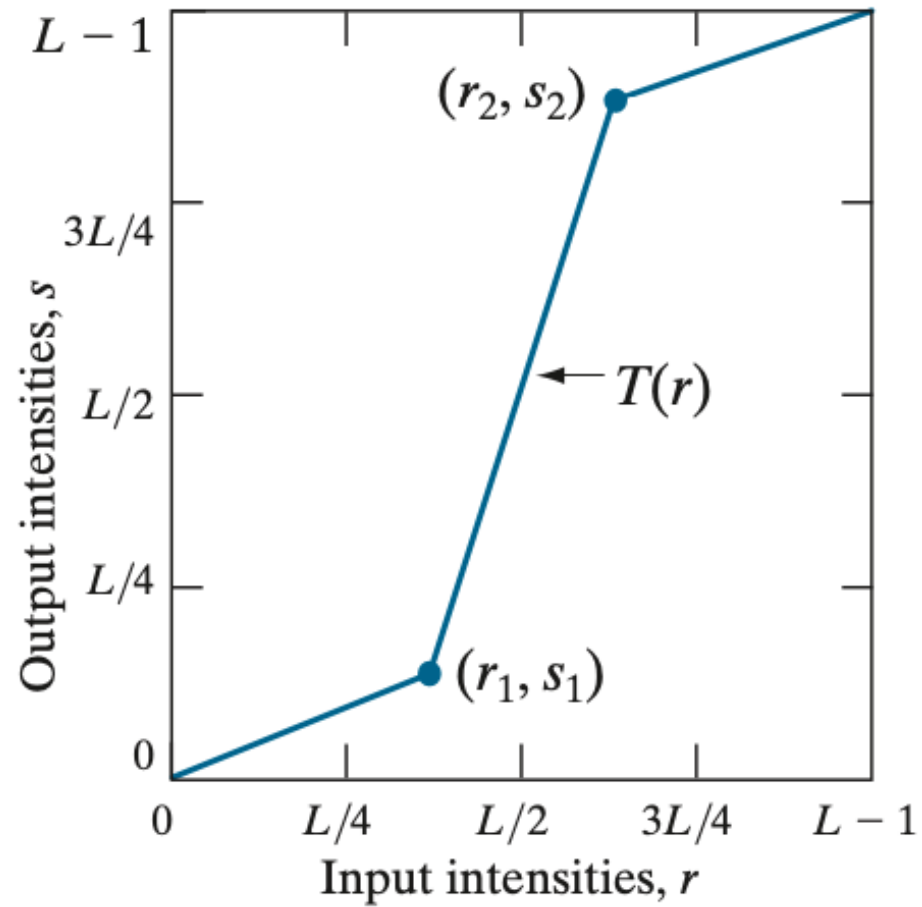
|   |   |
|---|---|
| a | b |
| c | d |

**FIGURE 3.9**

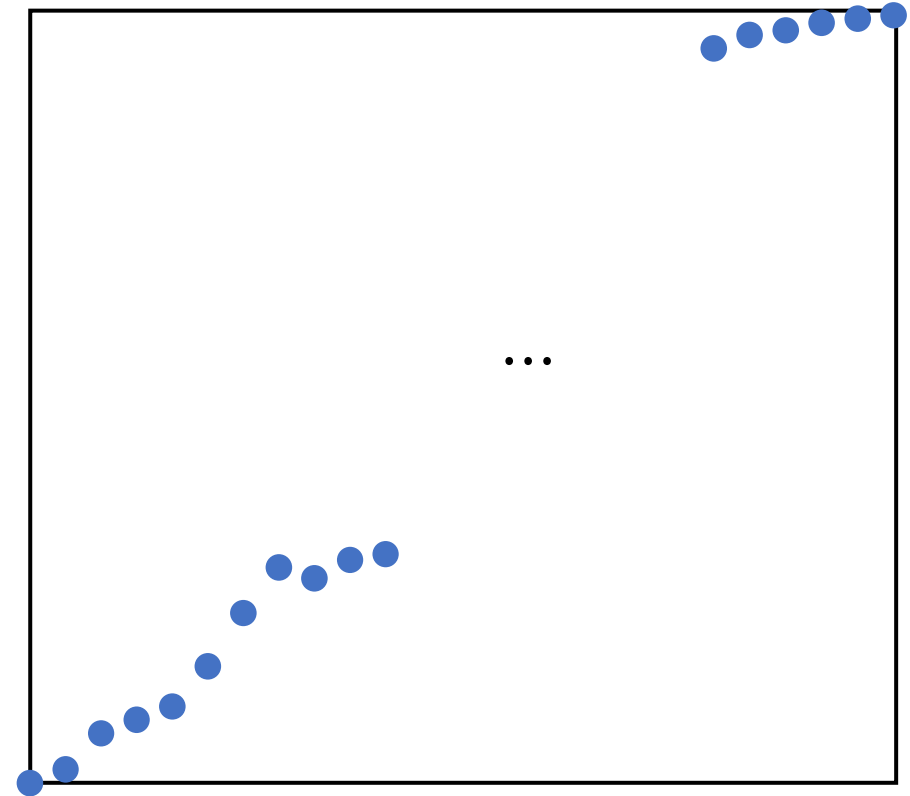
(a) Aerial image.  
(b)–(d) Results  
of applying the  
transformation  
in Eq. (3-5) with  
 $\gamma = 3.0, 4.0,$  and  
 $5.0$ , respectively.  
( $c = 1$  in all cases.)  
(Original image  
courtesy of  
NASA.)



# More complex transformation functions



Piecewise linear transformation



More complex piecewise linear transformation





Before



After



Before

After

**Thank You**