

# **Semester One 2021 ENGN 6528**

## **Computer Vision**

**Week01-Lecture 02**

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# Week01-Lecture 02

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Image Formation, Representation

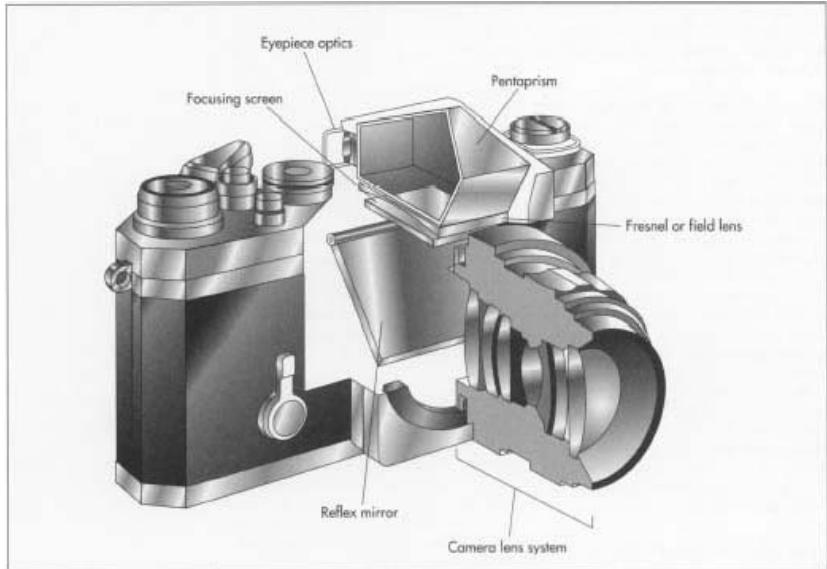
# Outline

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- What is a camera (sensor) ?
- Geometric image formation (details in 3D Vision, week 7 Lectures)
- Photometric image formation
- Image representation
  - Colour space

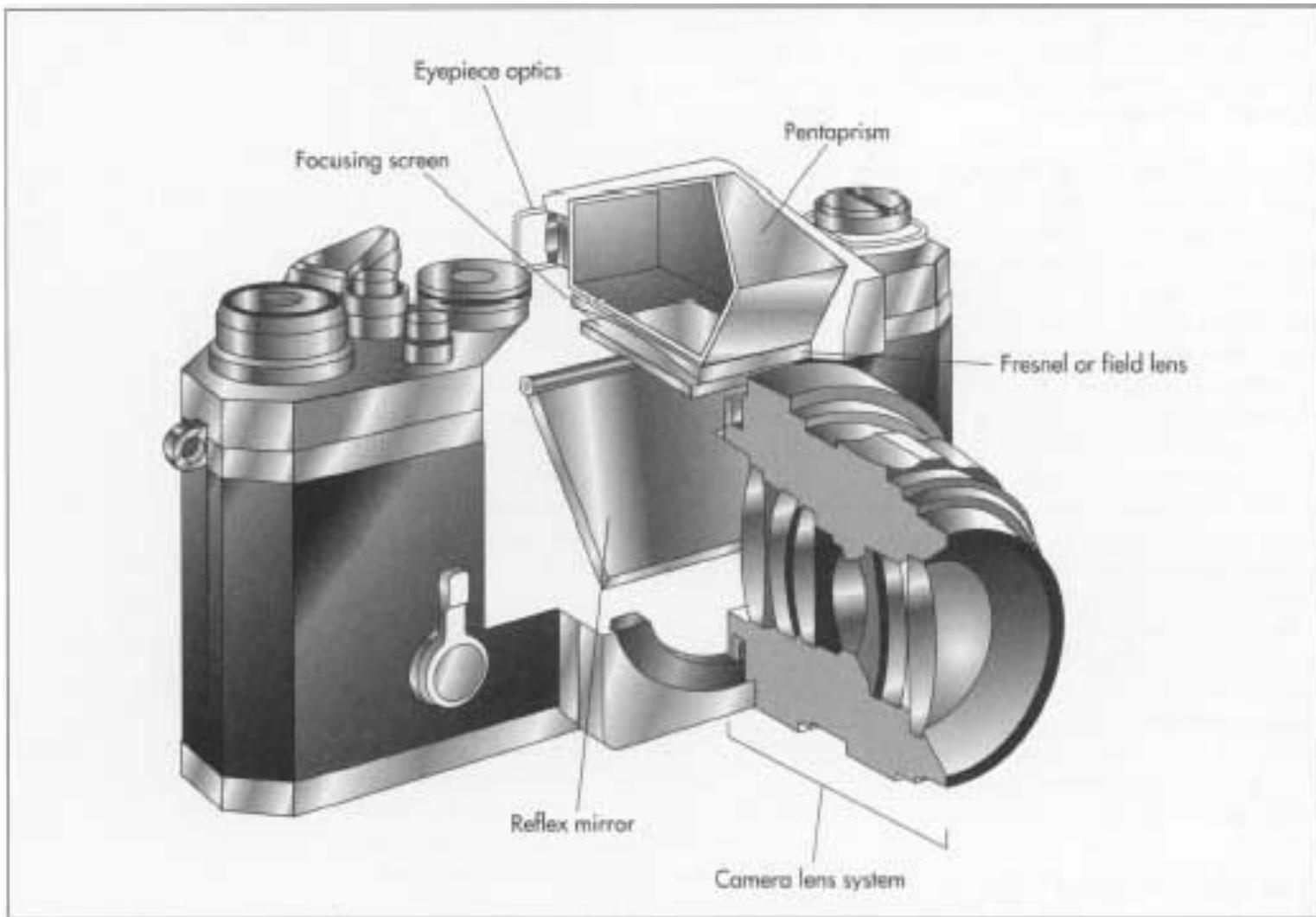
# What is a camera ?

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Slides from: F. Durand, S. Seitz, S. Lazebnik, S. Palmer

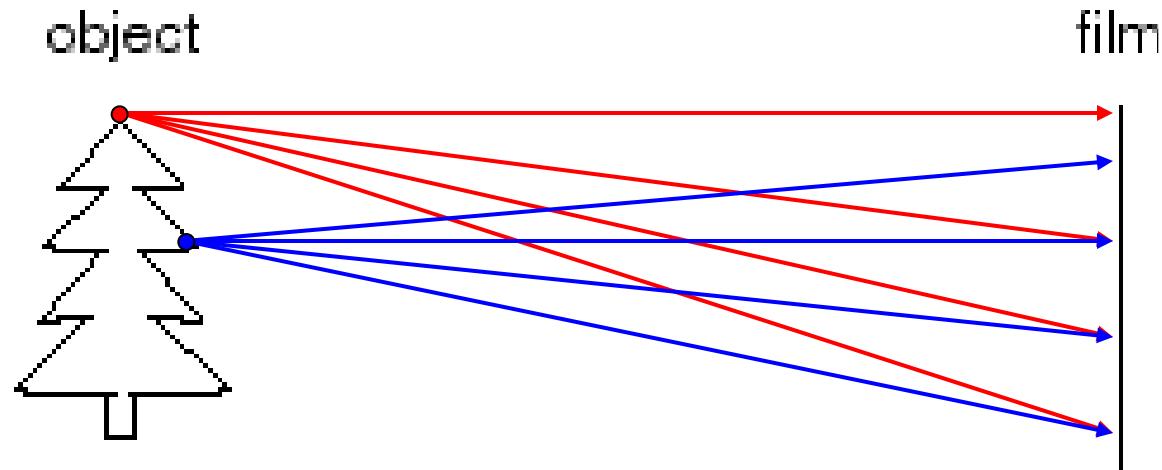
# Let us design a camera

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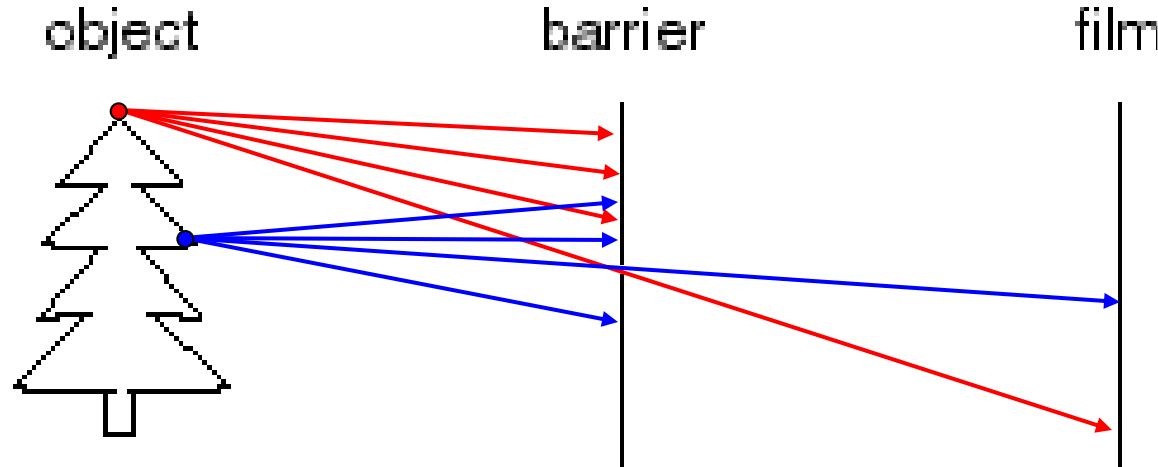


Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object

Will we get an image?

# Pinhole camera

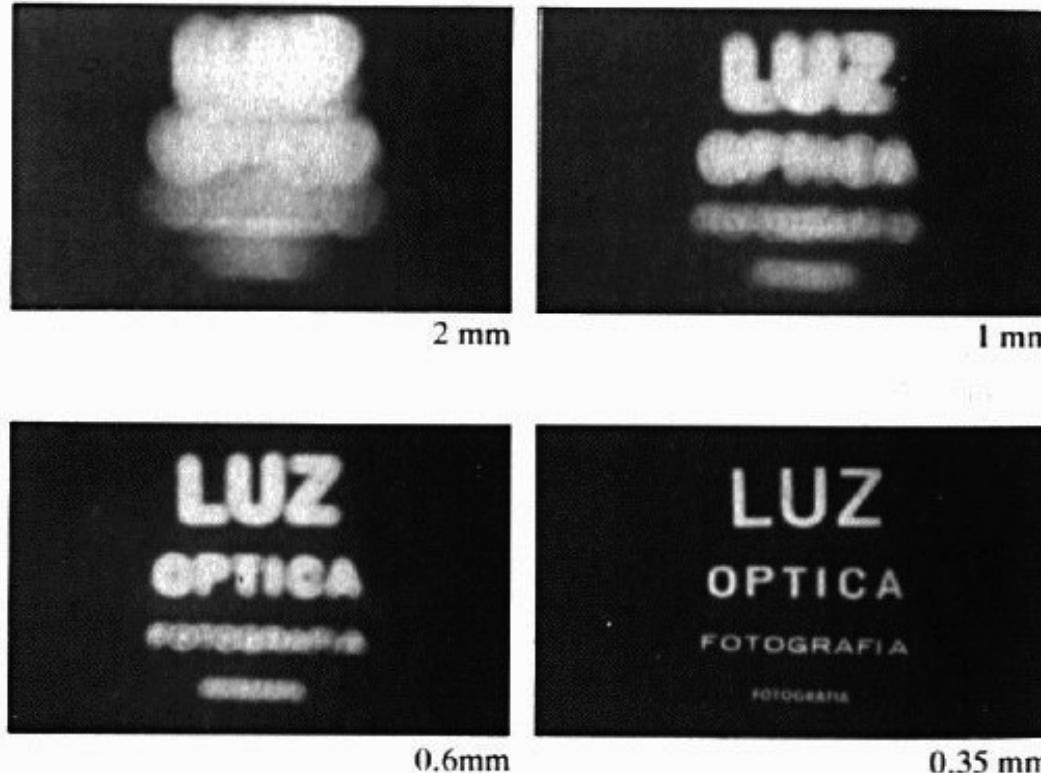
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Add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurry effect
- The opening is known as the ***aperture***

# Shrinking the aperture

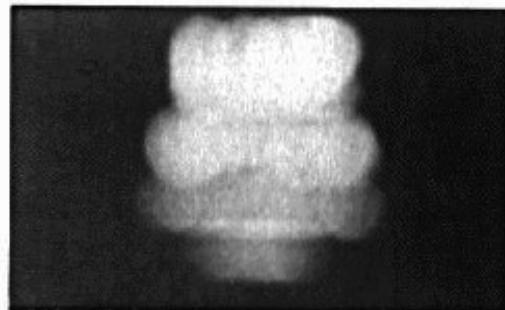


Why not make the aperture as small as possible?

- Less light gets through
- Diffraction effects...

# Shrinking the aperture

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2 mm



1 mm



0.6mm



0.35 mm



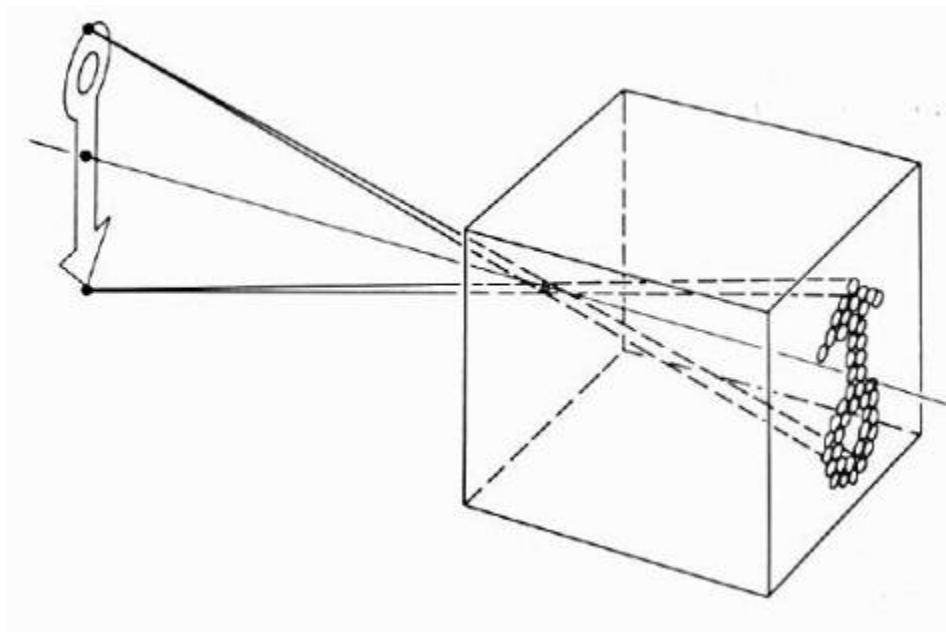
0.15 mm



0.07 mm

# Pinhole camera model

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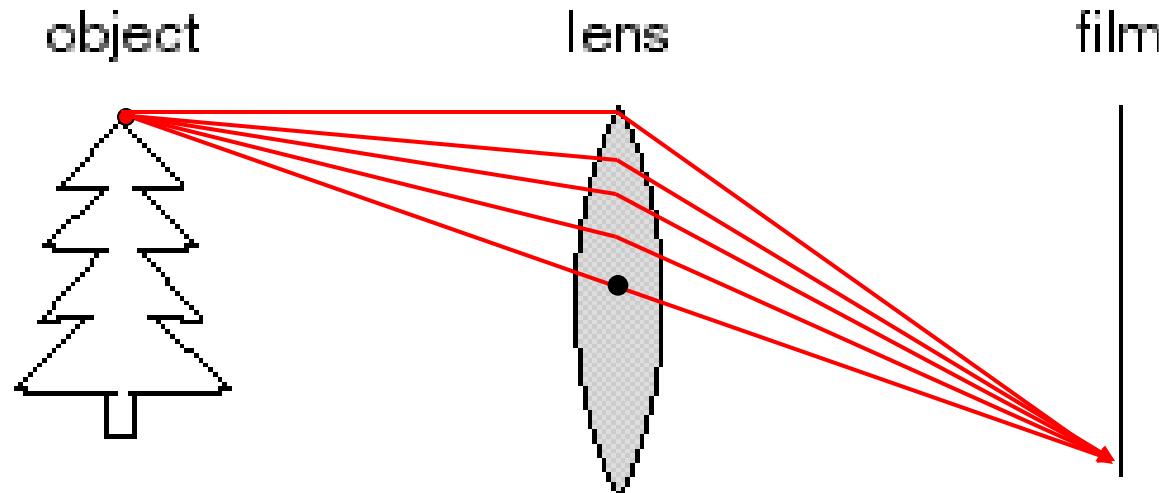


Pinhole model:

- Captures ***pencil of rays*** – all rays through a single point
- This point is called ***Center of Projection (focal point)***
- The image is formed on the ***Image Plane***

# Adding a lens... to capture more light

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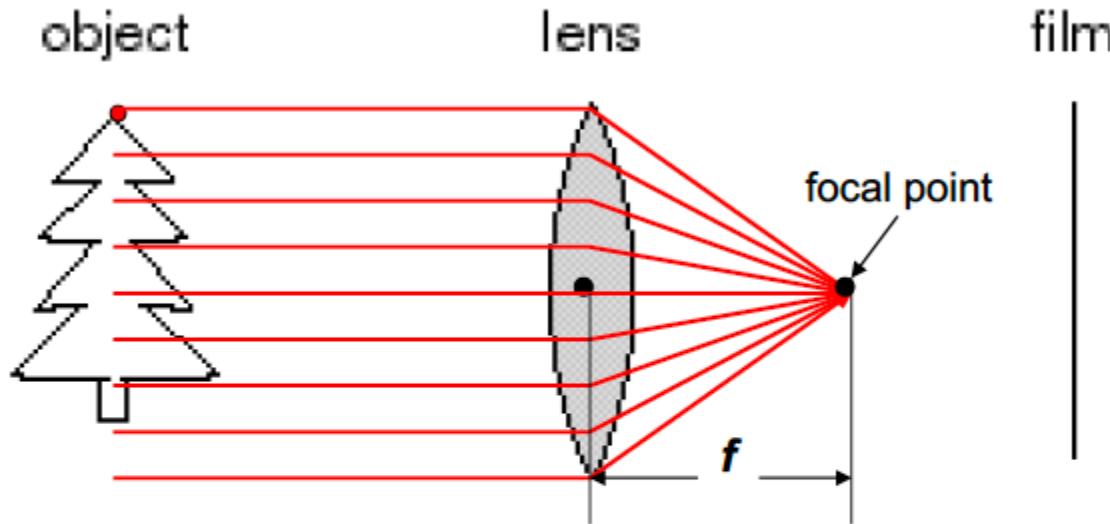


A lens focuses light onto the film

- Rays passing through the center are not deviated

# Adding a lens

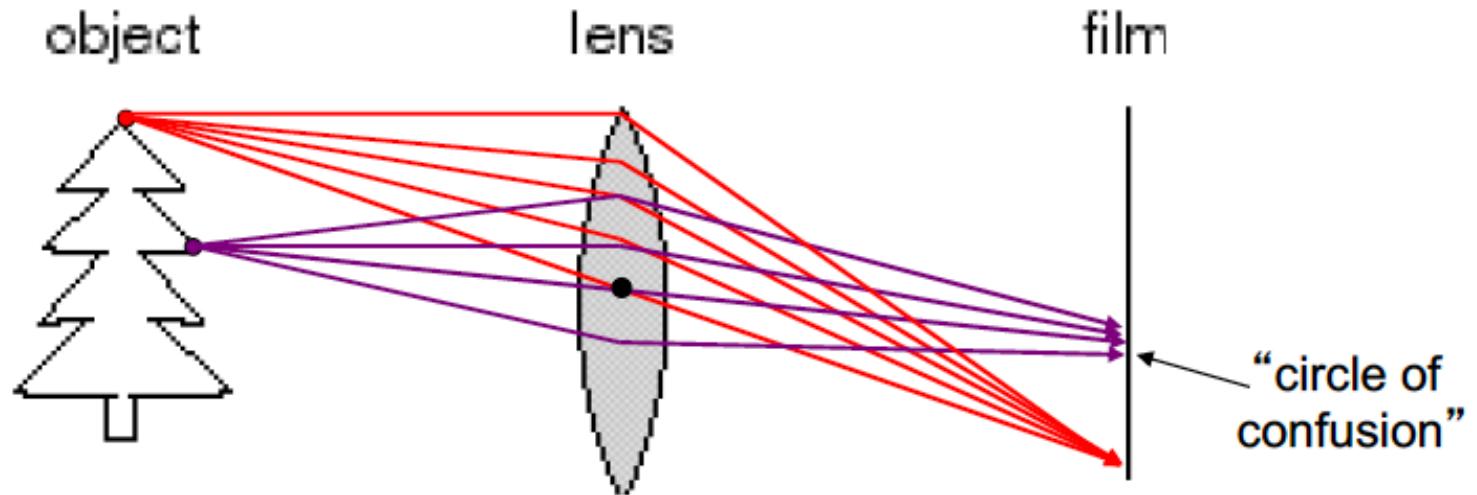
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- A lens focuses light onto the film
  - Rays passing through the center are not deviated
  - All parallel rays converge to one point on a plane located at the *focal length*  $f$

# Adding a Lens

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- A lens focuses light onto the film
  - There is a specific distance at which objects are “in focus”
    - other points project to a “circle of confusion” in the image

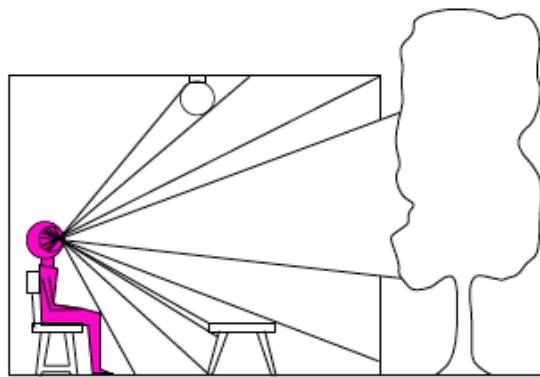
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# Geometric Image Formation: Pinhole Camera Model

(brief introduction, details to be covered in  
Multiple-view geometry)

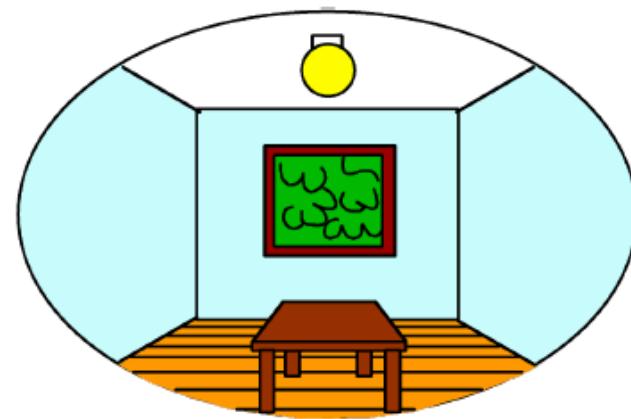
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*3D world*



Point of observation

*2D image*



## What have we lost?

- Angles
- Distances (lengths)

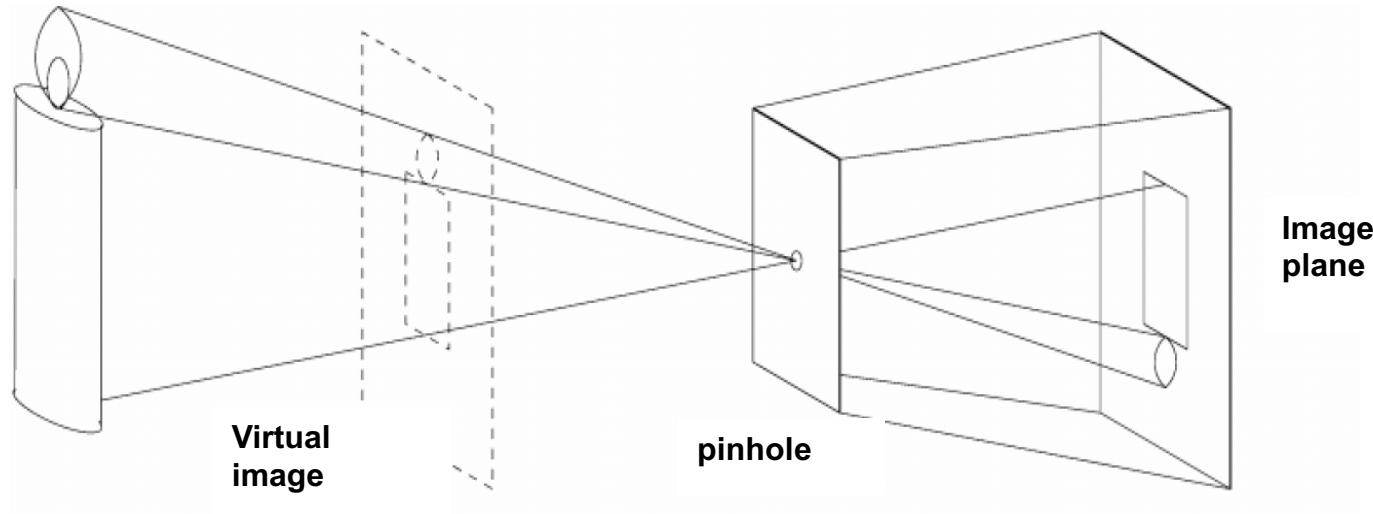
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# Pinhole camera

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- Pinhole camera is a simple model to approximate imaging process: **perspective projection**.

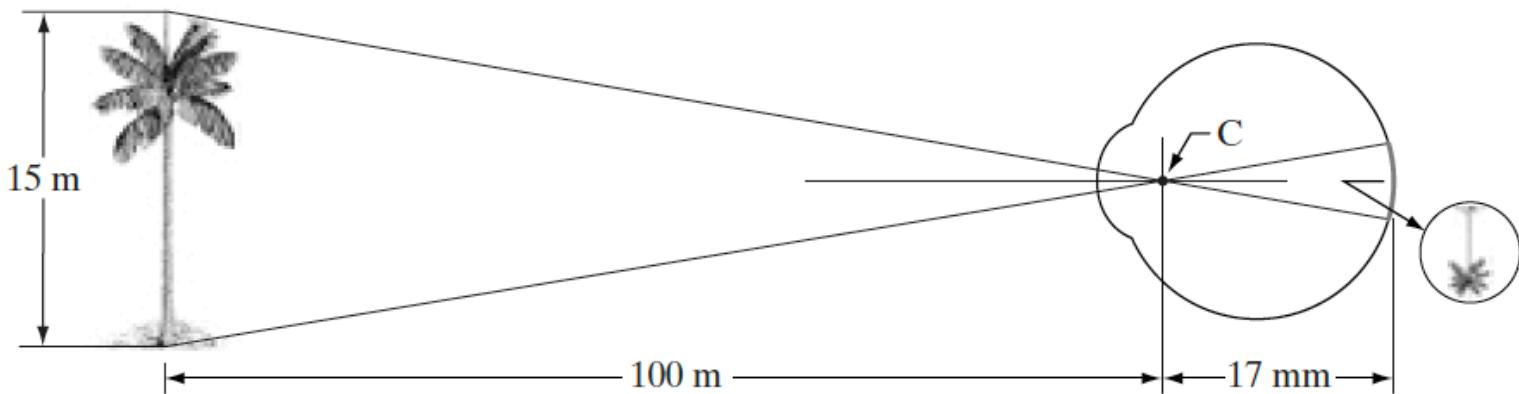


- If we treat pinhole as a point, only one ray from any given point can enter the camera.

# Image Formation in the Eye

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**FIGURE 2.3**  
Graphical representation of the eye looking at a palm tree. Point C is the optical center of the lens.



(reading pp37-38, Image formation in the eye)

Book: Digital Image Processing, Second Edition

# Linear Algebra

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$$\textcircled{1} \quad P = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \quad P \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad p = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \quad p \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

\textcircled{3}  $P$  and  $p$  are vectors.

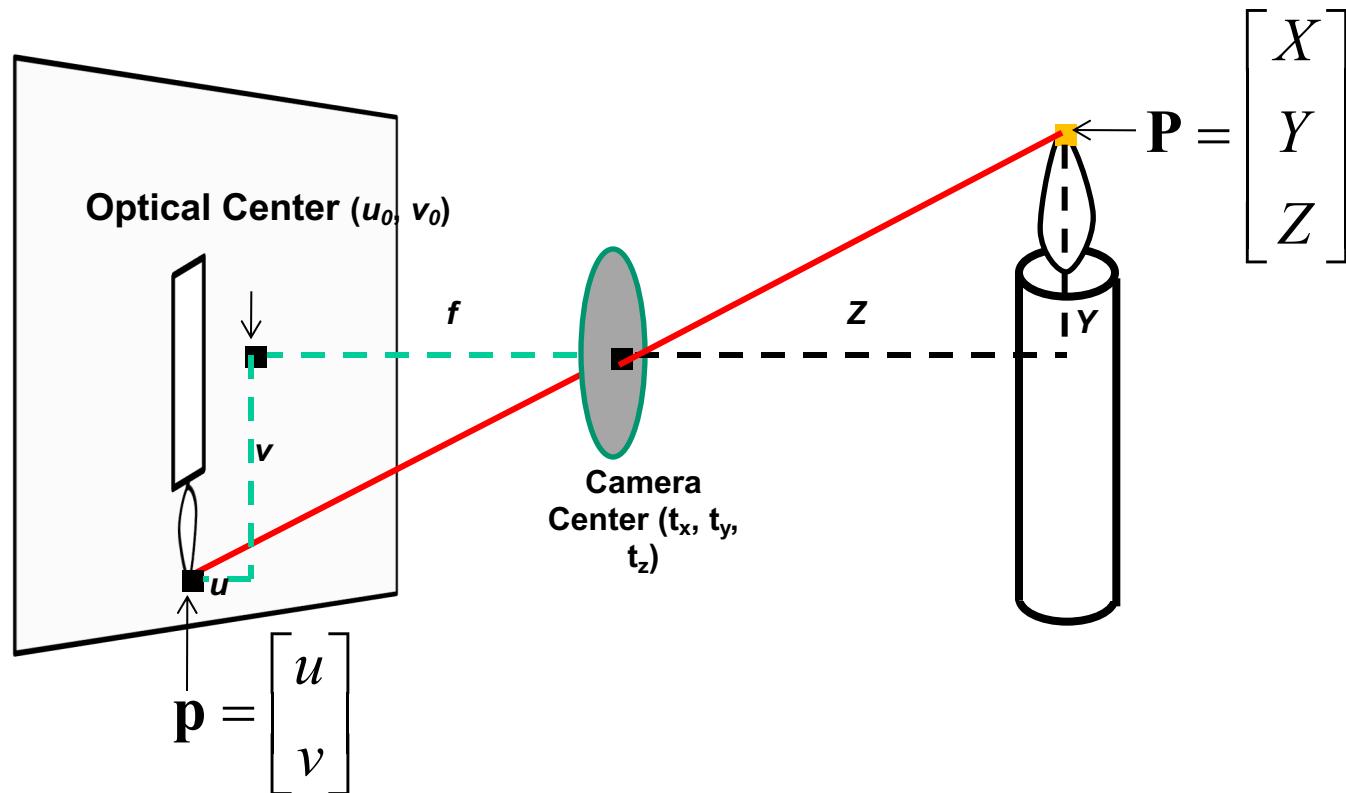
\textcircled{4}  $I$ : identity matrix

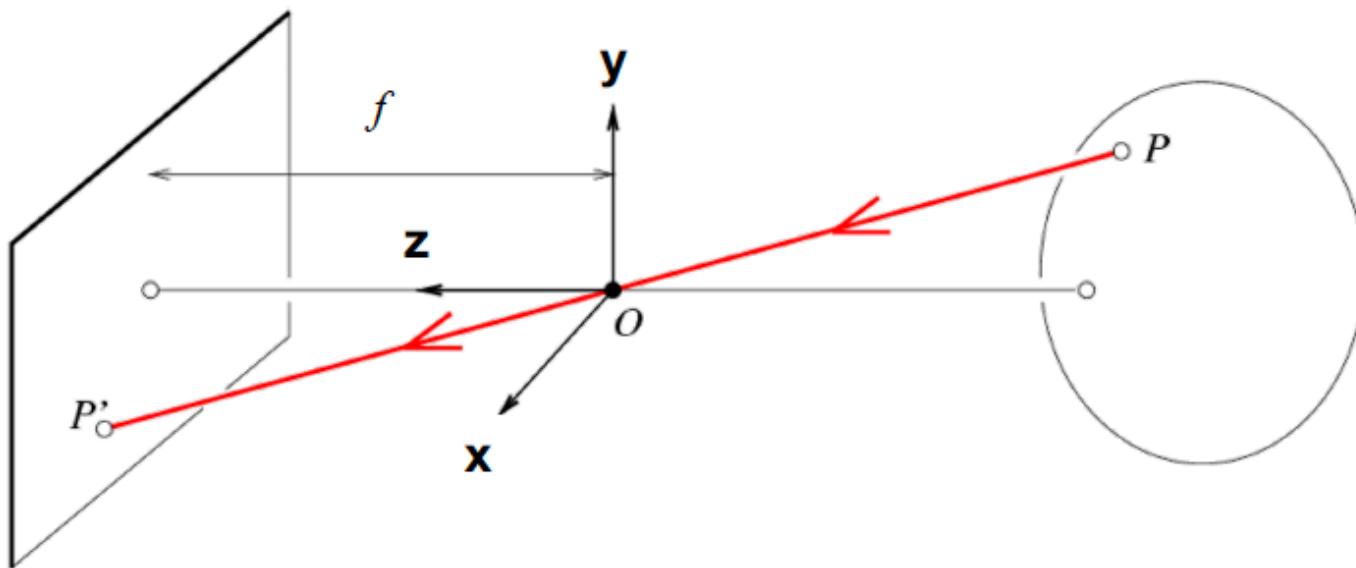
$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume  $I \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$   
 $0 \in \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 1}$

then.  $[I \ 0]_{3 \times 4}$

# Projection: world coordinates → image coordinates





- Projection equations

- Compute intersection with image plane of ray from  $P = (x, y, z)$  to  $O$
  - Derived using similar triangles

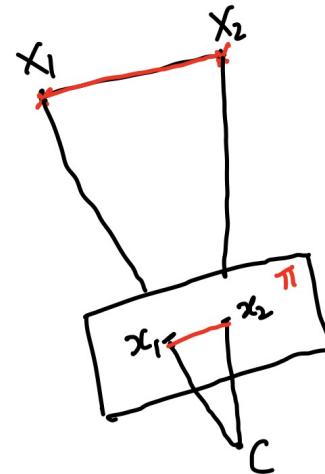
$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left( f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z}, f \right)$$

- We get the projection by throwing out the last coordinate:

$$(x, y, z) \rightarrow \left( f \frac{x}{z}, f \frac{y}{z} \right)$$

# Explanation of scale and size of the object in the image

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$$x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Assume:  $z_1 = z_2 = z$ , camera focal length  $f$

$$\text{then: } x_1 = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \frac{x_1}{z} \\ f \frac{y_1}{z} \end{pmatrix}, \quad x_2 = \begin{pmatrix} u_2 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} f \frac{x_2}{z} \\ f \frac{y_2}{z} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$d_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} f \frac{x_2 - x_1}{z} \\ f \frac{y_2 - y_1}{z} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \|d_{12}\| = \frac{f}{z} \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

# Homogeneous coordinates Representation

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## Conversion

- Converting *from* Cartesian *to* homogeneous coordinates

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**homogeneous image**  
coordinates

$$(x, y, z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**homogeneous scene**  
coordinates

- Converting *from* homogeneous coordinates *to* cartesian

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

# Homogeneous Coordinates

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- Invariant to scaling

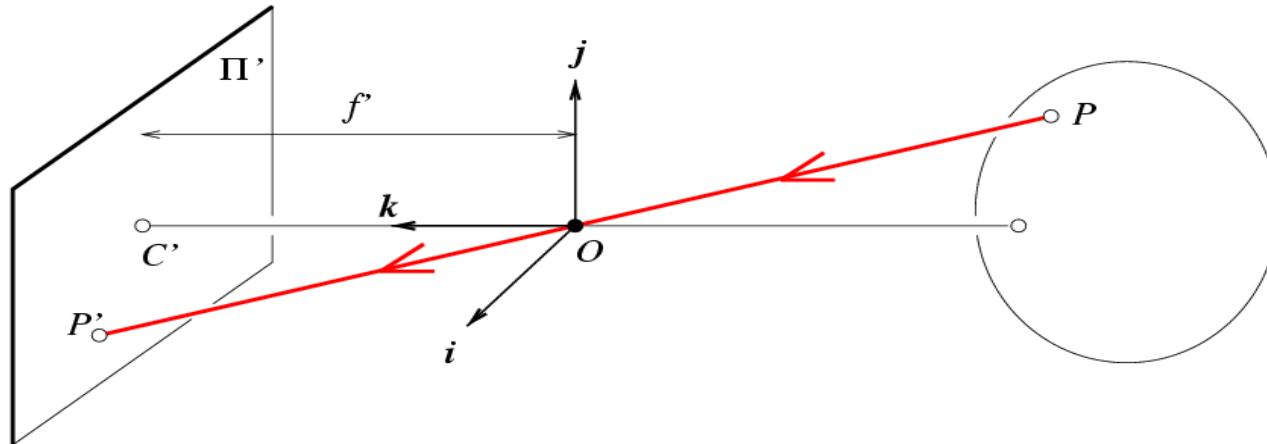
$$k \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} kx \\ ky \\ kw \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \frac{kx}{kw} \\ \frac{ky}{kw} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{w} \\ \frac{y}{w} \end{bmatrix}$$

**Homogeneous  
Coordinates**

**Cartesian  
Coordinates**

- Point in **cartesian** is a ray in **homogeneous**

# Projection matrix



## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Unit aspect ratio
- Optical center at  $(0,0)$
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at  $(0,0,0)$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{X} \rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Remove assumption of known optical center

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## Intrinsic Assumptions

- Unit aspect ratio
- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$



$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & f & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Remove assumption: square pixels

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## Intrinsic Assumptions

- No skew

## Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} \rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Remove assumption: non-skewed pixels

Intrinsic Assumptions

Extrinsic Assumptions

- No rotation
- Camera at (0,0,0)

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{0}] \mathbf{X} \rightarrow w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

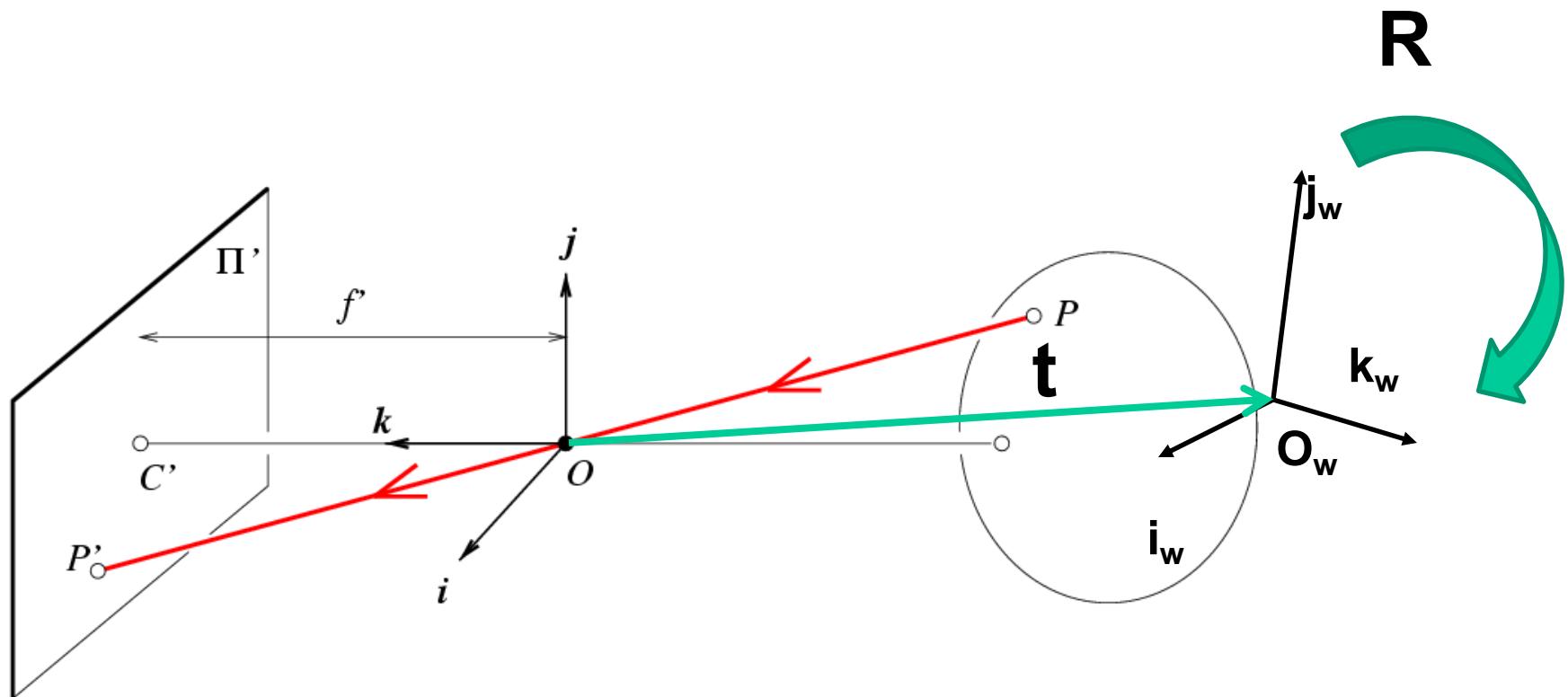
u<sub>0</sub>, v<sub>0</sub>: optical center

α, β: focal length on x, y direction, normally the same (f) for normal lens

s: distortion

# Rotated and Translated Camera

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# Allow Camera Translation

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Intrinsic Assumptions

Extrinsic Assumptions

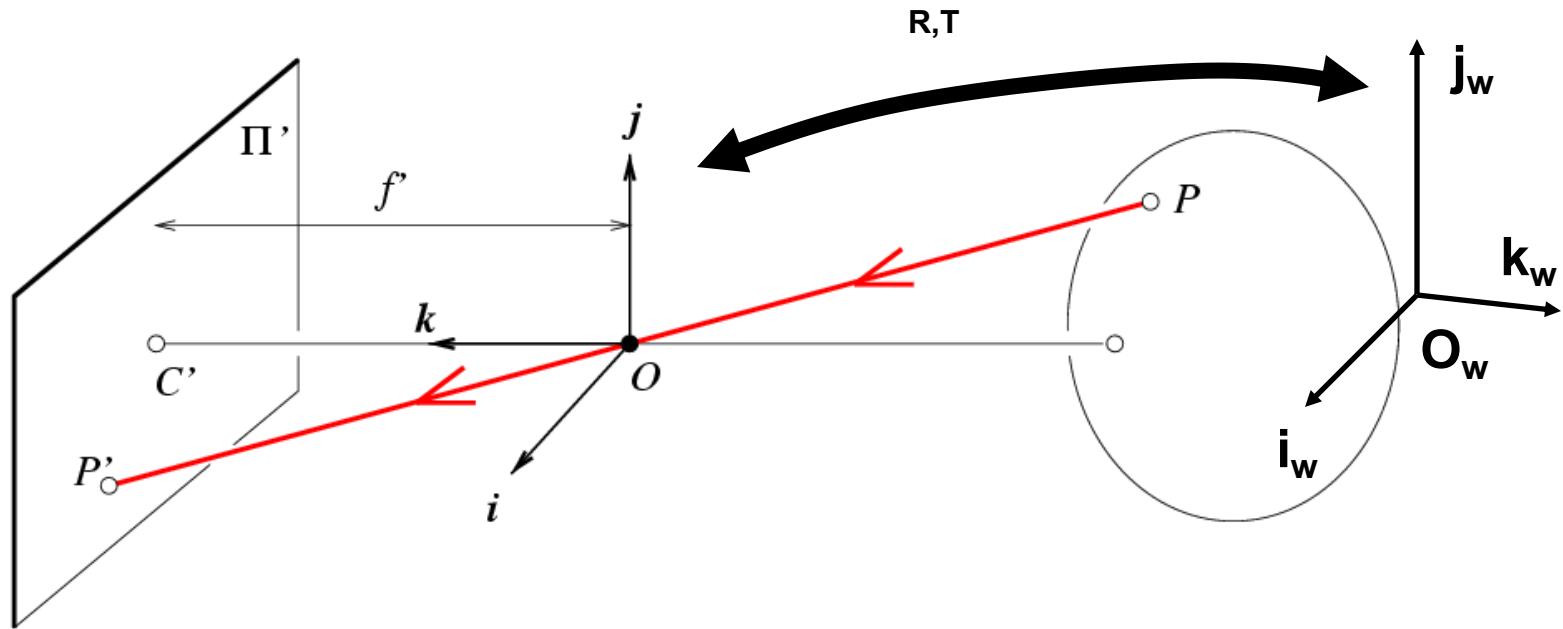
- No rotation

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{I} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X} \quad \Rightarrow \quad w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

t: translation vector to describe the difference between the world coordinate system and camera coordinate system.

# General Camera Projection Matrix

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$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$

**x:** Image Coordinates:  $(u, v, 1)$

**K:** Intrinsic Matrix (3x3)

**R:** Rotation (3x3)

**t:** Translation (3x1)

**X:** World Coordinates:  $(X, Y, Z, 1)$

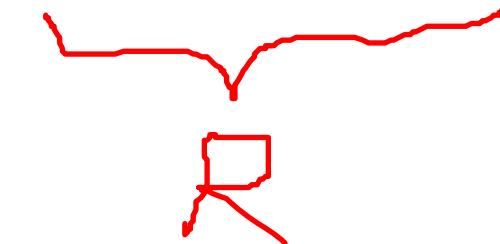
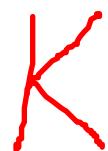
$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{R}_z(\alpha) \mathbf{R}_y(\beta) \mathbf{R}_x(\gamma)$$

# General Camera Projection Matrix

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} [\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$



$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Degrees of freedom

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$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$



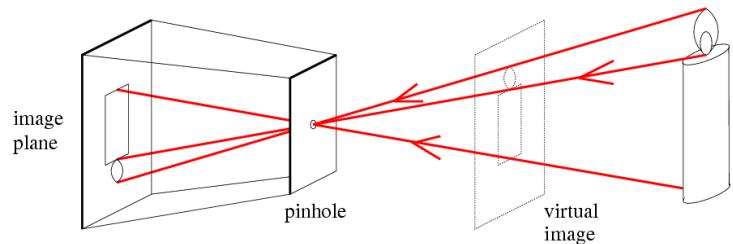
$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# A quick summary

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- Pinhole camera model and camera projection matrix
- Homogeneous coordinates



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{R} \quad \mathbf{t}] \mathbf{X}$$

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

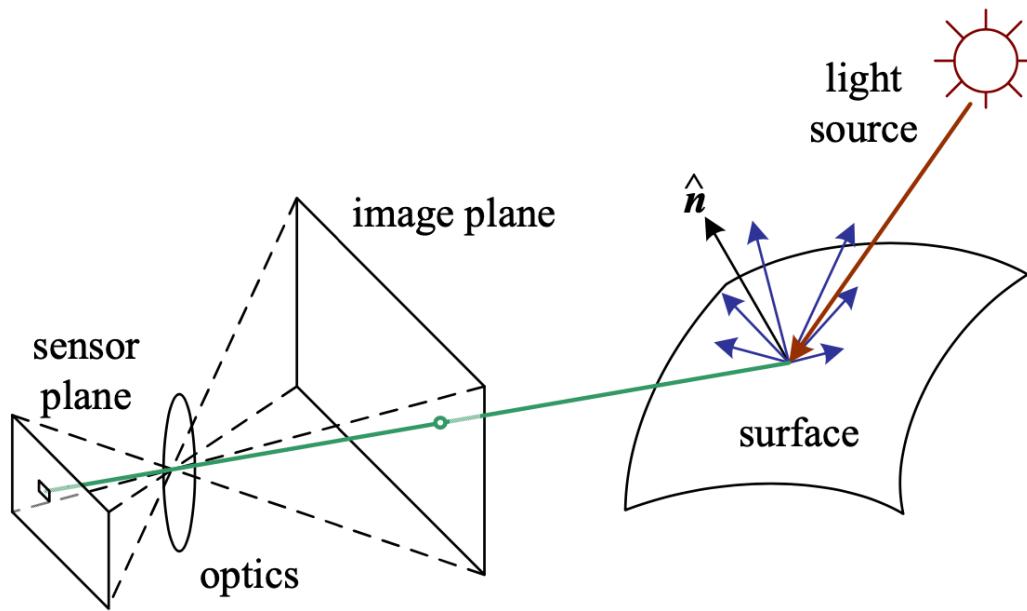
# Perspective effects



3D computer vision aims to solve an inverse problem of computer graphics

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# Photometric (radiometric) image formation

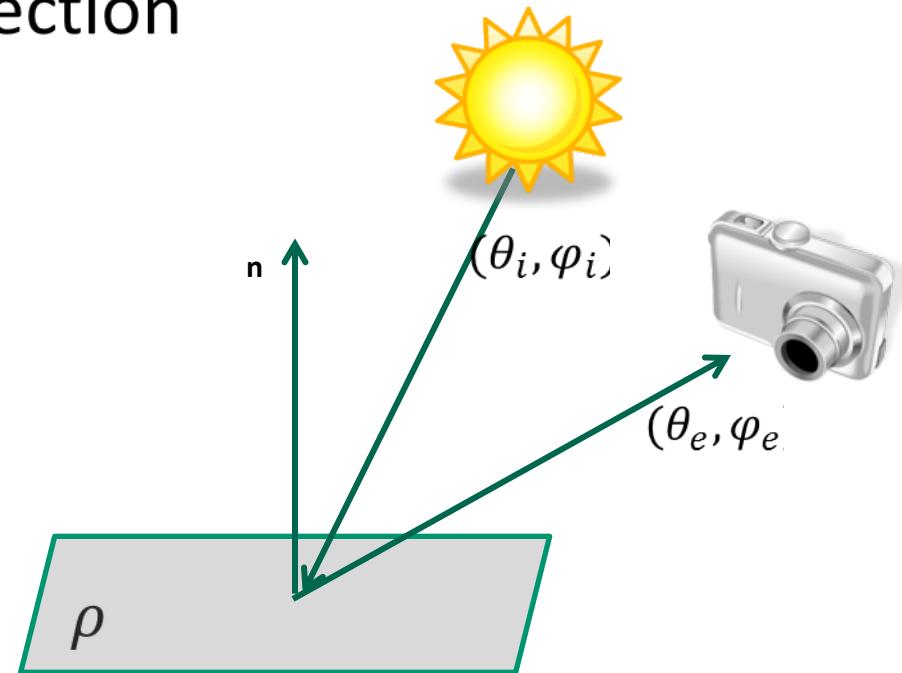


**Figure 2.14** A simplified model of photometric image formation. Light is emitted by one or more light sources and is then reflected from an object's surface. A portion of this light is directed towards the camera. This simplified model ignores multiple reflections, which often occur in real-world scenes.

# What determines the scene radiance?

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- The amount of light that falls on the surface
- The fraction of light that is reflected (albedo)
- Geometry of light reflection
  - ▣ Shape of surface
  - ▣ Viewpoint

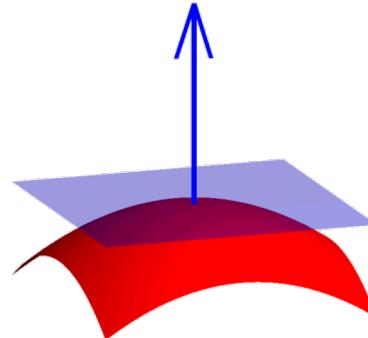


# Surface Normal

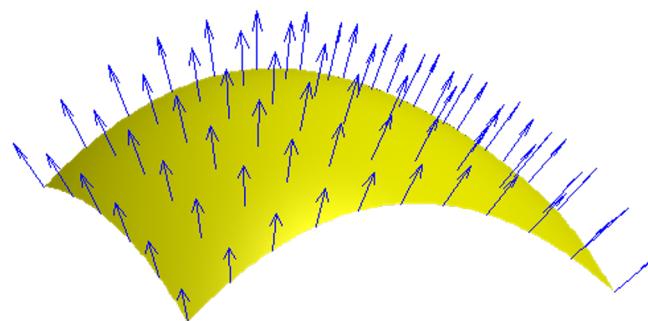
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Convenient notation for surface orientation

A smooth surface has a tangent plane at every point

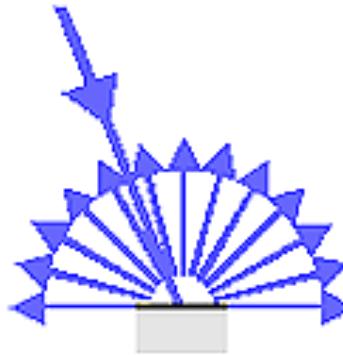


We can model the surface using the normal at every point

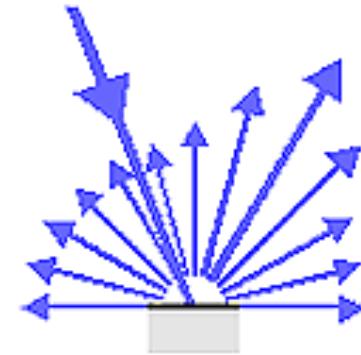


# Lambertian surface

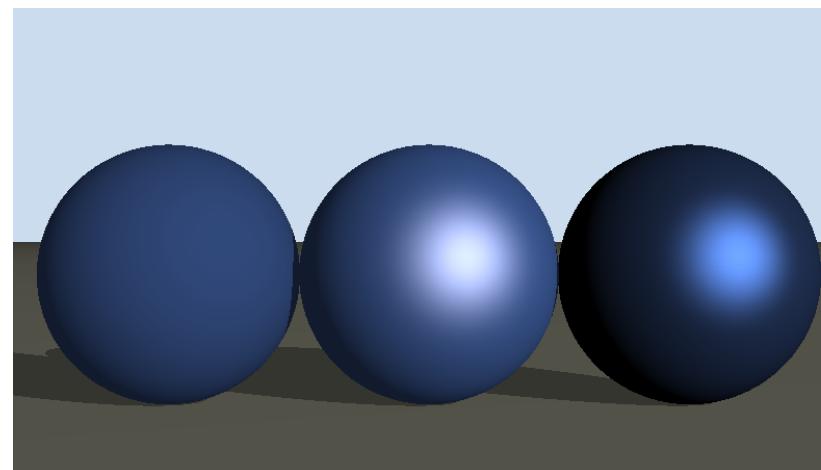
- Ideal diffuse reflectors.
- The apparent brightness of such a surface to an observer is the same regardless of the observer's angle of view.



*Ideal diffuse reflection  
(Lambertian surface)*



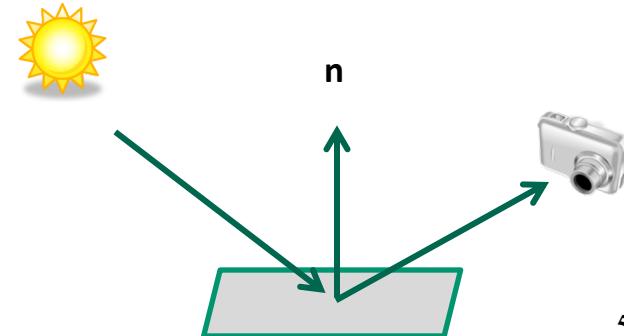
*Diffuse reflection with  
directional component*



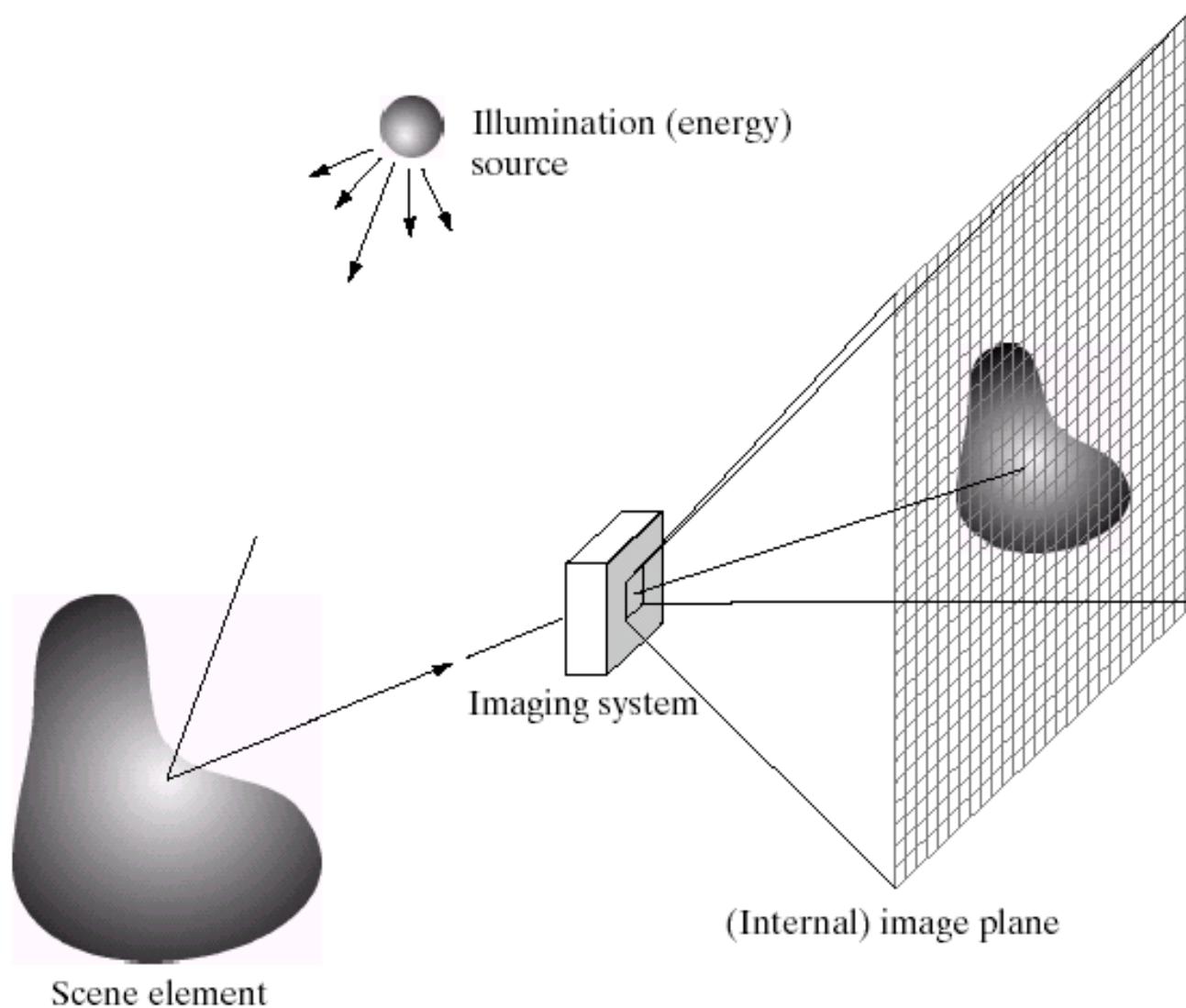
# Lambertian Surface

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- Appears equally bright from all viewing directions
- Reflects all light without absorbing
- Matte surface, no “shiny” spots
- Brightness of the surface as seen from camera is linearly correlated to the amount of light falling on the surface

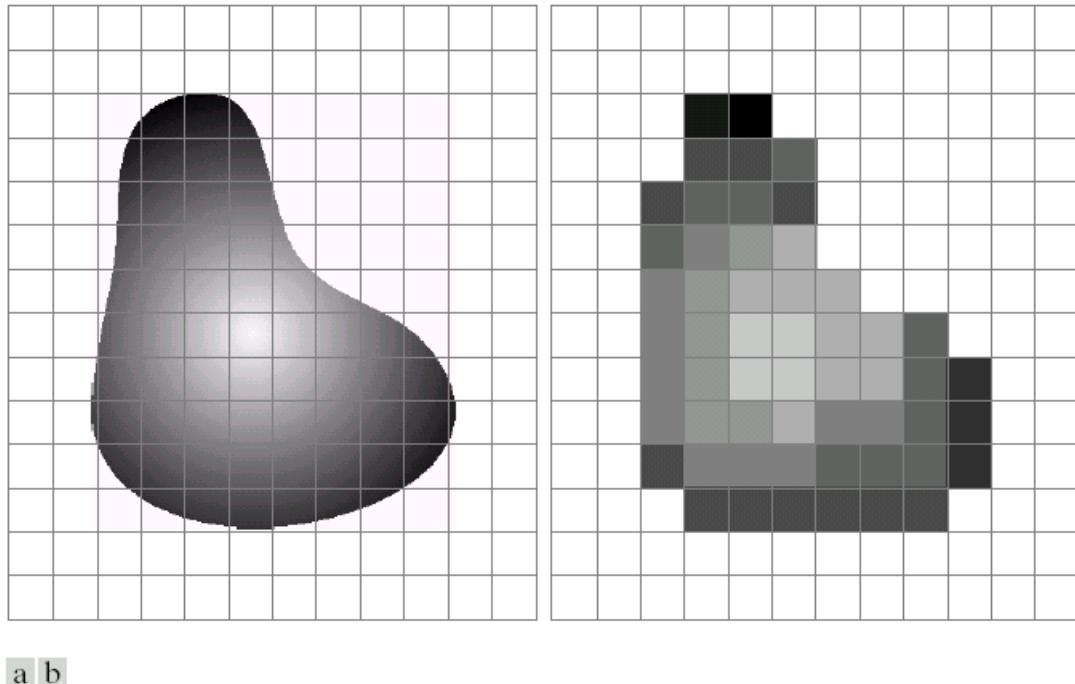


# Photometric Image Formation



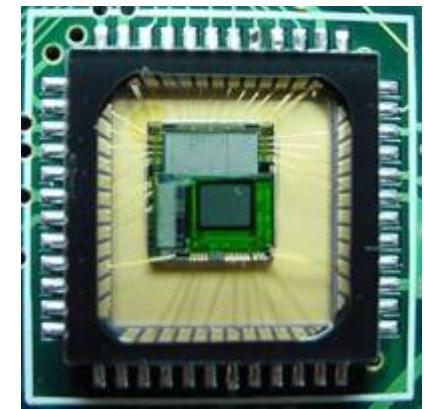
# Sensor Array

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a b

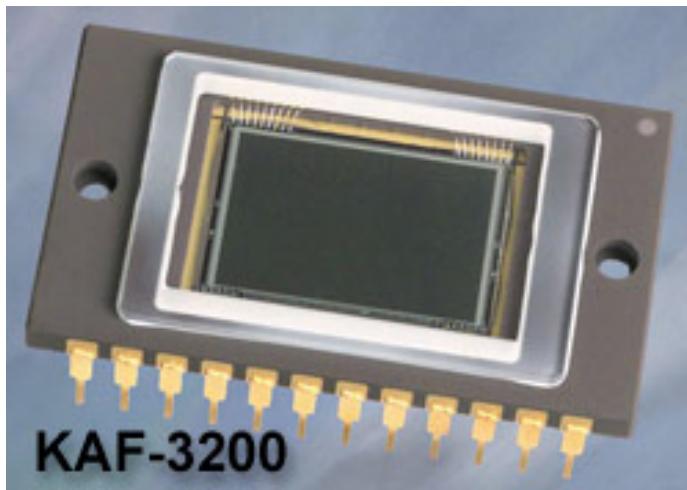
**FIGURE 2.17** (a) Continuous image projected onto a sensor array. (b) Result of image sampling and quantization.



CCD/CMOS sensor

# Image Sensors : Array Sensor

## Charge-Coupled Device (CCD)



CCD KAF-3200E from Kodak.

(2184 x 1472 pixels,  
Pixel size 6.8 microns<sup>2</sup>)

- ◆ Used for convert a continuous image into a digital image
- ◆ Contains an array of light sensors
- ◆ Converts photon into electric charges accumulated in each sensor unit

# Human Color Perception

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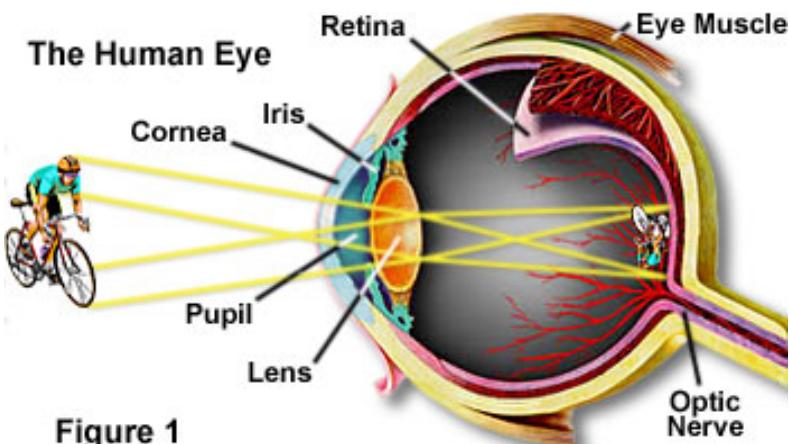
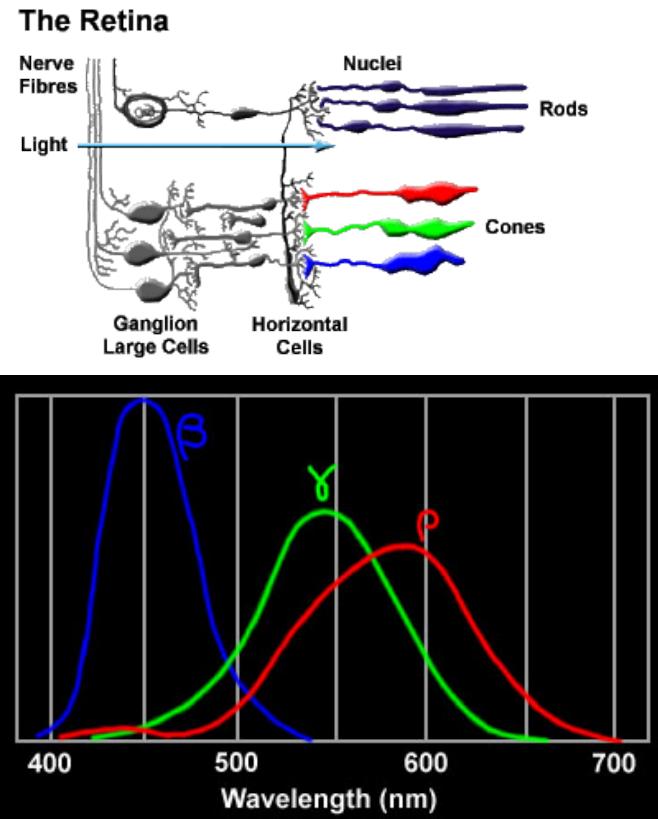


Figure 1

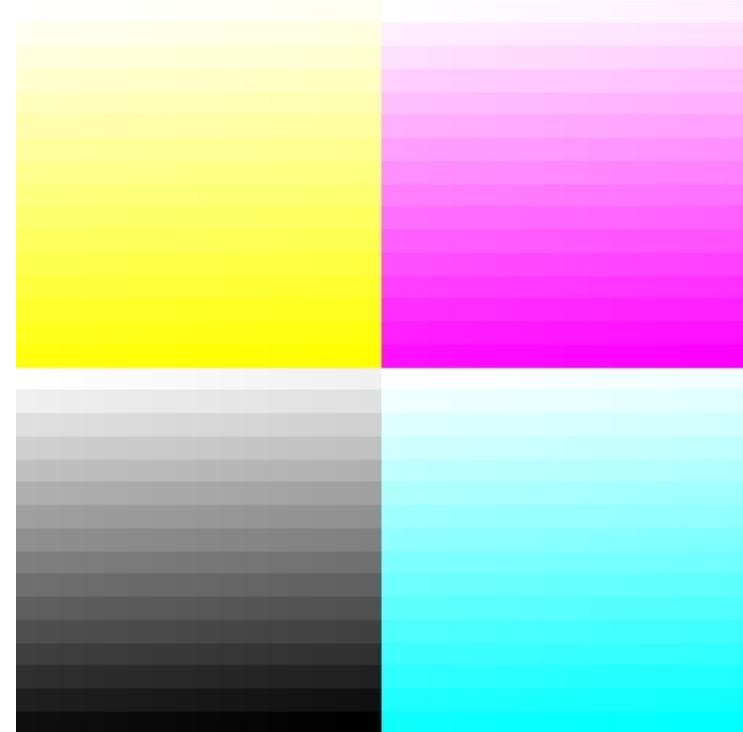


A website about human color perception:

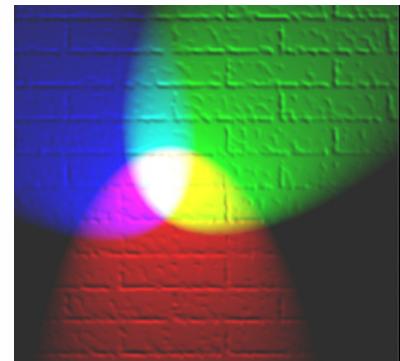
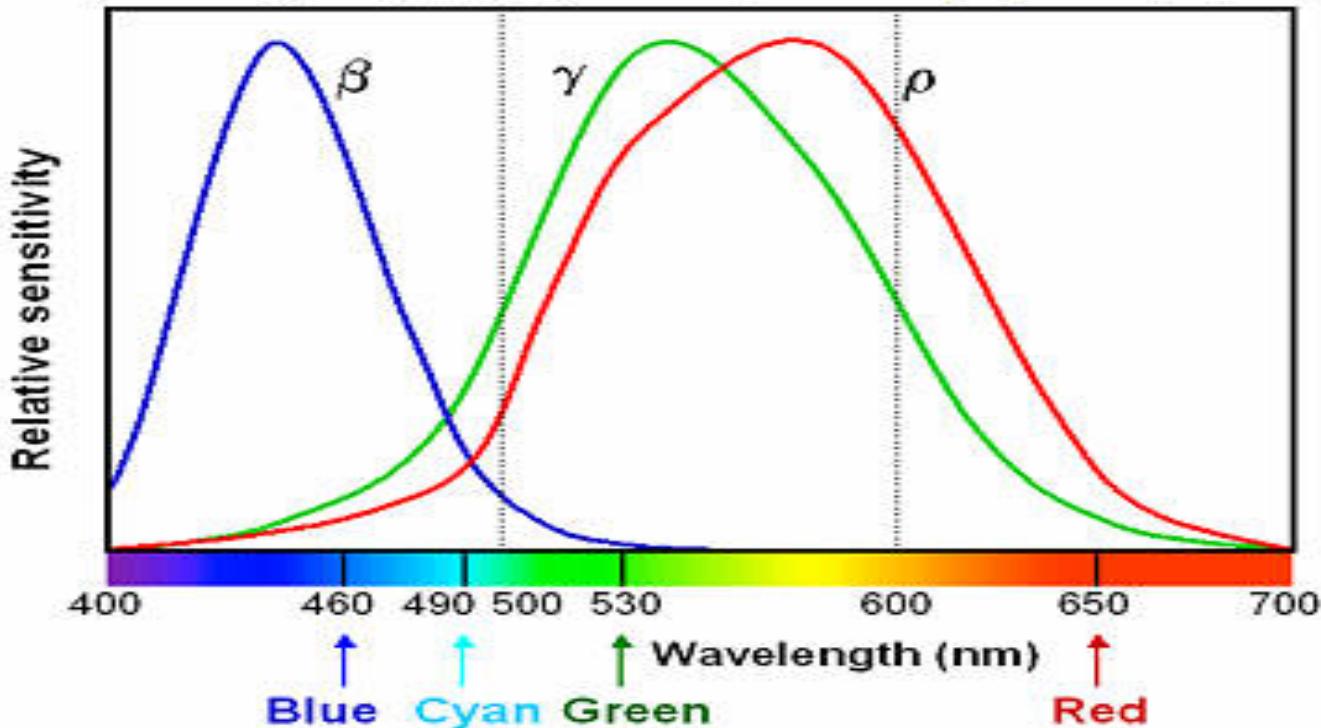
- <http://www.photo.net/photo/edscott/vis00010.htm>

# How many Colors can be Seen?

- Human eyes can distinguish about
  - 128 different hues
  - 130 different saturation levels
- We can distinguish about 380,000 colours!!



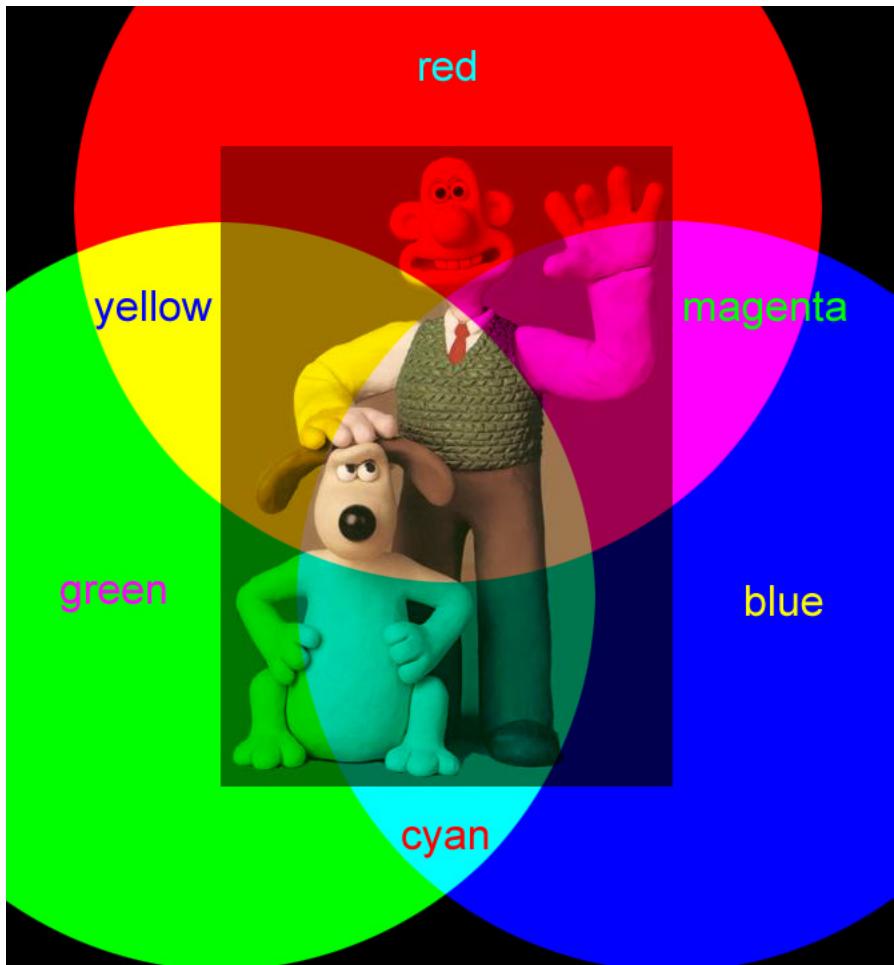
- Wavelength of the light



# Colour Images

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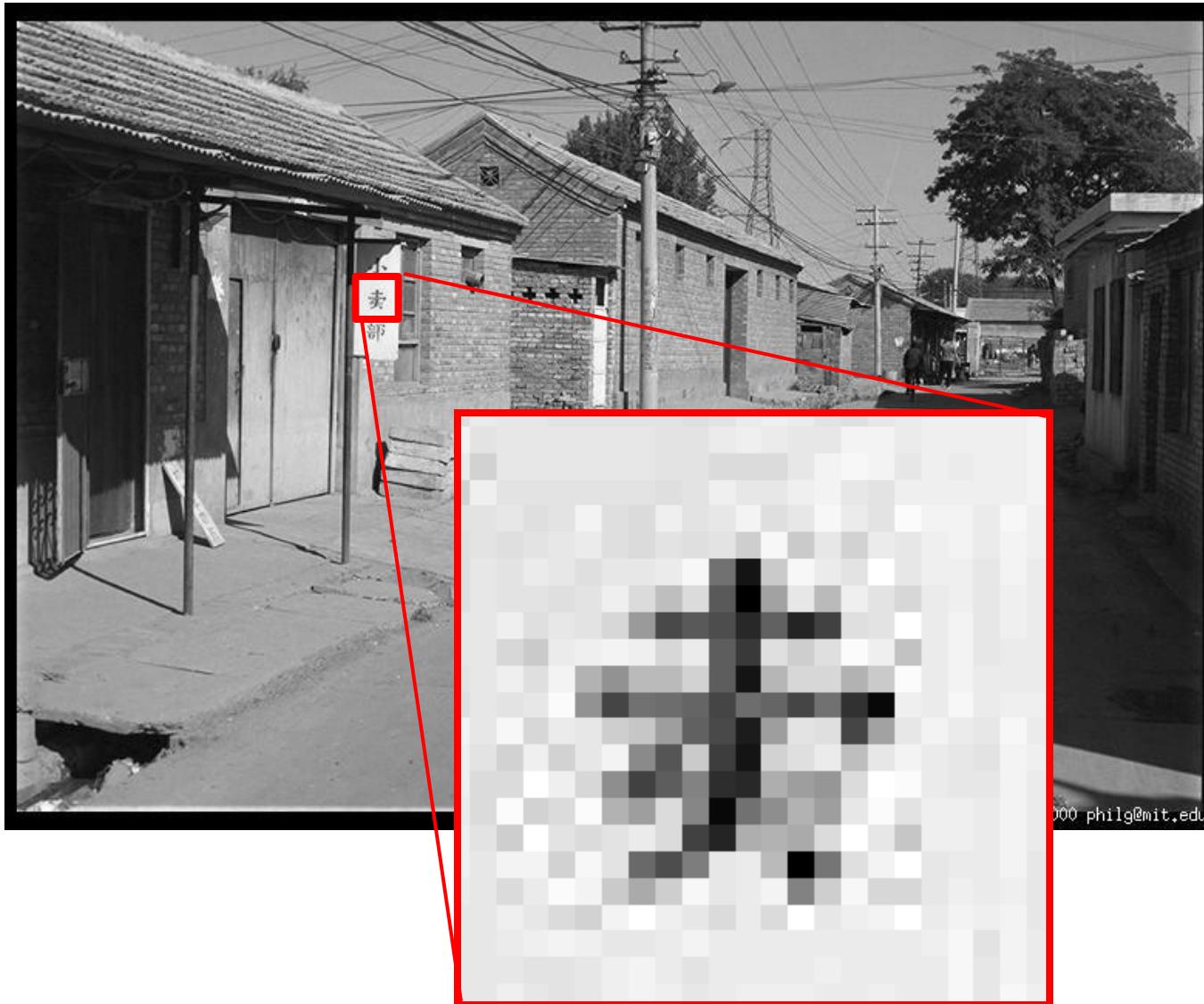
- are constructed from three intensity maps.
- Each intensity map is projected through a colour filter (e.g., red, green, or blue, or cyan, magenta, or yellow) to create a monochrome image.
- The intensity maps are overlaid to create a color image.
- Each pixel in a color image is a three dimensional vector.



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# Digital image representation

# The digital image (pixel matrix)



# The digital image (pixel matrix)

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# Fundamentals of Digital Images

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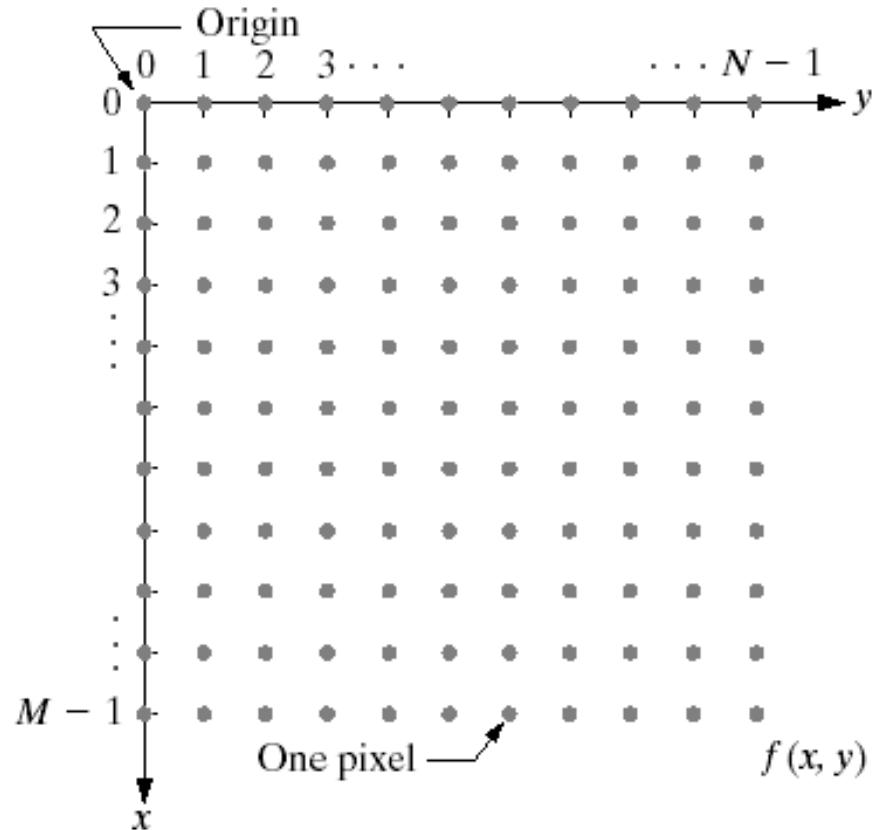


- ◆ An image = a function of spatial coordinates.
- ◆ Spatial coordinate:  $(x,y)$  for 2D case such as photograph,  
 $(x,y,z)$  for 3D case such as CT scan images  
 $(x,y,t)$  for video.
- ◆ The function  $f$  may represent the intensity (for greyscale images)  
or color (for color images) or other associated values.

# Conventional Coordinate for

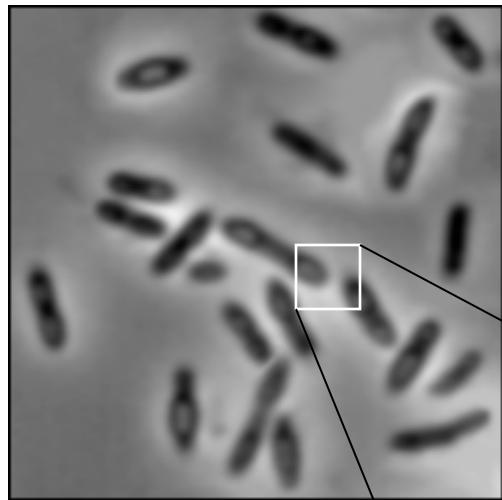
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## Image Representation



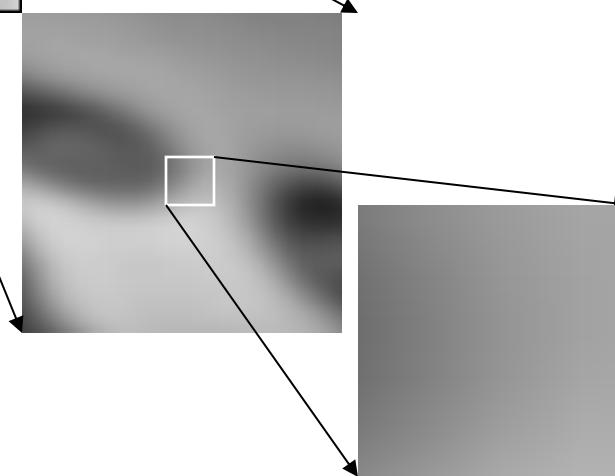
(Images from Rafael C. Gonzalez and Richard E.  
Wood, Digital Image Processing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

# Grey-scale Image



Intensity image or grey-scale image

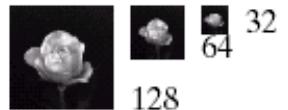
Each pixel corresponds to light intensity  
normally represented in gray scale (gray  
level).



**Gray scale values**

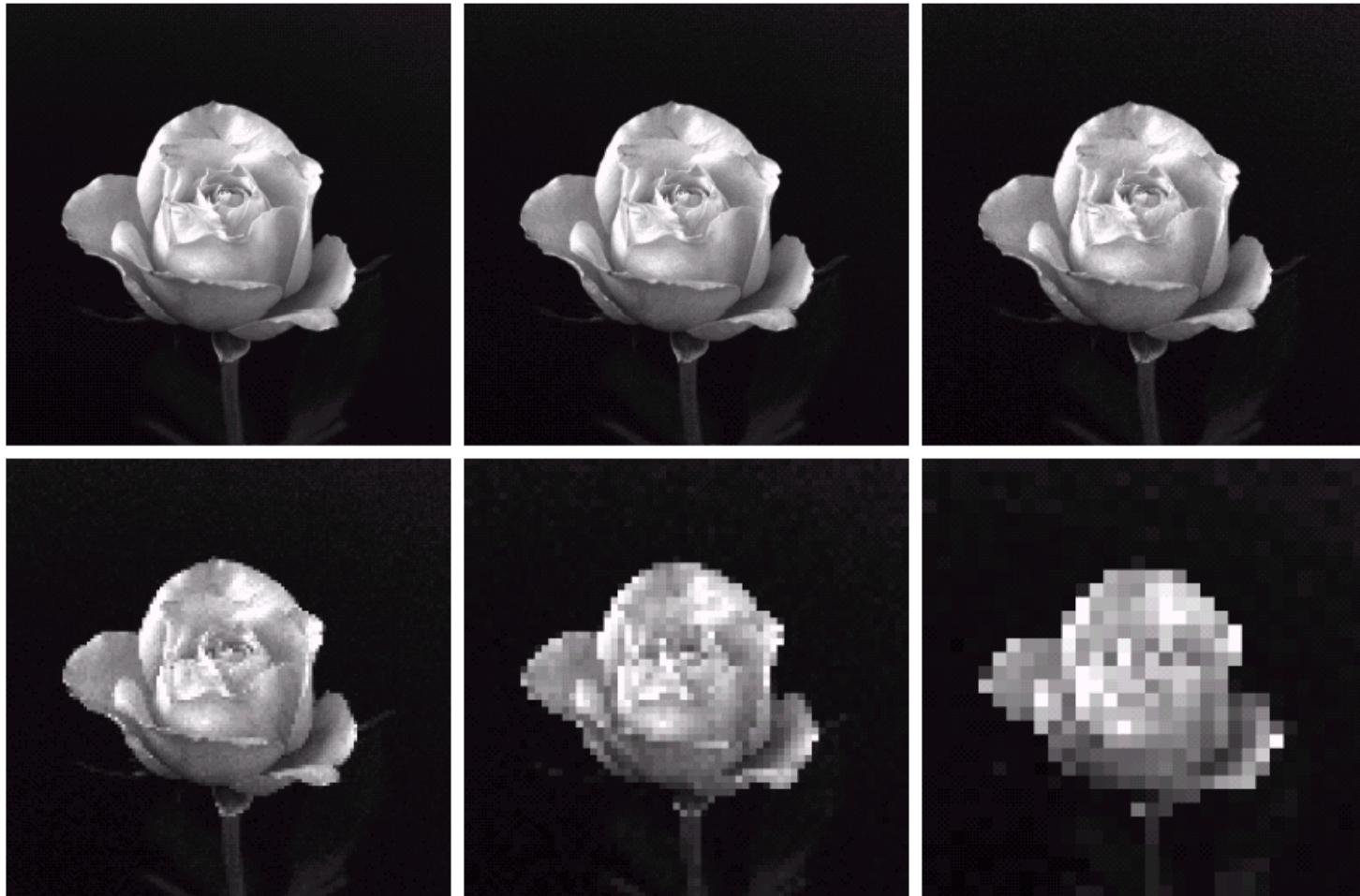
10	10	16	28
9	6	26	37
15	25	13	22
32	15	87	39

# Effect of Spatial Resolution



**FIGURE 2.19** A  $1024 \times 1024$ , 8-bit image subsampled down to size  $32 \times 32$  pixels. The number of allowable gray levels was kept at 256.

# Effect of Spatial Resolution

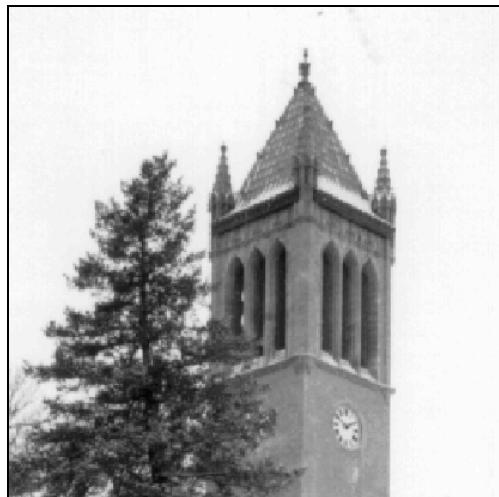


a b c  
d e f

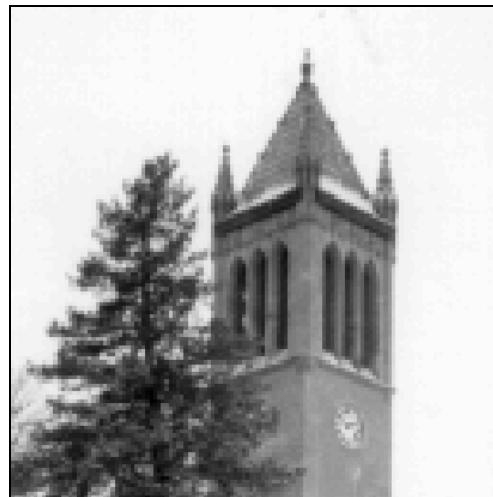
**FIGURE 2.20** (a)  $1024 \times 1024$ , 8-bit image. (b)  $512 \times 512$  image resampled into  $1024 \times 1024$  pixels by row and column duplication. (c) through (f)  $256 \times 256$ ,  $128 \times 128$ ,  $64 \times 64$ , and  $32 \times 32$  images resampled into  $1024 \times 1024$  pixels.

# Effect of Spatial Resolution

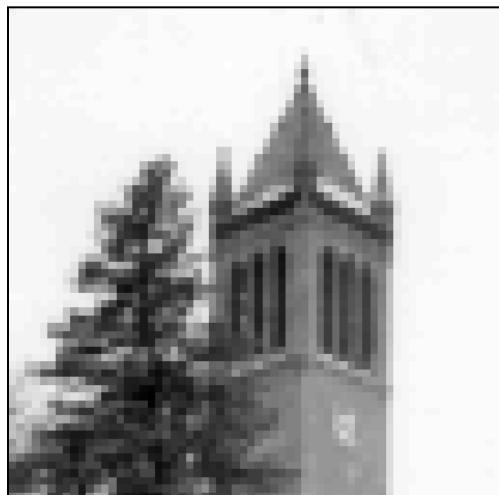
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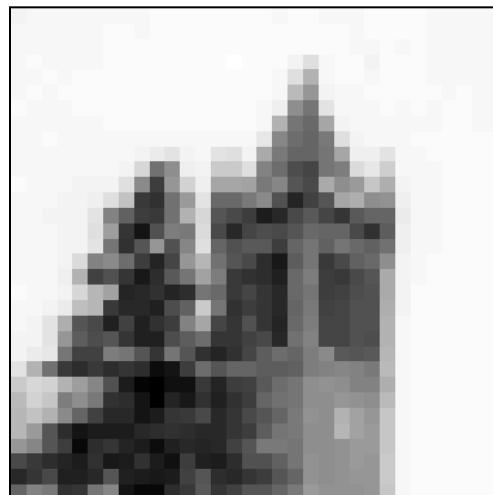
256x256 pixels



128x128 pixels



64x64 pixels



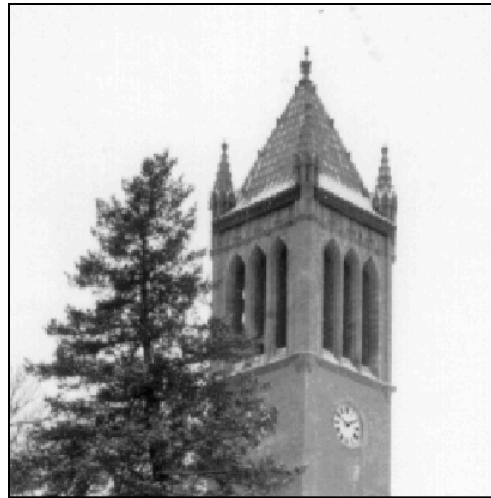
32x32 pixels

# Effect of Quantization Levels

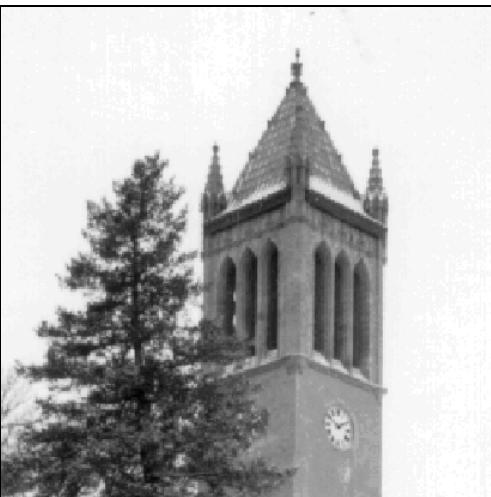
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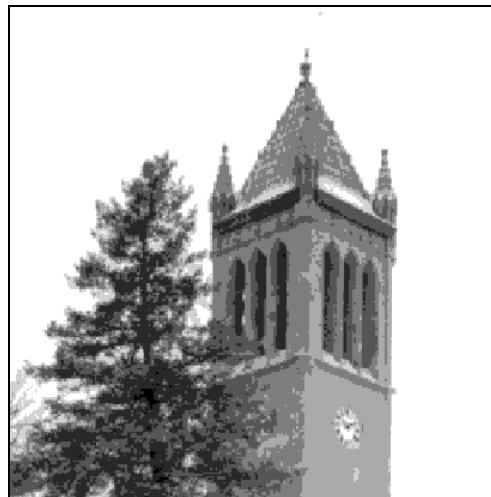
256 levels



128 levels

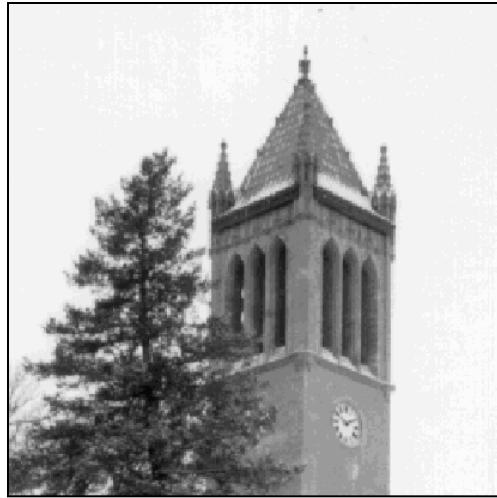


64 levels

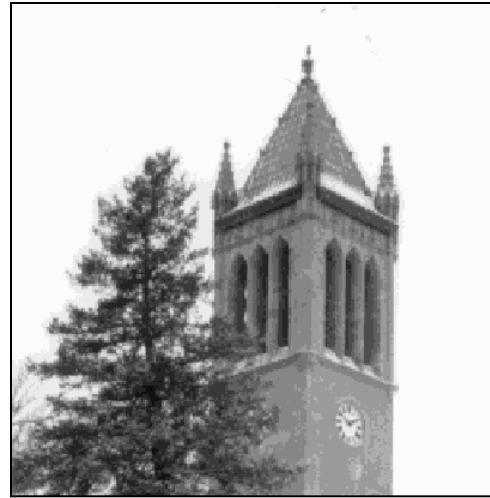


32 levels

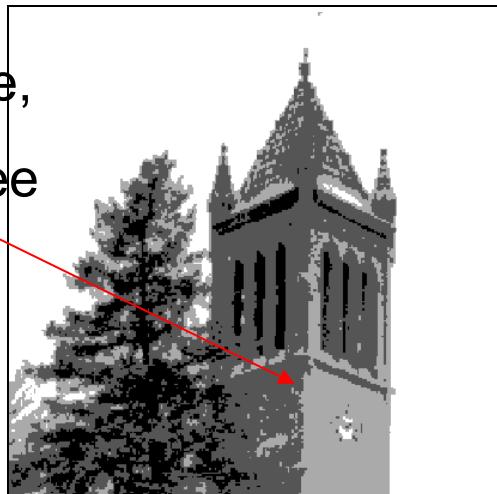
# Effect of Quantization Levels (cont.)



16 levels



8 levels



4 levels



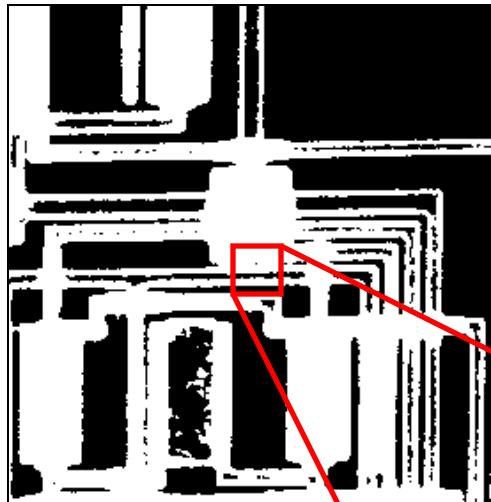
2 levels

In this image,  
it is easy to see  
false contour.

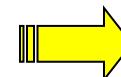
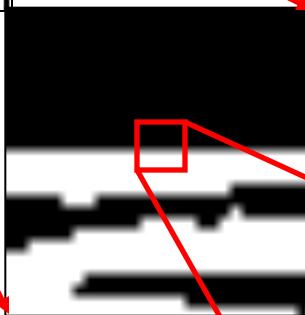
# Two-level image: binary image

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Binary image or black and white image



- Each pixel contains one bit :
  - 1 represent white
  - 0 represents black



Binary data

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1

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# Colour Images

# A colourful image

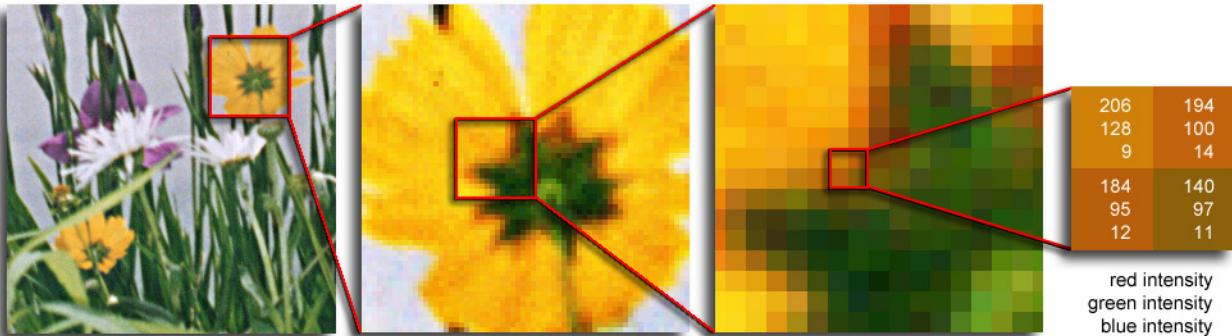
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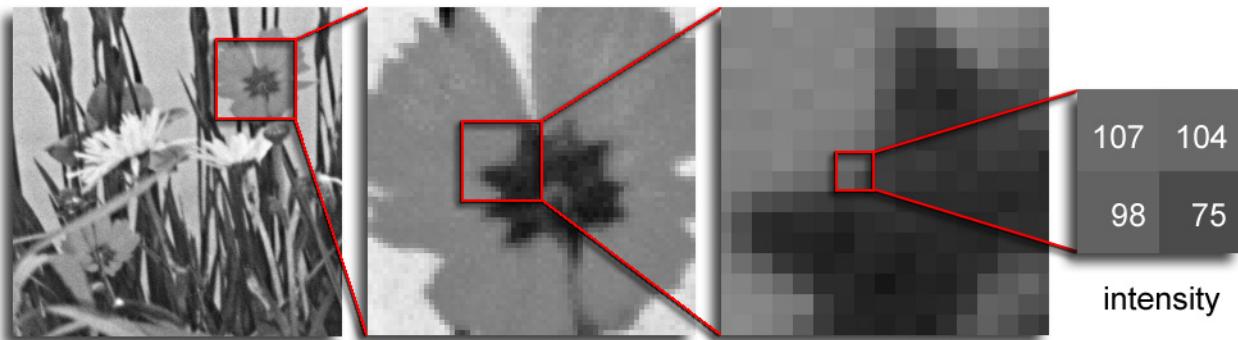
# Colour Image

- Colour images have 3 values per pixel;
- Greyscale images have 1 value per pixel.

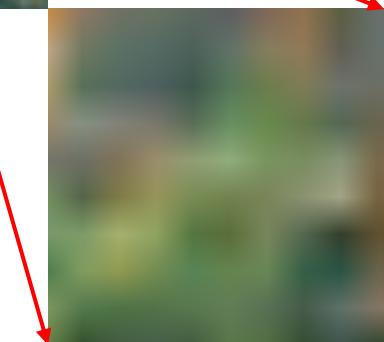
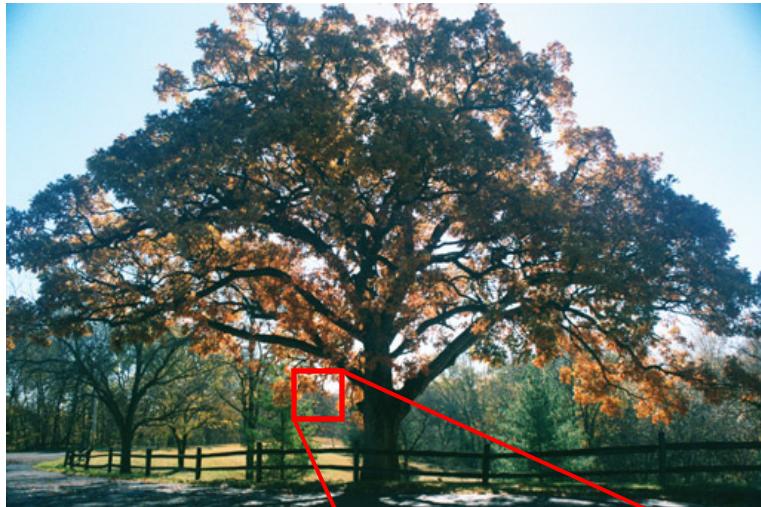
a grid of squares, each of which contains a single colour



each square is called a pixel  
(for *picture element*)



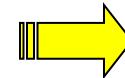
# Colour Image



**Color (RGB) image:**

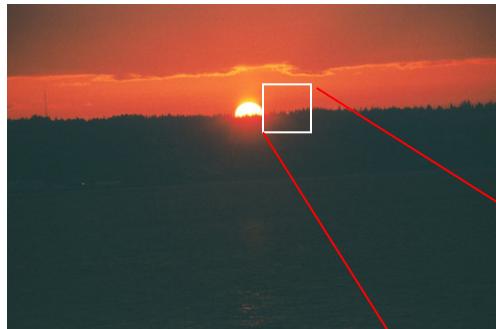
- each pixel contains a vector representing red, green and blue components.

RGB components



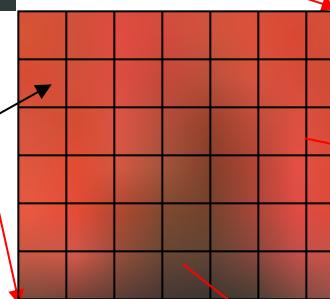
10	10	16	28
9	65	70	56
15	32	99	70
32	21	60	90
	54	96	67
		85	43
		85	92
		32	65
		87	99

# Colour Image



- Colour image = a multidimensional array of numbers (such as intensity image) or vectors (such as color image)

- Each component in the image called pixel associates with the pixel value (a single number in the case of intensity images or a vector in the case of color images).



10	10	16	28
9	65	70	56
15	32	99	56
32	21	60	90
	54	85	43
		85	92
		32	65
		87	99
			80

# Colour Image

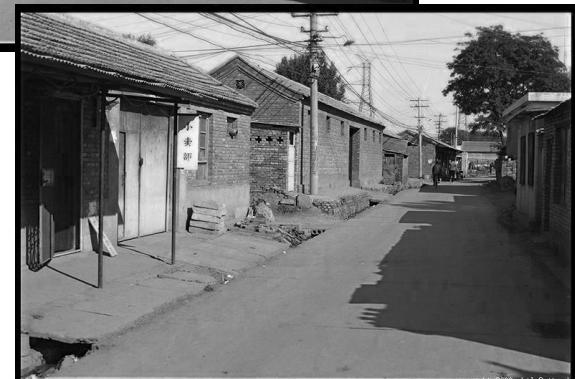
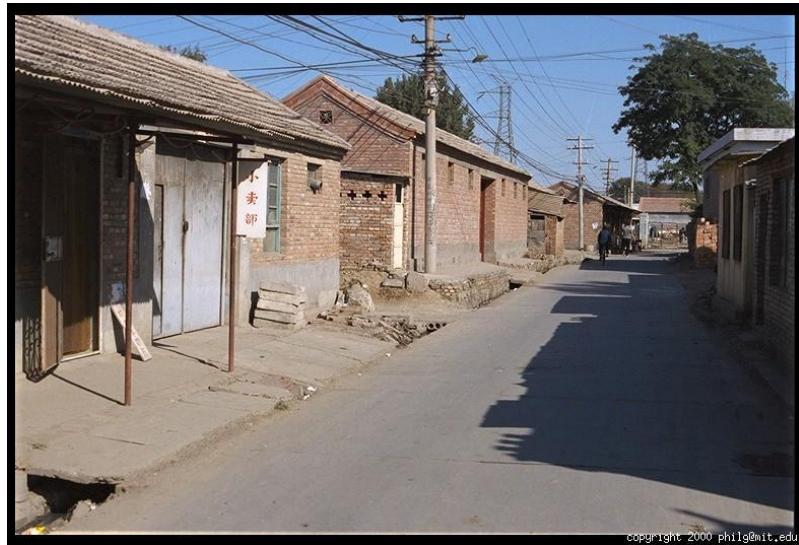
R



G



B



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# Colour Images in Matlab

Images represented as a matrix

Suppose we have a NxM RGB image called "im"

- $\text{im}(1,1,1)$  = top-left pixel value in R-channel
- $\text{im}(y, x, b)$  = y pixels down, x pixels to right in the b<sup>th</sup> channel

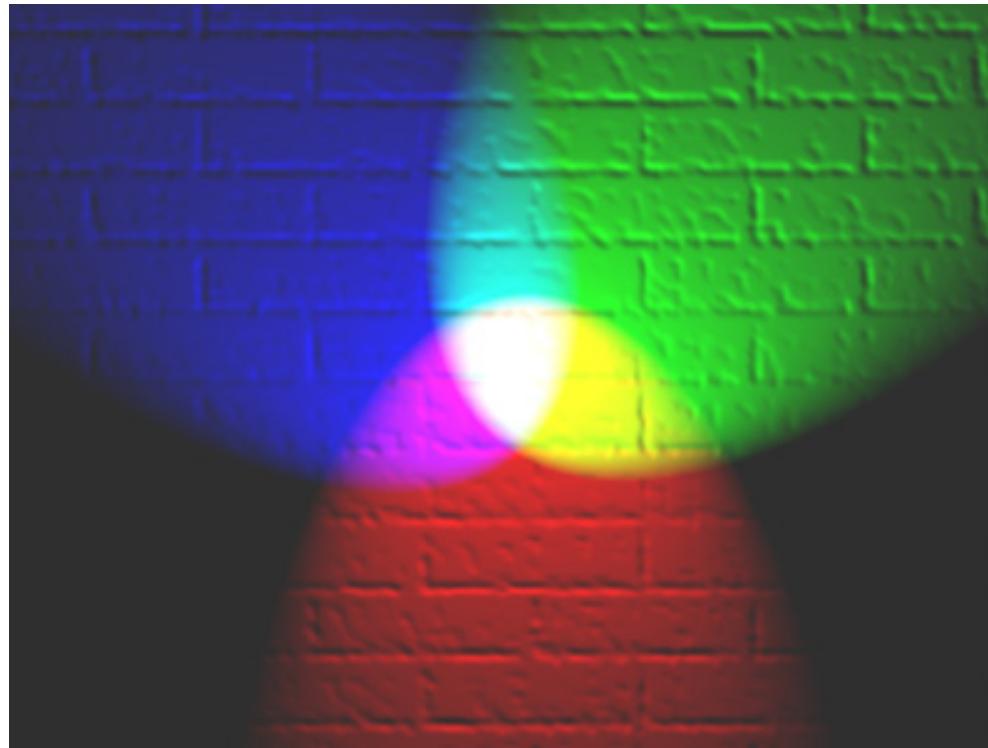
`imread(filename)` returns a uint8 image (values 0 to 255)

- **Convert to double format (values 0 to 1) with `im2double()`. (important ! )**

		column															
														R	G	B	
row																	
		0.92	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.62	0.37	0.85	0.97	0.93	0.92	0.99	0.92	0.99	0.95	0.91	
		0.95	0.89	0.82	0.89	0.56	0.31	0.75	0.92	0.81	0.95	0.91	0.92	0.99	0.95	0.91	
		0.89	0.72	0.51	0.55	0.51	0.42	0.57	0.41	0.49	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.99	0.95	0.91	
		0.96	0.95	0.88	0.94	0.56	0.46	0.91	0.87	0.90	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.99	0.95	0.91	
		0.71	0.81	0.81	0.87	0.57	0.37	0.80	0.88	0.89	0.79	0.85	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.99	
		0.49	0.62	0.60	0.58	0.50	0.60	0.58	0.50	0.61	0.45	0.33	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.91	
		0.86	0.84	0.74	0.58	0.51	0.39	0.73	0.92	0.91	0.49	0.74	0.79	0.85	0.91	0.92	
		0.96	0.67	0.54	0.85	0.48	0.37	0.88	0.90	0.94	0.82	0.93	0.45	0.33	0.97	0.95	
		0.69	0.49	0.56	0.66	0.43	0.42	0.77	0.73	0.71	0.90	0.99	0.49	0.74	0.79	0.85	
		0.79	0.73	0.90	0.67	0.33	0.61	0.69	0.79	0.73	0.93	0.97	0.82	0.93	0.45	0.33	
		0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	0.41	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.89	0.99	0.93	0.90	0.99	0.49	0.74	
													0.79	0.73	0.90	0.67	
													0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	
													0.79	0.73	0.90	0.67	
													0.91	0.94	0.89	0.49	

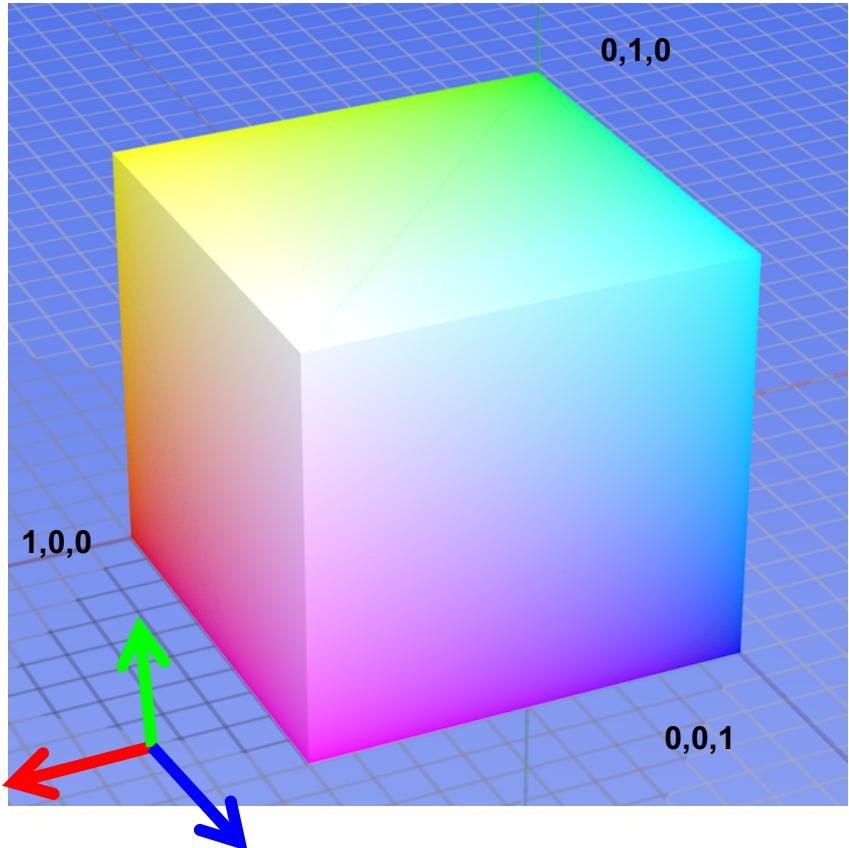
# Color spaces

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# RGB space

## Default color space



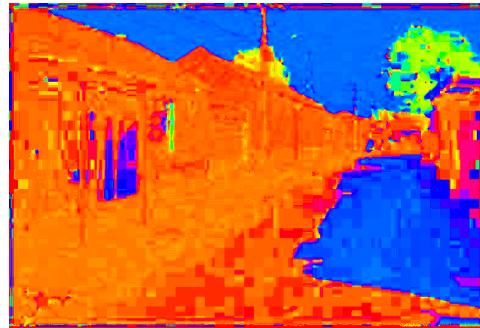
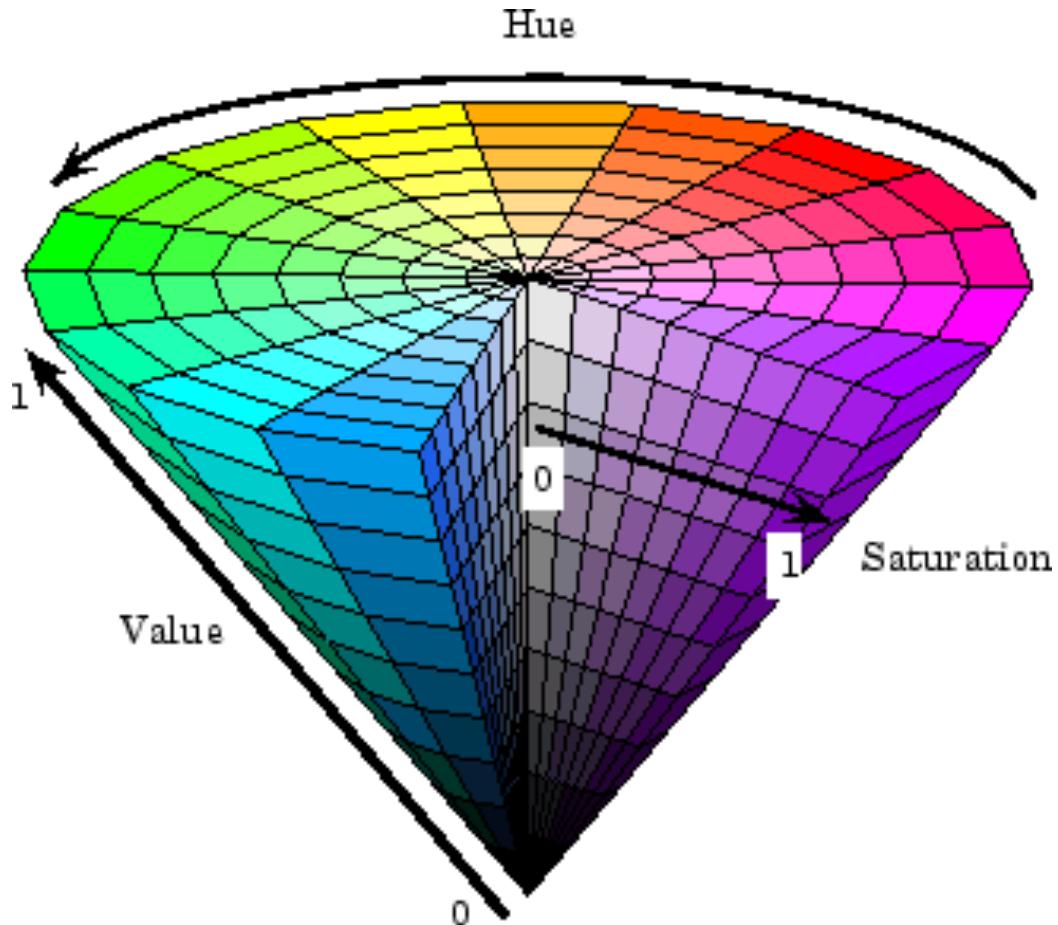
## Some drawbacks

- Strongly correlated channels
- Not perceptually meaningful.



Image from: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:RGB\\_color\\_solid\\_cube.jpg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:RGB_color_solid_cube.jpg)

# HSV space



H  
( $S=1, V=1$ )



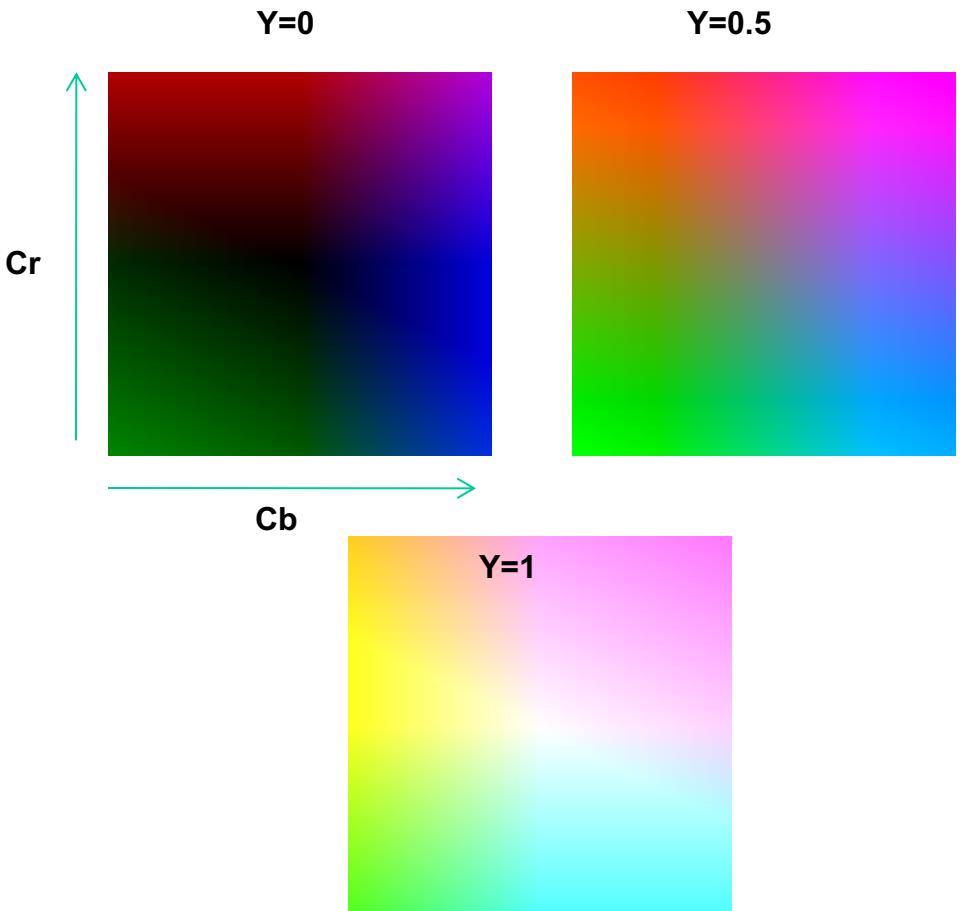
S  
( $H=1, V=1$ )



V  
( $H=1, S=0$ )

Intuitive color space

# YCbCr (YUV) space



Fast to compute, good for compression, used by TV



$Y$   
( $Cb=0.5, Cr=0.5$ )



$Cb$   
( $Y=0.5, Cr=0.5$ )



$Cr$   
( $Y=0.5, Cb=0.5$ )

# CIE-L\*a\*b\* space



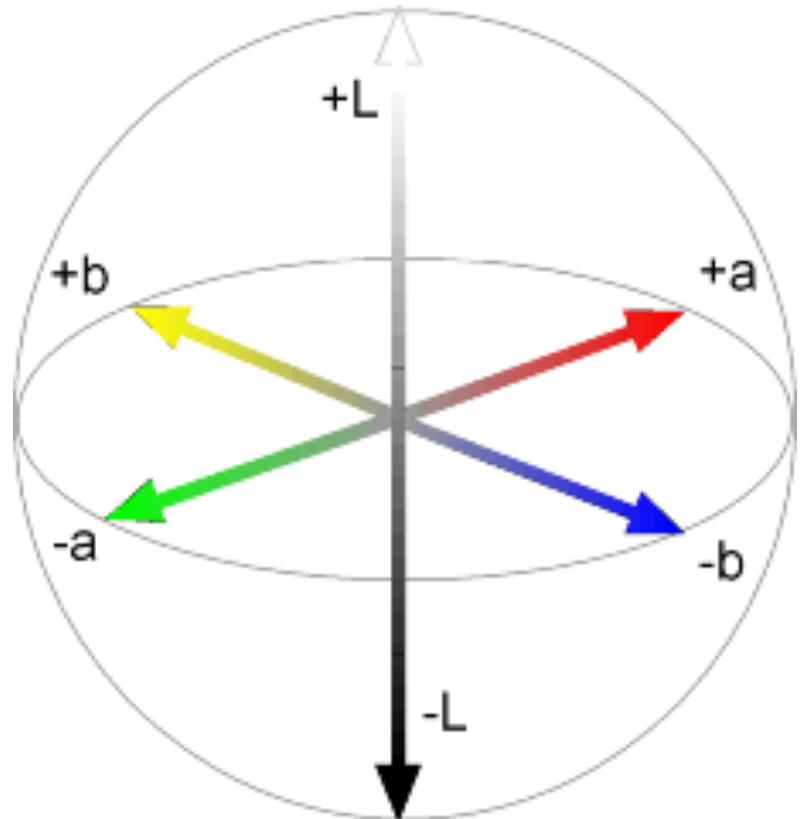
L  
( $a=0, b=0$ )



a  
( $L=65, b=0$ )



b  
( $L=65, a=0$ )



“Perceptually uniform” color space

# Conversions between different colour spaces

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$$H = \arccos \frac{\frac{1}{2}((R-G)+(R-B))}{\sqrt{((R-G)^2 + (R-B)(G-B))}}$$

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

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

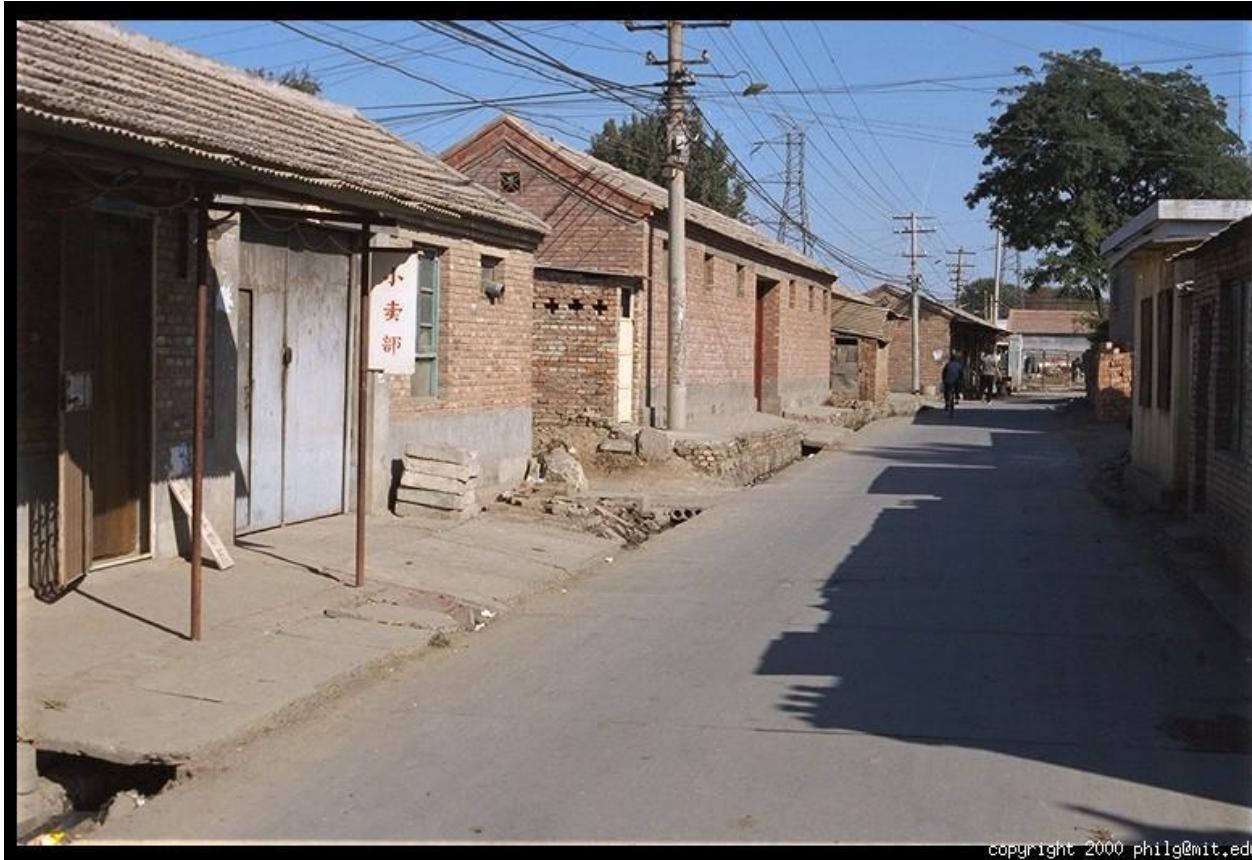
$$Y = 0.299R + 0.587G + 0.114B$$

$$C_r = R - Y$$

$$C_b = B - Y$$

# Most semantic information is however contained in the intensity band

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Original image

# Most information is contained in intensity channel



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# Summary

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- Geometric image formation describes where the 3D objects are projected in the image. (location)
- Photometric image formation describes the appearance of the objects. (intensity, color, appearance.)

# Readings

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Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications

2nd Edition, Chapter-2 (2.1.4- perspective,  
camera intrinsics, camera matrix, 2.3.2 color)

Digital image processing, Chapter 2.4.2, 2.4.3

Take home message:

- Have a general idea of geometric image formation and photometric image formation process.
- Understand the color image representation.