

CS380: Introduction to Computer Graphics  
Color (2/4)  
Chapter 19

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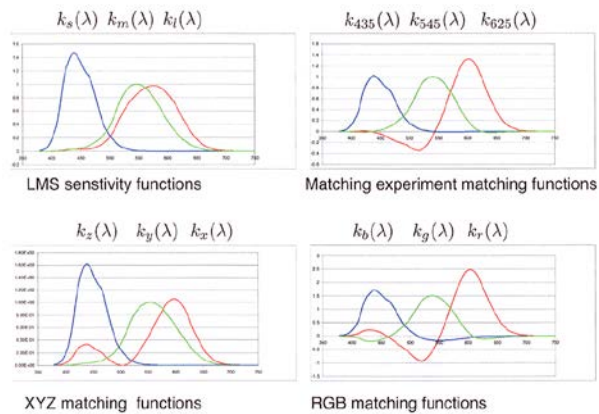
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## Mixed beams

- For a mixed beam of light  $I(\lambda)$ , the three responses  $[L, M, S]^t$  are:

$$L = \int_{\Omega} I(\lambda) k_l(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$M = \int_{\Omega} I(\lambda) k_m(\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$S = \int_{\Omega} I(\lambda) k_s(\lambda) d\lambda$$

where  $\Omega = [380 \dots 770]$

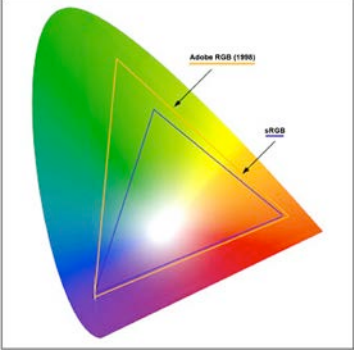
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### Example

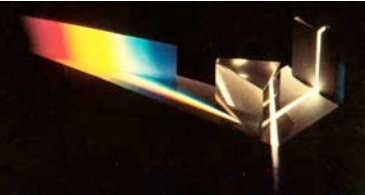
- Qualitative comparison of color gamuts of different devices or color spaces
- sRGB vs. Adobe RGB



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### Bases

- We can insert any (non singular) 3-by-3 matrix  $M$  and its inverse to obtain:

$$\vec{c}(I(\lambda)) = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}(I_{436}) & \vec{c}(I_{546}) & \vec{c}(I_{700}) \end{bmatrix} M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \int_{\Omega} k_{436}(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda \\ \int_{\Omega} k_{546}(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda \\ \int_{\Omega} k_{700}(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}_1 & \vec{c}_2 & \vec{c}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \int_{\Omega} k_1(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda \\ \int_{\Omega} k_2(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda \\ \int_{\Omega} k_3(\lambda) I(\lambda) d\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

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### Bases

- Where the  $\vec{c}_i$  describe a new color basis defined as  $\begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}_1 & \vec{c}_2 & \vec{c}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{c}(I_{436}) & \vec{c}(I_{546}) & \vec{c}(I_{700}) \end{bmatrix} M^{-1}$
- The  $k(\lambda)$  functions form the new associated matching functions, defined by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} k_1(\lambda) \\ k_2(\lambda) \\ k_3(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = M \begin{bmatrix} k_{436}(\lambda) \\ k_{546}(\lambda) \\ k_{700}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Basis specification

- Starting from any fixed basis for color space, such as  $[\vec{c}(l_{436}) \quad \vec{c}(l_{546}) \quad \vec{c}(l_{700})]$
- 1: specify an invertible 3-by-3 matrix  $M$ .
- 2: specify three actual colors  $\vec{c}_i$ 
  - Each such  $\vec{c}_i$  can be specified by some light beam  $l_i(\lambda)$  that generates it.
  - Plug each such light beam into above calculation to obtain its 456 color coordinates, determining the matrix.

## Basis specification

- Directly specify three new matching functions
  - To be valid matching functions, they must arise from a basis change like the above equation, and so each matching function must be some linear combination of  $k_{436}(\lambda)$ ,  $k_{546}(\lambda)$  and  $k_{625}(\lambda)$
  - else we will not respect metamerism
  - Some cameras can mess this up

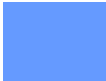
## LMS revisited

- The LMS matching functions we saw originally describe a basis for color space.
- The coordinates of a color are called  $[L, M, S]^t$
- The actual basis is made up of three colors we can call  $[\vec{c}_l, \vec{c}_m, \vec{c}_s]$
- The color  $\vec{c}_m$  is a very imaginary color.
- There is no real light beam with LMS color coordinates  $[0, 1, 0]^t$

## Gamut

- Observe: we cannot find three vectors that both hit the lasso curve and contain the entire curve in their positive span.
- So if we want a basis where all actual colors have non-negative coordinates, at least one of the basis vectors defining this octant must lie outside of the cone of actual colors.
  - Such a basis vector must be an imaginary color.
- Conversely, if all of our basis vectors are actual colors, and thus within the color cone, then there must be some actual colors that cannot be written with non-negative coordinates.
- In this basis, we say that such colors lie outside the gamut of this color space.

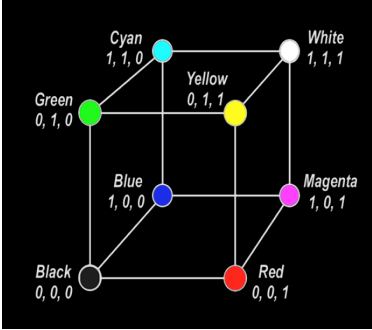
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## Device Dependent Color Spaces

- Pros:
  - Simple description of color for the device
  - Natural, easy way to specify color to the user
- Cons:
  - Cannot compare colors between devices
  - Not perceptually uniform

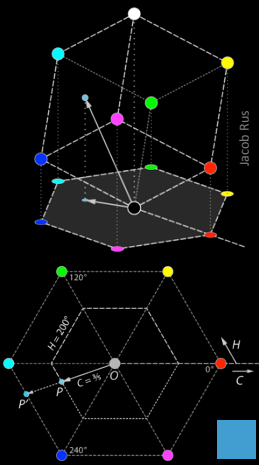


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## HSV Color Space Math

- Value:  $V = M = \max(R, G, B)$ .
- Saturation:  $m = \min(R, G, B)$
- Hue:  $C = M - m$ ,  
 $S = C / V$ ,

$$H = \begin{cases} 360 + 60(G - B) / C & \text{if } M = R \\ 120 + 60(B - R) / C & \text{if } M = G \\ 240 + 60(R - G) / C & \text{if } M = B \end{cases}$$



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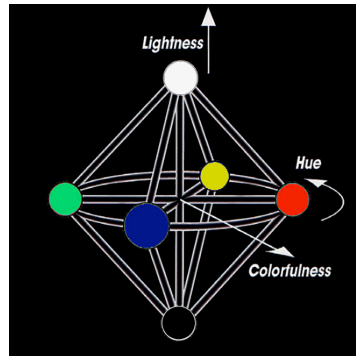
## Device Independent Color Spaces

- Pros:
  - Based on human visual perception
  - Color specification independent of device
  - Interchangeable color among devices
  - Comparison, computation of small color differences
- Cons:
  - CIEXYZ: not uniform
  - CIELAB, CIELUV, CIEXYZ, Munsell: all dependent on the illuminant

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## Perceptual Color Models

- Opponent primaries
- Three dimensions: lightness, colorfulness, and hue ( $L, C, H$ )
- Related to processes of human visual perception
- Meaningful way of describing color



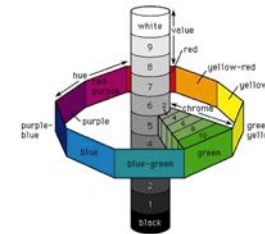
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## Munsell System (1915)

- Five primary hues: Red Yellow Green Blue Purple
- Value range: 0 ... 5 ... 10
- Chroma range: 0 ... 5 ... ∞



10RP 4/10 = a specific reddish purple hue of 10RP, a value of 4, and a chroma of 10

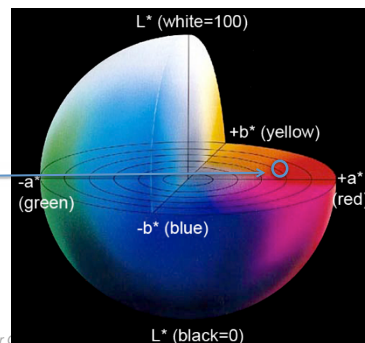


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## CIE Uniform Color Spaces (1976)

- Originated from Hunter Lab 1948
- Perceptually uniform color definition
- Driven from CIEXYZ

L\* = 43.31  
a\* = 47.63  
b\* = 14.12



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## CIE LAB Math

- Simplified cone response (XYZ and a cubic root func.)
- Color opponent theory for computing chroma and hue  $L^* = 116(Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - 16$ ,
- Lightness:  $a^* = 500[f(X/X_n) - f(Y/Y_n)]$ ,
- Color opponents:  $b^* = 200[f(Y/Y_n) - f(Z/Z_n)]$ ,

- Chroma:  $C_{ab}^* = \frac{f(x)}{\sqrt{(a^*)^2 + (b^*)^2}}$ ,  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{1/3}, & x > 0.008856 \\ 7.787x + 16/116, & x \leq 0.008856 \end{cases}$
- Hue:  $h_{ab} = \tan^{-1}(b^* / a^*)$ .


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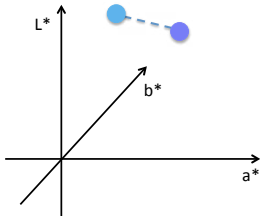


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## Color Differences CIE $\Delta E_{ab}^*$



- Conventional Euclidean metric in a perceptually uniform color space (CIELAB)



$$\Delta E_{ab}^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2}$$

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