Principles of color matching with displays

- CRT displays
- Linear equations for matching
- The nonlinearity (gamma) curve



Color matching with displays

CRT's use the logic of the color matching experiment on every scan

Each pixel is like a miniature color-matching display



CRT signal path



Displays mimic the color-matching experiment at each point





Shadow mask geometry associates each neam with a single phosphor



CRT

The shadow mask directs the electrons to one of the phosphors

The electron beam spreads across a few locations, but the local rays are nearly parallel and preserve color association



Superposition of phosphor SPDs

Remember additivity of light and Newton's wall



CRT emissions in matrix tableau form



Setting the display output to a particular (X,Y,Z) value

Solve for the linear intensities



Setting the display output to a particular (X,Y,Z) value



Setting the display output to a particular (X,Y,Z) value



When two different lights look the same





A word about the display transduction function



Some Comments About Display Gamma Levels of 2.0

Linear spacing

Steps are too big in dark regions



Bunched appearance in bright region

Equal L* spacing

Board work to explain relationship to transduction

Uniform appearance



Camera-Display Matching



Camera-Display Matching

Camera measures something that we convert to a CIE-XYZ value





Estimate monitor linear intensities that match CIE-XYZ related value





Correct for display gamma

 e_r e_{g} = e_b



Image processing pipeline



Photometry: Radiance and Luminance

- Video tutorial for spectral radiance
- Luminance

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• Flicker photometry

Radiometry



Functions of wavelength





<u>Radiance</u>

Light scattered from an extended source in a given direction

Spectral radiance units

Definition: Light emitted or reflected from an extended source in a given direction. The light is specified in units of

energy/second/steradian/surface area/waveband watts/steradian/surface area/waveband



The surface area is foreshortened according to the viewing direction

Spectral radiance function

• Source *Radiance*

- Symbol: L
- Units: $W/(sr nm m^2)$





Spectral radiance

$$L(\lambda) = \frac{E(\lambda)}{\omega A_s \cos(\theta) t nm}$$

• Solid angle of a cone (steradians): the surface area on a unit sphere intersected by the cone whose apex is at the center of the sphere

• A sphere is 4π steradians







Image from http://www.mathsisfun.com/geometry/steradian.html

Spectral radiance

$$L(\lambda) = \frac{E(\lambda)}{\omega \underbrace{A_s \cos(\theta) t nm}}$$

• The surface area is foreshortened and consistent with the area as seen from the viewing direction.

•As the angle approaches 90 deg, the area becomes zero and the energy becomes zero.

Foreshortened surface area



Spectroradiometer uses this principle to measure luminance without measuring distance



Parameter	Distance
Solid angle	
Surface area	

Spectroradiometer uses this principle to measure luminance without measuring distance

Parameter	Distance
Solid angle	Decreases
Surface area	

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Solid angle	Decreases
Surface area	

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Parameter	Distance
Solid angle	Decreases
Surface area	Increases

Irradiance (E)

$$J \, s^{-1} \, m^{-2} = w \, m^{-2}$$

The **irradiance** at a surface
depends on the angle of the surface
with respect to the light

 As surface tilts away from the light, the same amount of light covers a larger surface area and thus less irradiance (light per square meter)





Basic conversion of radiance to irradiance



E = irradiance at the sensor

- L = radiance in the scene
- T = lens and other media transmittance

f# = f-number of the lens

m = magnification of the lens

Spectral radiance and irradiance units

<u>Term</u>	<u>Defining</u> Equation	<u>Application</u>	<u>SI Unit</u>
Radiant Flux	$F = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}$	Light emitted from a point	watt
Radiant Intensity	$I = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta \omega}$	Light emitted from a point in a given solid angle	watt / sr
Radiance	$L = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta A_s \cos(\theta)}$	Light from an extended source in a given direction	watt / sr / m ²
Irradiance	$E = \frac{\Delta F}{\Delta A_r}$	Light density incident on a plane	watt / m ²

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Q = energy (joules)F = Q/sec (watt)t = time (sec)

$$\omega =$$
 solid angle (steradian)

$$A = area (meter^2)$$

 θ = angle incident to plane

The empirical basis of the luminance curve



Luminance from spectral radiance

- Source *Radiance*
 - Symbol: L



- Source *Luminance*
 - Symbol: L_v

- Units: $W/(sr nm m^2)$

- Units: candelas/ m^2



Luminance from spectral radiance

$$L_{v} = K_{m} \int V(\lambda) \cdot L(\lambda) d\lambda$$



Photometric units



Typical luminance levels

Outdoors (cd/m²)

Sun	6x10 ⁸
Visual saturation	49,000
Just below saturation	25,000
Outdoor building façad	le10,000
Blue sky (morning)	4,600
Concrete sidewalk	

in sun	3,200
in shadow	570
in deep shadow	290

Indoors (cd/m²)

Interior room (flu lighting)	orescent
floor/walls	90
in shadow	10

Interior room (no	lighting	g)
floor/walls	30	
in shadow	5	
in closet door		1


Corresponding photometric units

<u>Term</u>	Defining Equation	<u>Application</u>	<u>SI Unit</u>	Q = energy (joules) F = Q/sec (watt) t = time (sec) $\omega = solid angle (steradian)$ $A = area (meter^{2})$ $\theta = angle incident to plane$
Luminous Flux	$F_{v} = K_{m} \int F_{e}(\lambda) V(\lambda) d\lambda$	Light emitted from a point	lumen	
Luminous Intensity	$I_{v} = \frac{\Delta F_{v}}{\Delta \omega}$	Light emitted from a point in a given solid angle	candela (cd)	
Luminance	$L_{v} = \frac{\Delta I}{\Delta A_{s} \cos(\theta)}$	Light from an extended source in a given direction	lumens/m ² (lux)	
Illuminance	$E_{v} = \frac{\Delta L_{v}}{\Delta A_{r}}$	Light density incident on a plane	cd/m ²	

Measuring spectral radiance



Understanding radiation and heat transfer is important

- Atmosphere is transparent to photons between 8 and 15 microns
- Such photons are coupled directly to the vast reaches of outer space (talk about a big heat sink!)
- Converting energy into this waveband has amazing opportunities from cooling to clothing



CIE chromaticity coordinates (xy)

Geometry of chromaticity coordinates Applications

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Chromaticity coordinates



Projective transform



When two lights differ in intensity, say K*(X,Y,Z) and (X,Y,Z), their chromaticity coordinates are the same

Chromaticity diagram



CIE chromaticity (xy) geometry

Chromaticity diagrams

Applet: Katie Dektar Text: Marc Levoy Technical assistance: Andrew Adams



Chromaticity Diagram

Chromaticity Gamut Demo (Stanford)

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https://graphics.stanford.edu/courses/cs178-10/applets/threedgamut.html





Blackbody radiators





Chromaticity coordinates define complementary colors





Chromaticity coordinates define dominant wavelength





Chromaticity coordinates define display gamuts





Chromaticity coordinates define signal light colors





Main points

- Matching predicts matches, not appearance
- Color matching is understood profoundly
- CIE standard XYZ are color-matching standards
- Radiance and Luminance universes are connected via the photopic luminosity function $V(\lambda), \overline{y}(\lambda)$
- CIE xy chromaticity coordinates are useful for some color specifications; there are other chromaticity coordinates (uv)



Color engineering



Human color metric space: CIELAB

Manufacturers have a great deal of experience with product color (paints, textiles)

- Consistency over time
- Tolerance for contracts
- Early experience for uniform patches, not images; digital imaging requires additional thought



Why not use distance in XYZ (or cones) for metrics?

Example

- The distance in any frame that is linear with absorptions is wrong
- This claim invariant of linear transformation
- The discriminability of two lights, x and $x+\Delta$ depends on x
- The distance in XYZ space depends on only Δ





What factors limit discriminability?

Human wavelength discrimination

The cone absorptions are stochastic, following a Poisson distribution. Hence, the number of absorptions differs from trial-to-trial. When we calculate the information available to discriminate two lights, we must take into account not just the difference in mean but also the statistical difference between the cone absorptions.

This script calculates the information available in the cone absorptions to discriminate two small, uniform patches at two different wavelengths (520 and 530 nm). We calculate the discriminability as we increase the mean intensity of the two signals.

This script shows the distribution of the L,M and S absorptions caused by two stimuli, and it also shows how the distributions vary as the mean stimulus intensity level increases.

ieInit

Define the two stimuli

We image uniform fields of monochrome light on a human sensor. These plots are made for two wavelengths and three scene intensity levels

```
wSamples = [520 530]; nWave = length(wSamples);
luminance = [10 50 200]; nLevels = length(luminance);
sceneSize = 128;
```

```
% Make a scene for each of the wavelengths.
scene = cell(1,nWave);
```

```
% We extract the cone absorptions for
% plotting into these variables
L = cell(1,length(wSamples));
M = cell(1,length(wSamples));
S = cell(1,length(wSamples));
```





Stochastic cone absorptions and discriminability

Create human optics and cone mosaic

The lens has an impact on the light transmitted to the retina. The macular pigment and cone photopigments are also important. This cell creates a standard human optics and a typical human cone mosaic.

% Human optics oi = oiCreate;

% Cone mosaic for 100 ms cMosaic = coneMosaic; cMosaic.integrationTime = 0.10;

% This is the mosaic cMosaic.plot('cone mosaic');

Calculate and plot the cone absorptions as 3D scatter plot

We make three graphs, one for each intensity level. Notice how the groups of points from the two different wavelengths separate as the scene intensity level increases.

Also, notice how few S-cone absorptions there are compared to the L and M cone absorptions.

```
for rr = 1:nLevels % For each luminance level a new graph
    vcNewGraphWin;
```

for ww=1:length(wSamples) % For the two wavelength samples

% Create a monochromatic scene and set the luminance scene{ww} = sceneCreate('uniform monochromatic',wSamples(ww),sceneSize); scene{ww} = sceneAdjustLuminance(scene{ww},luminance(rr));

```
% Compute the retinal spectral irradiance
oi = oiCompute(scene{ww},oi);
```

```
% Compute the cone absorptions
cMosaic.compute(oi);
```







Human color metric space

• If we could use XYZ units, the threshold line would be a constant, rather than growing in proportion to the background

• The CIE defines a transformation that maps the XYZ units by a roughly logarithmic transformation so that the difference is approximately constant



Human color metric space

• Origin is the target color; axes are difference from target color; each point is an additional match by the participant

• **Solution**: In a metric space, these ellipses would be circles.

• The **CIE** defines a nonlinear transform on XYZ into a space where these ellipses are more circular



Macadam's Ellipses/Ellipsoids

• Ellipses shown at x10 threshold

• Kodak made 3D measurements

• Circularizing the ellipses is one of several metric constraints



Thresholds – relationship to biology (L- and M-cones)

- The variance in color-matching settings is consistent with thresholds
- Ellipsoid shape depends on space-time of stimulus
- No single formula for all patterns or mean levels
- **Note** the remarkable cancellation of L and M signals



⁽Wandell, JOSA, 1986)

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• CIE Lightness (1976)

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• CIELAB

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CIE Lightness

Cube-root of the **relative** luminance

$$L^* = 116 \left(\frac{Y}{Y_w}\right)^{1/3} - 16, \quad if \frac{Y}{Y_w} > .00856$$
$$L^* = 903.3 \left(\frac{Y}{Y_w}\right), \quad otherwise$$

- Y = CIE luminance
- $Y_n = CIE$ luminance of a white surface in the same viewing conditions



CIELAB chrominance

Cube-root of the **relative** values

$$a^* = 500 \left\{ \left(\frac{X}{X_w} \right)^{1/3} - \left(\frac{Y}{Y_w} \right)^{1/3} \right\} \quad \text{(red-green)}$$

 $b^* = 200 \left\{ \left(\frac{Y}{Y_w}\right)^{1/3} - \left(\frac{Z}{Z_w}\right)^{1/3} \right\} \quad \text{(blue-yellow)}$

Red-green and blue-yellow chrominance representations



CIELAB color solid



CIELAB derived quantities

• Distance between two colors designed to predict color difference visibility

$$\Delta E_{ab} = \left(\left(\Delta L^{*} \right)^{2} + \left(\Delta a^{*} \right)^{2} + \left(\Delta b^{*} \right)^{2} \right)^{1/2}$$

• CIE 2000 replaces this formula with a computer program

Hue and chroma terms

$$h_{ab} = \arctan(b^*/a^*)$$
$$C_{ab}^* = (a^{*2} + b^{*2})^{\frac{1}{2}}$$



Opponent colors

``that modern tendency in sensory physiology, which has found its most acute expression in the Physiological Optics of Helmholtz, is not leading us to the truth, and whoever wishes to open up new avenues of research in this area, must first free himself from the theories which now prevail."



Karl Ewald Hering

Red/Green examples



Opponent colors

Red, green, yellow, blue



Hue cancellation experiment


Hue cancellation experiment



Hue cancellation curves





Dorothea Jameson

Leo Hurvich

Hue cancellation curves from two observers

Opponent-colors organization is widespread in technology; next lecture



Color appearance space: Munsell



Albert Munsell

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Munsell Color Notation

"rational way to describe color"

Not all colors are realized



- •Munsell Book of Colors (A.H. Munsell)
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standards in 'Munsell renotation system"

Outer circle are various **hues** (color circle) Up and down are **values** (lightness) Center to edge is **saturation**



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CIELAB captures Munsell hue and saturation reasonably, but not perfectly



Color and pattern

- Color appearance depends on spatial pattern
- A metric for spatial pattern and color

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Space – The next frontier (Color is not invariant as we change pattern)



Spatial and temporal variations in color sensitivity are significant

Reduced		Reduced
luminance	Original	blue-yellow
contrast		contrast

Pattern color interactions



Space-Time-Color sensitivity

• Luminance is visible over the largest range

•Blue-yellow sensitivity is lost at relatively low spatial and temporal frequencies (e.g., chromatic aberration)

• Red-green is intermediate



Spatial CIELAB (S-CIELAB)



Asymmetric color matching experiment



Poirson and Wandell, J. Opt. Soc. Am A, 1993, **10**, no. 12, pp. 2458-2470

Asymmetric Color Matching: Pattern



Pattern color sensitivity: 3-channel model fit



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Spatial CIELAB Representation

Merging CIELAB and human spatial sensitivity

s_scielabExample.m



A spatial extension of CIELAB for digital color reproduction Zhang and Wandell (1996) **Proceedings of the SID Symposiums,** pp. 731–734

S-CIELAB ΔE maps

Difference between reference and test image

S-CIELAB difference distributions



S-CIELAB ΔE maps

s_scielabExample.m

Difference between reference and test image and



Compressed

Color error frequency dependence

- Find the mean ∆E difference between a uniform patch and harmonic patterns
- CIELAB has very little spatial dependency – the ΔE average is about the same for all the spatial frequency patterns
- S-CIELAB vs. uniform ΔE varies a lot with the spatial pattern



Low-dimensional linear models



- In most applications and natural images, the spectral functions we encounter are a subset of all possible functions
 they are smooth
- There is so much regularity, that we can accurately summarize these functions by the weighted (w_i) sum of a small number (N) of spectral basis functions (B_i)

The linear model



The basis functions are fixed – so each spectral function is summarized by only the N-weights

- Compact representation of the data
- Work smoothly with conventional linear matrix computations
- Help make design decisions such as the number of sensors needed to measure a set of signals: One for each basis function

Two-dimensional linear model in matrix tableau



Data dimensionality reduction: matrix tableau

W

The original data contain (W x S) values

The linear model representation contains

 $(N \times S) + (W \times N) = (S + W) \times N$

Suppose we have W = 76wavelength (samples, 400:4:700) and S = 1000 measurements (76,000) data values.

If we can approximate with a three dimensional (N = 3) linear model, then we need 3228 values, a reduction by a factor of 20.



Solving for the basis functions

For an N-dimensional linear model, we find the basis functions and weights that minimizes the error across samples (j)



- The SVD is a solution for finding the basis functions that achieve the best least-squares approximation
- The data are placed in the columns of a matrix, D. Typically, the mean is removed first, but not always.
- The SVD is a matrix factorization into three terms; two orthonormal matrices (U,V) and one diagonal matrix (S)
- The basis functions and weights correspond to the groupings at the right

SVD definition $D = USV^{t}$ $UU^{t} = U^{t}U = Identity$ $VV^{t} = V^{t}V = Identity$ $S is diagonal with s_{i} \ge s_{i+1}$

We reduce the dimensionality by zeroing out all but the first N of the diagonal weights

The first N columns of U are the basis functions

The product (SV^t) is the weights

Example: CIE daylight basis



CIE daylight

ISET: s_sceneDaylight.m



Wavelength(nm)

Surface reflectance linear models



Macbeth (Gretag) ColorChecker

- Reflectances chosen to match difficult to reproduce natural objects
- Neutral series
- Simple and widely used
- Reflectance functions published along with (x,y) values



Macbeth reflectance basis functions ISET: s_SurfaceModels



ref = macbethReadReflectance(wave); [U S V]= svd(ref); plot(wave,U(:,1:4))

MCC approximations



Visualizing the number of bases




Increasing the number of bases



Increasing the number of bases



Macbeth approximations: Appearance



Next Generation Scenes: Computer Graphics



Future: depth and viewing angle

- 3D representations of the scene account for defocus and depth of field
- Lift the Lambertian assumption to use full bidirectional reflectance distribution functions (BRDF); allows highlights

The **bidirectional reflectance distribution function** (**BRDF**; $f_r(\omega_i, \omega_o)$) is a four-dimensional function that defines how light is reflected at an opaque surface. The function takes an incoming light direction, ω_i , and outgoing direction, ω_o , both defined with respect to the surface normal n, and returns the ratio of reflected radiance exiting along ω_o to the irradiance incident on the surface from direction ω_i . Note that each direction ω is itself parameterized by azimuth angle φ and zenith angle θ , therefore the BRDF as a whole is 4-dimensional. The BRDF has units sr⁻¹, with steradians (sr) being a unit of solid angle.



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Radiance

Functions of wavelength





<u>Radiance</u>

Light scattered from an extended source in a given direction



<u>Irradiance</u>

Total light falling on a surface (from all directions) per unit area



Tutorial: Imaging Lab Values



Blue-yellow

Tutorial: Imaging Lab Values

% You should understand these from basic color matching rgb2xyz = XYZ'*phosphors; xyz2rgb = inv(rgb2xyz);

whiteRGB = (xyz2rgb*whiteXYZ)'
whiteMax = max(whiteRGB)
varyRGB = (xyz2rgb*varyXYZ);
varyRGB = varyRGB/whiteMax;

% Use these routines to correct for gamma invGamTable = mkInvGammaTable(monitorGam,1000); fbRGB = round(dac2rgb(varyRGB',invGamTable))

% Display fbRGB values (see right)

