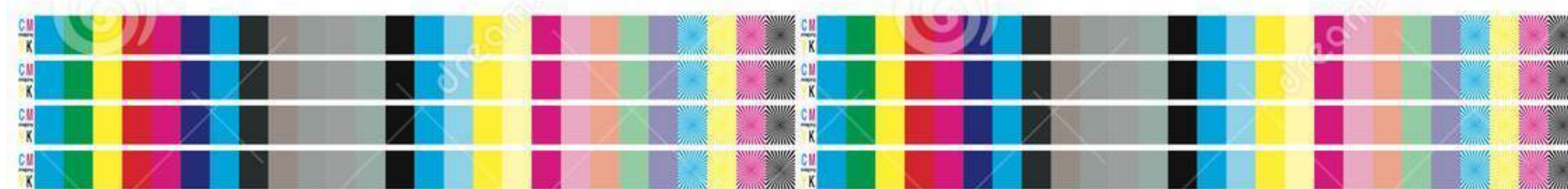




# CPSC 425: Computer Vision



## Lecture 16: Color

( unless otherwise stated slides are taken or adopted from **Bob Woodham, Jim Little** and **Fred Tung** )

# Menu for Today (October 12, 2018)

## Topics:

- Colour
- Colour Matching Experiments
- Trichromacity
- Colour Spaces

## Readings:

- **Today's** Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 3.1-3.3
- **Next** Lecture: N/A

## Reminders:

- **Assignment 3:** Texture Synthesis is **out**, due on **October 29th**

# Midterm Details

**50** minutes

Closed book, no calculators

Format similar to posted practice problems

- Part A: Multiple-part true/false
- Part B: Short answer

**No** coding questions

**No** complex math questions (see no calculators above)

# Midterm Review: Readings

Lecture 1–15 **slides**

Assigned **readings** from Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.)

— Paper “Texture Synthesis by Non-parametric Sampling”

**Assignments** 1–2

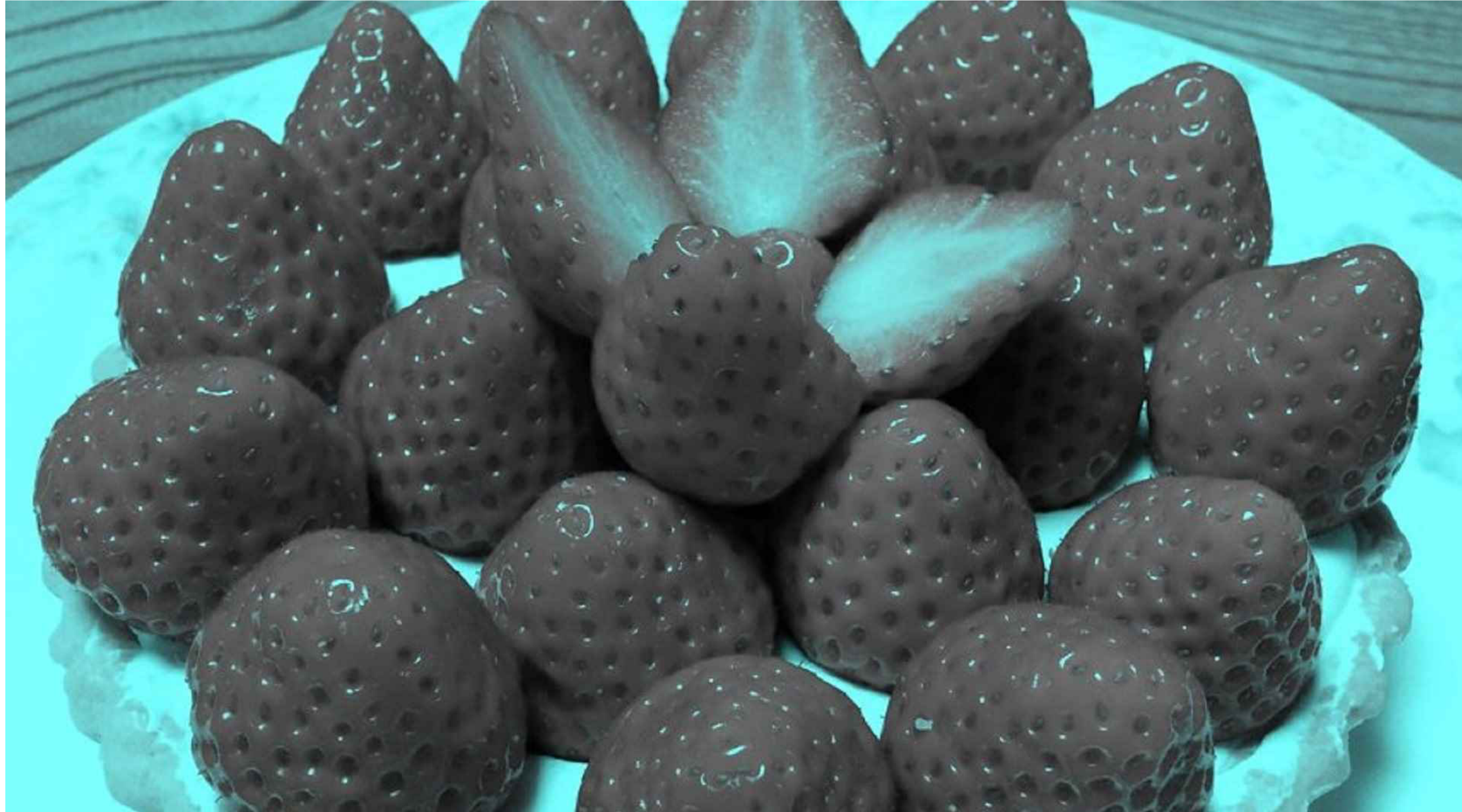
**iClicker** questions (come see me)

Lecture exercises / examples

Practice problems (with solutions)



# Today's “**fun**” Example: Colour Constancy



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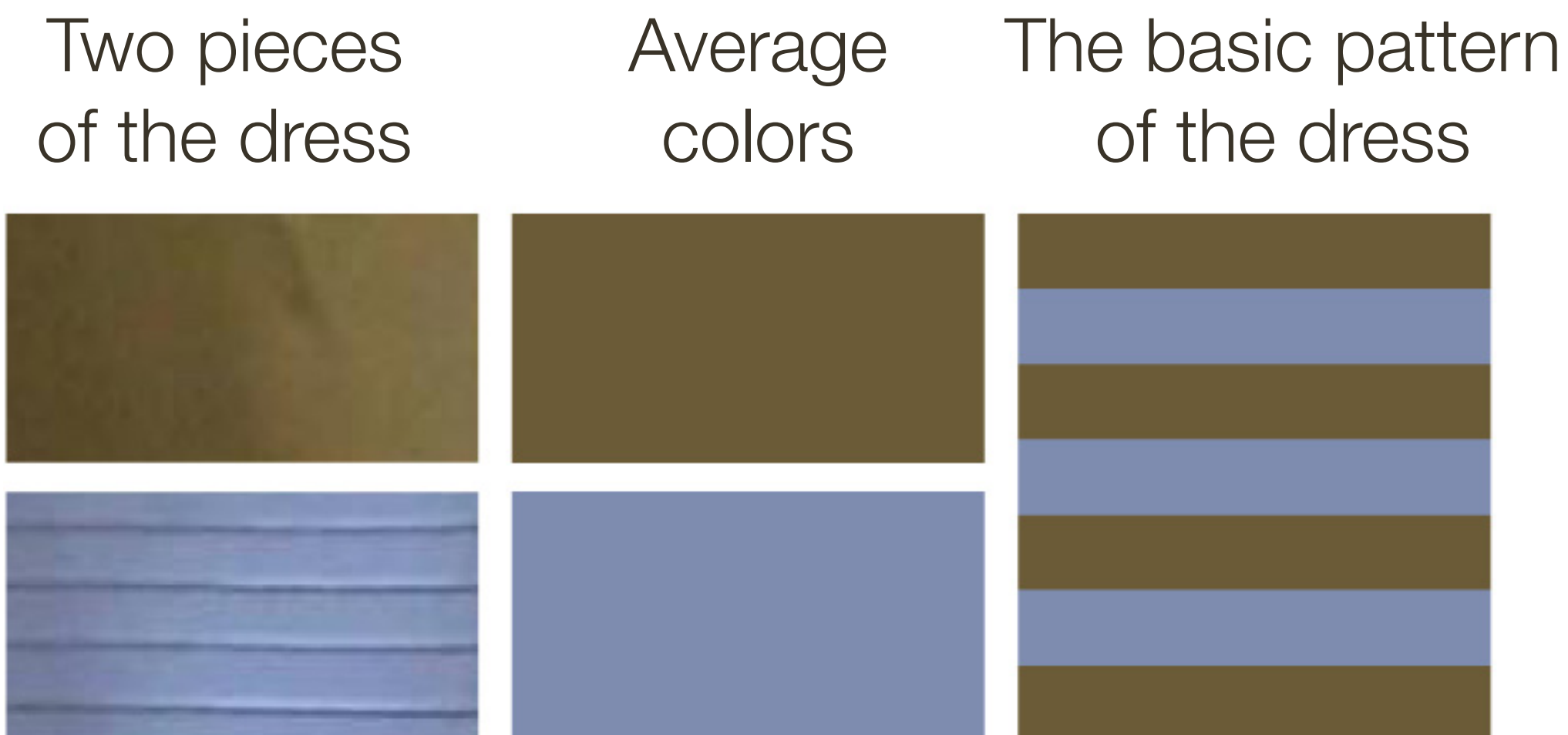


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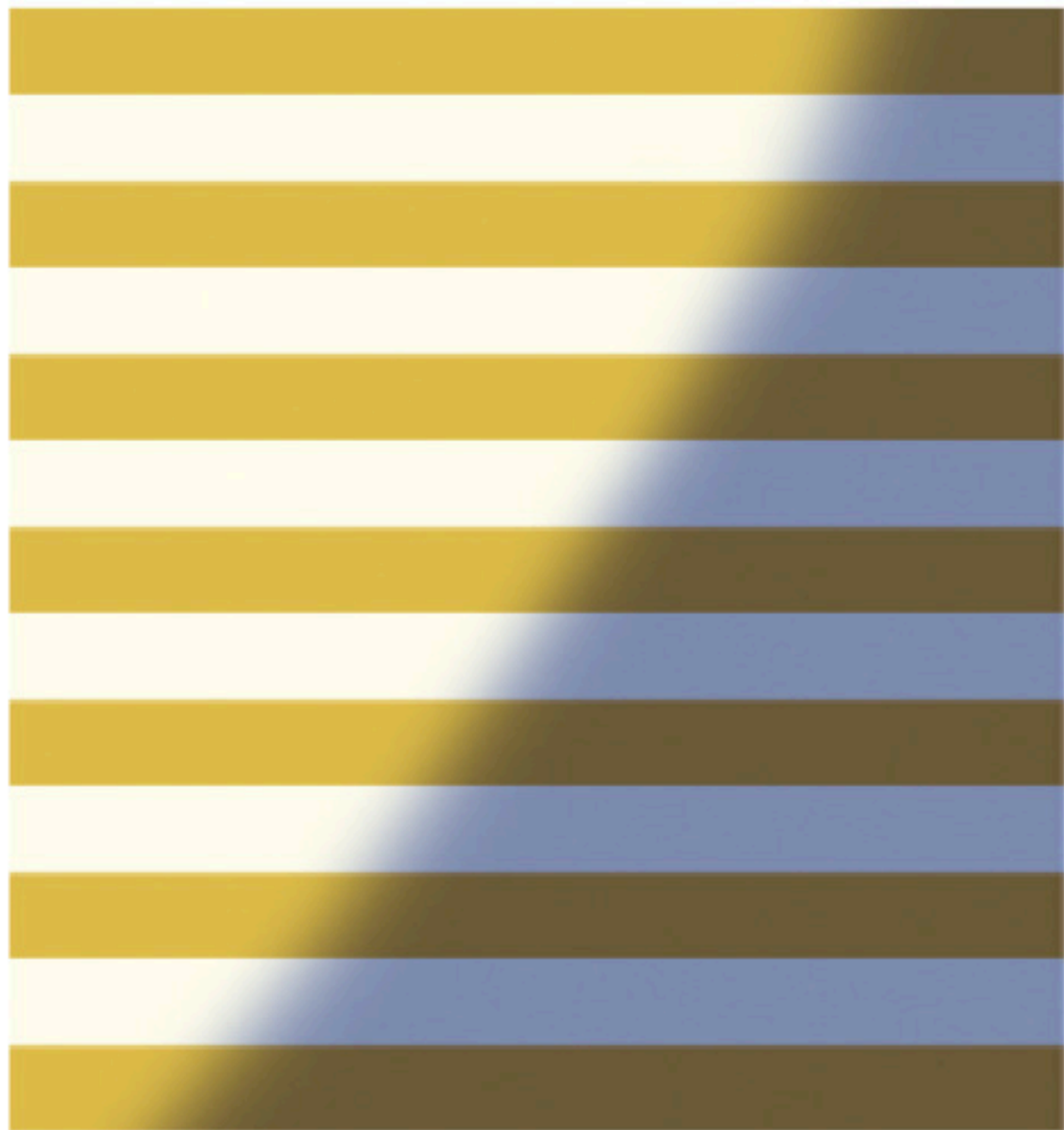
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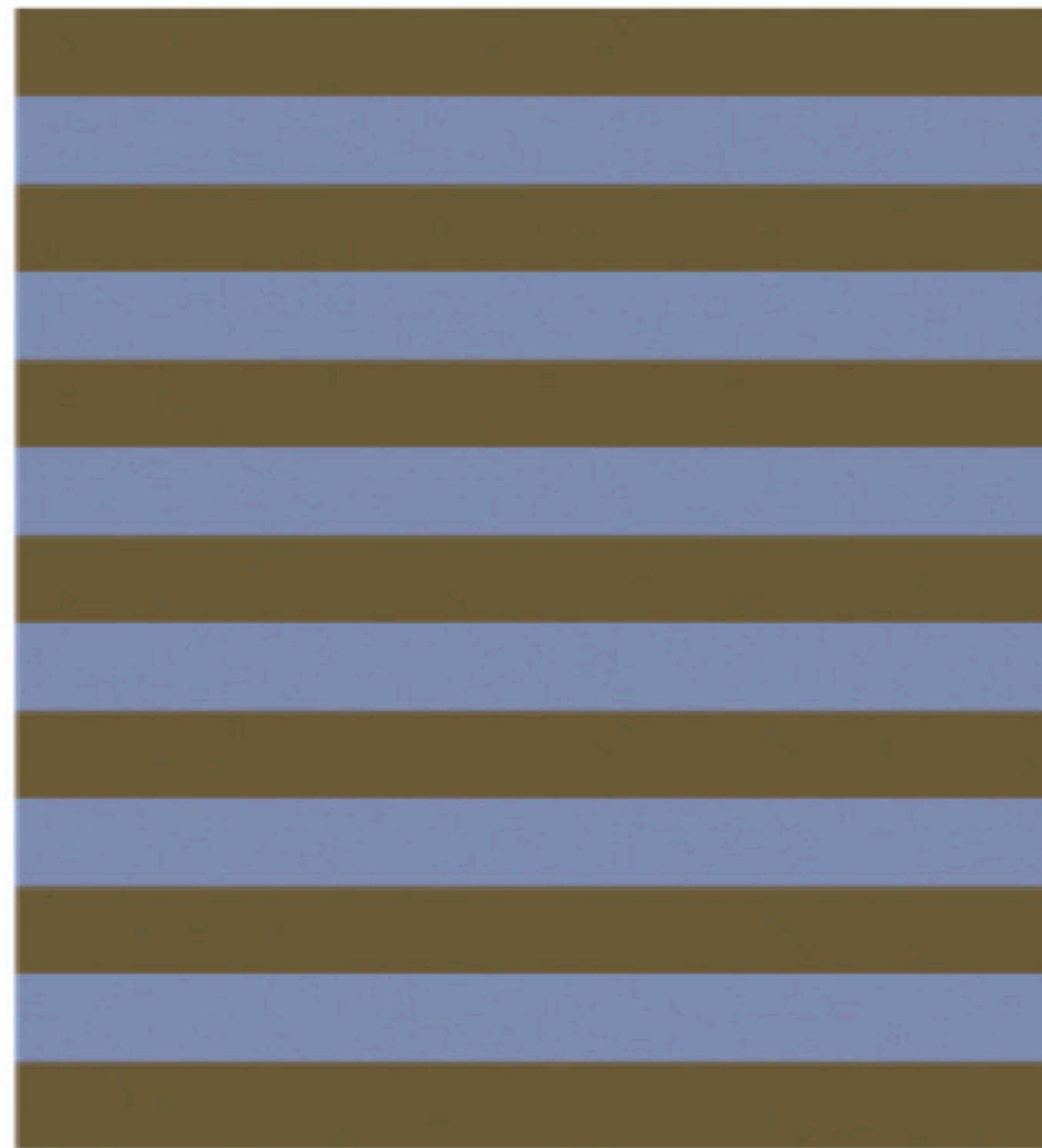
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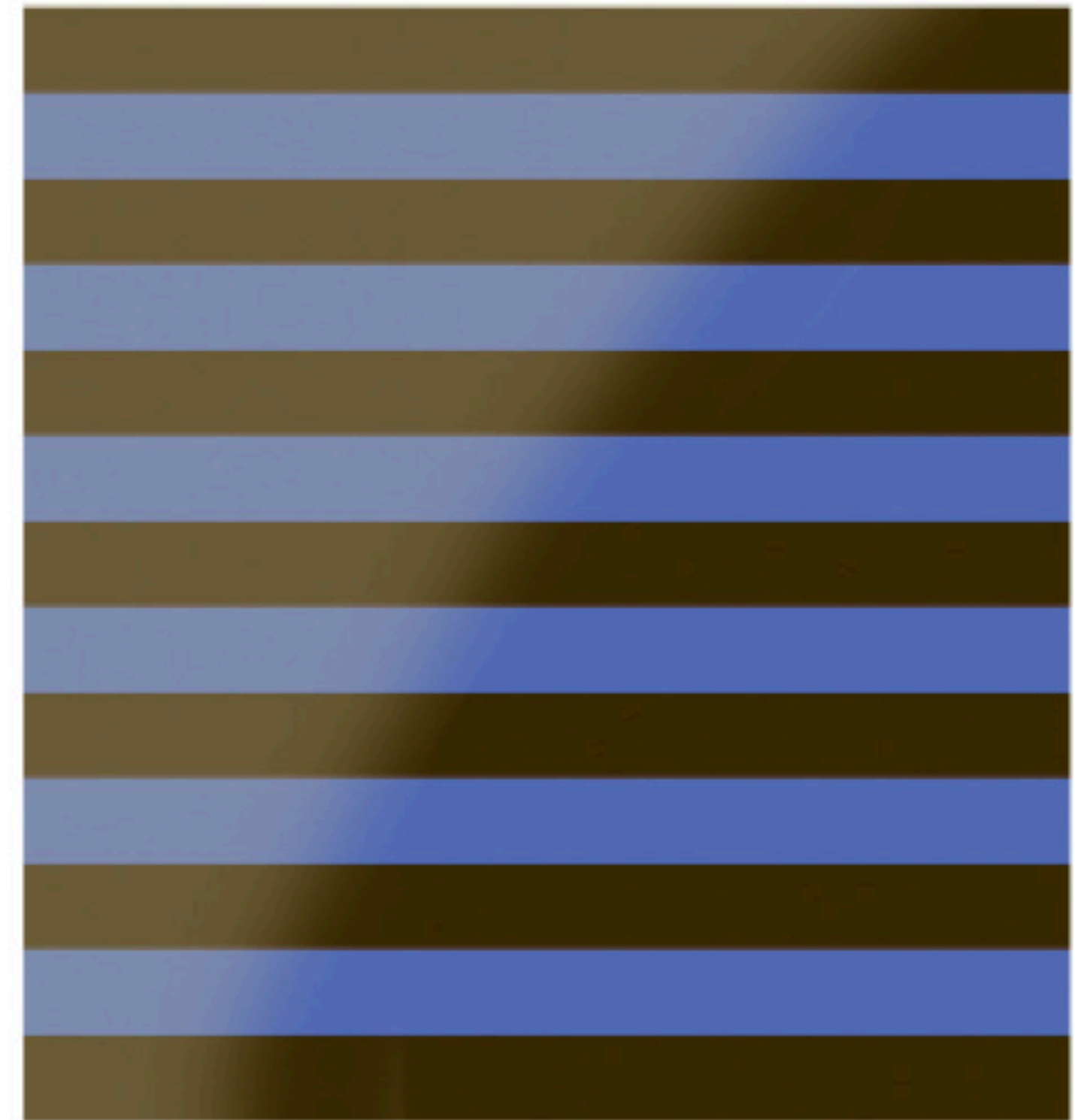
## THE DRESS IN THE PHOTO

If the photograph showed more of the room, or if skin tones were visible, there might have been more clues about the ambient light.



## IS THE DRESS IN BRIGHT LIGHT?

If you think the dress is being washed out by bright light, your brain may perceive the dress as a darker blue and black.



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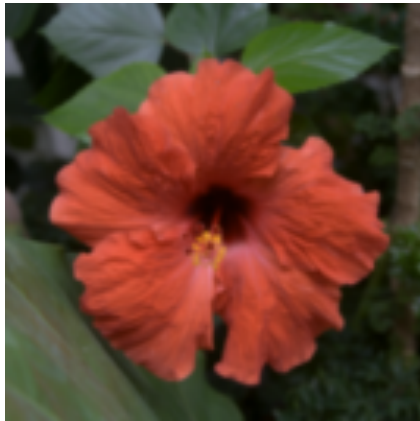
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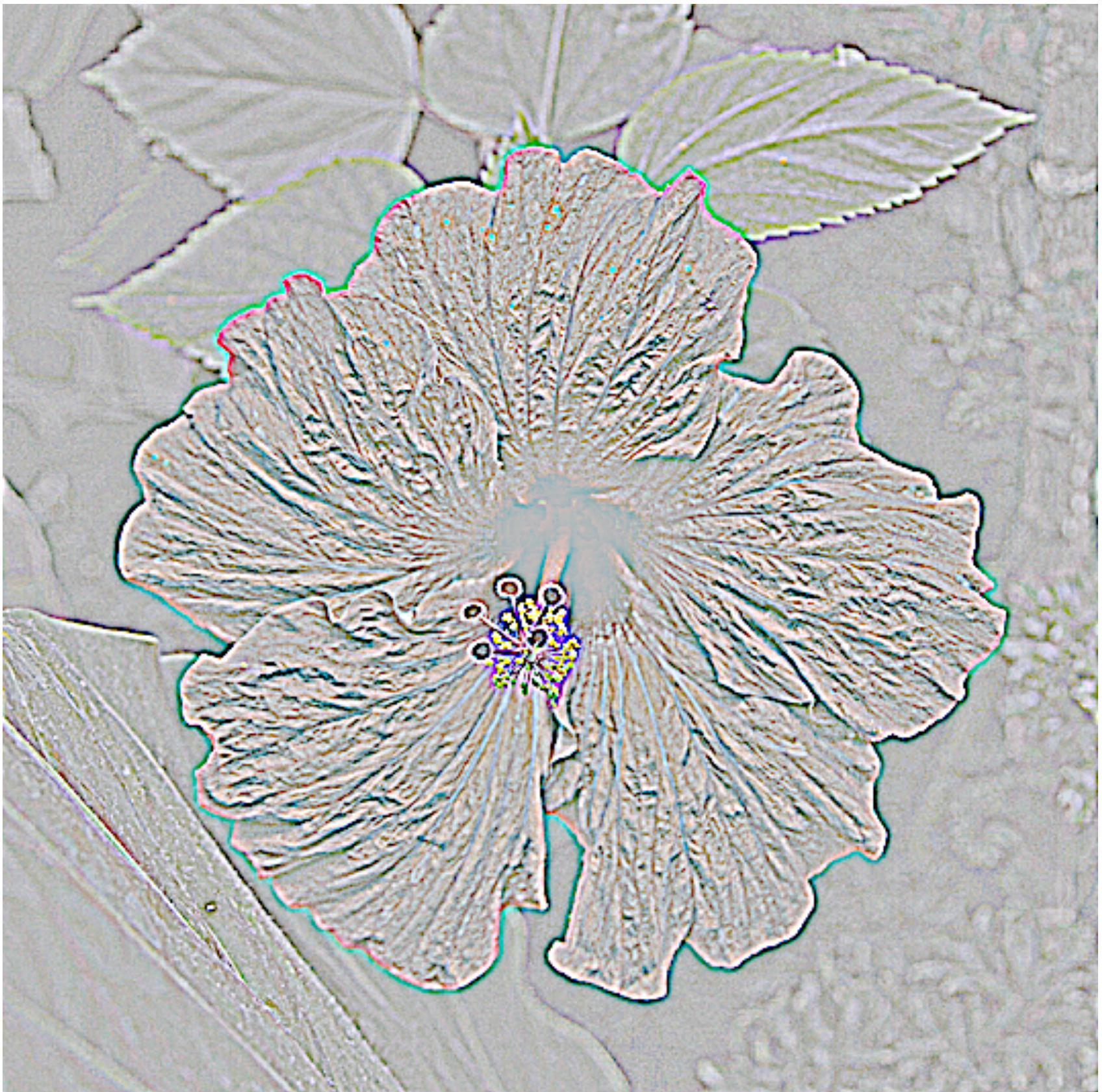
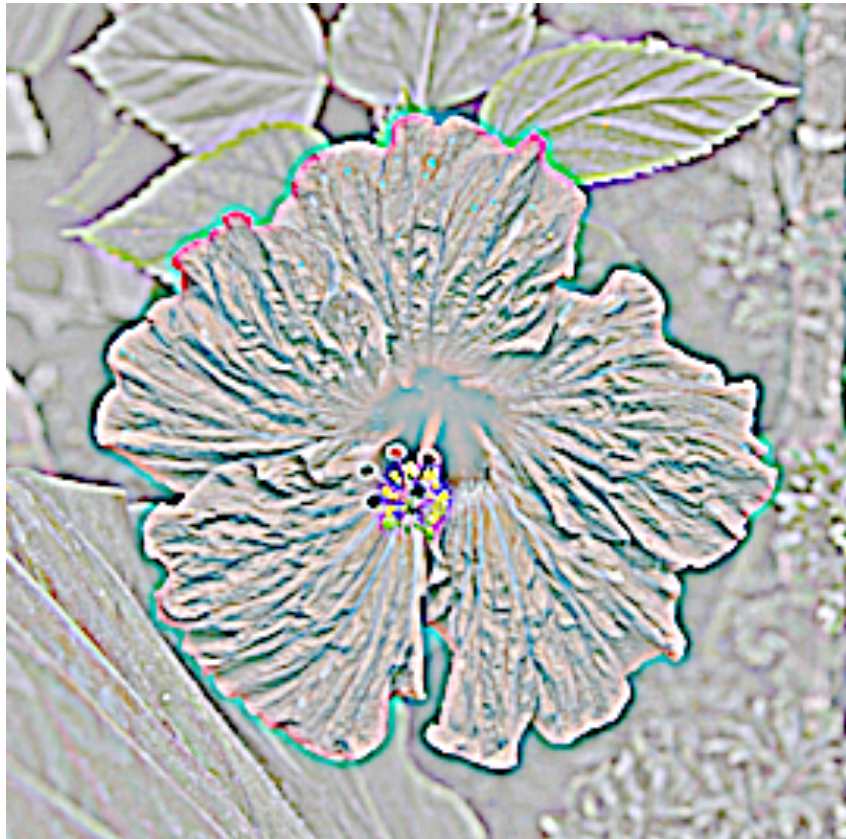
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# Lecture 15: Re-cap — Laplacian vs. Gaussian Pyramids

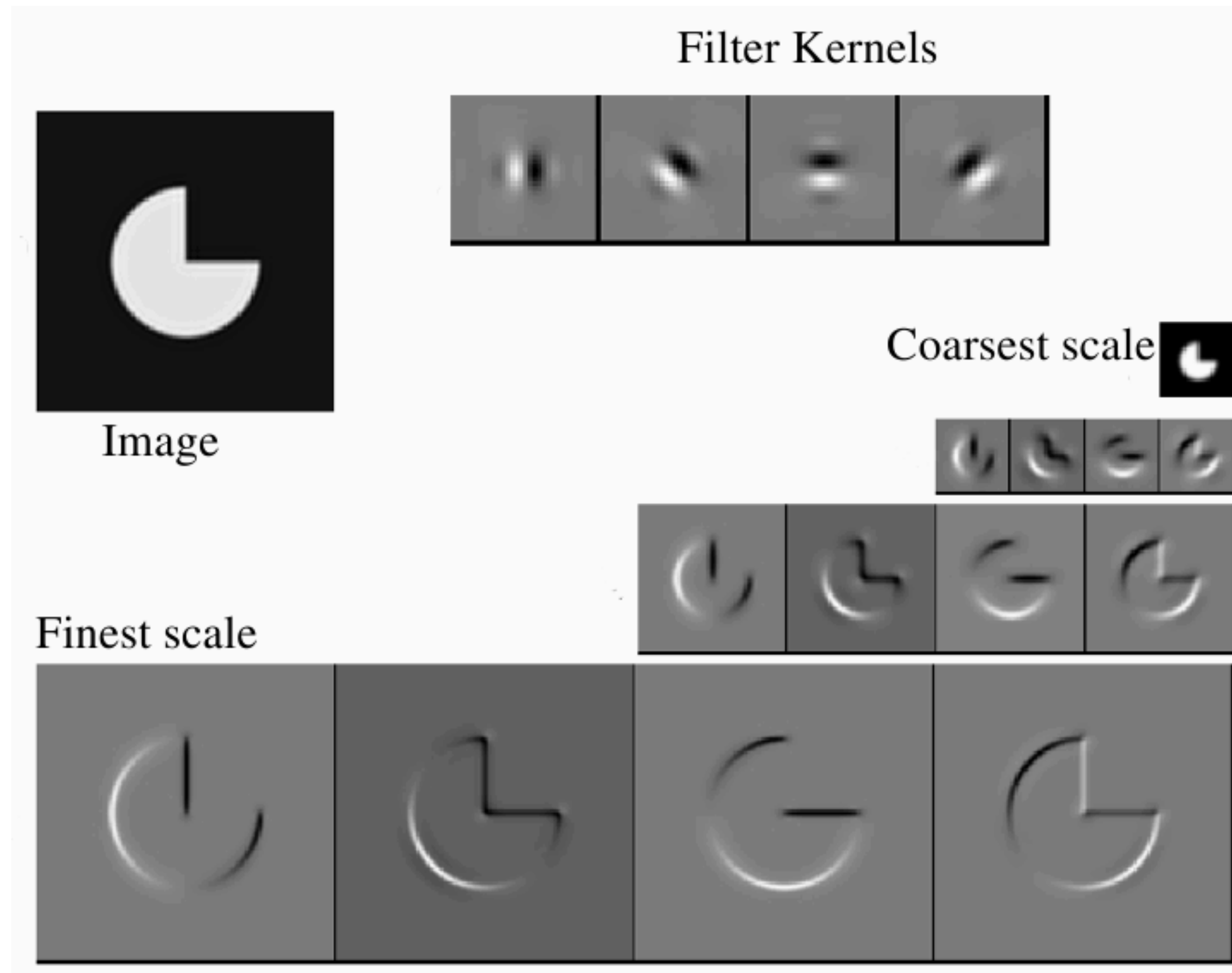


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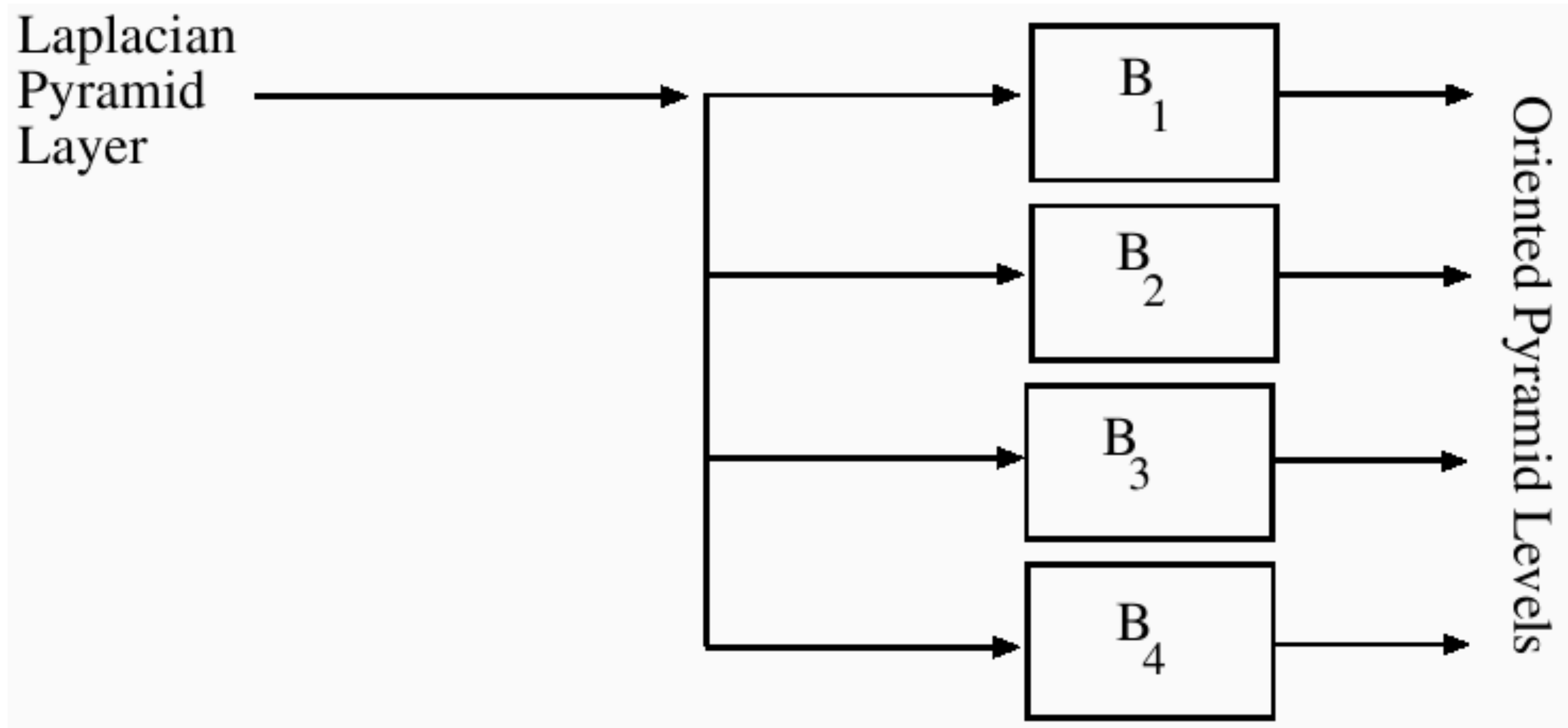
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Forsyth & Ponce (1st ed.) Figure 9.13

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Oriental Filters



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# Lecture 15: Re-cap — Texture Representation

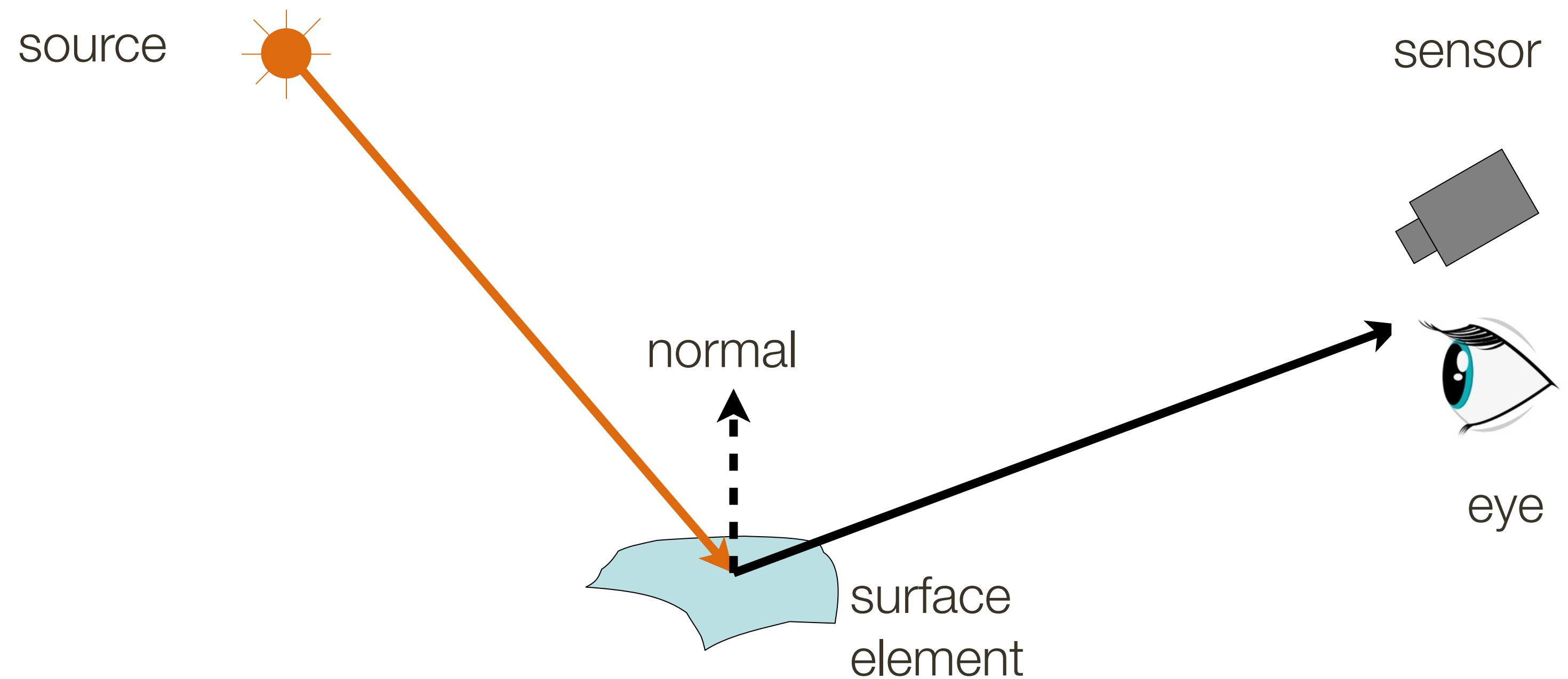
## Steps:

1. Form a Laplacian and oriented pyramid (or equivalent set of responses to filters at different scales and orientations)
2. Square the output (makes values positive)
3. Average responses over a neighborhood by blurring with a Gaussian
4. Take statistics of responses
  - Mean of each filter output
  - Possibly standard deviation of each filter

# Overview: Image Formation, Cameras and Lenses

The **image formation process** that produces a particular image depends on

- **Lighting** condition
- Scene **geometry**
- **Surface** properties
- Camera **optics**

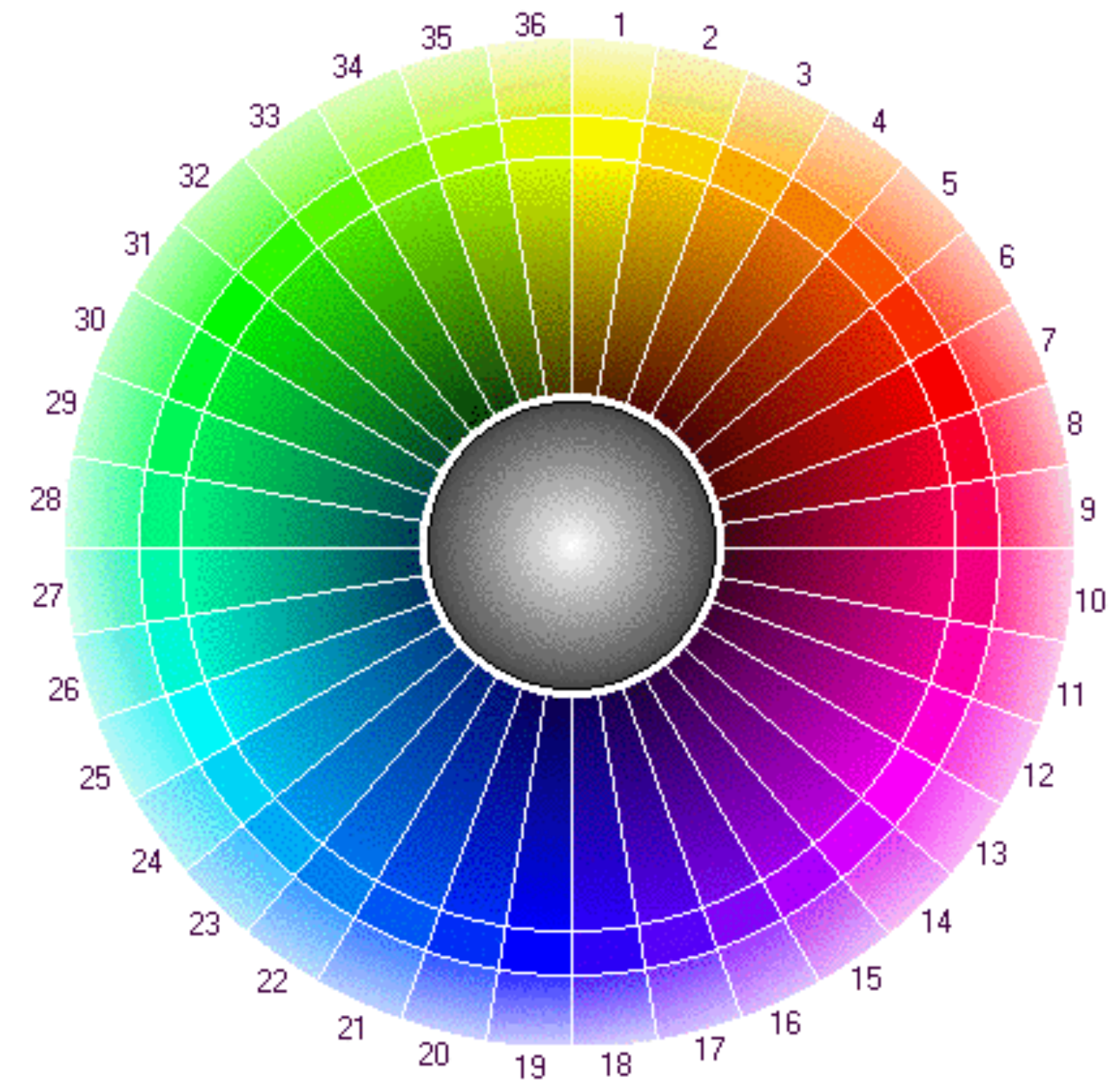


Sensor (or eye) **captures amount of light** reflected from the object



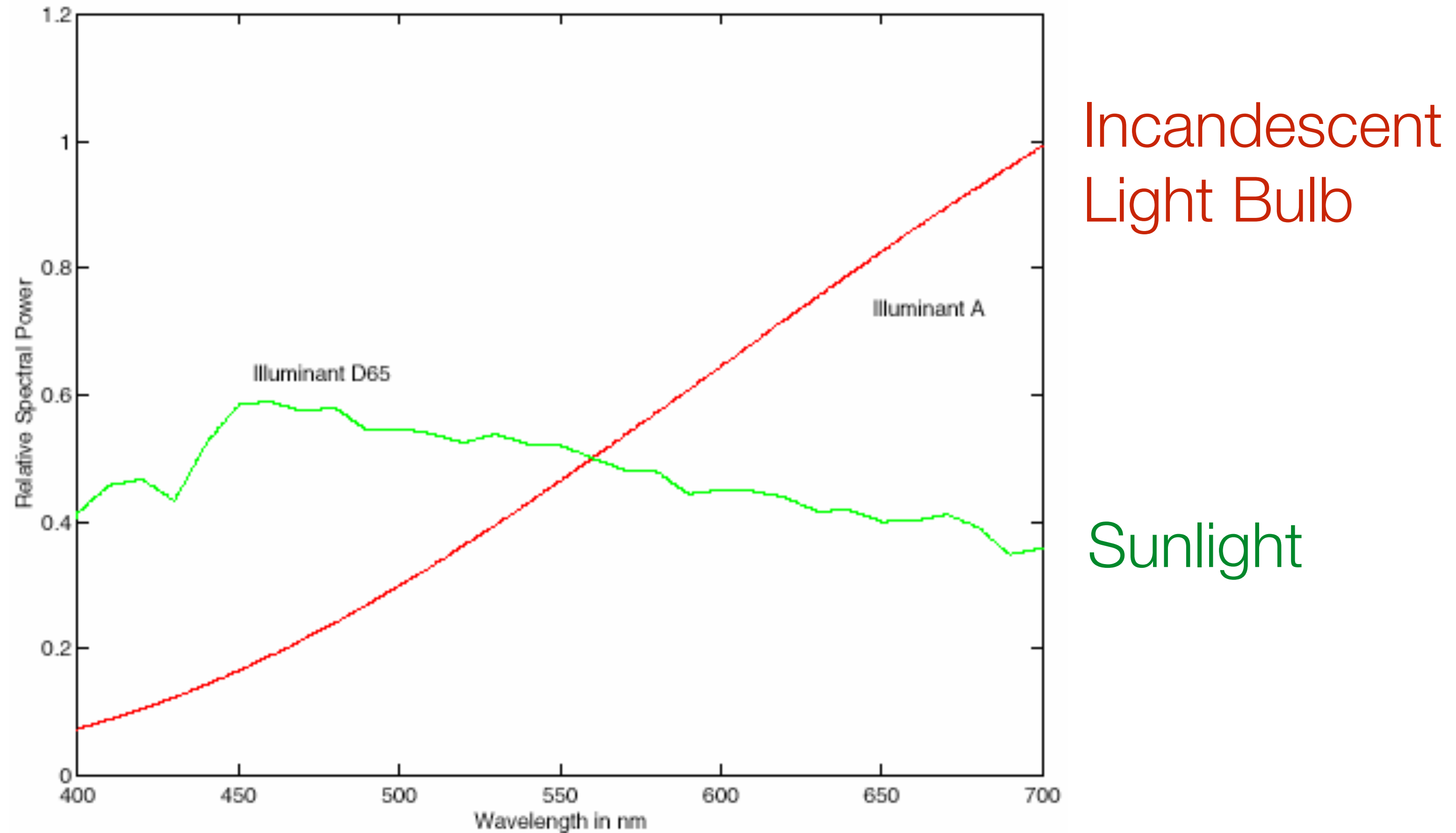
# Colour

- Light is produced in different amounts at different wavelengths by each light source
- Light is differentially reflected at each wavelength, which gives objects their natural colour (**surface albedo**)
- The sensation of colour is determined by the human visual system, based on the product of light and reflectance



# Relative **Spectral Power** of Two Illuminants

Relative spectral power plotted against wavelength in nm

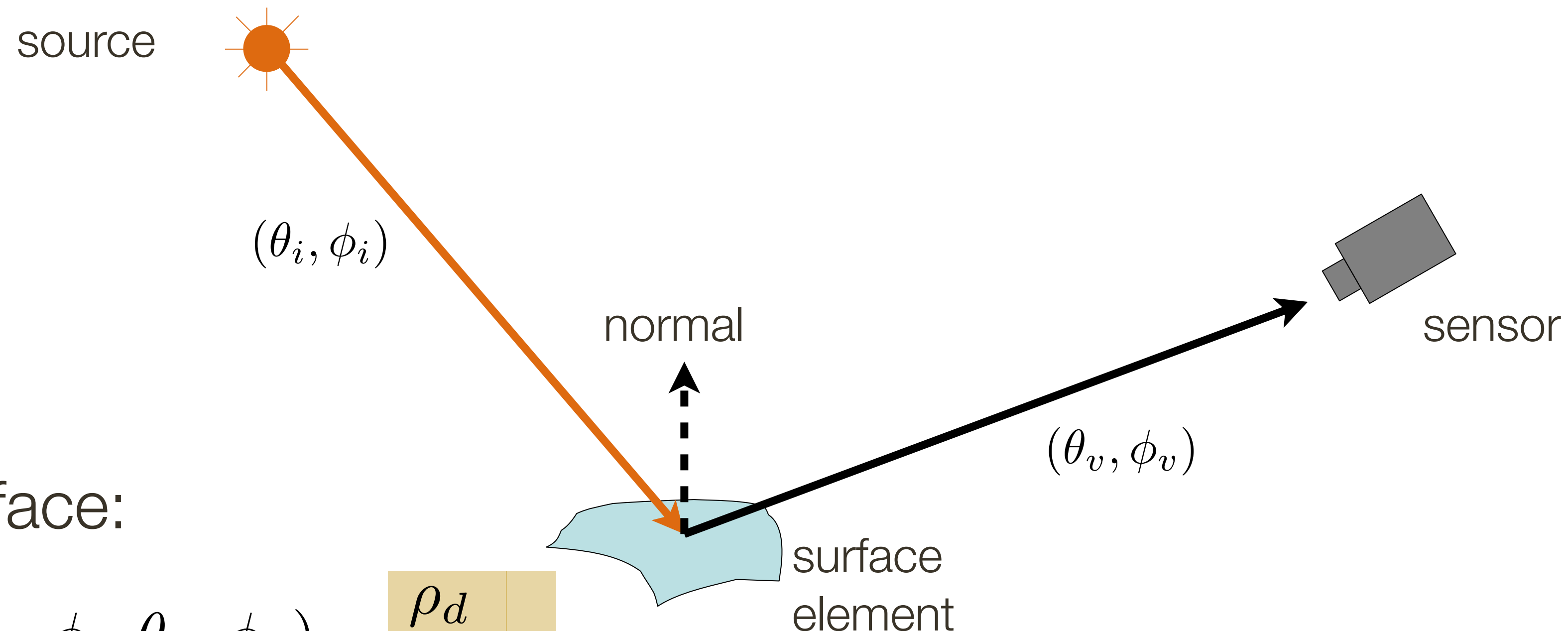


Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 3.4



# (small) Graphics Review

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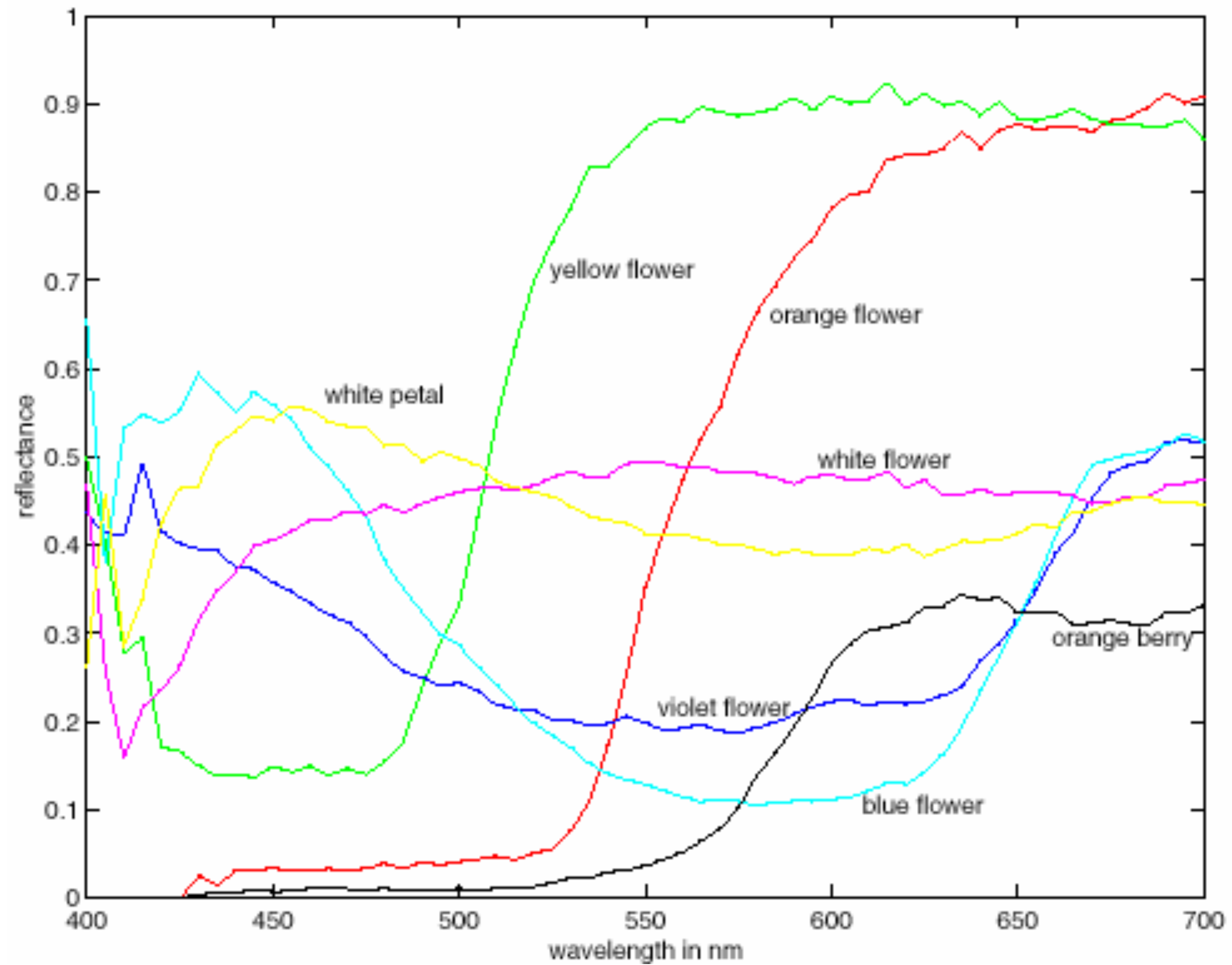


**Lambertian** surface:

$$\text{BRDF}(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_v, \phi_v) = \frac{\rho_d}{\pi}$$

constant, called **albedo**

# Spectral **Albedo** of Natural Surfaces



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# Colour Appearance

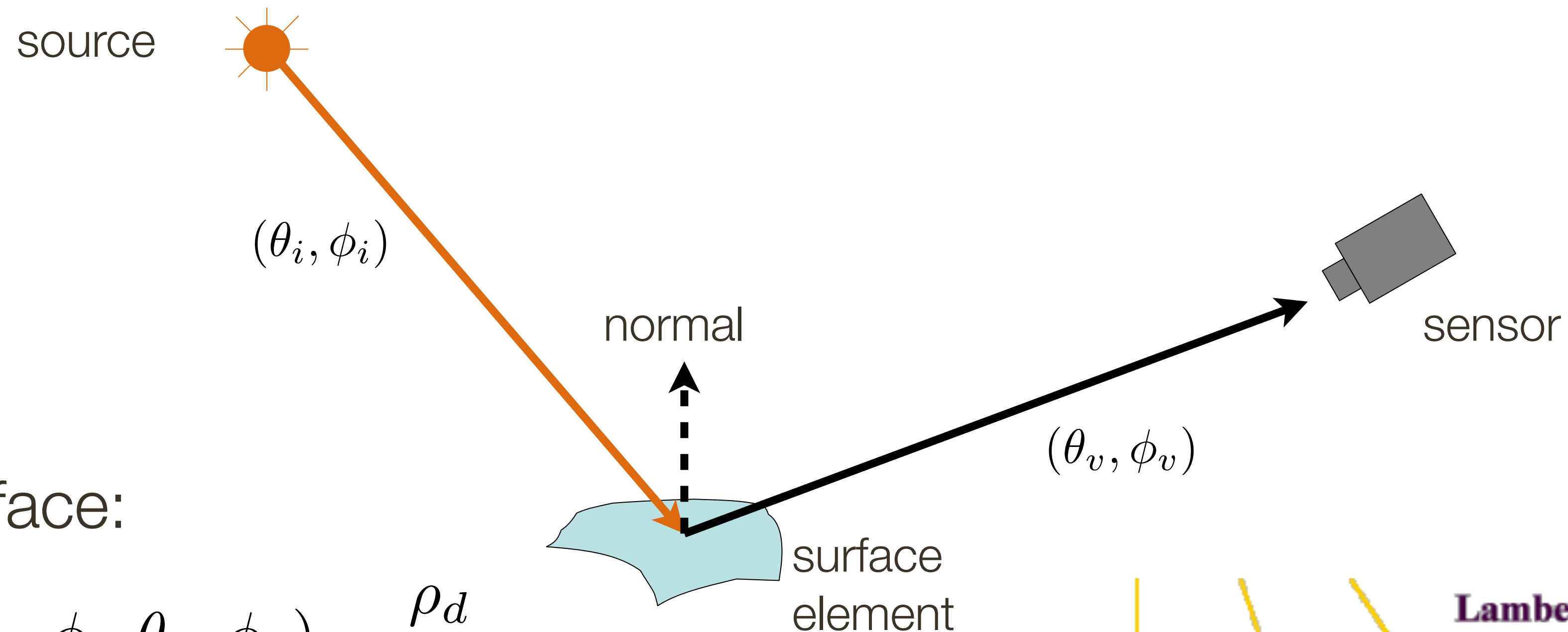
Reflected light **at each wavelength** is the product of illumination and surface reflectance at that wavelength

Surface reflectance often is modeled as having two components:

- **Lambertian** reflectance: equal in all directions (diffuse)
- **Specular** reflectance: mirror reflectance (shiny spots)

# (small) Graphics Review

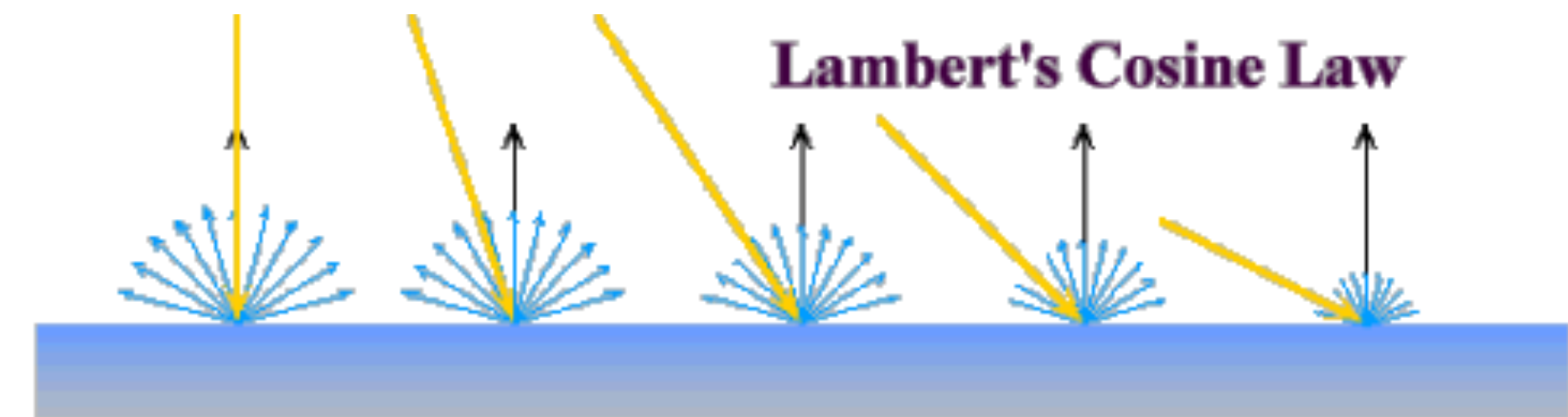
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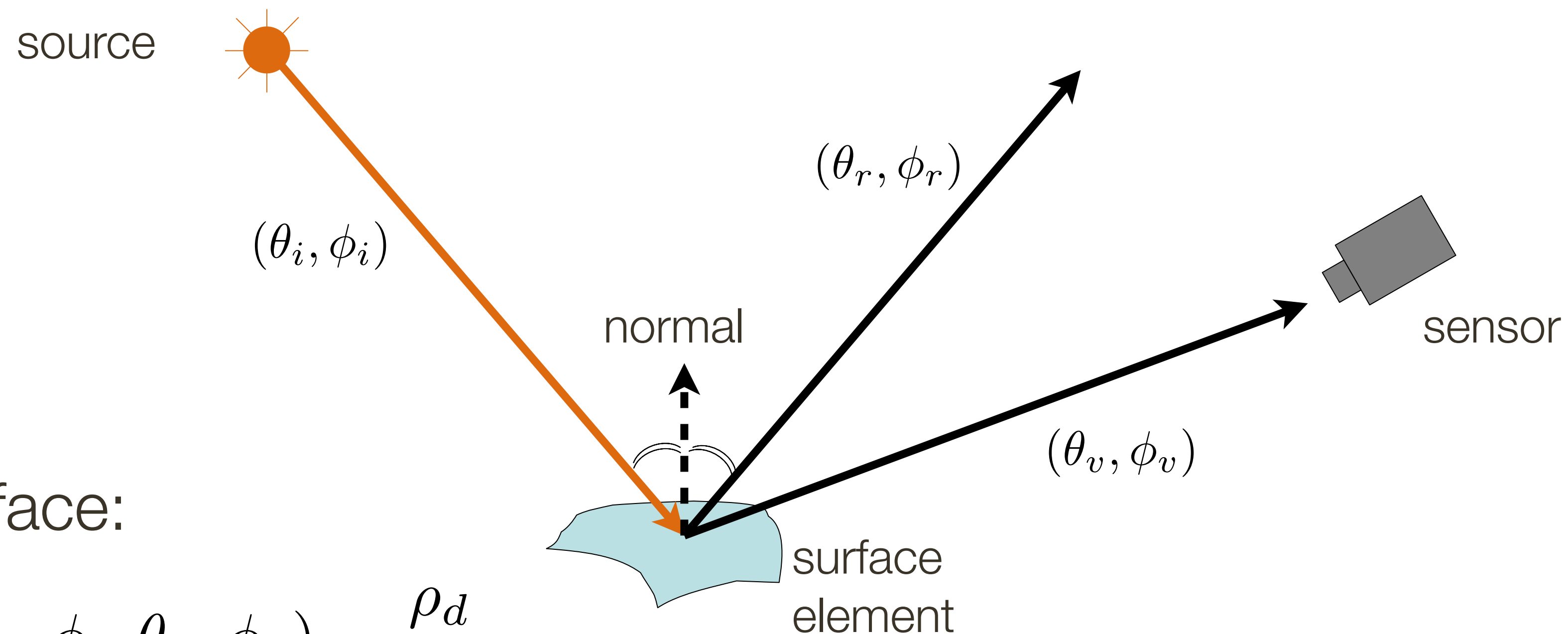
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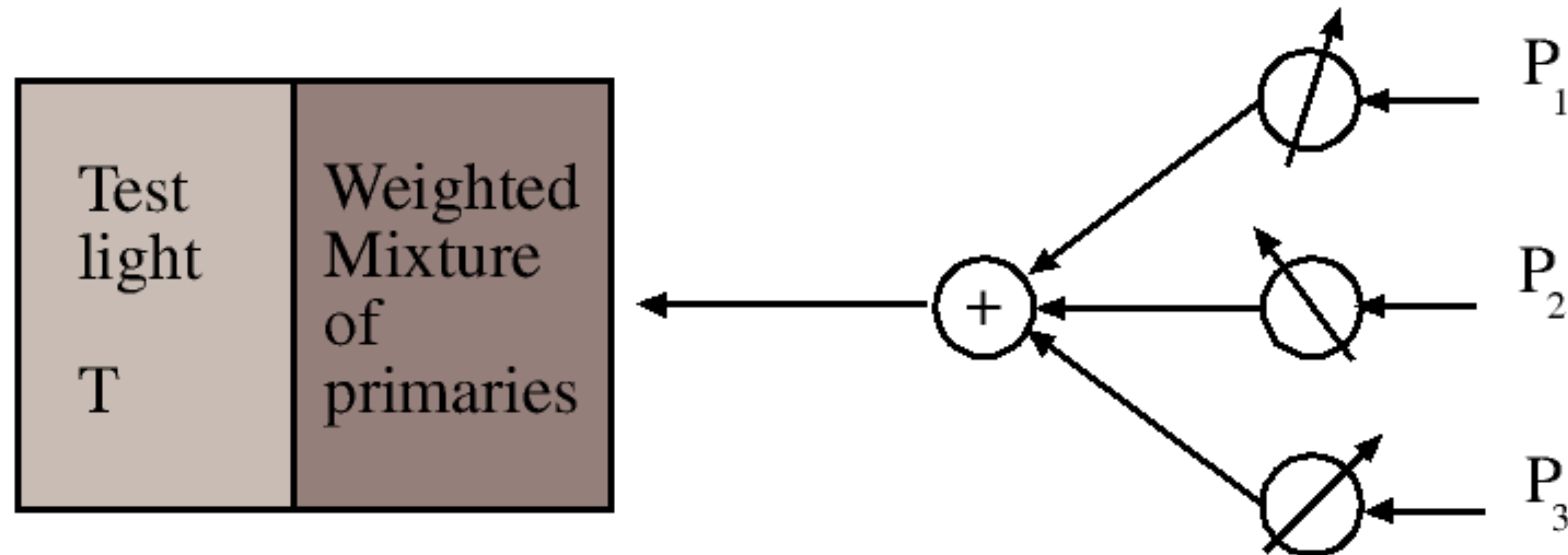


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**Mirror** surface: all incident light reflected in one directions  $(\theta_v, \phi_v) = (\theta_r, \phi_r)$

# Color Matching Experiments



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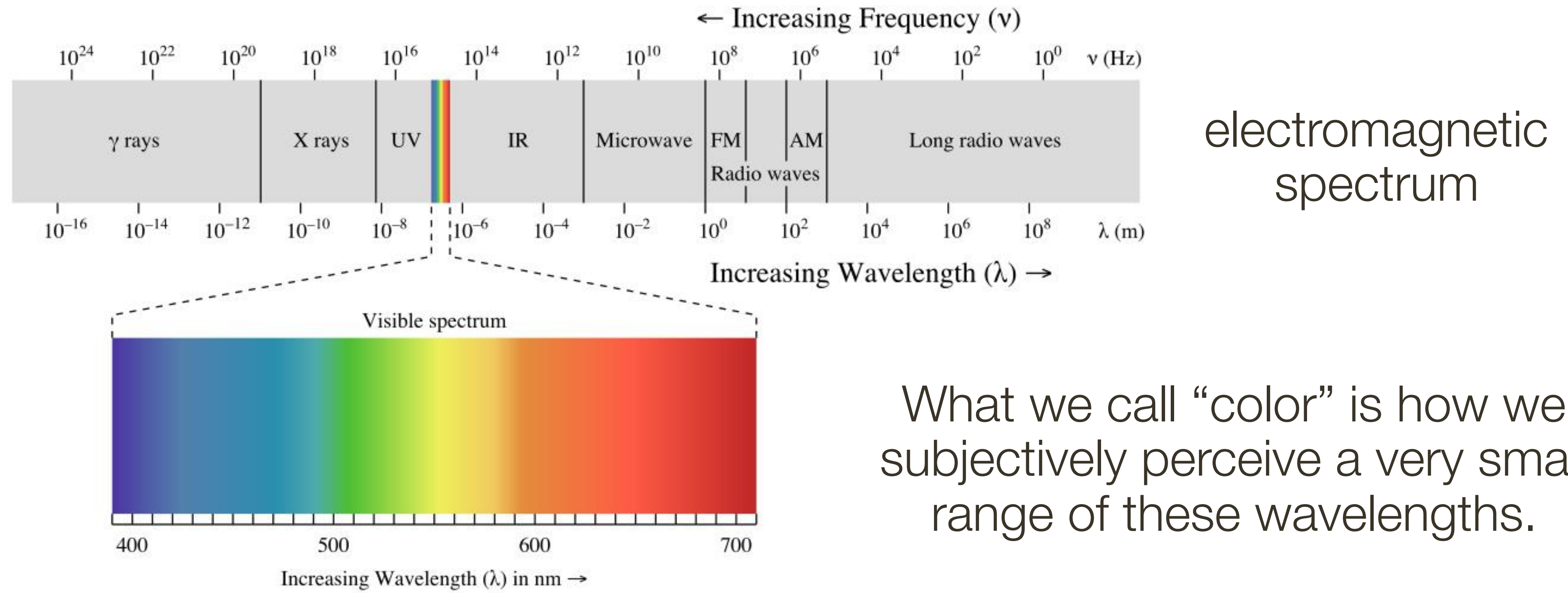
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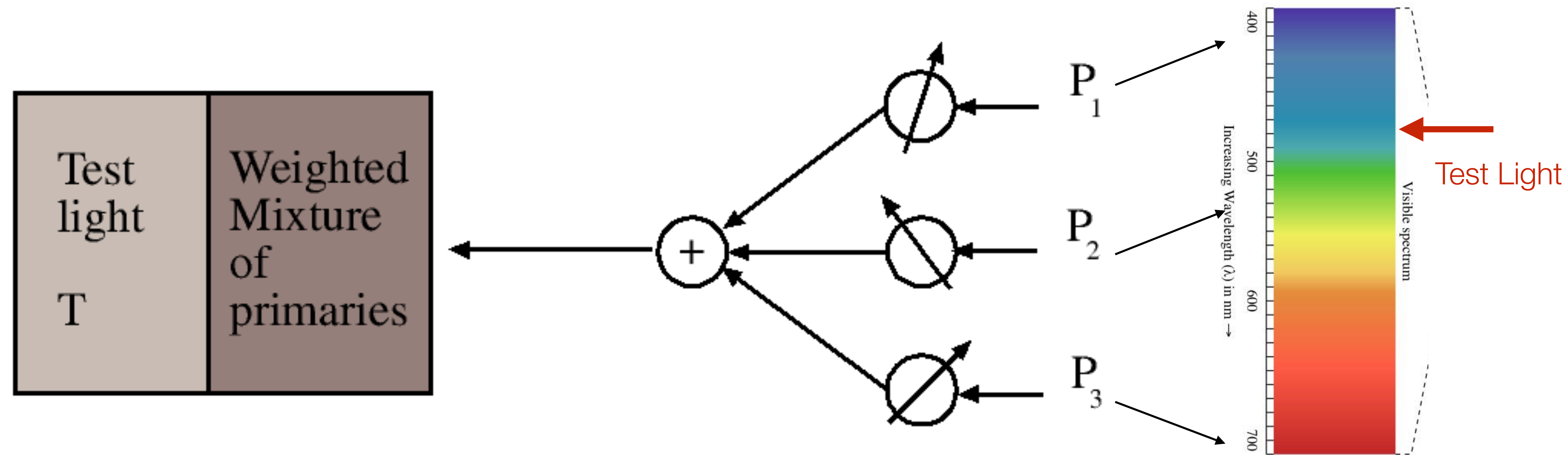


# Recall: Color is an Artifact of Human Perception

“Color” is **not** an objective physical property of light (electromagnetic radiation). Instead, light is characterized by its wavelength.



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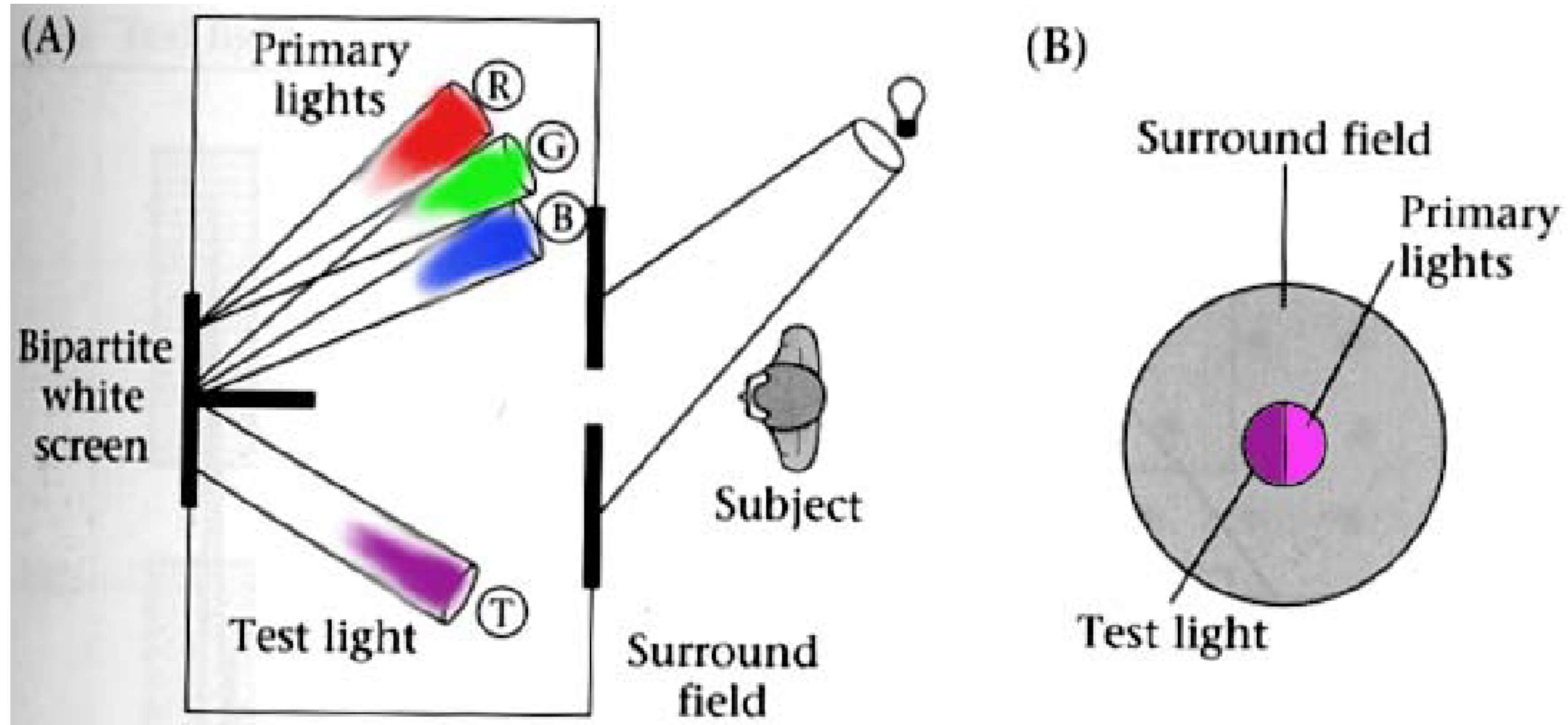


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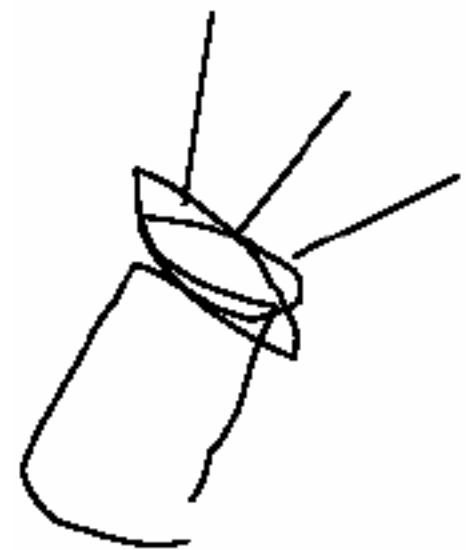
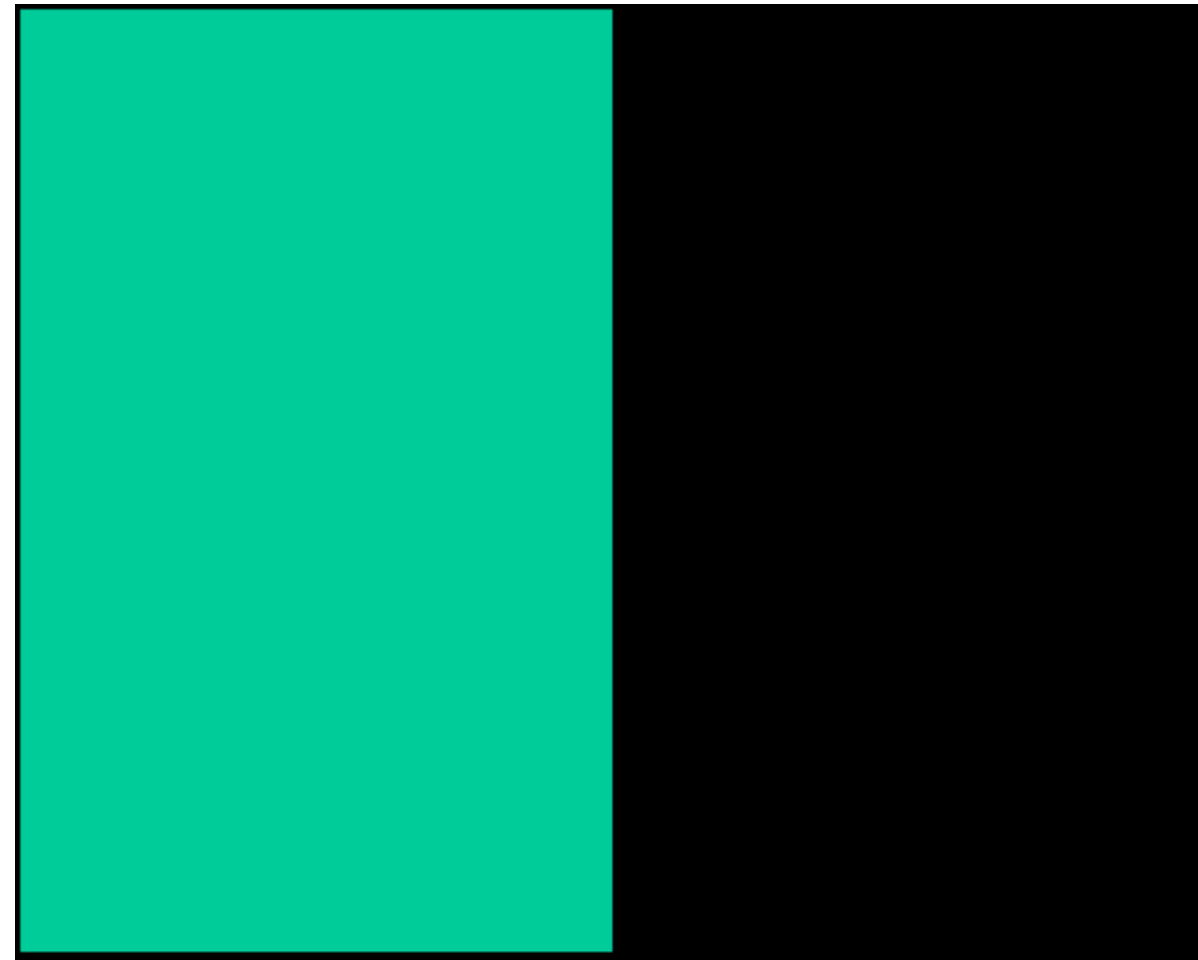
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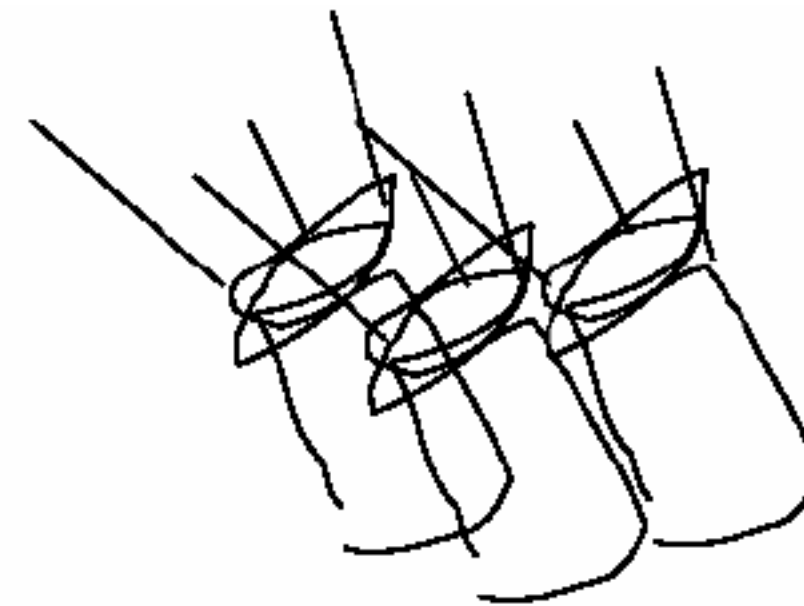
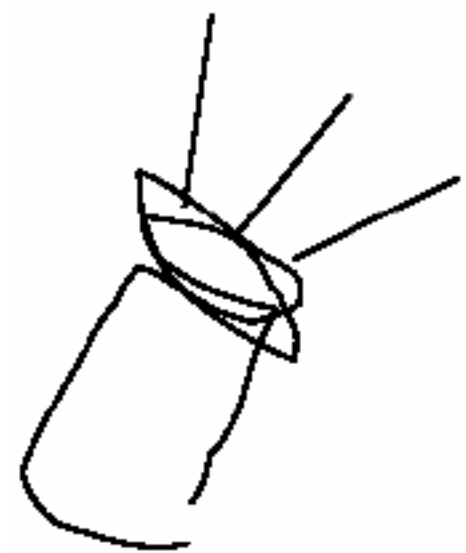
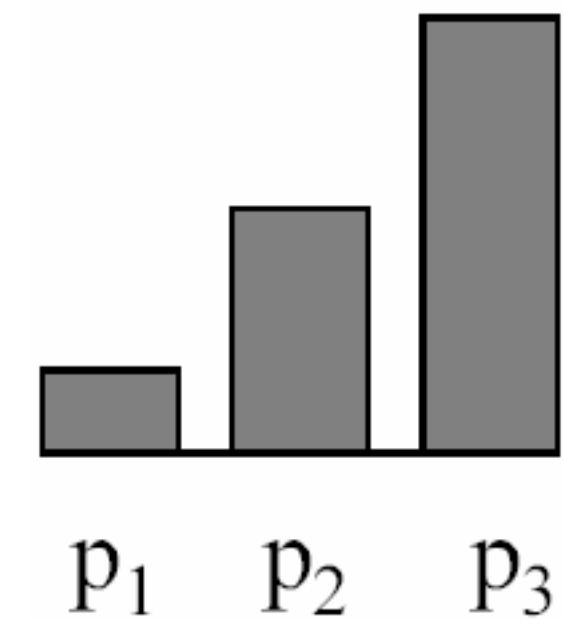
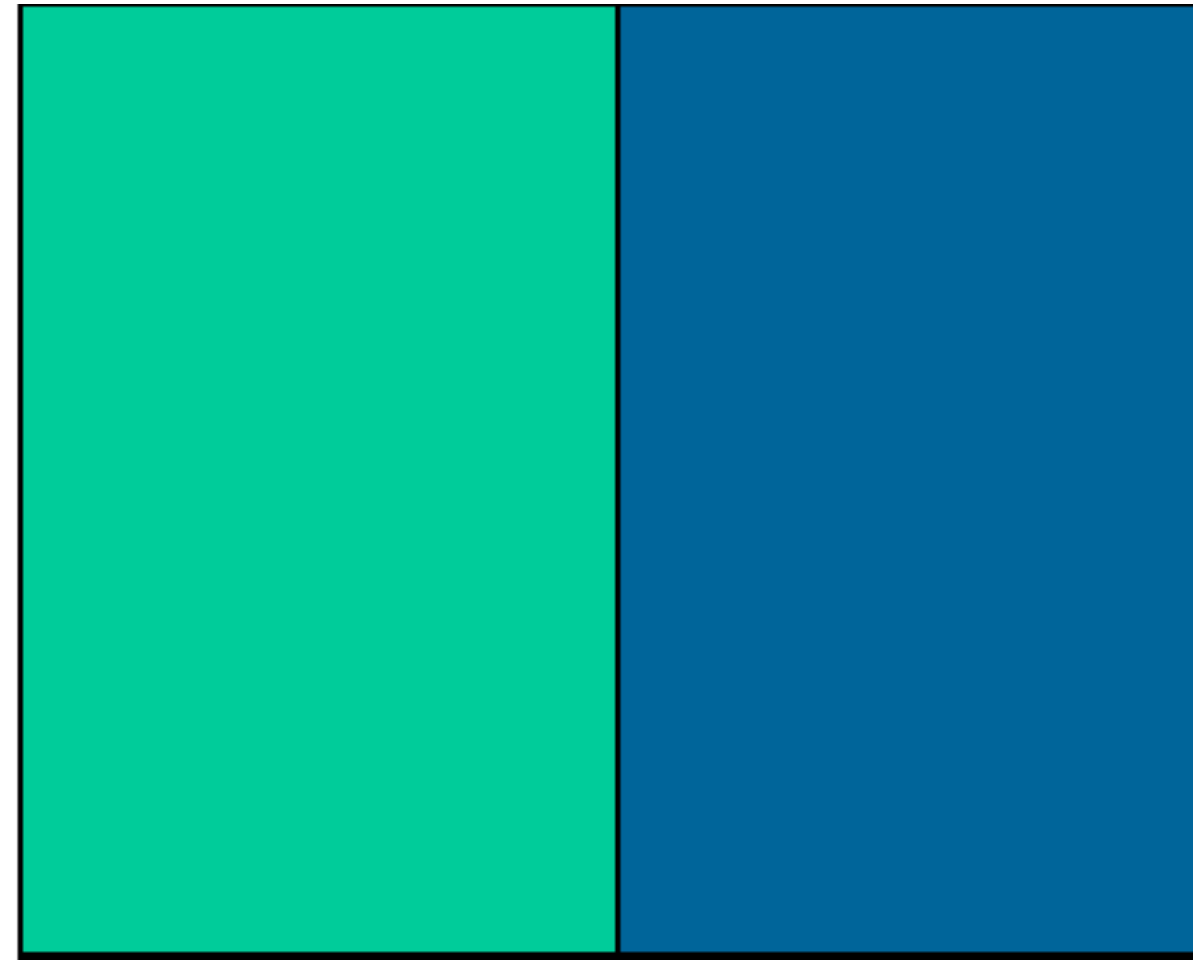
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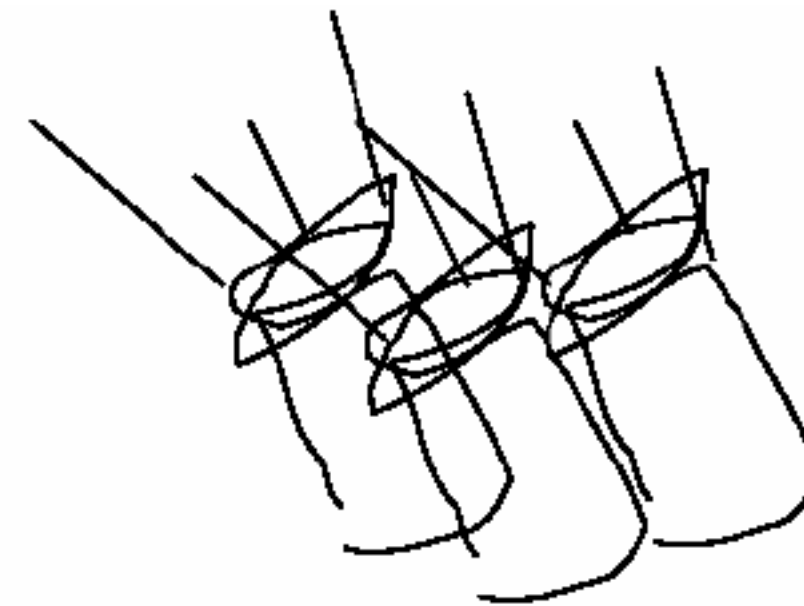
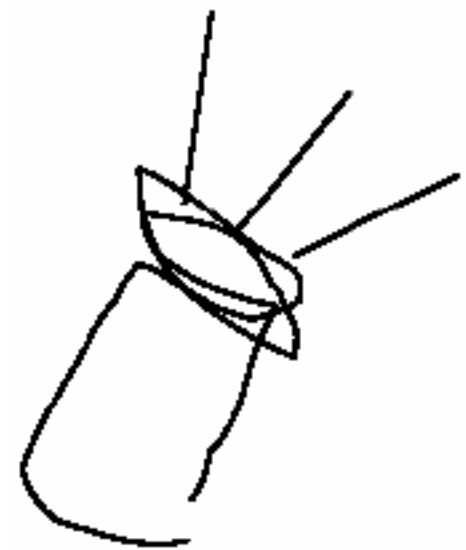
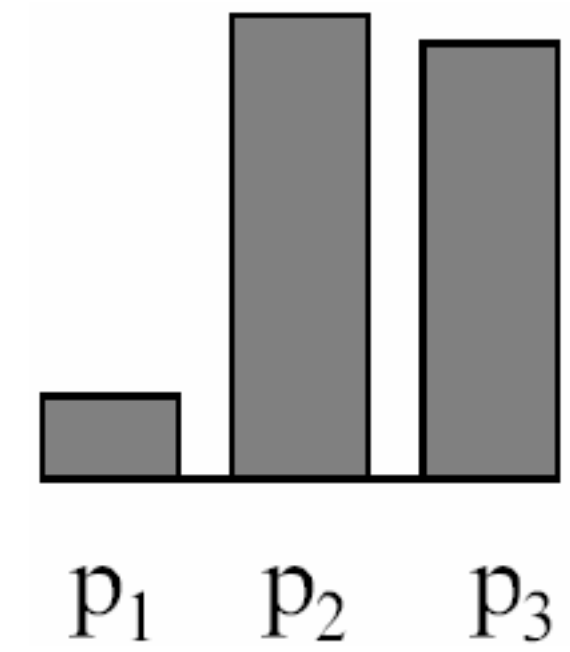
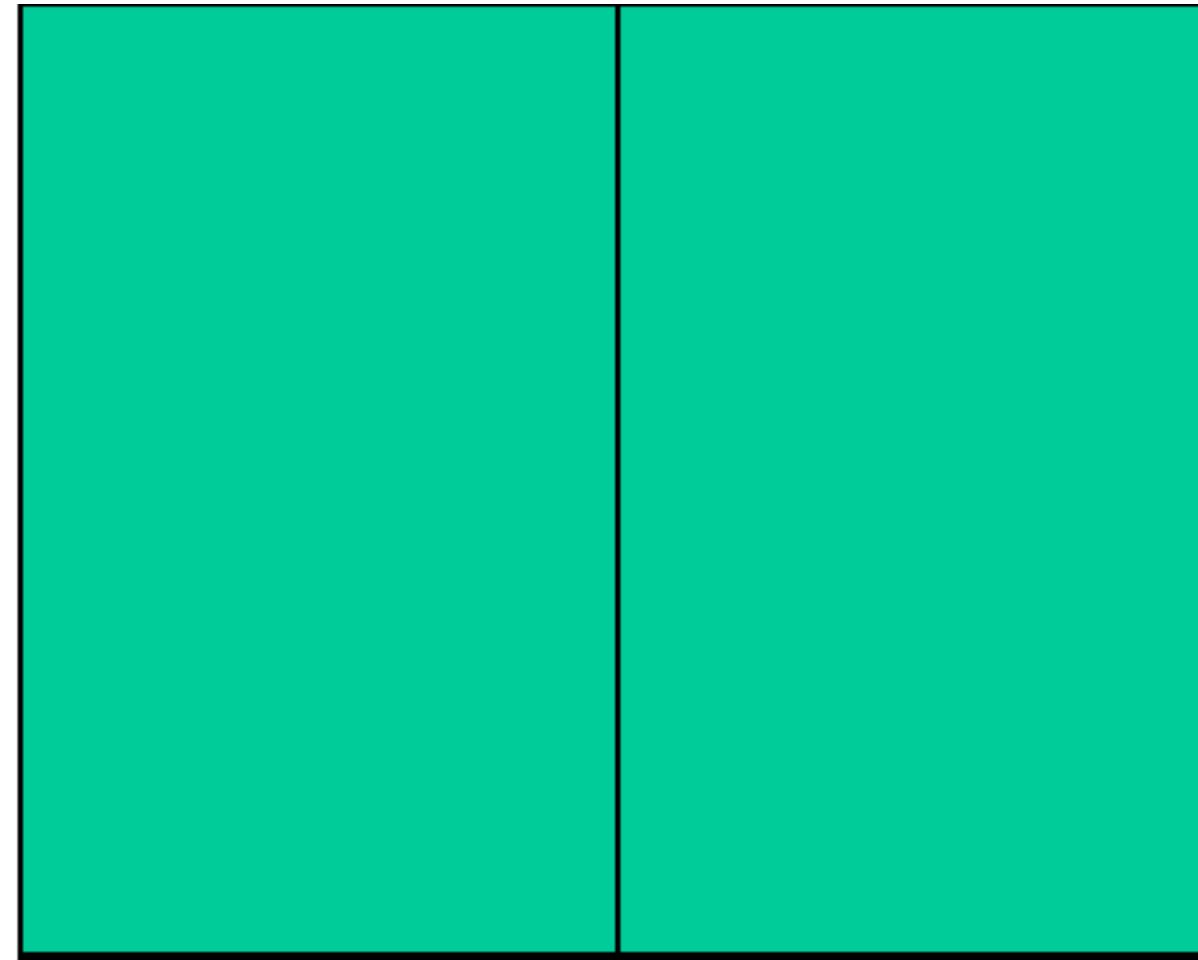
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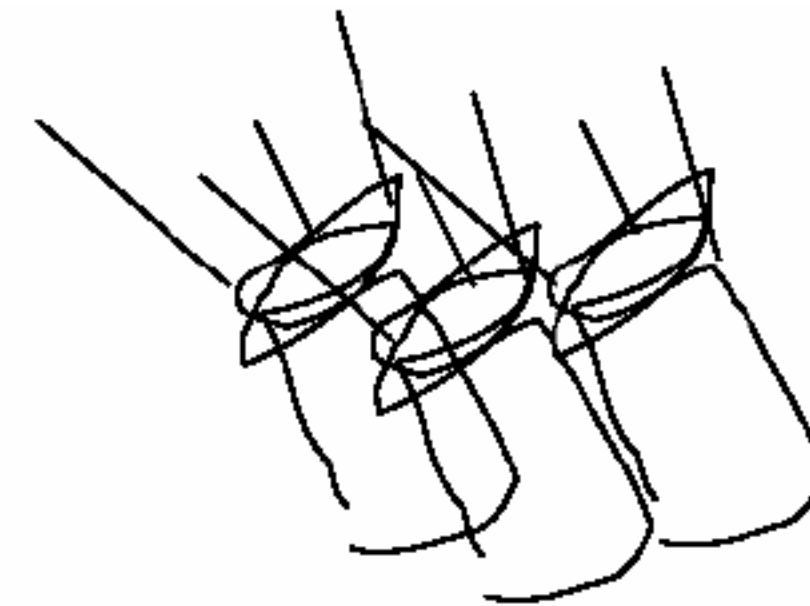
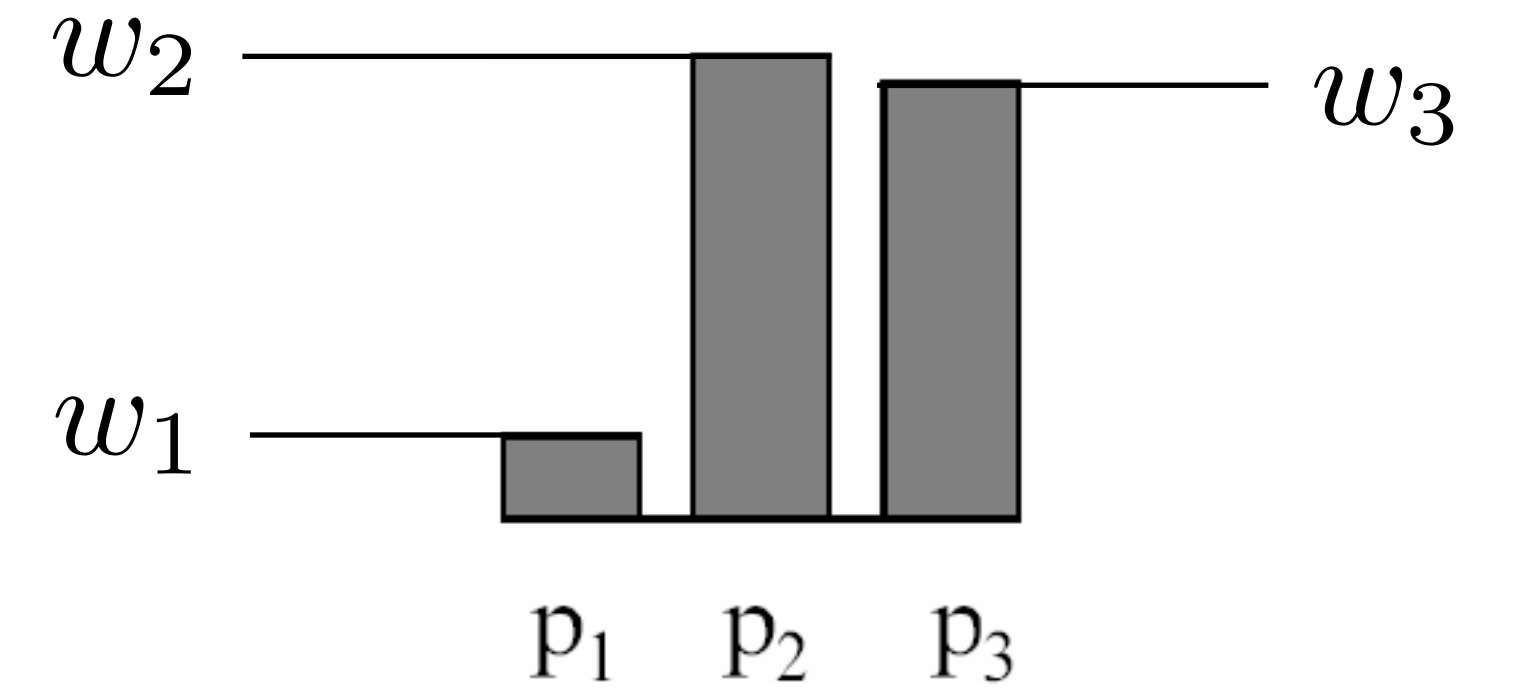
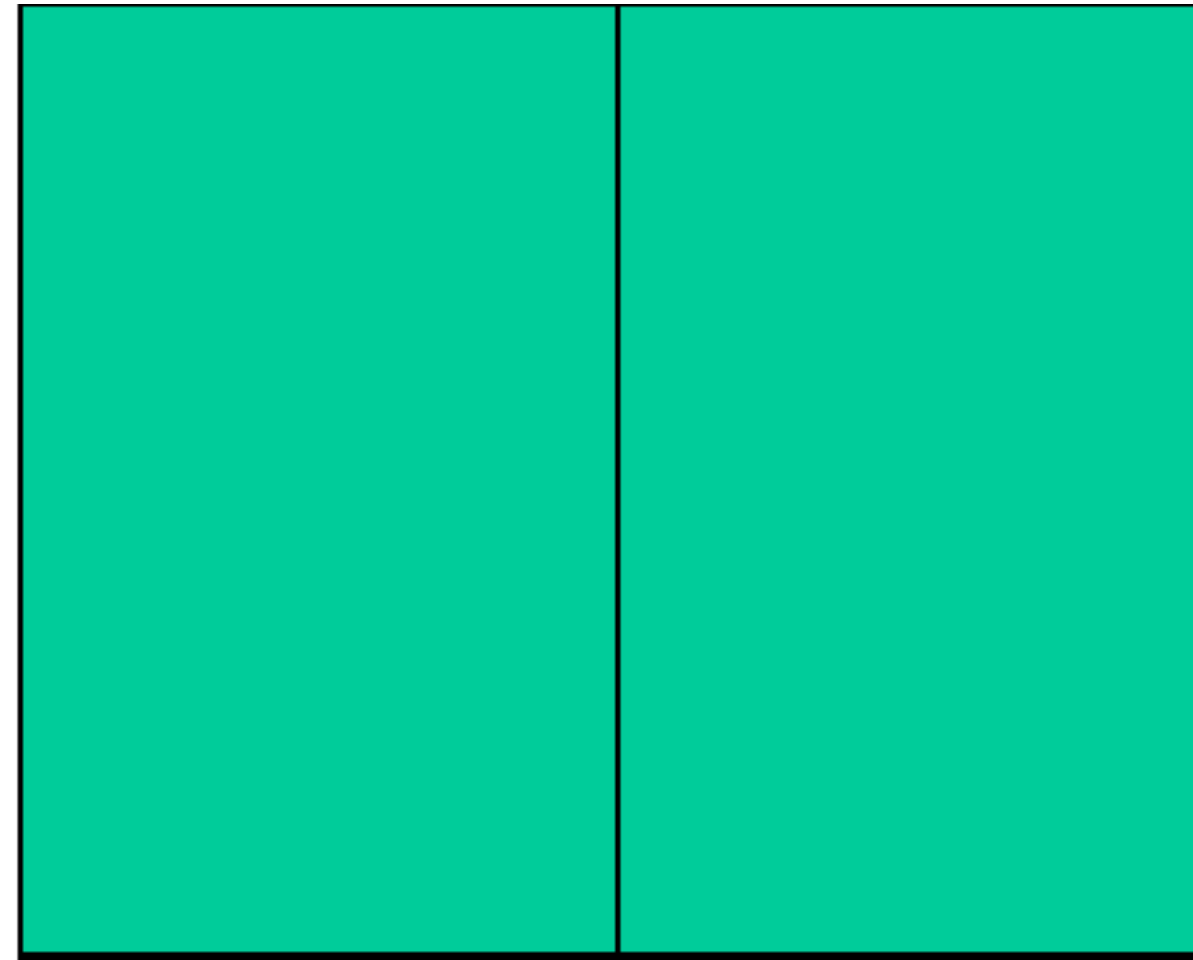
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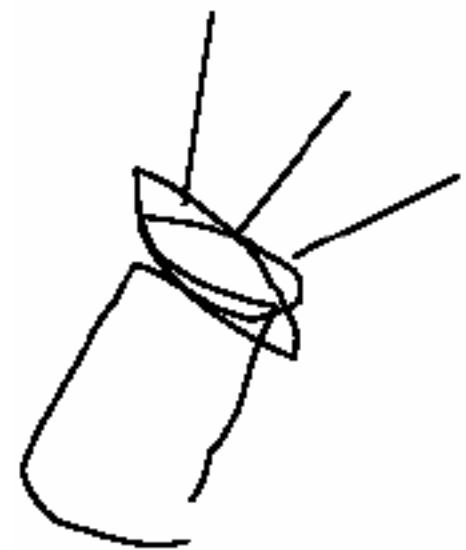
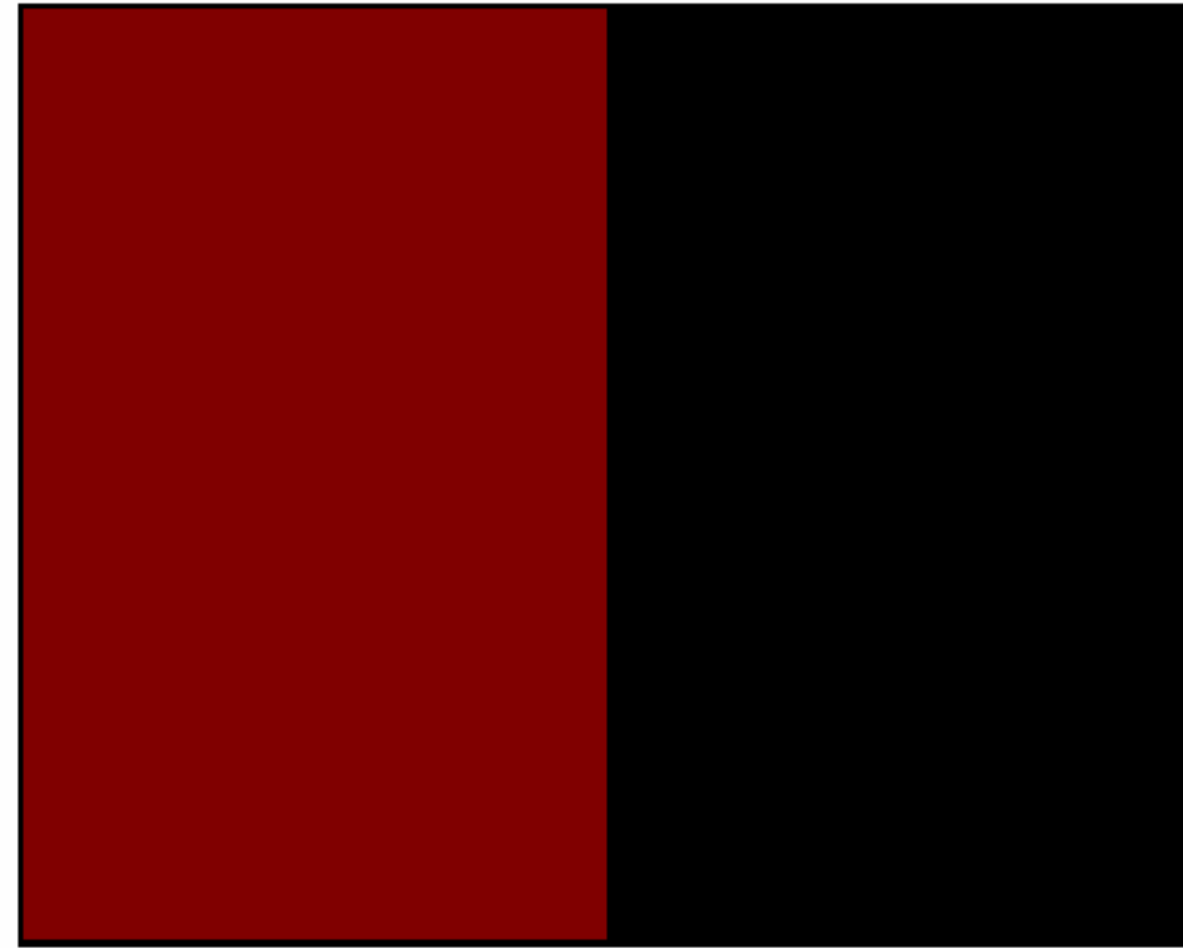
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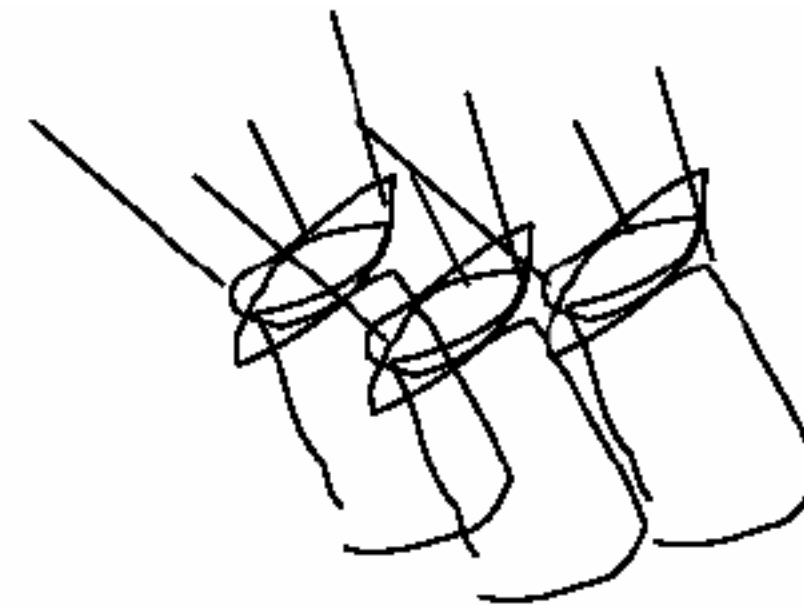
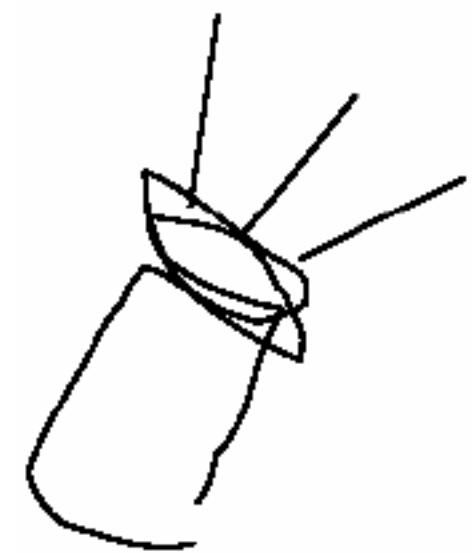
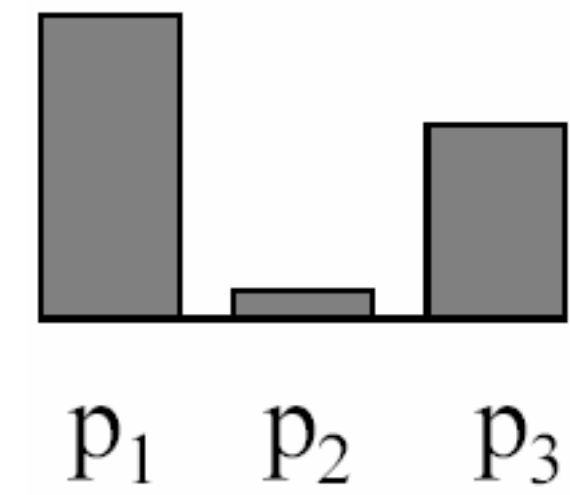
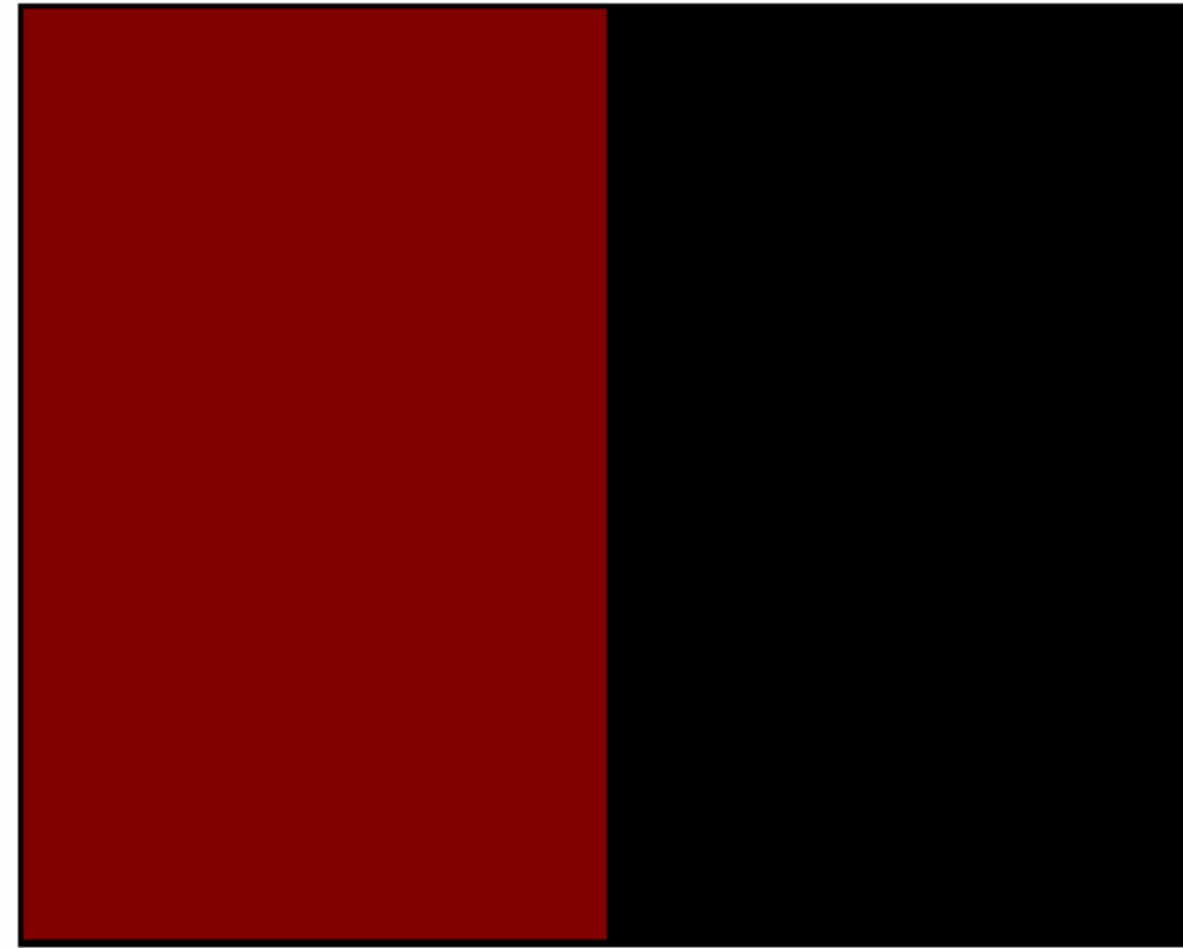
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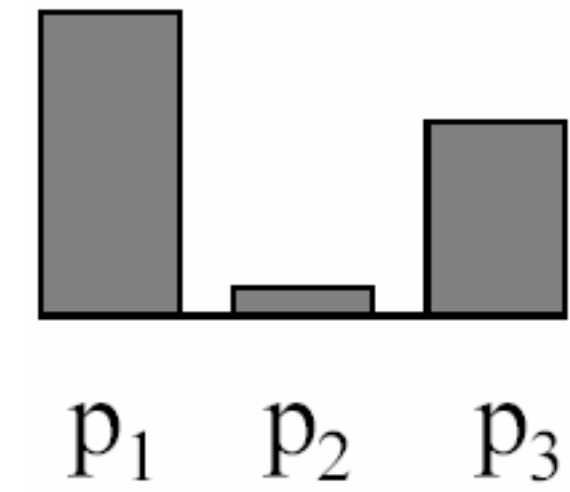
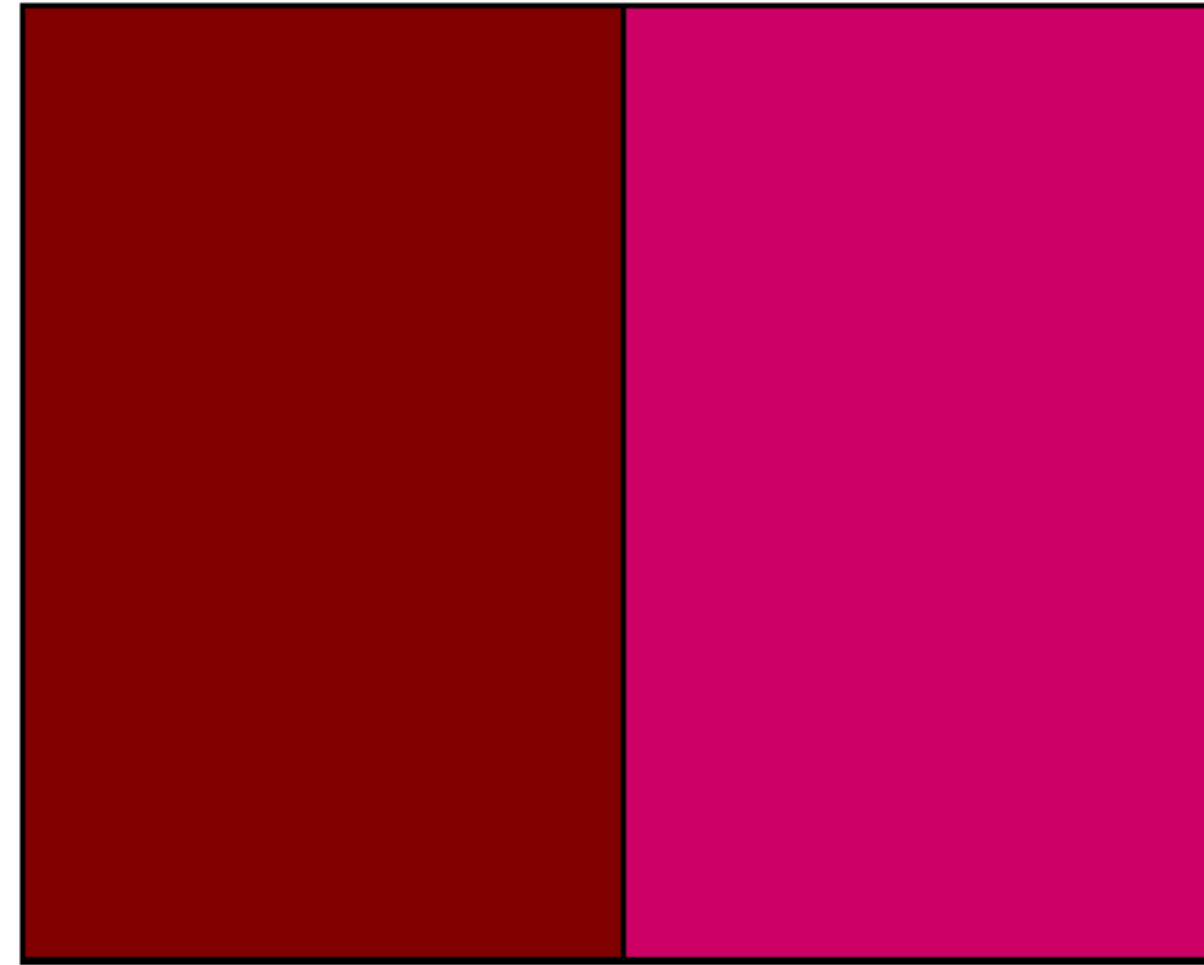
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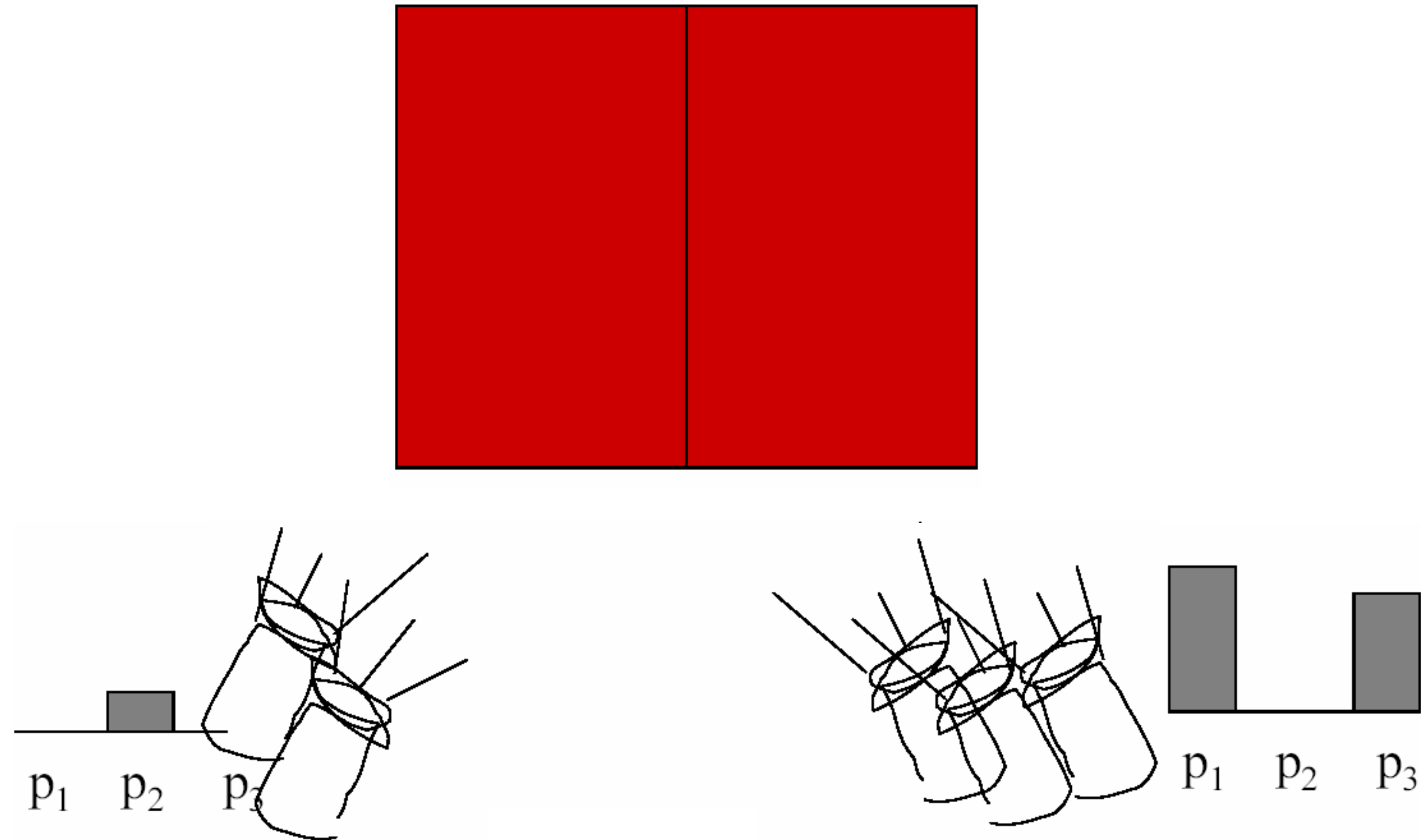
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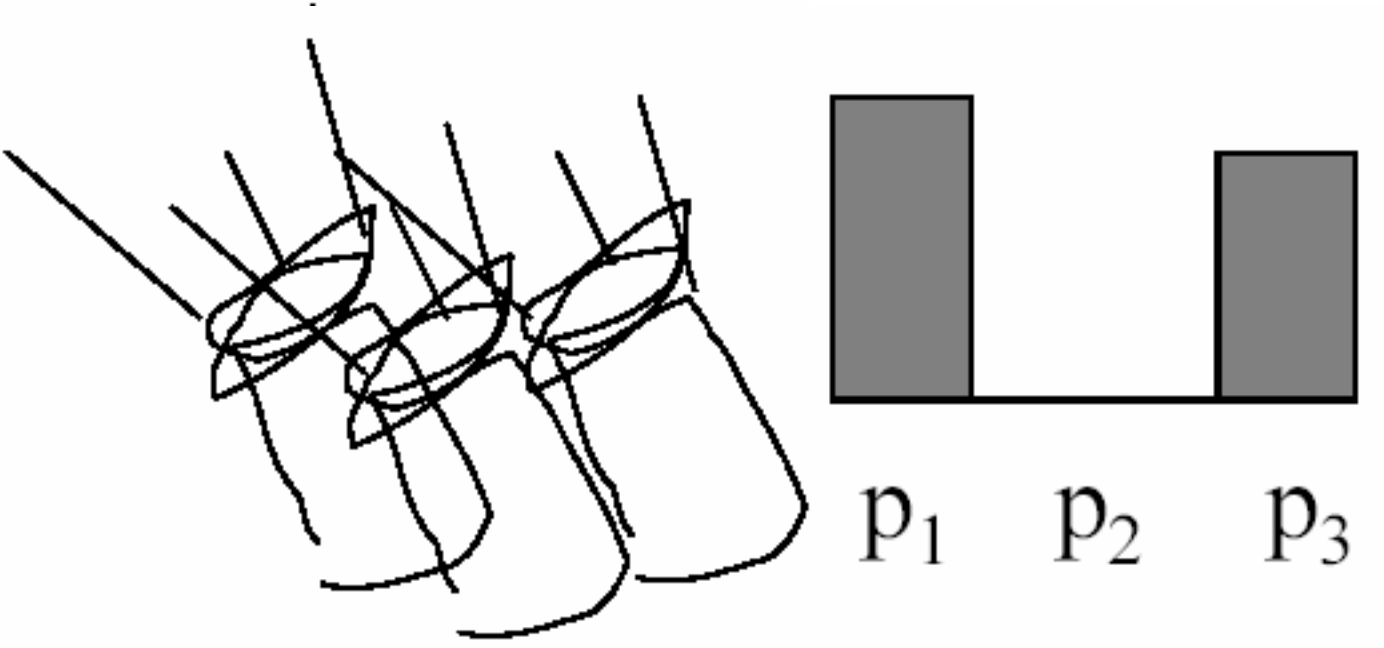
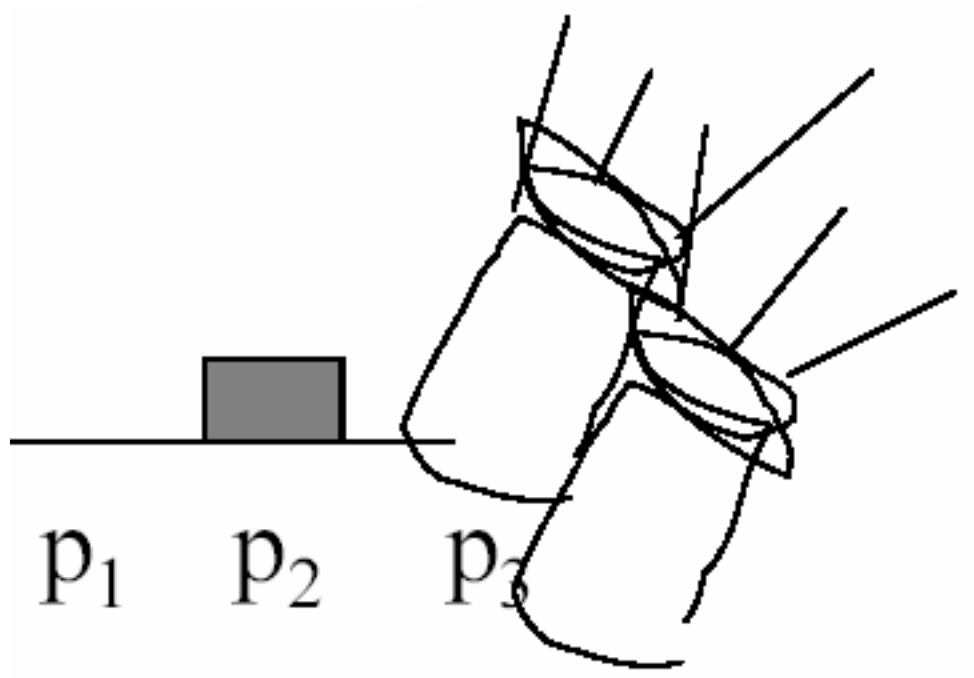
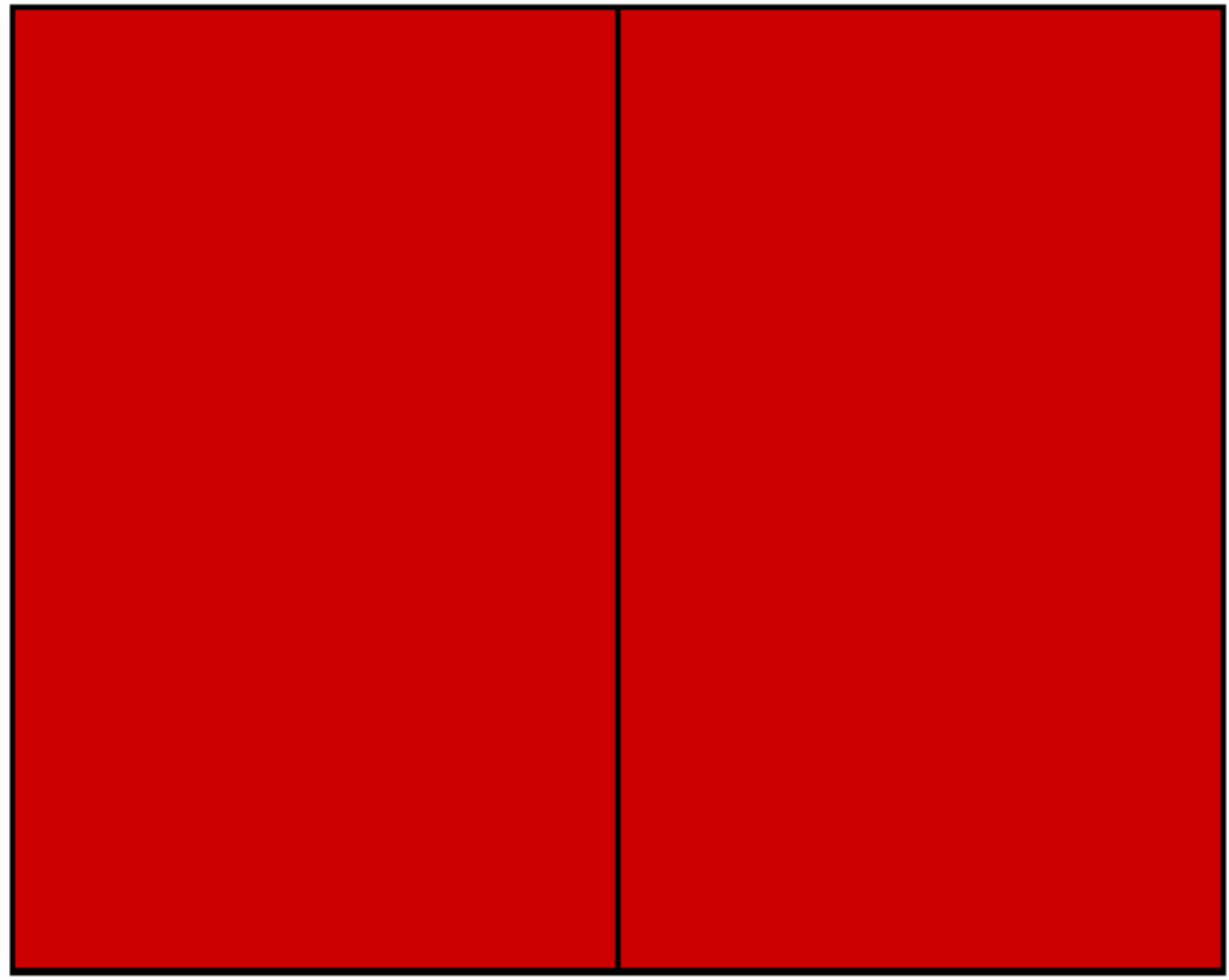
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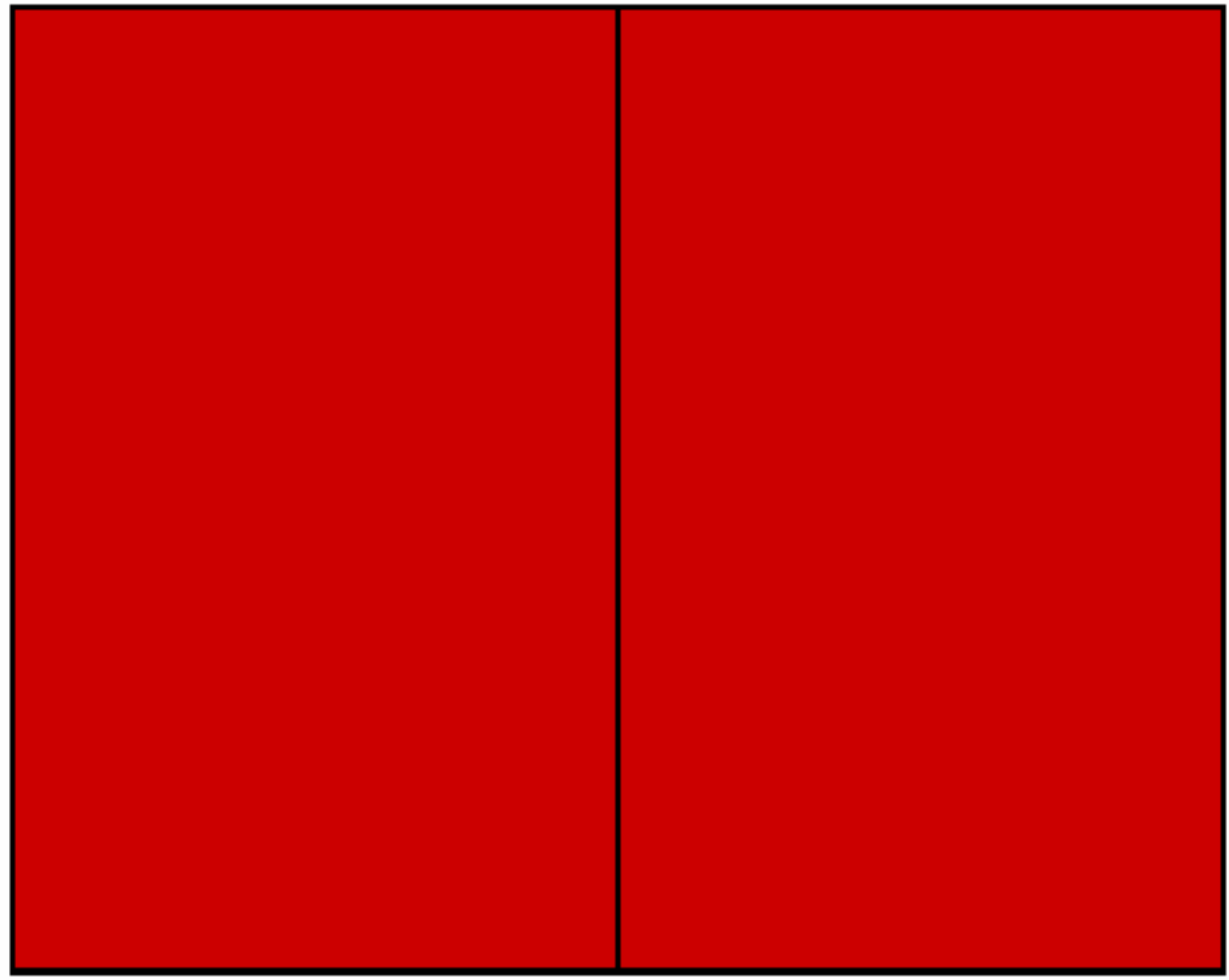


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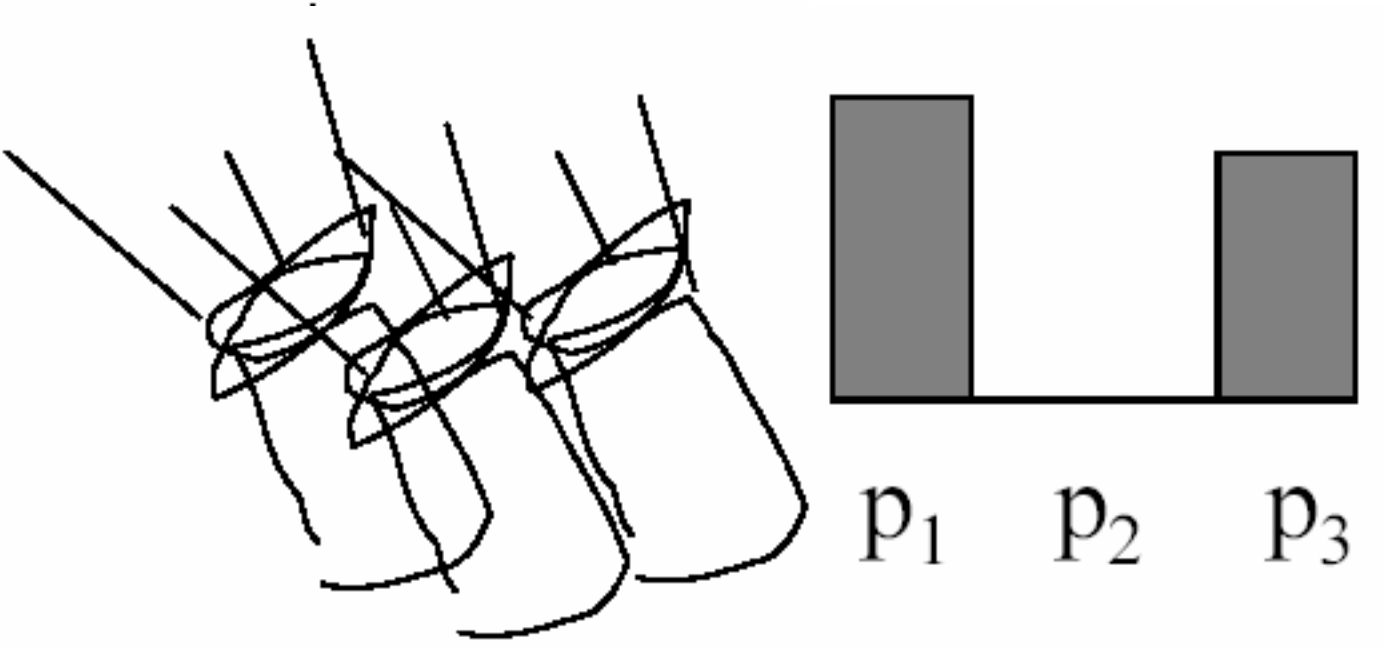
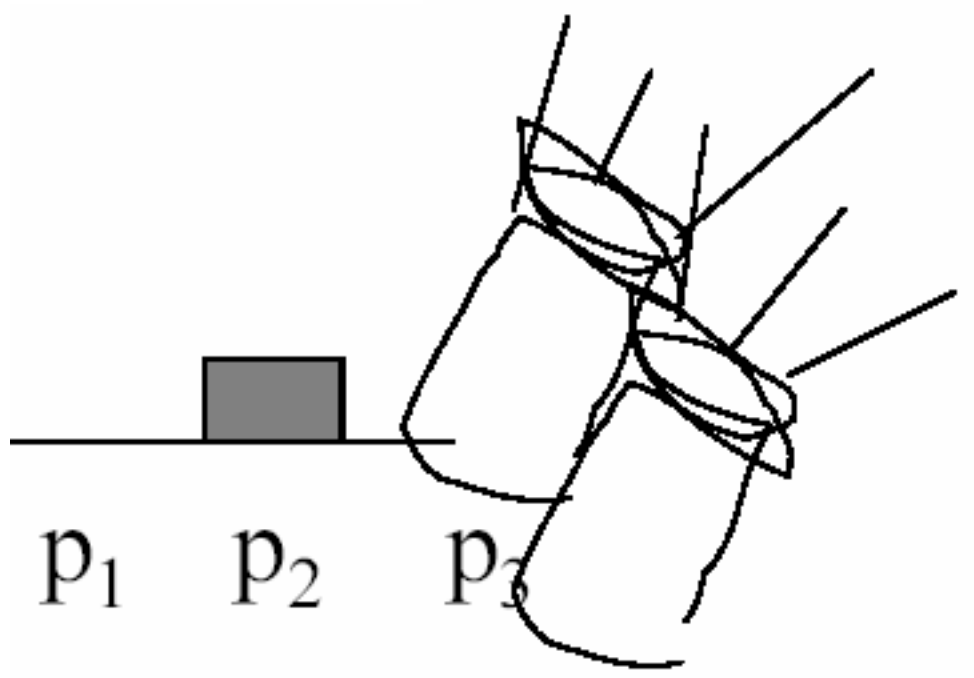
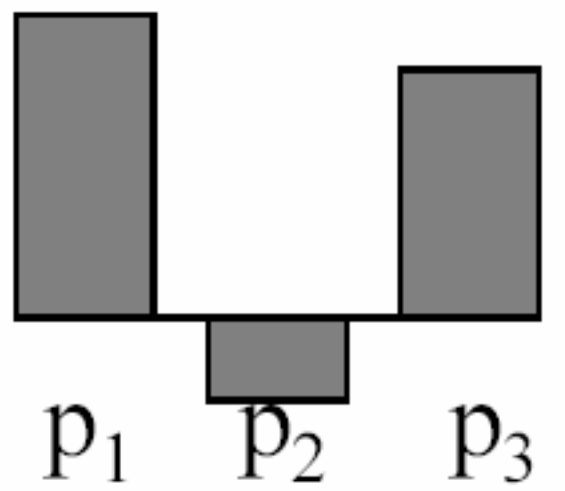


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The primary color amount needed to match:



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# Color Matching Experiments

- Many colours can be represented as a positive weighted sum of A, B, C

- Write

$$M = aA + bB + cC$$

where the = sign should be read as “matches”

- This is **additive** matching

- Defines a colour description system

- two people who agree on A, B, C need only supply (a, b, c)

# Color Matching Experiments

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Problem for **designing displays**: Choose phosphors R, G, B so that **positive linear combinations** match a large set of colours

# Principles of **Trichromacy**

## **Experimental** facts:

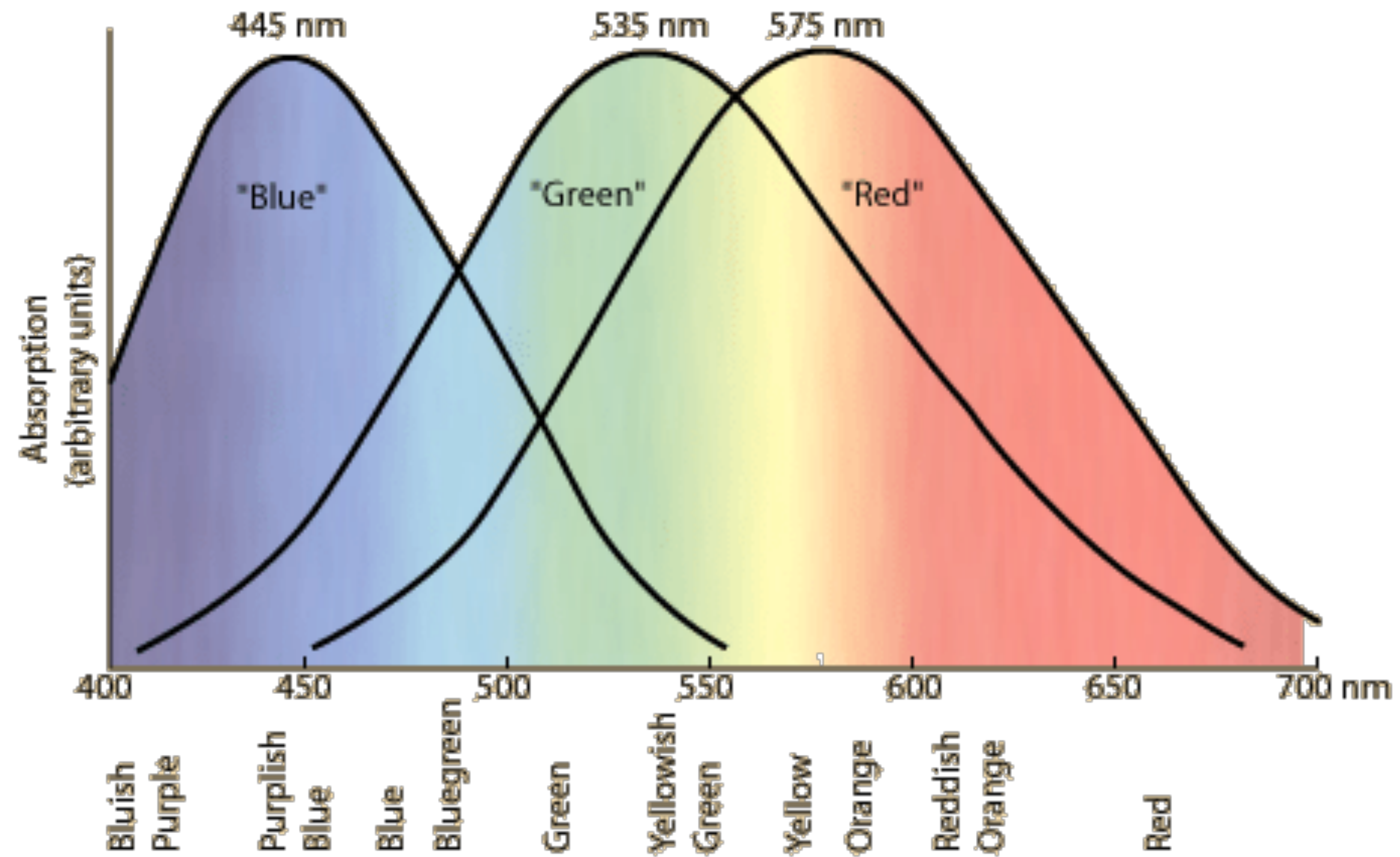
Three primaries work for most people, provided we allow subtractive matching

- Exceptional people can match with two or only one primary
- This likely is caused by biological deficiencies

Most people make the same matches

- There are some anomalous trichromats, who use three primaries but match with different combinations

# Human **Cone** Sensitivity

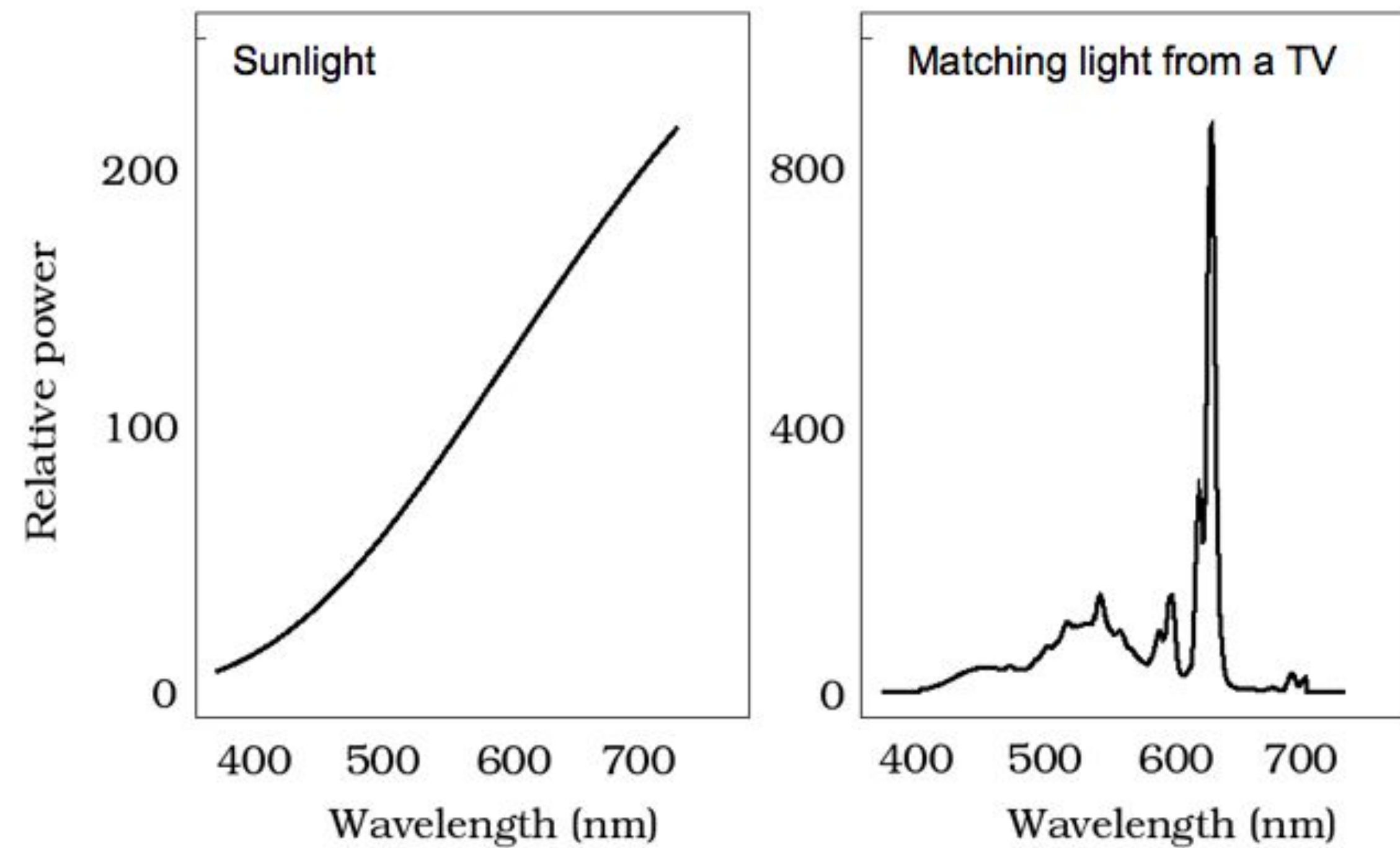


<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/vision/colcon.html>



# Metameric Lights

Two lights whose spectral power distributions appear identical to most observers are called **metamers**.



(A) A tungsten bulb

(B) TV monitor set to match (A)

**Figure credit:** Brian Wandell, Foundations of Vision, Sinauer Associates, 1995

# Grassman's Laws

For colour matches:

- **symmetry:**  $U = V \Leftrightarrow V = U$
- **transitivity:**  $U = V$  and  $V = W \Rightarrow U = W$
- **proportionality:**  $U = V \Leftrightarrow tU = tV$
- **additivity:** if any two of the statements are true, then so is the third

$$\begin{aligned}U &= V, \\W &= X, \\(U + W) &= (V + X)\end{aligned}$$

These statements mean that colour matching is, to an accurate approximation, linear.

# Representing Colour

- Describing colours accurately is of practical importance (e.g. Manufacturers are willing to go to a great deal of trouble to ensure that different batches of their product have the same colour)
- This requires a standard system for representing colour.

# Linear Color Spaces

A choice of primaries yields a linear colour space

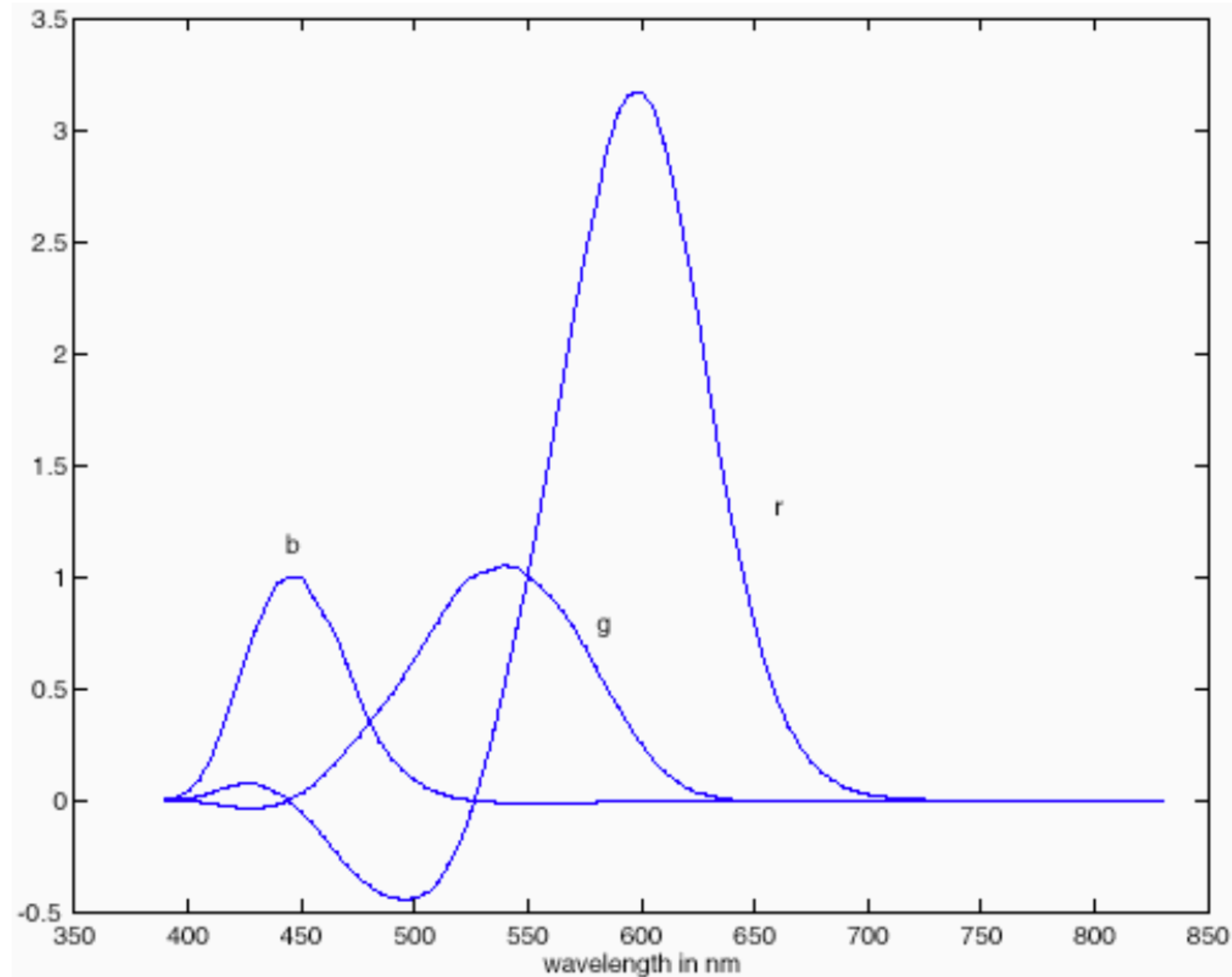
— the coordinates of a colour are given by the weights of the primaries used to match it

Choice of primaries is equivalent to choice of colour space

— **RGB**: Primaries are monochromatic energies, say 645.2 nm, 526.3 nm, 444.4 nm

— **CIE XYZ**: Primaries are imaginary, but have other convenient properties. Colour coordinates are  $(X, Y, Z)$ , where  $X$  is the amount of the  $X$  primary, etc.

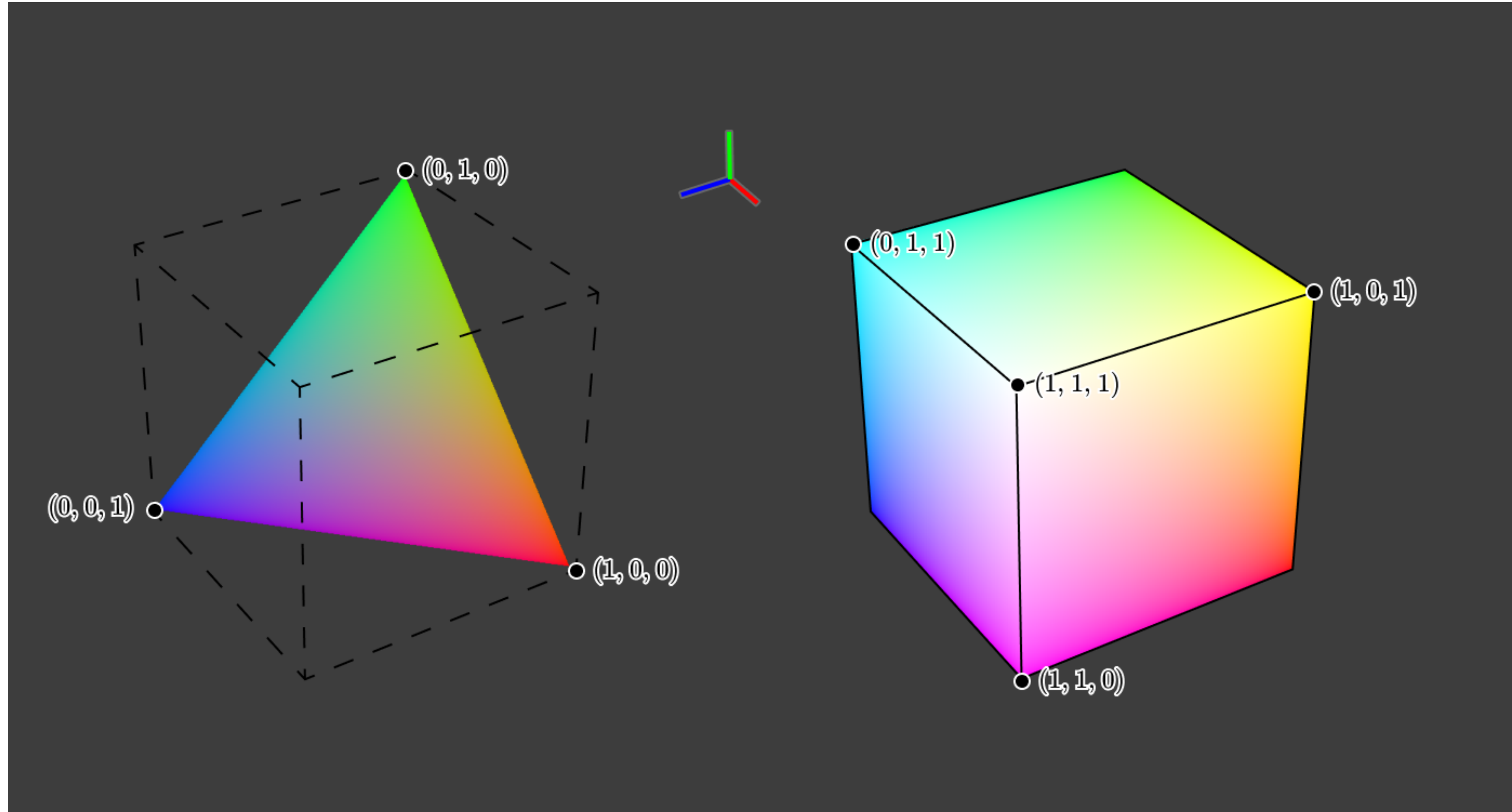
# RGB Colour Matching Functions



- Primaries monochromatic
- Wavelengths 645.2, 526.3 and 444.4 nm
- Negative parts means some colours can be matched only subtractively

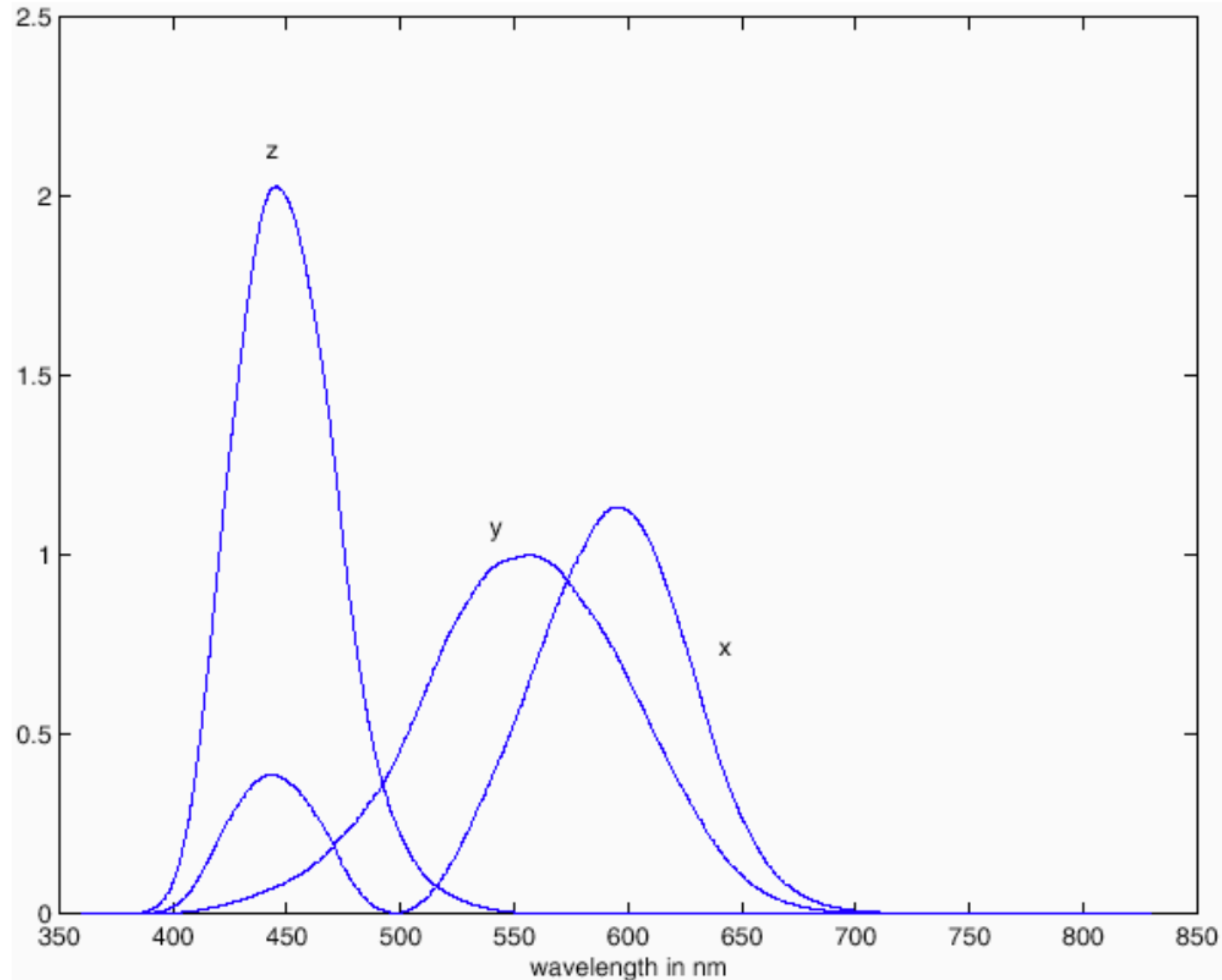
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# RGB Color Space





# RGB Colour Matching Functions



CIE XYZ: Colour matching functions are positive everywhere, but primaries are imaginary. Usually draw  $x$ ,  $y$ , where

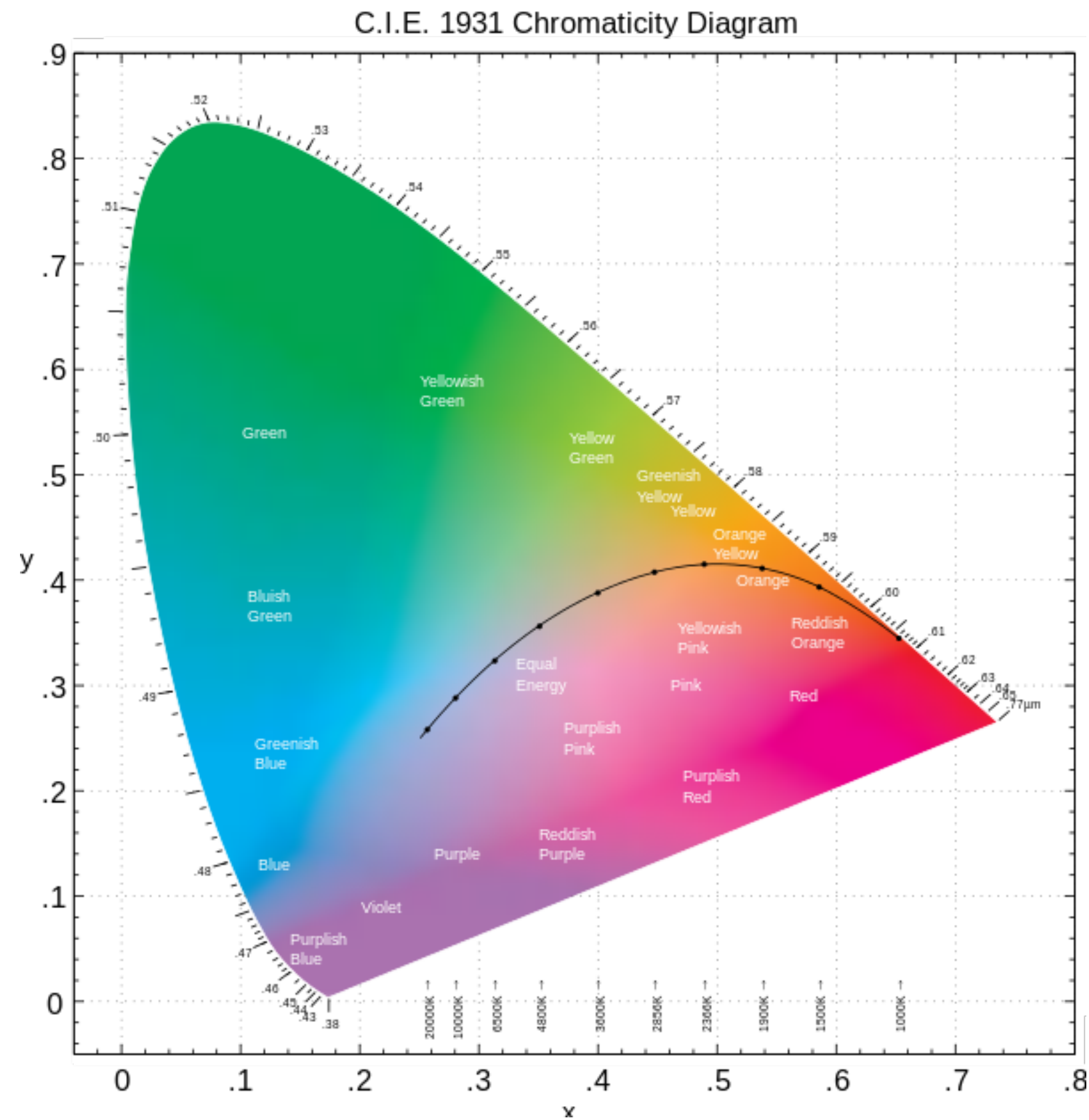
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Overall brightness is ignored

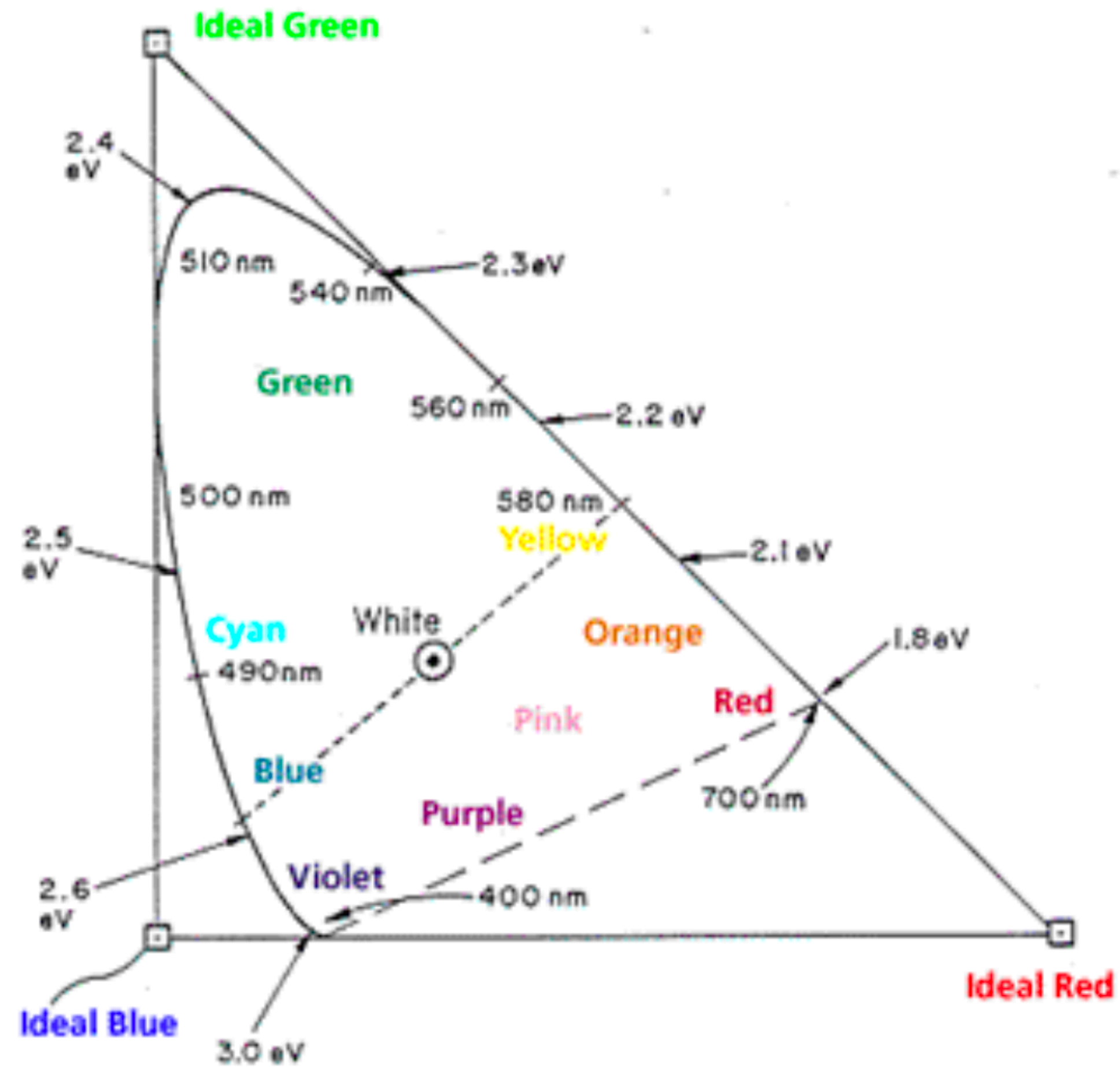
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# Geometry of Colour (CIE)



- White is in the center, with saturation increasing towards the boundary
- Mixing two coloured lights creates colours on a straight line
- Mixing 3 colours creates colours within a triangle
- Curved edge means there are no 3 actual lights that can create all colours that humans perceive!

# Geometry of Colour (CIE)



— White is in the center, with saturation increasing towards the boundary

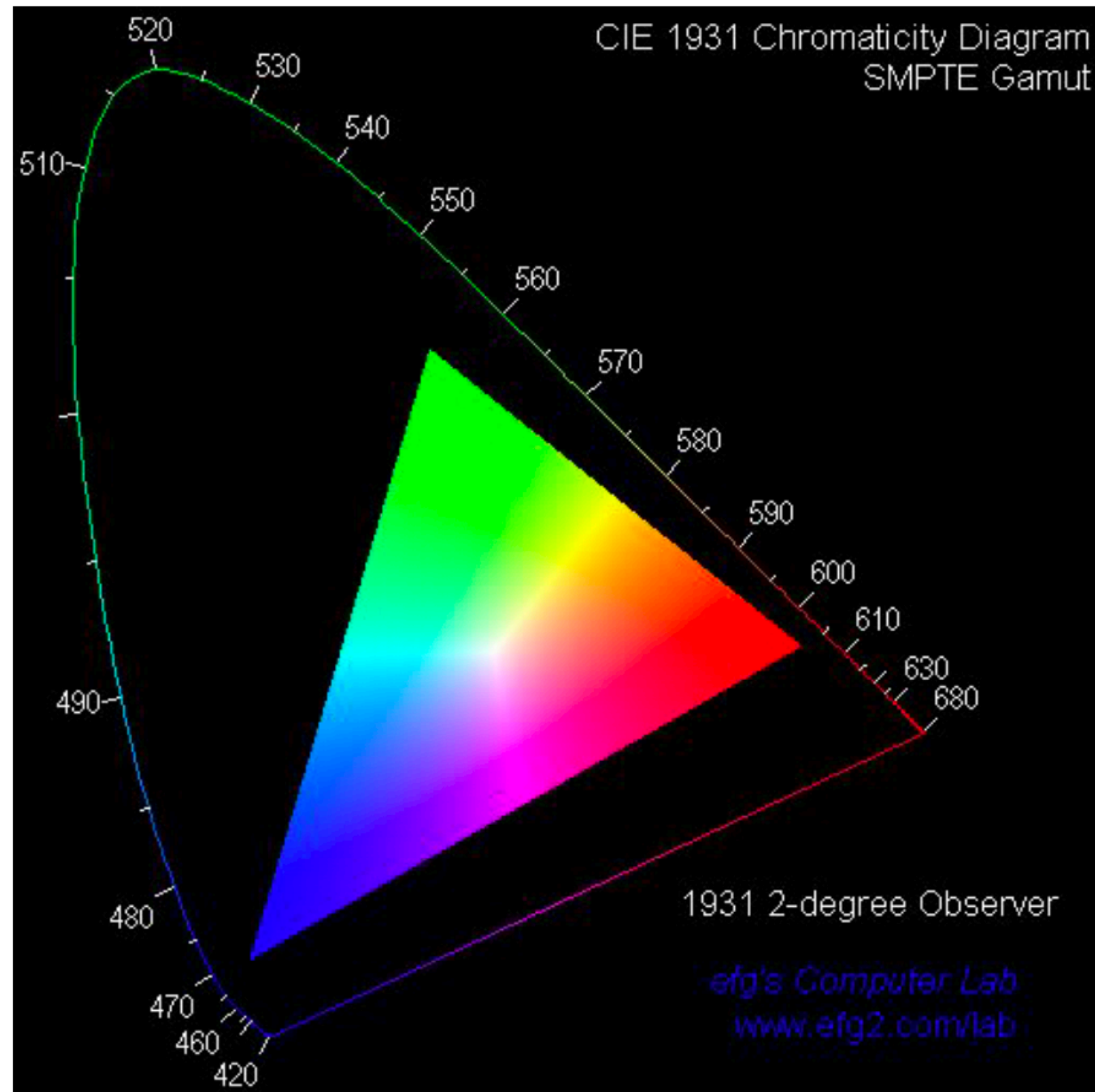
— Mixing two coloured lights creates colours on a straight line

— Mixing 3 colours creates colours within a triangle

— Curved edge means there are no 3 actual lights that can create all colours that humans perceive!



# RGB Colour Space



The sub-space of CIE colours that can be displayed on a typical computer monitor (phosphor limitations keep the space quite small)

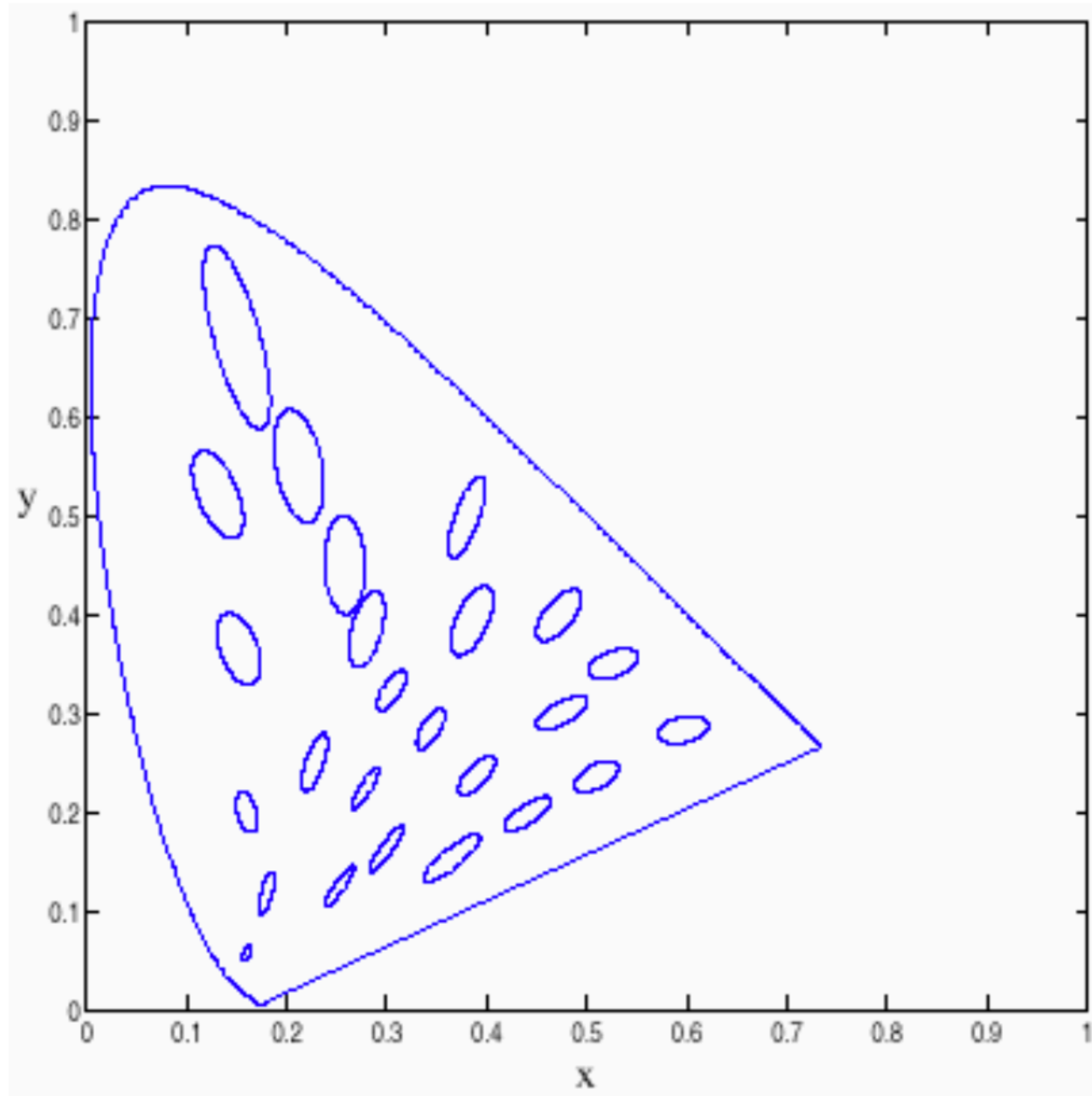
# Uniform Colour Spaces

Usually one cannot reproduce colours exactly

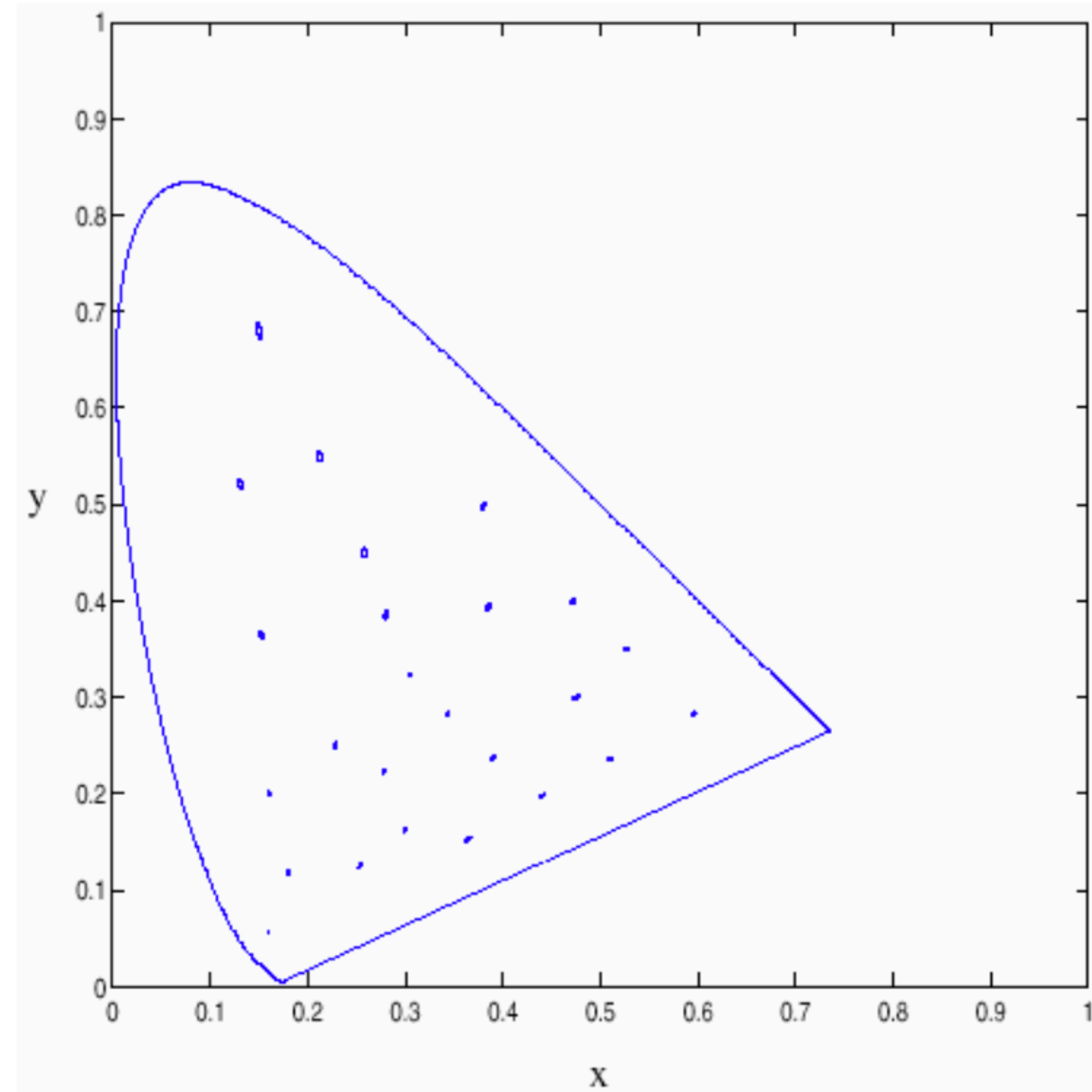
This means it is important to know whether a colour difference would be noticeable to a human viewer

# Uniform Colour Spaces

McAdam Ellipses: Each ellipse shows colours perceived to be the same



10 times actual size



Actual Size

Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 3.14



# Uniform Colour Spaces

McAdam ellipses demonstrate that differences in  $x$ ,  $y$  are a poor guide to differences in perceived colour

A **uniform colour space** is one in which differences in coordinates are a good guide to differences in perceived colour

— example: CIE LAB

# HSV Colour Space

The coordinates of a colour in a linear space like RGB or CIE XYZ may not necessarily...

- encode properties that are common in language or important in applications
- capture human intuitions about the topology of colours, e.g. hue relations are naturally expressed in a circle

# HSV Colour Space

More natural description of colour for human interpretation

**Hue:** attribute that describes a pure colour

— e.g. 'red', 'blue'

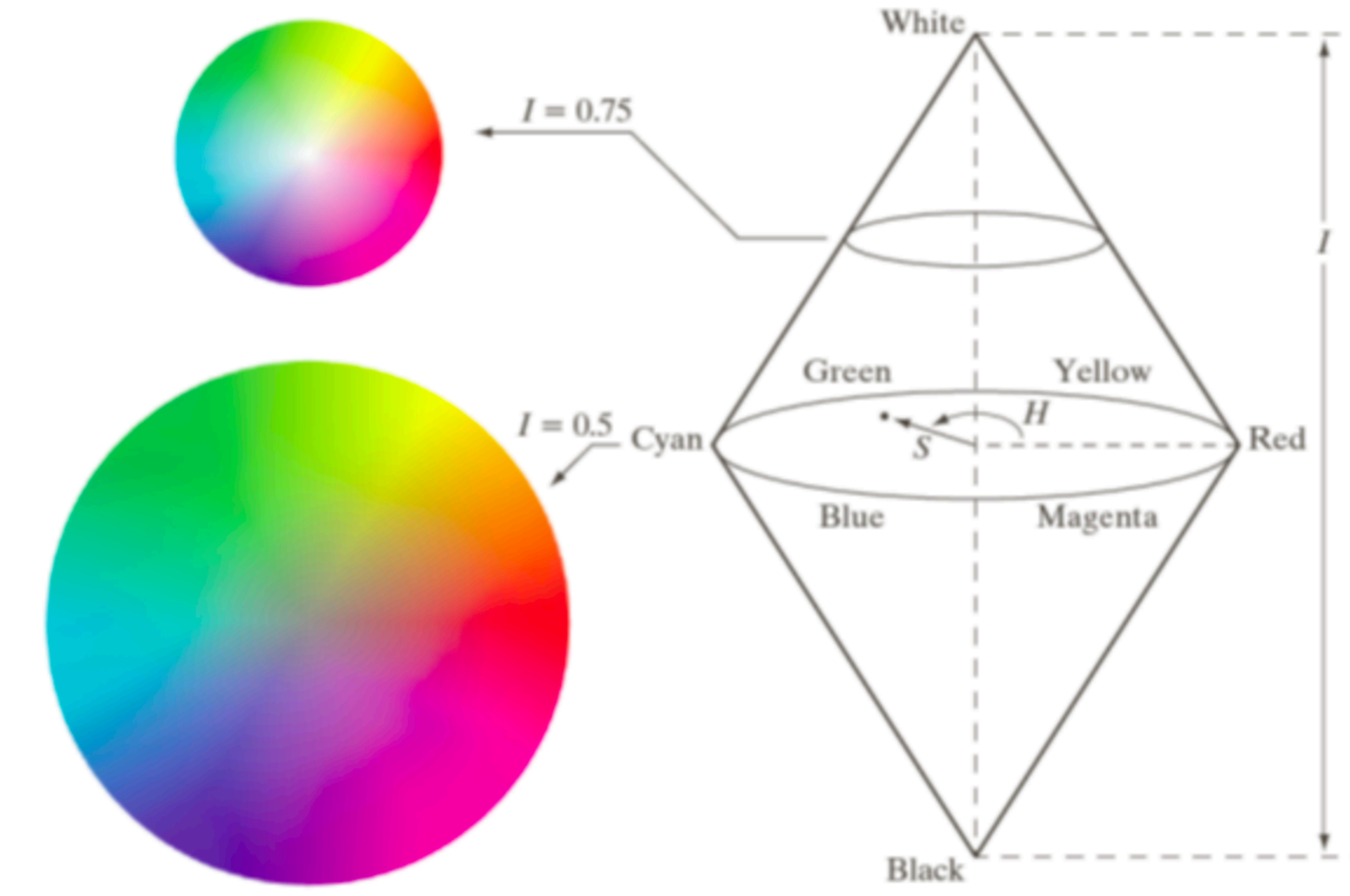
**Saturation:** measure of the degree to which a pure colour is diluted by white light

— pure spectrum colours are fully saturated

**Value:** intensity or brightness

Hue + saturation also referred to as **chromaticity**.

# HSV Colour Space



Gonzalez and Woods, 2008



# Colour **Constancy**

Image colour depends on both light colour and surface colour

**Colour constancy:** determine hue and saturation under different colours of lighting

It is surprisingly difficult to predict what colours a human will perceive in a complex scene

- depends on context, other scene information

Humans can usually perceive

- the colour a surface would have under white light

# Colour **Constancy**

A classic experiment by Land and McCann

# Environmental Effects

**Chromatic adaptation:** If the human visual system is exposed to a certain colour light for a while, colour perception starts to skew

**Contrast effects:** Nearby colours affect what is perceived

# Summary

- Approaches to texture exploit pyramid (i.e. scaled) and oriented representations
- Human colour perception
  - colour matching experiments
  - additive and subtractive matching
  - principle of trichromacy
- RGB and CIE XYZ are linear colour spaces
- Uniform colour space: differences in coordinates are a good guide to differences in perceived colour
- HSV colour space: more intuitive description of colour for human interpretation
- (Human) colour constancy: perception of intrinsic surface colour under different colours of lighting