## Color! Main Goals:

- Understand this thing: "Chromaticity diagram"

- Given a spectrum, how to predict what color the spectrum will seem to you


## Visible Spectrum

(Thz)

From Wikipedia, "Visible Spectrum"

- "All the colors of the rainbow..."
$\rightarrow$ Where is brown?? Where is pink?? Where is turquoise??


## Cone cells



Normalized response spectra of human cones, S, M, and L types, to monochromatic spectral stimuli

From Wikipedia, "Color Vision"
"Short"
"Medium"

- "Long"


## Color blindness



From Wikipedia, "Ishihara test"

- tritanopia - lacks S cones, $<1 \%$ of males and females
- tritanomaly - S cones mutated, $\sim 0.01 \%$ of males and females
- deuteranopia - lacks M cones, $\sim 1 \%$ of males
- deuteranomaly - M cones mutated, standard "red-green color blindness", $\sim 5 \%$ of European males; far fewer females
- protanopia - lacks L cones, $\sim 1 \%$ of males
- protanomaly - L cones mutated, ~3\% of European males, far fewer females
- achromatopsia - total color blindness, 0.003\% of males and females


## Primary Colors



From Wikipedia, "RGB Color Model"


Cone cell response, again

- How the primary song should go
- "Additive color mixing"
- (Pigments: "subtractive color mixing")


## Components of R, G, B: Plot in 3D "color space"



From Wikipedia, "RGB Color Model" (old version)

Viewing slices of the cube:
https://programmingdesignsystems.com/color/color-models-and-color-spaces/index.html

## Components of R, G, B



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## How to Display Colors



The emission spectra of the three phosphors that define the additive primary colors of a CRT color video display. Other electronic color display technologies (LCD, Plasma display, OLED) have analogous sets of primaries with different emission spectra.

From Wikipedia, "Primary Color"

## 1920's Color Matching Experiments

Using combinations of these three:

- Narrow red source at 700 nm
- Narrow green source at 546.1 nm
- Narrow blue source at 435.8 nm

How much of each is required to match the wavelengths in the visible spectrum ("pure


Cone cell response, again colors")?


## A Concern



- Say you want to mix the dashed lines to look the same as 580 nm orange line.
- You may start by turning up the red light. But soon you also need to turn up the green light. However...
$\rightarrow$ Green light will excite some S! (a small amount, but nonzero)
$\rightarrow \quad 580 \mathrm{~nm}$ alone will never excite S! Therefore 580 nm cannot be matched.
$\rightarrow$ You need some "negative blue" to counteract


## Results: $\overline{\mathrm{r}}, \overline{\mathrm{g}}, \overline{\mathrm{b}}$ functions

red source $=700 \mathrm{~nm}$ green source $=546.1 \mathrm{~nm}$ blue source at 435.8 nm


From Wikipedia, "1931 Color Space" (also in P\&W)

## $\overline{\mathrm{x}}, \overline{\mathrm{y}}, \overline{\mathrm{z}}$ functions vs. $\overline{\mathrm{r}}, \overline{\mathrm{g}}, \overline{\mathrm{b}}$ functions



From Wikipedia, "CIE 1931 Color Space" (Very Important, but not in Peatross \& Ware)

- all are positive
- $\overline{\mathrm{z}}=$ close to S cones, close to $\overline{\mathrm{b}}$
- $\bar{y}=$ matches intensity response of eye, close to M cones
- $\overline{\mathrm{x}}=$ chosen so that white is equal parts of all three



## Projections

- Given a spectrum $\mathrm{I}(\lambda)$, how much $\overline{\mathrm{x}}, \overline{\mathrm{y}}$, and $\overline{\mathrm{z}}$ does it have?

$$
\begin{aligned}
X & =\int I(\lambda) \overline{\mathrm{x}}(\lambda) d \lambda \\
Y & =\int I(\lambda) \overline{\mathrm{y}}(\lambda) d \lambda \\
Z & =\int I(\lambda) \bar{z}(\lambda) d \lambda
\end{aligned}
$$



## Example from homework (P2.13 part b)



Calculate the areas: X, Y, Z $\rightarrow$ Then normalize so they add up to 1 (call them $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, \mathrm{z}$ )



## Side Note: Linear Transformations of Projection coordinates ( $X, Y, Z$ ) and ( $\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{B}$ )

\(\left[$$
\begin{array}{l}X \\
Y \\
Z\end{array}
$$\right]=\frac{1}{0.17697}\left[$$
\begin{array}{ccc}0.49 & 0.31 & 0.20 \\
0.17697 & 0.81240 & 0.01063 \\
0.00 & 0.01 & 0.99\end{array}
$$\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}R <br>
G <br>

B\end{array}\right]\)| From P\&W |
| :--- |
| Example 2.4 |

$\left[\begin{array}{l}R \\ G \\ B\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}0.4185 & -0.1587 & -0.08283 \\ -0.09117 & 0.2524 & 0.01571 \\ 0.0009209 & -0.002550 & 0.1786\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}X \\ Y \\ Z\end{array}\right]$



## Worked Example



Normalize so they add up to 1 ("color" should not depend on overall intensity)

- $\quad \mathrm{x}=$
- $\quad y=$
- $z=1-x-y=$


## Another Worked Example

- What is ( $\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}$ ) for a delta function at 560 nm ?


My estimates:
$X=0.59$
$Y=0.98$
$Z=0$
$x=0.38$
$y=0.62$

Do that for every wavelength $\rightarrow$ the "locus" curve

## Chromaticity Diagram



Things to observe

- The locus curve

Example: $560 \mathrm{~nm}=$ (0.38, 0.62)

- The white point = (0.33, 0.33)
- "Line of purples"


## Linear effects

- Color mixing along line connecting two points
- "Complementary colors": can mix to get white


## Chromaticity Diagram



- Hue
a. Draw the line connecting the white point to P , what $\lambda$ does it hit? (Example: 593 nm )
- Saturation
a. How far along that line is the point? (Example: 65\%)
- Brightness
a. Overall intensity, Not on this diagram


## Remember this?



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## sRGB: three specific color sources

Standard created in 1996 by HP and Microsoft to help the internet

Mixing three sources: triangle called the "gamut"
"blue" $=(0.15,0.0 .0$,

## Review (end of class 1?)

- Three types of cones responsive to three different wavelength ranges (short, medium, long, aka SML)
- Three dimensional color space (RGB)
- Color matching experiments produced $\overline{\mathrm{r}}, \overline{\mathrm{g}}, \overline{\mathrm{b}}$ "color matching functions"
- Alternate set developed with better properties, $\overline{\mathrm{X}}, \overline{\mathrm{y}}, \overline{\mathrm{z}}$
- $X, Y, Z$ are the projections of a given spectrum on to the $\overline{\mathrm{X}}, \overline{\mathrm{y}}, \overline{\mathrm{Z}}$ functions
- $x, y, z$ are the normalized $X, Y, Z$ values
- $x, y$ are the chromaticity coordinates ( $z$ is superfluous), can be plotted on the chromaticity diagram
- Colors on the chromaticity diagram combine linearly
- Actual RGB sources fall on the chromaticity diagram, their enclosed triangle is the gamut of possible colors they can display


## What's the Color of Blackbody Radiation?



## Color of the Sun? T = 5778K



## Complementary colors



- What is the hue of this point P?
- Complementary color, $\lambda_{\mathrm{C}}$


## XYZ to sRGB

$\left[\begin{array}{c}\tilde{R} \\ \tilde{G} \\ \tilde{B}\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}3.2406 & -1.5372 & -0.4986 \\ -0.9689 & 1.8758 & 0.0415 \\ 0.0557 & -0.2040 & 1.0570\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}X \\ Y \\ Z\end{array}\right]$ From P\&W P2.14

- Step 1: linear transformation
- Step 2: nonlinear (function given in P2.14)
- Normalize R,G,B values to be integers from 0 to 255
a. $256 \times 256 \times 256=$ 16,777,216 possible colors



## xyY

- Reminder: what was Y?

- all are positive
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## XYZ $\leftrightarrow x y Y$ Transformations

(Nonlinear)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\begin{array}{l}
X \\
y \\
Y
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{X}{X+Y+Z} \\
\frac{Y}{X+Y+Z} \\
Y
\end{array}\right]} \\
& {\left[\begin{array}{l}
X \\
Y \\
Z
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\frac{x}{y} Y \\
\frac{1-x-y}{y} Y
\end{array}\right]}
\end{aligned}
$$

## "Hue, brightness, saturation"

- Hue - use RGB values to turn locus into a hexagon, then written as 0 to $360^{\circ}$
- Saturation called "chroma", as before
- Brightness from $Y$, scaled as 0 to 1
 the projection of the RGB cube onto a hexagon in the "chromaticity plane". Chroma is the relative size of the hexagon passing through a point, and hue is how far around that hexagon's edge the point lies.

From Wikipedia "HSL and HSV"

## sRGB gamut, again



## Adobe RGB



- Better than sRGB?
- Only if your camera/display/ printer are all calibrated for it
- Not for use on internet
- Also: there's a wider range of possible colors, but the difference between individual colors is bigger than in sRGB (still $256 \times 256 \times 256$ )

From Wikipedia,
"Adobe RGB color space"

## ProPhoto RGB


"One of the downsides to this color space is that approximately $13 \%$ of the representable colors are imaginary colors that do not exist and are not visible colors."

From Wikipedia, "ProPhoto RGB color space"

## Summary: Many Ways to Specify Color

- R,G,B (original color matching functions)
- $X, Y, Z$
- $x, y, Y$
- hue, saturation, $Y$
$\rightarrow$ Complementary hue if needed
- hue, brightness, saturation
- sRGB R,G,B coordinates (if in sRGB color space)
- R,G,B coordinates of other color spaces
That's All, Folks

