
Intelligent Control Systems

Image Processing (1)

— Basic Concepts and Introduction of OpenCV —

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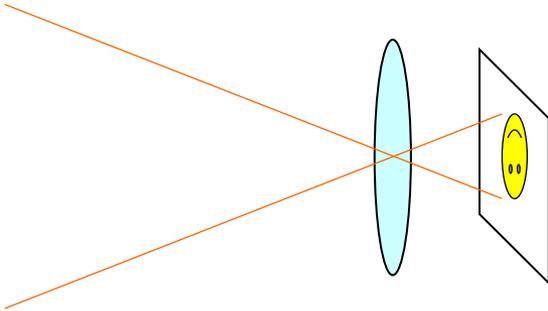
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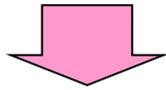
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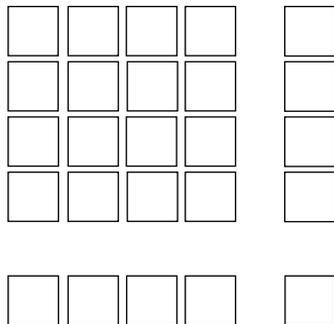
Digital Images



Analog distribution of light intensity



2-D discretization (into pixels)
quantization of intensity (ADC)

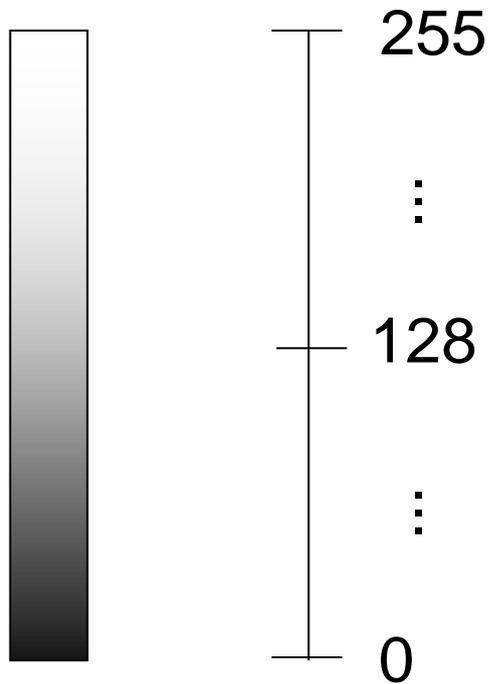


A digital image:
2-D array of pixel values

Pixel Value

(analog) light intensity; illuminance; voltage

(digital) pixel value; intensity value; gray level; grayscale value



quantized into $[0, 255]$ integer:
8-bit graylevel image

cf.:

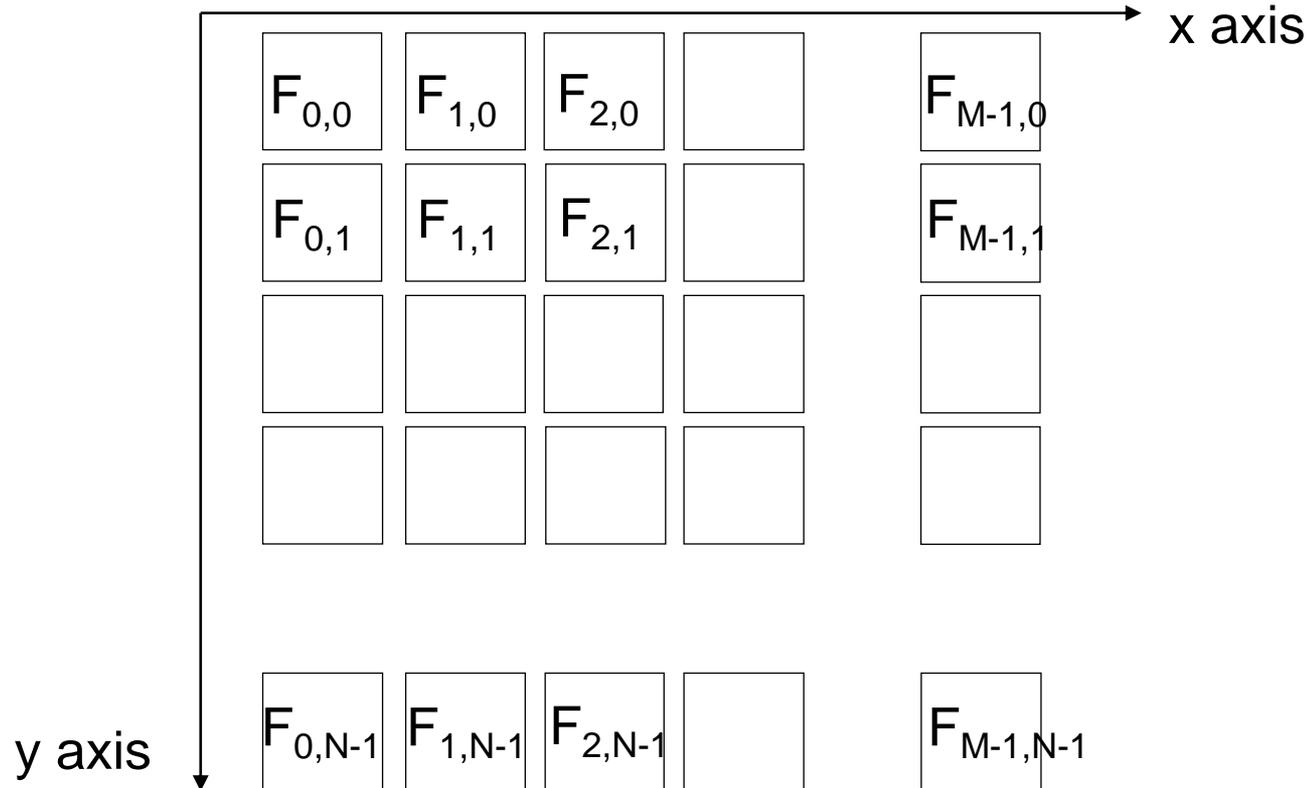
- binary image (= 1-bit graylevel)
- color image (= 3-channel image)

Expression of a Digital Image

$M \times N$ pixels digital image:

$$\{ F_{x,y} \}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, M-1, \quad y = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

Pixel value at (x, y) : $F_{x,y}$

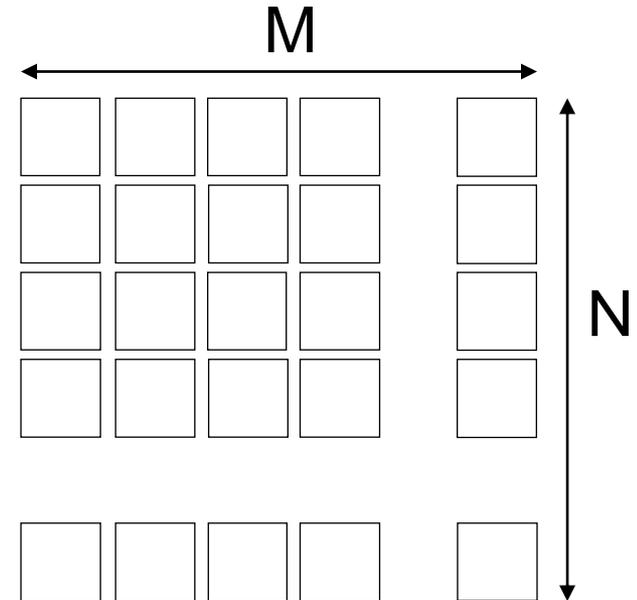


Example in C

```
#define M 640
#define N 480
unsigned char image[M * N];

image[M * y + x] = 30;
// F(x, y) := 30
```

8-bit



- 2-D array is not convenient in C (e.g. not flexible in sizes)
- 1-D array is often preferred

A Simple Example Code in C

binarization (or thresholding)

```
#define M 640
#define N 480
#define THRESHOLD 128

unsigned char image[M * N];
int i, j;

for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
    for (i = 0; i < M; i++) {
        if (image[M * j + i] >= THRESHOLD) {
            image[M * j + i] = 255;
        } else {
            image[M * j + i] = 0;
        }
    }
}
```

Image Processing Libraries

- Writing image processing programs by your own in this way is possible, but cumbersome
 - How do we read image/video from a file or a camera?
 - How do we display images?
 - Do we have to implement every low-level image processing by ourselves?

There are many libraries or toolkits convenient for image processing, and using some of them is a good choice

In this lecture, we use OpenCV for Python

note: **our goal is not to show you detailed features of OpenCV,** but to lecture basic concepts of image processing by using OpenCV as a tool

Setup

- See the separate file: `kagami_ic2022_install.pdf`
- Open the WinPython Command Prompt (or anything else you set up for this course) and change the working directory to where the sample codes are.
 - Make sure you have `ic_utils.py` (uploaded on July 6) in your sample directory
 - When you want to edit a sample file, it is recommended to make a copy of the file with another name (e.g., `ic01_thresh.py` → `ic01_thresh2.py`) or use Git to create your own test branch

Example of Interactive Execution

Once you finished the setup, run ipython command (or use IPython window of spyder) and type the followings:

```
cd C:/ic2022/sample/  
import cv2  
img = cv2.imread('lena.jpg')  
cv2.imshow('test_win', img)  
cv2.waitKey(0)  
cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

Hit any key on the image window to proceed

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
plt.imshow(img) # Oops!  
plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB))  
quit()
```

OpenCV uses (Blue, Green, Red) order to encode pixel colors, while matplotlib uses (Red, Green, Blue)

Full Python Code for Thresholding (1/2)

ic01_thresh.py:

```
import cv2          OpenCV module
import numpy as np  NumPy module

def threshold_impl(src, thresh, maxval):  definition of a function
    width = src.shape[1]
    height = src.shape[0]
    dest = np.zeros_like(src)  zero-initialized image with the same size and
    for j in range(height):    data type as src
        for i in range(width):
            if src[j, i] > thresh:  range(n) generates a list
                dest[j, i] = maxval  [0, 1, 2, ..., n-1]
            else:
                dest[j, i] = 0
    return dest
```

Note that indentation matters

Indices for pixel access are given
in [Y-axis, X-axis] order
(= [row, column] order)

Full Python Code for Thresholding (2/2)

```
def main():
    frame = cv2.imread('lena.jpg', cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE)
    # imread function in cv2 module is called

    th = 128
    thresh_my = threshold_impl(frame, th, 255)
    ret, thresh_cv = cv2.threshold(frame, th, 255, cv2.THRESH_BINARY)
    thresh_np = np.where(frame > th, np.uint8(255), np.uint8(0))

    cv2.imshow('result', thresh_my)      (window name, image)
    cv2.imshow('result2', thresh_cv)
    cv2.imshow('result3', thresh_np)

    cv2.waitKey(0)                      Wait infinitely until any key is pressed, while refreshing
                                        the graphics

    cv2.destroyAllWindows()

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()                                An idiom to start the program from "main" function
```

A function can return multiple values

List, Tuple, and Dictionary in Python

list

```
x = [0, 1, 'apple', [2, 4]]
x[2]
-> 'apple'
x.append(999)
x
-> [0, 1, 'apple', [2, 4], 999]
```

tuple

```
y = (0, 1, 'apple')
y[1]
-> 1
y.append(999) # error
y[1] = 123    # error
```

tuple is similar to list, but
mutation is not allowed

dict

```
d = {'value': 123, 'pos': (10, 20), 'name': 'Foo'}
d['value']
-> 123
d['name'] = 'Bar'
d['name']
-> 'Bar'
```

NumPy n-dimensional array (ndarray)

- NumPy is a de facto standard library for scientific computing with Python
- NumPy's ndarray is used to represent images in OpenCV in Python (Note: different from OpenCV in C++, which uses `cv::Mat` class)

List in Python is flexible but inefficient

```
x = [0, 1, 'apple', [2, 4]]
```

NumPy ndarray is efficient because it is a straightforward array with fixed data type

```
import numpy as np
x = np.array([[1,2,3], [4,5,6], [7,8,9]], dtype=np.uint8)
x
-> array([[1, 2, 3],
         [4, 5, 6],
         [7, 8, 9]])
```

Initialization and conversion of ndarray

2-dimensional array:

```
x = np.array([[1,2,3], [4,5,6]])  
x.shape  
-> (2, 3)      (height, width): different from image processing  
                convention; it's more like matrix convention  
x.dtype  
-> dtype('int32')  data type is automatically inferred if not specified
```

1-dimensional array:

```
x = np.array([1.0, 2.0, 3.0])  
x.shape  
-> (3,)      a tuple of length 1  
x.dtype  
-> dtype('float64')
```

data type conversion

unsigned 8-bit integer

```
x = np.array([[1,2,3], [4,5,6]], dtype=np.uint8)  
x = np.float32(x)  
x = x.astype(np.int16)
```

Video Processing Example: Thresholding

```
def main():
    cap = cv2.VideoCapture('vtest.avi')
    #cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)

    while True:
        grabbed, frame = cap.read()
        if not grabbed:
            break
        frame = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

        thresh_img = threshold_img(frame, 128, 255)
        cv2.imshow('result', thresh_img)
        key = cv2.waitKey(30)
        if key == ord('q'):
            break

    cv2.destroyAllWindows()
```

images are captured from video file
or a camera device (specified by
integer index)

break if no image is available

wait for 30 ms (or key input)
character code of 'q'

Switching Capture Source by Command-Line Argument

```
import sys
import cv2

...

cap_src = 'vtest.avi'
if len(sys.argv) == 2:
    if sys.argv[1].isdecimal():
        cap_src = int(sys.argv[1])
    else:
        cap_src = sys.argv[1]
cap = cv2.VideoCapture(cap_src)
```

sys.argv[0] is command name
sys.argv[1] is 1st argument

Now you can run the program by executing:

```
python ic01_thresh_video.py
```

vtest.avi is read by default

```
python ic01_thresh_video.py books.mp4
```

books.mp4 is read

```
python ic01_thresh_video.py 0
```

your 0-th web camera is used

Just-In-Time Compilation by numba

We want to iterate through the pixels using nested for loops, but it is extremely slow in Python.

- Good practice is to avoid iteration by using numpy methods thoughtfully, but it is not main focus of this course
- We use numba module as a workaround: the function is compiled when it is executed for the first time and therefore runs fast for the second time and on
- Note however that some of numpy functionalities are not supported by numba

```
from numba import jit

@jit
def threshold_impl(src, thresh, maxval):
    ...
```

Trackbars in OpenCV

```
def do_nothing():  
    pass
```

```
def main():  
    cap = cv2.VideoCapture('vtest.avi')  
  
    cv2.namedWindow('result')  
    cv2.createTrackbar('thresh', 'result', 128, 255, do_nothing)  
  
    while True:  
        grabbed, frame = cap.read()           ranging from 0 to 255  
        if not grabbed:                       initial value is set to 128  
            break  
        frame = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)  
  
        th = cv2.getTrackbarPos('thresh', 'result')  
        thresh_img = threshold_impl(frame, th, 255)  
  
        cv2.imshow('result', thresh_img)  
        key = cv2.waitKey(30)  
        if key == ord('q'):  
            break
```

Defining Your Own Module

ic_utils.py

```
import cv2

def select_capture_source(argv):
    cap_src = 'vtest.avi'
    if len(argv) == 2:
        if argv[1].isdecimal():
            cap_src = int(argv[1])
        else:
            cap_src = argv[1]
    return cv2.VideoCapture(cap_src)
```

ic01_thresh_video.py

```
import sys
import ic_utils as ic

def main():
    cap = ic.select_capture_source(sys.argv)
```

Mouse Interaction in OpenCV (1/2)

```
def on_mouse_rect(event, x, y, flag, mstate):  
    if event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONDOWN:  
        mstate['selection'] = 'ongoing'  
        mstate['xybegin'] = (x, y)  
    elif event == cv2.EVENT_LBUTTONUP:  
        mstate['selection'] = 'valid'  
    elif event == cv2.EVENT_RBUTTONDOWN:  
        mstate['selection'] = 'invalid'  
  
    if mstate['selection'] == 'ongoing':  
        mstate['xyend'] = (x, y)
```

```
def main():  
    mstate = {  
        'selection': 'invalid',  
        'xybegin': (-1, -1),  
        'xyend': (-1, -1),  
    }  
    cv2.setMouseCallback('result', on_mouse_rect, mstate)
```

function `on_mouse_rect` is called every frame a mouse event occurs with final argument `mstate`

Mouse Interaction in OpenCV (2/2)

ic01_thresh_mouse_rect.py

...

```
img = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
```

```
th = cv2.getTrackbarPos('thresh', 'result')
```

```
xbegin, ybegin = mstate['xybegin']
```

```
xend, yend = mstate['xyend']
```

```
if mstate['selection'] == 'valid':
```

```
    roi = img[ybegin:yend, xbegin:xend]
```

```
    thresh_roi = threshold_impl(roi, th, 255)
```

```
    img[ybegin:yend, xbegin:xend] = thresh_roi
```

```
elif mstate['selection'] == 'ongoing':
```

```
    cv2.rectangle(img, (xbegin, ybegin), (xend, yend),  
                  color=0, thickness=2)
```

...

keyword arguments
(cf. positional arguments)

`img[ybegin:yend, xbegin:xend]:`

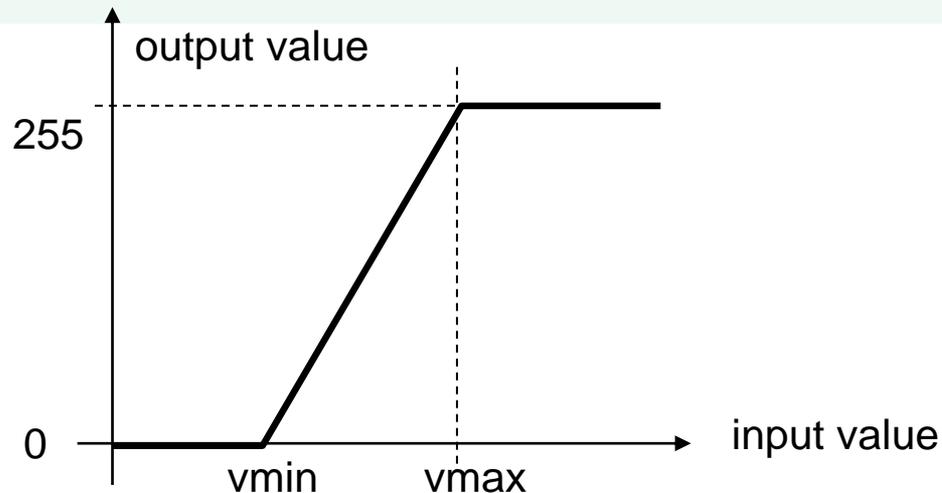
subregion of `img` whose top-left corner is at `(xbegin, ybegin)`

and bottom-right corner (exclusive) is at `(xend, yend)`

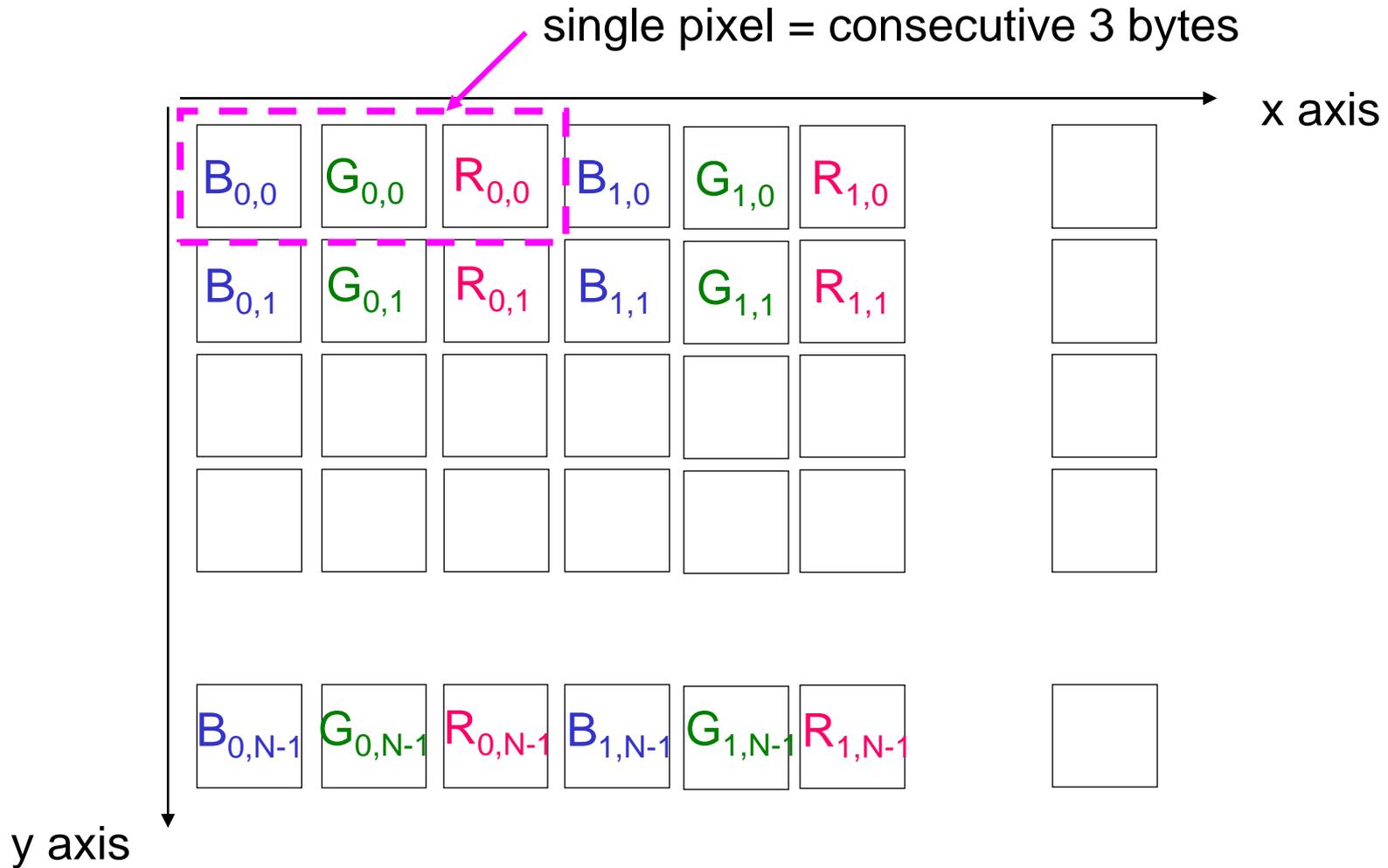
Converting Pixel Values

ic01_convert_graylevels.py:

```
def convert_graylevels(src, vmin, vmax):  
    width = src.shape[1]  
    height = src.shape[0]  
    dest = np.zeros_like(src)  
    for j in range(height):  
        for i in range(width):  
            val = (255 * (src[j, i] - vmin)) / (vmax - vmin)  
            val = max(0, val)    ## clipping negative values  
            val = min(val, 255) ## clipping values over 255  
            dest[j, i] = val  
    return dest
```



Color Image Representation



Representation in OpenCV for Python (NumPy)

(height, width)-shape array with 3 channels
(or equivalently, (height, width, 3)-shape tensor) is used

```
fruits = cv2.imread('fruits.jpg')
fruits.shape
-> (480, 512, 3)

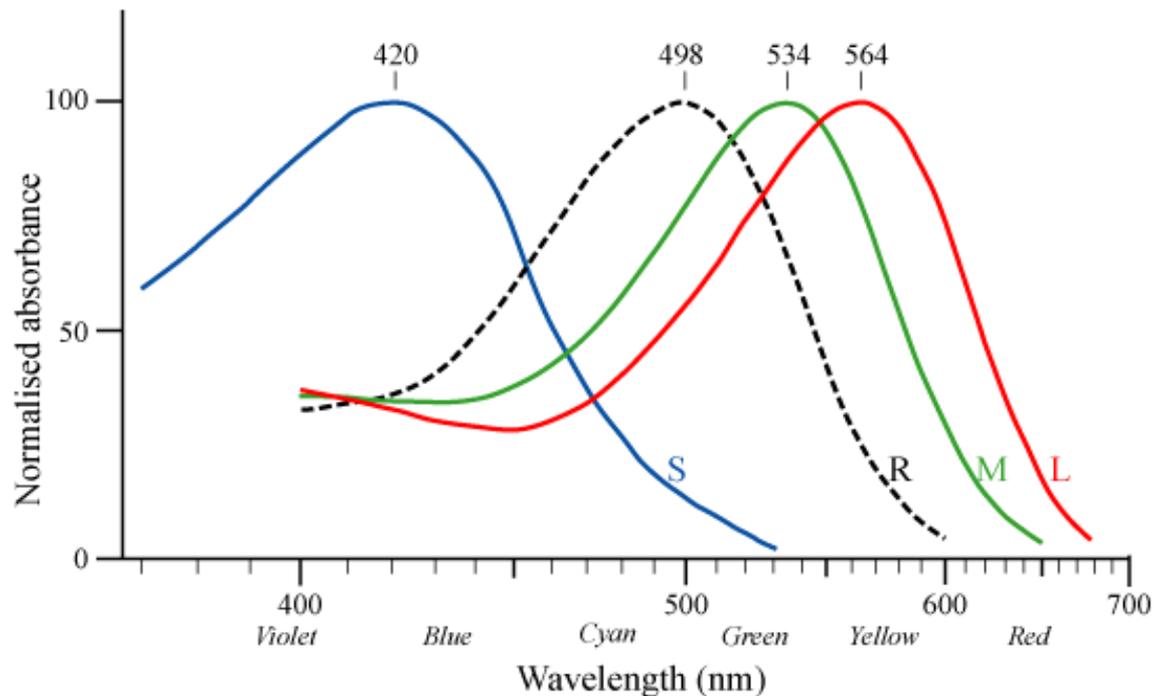
fruits[100, 100]
-> array([ 52,  98, 116], dtype=uint8)
fruits[100, 100, 0]
-> 52
```

```
np.array([[[B00, G00, R00], [B10, G10, R10], ... ],
          [...],
          ...
          [...], dtype=np.uint8)
```

RGB Color Space

Why R, G, and B?

- Our eyes have three types of wavelength-sensitive cells (cone cells)
 - cf. rod cells
- So, the color space we *perceive* is three-dimensional



<http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cone-response.png>

Other Color Spaces

XYZ, L*a*b, L*u*v

defined by CIE (Commission Internationale de l'Eclairage)

YIQ, YUV, YCbCr

used in video standards (NTSC, PAL, ...)

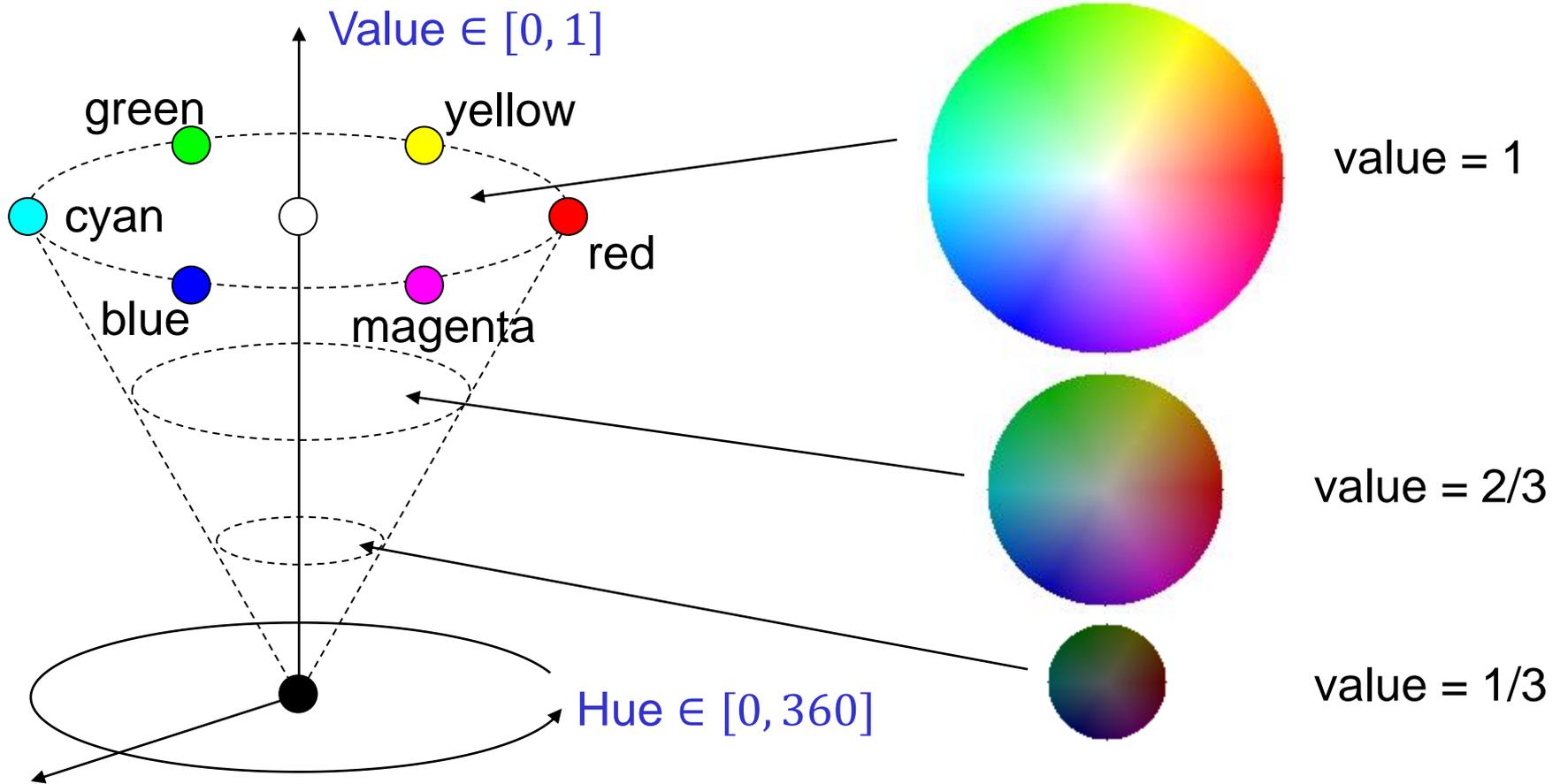
HSV (HSI, HSL)

based on Munsell color system

cf. CMY, CMYK (for printing; subtractive color mixture)

```
img_out = cv2.cvtColor(img_in, cv2.COLOR_BGR2HSV)
```

HSV Color Space

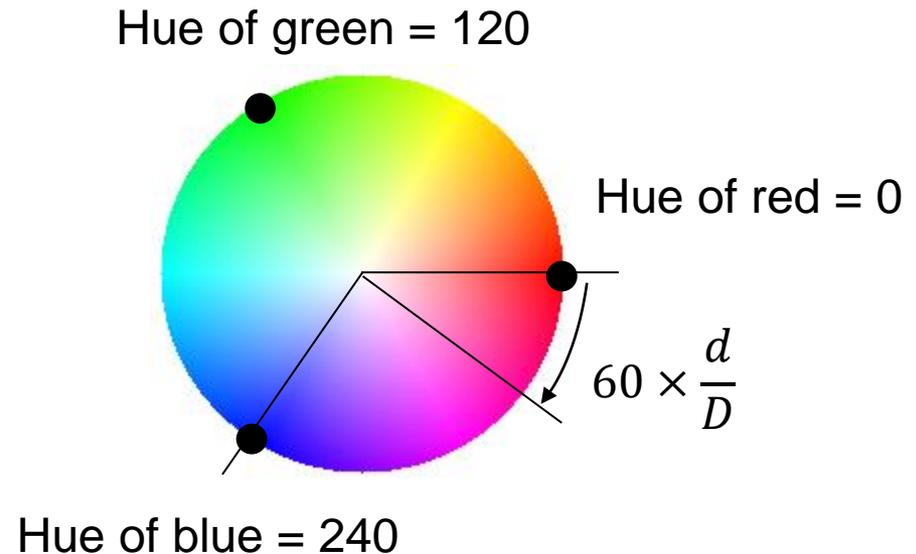
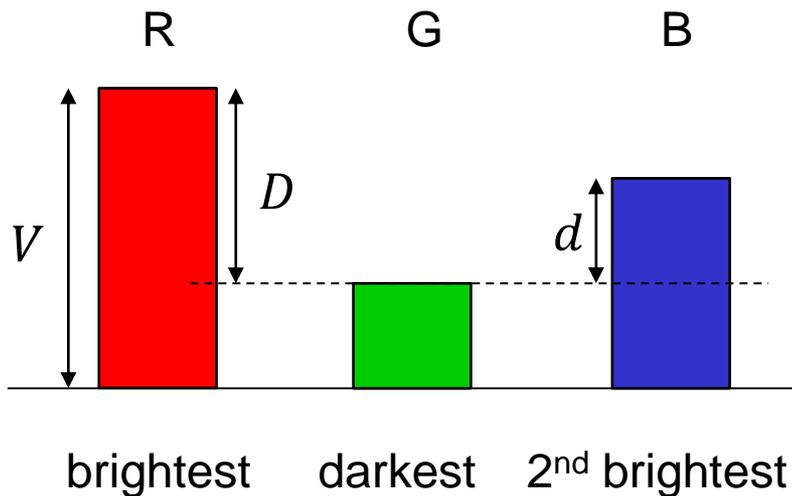


Saturation $\in [0, 1]$ (If a color is made of only two of RGBs, it is called saturated)

Note: OpenCV (uint8) employs different ranges:

$$0 \leq \text{Hue} \leq 180, 0 \leq \text{Saturation} \leq 255, 0 \leq \text{Value} \leq 255$$

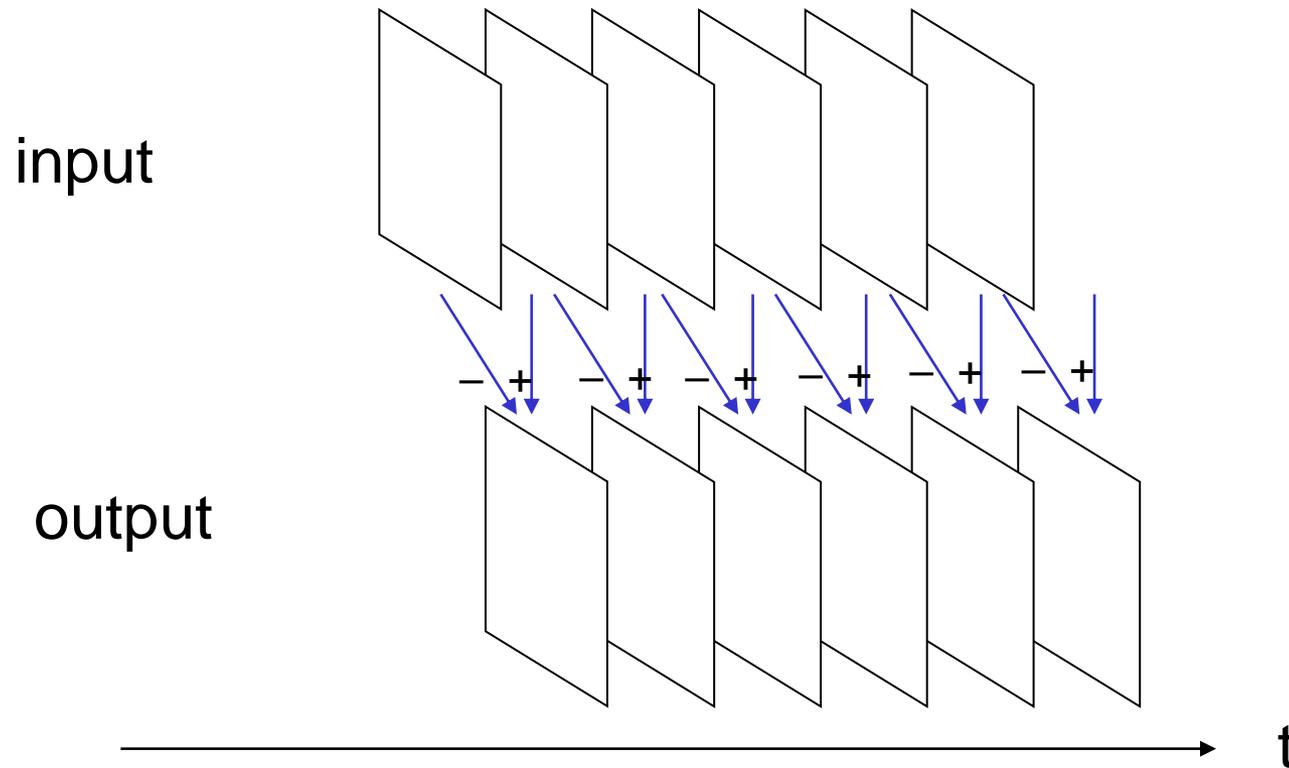
RGB to HSV



1. Determine V , D , and d
2. Set H to interpolate between the hues of the brightest and 2nd brightest
3. Set $S = \frac{D}{V}$

[ic01_convert_color.py](#)

Video Processing Example: Frame Difference



Frame Difference

ic01_frame_diff.py:

```
def main():
    cap = ic.select_capture_source(sys.argv)
    grabbed, prev_frame = cap.read()
    prev_frame = cv2.cvtColor(prev_frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

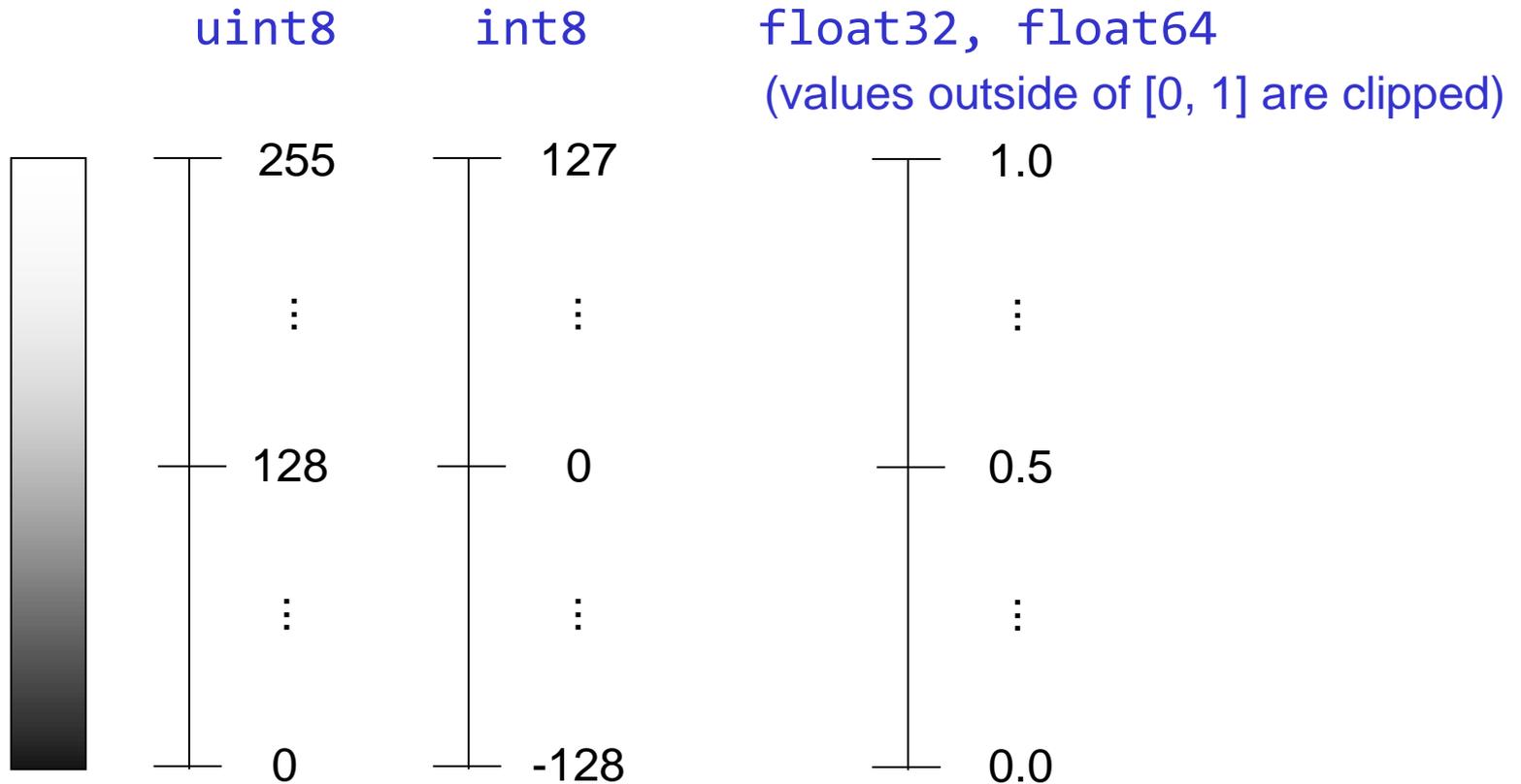
    while True:
        grabbed, frame = cap.read()
        frame = cv2.cvtColor(frame, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
        if not grabbed:
            break
        # converted to 16-bit signed integer image to deal with
        # negative values, and then converted to 8-bit signed integer
        diff_img = np.int8((np.int16(frame) - np.int16(prev_frame)) / 2)
        prev_frame = frame

        ## cv2.imshow adds 128 to pixel values when it receives np.int8 image
        cv2.imshow('result', diff_img)

        key = cv2.waitKey(30)
        if key == ord('q'):
            break
```

cv2.imshow and data type

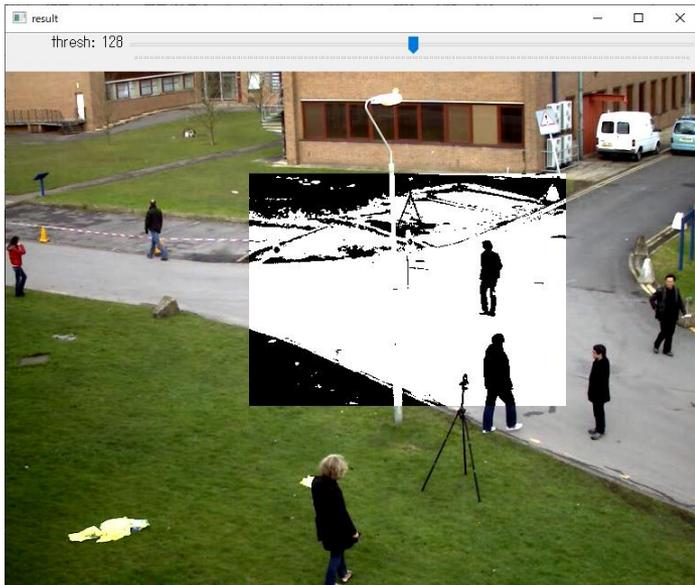
```
cv2.imshow('window name', img)
```



- Behaviors for other types (16 and 32-bit integers) are less intuitive
- These are rules for `cv2.imshow` only and do not generalize at all

Exercises (Not Assignments)

Copy `ic01_thresh_mouse_rect.py` to another name and modify it to draw the thresholding result on the color input image (instead of monochrome one).



Hints:

- When you copy an image to a subregion of another image, the number of channels of both images must agree
- Conversion from graylevel to RGB can be done by `cv2.COLOR_GRAY2BGR`

References

Sample codes of this course are available at
<https://github.com/shingo-kagami/ic>

Manuals of OpenCV and NumPy are found at:

- <https://docs.opencv.org/master/>
- https://docs.opencv.org/master/d6/d00/tutorial_py_root.html
- <http://www.numpy.org/>

Some Book resources:

- A. Kaehler, G. Bradski: Learning OpenCV 3, O'Reilly, 2017. (詳解 OpenCV 3, オライリー・ジャパン, 2018) : [A book written by OpenCV contributors; Unfortunately, the codes are in C++](#)
- J. Howse, J. Minichino: Learning OpenCV 4 Computer Vision with Python 3, Packt Publishing, 2020.
- A. F. Villan, Mastering OpenCV 4 with Python, Packt Publishing, 2019.