

# ECE 468: Digital Image Processing

## Lecture 1

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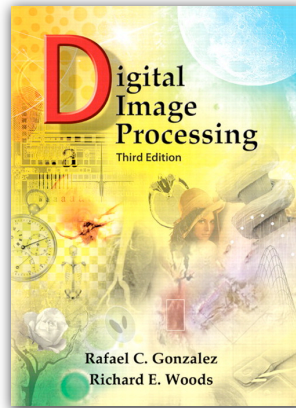
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## Recommended Textbook



- “Digital Image Processing” by R.C. Gonzalez and R.E. Woods, **3rd edition**, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2008
- Additional readings on the class website

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## Course Objectives

- Cover **basic** theory and algorithms **widely** used in image processing
- Develop hands-on experience in processing images
- Familiarize with MATLAB Image Processing Toolbox
- Develop critical thinking about the state of the art

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## Prerequisites

- Signals and systems: ECE 351 and ECE 352
- Undergraduate-level knowledge of:
  - Linear algebra
    - Matrices, Matrix Operations
    - Determinants, Systems of Linear Equations
    - Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors
  - Statistics and probability
    - Probability density function, Probability distribution
    - Priors, Posteriors, Likelihoods
    - Gaussian distribution
- Good programming skills

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## Requirements

- Weekly homework assignments **due on Thursdays before class**
  - Homework = Problem solving or Mini-project
  - Mini-project must be implemented in MATLAB
  - Homework must be an individual effort
  - No late homework will be accepted without prior approval
- Mid-term exam on **February 10th, 8:30am, KEC 1001**
- Final exam on **March 20th, 9:30am, KEC 1001**
- Participation in class discussions

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## **Grading Policy**

- Homework = 30%
- Midterm exam = 30%
- Final exam = 40%
- Optional makeup homework = 5%

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## **Academic Honesty -- Examples of Cheating**

- Bringing forbidden material or devices to the examination
- Working on the exam before or after the official time allowed
- Requesting a re-grade of work altered after the initial grading
- Submitting a homework that is not your own work

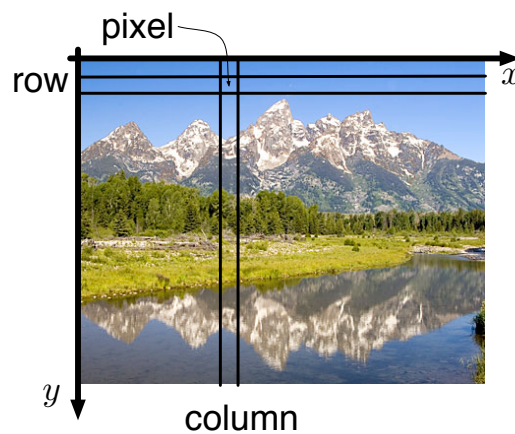
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## What is a Digital Image?

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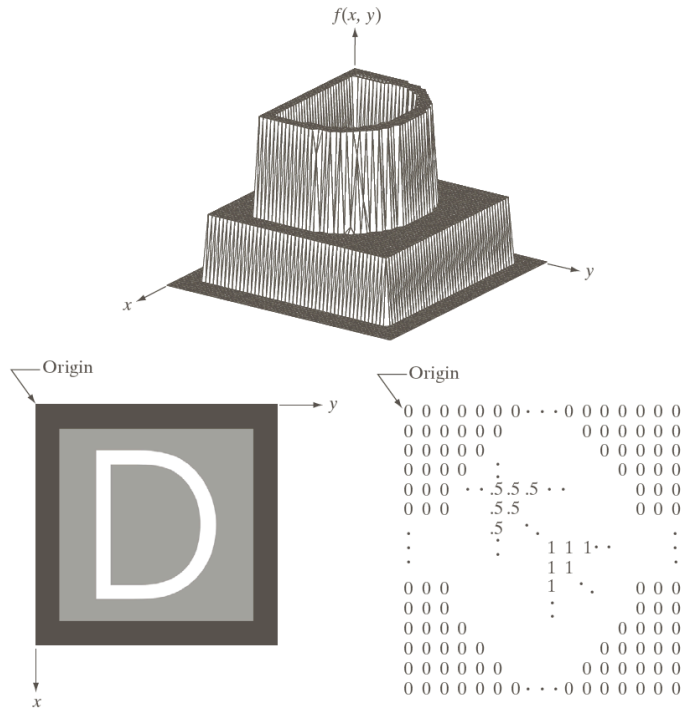
## What is a Digital Image?



- Two-dimensional function  $f(x,y)$  or matrix
- $x, y, f(x,y)$  are discrete and finite
- Image size =  $max_x \times max_y$  -- e.g. 640x480
- Pixel intensity value  $f(x,y) \in [0, 255]$

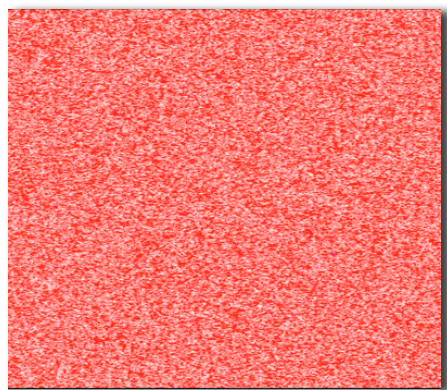
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## Pixel Values



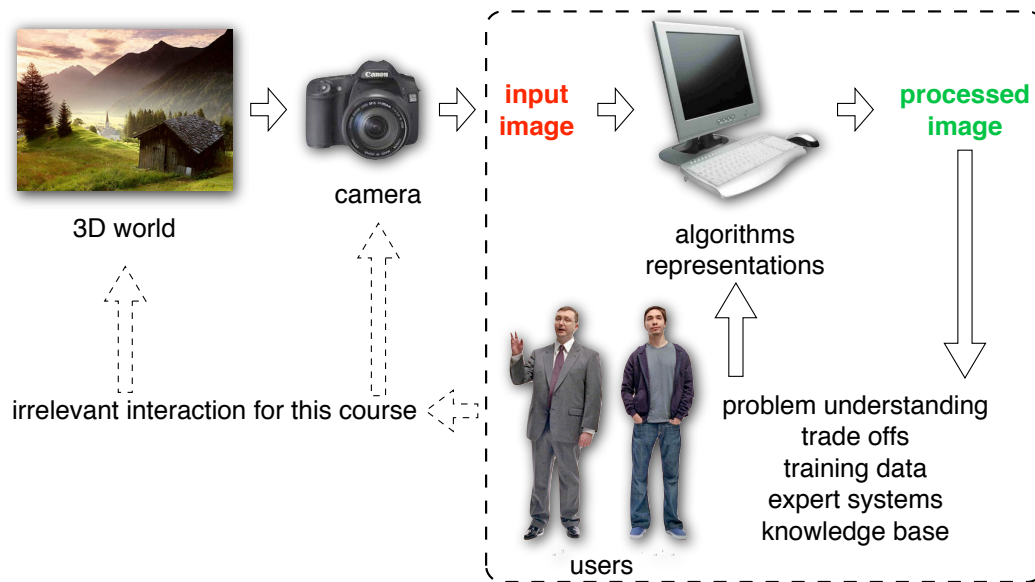
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## Images are not Collections of Random Pixels



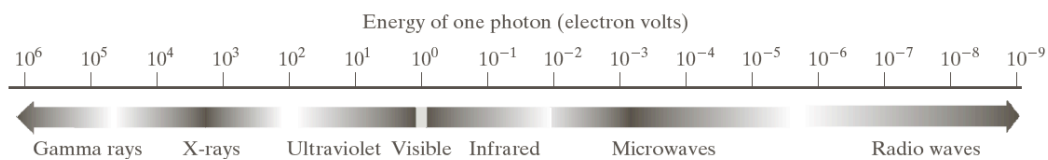
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## A Typical Digital Image Processing System



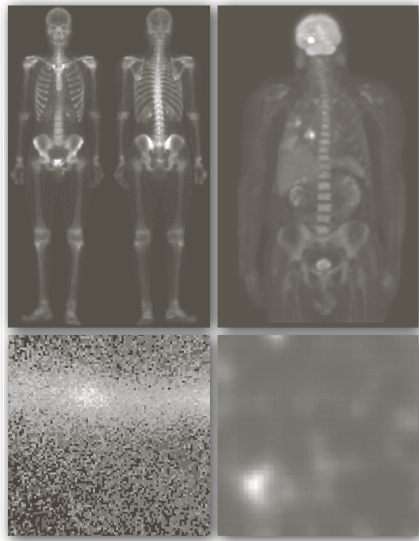
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## Sources of Energy for Image Formation

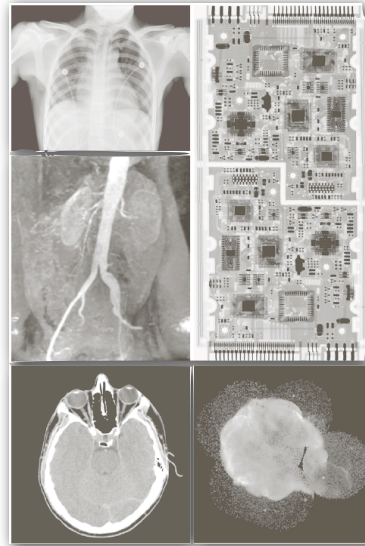


**FIGURE 1.5** The electromagnetic spectrum arranged according to energy per photon.

## Some Applications -- Medical Diagnostics



Gamma-ray imaging

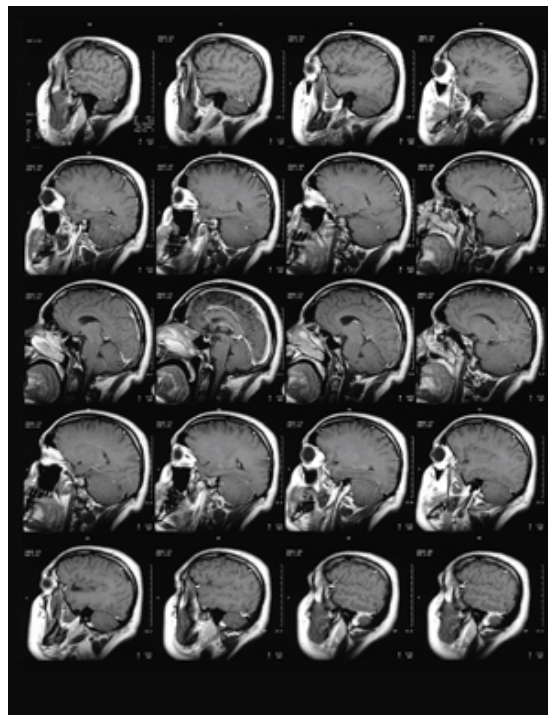


X-ray imaging

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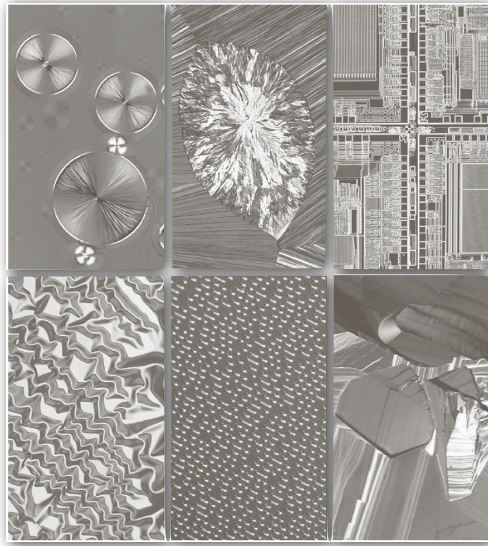
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## Some Applications -- Magnetic Resonance Imaging



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## Some Applications -- Microscopy

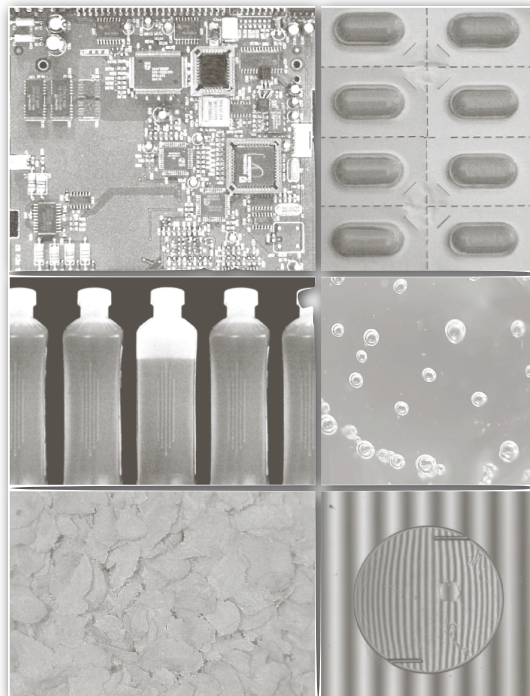


Visible-light microscopy imaging

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## Some Applications -- Industrial Inspection



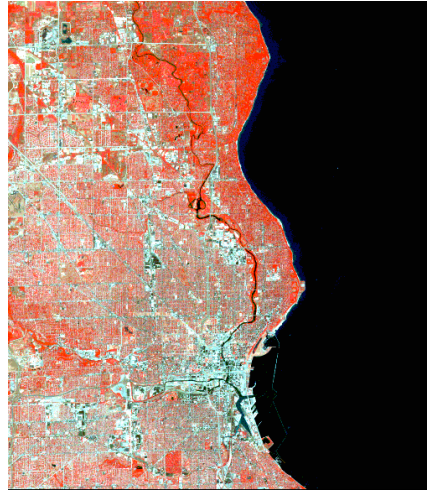
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## Some Applications -- Remote Sensing



Aerial images



Satellite images

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## Some Applications -- Infrared Satellite Images

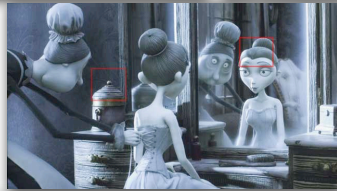


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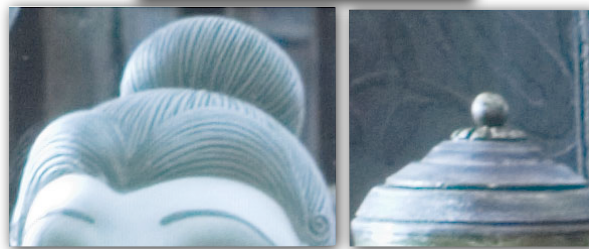
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## Some Applications -- Storing Images

Standard  
DVD

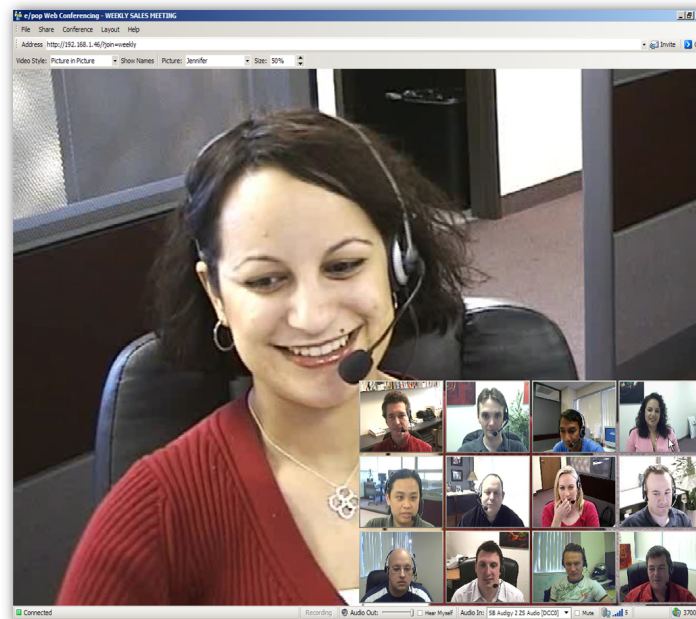


Blue-ray  
DVD



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## Some Applications -- Transmitting Images



Video conferencing

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## Some Applications -- Image Forensics



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## Fundamental Steps in Digital Image Processing

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## Fundamental Steps in Digital Image Processing

- Acquisition
- Spatial and frequency transforms
- Enhancement (subjective)
- Restoration (objective)
- Color processing
- Multi-resolution processing
- Compression
- Morphological processing
- Segmentation

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### Image Acquisition

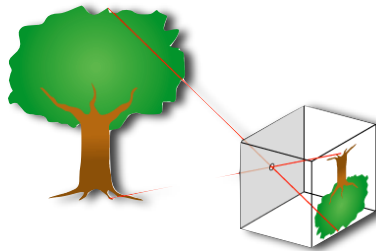
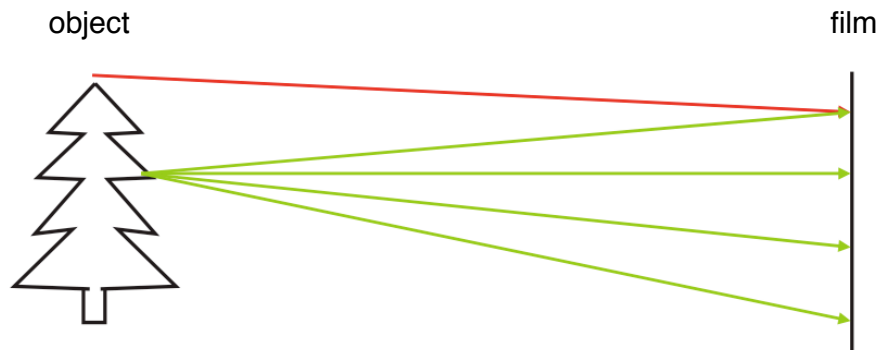


Image properties depend on:

- Image acquisition parameters
  - Camera distance, viewpoint, motion
  - Camera intrinsic parameters (e.g., lens aberration)
  - Number of cameras
  - Illumination
- Visual properties of the 3D world captured

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## How to Design a Camera?

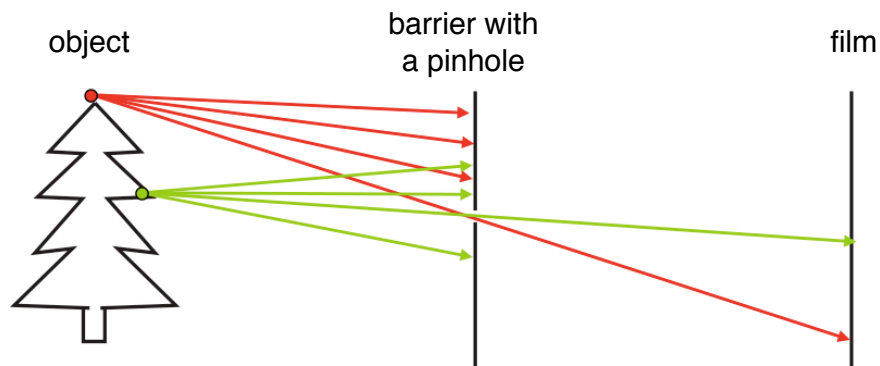


Do we get a reasonable image if we put a film in front of an object?

source: S. Savarese

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## Pinhole Camera



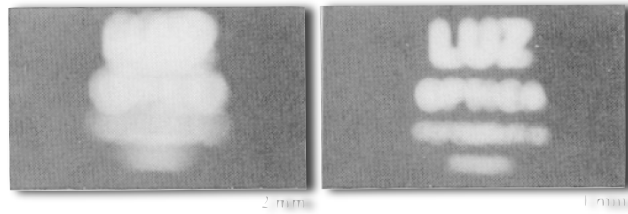
- The barrier block off most of the rays
- This reduces blurring
- Aperture = Opening of the pinhole

source: S. Savarese

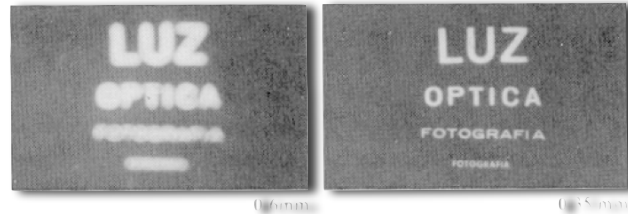
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## Shrinking the Aperture...

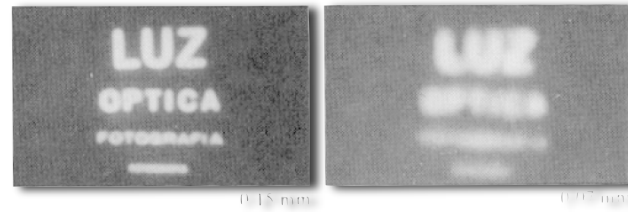
pinhole too big:  
bright and blurred



pinhole right size:  
dark and crisp

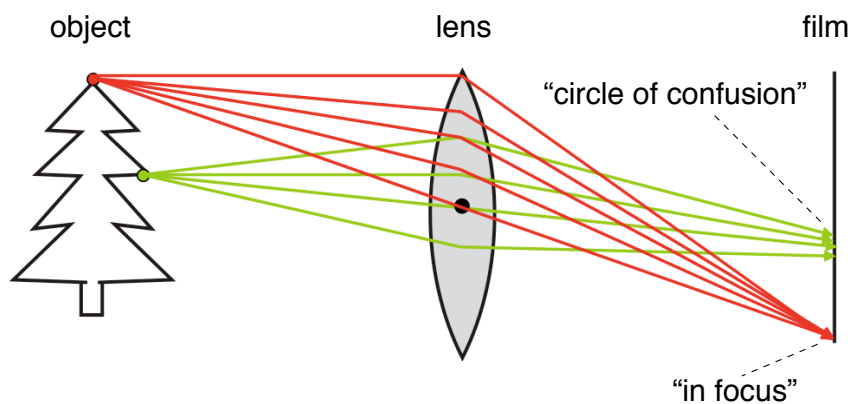


pinhole too small:  
dark and diffraction blur



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## Adding Lens...

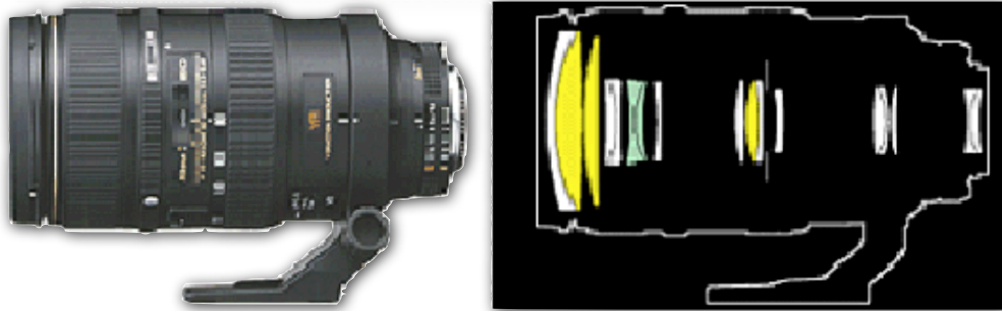


The lens focuses light onto the film

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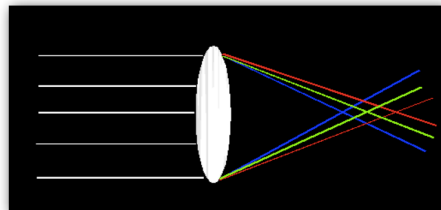
## Combining Lenses...



source: S. Savarese

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## Issues with Lenses: Chromatic Aberration



different refractive indices for different light wavelengths



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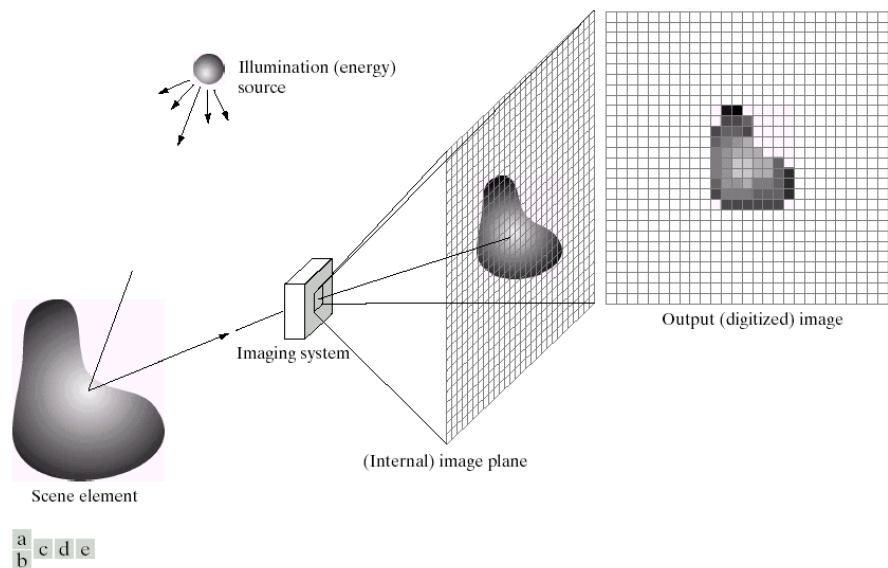
## Issues with Lenses: Radial Distortion



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## Image Sampling and Quantization

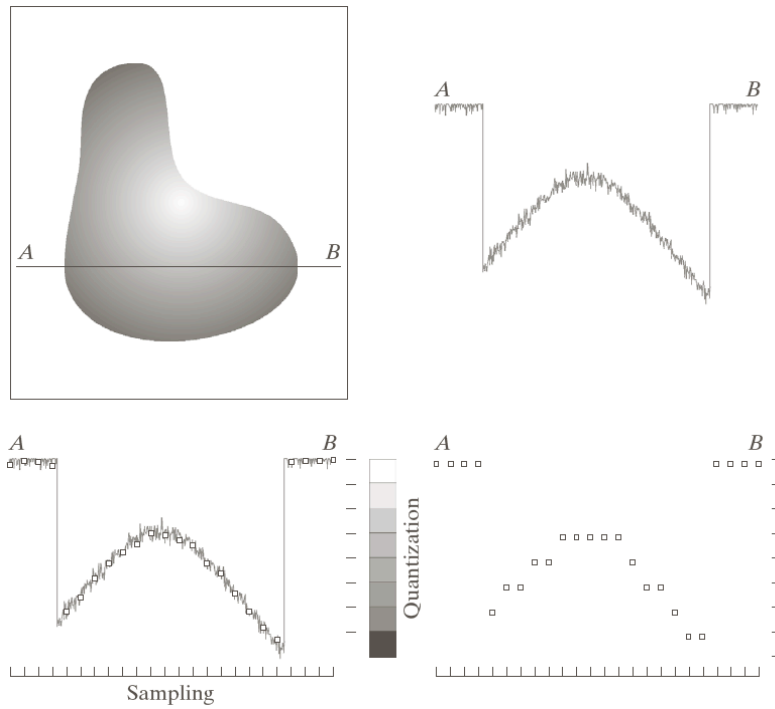


**FIGURE 2.15** An example of the digital image acquisition process. (a) Energy (“illumination”) source. (b) An element of a scene. (c) Imaging system. (d) Projection of the scene onto the image plane. (e) Digitized image.

Source: DIP/3e

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## Image Sampling and Quantization



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## Saturation



Source: DIP/3e

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## Spatial Resolution

- Dots (pixels) per inch -- DPI
- Examples:
  - Newspapers 75dpi
  - Magazines 133dpi
  - Glossy brochures 175dpi



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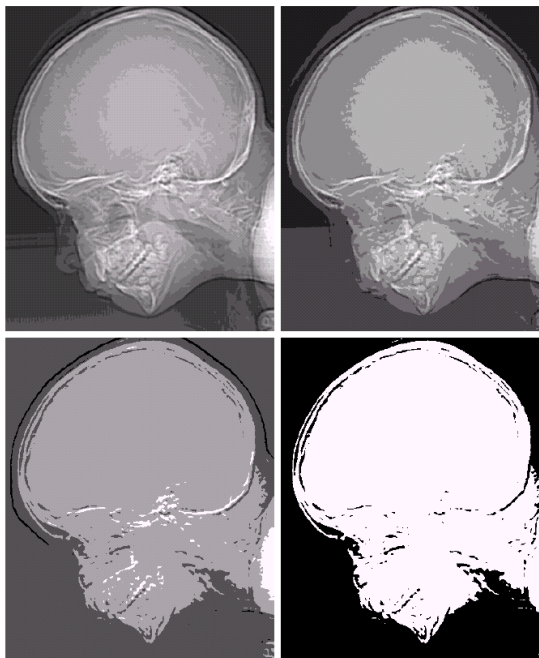
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## Intensity Resolution

Number of intensity levels -- usually 8 or 16 bits

c f  
g h

**FIGURE 2.21**  
(Continued)  
(e)–(h) Image displayed in 16, 8, 4, and 2 gray levels. (Original courtesy of Dr. David R. Pickens, Department of Radiology & Radiological Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center.)



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## **Homework 1**

**due 01/15**

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## **Next Class**

- MATLAB tutorial
- Image interpolation
- Basic spatial relationships between pixels
- Spatial operations on images
- Intensity transformations

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