

EE205 - Multimedia Compression & Communication.

UNIT-1

Multimedia components.

Introduction:-

* The term "multimedia" is used to indicate that the information/data being transferred over the network may be composed of one or more of the following media types.

Text:-

* This includes both unformatted text, comprising strings of character forms a limited character set and formatted text strings as used for the structuring access and presentation of electronic document

images:-

* These includes computer-generated images comprising lines, curves, and circles and digitized images of document and pictures.

Audio:-

* This includes both low-fidelity speech, as used in telephony, and

high-fidelity stereophonic music as used with compact discs.

video :-

* This includes short sequences of moving images (also known as video clips) and complete movies/films)

* The applications may involve either person-to-person communications or person to system communications.

* In general two people communicate with each other through suitable terminal equipment (TE) while a person interact with a system using either a multimedia personal computer (PC) or workstation.

* The server may contain in a library of digitized movie/video and the user interacts with the server means by a suitable selection device that is connected to the set-top-box (STB) associated with television.

* for example public switched telephone networks (PSTNs) - also known as general switched telephone networks (GSTNs), were designed initially to provide a basic switched telephone service but as a result of advances in digital signal processing hardware and associated software.

Multimedia skills.

* There are five basic types of communication network that are used to provide multimedia communication services.

* Telephone network

* data network

* Broadcast television networks

* Integrated services digital network.

* Broadband multiservice network.

Telephone Network:-

* Public switched telephone networks have been in existence for many years and have gone through many changes during this time.

* They were designed to provide a basic switched telephone service which with the advent of the other network types has become known as a plain old telephone service or POTS.

* As we can see, telephones located in the home or in a small business are connected directly to their nearest local exchange / end office.

* These located in a medium or large office / site are connected to a private switching office known as a private branch exchange or PBX.

Data network

* Data networks were designed to provide basic data communication services such as electronic mail and general file transfer.

* The two most widely deployed networks of this type are the X.25 network and the Internet.

* The Internet is made up of a vast collection of interconnected networks all of which operate using the same set of **communication protocols**

* As we can see in the case of a user at home or in a small business access to the network the internet is through an intermediate **Internet service provider (ISP) network**.

Broadcast television network:-

* BTN were designed to support the diffusion of analog television programs throughout wide geographical areas.

* In the case of a large town or city, the broadcast medium is normally a **cable distribution network**.

While for larger areas, a **satellite network** or **terrestrial broadcast network** is used.

For example when a **cable modem** is integrated into

the STS this provides both a low bitrate channel and high bit rate channel from the subscriber back to the cable head - end.

Integrated service digital network.

* Integrated service digital networks started to be deployed in the early 1980s and were originally designed to provide PSTN users with the capability of having additional services.

* These allow users either to have two different telephone calls in progress simultaneously or two different calls such as a telephone call & a data call.

* With an ISDN, therefore, the access circuit is known as a digital subscriber line (DSL)

* The digitization of a telephone quality analog speech signal produces a constant bitrate

Binary system - normally referred to as a bitstream - of 64 kbps. Hence the basic DSL of the ISDN - known as the basic rate access or BR4. Supports two 64 kbps channels.

Broadband multiservice network.

* Broadband multiservice networks were designed in the mid 1980s for use as public switched networks to support a wide range of multimedia communication applications.

* As such they were designed to be an enhanced ISDN & hence were called broadband integrated services digital network or B-ISDN.

* Also, for the same reason an ISDN is sometimes referred to as narrowband ISDN (or) N-ISDN.

Multimedia components & their characteristics

Text :-

Unformatted text:

* This is also known as **plaintext** and enables pages to be created which comprise strings of fixed-sized characters from a limited character set.

Formatted text:

* This is also known as **richtext** and enables pages & complete documents to be created which comprise of strings of characters of different styles, size, & shape with tables, graphics, & images inserted at appropriate points.

Hyper text :-

* This enables an integrated set of documents (each comprising **formatted text**) to be created which have defined linkage between them.

Unformatted text :

* The set of characters that are available in the ASCII character set. The term "ASCII" being an abbreviation for the American Standard Code for Information Interchange.

* This is one of the most widely used character set and the table includes the binary code words used to represent each character.

Format control character:

* BS (Backspace), LF (line feed), CR (Carriage return), SP (space), DEL (delete), ESC (escape) & FF (Form feed).

Information Separators:

* FS (file separator) & RS (Record separator).

Transmission control characters:

* SOH (start of heading), STX (start of text), ETX (end of text), ACK (acknowledge), NAK (negative Acknowledge), SYN (synchronous idle) & DLE (data link escape).

Formatted Text:-

* An example of formatted text is that produced by most word processing packages.

* It is also used extensively in the publishing sector for the preparation of papers, books, magazines, journals and so on.

* It enables document to be created that consist of characters of different styles and of variable size & shape each of which can be plain, bold or italicized.

Example:-

<P>Formatted Text<

<P>This is an example of formatted text it includes:</P>

<I><P>Italics,</I>

Bold <U>under

</U>

<FONT FACE="French Script MT"

< P > Different Fonts < /Font > & < Font

SIZE = 4 > Font Sizes < /P >

Formatted text

This is an example of formatted text, it includes

Italics, Bold and underlining

Different fonts and font sizes.

Hyper text

* Hypertext is a type of formatted

text - that enables a related set of

documents - normally referred to as pages

to be created, which have defined

linkage points - referred to as hyper links

between each other.

* Associated with each link in

addition to the textual name of the

link & the related format - control information

for its display is a unique network -

wide name known as a uniform

resource locator (URL).

Images:-

* Within the context of this topic images include computer-generated images more generally referred to as computer graphics or simply **graphics**, and digitized images of both documents & pictures.

* Although ultimately all three types of image are displayed in the form of a 2D matrix of individual picture elements known as **pixels** or some times **pels**.

* Each type is represented differently with in the computer memory or more generally in a computer file.

* Also each type of image is created differently & hence it is helpful for us to consider each separately.

Graphics:-

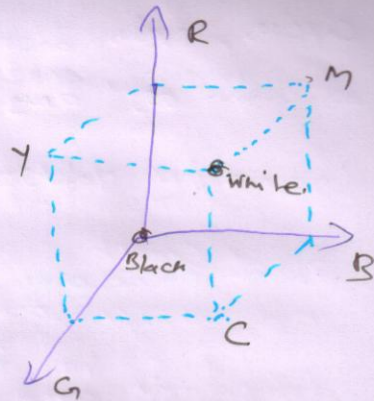


Fig. Additive color mixing.

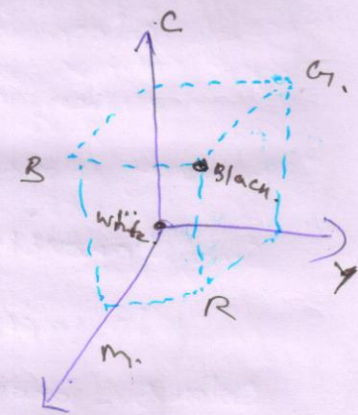


Fig: subtractive color mixing.

* There is a range of software packages and programs available for the creation of computer graphics.

* These provide easy to use tools to create graphics that are composed of all kinds of visual objects including lines, arcs, squares, rectangles

* This involves a finely-focused electron beam - the raster - being scanned over the complete screen.

Pixel depth:-

* The number of bits per pixel is known as pixel depth and determines the range of different colours that can be produced.

Aspect ratio.

* Both the number of pixels per scanned line and the number of lines per frame vary, the actual numbers used being determined by what is known as the **Aspect ratio** of the display screen.

* The memory requirements to store a single digital image can be high and vary between 307.2 kbytes for an image displayed on a **VGA (video graphics array)** screen with 8 bits per pixels through to approximately 2.36 Mbytes for a **SVGA (super VGA)** screen with 24 bits per pixel.

Audio:-

* Essentially, we are concerned with two types of Audio Sgl.

* Speech signals as used in a variety of interpersonal applications including telephony and video telephony and music-quality audio as used in applications such as CD-on-demand and broadcast television.

PCM speech.

* Most interpersonal applications involving speech take for communication purposes a public switched telephone network (PSTN)

* Because this has been in existence for many years the operating parameters associated with it were defined some time ago.

* More modern systems have moved to using 8 bits per sample in each case, giving a much improved performance over early 7-bit systems.

* The digitization procedure is known as **pulse code modulation (PCM)** and the international standard relating to this defined in **ITU-T Recommendation G.711**.

* It consists two additional circuit **Compressor (encoder)** and an **expander (decoder)**.

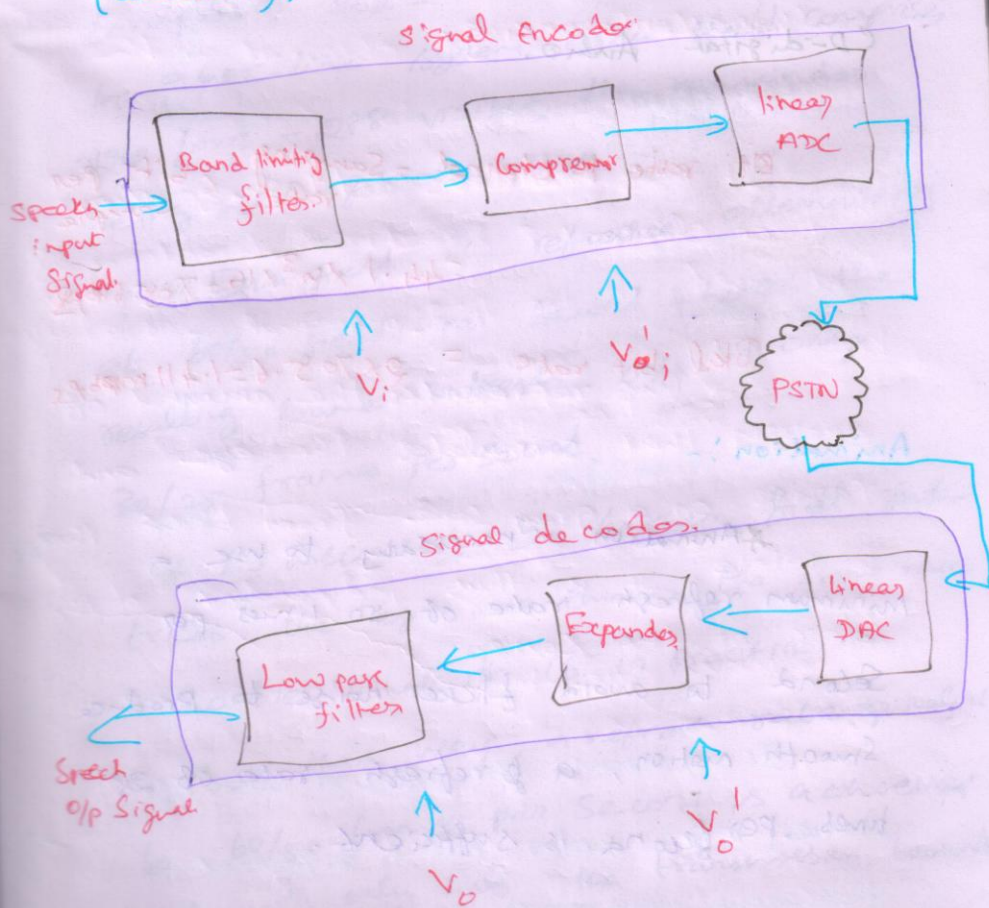


Fig. signal encoding & decoding schematic.

video :-

* Video features in a range of multimedia applications.

Entertainment :-

* Broadcast television & VCR/DVD recordings.

Interpersonal :-

* Video telephony and video conferencing.

Interactive :-

* Windows containing short video clips.

Brightness :-

* This represents the amount of energy that stimulates the eye and varies on a gray scale from black to white. It is thus independent of color of the source.

hue :-

* It represents the actual color of source, each color has a different frequency/wavelength & the eye detects the color.

Saturation:-

* This represents the strength or vividness of the color, a pastel color has a lower level of saturation than a color such as red.

* Also a saturated color such as red has no white light in it.

Chrominance

Blue chrominance

Red chrominance

* The Blue Chrominance and Red Chrominance are then used to represent the coloration - hue & saturation - of the source.

* The Two Color difference signals

$$C_b = B_s - Y_s \quad \text{and} \quad C_r = R_s - Y_s.$$

HDTV format

* There are a number of alternative digitization formats associated with high definition television (HDTV).

* The resolution of those which relate to the older 4/3 aspect ratio tubes come up to 1440×1152 pixels and the resolution of those which relate to the newer 16/9 wide screen tube can be up to 1920×1080 pixels.

SIF

* The source intermediate format has been found to give a picture quality comparable with that obtained with video cassette recorder (VCR).

* It uses half the spatial resolution in both horizontal & vertical directions that used in the 4:2:0 format - a technique known as subsampling.

525-line system: $Y = 360 \times 240$

$$C_b = C_r = 180 \times 120$$

625-line system: $Y = 360 \times 288$

$$C_b = C_r = 180 \times 144$$

* The worst case bitrate in both systems in this format is

$$6.75 \times 10^6 \times 8 + 2(1.6875 \times 10^6 \times 8) = 81 \text{ Mbps}$$