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Evaluating visibility of age spot and freckle based on simulated spectral reflectance distribution and facial color image

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Abstract. In this research, we evaluate the visibility of age spot and freckle with changing the blood volume based on simulated spectral reflectance distribution and the actual facial color images and compare these results. First, we generate three type of spatial distribution of age spot and freckle in patch like images based on the simulated spectral reflectance. The spectral reflectance is simulated by using Monte Carlo simulation of light transport in multi-layered tissue. Next, we reconstruct the facial color image with changing the blood volume. We acquire the concentration distribution of melanin, hemoglobin and shading components by applying the independent component analysis on a facial color image. We reproduce images by using the obtained melanin and shading concentration and the changed hemoglobin concentration. Finally, we evaluate the visibility of pigmentations using simulated spectral reflectance distribution and facial color images. In the result of simulated spectral reflectance distribution, we found that the visibility became lower as the blood volume increases. However, we can see that a specific blood volume reduce the visibility of the actual pigmentations from the result of the facial color images.

Keywords: visibility, age spot, freckle, facial color image, subjective evaluation, Monte Carlo simulation

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1 Introduction

Skin is an organ that covers human body and affected by UV irradiation and aging. Age spot and freckle on human skin is caused by these affects. Since human face and skin receive a lot of attention in the human body, appearances of age and the health condition are caused by these pigmentations. Therefore, various studies to reduce the visibility of these pigmentations are performed in cosmetology and medical science.

Skin is a multi-layered tissue consists of epidermis, dermis and subcutaneous mainly. Skin color is determined by pigments such as melanin in the epidermis and hemoglobin in vessels of the dermis. Pigments such as β - carotene and bilirubin are also contained in the skin and make the skin color yellowish. It is known that age spot and freckle are the region where melanin in

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9 Lihong Wang and Steven L. Jaques produced a standard C-code for Monte Carlo simulation
10 of light transport in multi-layered tissue (MCML) ¹. MCML is a technique for analyzing the
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12 layered tissue. Skin color is primarily due to the presence of melanin and hemoglobin
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36 blood volume reduces the visibility of spots and freckles, it is possible to add an immediate value
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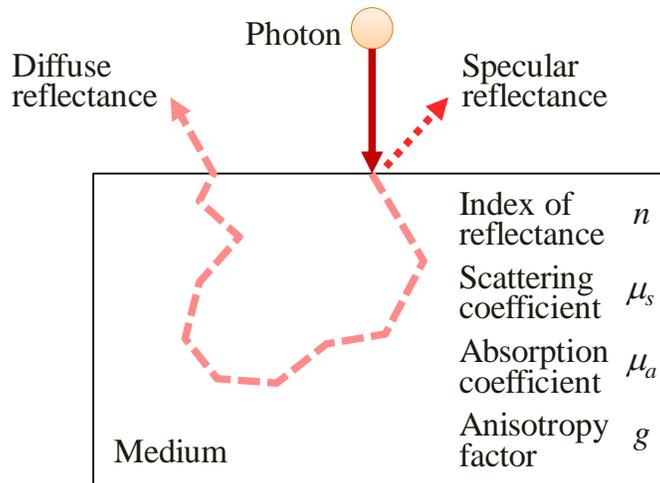
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14 visibility of the age spot and freckle distribution in patch like images generated from simulated
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22 **2 Theory: Generating Age Spot and Freckle Distribution in Patch like Images from**
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28 *2.1 Monte Carlo Simulation for Photon Migration*
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31 Our research utilized Monte Carlo simulation of light transport in multi-layered tissue (MCML)
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2.2 Four-Layered Model for Human Skin

We generate four-layered skin model composed of stratum corneum, epidermis, papillary dermis and reticular dermis to simulate the spectral reflectance by MCML³. Figure 2 shows the skin model. We set the thickness t , index of refraction n , scattering coefficient μ_s , anisotropy factor g and absorption coefficient μ_a for each layer⁴. The scattering coefficient μ_s and anisotropy factor g are the same value for each layer and shown in Fig.3(a). Anisotropy factor g is approximated from experimentally measured values as follows.

$$g = 0.62 \times (0.92 \times 10^3) \lambda, \quad (4)$$

where λ is the wavelength of light in nanometers. The absorption coefficient μ_a is defined by the absorption coefficient and concentration of pigments. In this research, we consider six kinds of pigments, eumelanin and pheomelanin in the epidermis, oxyhemoglobin, deoxyhemoglobin and bilirubin in the papillary dermis and reticular dermis and β -carotene in all layer. The absorption coefficients of eumelanin $\mu_{a.eu}$ and pheomelanin $\mu_{a.pheo}$ are shown in Fig.3(b). These absorption coefficients are approximated from experimentally measured values as follows in the Reference 5.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{a.eu} &= 6.6 \times 10^{11} \times \lambda^{-3.33} \\ \mu_{a.pheo} &= 2.9 \times 10^{15} \times \lambda^{-4.75}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where the absorption coefficients of oxyhemoglobin, deoxyhemoglobin, β -carotene and bilirubin are calculated by using the experimentally measured molar extinction coefficients shown in Fig.3(c), (d) as follows^{4,6}.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{a.ohb} &= 2.303 \times S \times \frac{\varepsilon_{ohb}}{66500} c_{hb} \\
\mu_{a.car} &= 2.303 \times \frac{\varepsilon_{car}}{537} c_{car} \\
\mu_{a.bil} &= 2.303 \times \frac{\varepsilon_{bil}}{585} c_{bil},
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where ε_{ohb} , ε_{car} and ε_{bil} are the molar extinction coefficients, $\mu_{a.ohb}$, $\mu_{a.car}$ and $\mu_{a.bil}$ are the absorption coefficients, c_{hb} , c_{car} and c_{bil} are the concentration, 66500, 537 and 585 are molecular weight, and S is oxygen saturation. The subscript hb , ohb , car and bil indicate hemoglobin, oxyhemoglobin, β -carotene and bilirubin. The absorption coefficient of deoxyhemoglobin μ_{dhb} is computed by replacing ε_{ohb} , S for ε_{dhb} , $(1-S)$ in Eq.6. The concentration of hemoglobin c_{hb} is typically 150[g/L].

The absorption coefficients for each layer $\mu_{a.sc}$, $\mu_{a.epi}$ and $\mu_{a.der}$ are computed as follows³. The subscript sc and epi indicate stratum corneum and epidermis respectively. The subscript der indicates both papillary and reticular dermis.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_{a.sc} &= \mu_{a.base} + \mu_{a.cs} \\
\mu_{a.epi} &= (M_{eu}\mu_{a.eu} + M_{ptheo}\mu_{a.ptheo})M + (\mu_{a.base} + \mu_{a.ce})(1-M) \\
\mu_{a.der} &= (\mu_{a.ohb} + \mu_{a.dhb} + \mu_{a.cd} + \mu_{a.bil})B + (\mu_{a.base} + \mu_{a.ce})(1-B),
\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

where $\mu_{a.base}$ is the absorption coefficient of baseline skin such as organelles, cell membranes and fibrils, $\mu_{a.cs}$, $\mu_{a.ce}$ and $\mu_{a.cd}$ are the absorption coefficient of carotene in stratum corneum, epidermis and dermis respectively, M is the volume fraction of melanosomes in epidermis, M_{eu} and M_{ptheo} are the volume fraction of eumelanin and pheomelanin in melanosomes, B is the volume fraction of whole blood in dermis. The absorption coefficient $\mu_{a.cs}$, $\mu_{a.ce}$, $\mu_{a.cd}$ and $\mu_{a.base}$ are known parameters and the volume fraction M , M_{eu} , M_{ptheo} and B are unknown fraction. The absorption coefficient of baseline skin $\mu_{a.base}$ is approximated as follows⁷.

$$\mu_{a.base} = 7.84 \times 10^8 \times \lambda^{-3.255}. \quad (8)$$

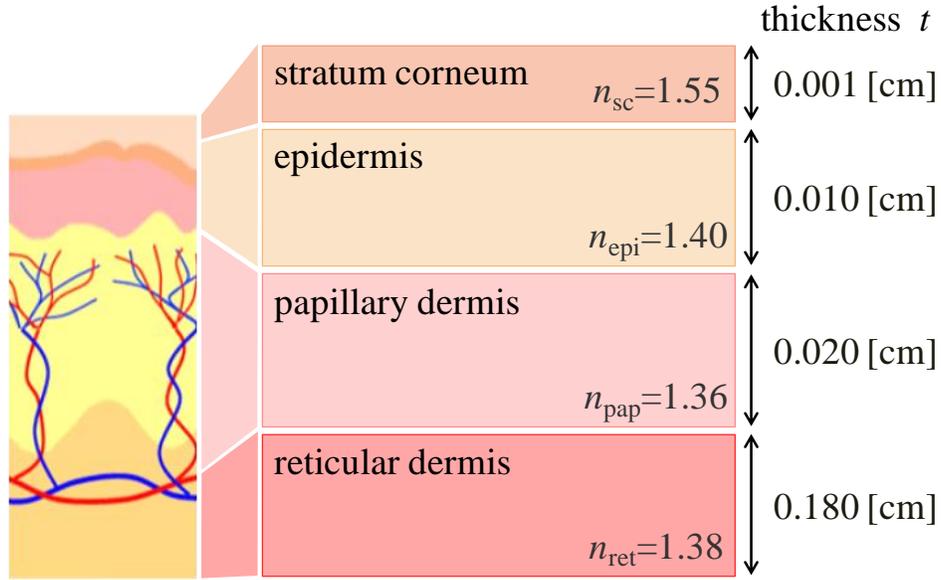
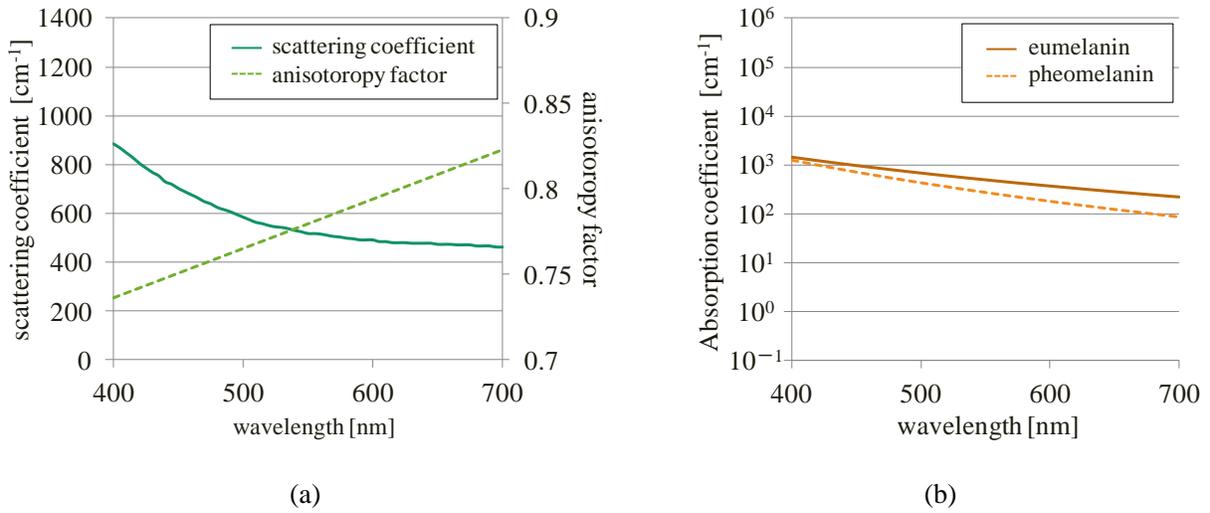
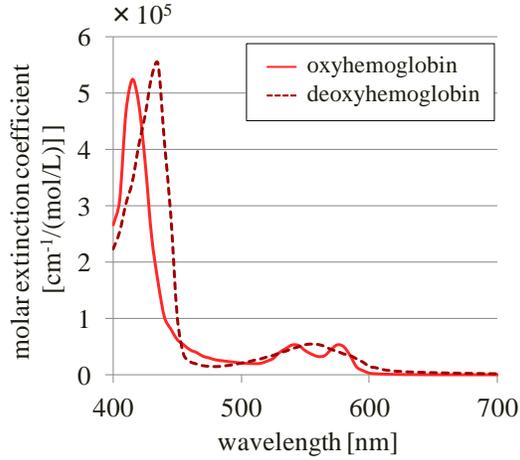
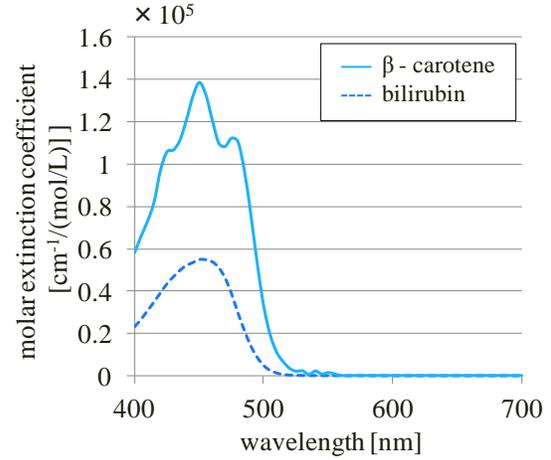


Fig. 2 Four-layered skin model





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Fig. 3 Optical parameters for MCML : (a) scattering coefficient and anisotropy factor, (b) absorption coefficient of eumelanin and pheomelanin, (c) molar extinction coefficients of β - carotene and bilirubin and (d) molar extinction coefficients for oxyhemoglobin and deoxyhemoglobin.

2.3 The Concentration of Pigments for Skin, Age Spot and Freckle

We determined the concentration of pigments for normal skin, age spot and freckle to calculate spectral reflectance by MCML. The concentration of pigments for normal skin was determined such that simulated spectral reflectance approaches the average of measured spectral reflectance for 59 Japanese women. The oxygen saturation S was 75%, the concentration of β -carotene c_{car} and bilirubin c_{bil} were indicated in Table 1⁸. Therefore, we empirically determined the volume fraction of melanosomes M , eumelanin M_{eu} , pheomelanin M_{pheo} and whole blood B from the average spectral reflectance.

The measured spectral reflectance and the result of simulation by MCML are shown in Fig.4, where the volume fraction of melanosomes was epidermis M is 3.0%, the volume fraction of eumelanin M_{eu} and pheomelanin M_{pheo} in melanosomes were 10.0% and 90.0% respectively and the volume fraction of whole blood in dermis B was 3.0%. The color difference ΔE between

measured and simulated spectral reflectance was 0.923 in CIELAB color space. It is known that we cannot perceive the difference between two colors if the value of ΔE is less than from 1 to 3⁹. Thus, the result of simulation is close to the measured spectral reflectance.

We set the volume fraction of melanosomes M for age spot and freckle more than that for normal skin 3.0%, because age spot and freckle are the regions where melanin is excessively generated in epidermis. In this research, we set the volume fraction of melanosomes M for age spot and freckle to 4.0, 5.0 and 6.0%. For computing spectral reflectance with changing blood volume, we increased the blood volume for skin, age spot and freckle from 3.0% to 20.0%.

Table 1 The concentration of β - carotene and bilirubin for each layer

	β - carotene [g/L]	Bilirubin [g/L]
Stratum corneum	22.2×10^{-4}	—
Epidermis	22.2×10^{-4}	—
Papillary dermis	7.00×10^{-4}	7.00×10^{-3}
Reticular dermis	7.75×10^{-4}	7.00×10^{-3}

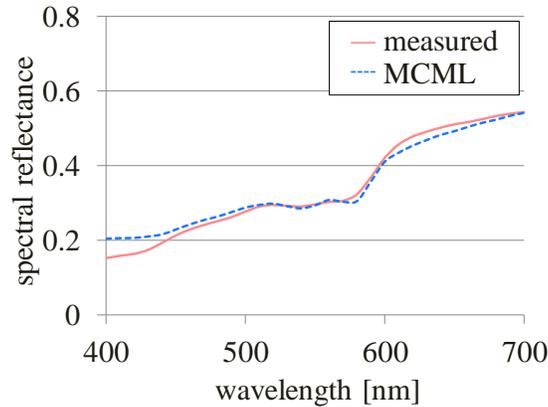


Fig. 4 Measured spectral reflectance and the result of simulation

2.4 Generating Age Spot and Freckle Distribution

We generated age spot and freckle distribution in patch like images from spectral reflectance computed by MCML. First, we converted the spectral reflectance to XYZ color system as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= k \int_{400}^{700} R(\lambda)P(\lambda)\bar{x}(\lambda)d\lambda \\
Y &= k \int_{400}^{700} R(\lambda)P(\lambda)\bar{y}(\lambda)d\lambda \\
Z &= k \int_{400}^{700} R(\lambda)P(\lambda)\bar{z}(\lambda)d\lambda \\
k &= 1 / \int_{400}^{700} P(\lambda)\bar{y}(\lambda)d\lambda,
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where $R(\lambda)$ is spectral reflectance of skin, age spot and freckle, $P(\lambda)$ is spectral distribution of the light source and $x(\lambda)$, $y(\lambda)$, $z(\lambda)$ are color-matching function with a 2° view as the observation condition¹⁰. The spectral distribution of light source $P(\lambda)$ is 1.0 at all wavelength. Next, we convert these to sRGB. Because, in the subjective evaluation experiment, the conditions of monitor display is sRGB reference viewing environment.

We performed gamma correction with $\gamma = 2.4$ based on the gamma characteristics of display. As shown Fig.5, we generated 3 kinds of spatial distribution. The terms “without split”, “9-split” and “random” indicate one large age spot, nine little age spot and freckle, respectively. The size of images is 500×500 (250,000 pixel), and age spot and freckle is 14,400 pixel. We applied a Gaussian filter to blur the boundary of skin and age spot. The Gaussian filter was defined by the kernel size and sigma σ . We set the kernel size 10×10 and $\sigma = 10$.

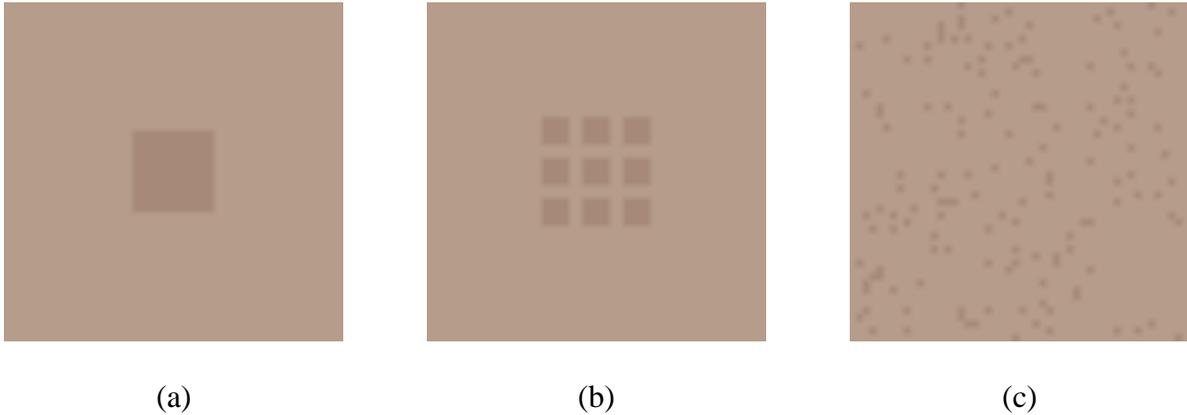


Fig. 5 Distribution of age spot and freckle in patch like images : (a) Without split, (b) 9-split nad (c) Random

3 Theory: Generating Skin Color Image with Changing Blood Volume based on Independent Component Analysis

3.1 Independent Component Analysis of Skin Color Image

We use the independent component analysis of skin color image proposed by Tsumura *et al.* to reproduce the color of real skin, age spot and freckle on the face with changing blood volume. As shown in Fig.6, we can acquire the concentration distribution of shading, melanin and hemoglobin using this technique^{2,12,13}. We will describe this approach in this section.

Figure 7 is the skin model consists of epidermis and dermis. The skin color is denoted by melanin in the epidermis and hemoglobin in the dermis mainly. The light incident on the skin is separated into specular reflectance and diffuse reflectance. The specular reflectance indicates light source color, the diffuse reflectance indicates skin color. In this research, we consider the diffuse reflectance as observed signal and take the diffuse reflectance image of face based on a method proposed by Ojima *et al.*¹¹. The specular reflectance is removed by setting the polarizing filter orthogonally in front of camera and light source.

We show the relation of the skin model and the RGB value of the facial image. If we assume that Modified Lambert-Beer is satisfied, the diffuse reflectance of skin is shown as follows.

$$L(x, y, \lambda) = e^{-\rho_m(x, y)\sigma_m(\lambda)l_e(\lambda) - \rho_h(x, y)\sigma_h(\lambda)l_d(\lambda)} E(x, y, \lambda) \quad (11)$$

where $L(x, y, \lambda)$, $E(x, y, \lambda)$ are the spectral irradiance at (x, y) of the reflected and incident light, $\rho_m(x, y)$, $\rho_h(x, y)$ are the concentration of melanin and hemoglobin, $\sigma_m(x, y)$, $\sigma_h(x, y)$ are the absorption cross-section of melanin and hemoglobin, and $l_e(\lambda)$, $l_d(\lambda)$ are optical path length of light passing through the epidermis and dermis. Sensor response of a digital camera as the observed signal $v_i(x, y)$ is expressed as follows.

$$v_i(x, y) = k \int e^{-\rho_m(x, y)\sigma_m(\lambda)l_e(\lambda) - \rho_h(x, y)\sigma_h(\lambda)l_d(\lambda)} E(x, y, \lambda) s_i(\lambda) d\lambda \quad (12)$$

where k , $s_i(\lambda)$ are the gain and spectral sensitivity of the digital camera, and $i = (R, G, B)$. The spectral sensitivity of the camera $s_i(\lambda)$ is approximated as $\delta_i(\lambda)$ in a narrow frequency band by the assumption as shown in Ref.2. In addition, we assume that the lighting environment is distant and that its spectrum does not vary with direction, so that the irradiance can be written as $E(x, y, \lambda) = p(x, y)\bar{E}(\lambda)$, where $p(x, y)$ encodes shape-induced shading variation. Thus, Eq.12 is rewritten by Eq.13.

$$v_i(x, y) = k e^{-\rho_m(x, y)\sigma_m(\lambda)l_e(\lambda) - \rho_h(x, y)\sigma_h(\lambda)l_d(\lambda)} p(x, y)\bar{E}(\lambda_i) \quad (13)$$

We convert the RGB color space to the optical density space as follows.

$$\mathbf{v}^{log}(x, y) = \rho_m(x, y)\boldsymbol{\sigma}_m(\lambda) - \rho_h(x, y)\boldsymbol{\sigma}_h(\lambda) + p^{log}(x, y)\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{e}^{log} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^{log}(x, y) &= [\log(v_R(x, y)), \log(v_G(x, y)), \log(v_B(x, y))]^T \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_m &= [\sigma_m(\lambda_R)l_e(\lambda_R), \sigma_m(\lambda_G)l_e(\lambda_G), \sigma_m(\lambda_B)l_e(\lambda_B)]^T \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_h &= [\sigma_h(\lambda_R)l_d(\lambda_R), \sigma_h(\lambda_G)l_d(\lambda_G), \sigma_h(\lambda_B)l_d(\lambda_B)]^T \\ \mathbf{I} &= [1, 1, 1]^T \\ \mathbf{e}^{log} &= [\log(E(\lambda_R)), \log(E(\lambda_G)), \log(E(\lambda_B))]^T \\ p^{log}(x, y) &= \log(p(x, y)) + \log(k) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The observed signal \mathbf{v}^{log} is expressed by the bias vector \mathbf{e}^{log} and the weighted linear combination of $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_m$, $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_h$ and \mathbf{I} . The relation of observed signal and three independent signals is shown in Fig.8.

The skin color is distributed on a two-dimensional plane consists of the vector of melanin and hemoglobin component. These vectors are obtained by performing an independent component analysis on the observed signal. We remove the shading information by projecting the skin color vector on the two-dimensional plane along the shading vector, and acquire the concentration of melanin and hemoglobin by projecting onto melanin and hemoglobin vectors.

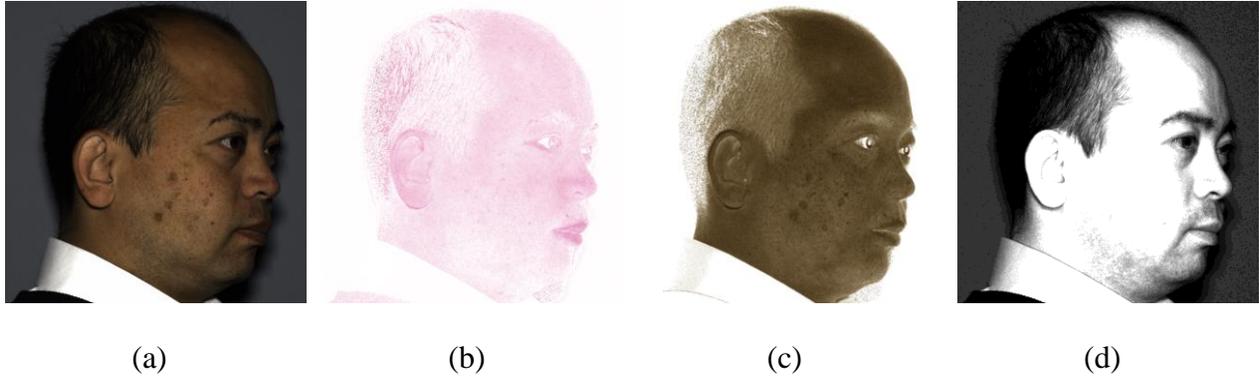


Fig. 6 The result of applying the independent component analysis on the facial color image : (a) original image, (b) hemoglobin, (c) melanin and (d) shading

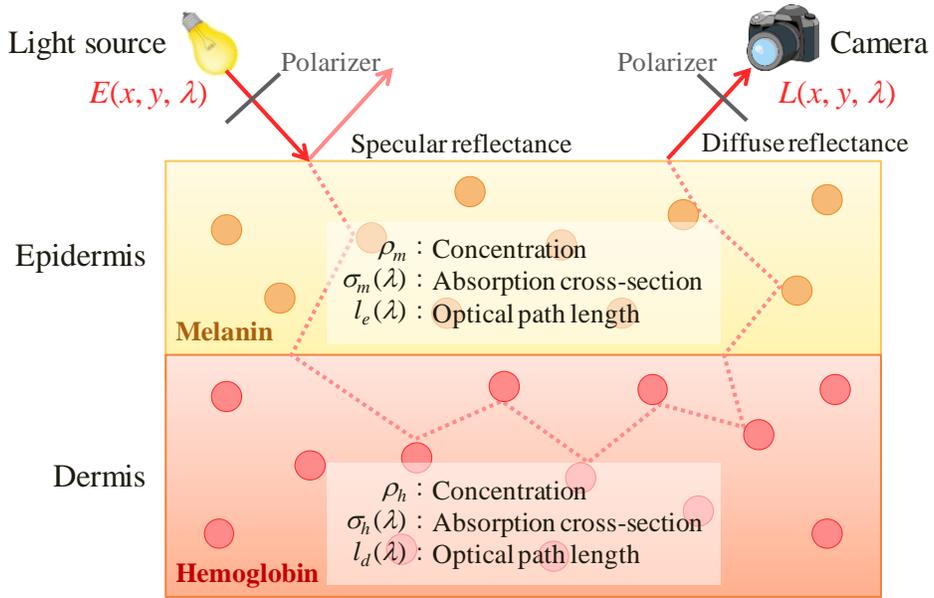


Fig. 7 Two-layered skin model and the movement of photon incident on the skin

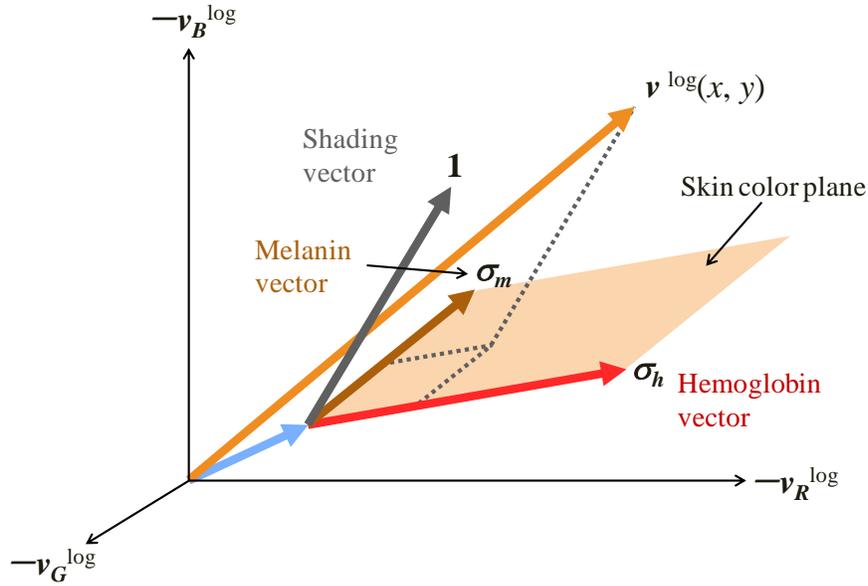


Fig. 8 Relationship of independent signals and three observation signal in the skin model

3.2 Generating Skin Color Image with Changing Blood Volume

In this section, we show the process of generating skin color image with changing blood. First, we acquire the concentration distribution of shading, melanin and hemoglobin by the independent component analysis. We change the concentration of hemoglobin from -5% to $+20\%$. We reconstruct the skin color image using these concentrations of pigments. At last, we perform gamma correction based on the gamma characteristics of display.

4 Experiment: Evaluating the Visibility of Pigmentations using Patch like Images and Facial Color Images

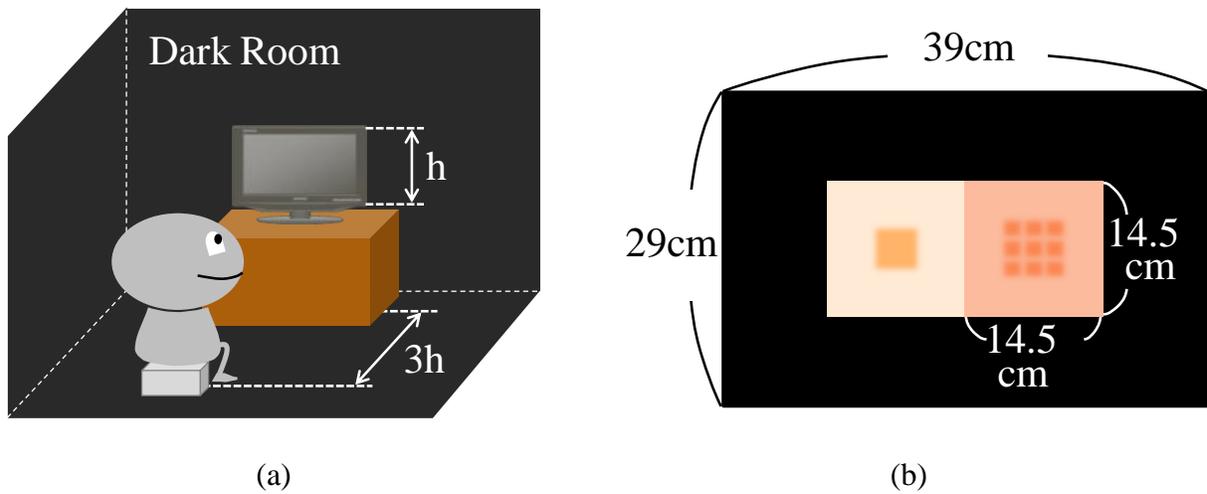
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Figure 9(a) shows the experimental room covered with black-out curtain. The display is 19 inch LCD and the viewing distance was approximately 87 cm that corresponded with three times the

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41 4.3 Results and Discussion

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7 of skin, age spot and freckle. From the results, we could see that the age spot and freckle in patch
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11 distribution is “without split”, the effect is larger compared to “random” when the melanin
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36 Figure 12 shows 6 images of facial image with the change of the blood volume and Fig.13
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39 the pigmentations increases. The right vertical axis indicates the color difference of
40 pigmentations and skin. The color difference is computed by using the average color of the
41 region of skin and pigmentations. The horizontal axis is the image numbers corresponding to
42 those in Fig.12. From Fig.13, we can see that the visibility of age spot and freckle is the lowest in
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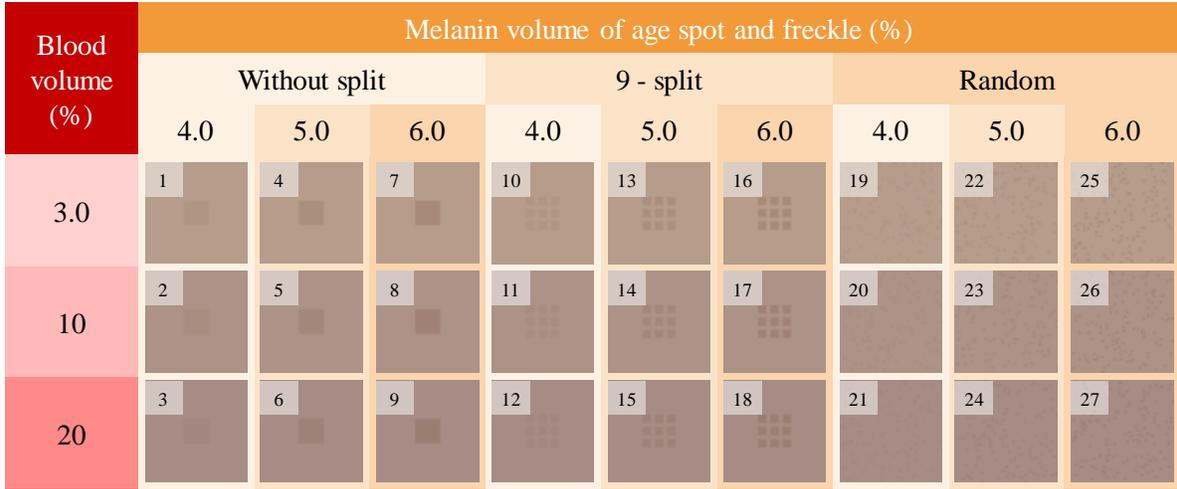


Fig. 10 Generated images of age spot and freckle distribution in patch like images

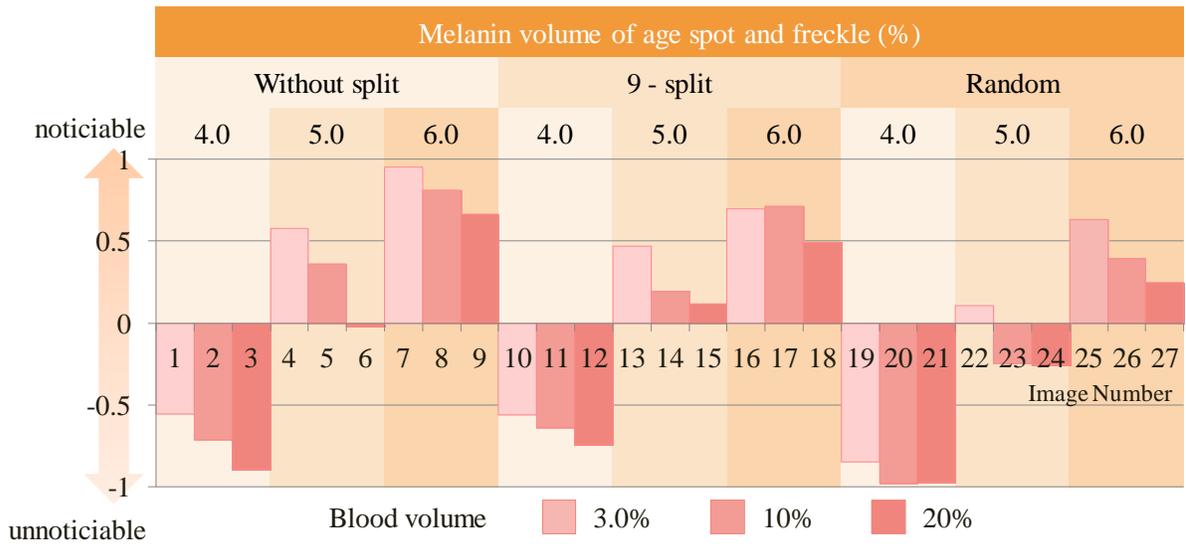


Fig. 11 Result of subjective evaluation for age spot and freckle distribution in patch like images

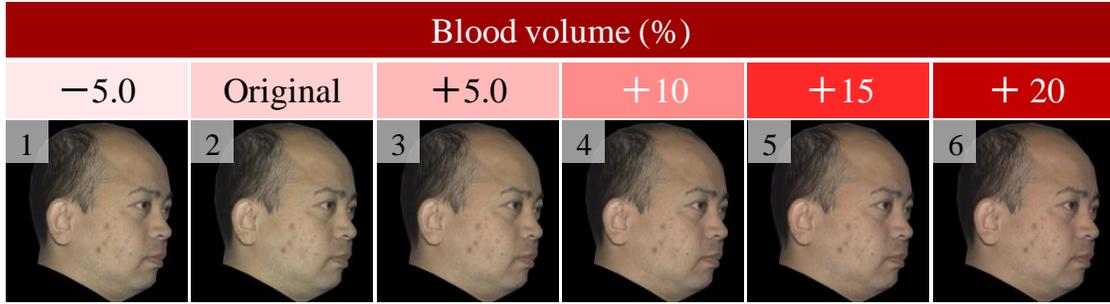


Fig. 12 Facial color images with changing blood volume

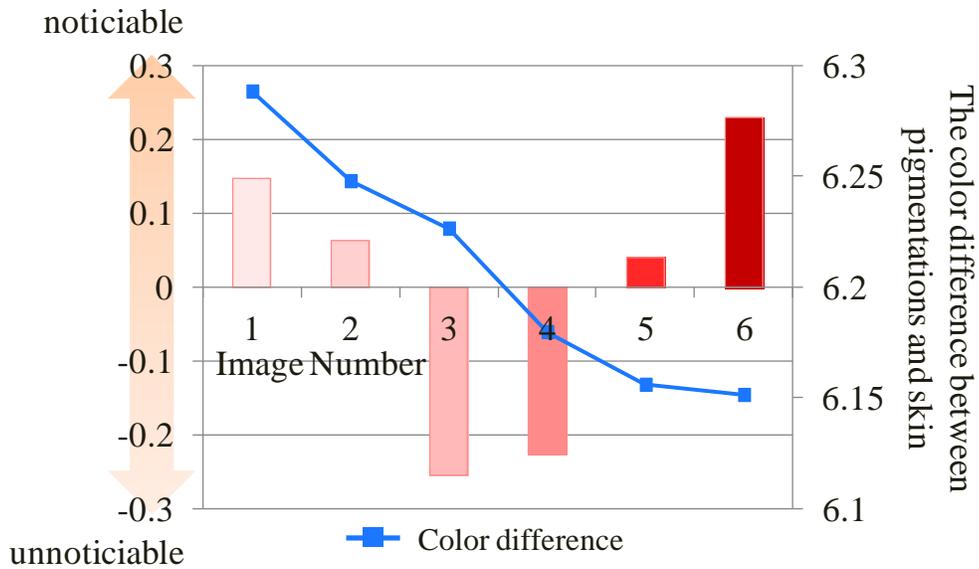


Fig. 13 Result of subjective evaluation for the facial color images and the color difference of pigmentations and skin

5 Conclusion and discussion

In this research, we evaluate the visibility of age spot and freckle with changing blood volume based on patch like images and facial color images, and compare these results. The result of evaluating the pigmentation distribution in patch like images indicated that the visibility becomes lower as the blood volume increases. We could also see that the effect of increasing the blood volume on the reduction of visibility varies depending on the melanin volume and spatial

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20 specific blood volume to reduce the visibility of the actual pigmentations. In the future work, we
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22 investigate the effect of the color unevenness of skin, age spot and freckle.
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29 In this paper, we performed the experiment using just one male facial image. If we perfume
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33 shape, skin type and so on, we may obtain the complicated results since the visibility of age spot
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35 and freckle will be affected by the many attributes on face. From this reason we limited our
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37 experiments only to show the difference of evaluation results between patch like image and
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Fig. 13 Result of subjective evaluation for the facial color images and the color difference of pigmentations and skin

Table 1 The concentration of β -carotene and bilirubin for each layer