

Imagine you have taken a picture with a **4 megapixel** digital camera. For ease of calculation, assume that the picture is **square**, not rectangular.

4 million pixels

Assume that you are printing this picture out on a printer that has approximately **4000 dots per inch.**

- A) How many inches across would the picture be when it was printed?
- ▶ 4,000,000 = 2000 * 2000

Therefore the picture would take up 0.5 by 0.5 inches.

- B) If you viewed this image on a screen that had 1000 dots across, what portion of the image would be visible?
- You would see ½ the width and ½ the height.
- ► Therefore you would see: 1/2 * 1/2 = 1/4 of the image

Exercises

- ▶ How many colours can be represented by 3 bits?
- ▶ 2³ = 8 colours
- How many bits are required to represent 128 different colours?
- ▶ 128 = 2⁷. Therefore 7 bits are required.
- How much memory would be required to store a black and white image that is 10 pixels high and 5 pixels wide? Show your working.
- Number of colours = 2¹. Therefore 1 bit is required per pixel.

Number of pixels = h * w = 10 * 5 = 50

Memory needed = 50 * 1 = 50 bits

Exercises

- How much memory (in bytes) would be required to store an image that has 256 different colours and is 3 pixels high and 5 pixels wide? Show your working.
- Number of colours = 256 = 2⁸. Therefore 8 bits or 1 byte are required per pixel.

Number of pixels = h * w = 3 * 5 = 15

Memory needed = 15 * 1 = 15 bytes

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