EECS 290T-Lecture 1

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Multi-Media

- Multi from Latin. Mults means "numerous"
- Media from Latin. Media is the plural form of the Latin word "medium", meaning "middle,center". More recently "intermediary".

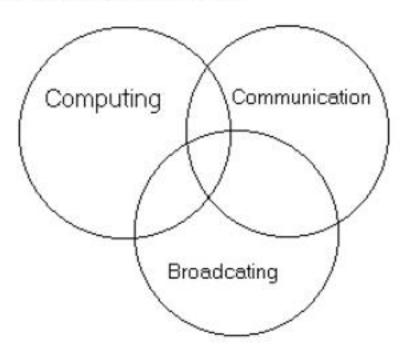
Digital Multimedia

- Field concerned with the integration of
 - Text
 - Graphics
 - Still and moving images
 - Animation
 - Sounds
 - +any other medium where every piece of info can be represented, stored, transmitted, or processed digitally.

Digital Multimedia (part 2)

- Types of MM info:
 - 1.Text
 - 2.graphics
 - 3.images (still)
 - 4.moving graphics-> animation
 - 5.moving images (motion video)
 - 6.Sound

The intersection of:



Conventional Classification of MM Types

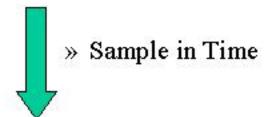
Time Based:	SOUND, MOVING IMAGES	ANIMATION
Space Based:	STILL IMAGES	TEXT, GRAPHICS
	Captured from the real world.	Synthesized by computer.

Digital Representation

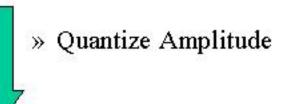
- Digitization
 - Analog
 - Discrete Time
 - Digital
- Why Digitize?
 - Universality of representation
 - Robustness to error, aging, distortion, noise.

Digital Representation (part 2)

Analog Signal



Discrete Time Signal



Digital Šignal

Advantages of Digital Representation

- Storage of different information types on the same device
- Transmission of various information types over a single digital network
- Processing and manipulation of various information by computer programs for editing, quality improvement, or recognition of meaningful info.

Disadvantages of Digital Representation

- Quantization distortion
- Sampling distortion (aliasing)
- Need for large amounts of digital storage capacity ———— need for compression.

Interactivity: Two Types of Presentation

- Passive, or Linear
 - User has no control
 - Ex: TV Program
 - Ex: Movie
 - Ex: Broadcast

- Interactive, or Non-Linear
 - User controls time, order,
 speed, and form of presentation
 - User input can be recorded to annotate, modify, or enrich contents of the info.
 - Active processing of user inputs and computer generation of genuine replies.