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#### Introduction

Some rasters have a single band, or layer (a measure of a single characteristic), of data, while others have multiple bands. Basically, a band is represented by a single matrix of cell values, and a raster with multiple bands contains multiple spatially coincident matrices of cell values representing the same spatial area. An example of a single-band raster dataset is a digital elevation model (DEM). Each cell in a DEM contains only one value representing surface elevation. You can also have a single-band orthophoto, which is sometimes called a panchromatic or grayscale image. Most satellite imagery has multiple bands, typically containing values within a range or band of the electromagnetic spectrum.





There are three main ways to display (render) single-band raster datasets:

Using two colors—In a binary image, each cell has a value of 0 or 1 and is often displayed using black and white. This type of display is often used for displaying scanned maps with simple line work, such as parcel maps. Grayscale—In a grayscale image, each cell has a value from 0 to another number, such as 255 or 65535. These are often used for black-and-white aerial photographs.

Color map—One way to represent colors on an image is with a color map. A set of values is coded to match a defined set of red, green, and blue (RGB) values

When there are multiple bands, every cell location has more than one value associated with it. With multiple bands, each band usually represents a segment of the electromagnetic spectrum collected by a sensor. Bands can represent any portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, including ranges not visible to the eye, such as the infrared or ultraviolet sections. The term band originated from the reference to the color band on the electromagnetic spectrum.

When you create a map layer from a raster image, you can choose to display a single band of data or form a color composite from multiple bands. A combination of any three of the available bands in a multiband raster dataset can be used to create RGB composites. By displaying bands together as RGB composites, often more information is gleaned from the dataset than if you were to work with just one band.



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		Colormap		
		red	green	blue
	✦	255	255	0
2	↔	64	0	128
3	↔	255	32	32
1	↔	0	255	0
5	$\leftrightarrow$	0	0	255





















A satellite image, for example, commonly has multiple bands representing different wavelengths from the ultraviolet through the visible and infrared portions of the electromagnetic spectrum. Landsat imagery, for example, is data collected from seven different bands of the electromagnetic spectrum. Bands 1–7, including 6, represent data from the visible, near infrared, and midinfrared regions. Band 6 collects data from the thermal infrared region. Another example of a multiband image is a true color orthophoto in which there are three bands, each representing either red, green, or blue light.

### Multiband raster dataset







Define Image : ee.Image(args)

An object to represent an Earth Engine image.

This constructor accepts a variety of arguments:

- A string: an EarthEngine asset id,
- A string and a number: an EarthEngine asset id and version,
- A number or ee.Array: creates a constant image,
- A list: creates an image out of each list element and combines them into a single image,
- An ee.Image: returns the argument,
- Nothing: results in an empty transparent image.





#### **Raster information**

The Raster information section lists the raster-specific properties, including the following:

Number of columns and rows (of pixels) Number of bands Cell size (x,y) Uncompressed size Format Source type Pixel type (unsigned/signed, integer/floating point) Pixel depth/Bit depth (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64) NoData value Colormap (present/absent) Pyramids Compression type Mensuration Capabilities





The information displayed on the Key Metadata tab (if available) includes the following:

Sensor name Product name Acquisition date Cloud cover Sun azimuth Sun elevation Sensor azimuth Sensor elevation Off-nadir angle Band name (per band) Minimum wavelength (per band) Maximum wavelength (per band) Radiance gain **Radiance bias** Solar irradiance Reflectance gain **Reflectance bias** 





### •Import Image

You can use the Asset Manager or command line interface (CLI) to upload image or other georeferenced raster datasets in GeoTIFF or TFRecord format.



Upload a new image asset			
Source files			
SELECT Please drag and drop or select files for this asset. Allowed extensions: tiff, tif, json or tfrecord.			
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Asset ID users/username/ →	Asset Name		
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### Image Properties

Image.propertyNames() Image.getInfo(callback) Image.get(property) Image.bandNames() Image.bandTypes()

Returns the names of properties on this element. returns information about this image *Extract a property from a feature.* Returns a list containing the names of the bands of image. Returns a dictionary of the image's band types.

### Image.metadata(property, name)

Generates a constant image of type double from a metadata property.





Visualizatio : Map.addLayer Map.addLayer(eeObject, visParams, name, shown, opacity)

<u>Argument</u> <u>Type</u> <u>Details</u>

eeObject Collection/Feature/Image/RawMapId The object to add to the map. visParams FeatureVisualizationParameters/ImageVisualizationParameters, optional The visualization parameters. For Images and ImageCollection, see ee.data.getMapId for valid parameters. For Features and FeatureCollections, the only supported key is "color", as a CSS 3.0 color string or a hex string in "RRGGBB" format. Ignored when eeObject is a map ID.

nameString, optionalThe name of the layer. Defaults to "Layer N".shownBoolean, optionalA flag indicating whether the layer should be on bydefault.





# Visualisation of Image

Image.visualize(bands, gain, bias, min, max, gamma, opacity, palette, forceRgbOutput)

Image

Argument	Туре	Details
this: image	Image	The image to visualize.
bands	Object, default: null	A list of the bands to visualize. If empty, the first 3 are used.
gain	Object, default: null	The visualization gain(s) to use.
bias	Object, default: null	The visualization bias(es) to use.
min	Object, default: null	The value(s) to map to RGB8 value 0.
тах	Object, default: null	The value(s) to map to RGB8 value 255.
gamma	Object, default: null	The gamma correction factor(s) to use.
opacity	Number, default: null	The opacity scaling factor to use.
palette	Object, default: null	The color palette to use. List of CSS color identifiers or hexadecimal color strings (e.g. ['red'. '00FF00'. 'bluevlolet']).

forceRgbOutput Boolean, default: false

Whether to produce RGB output even for single-band inputs.





# **Mathematical Operations**

# **Arithmitical Functions**

Image.add(image2) Image.subtract(image2) Image.multiply(image2) Image.divide(image2)

# **logical Functions**

- Image.gt(image2)
- Image.gte(image2)
- Image.lt(image2)
- Image.Ite(image2)
- Image.eq(image2)
- Image.neq(image2)
- mage.and(image2)
- Image.or(image2)
- Image.not()





# **Image Functions**

- Image.addBands(srcImg, names, overwrite)
- ee.Image.cat(var\_args)
- Image.clamp(low, high)
- Image.clip(geometry)
- ee.Image.constant(value)
- Image.convolve(kernel)
- Image.expression(expression, map)
- Image.gradient()
- Image.hypot(image2)
- Image.mask(mask)
- ee.Image.pixelArea()
- ee.Image.pixelCoordinates(projection)
- ee.Image.pixelLonLat()





# **Image Functions**

- Image.projection()
- ee.Image.random(seed, distribution)
- Image.select(var\_args)
- Image.set(var\_args)
- Image.signum()
- Image.slice(start, end)
- Image.unitScale(low, high)
- Image.where(test, value)





## Reducing

Applies a reducer to all of the bands of an image. The reducer must have a single input and will be called at each pixel to reduce the stack of band values. The output image will have one band for each reducer output.

Image.reduce(reducer)

ArgumentTypeDetailsthis: imageImageThe image to reduce.reducerReducerThe reducer to apply to the given image.





## Reducing

Image.reduceNeighborhood(reducer, kernel, inputWeight, skipMasked, optimization)

Image.reduceRegion(reducer, geometry, scale, crs, crsTransform, bestEffort, maxPixels, tileScale)

Image.reduceRegions(collection, reducer, scale, crs, crsTransform, tileScale)

Image.reduceToVectors(reducer, geometry, scale, geometryType, eightConnected, IabelProperty, crs, crsTransform, bestEffort, maxPixels, tileScale, geometryInNativeProjection)

Image.reduceConnectedComponents(reducer, labelBand, maxSize)





## Rrducer

ee.Reducer.mean() ee.Reducer.median(maxBuckets, minBucketWidth, maxRaw) ee.Reducer.min(numInputs) ee.Reducer.max(numInputs) ee.Reducer.minMax() ee.Reducer.sum() ee.Reducer.sum() ee.Reducer.mode(maxBuckets, minBucketWidth, maxRaw) ee.Reducer.percentile(percentiles, outputNames, maxBuckets, minBucketWidth, maxRaw)





### •Kernel

- ee.Kernel.chebyshev(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.circle(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.compass(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.cross(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.diamond(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.euclidean(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.fixed(width, height, weights, x, y, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.gaussian(radius, sigma, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.kirsch(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.laplacian4(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.laplacian8(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.manhattan(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.octagon(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.plus(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.prewitt(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.rectangle(xRadius, yRadius, units, normalize, magnitude)
- ee.Kernel.roberts(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.sobel(magnitude, normalize)
- ee.Kernel.square(radius, units, normalize, magnitude)





## Masking

- Masking pixels in an image makes those pixels transparent and excludes them from analysis.
- Each pixel in each band of an image has a mask. Those with a mask value of 0 or below will be transparent. Those with a mask of any value above 0 will be rendered.
- The mask of an image is set using a call like image1.mask(image2). This call takes the values of image2 and makes them the mask of image1. Any pixels in image2 that have the value 0 will be made transparent in image1.





## • Export of Image

You can export images, map tiles, tables and video from Earth Engine. The exports can be sent :

- 1. to your Google Drive account,
- 2.to Google Cloud Storage or
- 3. to a new Earth Engine asset.





#### Export.image.toAsset

Creates a batch task to export an Image as a raster to an Earth Engine asset. Tasks can be started from the Tasks tab. Export.image.toAsset(image, description, assetId, pyramidingPolicy, dimensions, region, scale, crs, crsTransform, maxPixels, shardSize)

<u>Argument</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Diletas</u>		
image	Image	The image to export.		
description	String, optional	A human-readable name of the task. Defaults to "myExportImageTask".		
assetId	String, optional	The destination asset ID.		
pyramidingPolicy Object, optional		tional The pyramiding policy to apply to each band in the image, keyed by band name. Values must be one of: mean, sample, min, max, or mode. Defaults to "mean". A special key, ".default" may be used to change the default for all bands.		
dimensions	Number String,	optional The dimensions to use for the exported image. Takes either a single positive integer as the maximum dimension or"WIDTHxHEIGHT" where WIDTH and HEIGHT are each positive integers.		
region Geon	netry.LinearRing	Geometry.Polygon String, optional A LinearRing, Polygon, or coordinates representing region to		
		export. These may be specified as the Geometry objects or coordinates serialized as a string. If not		
	specified, the region defaults to the viewport at the time of invocation.			
scale	Number, optiona	Resolution in meters per pixel. Defaults to 1000.		
Crs	String, optional	CRS to use for the exported image.		
crsTransform	List, optional	Affine transform to use for the exported image. Requires "crs" to be defined.		
maxPixels	Number, optiona	Restrict the number of pixels in the export. By default, you will see an error if the export exceeds 1e8 pixels. Setting this value explicitly allows one to raise or lower this limit.		
shardSize	Number, optiona	Size in pixels of the tiles in which this image will be computed. Defaults to 256.		



#### Export.image.toCloudStorage

Creates a batch task to export an Image as a raster to Google Cloud Storage. Tasks can be started from the Tasks tab. Export.image.toCloudStorage(image, description, bucket, fileNamePrefix, dimensions, region, scale, crs, crsTransform, maxPixels, shardSize, fileDimensions, skipEmptyTiles, fileFormat, formatOptions)

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Argument		Туре	Details
image	Image	e The ii	nage to export.
description	String	, optional	A human-readable name of the task. Defaults to "myExportImageTask".
bucket		String, optional	The Cloud Storage destination bucket.
fileNamePre	efix	String, optional	The string used as the output's prefix. A trailing "/" indicates a path. Defaults to the task's description.
dimensions	Numb	per String, optiona	l The dimensions to use for the exported image. Takes either a single positive integer as
	the m	aximum dimensior	ι or "WIDTHxHEIGHT" where WIDTH and HEIGHT are each positive integers.
region		Geometry.LinearR	ing Geometry.Polygon String, optional
A LinearRing	g, Poly	gon, or coordinates	representing region to export. These may be specified as the Geometry objects or coordinates serialized as a
string. If not	t specif	ied, the region def	aults to the viewport at the time of invocation.
scale		Number, optional	Resolution in meters per pixel. Defaults to 1000.
crs		String, optional	CRS to use for the exported image.
crsTransform	n	List, optional	
Affine trans	form to	o use for the export	ted image. Requires "crs" to be defined.
maxPixels		Number, optional	Restrict the number of pixels in the export. By default, you will see an error if the export exceeds 1e8 pixels.
Setting this	value e	explicitly allows one	e to raise or lower this limit.
shardSize		Number, optional	Size in pixels of the tiles in which this image will be computed. Defaults to 256.
fileDimensio	ons	List, optional	The dimensions in pixels of each image file, if the image is too large to fit in a single file. May specify a single
number to i	ndicate	e a square shape, o	r an array of two dimensions to indicate (width,height). Note that the image will still be clipped to the overall
image dime	nsions	. Must be a multipl	e of shardSize.
skipEmptyT	iles	Boolean, optional	If true, skip writing empty (i.e. fully-masked) image tiles. Defaults to false.
fileFormat	String	ontional The s	tring file format to which the image is exported. Currently only 'GeoTIEE' and 'TERecord' are supported, defaults

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#### Export.image.toDriv

Creates a batch task to export an Image as a raster to Drive. Tasks can be started from the Tasks tab.

Export.image.toDrive(image, description, folder, fileNamePrefix, dimensions, region, scale, crs, crsTransform, maxPixels, shardSize, fileDimensions, skipEmptyTiles, fileFormat, formatOptions)

Argument Type Details

image Image The image to export.

description String, optional A human-readable name of the task. May contain letters, numbers, -, \_ (no spaces). Defaults to "myExportImageTask".

folder String, optional The Google Drive Folder that the export will reside in. Note: (a) if the folder name exists at any level, the output is written to it, (b) if duplicate folder names exist, output is written to the most recently modified folder, (c) if the folder name does not exist, a new folder will be created at the root, and (d) folder names with separators (e.g. 'path/to/file') are interpreted as literal strings, not system paths. Defaults to Drive root. fileNamePrefix String, optional The filename prefix. May contain letters, numbers, -, \_ (no spaces). Defaults to the description.

dimensions Number|String, optional The dimensions to use for the exported image. Takes either a single positive integer as the maximum dimension or "WIDTHxHEIGHT" where WIDTH and HEIGHT are each positive integers.

region Geometry.LinearRing|Geometry.Polygon|String, optional

A LinearRing, Polygon, or coordinates representing region to export. These may be specified as the Geometry objects or coordinates serialized as a string. If not specified, the region defaults to the viewport at the time of invocation.

scale Number, optional Resolution in meters per pixel. Defaults to 1000.

crs String, optional CRS to use for the exported image.

crsTransform List, optional Affine transform to use for the exported image. Requires "crs" to be defined.

maxPixels Number, optional Restrict the number of pixels in the export. By default, you will see an error if the export exceeds 1e8 pixels. Setting this value explicitly allows one to raise or lower this limit.

Number, optional Size in pixels of the tiles in which this image will be computed. Defaults to 256.

fileDimensions List, optional The dimensions in pixels of each image file, if the image is too large to fit in a single file. May specify a single number to indicate a square shape, or an array of two dimensions to indicate (width,height). Note that the image will still be clipped to the overall image dimensions. Must be a multiple of shardSize.

skipEmptyTiles Boolean, optional If true, skip writing empty (i.e. fully-masked) image tiles. Defaults to false.

fileFormat String, optional The string file format to which the image is exported. Currently only 'GeoTIFF' and 'TFRecord' are supported, defaults to

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### •Charts

## ui.Chart.image.byRegion

Generates a Chart from an image. Extracts and plots band values in one or more regions in the image, with each band in a separate series.

- X-axis = Region labeled by xProperty (default: 'system:index')
- Y-axis = Reducer output.
- Series = Band name.

ui.Chart.image.byRegion(image, regions, reducer, scale, xProperty)

<u>Argument</u>	<u>Туре</u>	<u>Details</u>
image	Image	Image to extract band values from.
regions Feature/FeatureCollection/Geometry/List, optional		
		Regions to reduce. Defaults to the image's footprint.
reducer Reducer, optional		Reducer that generates the value(s) for the y-axis. Must return a
single value p	er band. Defaults to ee.R	educer.mean().
scale	Number, optional	Scale to use with the reducer in meters.
xProperty	String, optional	Property to be used as the label for each Region on the state of the the state of t





#### ui.Chart.image.histogram

Generates a Chart from an image. Computes and plots histograms of the values of the bands in the specified region of the image

- X-axis: Histogram buckets (of band value).

- Y-axis: Frequency (number of pixels with a band value in the bucket).

ui.Chart.image.histogram(image, region, scale, maxBuckets, minBucketWidth, maxRaw, maxPixels)

ArgumentTypeDetailsimageImageThe image to generate a histogram from.

region Feature | Feature Collection | Geometry, optional The region to reduce. If omitted, uses the entire image.

scale Number, optional The pixel scale used when applying the histogram reducer, in meters.

maxBuckets Number, optional The maximum number of buckets to use when building a histogram; will be rounded up to a power of 2.

minBucketWidth Number, optional The minimum histogram bucket width, or null to allow any power of 2.

maxRaw Number, optional The number of values to accumulate before building the initial histogram.

maxPixels Number, optional If specified, overrides the maximum number of pixels allowed in the histogram reduction. Defaults to 1e6.





### ui.Chart.image.regions

Generates a Chart from an image. Extracts and plots the value of each band in one or more regions.

- X-axis = Band labeled by xProperty (default: band name).
- Y-axis = Reducer output.
- Series = Region labeled by seriesProperty (default: 'system:index').

ui.Chart.image.regions(image, regions, reducer, scale, seriesProperty, xLabels) ui.Chart

Argument Type Image to extract band values from. image Image

Details

regions Feature Feature Collection Geometry List, optional Regions to reduce. Defaults to the image's footprint. reducer Reducer, optional Reducer that generates the value(s) for the y-axis. Must return a single value per band. Number, optional The pixel scale in meters. scale

- seriesProperty Property to be used as the label for each region in the legend. Defaults to String, optional 'system:index'.
- A list of labels used for bands on the x-axis. Must have the same number of elements as xLabels List, optional the image bands. If omitted, bands will be labeled with their names. If the labels are numeric (e.g. wavelengths), x-axis will be continuous.