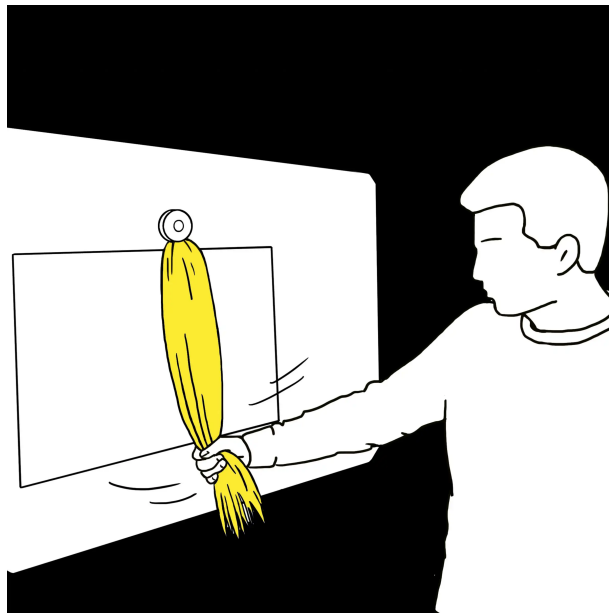


# Horse tail

Is the surface uniformly grey?



Look at the grey panel.

Now lift the horse tail. Surprised?

Use the strip to observe the graduation of the panel.

One panel gets gradually lighter near the join, and the other gets gradually darker. At the join there is a sharp change in brightness. Your brain doesn't notice the gradual changes in brightness. Instead it notices only the sharp brightness change, and concludes that the panels must be different shades. When the rope hides the join you perceive the panels as identical.