

COLORIMETRIC CHARACTERISATION OF TRICHROMATIC RGB DIGITAL IMAGES. II. CIE COLORIMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS

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Abstract

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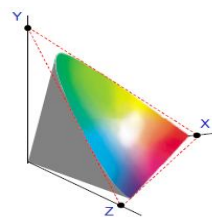


Figure 1: The position of a colour C in the CIE XYZ imaginary space

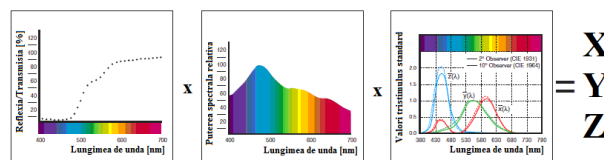


Figure 2: Computation elements for values X,Y,Z

MATERIAL AND METHOD

CIE XYZ (CIE – International Commission on Illumination / Commission Internationale d’Eclairage)

Each point corresponding to a colour in the CIE XYZ colour space or the imaginary locus corresponding to the CIE xy is determined using the general algorithm which includes the known values: reflection / transmission spectral curve, energy feature of the illuminant and the standard composition functions of colours.

$$X = k \cdot \int_{\lambda=380 \text{ nm}}^{780} \Phi(\lambda) \cdot \bar{x}(\lambda) \cdot \tau(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda,$$

$$Y = k \cdot \int_{\lambda=380 \text{ nm}}^{780} \Phi(\lambda) \cdot \bar{y}(\lambda) \cdot \tau(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda,$$

$$Z = k \cdot \int_{\lambda=380 \text{ nm}}^{780} \Phi(\lambda) \cdot \bar{z}(\lambda) \cdot \tau(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda;$$

where:

$$k = \frac{100}{\int_{380}^{780} \Phi(\lambda) \cdot \bar{y}(\lambda) \cdot d\lambda}, \text{ normalisation factor}$$

(normalisation coefficient),
 $\Phi(\lambda)$ – the relative spectral distribution of the standard light source energy (illuminants A, B, C, D, E (evenly distributed), F₁ – F₁₂ – fluorescents);

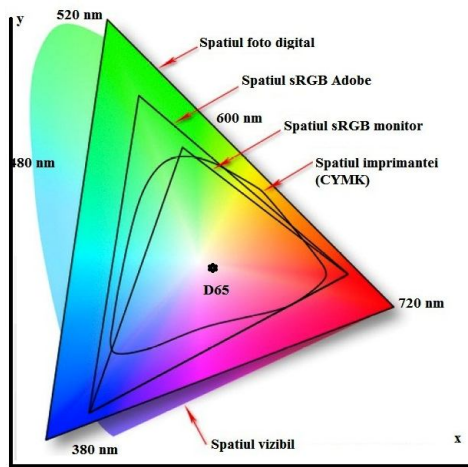
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$\bar{x}(\lambda), \bar{y}(\lambda), \bar{z}(\lambda)$ – standard colour matching functions;
 $\tau(\lambda)$ – spectral reflexion/transmission coefficient;
 CIE xy

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{X+Y+Z} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{X}{X+Y+Z} \\ \frac{Y}{X+Y+Z} \\ \frac{Y}{X+Y+Z} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{Y}{y} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1-x-y \end{bmatrix}$$



Digital photography space
 Adobe sRGB colour space
 Monitor sRGB colour space
 Printer's colour space (CYMK)
 Visible colour space

Figure 3: Locus CIE xy and various gamuts

RESULTS AND DISSCUTIONS

CIE L*a*b* 1976

The $L^*a^*b^*$ colour system is used as a standard in: colour management, colour reproduction through photography, colour copying, colour printing, etc.

The $L^*a^*b^*$ model is based on the theory that a colour cannot be both green and red or yellow and blue. *Cartesian coordinates are used in the $L^*a^*b^*$ space.*

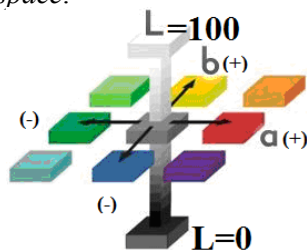


Figure 4: Meaning of colour shifts in the $L^*a^*b^*$ space

a(-) – greener, a(+) – redder,
 b(+) – more yellow, b(-) = bluer,
 white at L=100 and black at L=0.

The $L^*a^*b^*$ space is much more uniform than XYZ space and is recommended for coloured surfaces.

$$L^* = \begin{cases} \text{open:} \\ 116 \cdot \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 16, & \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right) > 0,008856 \\ \text{closed:} \\ 903,3 \cdot \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right), & \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right) \leq 0,008856 \end{cases}$$

$$a^* = 500 \cdot \left(f\left(\frac{X}{X_0} \right) - f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right) \right)$$

$$b^* = 200 \cdot \left(f\left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right) - f\left(\frac{Z}{Z_0} \right) \right)$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{\frac{1}{3}}, & x > 0,008856 \\ 7,787 \cdot x + \frac{16}{116}, & x \leq 0,008856 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{X}{X_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}; \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}; \left(\frac{Z}{Z_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

X_0, Y_0, Z_0 refer to the CIE XYZ values of the standard illuminant, for instance D65.

L^* values range between 0 and 100.

Non-linear relations for L^* , a^* and b^* are intended to imitate the eye's logarithmic response.

The reverse transformation:

$$Y_1 = \frac{L+16}{116}$$

$$X_1 = \frac{a^*}{500} + Y_1$$

$$Z_1 = -\frac{b^*}{200} + Y_1$$

$$X_1 = \begin{cases} X_1^3, & X_1 > 0.206893 \\ \left(X_1 - \frac{16}{116} \right) \cdot 7.787, & X_1 \leq 0.206893 \end{cases}$$

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$$X = X_0 \cdot X_1$$

$$Y = Y_0 \cdot Y_1$$

$$Z = Z_0 \cdot Z_1$$

HUNTER Lab

$$L = 100 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{Y}{Y_0}}$$

$$a = K_a \cdot \left(\frac{\frac{X}{X_0} - \frac{Y}{Y_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{Y}{Y_0}}} \right)$$

$$b = K_b \cdot \left(\frac{\frac{Y}{Y_0} - \frac{Z}{Z_0}}{\sqrt{\frac{Y}{Y_0}}} \right)$$

K_a, K_b – the chromaticity coefficients for the selected standard illuminant.

X, Y, Z – CIE tristimulus values,

X_0, Y_0, Z_0 – the illuminant specific tristimulus values,

$Y_0 = 100$.

The values of the CIE D_{65} illuminant:

	X_0	Z_0	K_a	K_b
CIE 1931 2°	95.02	108.82	172.30	67.20
CIE 1964 10°	94.83	107.38	172.10	66.70

CIE LAB

In the CIE Lab space the following transformation matrix is used:

$$\begin{bmatrix} L \\ A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

Reverse transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} L \\ A \\ B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = L \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + B \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = L \cdot c + A \cdot a + B \cdot b$$

The points of vector a are in direction X , the points of vector b in the negative direction on the Z axis, while vector c points are along the diagonal in the XYZ space

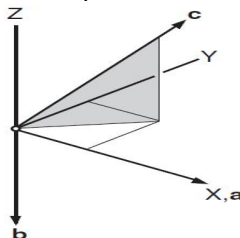


Figure 5: XYZ – LAB spatial transformation

CIE Yuv (1960)

The CIE Y_{xy} space is transformed into the CIE Yuv in order to represent colours having the same magnitude, therefore in an even space, which is not sufficient however.

$$\begin{cases} u = \frac{2 \cdot x}{(-x + 6 \cdot y + 1.5)} \\ v = \frac{3 \cdot y}{(-x + 6 \cdot y + 1.5)} \end{cases}$$

or

$$\begin{cases} u = \frac{4 \cdot X}{X + 15 \cdot Y + 3 \cdot Z} = \frac{4 \cdot x}{-2 \cdot x + 12 \cdot y + 3} \\ v = \frac{6 \cdot Y}{X + 15 \cdot Y + 3 \cdot Z} = \frac{6 \cdot y}{-2 \cdot x + 12 \cdot y + 3} \end{cases}$$

CIE $Y_u'v'$ (1976)

$$\begin{cases} u' = u = \frac{2 \cdot x}{(-x + 6 \cdot y + 1.5)} \\ v' = 1.5 \cdot v = \frac{4.5 \cdot y}{(-x + 6 \cdot y + 1.5)} \end{cases}$$

CIE $L^*u^*v^*$ 1976

In another variant, lightness can be represented in relation to the coordinates:

$$\begin{cases} u' = \frac{4 \cdot X}{X + 15 \cdot Y + 3 \cdot Z} = \frac{4 \cdot x}{-2 \cdot x + 12 \cdot y + 3} \\ v' = \frac{9 \cdot Y}{X + 15 \cdot Y + 3 \cdot Z} = \frac{9 \cdot y}{-2 \cdot x + 12 \cdot y + 3} \end{cases}$$

for the $L^*u^*v^*$ space and the reverse transformation:

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{27 \cdot u'}{18 \cdot u' - 48 \cdot v' + 36} = \frac{9 \cdot u'}{6 \cdot u' - 16 \cdot v' + 12} \\ y = \frac{12 \cdot v'}{18 \cdot u' - 48 \cdot v' + 36} = \frac{4 \cdot v'}{6 \cdot u' - 16 \cdot v' + 12} \end{cases}$$

where x and y are the values in the CIE $xy - 2^\circ$ space, illuminant C with values: $u_0' = 0.2009$ and $v_0' = 0.4610$.

CIE $L^*u^*v^*$

The CIE $L^*u^*v^*$ is appropriate for characterising the coloured light of monitors, TVs etc.

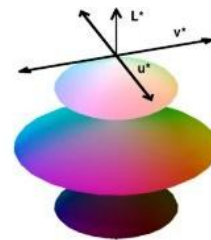


Figure 6: CIE $L^*u^*v^*$

For the CIE $L^*u^*v^*$ space:

$$L^* = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{29}{3} \right) \cdot \frac{Y}{Y_0}, \text{ for } \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right) \leq \left(\frac{6}{29} \right)^3; \\ 116 \cdot \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right)^3 - 16, \text{ for } \left(\frac{Y}{Y_0} \right) > \left(\frac{6}{29} \right)^3, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} u^* = 13 \cdot L^* \cdot (u' - u_0') \\ v^* = 13 \cdot L^* \cdot (v' - v_0') \end{cases}$$

The reverse relations:

$$\begin{cases} u' = \frac{u^*}{13 \cdot L^*} + u_0' \\ v' = \frac{v^*}{13 \cdot L^*} + v_0' \end{cases}$$

u', v' – the values in the CIE $u'v'$ colour space.

$$Y = \begin{cases} Y_0 \cdot L^* \cdot \left(\frac{3}{29}\right)^3, & \text{for } (L^* \leq 8) \\ Y_0 \cdot \left(\frac{L^* + 16}{116}\right)^3, & \text{for } (L^* > 8) \end{cases}$$

$$X = Y \cdot \frac{9 \cdot u'}{4 \cdot v'},$$

$$Z = Y \cdot \frac{12 - 3 \cdot u' - 20 \cdot v'}{4 \cdot v'}, \text{ for } (L^* < 8)$$

and

$$X = -9 \cdot Y \cdot \frac{u'}{(u' - 4) \cdot v' - u'v'}$$

$$Z = (9 \cdot Y - 15 \cdot v' \cdot Y - v' \cdot X) / (3 \cdot v'), \text{ for } (L^* > 8).$$

X, Y, Z in the CIE XYZ space.

The cylindrical representation version includes the elements:

$$C_{ab}^* = \sqrt{(a^*)^2 + (b^*)^2},$$

$$h_{ab}^* = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b^*}{a^*}\right).$$

The $L^* a^* b^*$ diagram may be used concurrently with the $L^* u' v'$ diagram.

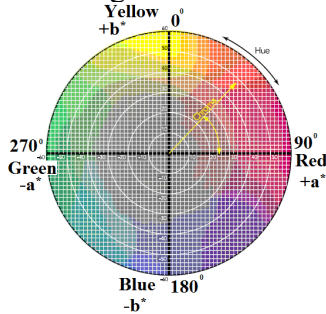


Figure 7: The graph of the CIE $L^* a^* b^*$ to CIE $L^* u' v'$ transfer with $L^* = \text{constant}$.

CIE $L^* u' v'$

$L^* u' v'$ represents the cylindrical version of the CIE $L^* u' v'$ space where C_{uv}^* stands for the chroma, while h_{uv}^* stands for saturation.

$$C_{uv}^* = \sqrt{(u^*)^2 + (v^*)^2},$$

$$h_{uv}^* = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v^*}{u^*}\right).$$

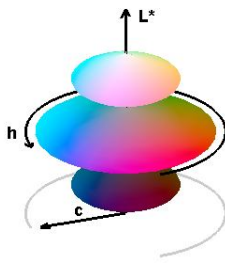


Figure 8: CIE $L^* u' v'$ space

On the other hand, the correlation of saturation may be defined through the formula:

$$s_{uv} = \frac{C^*}{L^*} = 13 \cdot \sqrt{(u' - v'_0)^2 + (v' - v'_0)^2}.$$

CIE $L^* a^* b^*$, $L^* u' v'$ and $L^* c^* h^*$ are non-linear functions in relation to XYZ. The L^* components is linked to lightness perception. The other two components describe the chroma (C_{ab}^* or C_{uv}^*).

To calculate the differences the formula below is used:

$$\Delta H_{ab}^* = \sqrt{(\Delta E_{ab}^*)^2 - (\Delta L_{ab}^*)^2 - (\Delta C_{ab}^*)^2};$$

$$\Delta H_{ab}^* = 2 \cdot \sqrt{C_{ab,1}^* \cdot C_{ab,2}^*} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\Delta h_{ab}^*}{2}\right), h_{ab}^* < \text{or} > 0.$$

Colour Difference

CIE ΔE_{ab} 1976

The L^* , a^* , b^* values are employed in calculating colour difference:

$$\Delta E_{ab,76}^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta a^*)^2 + (\Delta b^*)^2},$$

$$\Delta L^* = L_1^* - L_2^*$$

$$\Delta a^* = a_1^* - a_2^*$$

$$\Delta b^* = b_1^* - b_2^*.$$

The value is depended upon the illuminant employed and the standard (CIE 1931 - 2° variant or the CIE 1964 - 10° variant).

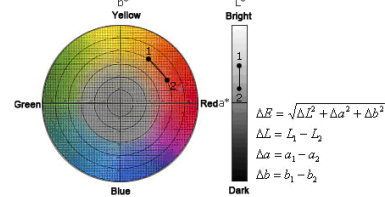


Figure 9: CIE ΔE_{ab} 1976 calculations

CIE ΔE_{uv} 1976

$$\Delta E_{uv,76}^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta u^*)^2 + (\Delta v^*)^2}$$

$$\Delta L^* = L_1^* - L_2^*$$

$$\Delta u^* = u_1^* - u_2^*$$

$$\Delta v^* = v_1^* - v_2^*.$$

CIE ΔE_{ch} 1976

$$\Delta E_{hc}^* = \sqrt{(\Delta L^*)^2 + (\Delta C^*)^2 + (\Delta H^*)^2},$$

$$\Delta L^* = L_1^* - L_2^*$$

$$\Delta C^* = C_1^* - C_2^*$$

$$\Delta H^* = H_1^* - H_2^*.$$

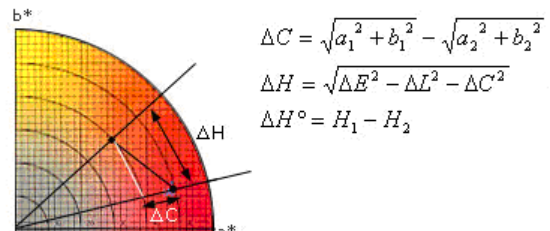


Figure 10: CIE ΔE_{ch} 1976 calculations

If ΔL^* , ΔC^* , ΔH^* are not equal following regular observation, the following adjustments are performed:

$$\Delta E_{hc}^* = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L^*}{l}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C^*}{c}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H^*}{h}\right)^2}.$$

CIE ΔE_{ab} 1994

For minor colour differences the formula below applies:

$$\Delta E_{ab,94}^* = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L_{ab}^*}{K_L \cdot S_L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{ab}^*}{K_C \cdot S_C}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H_{ab}^*}{K_H \cdot S_H}\right)^2},$$

$$S_L = 1$$

$$S_C = 1 + 0.045 \cdot C_{ab}^*$$

$$S_H = 1 + 0.015 \cdot C_{ab}^*$$

The weight functions S_L , S_C , S_H are dependent upon the position in the CIE $L^*a^*b^*$ space.

The parametric factors K_L , K_C , K_H with an approximate value of 1 are dependent upon on the criteria of perceptibility (texture, background, etc..) or acceptability and change with light, chroma or saturation in various industrial applications.

CIE ΔE_{ab} 2000

The formula is derived from the CIE ΔE_{ab} ,₉₄ equation.

$$\Delta E_{ab,00}^{1,2} = \Delta E_{ab,00}^{1,2}(L_1^*, a_1^*, b_1^*; L_2^*, a_2^*, b_2^*)$$

and observes the symmetry condition:

$$\Delta E_{ab,00}^{1,2}(L_1^*, a_1^*, b_1^*; L_2^*, a_2^*, b_2^*) = \Delta E_{ab,00}^{2,1}(L_2^*, a_2^*, b_2^*; L_1^*, a_1^*, b_1^*)$$

$$\Delta E_{ab,00}^* = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L_{ab}^*}{K_L \cdot S_L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{ab}^*}{K_C \cdot S_C}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H_{ab}^*}{K_H \cdot S_H}\right)^2} + \Delta R,$$

$$\Delta R = R_T \cdot f(\Delta C', \Delta H') = R_T \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta C'}{k_C \cdot S_C}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta H'}{k_H \cdot S_H}\right) \cdot \Delta$$

R – the interactive term between the chromaticity and the saturation differences.

Values k_L , k_C and k_H are known. Normally: $R_T = 0$ and $S_L = 1$.

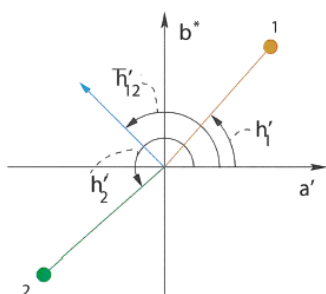


Figure 11: Calculation of the average hue

Stages of calculation

1. C_i , h_i are calculated:

$$C_{i,ab}^* = \sqrt{(a_i^*)^2 + (b_i^*)^2}, i=1,2$$

$$\bar{C}_{ab}^* = \frac{C_{1,ab}^* + C_{2,ab}^*}{2}$$

$$G = 0.5 \cdot \left[1 - \sqrt{\frac{\left(\bar{C}_{ab}^*\right)^7}{\left(\bar{C}_{ab}^*\right)^7 + 25^7}} \right]$$

$$a_i' = (1 + G) \cdot a_i^*, i=1,2$$

$$C_i' = \sqrt{(a_i')^2 + (b_i^*)^2}, i=1,2$$

$$h_i' = \begin{cases} 0, & b_i^* = a_i' = 0, \\ \tan^{-1}(b_i^*, a_i') & 0 < b_i^*, a_i' > 0 \end{cases} \quad i=1,2$$

- h_i is converted from radians to degrees by multiplying the latter by $180/\pi$.

2. The following calculations are performed:

$$\Delta L' = L_2^* - L_1^*$$

$$\Delta C' = C_2' - C_1'$$

$$\Delta h' = \begin{cases} 0, & C_1', C_2' = 0, \\ h_2' - h_1', & C_1', C_2' \neq 0, \quad |h_2' - h_1'| \leq 180^\circ \\ (h_2' - h_1') - 360, & C_1', C_2' \neq 0, \quad |h_2' - h_1'| > 180^\circ \\ (h_2' - h_1') + 360, & C_1', C_2' \neq 0, \quad |h_2' - h_1'| < -180^\circ \end{cases} \Delta C'$$

$$\Delta H' = 2 \cdot \sqrt{C_1' \cdot C_2'} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\Delta h'}{2}\right).$$

and $\Delta H'$ are not absolute values and influence ΔR

3. CIE ΔE_{ab} 2000 is calculated:

$$\bar{L}' = \frac{(L_1^* + L_2^*)}{2}$$

$$\bar{C}' = \frac{(C_1' + C_2')}{2}$$

$$\bar{h}' = \begin{cases} \frac{(h_1' + h_2')}{2}, & C_1', C_2' = 0, \\ \frac{(h_1' + h_2')}{2}, & C_1', C_2' \neq 0, \quad |h_1' - h_2'| \leq 180^\circ \\ \frac{(h_1' + h_2') - 360}{2}, & C_1', C_2' \neq 0, \quad |h_1' - h_2'| > 180^\circ; (h_1' + h_2') \geq 360 \\ \frac{(h_1' + h_2') + 360}{2}, & C_1', C_2' \neq 0, \quad |h_1' - h_2'| > 180^\circ; (h_1' + h_2') < 360 \end{cases}$$

$$T = 1 - 0.17 \cdot \cos\left(\bar{h}' - 30\right) + 0.24 \cdot \cos\left(2 \cdot \bar{h}'\right) +$$

$$+ 0.32 \cdot \cos\left(3 \cdot \bar{h}' + 60\right) - 0.2 \cdot \cos\left(4 \cdot \bar{h}' - 63\right)$$

$$\Delta \theta = 30 \cdot \exp\left\{-\left[\frac{\bar{h}' - 275^\circ}{25}\right]^2\right\}$$

$$R_C = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\left(\bar{C}'\right)^7}{\left(\bar{C}'\right)^7 + 25^7}}$$

$$S_L = 1 + \frac{0.015 \cdot (\bar{L}' - 50)^2}{\sqrt{20 + (\bar{L}' - 50)^2}}$$

$$S_C = 1 + 0.045 \cdot \bar{C}'$$

$$S_H = 1 + 0.015 \cdot \bar{C}' \cdot T$$

$$R_T = -\sin(2 \cdot \Delta\theta) \cdot R_C$$

$$\Delta E_{ab,00}^* = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta L_{ab}^*}{K_L \cdot S_L}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta C_{ab}^*}{K_C \cdot S_C}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\Delta H_{ab}^*}{K_H \cdot S_H}\right)^2} + \Delta R,$$

$$\Delta R = R_T \cdot f(\Delta C', \Delta H') = R_T \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta C'}{k_k \cdot S_C}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta H'}{k_H \cdot S_H}\right) \cdot P_0$$

sition of the standard illuminant d65 in various colour spaces

CIE 1931 2°		CIE 1964 10°	
x_2	y_2	x_{10}	y_{10}
0.31271	0.32902	0.31382	0.33100
u'	v'	u'	v'
0,1987	0,4683	0,1979	0,4696

L	a	b
23,482	*37,384	-60,1046

Hunter ΔE

$$\Delta L = L_{sample} - L_{standard}$$

$$\Delta a = a_{sample} - a_{standard}$$

$$\Delta b = b_{sample} - b_{standard}$$

$$\Delta E = \sqrt{\Delta L^2 + \Delta a^2 + \Delta b^2}$$

Values ΔL , Δa , Δb are positive provided the sample is more brighter, redder, and more yellow respectively than the standard sample; same values are negative if the sample is darker, greener, or bluer, respectively, than the standard sample.

Standard colorimetric analysis – CIE 1931, 1976, 1994, 2000



Figure 12: WA.jpg

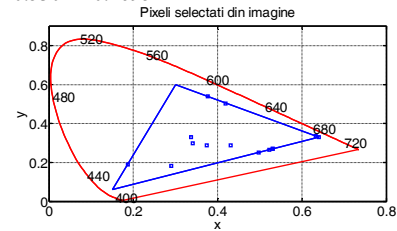
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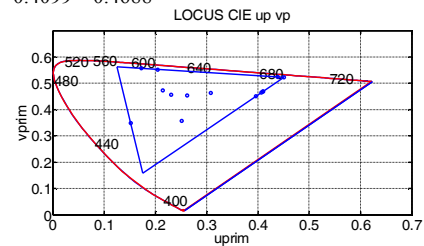
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0.4308 0.2880
0.5309 0.2699
NaN NaN
0.6325 0.3360
0.6400 0.3300
0.4972 0.2513
0.5302 0.2695
    
```



Pixeli selected from image

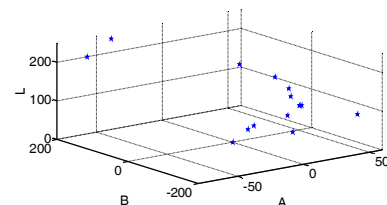
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upvp =
0.2044 0.5520
0.1728 0.5567
0.1523 0.3484
0.2512 0.3567
0.4067 0.4645
0.2143 0.4722
0.2311 0.4556
0.2623 0.4537
0.3080 0.4633
0.4102 0.4692
NaN NaN
0.4387 0.5243
0.4507 0.5229
0.3961 0.4504
0.4099 0.4688
    
```



```

M =
0 1 0
1 -1 0
0 1 -1
    
```



```

Lab =
235.3109 -39.3068 198.3245
209.8587 -63.2974 177.0735
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42.5157 41.5979 -0.0397
56.4077 54.5670 14.4767
    
```


Colour difference in relation to D65

WA image

DE=([DE1976 DE1994 DE2000])

345.0946 230.2285 179.7420

322.5115 210.0017 186.2778

60.2860 37.6938 22.2486

76.0501 48.7027 32.7284

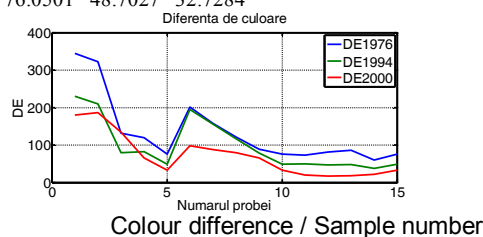


Figure 13: Colour difference

WD image (corrected WA image)

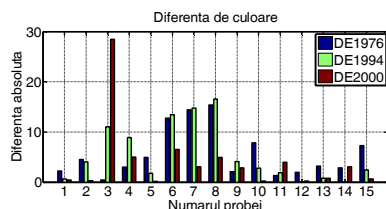
DE=([DE1976 DE1994 DE2000])

342.8389 229.5993 179.3253

318.0038 205.9812 186.5974

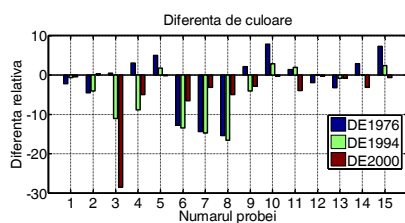
63.1493 37.7158 19.1515

83.3170 51.1304 32.0583



Colour difference / Sample number

Figure 14: WA – WD absolute difference



Colour difference / Sample number

Figure 15: WA – WD relative difference

CONCLUSIONS

Based on a complex research of state-of-the-art specialist literature (references 1-13), the paper provides the condensed CIE formulas for assessing colour, the underlying mathematical reasoning and graphic representation methods commonly used in practice.

The representation of colour in modern spaces - CIE $L^*a^*b^*$, CIE $L^*u^*v^*$ - aims to deliver uniform distribution.

Differences in colour rendered by the ever more complex CIE 1976, 1994, 2000 variants encompass a, b and c, h chromaticity as axes and L as the main axis.

The mathematical calculation algorithm is integrated using particular functions in the Matlab

environment, which extended to processing trichromatic digital images.

Matlab extensions enable the rapid calculation of specific colour measurements.

In relation to the illuminant D65, differences emerge in the calculation of colour difference, as reflected by the absolute difference and relative difference.

Through correction (WD image), colour difference may be amplified or diminished.

The CIE 2000 calculation alternative, for image variations WA and WD, delivers values in a more limited range.

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