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INTRODUCTION

The colour gamut for various image I/O devices has been gradually extended in recent years. IEC 61966-2-1 “Multimedia Systems and Equipment – Colour Measurement and Management – Part 2-1: Colour Management – Default RGB Colour Space – sRGB” is the International Standard issued in 1999, based on the colour characteristics of contemporary CRT displays.

Subsequently, displays with a wider colour gamut have been commercialized in order to better cover the colour gamut that is available for digital still cameras, printers and other devices. This International Standard specifies a colour image encoding similar to the sRGB encoding, but based on a wider gamut colour space than sRGB. The rendering of the image for specific applications is beyond the scope of this standard. A display that has a colour gamut wider than conventional displays has been selected as the “Reference image display system characteristics” in this standard. These wider colour gamut displays provide advantages in commercial printing industry workflows and are intended to be used by professional photographers, prepress industry including DTP and designers.

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MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT – COLOUR MEASUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT –

Part 2-5: Colour management – Optional RGB colour space – opRGB

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61966 is applicable to the encoding and communication of RGB colours optionally used in computer systems and similar applications by defining encoding transformations for use in defined reference conditions.

If actual conditions differ from the reference conditions, additional rendering transformations may be required. Such additional rendering transformations are beyond the scope of this standard.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050(845):1987, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 845: Lighting* / CIE 17.4:1987, *International Lighting Vocabulary (Joint IEC/CIE publication)*

ISO 3664:2000, *Viewing conditions – Graphic technology and photography*

ISO/CIE 10527:1991, *CIE standard colorimetric observers*

CIE 15:2004, *Colorimetry, 3rd ed.*

CIE 122:1996, *The relationship between digital and colorimetric data for computer-controlled CRT displays*

CIE 1931, *CIE XYZ color space*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. Definitions of colour space, illuminance, luminance, tristimulus and other related lighting terms are provided in IEC 60050(845).

3.1
ambient illuminance level
illuminance level due to lighting in the viewing environment, excluding that from the display, measured in the plane of the display faceplate

3.2
ambient white point
coordinate point in the CIE 1931 XYZ chromaticity coordinate defined by ISO/CIE 10527 and CIE 15.2 due to lighting in the viewing environment, excluding that from the display, measured in the plane of the display faceplate

3.3
display illuminant white point
point in the CIE 1931 XYZ chromaticity diagram defined by ISO/CIE 10527 and CIE 15.2, at which the red, green and blue intensities are at 100 %, measured in a direction perpendicular to the display faceplate

3.4
display background
environment of the colour element, extending typically for about ten degrees from the edge of the proximal field in all, or most, directions. When the proximal field is the same colour as the background, the latter is regarded as extending from the edge of the colour element considered

3.5
display black level
the luminance level characteristic measured in a direction perpendicular to the display faceplate, including unwanted leak light through the faceplate and veiling glare from ambient illumination, at which the red, green and blue intensities are at 0 %

3.6
veiling glare
light, reflected from an imaging medium, that has not been modulated by the means used to produce the image

NOTE In CIE 122, the veiling glare of a CRT display is referred to as ambient flare.

3.7
display model offset
parameter measured consistently with CIE 122, representing the black offset level of the display grid voltage

3.8
display input/output characteristic
transfer characteristic relating the normalised digital code value and the normalised output luminance as represented by a power function

3.9
display luminance level
luminance of the display measured consistently with CIE 122

3.10
display surround
field outside the background, filling the field of vision

3.11
display proximal field
immediate environment of the colour element considered, extending typically for about two degrees from the edge of the colour element considered in all, or most, directions

4 Reference conditions

4.1 Reference image display system characteristics

The reference image display system is a computer controlled display and shall be as follows.

- Display luminance level 160 cd/m^2
- Display white point $x = 0{,}312\ 7$, $y = 0{,}329\ 0$ (D65)
  $X_W = 152{,}07$
  $Y_W = 160{,}00$
  $Z_W = 174{,}25$
- Display model offset (R, G and B) 0,0
- Display input/output characteristic (R, G and B) 2,2
- Display black level 0,4 cd/m^2

The CIE chromaticities for the red, green and blue reference display primaries, and for CIE standard illuminant D65, are given in table 1.

Table 1 – CIE chromaticities and CIE standard illuminant

	Red	Green	Blue	D65
x	0,640 0	0,210 0	0,150 0	0,312 7
y	0,330 0	0,710 0	0,060 0	0,329 0
z	0,030 0	0,080 0	0,790 0	0,358 3

The reference display characterization is based on the characterization in CIE 122. Relative to this methodology, the reference display is characterised by the equation below, where V'_{opRGB} is the normalised digital count and V_{opRGB} is the output normalised luminance.

$$V_{\text{opRGB}} = \left(V'_{\text{opRGB}} + 0{,}0\right)^{2{,}2} \quad (1)$$

4.2 Reference viewing conditions

Specifications for the reference viewing environments are derived from ISO 3664 and shall be as follows:

a) Reference background — for the background as part of the display screen, the background is 20 % of the reference display luminance level (32 cd/m^2); the chromaticity should average to $x = 0{,}312\ 7$, $y = 0{,}329\ 0$ (D65).

b) Reference surround — 20 % diffuse reflectance of the maximum reference ambient illuminance level (4,07 cd/m^2); the chromaticity should average to $x = 0{,}345\ 7$, $y = 0{,}358\ 5$ (D50).

NOTE This is the luminance of the adapting field.

c) Reference proximal field — 20 % of the reference display luminance level (32 cd/m^2); the chromaticity should average to $x = 0{,}312\ 7$, $y = 0{,}329\ 0$ (D65).

d) Reference ambient illuminance level — 64 lx.

e) Reference ambient white point — $x = 0{,}345\ 7$, $y = 0{,}358\ 5$ (D50).

4.3 Reference observer

The reference observer shall be the CIE 1931 two-degree standard observer from ISO/CIE 10527.

5 Encoding transformations

5.1 Introduction

The encoding transformations between CIE 1931 XYZ values and N-bit RGB values provide unambiguous methods for representing optimum image colorimetry when viewed on the reference display in the reference viewing conditions by the reference observer. The CIE 1931 XYZ values are normalized by display luminance level and are scaled 0.0 to 1.0. The opRGB tristimulus values are linear combinations of the normalized CIE 1931 XYZ values as measured on the faceplate of the display. The non-linear opR′G′B′ values represent the colorimetry of the image as displayed on the reference display.

5.2 Transformation from opRGB values to CIE 1931 XYZ values

The digital code values are converted to non-linear opR′G′B′ values.

This standard specifies a black digital count of 0 and a white digital count of $2^N - 1$ for N-bits/channel encoding. The resulting non-linear opR′G′B′ values are formed according to the following equations.

$$\left.\begin{aligned} R'_{\text{opRGB}} &= R_{\text{opRGB(N)}} \div (2^N - 1) \\ G'_{\text{opRGB}} &= G_{\text{opRGB(N)}} \div (2^N - 1) \\ B'_{\text{opRGB}} &= B_{\text{opRGB(N)}} \div (2^N - 1) \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{2}$$

The non-linear opR′G′B′ values are transformed to CIE 1931 XYZ values as follows:

$$\left.\begin{aligned} R_{\text{opRGB}} &= \left(R'_{\text{opRGB}}\right)^{2{,}2} \\ G_{\text{opRGB}} &= \left(G'_{\text{opRGB}}\right)^{2{,}2} \\ B_{\text{opRGB}} &= \left(B'_{\text{opRGB}}\right)^{2{,}2} \end{aligned}\right\} \tag{3}$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0{,}576\ 7 & 0{,}185\ 6 & 0{,}188\ 2 \\ 0{,}297\ 3 & 0{,}627\ 4 & 0{,}075\ 3 \\ 0{,}027\ 0 & 0{,}070\ 7 & 0{,}991\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{\text{opRGB}} \\ G_{\text{opRGB}} \\ B_{\text{opRGB}} \end{bmatrix} \tag{4}$$

5.3 Transformation from CIE 1931 XYZ values to opRGB values

For 24 bit encoding (8-bit/channel), the opRGB tristimulus values can be computed using the following relationship: