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## Introduction

Colours with different spectral compositions can look alike. An important function of colorimetry is to determine whether a pair of such metamerical colour stimuli will look alike. The use of visual colorimeters for this purpose is handicapped by variations in the colour matches made among observers classified as having normal colour vision. Visual colorimetry also tends to be time-consuming. For these reasons, it has long been the practice in colorimetry to make use of sets of colour-matching functions to calculate tristimulus values for colours: equality of tristimulus values for a pair of colours indicates that the colour appearances of the two colours match, when they are viewed in the same conditions by an observer for whom the colour-matching functions apply. The use of standard sets of colour-matching functions makes the comparison of tristimulus values obtained at different times and locations possible.

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