

Useful color equations: RGB to LAB converter

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Problem

I am working a bit with images and I need to perform some calculations in Lab color space. For this reason I've created functions to convert RGB to Lab color space and Lab to RGB

Solution

There also functions to convert RGB to XYZ color space.

Detailed explanation

```
public static function rgb2xyz(R:uint,G:uint,B:uint):Object
{
    //R from 0 to 255
    //G from 0 to 255
    //B from 0 to 255
    var r:Number = R/255;
    var g:Number = G/255;
    var b:Number = B/255;

    if (r > 0.04045){ r = Math.pow((r + 0.055) / 1.055, 2.4); }
    else { r = r / 12.92; }
    if ( g > 0.04045){ g = Math.pow((g + 0.055) / 1.055, 2.4); }
    else { g = g / 12.92; }
    if (b > 0.04045){ b = Math.pow((b + 0.055) / 1.055, 2.4); }
    else { b = b / 12.92; }

    r = r * 100;
    g = g * 100;
    b = b * 100;

    //Observer. = 2°, Illuminant = D65
    var xyz:Object = {x:0, y:0, z:0};
    xyz.x = r * 0.4124 + g * 0.3576 + b * 0.1805;
    xyz.y = r * 0.2126 + g * 0.7152 + b * 0.0722;
    xyz.z = r * 0.0193 + g * 0.1192 + b * 0.9505;

    return xyz;
}
```

```
public static function xyz2lab(X:Number, Y:Number, Z:Number ):Object
{
    const REF_X:Number = 95.047; // Observer= 2°, Illuminant= D65
    const REF_Y:Number = 100.000;
    const REF_Z:Number = 108.883;

    var x:Number = X / REF_X;
    var y:Number = Y / REF_Y;
    var z:Number = Z / REF_Z;

    if ( x > 0.008856 ) { x = Math.pow( x , 1/3 ); }
    else { x = ( 7.787 * x ) + ( 16/116 ); }
    if ( y > 0.008856 ) { y = Math.pow( y , 1/3 ); }
    else { y = ( 7.787 * y ) + ( 16/116 ); }
    if ( z > 0.008856 ) { z = Math.pow( z , 1/3 ); }
    else { z = ( 7.787 * z ) + ( 16/116 ); }

    var lab:Object = {l:0, a:0, b:0};
    lab.l = ( 116 * y ) - 16;
    lab.a = 500 * ( x - y );
    lab.b = 200 * ( y - z );

    return lab;
}
```

```

public static function lab2xyz( l:Number, a:Number, b:Number ):Object
{
    const REF_X:Number = 95.047; // Observer= 2°, Illuminant= D65
    const REF_Y:Number = 100.000;
    const REF_Z:Number = 108.883;

    var y:Number = (l + 16) / 116;
    var x:Number = a / 500 + y;
    var z:Number = y - b / 200;

    if ( Math.pow( y , 3 ) > 0.008856 ) { y = Math.pow( y , 3 ); }
    else { y = ( y - 16 / 116 ) / 7.787; }
    if ( Math.pow( x , 3 ) > 0.008856 ) { x = Math.pow( x , 3 ); }
    else { x = ( x - 16 / 116 ) / 7.787; }
    if ( Math.pow( z , 3 ) > 0.008856 ) { z = Math.pow( z , 3 ); }
    else { z = ( z - 16 / 116 ) / 7.787; }

    var xyz:Object = {x:0, y:0, z:0};
    xyz.x = REF_X * x;
    xyz.y = REF_Y * y;
    xyz.z = REF_Z * z;

    return xyz;
}

```

```

public static function xyz2rgb(X:Number, Y:Number, Z:Number):Object
{
    //X from 0 to 95.047      (Observer = 2°, Illuminant = D65)
    //Y from 0 to 100.000
    //Z from 0 to 108.883

    var x:Number = X / 100;
    var y:Number = Y / 100;
    var z:Number = Z / 100;

    var r:Number = x * 3.2406 + y * -1.5372 + z * -0.4986;
    var g:Number = x * -0.9689 + y * 1.8758 + z * 0.0415;
    var b:Number = x * 0.0557 + y * -0.2040 + z * 1.0570;

    if ( r > 0.0031308 ) { r = 1.055 * Math.pow( r , ( 1 / 2.4 ) ) - 0.055; }
    else { r = 12.92 * r; }
    if ( g > 0.0031308 ) { g = 1.055 * Math.pow( g , ( 1 / 2.4 ) ) - 0.055; }
    else { g = 12.92 * g; }
    if ( b > 0.0031308 ) { b = 1.055 * Math.pow( b , ( 1 / 2.4 ) ) - 0.055; }
    else { b = 12.92 * b; }

    var rgb:Object = {r:0, g:0, b:0}
    rgb.r = Math.round( r * 255 );
    rgb.g = Math.round( g * 255 );
    rgb.b = Math.round( b * 255 );

    return rgb;
}

```

```

public static function rgb2lab(R:uint, G:uint, B:uint):Object
{
    var xyz:Object = ColorUtils.rgb2xyz(R, G, B);
    return ColorUtils.xyz2lab(xyz.x, xyz.y, xyz.z);
}

```