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## 1 Introduction

A color is either associated with a color model or a color space. Two color models are in widespread use with computers:

- The additive RGB color model with the primary colors red, green, and blue.
- The subtractive CMY color model with the primary colors cyan, magenta, and yellow.

The RGB color model is the usual color model for computer displays. If the color intensity of all primary colors is zero, that means "off", the display appears "black". Otherwise, if the color intensity of all primary colors is one, that means "on", the display appears "white".

The CMY color model is the usual color model for paper printers. If the color intensity of all primary colors is zero, that means "off", the paper appears "white". Otherwise, if the color intensity of all primary colors is one, that means "on", the paper appears "black".

Theoretically, a RGB tuple (R, G, B) and a CMY tuple (C, M, Y) are related to each other via the simple equations

$$C = 1 - R$$
$$M = 1 - G$$

Y = 1 - B

and

$$R = 1 - C$$
$$G = 1 - M$$
$$B = 1 - Y$$

## 2 User's Guide

## 2.1 The Color Data Type

First of all, there is not *one* color data type. Instead, every color is an instance of a particular color class. All color classes are sub-classes of the abstract color-object class. The built-in color classes are listed in the following tables.

### Color Classes for Color Models

## generic-rgb-color

Mathematical description of the RGB color model.

#### generic-hsv-color

Mathematical description of the HSV color space. The HSV color space is a different representation of the RGB color model.

#### generic-hsl-color

Mathematical description of the HSL color space. The HSL color space is a different representation of the RGB color model.

#### generic-cmy-color

Mathematical description of the CMY color model.

## generic-cmyk-color

Mathematical description of the CMYK color model.

## Color Classes for Absolute Color Spaces

```
cie-rgb-color
```

The CIE RGB color space.

### cie-xyz-color

The CIE XYZ color space.

## cie-xyy-color

The CIE xyY color space.

#### cie-luv-color

The CIE L\*u\*v\* color space.

#### cie-lab-color

The CIE L\*a\*b\* color space.

## Color Classes for Device Dependent Color Spaces

## srgb-color

The sRGB color space.

### adobe-rgb-color

The Adobe RGB color space.

## 2.2 Creating Color Objects

Colors are instantiated by calling a constructor function. Constructor arguments are usually the color coordinates in the respective color space. To create, for example, a color in the sRGB color space, say

```
(make-srgb-color 252/255 175/255 62/255)

⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>
```

Many color coordinates have to be expressed as intensity values, that is values in the range from zero to one inclusive. That's the reason why the sRGB color coordinates in the above example are specified as rational numbers.

Some constructors accept a :byte-size keyword argument. This is useful if the scale factor is equal for all color coordinates. With that we can rewrite the above example as

```
(make-srgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8) 

⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>
```

As you can see, the resulting color coordinates are equal. Another common case is to encode the color coordinates in a single integral number. Again, the :byte-size keyword argument specifies how many bits are used to encode a single color coordinate. Thus,

```
(make-srgb-color-from-number #XFCAF3E :byte-size 8) 
 \Rightarrow #<SRGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>
```

results in the same color as before.

The built-in constructors are listed in the following table.

```
make-generic-rgb-color
make-generic-rgb-color-from-number
Create a generic RGB color object.
make-generic-hsv-color
```

make-generic-hsl-color

Create a generic HSL color object.

Create a generic HSV color object.

```
make-generic-cmy-color
make-generic-cmy-color-from-number
Create a generic CMY color object.
```

make-generic-cmyk-color
make-generic-cmyk-color-from-number
Create a generic CMYK color object.

make-cie-rgb-color

Create a CIE RGB color object.

make-cie-xyz-color Create a CIE XYZ color object.

make-cie-xyy-color Create a CIE xyY color object.

make-cie-luv-color

Create a CIE  $L^*u^*v^*$  color object.

make-cie-lab-color Create a CIE L\*a\*b\* color object.

make-srgb-color make-srgb-color-from-number Create a sRGB color object.

```
\label{eq:make-adobe-rgb-color} $$ \max_{abc-adobe-rgb-color-from-number} $$ Create an Adobe RGB color object.
```

### 2.3 Color Coordinates

Use the color-coordinates function to get the color coordinates of a color.

A more useful way to get the color coordinates of a color is described in Section 2.5 [Color Conversion], page 5.

## 2.4 White Point

A device dependent color space usually has a white point. If so, the white-point function returns a color object of this white point.

## 2.5 Color Conversion

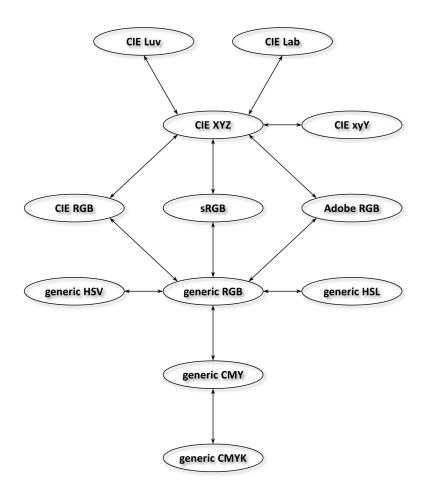


Figure 2.1

Figure 2.1 depicts the implemented color conversions. The nice thing about RS-COLORS is that all these color conversions can be performed with the change-class function.

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8)))
  (values (change-class color 'generic-cmyk-color) color))
  ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMYK-COLOR (0 11/36 95/126 1/85)>
  ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMYK-COLOR (0 11/36 95/126 1/85)>
```

If you wish to keep the original color object unchanged, use the coerce-color function.

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8)))
  (values (coerce-color color 'generic-cmyk-color) color))
  ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMYK-COLOR (0 11/36 95/126 1/85)>
  ⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>
```

The coerce-color function only creates a copy of the color if the color object is not already of the correct type.

If you only need the color coordinates, you can call one of the following functions to get them.

```
generic-rgb-color-coordinates
generic-hsv-color-coordinates
generic-hsl-color-coordinates
generic-cmy-color-coordinates
generic-cmyk-color-coordinates
cie-rgb-color-coordinates
cie-xyz-color-coordinates
cie-xyz-color-coordinates
cie-luv-color-coordinates
cie-luv-color-coordinates
cie-lab-color-coordinates
srgb-color-coordinates
adobe-rgb-color-coordinates
```

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So you want to implement your own color type.

## **Abstact Color Classes**

color-object

Base class for a color.

rgb-color-object

Base class for a RGB color space.

hsv-color-object

Base class for a HSV color space.

hsl-color-object

Base class for a HSL color space.

cmy-color-object

Base class for a CMY color space.

cmyk-color-object

Base class for a CMYK color space.

generic-color-object

Base class for a color model.

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### 4.1 Abstract Colors

Color classes merely used as superclasses.

color-object

[Class]

Base class for a color.

Class Precedence List:

color-object, standard-object, t.

rgb-color-object

[Class]

Color class for a RGB color space.

Class Precedence List:

rgb-color-object, color-object, ...

hsv-color-object

[Class]

Color class for a HSV/HSB color space.

Class Precedence List:

hsv-color-object, color-object, ...

hsl-color-object

[Class]

Color class for a HSL color space.

Class Precedence List:

hsl-color-object, color-object, ...

cmy-color-object

[Class]

Color class for a CMY color space.

Class Precedence List:

cmy-color-object, color-object, ...

cmyk-color-object

[Class]

Color class for a CMYK color space.

Class Precedence List:

cmyk-color-object, color-object, ...

generic-color-object

[Class]

Color class for the mathematical model of a color space.

Class Precedence List:

generic-color-object, color-object, ...

## 4.2 Generic Color Spaces (Color Models)

A generic color space implements a color model. There are two major color models: the additive RGB color model and the subtractive CMY color model.

## 4.2.1 Generic RGB Color Space

### generic-rgb-color

[Class]

Color class for the generic RGB color space.

The generic RGB color space is a mathematical description of the RGB color model. It is not associated with a particular device.

#### Class Precedence List:

generic-rgb-color, rgb-color-object, generic-color-object, color-object, ...

make-generic-rgb-color red green blue &key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic RGB color space.

- First argument red is the intensity of the red primary.
- Second argument green is the intensity of the green primary.
- Third argument blue is the intensity of the blue primary.

Arguments red, green, and blue have to be normalized intensity values in the closed interval [0, 1].

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. If specified, arguments red, green, and blue are scaled accordingly.

Example:

make-generic-rgb-color-from-number value & key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic RGB color space.

• Argument value is a non-negative integral number.

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). The most significant bits denote the intensity of the red primary.

Example:

#### generic-rgb-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the RGB color space coordinates of the color.

• Argument color is a color object.

Values are the intensities of the red, green, and blue primary.

## 4.2.2 Generic HSV Color Space

The HSV color space is a non-linear transformation of the RGB color model.

#### generic-hsv-color

[Class]

Color class for the generic HSV/HSB color space.

The generic HSV/HSB color space is a different representation of the RGB color model.

#### Class Precedence List:

```
generic-hsv-color, hsv-color-object, generic-color-object, color-object, ...
```

## make-generic-hsv-color hue saturation value

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic HSV color space.

- First argument hue is the angle of the RGB color wheel.
- Second argument saturation is the saturation.
- Third argument value is the brightness.

Arguments saturation and value have to be real numbers in the closed interval [0, 1].

#### generic-hsv-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the HSV color space coordinates of the color.

Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the hue, saturation, and value (brightness).

## 4.2.3 Generic HSL Color Space

The HSL color space is a non-linear transformation of the RGB color model.

### generic-hsl-color

[Class]

Color class for the generic HSL color space.

The generic HSL color space is a different representation of the RGB color model.

#### Class Precedence List:

generic-hsl-color, hsl-color-object, generic-color-object, color-object, ...

#### make-generic-hsl-color hue saturation lightness

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic HSL color space.

- First argument hue is the angle of the RGB color wheel.
- Second argument saturation is the saturation.
- Third argument *lightness* is the lightness.

Arguments saturation and lightness have to be real numbers in the closed interval [0, 1].

#### generic-hsl-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the HSL color space coordinates of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

Values are the hue, saturation, and lightness.

## 4.2.4 Generic CMY Color Space

## generic-cmy-color

[Class]

Color class for the generic CMY color space.

The generic CMY color space is a mathematical description of the CMY color model. It is not associated with a particular device.

#### Class Precedence List:

generic-cmy-color, cmy-color-object, generic-color-object, color-object, ...

#### make-generic-cmy-color cyan magenta yellow &key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic CMY color space.

First argument *cyan* is the intensity of the cyan ink. Second argument *magenta* is the intensity of the magenta ink. Third argument *yellow* is the intensity of the yellow ink.

Arguments cyan, magenta, and yellow have to be normalized color values in the closed interval [0, 1].

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a color value. If specified, arguments cyan, magenta, and yellow are scaled accordingly.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmy-color 3/255 80/255 193/255)
(make-generic-cmy-color 3 80 193 :byte-size 8)
```

## make-generic-cmy-color-from-number value & key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic CMY color space.

Argument value is a non-negative integral number.

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). The most significant bits denote the intensity of the cyan primary.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmy-color-from-number #X0350C1)
```

## generic-cmy-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CMY color space coordinates of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

Values are the intensities of the cyan, magenta, and yellow ink.

## 4.2.5 Generic CMYK Color Space

$$k = min(C, M, Y)$$

$$c = \frac{C - k}{1 - k}$$

$$m = \frac{M - k}{1 - k}$$

$$y = \frac{Y - k}{1 - k}$$

## generic-cmyk-color

[Class]

Color class for the generic CMYK color space.

The generic CMYK color space is a mathematical description of the CMYK color model. It is not associated with a particular device.

#### Class Precedence List:

generic-cmyk-color, cmyk-color-object, generic-color-object, color-object, ...

make-generic-cmyk-color cyan magenta yellow black &key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic CMYK color space.

First argument cyan is the intensity of the cyan ink. Second argument magenta is the intensity of the magenta ink. Third argument yellow is the intensity of the yellow ink. Fourth argument black is the intensity of the black ink.

Arguments cyan, magenta, yellow, and black have to be normalized intensity values in the closed interval [0, 1].

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a color value. If specified, arguments cyan, magenta, yellow, and black are scaled accordingly.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmyk-color 3/255 80/255 193/255 0)
(make-generic-cmyk-color 3 80 193 0 :byte-size 8)
```

## make-generic-cmyk-color-from-number value & key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the generic CMYK color space.

Argument value is a non-negative integral number.

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). The most significant bits denote the intensity of the cyan primary.

Example:

(make-generic-cmyk-color-from-number #X0350C100)

#### generic-cmyk-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CMYK color space coordinates of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

Values are the intensities of the cyan, magenta, yellow, and black ink.

## 4.3 Absolute Color Spaces

## 4.3.1 CIE RGB Color Space

## cie-rgb-color

[Class]

Color class for the CIE RGB color space.

#### Class Precedence List:

cie-rgb-color, rgb-color-object, color-object, ...

### make-cie-rgb-color red green blue

[Function]

Create a new color in the CIE RGB color space.

First argument red is the intensity of the red primary. Second argument green is the intensity green primary. Third argument blue is the intensity of the blue primary.

Arguments red, green, and blue have to be normalized intensity values in the closed interval [0, 1].

## cie-rgb-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CIE RGB color space coordinates of the color.

Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the intensities of the red, green, and blue primary.

## 4.3.2 CIE XYZ Color Space

#### cie-xyz-color

[Class]

Color class for the CIE XYZ color space.

#### Class Precedence List:

cie-xyz-color, color-object, ...

## make-cie-xyz-color x y z

[Function]

Create a new color in the CIE XYZ color space.

Arguments x, y, and z are the tristimulus values.

### cie-xyz-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CIE XYZ color space coordinates of the color.

Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the X, Y, and Z tristimulus values.

## 4.3.3 CIE xyY Color Space

## cie-xyy-color

[Class]

Color class for the CIE xyY color space.

#### Class Precedence List:

cie-xyy-color, color-object, ...

## make-cie-xyy-color $x^*y^*y$

[Function]

Create a new color in the CIE xyY color space.

Arguments  $x^*$  and  $y^*$  are the chromaticity coordinates. Argument y is the second tristimulus value (luminance).

#### cie-xyy-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CIE xyY color space coordinates of the color.

Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the X and Y chromaticity coordinates and the Y tristimulus value (luminance).

## 4.3.4 CIE L\*u\*v\* Color Space

cie-luv-color [Class]

Color class for the CIE L\*u\*v\* color space.

Class Precedence List:

cie-luv-color, color-object, ...

make-cie-luv-color  $l^* u^* v^*$  & optional white-point

[Function]

Create a new color in the CIE L\*u\*v\* color space.

cie-luv-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CIE L\*u\*v\* color space coordinates of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

## 4.3.5 CIE L\*a\*b\* Color Space

cie-lab-color [Class]

Color class for the CIE L\*a\*b\* color space.

Class Precedence List:

cie-lab-color, color-object, ...

make-cie-lab-color  $l^* a^* b^*$  & optional white-point

[Function]

Create a new color in the CIE L\*a\*b\* color space.

cie-lab-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CIE L\*a\*b\* color space coordinates of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

## 4.4 RGB Color Spaces

## 4.4.1 sRGB Color Space

srgb-color [Class]

Color class for the sRGB color space.

Class Precedence List:

srgb-color, rgb-color-object, color-object, ...

make-srgb-color red green blue &key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the sRGB color space.

First argument red is the intensity of the red primary. Second argument green is the intensity of the green primary. Third argument blue is the intensity of the blue primary.

Arguments red, green, and blue have to be normalized intensity values in the closed interval [0, 1].

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. If specified, arguments red, green, and blue are scaled accordingly.

Example:

(make-srgb-color 252/255 175/255 62/255) (make-srgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8)

make-srgb-color-from-number value & key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the sRGB color space.

Argument value is a non-negative integral number.

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). The most significant bits denote the intensity of the red primary.

Example:

(make-srgb-color-from-number #XFCAF3E)

## srgb-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the sRGB color space coordinates of the color.

Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the intensities of the red, green, and blue primary.

## 4.4.2 Adobe RGB Color Space

#### adobe-rgb-color

[Class]

Color class for the Adobe RGB color space.

Class Precedence List:

adobe-rgb-color, rgb-color-object, color-object, ...

## make-adobe-rgb-color red green blue &key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the Adobe RGB color space.

First argument *red* is the intensity of the red primary. Second argument *green* is the intensity of the green primary. Third argument *blue* is the intensity of the blue primary.

Arguments red, green, and blue have to be normalized intensity values in the closed interval [0, 1].

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. If specified, arguments red, green, and blue are scaled accordingly.

Example:

```
(make-adobe-rgb-color 252/255 175/255 62/255)
(make-adobe-rgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8)
```

#### make-adobe-rgb-color-from-number value & key byte-size

[Function]

Create a new color in the Adobe RGB color space.

Argument value is a non-negative integral number.

Keyword argument byte-size is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). The most significant bits denote the intensity of the red primary.

Example:

(make-adobe-rgb-color-from-number #XFCAF3E)

### adobe-rgb-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the Adobe RGB color space coordinates of the color.

Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the intensities of the red, green, and blue primary.

## 4.5 Color Properties

## colorp object

[Function]

Return true if *object* is a color object.

#### color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the color space coordinates of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

#### white-point color

[Generic Function]

Return the white point of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

Value is the color object of the color's white point, or nil if the white point is not defined or if multiple white points exist.

### 4.6 Color Conversion

#### coerce-color color-type

[Function]

Coerce the color object into the specified color type.

First argument color is a color object. Second argument color-type is a color data type.

If argument *color* is already a color of the requested color data type, return *color* as is (no conversion). Otherwise, return a new color with the color coordinates of *color* converted into the color space denoted by *color-type*.

## copy-color color

[Generic Function]

Return a shallow copy of the color.

Argument color is a color object.

## 4.7 Input and Output

define-color-printer style (color stream & key export inline) & body body Argument style is a string designator.

[Macro]

define-color-reader style (color stream & key export inline) & body body Argument style is a string designator.

[Macro]

#### 4.8 Miscellaneous

#### absolute-color color & key black white

[Generic Function]

Convert from normalized color coordinates to absolute color coordinates.

#### normalize-color color & key black white

[Generic Function]

Convert from absolute color coordinates to normalized color coordinates.

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