RS-COLORS

A Color Data Type for Common Lisp

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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

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 1 - R \\ M &= 1 - G \\ Y &= 1 - B \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 1 - C \\ G &= 1 - M \\ B &= 1 - Y \end{aligned}$$

The CMYK color model is an extension of the CMY color model to save ink. Theoretically, a CMY tuple (C, M, Y) and a CMYK quadruple (c, m, y, k) can be related to each other via the equations

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \min(C, M, Y) \\ c &= \frac{C - k}{1 - k} \\ m &= \frac{M - k}{1 - k} \\ y &= \frac{Y - k}{1 - k} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \min(1, c \cdot (1 - k) + k) \\ M &= \min(1, m \cdot (1 - k) + k) \\ Y &= \min(1, y \cdot (1 - k) + k) \end{aligned}$$

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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)
 ⇒ #<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`
: Create a generic HSV color object.

`make-generic-hsl-color`
: Create a generic HSL 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.

`make-adobe-rgb-color`
`make-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.

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8)))
  ;; We know that color is an RGB color.
  (multiple-value-bind (r g b)
      (color-coordinates color)
    (list r g b)))
⇒ (84/85 35/51 62/255)
```

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

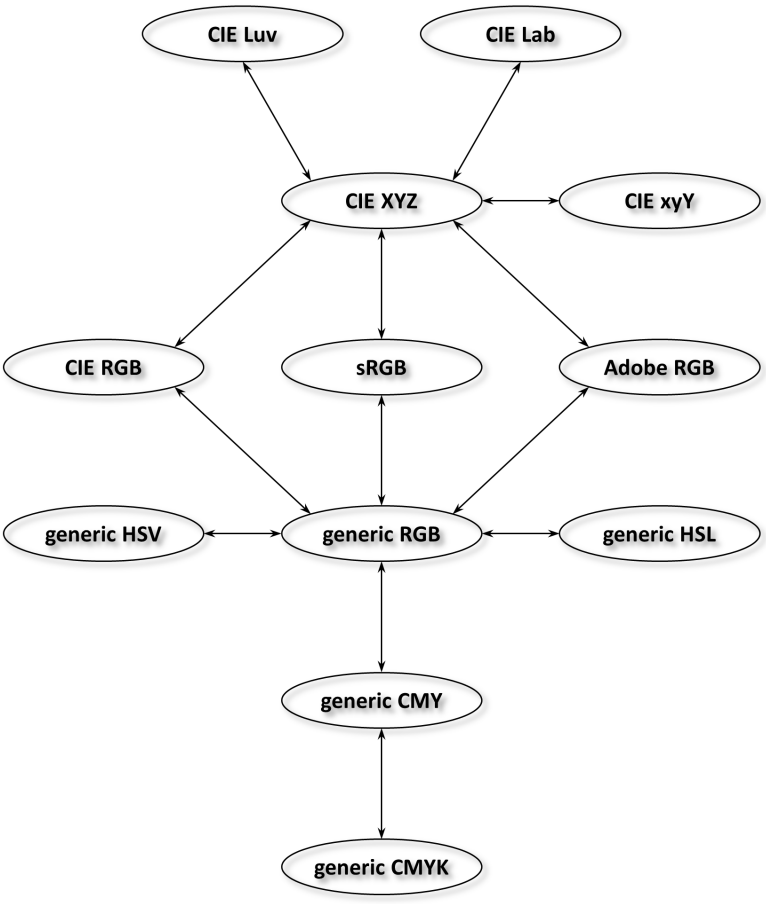

Figure 2.1

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-xyy-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.

Slots

`r`
: Normalized intensity of the red primary.

Value has to be a real number in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Default value for initialization keyword argument *red* is zero.

`g`
: Normalized intensity of the red primary.

Value has to be a real number in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Default value for initialization keyword argument *green* is zero.

`b`
: Normalized intensity of the red primary.

Value has to be a real number in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Default value for initialization keyword argument *blue* is zero.

- Slot `r` is the normalized intensity of the red primary.

  Value has to be a real number in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Default value for initialization keyword argument *red* is zero.
- Slot `g` is the normalized intensity of the green primary.

  Value has to be a real number in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Default value for the initialization keyword argument *green* is zero.
- Slot `b` is the normalized intensity of the blue primary.

  Value has to be a real number in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. Default value for the initialization keyword argument *blue* is zero.

`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 Color Predicates

Use the `colorp` function to check whether or not an object is a color. This covers all color classes documented in this manual.

`colorp` *object* [Function]
Return true if *object* is a color object.

4.2 Abstract Color Classes

The color classes documented in this section are 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.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the red, green, and blue primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

Class Precedence List
`rgb-color-object`, `color-object`, ...

`hsv-color-object` [Class]
Color class for a HSV/HSB color space.

Color coordinates are hue, saturation, and value (brightness). Hue is a real number in the half-closed interval $[0, 360)$. Saturation and value are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

Class Precedence List
`hsv-color-object`, `color-object`, ...

`hsl-color-object` [Class]
Color class for a HSL color space.

Color coordinates are hue, saturation, and lightness. Hue is a real number in the half-closed interval $[0, 360)$. Saturation and lightness are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

Class Precedence List
`hsl-color-object`, `color-object`, ...

`cmy-color-object` [Class]
Color class for a CMY color space.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the cyan, magenta, and yellow primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

Class Precedence List
`cmy-color-object`, `color-object`, ...

`cmyk-color-object` [Class]
Color class for a CMYK color space.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the cyan, magenta, yellow, and black (key) primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

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`, ...

4.3 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.

4.3.1 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.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the red, green, and blue primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. There is no white point.

`generic-rgb-color` [Class]
Color class for the generic RGB color space.

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

Arguments *red*, *green*, and *blue* have to be real numbers 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* have to be integral numbers in the range from 0 to $2^n - 1$ where n is the number of bits. If so, arguments *red*, *green*, and *blue* are scaled accordingly.

Example:

```
(make-generic-rgb-color 252/255 175/255 62/255)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-RGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>

(make-generic-rgb-color 252 175 62 :byte-size 8)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-RGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>
```

`make-generic-rgb-color-from-number` *value* &key *byte-size* [Function]
Create a new color in the generic RGB color space.

- Argument *value* is the numerical value of the encoded RGB color coordinates.

Keyword argument *byte-size* is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). Argument *value* has to be an integral number in the range from 0 to $2^{3n} - 1$ where n is the number of bits per primary. The most significant bits denote the intensity of the red primary.

Example:

```
(make-generic-rgb-color-from-number #XFCAF3E)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-RGB-COLOR (84/85 35/51 62/255)>
```

`generic-rgb-color-coordinates` *color* [Generic Function]

Return the generic RGB color space coordinates of the color.

- Argument *color* is a color object.

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

4.3.2 Generic HSV Color Space

The HSV color space is a different representation of the RGB color model. The HSV color space is also called HSB color space. The generic HSV color space is not associated with a particular device.

Color coordinates are hue, saturation, and value (brightness). Hue is a real number in the half-closed interval $[0, 360)$. Saturation and value are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. There is no white point.

`generic-hsv-color` [Class]

Color class for the generic HSV color space.

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 in degree.
- Second argument *saturation* is the saturation.
- Third argument *value* is the brightness.

Argument *hue* has to be a real number. It's value is reduced to the half-closed interval $[0, 360)$. Arguments *saturation* and *value* have to be real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

`generic-hsv-color-coordinates` *color* [Generic Function]

Return the generic HSV color space coordinates of the color.

- Argument *color* is a color object.

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

4.3.3 Generic HSL Color Space

The HSL color space is a different representation of the RGB color model. The generic HSL color space is not associated with a particular device.

Color coordinates are hue, saturation, and lightness. Hue is a real number in the half-closed interval $[0, 360)$. Saturation and lightness are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. There is no white point.

`generic-hsl-color` [Class]

Color class for the generic HSL color space.

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 in degree.
- Second argument *saturation* is the saturation.
- Third argument *lightness* is the lightness.

Argument *hue* has to be a real number. It's value is reduced to the half-closed interval $[0, 360)$. Arguments *saturation* and *lightness* have to be real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

`generic-hsl-color-coordinates` *color* [Generic Function]
Return the generic HSL color space coordinates of the color.

- Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the hue, saturation, and lightness.

4.3.4 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.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the cyan, magenta, and yellow primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. There is no white point.

`generic-cmy-color` [Class]
Color class for the generic CMY color space.

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 normalized intensity of the cyan primary.
- Second argument *magenta* is the normalized intensity of the magenta primary.
- Third argument *yellow* is the normalized intensity of the yellow primary.

Arguments *cyan*, *magenta*, and *yellow* have to be real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$.

Keyword argument *byte-size* is the number of bits used to represent a primary. If specified, arguments *cyan*, *magenta*, and *yellow* have to be integral numbers in the range from 0 to $2^n - 1$ where n is the number of bits. If so, arguments *cyan*, *magenta*, and *yellow* are scaled accordingly.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmy-color 3/255 80/255 193/255)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMY-COLOR (1/85 16/51 193/255)>

(make-generic-cmy-color 3 80 193 :byte-size 8)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMY-COLOR (1/85 16/51 193/255)>
```

`make-generic-cmy-color-from-number` *value* &key *byte-size* [Function]
Create a new color in the generic CMY color space.

- Argument *value* is the numerical value of the encoded CMY color coordinates.

Keyword argument *byte-size* is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). Argument *value* has to be an integral number in the range from 0 to $2^{3n} - 1$ where n is the number of bits per primary. The most significant bits denote the intensity of the cyan primary.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmy-color-from-number #X0350C1)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMY-COLOR (1/85 16/51 193/255)>
```

`generic-cmy-color-coordinates` *color* [Generic Function]

Return the generic CMY color space coordinates of the color.

- Argument *color* is a color object.

Values are the normalized intensities of the cyan, magenta, and yellow primary.

4.3.5 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.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the cyan, magenta, yellow, and black (key) primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. There is no white point.

`generic-cmyk-color` [Class]

Color class for the generic CMYK color space.

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 normalized intensity of the cyan primary.
- Second argument *magenta* is the normalized intensity of the magenta primary.
- Third argument *yellow* is the normalized intensity of the yellow primary.
- Fourth argument *black* is the normalized intensity of the black primary.

Arguments *cyan*, *magenta*, *yellow*, and *black* have to be real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. If *black* is zero, *cyan*, *magenta*, and *yellow* are converted from CMY color coordinates to CMYK color coordinates.

Keyword argument *byte-size* is the number of bits used to represent a primary. If specified, arguments *cyan*, *magenta*, *yellow*, and *black* have to be integral numbers in the range from 0 to $2^n - 1$ where n is the number of bits. If so, arguments *cyan*, *magenta*, *yellow*, and *black* are scaled accordingly.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmyk-color 3/255 80/255 193/255 0)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMYK-COLOR (0 11/36 95/126 1/85)>

(make-generic-cmyk-color 3 80 193 :byte-size 8)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMYK-COLOR (0 11/36 95/126 1/85)>
```

`make-generic-cmyk-color-from-number` *value* &key *byte-size* [Function]

Create a new color in the generic CMYK color space.

- Argument *value* is the numerical value of the encoded CMYK color coordinates.

Keyword argument *byte-size* is the number of bits used to represent a primary. Default is eight bit (one byte). Argument *value* has to be an integral number in the range from 0 to $2^{4n} - 1$ where n is the number of bits per primary. The most significant bits denote the intensity of the cyan primary.

Example:

```
(make-generic-cmyk-color-from-number #X0350C100)
 ⇒ #<GENERIC-CMYK-COLOR (0 11/36 95/126 1/85)>
```

`generic-cmyk-color-coordinates` *color* [Generic Function]

Return the generic CMYK color space coordinates of the color.

- Argument *color* is a color object.

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

4.4 CIE Color Spaces

All CIE color spaces are absolute color spaces, that means they are device independed.

4.4.1 CIE RGB Color Space

The CIE RGB color space is the origin of all CIE color spaces.

Color coordinates are the normalized intensities of the red, green, and blue primary. Values are real numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$. The white point of the CIE RGB color space is the CIE standard illuminant E[1].

`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 normalized intensity of the red primary.
- Second argument *green* is the normalized intensity of the green primary.
- Third argument *blue* is the normalized intensity of the blue primary.

Arguments *red*, *green*, and *blue* have to be real numbers 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 normalized intensities of the red, green, and blue primary.

4.4.2 CIE XYZ Color Space

The CIE XYZ color space is a linear transformation of the CIE RGB color space. The CIE XYZ color space covers all colors an average person can experience. Many other color spaces are defined against the CIE XYZ color space.

Color coordinates are the X, Y, and Z tristimulus values. The CIE XYZ color space has no explicit white point.

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[1] You can easily check this if you convert CIE RGB white into the CIE xyY color space:

```
(change-class (make-cie-rgb-color 1 1 1) 'cie-xyy-color)
 ⇒ #<CIE-XYY-COLOR (1/3 1/3 1)>
```

`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.

Objects of the `cie-xyz-color` class can be instantiated with absolute and normalized color coordinates. However, if you want to convert colors from CIE XYZ color space to CIE RGB color space (or any other RGB color space), the CIE XYZ color coordinates have to be normalized color coordinates. See the `normalize-color` and `absolute-color`, for how to convert from absolute color coordinates to normalized color coordinates and vice versa.

4.4.3 CIE xyY Color Space

The CIE xyY color space uses the x and y chromaticity coordinates of the CIE XYZ color space. That is,

$$x = \frac{X}{X+Y+Z}$$
$$y = \frac{Y}{X+Y+Z}$$
$$z = \frac{Z}{X+Y+Z}$$

Simple arithmetic results in the following relations:

$$\frac{Y}{y} = X+Y+Z$$
$$1 = x+y+z$$

Therefore, the inverse transformation is

$$X = x \cdot \frac{Y}{y}$$
$$Y = y \cdot \frac{Y}{y} = Y$$
$$Z = z \cdot \frac{Y}{y} = (1-x-y) \cdot \frac{Y}{y}$$

`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 *x* and *y* chromaticity coordinates of the CIE XYZ color space.
- Third argument *y* is the luminance, that is the *Y* tristimulus value of the CIE XYZ color space.

`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 luminance.

4.4.4 CIE L*u*v* Color Space

The CIE L*u*v* color space is a non-linear transformation of the CIE XYZ color space. The CIE L*u*v* color space is more perceptually uniform than the CIE XYZ color space.

Color coordinates are lightness and two chromaticity coordinates. Lightness *L** is in the range from 0 to 100. However, values greater than 100 are accepted, too. The two chromaticity coordinates *u** and *v^** are usually in the range from −100 to +100. CIE L*u*v* color coordinates are always relative to a white point. This is either the white point of the color space you are converting from or CIE standard illuminant D50.

`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.

- First argument *L** is the lightness.
- Second argument *u** is the first chromaticity coordinate.
- Third argument *v** is the second chromaticity coordinate.

`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.

Values are the lightness and the two chromaticity coordinates.

4.4.5 CIE L*a*b* Color Space

The CIE L*a*b* color space is a non-linear transformation of the CIE XYZ color space. The CIE L*a*b* color space is more perceptually uniform than the CIE XYZ color space.

Color coordinates are lightness and two chromaticity coordinates. Lightness *L** is in the range from 0 to 100. However, values greater than 100 are accepted, too. The two chromaticity coordinates *a** and *b** are usually in the range from −250 to +250 and from −100 to +100 respectively. CIE L*a*b* color coordinates are always relative to a white point. This is either the white point of the color space you are converting from or CIE standard illuminant D50.

`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.

- First argument *L** is the lightness.
- Second argument *a** is the first chromaticity coordinate.
- Third argument *b** is the second chromaticity coordinate.

`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.

Values are the lightness and the two chromaticity coordinates.

4.5 RGB Color Spaces

4.5.1 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.

4.5.2 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.

4.6 Color Properties

`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.

4.7 Color Conversions

`change-class` [Function]

`coerce-color` *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.

4.8 Input and Output

`define-color-printer` *style* (*color stream* **&key** *export inline*) &body *body* [Macro]
Argument *style* is a string designator.

`define-color-reader` *style* (*color stream* **&key** *export inline*) &body *body* [Macro]
Argument *style* is a string designator.

4.9 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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