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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and

$$C = \min(1, c \cdot (1 - k) + k)$$

$$M = \min(1, m \cdot (1 - k) + k)$$

$$Y = \min(1, y \cdot (1 - k) + k)$$

# 2 Installation

These installation instructions assume that you have a working Quicklisp (https://www.quicklisp.org) installation.

To install RS-COLORS, download the source code from GitHub (https://github.com/ralph-schleicher/rs-colors.git). I recommend cloning the RS-COLORS Git repository into the local-projects folder of your Quicklisp installation. You can do so by evaluating the following form.

### 3 User's Guide

### 3.1 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.

#### cie-lch-color

The CIE L\*C\*h color space.

# Color Classes for Device Dependent Color Spaces

### srgb-color

The sRGB color space.

### adobe-rgb-color

The Adobe RGB color space.

# 3.2 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

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-cie-lch-color

Create a CIE L\*C\*h 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.
```

### 3.3 Color Coordinates

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

A more practical way to get the color coordinates of a color is described in Section 3.5 Color Conversion.

### 3.4 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.

#### 3.5 Color Conversion

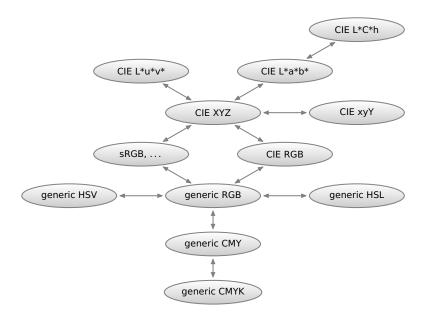


Figure 3.1

Figure 3.1 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-luv-color-coordinates
cie-lab-color-coordinates
cie-lch-color-coordinates
adobe-rgb-color-coordinates
```

### 3.6 Color Dictionaries

The RS-COLORS software distribution provides several packages with predefined named colors. The recommended way to use these packages is to load it, for example, with QuickLisp. Then you should refer to the named colors via the package prefix to avoid name clashes.

```
;; Load a color dictionary.
     (ql:quickload :rs-colors-html)
     ;; Use a named color.
     (format nil color-formatter-css3-rgb html-color:green)
      \Rightarrow "rgb(0, 128, 0)"
Below is a list of all package prefixes together with their meaning.
rs-colors-x11, x11-color
          X11 color names, '(ql:quickload :rs-colors-x11)'.
          See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/X11_color_names.
rs-colors-html, html-color
          HTML basic colors, '(ql:quickload:rs-colors-html)'.
          See https://www.w3.org/TR/css3-color/#html4.
rs-colors-svg, svg-color
          SVG color names, '(ql:quickload:rs-colors-svg)'.
          See https://www.w3.org/TR/css3-color/#svg-color.
rs-colors-ral, ral-color
          RAL Classic color names, '(ql:quickload:rs-colors-ral)'.
          See https://www.ral-farben.de.
rs-colors-ral-design, ral-design-color
          RAL Design color names, '(ql:quickload:rs-colors-ral-design)'.
           See https://www.ral-farben.de.
```

### rs-colors-tango, tango-color

Tango desktop project colors, '(ql:quickload:rs-colors-tango)'. See http://tango.freedesktop.org/Tango\_Icon\_Theme\_Guidelines.

### rs-colors-material-io, material-io-color

Material design color palette, '(ql:quickload:rs-colors-material-io)'. See https://material.io/guidelines/style/color.html.

### 4 Reference Manual

### 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

 $\verb|hsl-color-object|, \verb|color-object|, \ldots$ 

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-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:

```
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:

 $\verb|make-generic-cmy-color-from-number| value \& key \ by te-size$ 

[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:

#### 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 Create a new color in the generic CMYK color space.

[Function]

- 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-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:

### 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 independent.

### 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.

```
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.

- $\bullet$  First argument x is the X tristimulus value.
- $\bullet$  Second argument y is the Y tristimulus value.
- $\bullet$  Third argument z is the Z tristimulus value.

Arguments x, y, and z have to be non-negative real numbers.

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

 $<sup>^{1}\,</sup>$  You can easily check this if you convert CIE RGB white into the CIE xyY color space:

### 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.
- ullet 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-default-white-point\*

[Variable]

The default white point for colors in the CIE L\*u\*v\* color space. Default value is the CIE 1931 D50 standard illuminant.

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.
- Optional fourth argument *white-point* is the white point. Default is the value of \*cie-luv-default-white-point\*.

#### 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-default-white-point\*

|Variable

The default white point for colors in the CIE L\*a\*b\* color space. Default value is the CIE 1931 D50 standard illuminant.

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.
- Optional fourth argument *white-point* is the white point. Default is the value of \*cie-lab-default-white-point\*.

#### 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.

# 4.4.6 CIE L\*C\*h Color Space

The CIE L\*C\*h color space is the transformation of the CIE L\*a\*b\* color space from a Cartesian coordinate system into a cylindrical coordinate system.

Color coordinates are lightness, chroma, and hue. Lightness  $L^*$  is equal to the lightness of the CIE  $L^*a^*b^*$  color space. Chroma  $C^*$  and hue h are the polar coordinates, i.e. radius and angle, of a color in the  $(a^*, b^*)$  plane.

Hue is measured in degree angle;  $h = 0^{\circ}$  is the positive  $a^*$ -axis (red),  $h = 90^{\circ}$  is the positive  $b^*$ -axis (yellow),  $h = 180^{\circ}$  is the negative  $a^*$ -axis (green), and  $h = 270^{\circ}$  is the negative  $b^*$ -axis (blue).

CIE L\*C\*h 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-lch-default-white-point\*

[Variable]

The default white point for colors in the CIE L\*C\*h\* color space. Default value is the CIE 1931 D50 standard illuminant.

cie-lch-color [Class]

Color class for the CIE L\*C\*h color space.

### Class Precedence List

cie-lch-color, color-object, ...

### make-cie-lch-color $L^* C^* h$ &optional white-point

[Function]

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

- First argument  $L^*$  is the lightness.
- Second argument  $C^*$  is the chroma.
- Third argument h is the hue.
- Optional fourth argument *white-point* is the white point. Default is the value of \*cie-lch-default-white-point\*.

Arguments  $L^*$  and  $C^*$  have to be non-negative real numbers. Argument h has to be a real number. It's value is reduced to the half-closed interval [0, 360).

### cie-lch-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the CIE L\*C\*h color space coordinates of the color.

• Argument color is a color object.

Values are the lightness, chroma, and hue.

### 4.4.7 CIE Standard Illuminants

CIE	-1931-A	[Constant]
CIE	-1931-B	[Constant]
		[Constant]
CIE	-1931-F3	[Constant]
		[Constant]
V	White points of the CIE standard illuminants for a $2^{\circ}$ field of view ( $2^{\circ}$ standard of	observer).
CIE	-1964-A	[Constant]
		[Constant]
	-1964-F2	[Constant]
	-1964-F3	[Constant]
	-1964-F4	[Constant]

White points of the CIE standard illuminants for a 10° field of view (10° standard observer).

[Constant]

[Constant]

[Constant]

[Constant]

[Constant]

# 4.5 RGB Color Spaces

CIE-1964-F8 CIE-1964-F9

CIE-1964-F10

CIE-1964-F11

CIE-1964-F12

# 4.5.1 sRGB Color Space

srgb-color [Class]

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

[Function]

Create a new color in the sRGB 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:

#### srgb-color-coordinates color

[Generic Function]

Return the sRGB color space coordinates of the color.

• Argument *color* is a color object.

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

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

[Function]

Create a new color in the Adobe 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:

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 normalized 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 color color-type

[Generic Function]

Change the class of the color object.

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

The change-class function destructively modifies *color* by converting it's color coordinates into the color space denoted by *color-type*.

```
(let ((red (make-srgb-color 1 0 0)))
  (change-class red 'cie-xyy-color)
  red)
  ⇒ #<CIE-XYY-COLOR (0.64d0 0.33d0 ...)>
```

#### 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.

Value is a color object with the same color coordinates as color.

### 4.8 Color Difference

#### cie76 first-color second-color

[Function]

Calculate the CIE76 color difference between two colors.

Value is the Euclidean distance between the two colors in the CIE L\*a\*b\* color space. The CIE76 color difference is symmetric, i.e. CIE76(a,b) is equal to CIE76(b,a).

cie94 reference other & optional textile lightness chroma hue

[Function]

Calculate the CIE94 color difference between two colors.

- First argument reference is the reference color.
- Second argument other is the other color.
- If optional third argument *textile* is non-null, use parameters for calculating the color difference for textiles. Default is to calculate the color difference for graphic arts.
- Optional fourth to sixth argument *lightness*, *chroma*, and *HUE* are the weighting factors for differences in lightness, chroma, and hue respectively. Higher value means less weight. Default is one for all weighting factors (if *textile* is true, the default for *lightness* is two).

The CIE94 color difference is asymmetric, i.e. CIE94(a,b) is not equal to CIE94(b,a).

# 4.9 Input and Output

#### 4.9.1 Xcms Formats

The syntax of a Xcms (X Color Management System) color is

```
prefix:first/second/third
```

The prefix part specifies the color space or format and first, second, and third are the color coordinates.

Color Space	Prefix	R5
CIE RGB	CIERGB	
CIE XYZ	CIEXYZ	•
CIE xyY	CIExyY	•

CIE L*u*v*	CIELuv	•
CIE L*a*b*	CIELab	•
CIE L*C*h	CIELCh	
Tektronix HVC	TekHVC	•
generic RGB	RGBi	•
generic RGB	RGB	•

The *prefix* part is case insensitive.

```
print-color-xcms-cie-rgb color &optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-cie-xyz color & optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-cie-xyy color &optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-cie-luv color &optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-cie-lab color &optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-cie-lch color & optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-rgbi color & optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
print-color-xcms-rgb color &optional stream
                                                                            [Function]
```

Print a color in Xcms notation.

- First argument *color* is a color object.
- Optional second argument *stream* is an output stream. Default is to print to \*standard-output\*.

Value is the color object.

The RGBi and RGB formats are device dependent. Thus, you can only print colors in these formats if the color conversion path to the generic RGB color space is unambiguous.

The RGB format prints the color coordinates as hexadecimal numbers. If all RGB color intensities are multiples of 1/255, it uses two digits. Otherwise, it uses four digits with a precision of 1/65535.

Example:

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color 78 154 6 :byte-size 8)))
         (with-output-to-string (stream)
            (print-color-xcms-cie-xyz color stream)))
        ⇒ "CIEXYZ:0.14729778/0.24743336/0.04172078"
       (let ((color (make-srgb-color-from-number #X4E9A06)))
         (with-output-to-string (stream)
            (print-color-xcms-rgb color stream)))
        ⇒ "RGB:4e/9a/06"
color-formatter-xcms-cie-rgb
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-cie-xyz
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-cie-xyy
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-cie-luv
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-cie-lab
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-cie-lch
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-rgbi
                                                                        [Constant]
color-formatter-xcms-rgb
                                                                        [Constant]
```

A format function for printing a color in Xcms notation.

Value is a function which has a behavior equivalent to a function returned by the formatter macro.

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color 78 154 6 :byte-size 8)))
  (format nil color-formatter-xcms-cie-xyz color))
  ⇒ "CIEXYZ:0.14729778/0.24743336/0.04172078"
```

```
read-color-xcms-cie-rgb &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-cie-xyz &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-cie-xyy &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-cie-luv &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-cie-lab &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-cie-lch &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-rgbi &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
read-color-xcms-rgb &optional stream
                                                                          [Function]
```

Read a color in Xcms format.

• Optional argument *stream* is an input stream. Default is to read from \*standard-input\*.

Value is a color object in the respective color space. The RGB format prints the color coordinates as hexadecimal numbers. If all RGB color intensities are multiples of 1/255, it uses two digits. Otherwise, it uses four digits with a precision of 1/65535.

Example:

```
(with-input-from-string (stream "RGB:4e/9a/06 junk")
  (change-class (read-color-xcms-rgb stream) 'srgb-color))
  ⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (26/85 154/255 2/85)>
```

### 4.9.2 HTML Format

A HTML color value is either a hexadecimal number prefixed by a hash mark or a keyword. This section only covers numerical color values.

```
print-color-html color &optional stream
```

[Function]

Print a numerical HTML color value, that is a hexadecimal number prefixed by a hash mark.

- First argument *color* is a color object.
- Optional second argument *stream* is an output stream. Default is to print to \*standard-output\*.

Value is the color object.

Example:

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color-from-number #X4E9A06)))
  (with-output-to-string (stream)
        (print-color-html color stream)))
        ⇒ "#4E9A06"
```

#### color-formatter-html

[Constant]

A format function for printing a numerical HTML color value.

Value is a function which has a behavior equivalent to a function returned by the formatter macro.

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color-from-number #X4E9A06)))
  (format nil color-formatter-html color))
  ⇒ "#4E9A06"
```

### read-color-html &optional stream

[Function]

Read a numerical HTML color value, that is a hexadecimal number prefixed by a hash mark. Reading stops at the first non-hexadecimal digit character. The number of hexadecimal digits has to be a multiple of three.

• Optional argument *stream* is an input stream. Default is to read from \*standard-input\*.

Value is a color object in the sRGB color space.

Example:

```
(with-input-from-string (stream "#4E9A06 junk")
  (read-color-html stream))
  ⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (26/85 154/255 2/85)>
```

#### 4.9.3 CSS3 Formats

A CSS3 (cascading style sheets, level 3) color is either a HTML color value or a color value in functional notation. The later has the form

```
rgb(red, green, blue)
```

where red, green, and blue are either integers in the range from 0 to 255 or percentage values in the range from 0% to 100%. CSS3 also supports a functional notation for RGB colors represented in the HSL color space. The format is

```
hsl(hue, saturation, lightness)
```

where hue is the angle in degree and saturation and lightness are percentage values in the range from 0% to 100%.

```
print-color-css3-rgb color &optional stream
print-color-css3-hsl color &optional stream
```

[Function]

[Function]

Print a color in CSS3 functional notation.

- First argument *color* is a color object.
- Optional second argument *stream* is an output stream. Default is to print to \*standard-output\*.

Value is the color object.

If all sRGB color intensities are multiples of 1/255, the red, green, and blue color intensities are printed as integers. Otherwise, they are printed as percentage values.

Example:

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color-from-number #X4E9A06)))
  (with-output-to-string (stream)
        (print-color-css3-rgb color stream)))
   ⇒ "rgb(78, 154, 6)"

(let ((color (make-srgb-color 0.3D0 0.6D0 0.1D0)))
   (with-output-to-string (stream)
        (print-color-css3-rgb color stream)))
   ⇒ "rgb(30.0%, 60.0%, 10.0%)"
```

```
color-formatter-css3-rgb
color-formatter-css3-hsl
```

[Constant]

[Constant]

A format function for printing a color in CSS3 functional notation.

Value is a function which has a behavior equivalent to a function returned by the formatter macro.

```
(let ((color (make-srgb-color-from-number #X4E9A06)))
  (format nil color-formatter-css3-rgb color))
  ⇒ "rgb(78, 154, 6)"
```

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} read-color-css3-rgb & \& optional \itstream \\ read-color-css3-hs1 & \& optional \itstream \\ \end{tabular}$ 

[Function] [Function]

Read a color in CSS3 functional notation.

• Optional argument *stream* is an input stream. Default is to read from \*standard-input\*.

Reading stops after the closing parenthesis.

Value is a color object in the sRGB color space.

Example:

```
(with-input-from-string (stream "rgb(78, 154, 6) junk")
  (read-color-css3-rgb stream))
  ⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (26/85 154/255 2/85)>
(with-input-from-string (stream "rgb(30%, 60%, 10%) junk")
  (read-color-css3-rgb stream))
  ⇒ #<SRGB-COLOR (0.3d0 0.6d0 0.1d0)>
```

read-color-css3 &optional stream

[Function]

Read a CSS3 color value, i.e. either a numerical HTML color definition or a RGB value or HSL value in functional notation.

• Optional argument *stream* is an input stream. Default is to read from \*standard-input\*.

Value is a color object in the sRGB color space.

### 4.10 Miscellaneous

normalize-color color & key black white

[Generic Function]

Convert from absolute color coordinates to normalized color coordinates.

absolute-color color & key black white

[Generic Function]

Convert from normalized color coordinates to absolute color coordinates.

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