

# Derivation of formula for transparency converter

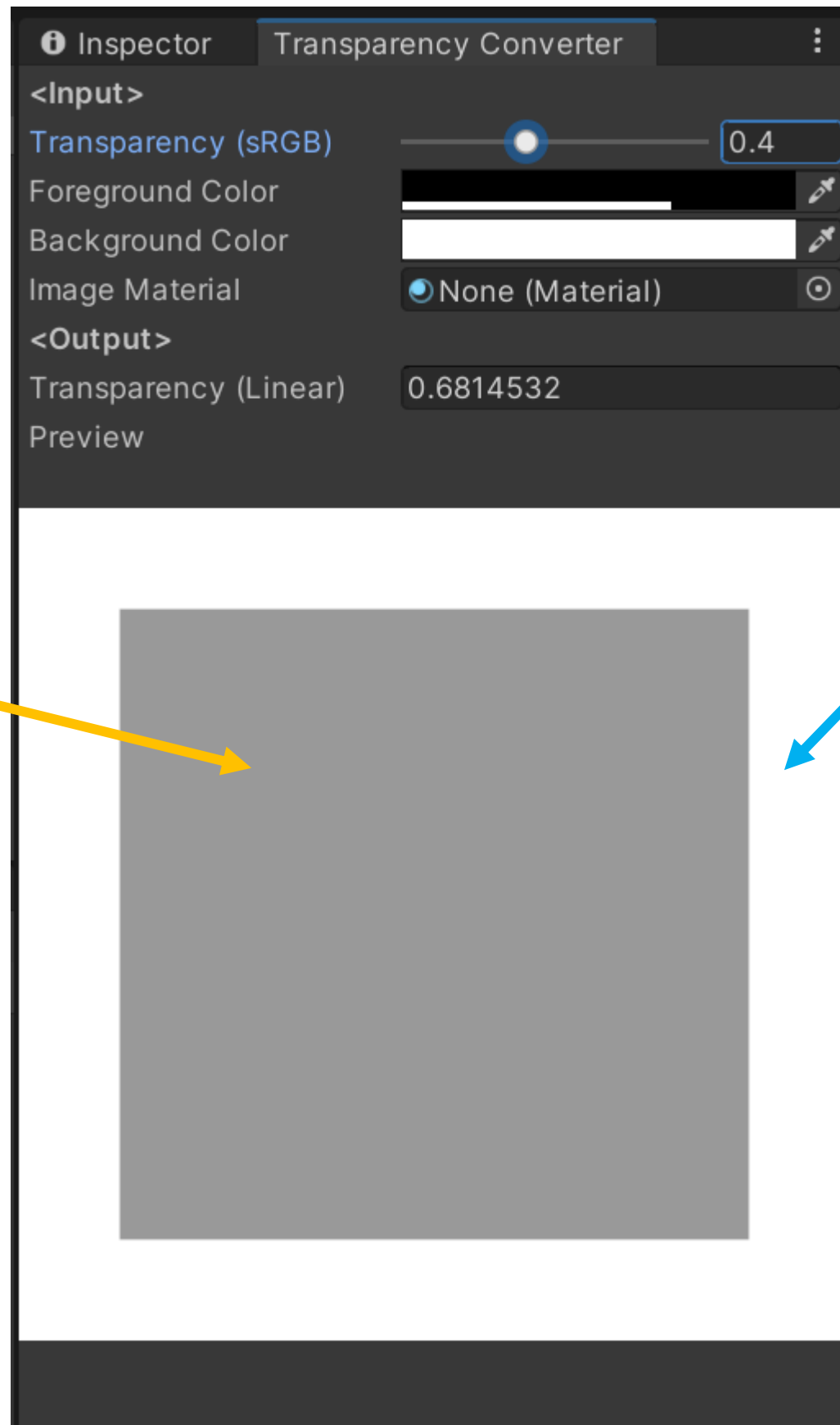
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# Transparency conversion from sRGB color space to linear color space



**Foreground (Transparent)**  
+  
**Background (Opaque)**

$$\begin{aligned} &(R_F, G_F, B_F, \alpha) \\ &+ \\ &(R_B, G_B, B_B, 1) \end{aligned}$$

**Background (Opaque)**

$$(R_B, G_B, B_B, 1)$$

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$$C_{output} = C_F \alpha + C_B (1 - \alpha)$$

where  $0 \leq c_F \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq c_B \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

$$C_{linear} = C_F \alpha_{linear} + C_B (1 - \alpha_{linear})$$

$$C_{sRGB} = C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B (1 - \alpha_{sRGB})$$

$$C_{linear} = g(C_{sRGB})$$

where  $g(x)$  is conversion function from sRGB color space to linear color space.

$$C_F \alpha_{linear} + C_B (1 - \alpha_{linear}) = g(C_{sRGB})$$

$$\alpha_{linear} = f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) = \frac{-C_B + g(C_{sRGB})}{C_F - C_B}$$

where  $C_F \neq C_B$  and  $C_{sRGB} = C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B (1 - \alpha_{sRGB})$ .

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Considering the following constraints.

$$0 \leq \alpha_{linear} \leq 1$$

$$\alpha_{linear} = \frac{f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) - f_{MIN}}{f_{MAX} - f_{MIN}}$$

$$f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) = \frac{-C_B + g(C_{sRGB})}{C_F - C_B}$$

$$f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) = f_{MAX} \rightarrow \alpha_{linear} = 1$$

$$f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) = f_{MIN} \rightarrow \alpha_{linear} = 0$$

$$f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) = (f_{MAX} + f_{MIN})/2 \rightarrow \alpha_{linear} = 0.5$$

The conversion function  $g(x)$  is monotonically increasing function.

When  $C_F > C_B$ , the function  $g(C_{sRGB}) = g(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB}))$  is monotonically increasing for  $\alpha_{sRGB}$ .

When  $C_F < C_B$ , the function  $g(C_{sRGB}) = g(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB}))$  is monotonically decreasing for  $\alpha_{sRGB}$ .

The function  $f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB})$  is monotonically increasing for all  $\alpha_{sRGB}$ .

$$f_{MAX} = f(C_F, C_B, 1) = \frac{-C_B + g(C_F)}{C_F - C_B}$$

$$f_{MIN} = f(C_F, C_B, 0) = \frac{-C_B + g(C_B)}{C_F - C_B}$$

$$\alpha_{linear} = \frac{f(C_F, C_B, \alpha_{sRGB}) - f_{MIN}}{f_{MAX} - f_{MIN}}$$

$$\alpha_{linear} = \frac{\frac{-C_B + g(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB}))}{C_F - C_B} - \frac{-C_B + g(C_B)}{C_F - C_B}}{\frac{-C_B + g(C_F)}{C_F - C_B} - \frac{-C_B + g(C_B)}{C_F - C_B}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{g(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB})) - g(C_B)}{C_F - C_B}}{\frac{g(C_F) - g(C_B)}{C_F - C_B}}$$

$$= \frac{g(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB})) - g(C_B)}{g(C_F) - g(C_B)}$$

Therefore,

$$\alpha_{linear} = \frac{g(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB})) - g(C_B)}{g(C_F) - g(C_B)}$$

where  $0 \leq c_F \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq c_B \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_{sRGB} \leq 1$   
and  $g(x)$  is conversion function from sRGB color space to linear color space.

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where  $0 \leq c_F \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq c_B \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_{sRGB} \leq 1$   
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When  $g(x) = x^{2.2}$ ,

$$\alpha_{linear} = \frac{(C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB}))^{2.2} - C_B^{2.2}}{C_F^{2.2} - C_B^{2.2}}$$

## Special cases

$$\alpha_{linear} = 1 - (1 - \alpha_{sRGB})^{2.2} \quad \text{for } C_F = 0 \text{ (black), } C_B = 1 \text{ (white)}$$

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where  $0 \leq c_F \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq c_B \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_{sRGB} \leq 1$

and  $g(x)$  is conversion function from sRGB color space to linear color space.

For the following  $g(x)$  (Refer to <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SRGB#Transformation>)

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{12.92}, & x \leq 0.04050 \\ \left(\frac{x + 0.055}{1.055}\right)^{2.4}, & x > 0.04050 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha_{linear} = \begin{cases} \alpha_{sRGB}, & C_{sRGB} \leq 0.04050 \\ \frac{\left(\frac{C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB}) + 0.055}{1.055}\right)^{2.4} - \left(\frac{C_B + 0.055}{1.055}\right)^{2.4}}{\left(\frac{C_F + 0.055}{1.055}\right)^{2.4} - \left(\frac{C_B + 0.055}{1.055}\right)^{2.4}}, & C_{sRGB} > 0.04050 \end{cases}$$

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where  $C_{sRGB} = C_F \alpha_{sRGB} + C_B(1 - \alpha_{sRGB})$ .

## Special cases

For  $C_F = 0$  (black) and  $C_B = 1$  (white),

$$\alpha_{linear} = \begin{cases} \alpha_{sRGB}, & 1 - \alpha_{sRGB} \leq 0.04050 \\ \frac{1}{0.9991662} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1 - \alpha_{sRGB} + 0.055}{1.055} \right)^{2.4} \right], & 1 - \alpha_{sRGB} > 0.04050 \end{cases}$$

For  $C_F = 1$  (white) and  $C_B = 0$  (black),

$$\alpha_{linear} = \begin{cases} \alpha_{sRGB}, & \alpha_{sRGB} \leq 0.04050 \\ \frac{1}{0.9991662} \left[ \left( \frac{\alpha_{sRGB} + 0.055}{1.055} \right)^{2.4} - 0.0008338 \right], & \alpha_{sRGB} > 0.04050 \end{cases}$$

