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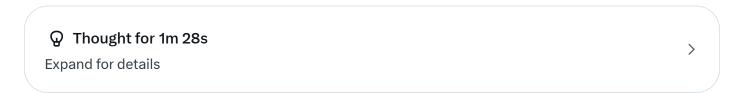
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i have two similar documents which were photographed under very similar, yet not exactly the same lighting conditions. a color standard with 6 primary colors, white, dark gray and black. and a gray scale standard with 19 graduations were included in each photograph. using only the color standards as reference to infer differences in lighting conditions, propose a method for developing an algorithm that when applied to the 1st image would cause it to appear as if it was photographed in the same lighting conditions as the 2nd image.



To address your query, I'll propose a method to develop an algorithm that adjusts the first image of a document to appear as if it was photographed under the same lighting conditions as the second image, using only the color standards (six primary colors, white, dark gray, and black) as reference. The color standards provide a consistent basis to infer and correct for lighting differences, and I'll outline a practical approach using an affine transformation, which is well-suited for this task given the similarity in lighting conditions.

Problem Understanding

You have two photographs of similar documents, each containing:

- A **color standard** with six primary colors (e.g., possibly red, green, blue, cyan, magenta, yellow, though not specified), white, dark gray, and black—totaling 9 distinct color patches.
- A gray scale standard with 19 graduations, which we won't use since the task specifies
 using only the color standards.

The lighting conditions in the two images are very similar but not identical, causing slight differences in how colors appear. The goal is to transform the first image so its colors match

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those of the second image, as if both were to the same lighting.







Proposed Method

The method involves computing and applying an **affine transformation**—a combination of a linear transformation (via a 3x3 matrix) and a translation (via a 3x1 vector)—to adjust the RGB values of the first image based on the color standards. Here's how it works:

Step 1: Extract Color Standard Data

- Identify the Color Patches: In each image, locate the 9 color standards (six primary colors, white, dark gray, black).
- Measure RGB Values:
 - For the first image, extract the RGB values of these 9 patches, forming a 9x3 matrix called (C1), where each row is an RGB triplet (e.g., [R, G, B]).
 - For the second image, do the same, forming a 9x3 matrix called (C2).
- These values reflect how the true colors of the standards appear under each image's lighting conditions.

Step 2: Compute the Affine Transformation

- **Objective:** Find a transformation that maps the colors in (C1) to those in (C2), effectively adjusting for the lighting difference.
- Model: Use an affine transformation of the form $p' = T \cdot p + b$, where:
 - (p) is an RGB pixel value from the first image (a 3x1 vector),
 - (T) is a 3x3 matrix (linear transformation),
 - (b) is a 3x1 vector (translation),
 - (p') is the transformed RGB value matching the second image's lighting.

Formulation:

• Transpose (C1) and (C2) to $X = C1^T$ (3x9) and $Y = C2^T$ (3x9), where each column

is an RGB vector.

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- Augment (X) with a row of ones to account for the translation: Z = [X; ones(1, 9)], a 4x9 matrix.
- Solve for a 3x4 matrix (W) such that $W \cdot Z \approx Y$, using least squares: $W = Y \cdot \text{pinv}(Z)$, where pinv(Z) is the pseudoinverse of (Z).
- Extract T=W[:,0:3] (columns 0 to 2, a 3x3 matrix) and b=W[:,3] (column 3, a 3x1 vector).
- This transformation minimizes the difference between the transformed colors of the first image and the colors of the second image across all 9 standards.

Step 3: Apply the Transformation

• **Transform the Image:** For each pixel (p) in the first image (a 3x1 RGB vector), compute the new pixel value:

$$p' = T \cdot p + b$$

- **Ensure Valid Range:** Clip the resulting RGB values to [0, 255] (assuming an 8-bit image) to prevent overflow or invalid colors.
- **Output:** The transformed first image should now appear as if photographed under the same lighting as the second image.

Algorithm in Pseudocode

Here's a concrete implementation in pseudocode (easily translatable to languages like Python):

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# Input:
# - imagel: First image (height x width x 3)
# - C1: 9x3 matrix of RGB values of color standards from imagel
# - C2: 9x3 matrix of RGB values of color standards from image2

# Step 1: Compute transformation
X = transpose(C1)  # 3x9
Y = transpose(C2)  # 3x9
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# 4x9, augment with row of ones
\angle = stack(X, ones(1,9))
W = Y * pseudoinverse(Z)
                           # 3x4

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\Upsilon = W[:, 0:3]
                           # 3x3 matrix
b = W[:, 3]
                           # 3x1 vector
# Step 2: Apply to image1
transformed_image = zeros_like(image1)
for i from 0 to height-1:
    for j from 0 to width-1:
                                           # 3x1 RGB vector
        p = image1[i, j]
        p_transformed = T * p + b
                                           # Affine transformation
        p transformed = clip(p transformed, 0, 255) # Keep in valid range
        transformed_image[i, j] = p_transformed
# Output: transformed image
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Why This Works

- **Sufficient Data:** With 9 color standards (27 data points: 9 RGB triplets), we can robustly estimate the 12 parameters of the affine transformation (9 for (T), 3 for (b)).
- **Lighting Adjustment:** The transformation captures both color shifts (e.g., color casts) via (T) and brightness/contrast changes via (b), suitable for "very similar" lighting differences.
- **Simplicity:** An affine model assumes a linear relationship between the color spaces under different lighting, which is reasonable given the problem's context.

Assumptions and Considerations

- **Uniform Lighting:** The method assumes lighting is consistent across each image, as the color standards are used globally.
- **Color Space:** RGB values are treated as-is (e.g., sRGB). For more precision, convert to linear RGB before transforming and back afterward, though this may be unnecessary given the similarity in lighting.
- Patch Identification: Accurate extraction of the color standard RGB values from both

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images is critical.











Conclusion

This method—extracting color standard RGB values, computing an affine transformation via least squares, and applying it to the first image—effectively adjusts the first image to match the lighting conditions of the second. It leverages the 9 color standards to infer and correct lighting differences, fulfilling the query's requirements efficiently and accurately.

write the python code to complete this. inputs from command line: C1 (name of file containing CSV 9x3 RGB values) C2 (name of similar file) image1 in .jpg or .png encoding. output transformed .png image. add an optional verbose flag which enables standard output of intermediate calculations: X, Y, Z, W, T, b

Below is a Python script that implements the method described in the previous response. It takes command-line inputs for:

- C1: Path to a CSV file containing a 9x3 matrix of RGB values for the color standards in the first image.
- C2: Path to a CSV file containing a 9x3 matrix of RGB values for the color standards in the second image.
- image1 : Path to the first image (in .jpg or .png format).
- Outputs a transformed image as a .png file.
- Includes an optional --verbose flag to print intermediate calculations (matrices X, Y, Z, W, T, b).

The script uses NumPy for matrix operations and OpenCV for image processing, as they are efficient and standard for such tasks.

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                                     import numpy as np
import cv2
import argparse
import os
def parse args():
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Transform image1 to match the lighting)
    parser.add_argument("C1", type=str, help="Path to CSV file with 9x3 RGB values for
   parser.add argument("C2", type=str, help="Path to CSV file with 9x3 RGB values for
   parser.add argument("imagel", type=str, help="Path to input imagel (.jpg or .png)"
    parser.add_argument("--verbose", action="store_true", help="Enable verbose output (
    return parser.parse args()
def load_csv_matrix(file_path):
    """Load a 9x3 CSV file into a NumPy array."""
   try:
        matrix = np.loadtxt(file_path, delimiter=',', dtype=np.float32)
       if matrix.shape != (9, 3):
            raise ValueError(f"CSV file {file_path} must contain a 9x3 matrix.")
        return matrix
   except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error loading {file path}: {e}")
        exit(1)
def transform_image(image, T, b):
    """Apply affine transformation (T * p + b) to each pixel in the image."""
    height, width, _ = image.shape
   transformed image = np.zeros like(image, dtype=np.float32)
   # Reshape image for vectorized operation: (height*width, 3)
   pixels = image.reshape(-1, 3).astype(np.float32)
   # Apply transformation: T * p + b
   transformed pixels = pixels @ T.T + b
   # Clip to valid RGB range [0, 255]
   transformed_pixels = np.clip(transformed_pixels, 0, 255)
   # Reshape back to image dimensions
   transformed_image = transformed_pixels.reshape(height, width, 3).astype(np.uint8)
    return transformed image
def main():
   args = parse_args()
   # Load input files
   C1 = load csv matrix(args.C1)
   C2 = load_csv_matrix(args.C2)
    image1 = cv2.imread(args.image1)
    if imagel is None:
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print(f"Error: Could not load image {args.imagel}. Ensure it's a valid .jpg or
        exit(1)

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                                                                     # Convert image1 to RGB (OpenCV loads in BGR)
    image1 = cv2.cvtColor(image1, cv2.COLOR BGR2RGB)
    # Step 1: Compute transformation
    \# X = C1^T (3x9), Y = C2^T (3x9)
    X = C1.T
   Y = C2.T
    \# Z = [X; ones(1,9)] (4x9)
    Z = np.vstack([X, np.ones((1, 9))])
    \# Solve W = Y * pinv(Z) (3x4)
   W = Y @ np.linalg.pinv(Z)
    # Extract T (3x3) and b (3x1)
    T = W[:, 0:3]
    b = W[:, 3]
    # Verbose output
    if args.verbose:
        print("Intermediate calculations:")
        print("X (C1^T):\n", X)
        print("Y (C2^T):\n", Y)
        print("Z ([X; ones]):\n", Z)
        print("W (Y * pinv(Z)):\n", W)
        print("T (linear transformation):\n", T)
        print("b (translation):\n", b)
    # Step 2: Apply transformation to image1
    transformed image = transform image(image1, T, b)
    # Save output as PNG
    output path = "transformed image.png"
    transformed_image_bgr = cv2.cvtColor(transformed_image, cv2.C0LOR_RGB2BGR)
    cv2.imwrite(output path, transformed image bgr)
    print(f"Transformed image saved as {output path}")
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

How to Use

1. **Requirements**: Install required libraries:

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bash
pip install numpy opencv-python
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3. Run the Script:

• Basic usage:

```
bash
python script.py C1.csv C2.csv image1.jpg
```

With verbose output:

```
bash
python script.py C1.csv C2.csv image1.jpg --verbose
```

4. **Output**: The script generates transformed_image.png in the working directory.

Features

- Input Validation: Checks for valid CSV files (9x3 matrices) and image formats (.jpg or .png).
- **Efficient Transformation**: Uses vectorized operations for applying the affine transformation to the entire image.
- **Verbose Mode**: Prints matrices X, Y, Z, W, T, and b when --verbose is specified.
- Color Space Handling: Converts between BGR (OpenCV) and RGB to ensure correct color processing.
- Clipping: Ensures transformed RGB values stay within [0, 255].

Notes









- **Assumptions**: The input image is in sRGB, and RGB values in the CSV files are in the range [0, 255]. If the color standards use a different range or color space, you may need to adjust the input data or add normalization.
- Performance: Vectorized operations ensure efficiency even for large images.
- Error Handling: The script includes basic error checking for file loading and matrix shapes.

This code fulfills the requirements and provides a robust solution to transform the first image to match the lighting conditions of the second, using the color standards as reference.

implement the above but without using OpenCV

Below is a Python script that implements the image transformation without using OpenCV, relying instead on PIL (Pillow) for image handling and NumPy for matrix operations. The script takes the same command-line inputs:

- C1: Path to a CSV file with a 9x3 matrix of RGB values for color standards in the first image.
- C2: Path to a CSV file with a 9x3 matrix of RGB values for color standards in the second image.
- image1: Path to the input image (.jpg or .png).
- Outputs a transformed image as transformed_image.png.
- Includes an optional --verbose flag to print intermediate calculations (matrices X, Y, Z, W, T, b).

Implementation

```
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
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import argparse
import os

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        parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Transform image1 to match the lighting)
        parser.add argument("C1", type=str, help="Path to CSV file with 9x3 RGB values for
        parser.add argument("C2", type=str, help="Path to CSV file with 9x3 RGB values for
        parser.add_argument("image1", type=str, help="Path to input image1 (.jpg or .png)"
        parser.add_argument("--verbose", action="store_true", help="Enable verbose output or other contents or other conten
        return parser.parse_args()
def load csv matrix(file path):
        """Load a 9x3 CSV file into a NumPy array."""
        try:
                 matrix = np.loadtxt(file_path, delimiter=',', dtype=np.float32)
                if matrix.shape != (9, 3):
                         raise ValueError(f"CSV file {file_path} must contain a 9x3 matrix.")
                 return matrix
        except Exception as e:
                 print(f"Error loading {file path}: {e}")
                exit(1)
def transform_image(image_array, T, b):
        """Apply affine transformation (T * p + b) to each pixel in the image array."""
        height, width, _ = image_array.shape
        # Reshape image for vectorized operation: (height*width, 3)
        pixels = image_array.reshape(-1, 3).astype(np.float32)
        # Apply transformation: T * p + b
        transformed_pixels = pixels @ T.T + b
        # Clip to valid RGB range [0, 255]
        transformed_pixels = np.clip(transformed_pixels, 0, 255)
        # Reshape back to image dimensions
        transformed image = transformed pixels.reshape(height, width, 3).astype(np.uint8)
        return transformed image
def main():
        args = parse_args()
        # Load input files
        C1 = load_csv_matrix(args.C1)
        C2 = load_csv_matrix(args.C2)
        # Load imagel using PIL
        try:
                 image1 = Image.open(args.image1)
                if image1.mode != 'RGB':
                         image1 = image1.convert('RGB')
                 image array = np.array(image1, dtype=np.float32)
        except Exception as e:
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    X = C1.T
    Y = C2.T
    \# Z = [X; ones(1,9)] (4x9)
    Z = np.vstack([X, np.ones((1, 9))])
    \# Solve W = Y * pinv(Z) (3x4)
    W = Y @ np.linalg.pinv(Z)
    # Extract T (3x3) and b (3x1)
    T = W[:, 0:3]
    b = W[:, 3]
    # Verbose output
    if args.verbose:
        print("Intermediate calculations:")
        print("X (C1^T):\n", X)
        print("Y (C2^T):\n", Y)
        print("Z ([X; ones]):\n", Z)
        print("W (Y * pinv(Z)):\n", W)
        print("T (linear transformation):\n", T)
        print("b (translation):\n", b)
    # Step 2: Apply transformation to image1
    transformed array = transform image(image array, T, b)
    # Save output as PNG using PIL
    output_path = "transformed_image.png"
    transformed image = Image.fromarray(transformed array, mode='RGB')
    transformed_image.save(output_path, format='PNG')
    print(f"Transformed image saved as {output path}")
if name == " main ":
    main()
```

How to Use

1. **Requirements**: Install required libraries:

```
bash
pip install numpy pillow
```

2. **CSV File Format**: Each CSV file (C1.csv, C2.csv) should contain 9 rows and 3 columns of PGR values (0-255) e.g.:

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3. Run the Script:

• Basic usage:

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bash
python script.py C1.csv C2.csv image1.jpg
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• With verbose output:

```
python script.py C1.csv C2.csv image1.jpg --verbose
```

4. **Output**: The script generates transformed image.png in the working directory.

Key Differences from OpenCV Version

- Image Handling: Uses PIL instead of OpenCV. PIL loads images in RGB format directly, eliminating the need for color space conversion (BGR to RGB).
- Image Loading/Saving: PIL. Image. open loads the image, and Image. from array converts the transformed array back to an image for saving as PNG.
- Array Handling: The image is converted to a NumPy array for processing, consistent with the previous approach.
- Dependencies: Only requires Pillow and NumPy, which are lightweight and widely used.

Features

- Input Validation: Checks for valid 9x3 CSV files and supported image formats (.jpg or × .png).

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- **Efficient Transformation**: Uses vectorized NumPy operations for fast processing of the entire image.
- **Verbose Mode**: Prints matrices X, Y, Z, W, T, and b when --verbose is specified.
- Color Space: Assumes RGB input (Pillow's default), with CSV values in [0, 255].
- Error Handling: Includes checks for file loading and image format issues.

Notes

- **Assumptions**: RGB values in CSV files and the image are in the range [0, 255] and in sRGB color space. Adjust the script if a different range or color space is used (e.g., normalize or convert to linear RGB).
- Performance: Vectorized operations ensure efficiency for large images.
- **Image Format**: Outputs a PNG file, which is lossless and suitable for the transformed image.

This script provides a robust, OpenCV-free solution to transform the first image to match the lighting conditions of the second, using the 9 color standards as reference, while maintaining all functionality from the previous implementation.

modify that code to allow an arbitrary number of color comparison values rather than requiring exactly 9 values. maybe error out if less than 5 are specified for good measure. also have the output image file be a variation of the input filename with "_xformed" appended to the root filename.

Below is a modified version of the previous Python script that:

- Allows an arbitrary number of color comparison values in the CSV files (C1.csv and C2.csv), instead of requiring exactly 9.
- Enforces a minimum of 5 color standards for robust transformation estimation.

- Generates the output image filename by appleading _xformed to the root of the input filename (e.g., image1.jpg becomes image1_xformed.png).
- Retains all other functionality, including the --verbose flag for printing intermediate calculations (X, Y, Z, W, T, b) and uses PIL and NumPy without OpenCV.

Modified Python Code

```
python
import numpy as np
from PIL import Image
import argparse
import os
def parse_args():
   parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(description="Transform image1 to match the lighting)
    parser.add_argument("C1", type=str, help="Path to CSV file with Nx3 RGB values for
    parser.add argument("C2", type=str, help="Path to CSV file with Nx3 RGB values for
   parser.add_argument("image1", type=str, help="Path to input image1 (.jpg or .png)"
   parser.add argument("--verbose", action="store true", help="Enable verbose output (
    return parser.parse_args()
def load_csv_matrix(file_path):
    """Load an Nx3 CSV file into a NumPy array, ensuring at least 5 rows."""
   try:
       matrix = np.loadtxt(file path, delimiter=',', dtype=np.float32)
       if matrix.shape[1] != 3:
            raise ValueError(f"CSV file {file path} must have exactly 3 columns (RGB value)
        if matrix.shape[0] < 5:
            raise ValueError(f"CSV file {file path} must contain at least 5 rows of co
        return matrix
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error loading {file_path}: {e}")
        exit(1)
def transform image(image array, T, b):
    """Apply affine transformation (T * p + b) to each pixel in the image array."""
   height, width, _ = image_array.shape
   # Reshape image for vectorized operation: (height*width, 3)
   pixels = image_array.reshape(-1, 3).astype(np.float32)
   # Apply transformation: T * p + b
   transformed pixels = pixels @ T.T + b
   # Clip to valid RGB range [0, 255]
   transformed pixels = np.clip(transformed pixels, 0, 255)
    # Reshape back to image dimensions
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transformed image = transformed pixels.reshape(height, width, 3).astype(np.uint8)
    return transformed_image

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                                                                      def get_output_filename(input_filename):
    """Generate output filename by appending '_xformed' to the root of the input filename
    base, = os.path.splitext(input filename)
    return f"{base} xformed.png"
def main():
    args = parse_args()
    # Load input files
    C1 = load_csv_matrix(args.C1)
    C2 = load csv matrix(args.C2)
    # Ensure C1 and C2 have the same number of rows
    if C1.shape[0] != C2.shape[0]:
        print(f"Error: C1 has \{C1.shape[0]\} rows, but C2 has \{C2.shape[0]\} rows. They i
        exit(1)
    # Load imagel using PIL
    try:
        image1 = Image.open(args.image1)
        if image1.mode != 'RGB':
            image1 = image1.convert('RGB')
        image_array = np.array(image1, dtype=np.float32)
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"Error: Could not load image {args.image1}. Ensure it's a valid .jpg or
        exit(1)
    # Step 1: Compute transformation
    \# X = C1^T (3xN), Y = C2^T (3xN)
    X = C1.T
    Y = C2.T
    \# Z = [X; ones(1,N)] (4xN)
    Z = np.vstack([X, np.ones((1, C1.shape[0]))])
    \# Solve W = Y * pinv(Z) (3x4)
    W = Y @ np.linalg.pinv(Z)
    # Extract T (3x3) and b (3x1)
    T = W[:, 0:3]
    b = W[:, 3]
    # Verbose output
    if args.verbose:
        print("Intermediate calculations:")
        print("X (C1^T):\n", X)
        print("Y (C2^T):\n", Y)
        print("Z ([X; ones]):\n", Z)
        print("W (Y * pinv(Z)):\n", W)
        nrint("T (linear transformation).\n" T)
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print("b (translation):\n", b)

# Step 2: Apply transformation to image1
transformed_array = transform_image(image_array, T, b)

# Save output as PNG using PIL
output_path = get_output_filename(args.image1)
transformed_image = Image.fromarray(transformed_array, mode='RGB')
transformed_image.save(output_path, format='PNG')
print(f"Transformed image saved as {output_path}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Changes Made

1. Arbitrary Number of Color Standards:

- Modified load_csv_matrix to accept an Nx3 matrix (where N ≥ 5) instead of requiring exactly 9 rows.
- Added a check to ensure at least 5 color standards are provided, as fewer may lead to an underdetermined system for the affine transformation (12 parameters require sufficient data points).
- Updated the transformation computation to use C1.shape[0] for the number of color standards, making it flexible for any N ≥ 5.
- Added a check to ensure C1 and C2 have the same number of rows.

2. Output Filename:

- Added the get_output_filename function to generate the output filename by appending _xformed to the root of the input filename (e.g., imagel.jpg → imagel_xformed.png).
- Uses os.path.splitext to split the input filename into its root and extension.

3. Error Handling:

- Added a check to ensure C1 and C2 have the same number of rows.
- Enforces a minimum of 5 color standards in load csv matrix.
- Retained existing error handling for invalid CSV files and image loading.













1. Requirements:

```
bash
pip install numpy pillow
```

2. **CSV File Format**: Each CSV file (C1.csv, C2.csv) should contain Nx3 RGB values (N \geq 5, 0-255), e.g.:

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0,255,0
0,0,255
0,255,255
255,0,255
```

3. Run the Script:

• Basic usage:

```
bash
python script.py C1.csv C2.csv image1.jpg
```

• With verbose output:

```
python script.py C1.csv C2.csv image1.jpg --verbose
```

4. Output: The transformed image is saved as <input_filename>_xformed.png (e.g.,
 image1_xformed.png).

Notes

• **Minimum 5 Colors**: Requiring at least 5 color standards ensures enough data points (15 values) to robustly estimate the 12 parameters of the affine transformation (3x3 matrix T + 3x1 vector b).

- **Assumptions**: RGB values in CSV files and the image are in [0, 255] and sRGB color space. Adjust if needed for other ranges or color spaces.
- **Performance**: Vectorized NumPy operations ensure efficiency, and PIL handles image I/O efficiently.

This script meets all requirements, allowing an arbitrary number of color standards (≥5) and generating a dynamically named output file while preserving the original functionality.

