

22.6. `colorsys` — Conversions between color systems

Source code: [Lib/colors.py](#)

The `colorsys` module defines bidirectional conversions of color values between colors expressed in the RGB (Red Green Blue) color space used in computer monitors and three other coordinate systems: YIQ, HLS (Hue Lightness Saturation) and HSV (Hue Saturation Value). Coordinates in all of these color spaces are floating point values. In the YIQ space, the Y coordinate is between 0 and 1, but the I and Q coordinates can be positive or negative. In all other spaces, the coordinates are all between 0 and 1.

See also: More information about color spaces can be found at <http://www.poynton.com/ColorFAQ.html> and <https://www.cambridgeincolour.com/tutorials/color-spaces.htm>.

The `colorsys` module defines the following functions:

`colorsys.rgb_to_yiq(r, g, b)`

Convert the color from RGB coordinates to YIQ coordinates.

`colorsys.yiq_to_rgb(y, i, q)`

Convert the color from YIQ coordinates to RGB coordinates.

`colorsys.rgb_to_hls(r, g, b)`

Convert the color from RGB coordinates to HLS coordinates.

`colorsys.hls_to_rgb(h, l, s)`

Convert the color from HLS coordinates to RGB coordinates.

`colorsys.rgb_to_hsv(r, g, b)`

Convert the color from RGB coordinates to HSV coordinates.

`colorsys.hsv_to_rgb(h, s, v)`

Convert the color from HSV coordinates to RGB coordinates.

Example:

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>>> import colorsys
>>> colorsys.rgb_to_hsv(0.2, 0.4, 0.4)
(0.5, 0.5, 0.4)
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>>> colorsys.hsv_to_rgb(0.5, 0.5, 0.4)
(0.2, 0.4, 0.4)
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