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- Part 2-2: Colour management – Extended RGB colour space – scRGB
- Part 2-4: Colour management – Extended-gamut YCC colour space for video applications – xvYCC
- Part 2-5: Colour management – Optional RGB colour space – opRGB ~~(under consideration)~~
- Part 3: Equipment using cathode ray tubes
- Part 4: Equipment using liquid crystal display panels
- Part 5: Equipment using plasma display panels
- Part 6: Front projection displays
- Part 7-1: Colour printers – Reflective prints – RGB inputs
- ~~Part 7-2: Colour printers – Reflective prints – CMYK inputs (proposed work item)~~
- Part 8: Multimedia colour scanners
- Part 9: Digital cameras
- ~~Part 10: Quality assessment (proposed work item)~~
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INTRODUCTION

After the publication of IEC 61966-2-1, Amendment 1, the sYCC colour encoding was used to capture, store and print extended colour gamut for still image applications. Users received pleasant benefit by exchanging and reproducing wide-gamut colour images.

Recently, various kinds of displays that are capable of producing a wider gamut of colour than the conventional CRT-based displays are emerging. However, most of the current video contents that are displayed on conventional displays, are rendered for the sRGB-gamut. Users of wide-gamut displays could benefit from wide-gamut colour images by video colour encoding that supports a larger colour gamut.

This standard defines the “extended-gamut YCC colour space for video applications”. It is based on the current implementation of YCC colour encoding that is used in the video industry (namely ITU-R BT.709-5) and extends its definition to the wider gamut of colour range.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61966 is applicable to the encoding and communication of YCC colour used in video systems and similar applications by defining encoding transformations for use in defined reference capturing conditions. If actual conditions differ from the reference conditions, additional rendering transformations may be required. Such additional rendering transformations are beyond the scope of this standard.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-845:1987, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 845: Lighting*

ITU-R Recommendation BT.601-5:1995, *Studio encoding parameters of digital television for standard 4:3 and wide-screen 16:9 aspect ratios*

ITU-R Recommendation BT.709-5:2002, *Parameter values for the HDTV standards for production and international program exchange*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions, as well as those concerning illuminance, luminance, tristimulus, and other related lighting terms given in IEC 60050-845, apply.

3.1

scene-referred colour encoding

representation of estimated colour-space coordinates of the elements of an original scene, where a scene is defined to be the relative spectral radiance

3.2

output-referred colour encoding

representation of estimated colour-space coordinates of image data that are appropriate for specified output device and viewing conditions

3.3

extended gamut

colour gamut extending outside that of the standard sRGB CRT display defined in IEC 61966-2-1