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## Annex F (normative)

### Default YCC encoding transformation for a standard luma-chroma-chroma colour space: sYCC

The method of digitization in this annex is designed to complement current sRGB-based colour management strategies by explicitly standardizing a default transformation between sRGB and a standard luma-chroma-chroma colour space (sYCC). Application and hardware developers who want to support various colour compression schemes based on luma-chroma-chroma spaces can utilize this annex. Since this sYCC colour space is a simple extension of the sRGB colour space as defined in this standard, the same reference conditions are shared by both colour spaces.

#### F.1 General

The encoding transformations between sYCC values and CIE 1931 XYZ values provide unambiguous methods to represent optimum image colorimetry when viewed on a hypothetical reference display that is capable of producing all colours defined by sYCC encoding, in the reference viewing conditions by the reference observer. Non-linear floating point sR'G'B' represent the appearance of the image as displayed on the reference display in the reference viewing condition described in Clause 4 of this standard.

#### F.2 Transformation from sYCC values ( $Y_{sYCC}$ , $Cb_{sYCC}$ , $Cr_{sYCC}$ ) to CIE 1931 XYZ values

The non-linear sY'C<sub>b</sub>'C<sub>r</sub>' values can be computed using the following relationship:

$$\begin{aligned} Y'_{sYCC} &= (Y_{sYCC} - KDC)/(WDC - KDC) \\ Cb'_{sYCC} &= (Cb_{sYCC} - Offset)/Range \\ Cr'_{sYCC} &= (Cr_{sYCC} - Offset)/Range \end{aligned} \quad (F.1)$$

For 24-bit encoding (8-bit/channel),  $WDC = 255$ ,  $KDC = 0$ ,  $Range = 255$ , and  $Offset = 128$ , and the relationship is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} Y'_{sYCC} &= (Y_{sYCC(8)} - 0)/(255 - 0) = Y_{sYCC(8)}/255 \\ Cb'_{sYCC} &= (Cb_{sYCC(8)} - 128)/255 \\ Cr'_{sYCC} &= (Cr_{sYCC(8)} - 128)/255 \end{aligned} \quad (F.2)$$

24-bit encoding (8-bit/channel) shall be the default sYCC encoding bit depth. Other bit depths may be unsupported for general use.

Where other N-bit/channel encoding is supported ( $N > 8$ ), the relationship is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y'_{sYCC} &= Y_{sYCC(N)} / (2^N - 1) \\
 Cb'_{sYCC} &= (Cb_{sYCC(N)} - 2^{N-1}) / (2^N - 1) \\
 Cr'_{sYCC} &= (Cr_{sYCC(N)} - 2^{N-1}) / (2^N - 1)
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{F.2'}$$

For 24-bit encoding (8-bit/channel), the non-linear  $sY'C_b'C_r'$  values are transformed to the non-linear  $sR'G'B'$  values as follows;

$$\begin{bmatrix} R'_{sRGB} \\ G'_{sRGB} \\ B'_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1,000 & 0 & 0,000 & 0 & 1,402 & 0 \\ 1,000 & 0 & -0,344 & 1 & -0,714 & 1 \\ 1,000 & 0 & 1,772 & 0 & 0,000 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y'_{sYCC} \\ Cb'_{sYCC} \\ Cr'_{sYCC} \end{bmatrix}
 \tag{F.3}$$

For N-bit/channel encoding ( $N > 8$ ), it is recommended to replace the matrix coefficients in the equation F.3 with the coefficients of the inverse matrix of the equation F.12 with enough accuracy decimal points. For example, following matrix with 6 decimal points has enough accuracy for the case of 16-bit/channel.

$$\begin{bmatrix} R'_{sRGB} \\ G'_{sRGB} \\ B'_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1,000 & 000 & 0,000 & 037 & 1,401 & 988 \\ 1,000 & 000 & -0,344 & 113 & -0,714 & 104 \\ 1,000 & 000 & 1,771 & 978 & 0,000 & 135 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y'_{sYCC} \\ Cb'_{sYCC} \\ Cr'_{sYCC} \end{bmatrix}
 \tag{F.3'}$$

The non-linear  $sR'G'B'$  values are then transformed to CIE 1931  $XYZ$  values as follows:

If  $R'_{sRGB}, G'_{sRGB}, B'_{sRGB} < -0,040\ 45$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{sRGB} &= - \left[ \frac{(-R'_{sRGB} + 0,055)}{1,055} \right]^{2,4} \\
 G_{sRGB} &= - \left[ \frac{(-G'_{sRGB} + 0,055)}{1,055} \right]^{2,4} \\
 B_{sRGB} &= - \left[ \frac{(-B'_{sRGB} + 0,055)}{1,055} \right]^{2,4}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{F.4}$$

If  $-0,040\ 45 \leq R'_{sRGB}, G'_{sRGB}, B'_{sRGB} \leq 0,040\ 45$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{sRGB} &= R'_{sRGB} \div 12,92 \\
 G_{sRGB} &= G'_{sRGB} \div 12,92 \\
 B_{sRGB} &= B'_{sRGB} \div 12,92
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{F.5}$$

If  $R'_{sRGB}, G'_{sRGB}, B'_{sRGB} > 0,040\ 45$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{sRGB} &= \left[ \frac{(R'_{sRGB} + 0,055)}{1,055} \right]^{2,4} \\
 G_{sRGB} &= \left[ \frac{(G'_{sRGB} + 0,055)}{1,055} \right]^{2,4} \\
 B_{sRGB} &= \left[ \frac{(B'_{sRGB} + 0,055)}{1,055} \right]^{2,4}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{F.6}$$

For 24-bit encoding (8-bit/channel), the linear sRGB values are transformed to CIE 1931 XYZ values as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0,412\ 4 & 0,357\ 6 & 0,180\ 5 \\ 0,212\ 6 & 0,715\ 2 & 0,072\ 2 \\ 0,019\ 3 & 0,119\ 2 & 0,950\ 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R_{sRGB} \\ G_{sRGB} \\ B_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{F.7})$$

### F.3 Transformation from CIE 1931 XYZ values to sYCC values ( $Y_{sYCC}$ , $Cb_{sYCC}$ , $Cr_{sYCC}$ )

The CIE 1931 XYZ values can be transformed to non-linear sR'G'B' values as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{sRGB} \\ G_{sRGB} \\ B_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3,240\ 6 & -1,537\ 2 & -0,498\ 6 \\ -0,968\ 9 & 1,875\ 8 & 0,041\ 5 \\ 0,055\ 7 & -0,204\ 0 & 1,057\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{F.8})$$

For N-bit/channel encoding ( $N > 8$ ), it is recommended to replace the matrix coefficients in the equation F.8 with the coefficients of the inverse matrix of the equation F.7 with enough accuracy decimal points. For example, following matrix with 7 decimal points has enough accuracy for the case of 16-bit/channel.

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{sRGB} \\ G_{sRGB} \\ B_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3,240\ 625\ 5 & -1,537\ 208\ 0 & -0,498\ 628\ 6 \\ -0,968\ 930\ 7 & 1,875\ 756\ 1 & 0,041\ 517\ 5 \\ 0,055\ 710\ 1 & -0,204\ 021\ 1 & 1,056\ 995\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{F.8}')$$

In the sYCC encoding process, negative sRGB tristimulus values, and sRGB tristimulus values greater than 1,0 are retained.

If  $R_{sRGB}, G_{sRGB}, B_{sRGB} < -0,003\ 130\ 8$

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= -1,055 \times (-R_{sRGB})^{(1,0/2,4)} + 0,055 \\ G'_{sRGB} &= -1,055 \times (-G_{sRGB})^{(1,0/2,4)} + 0,055 \\ B'_{sRGB} &= -1,055 \times (-B_{sRGB})^{(1,0/2,4)} + 0,055 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.9})$$

If  $-0,003\ 130\ 8 \leq R_{sRGB}, G_{sRGB}, B_{sRGB} \leq 0,003\ 130\ 8$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= 12,92 \times R_{sRGB} \\ G'_{sRGB} &= 12,92 \times G_{sRGB} \\ B'_{sRGB} &= 12,92 \times B_{sRGB} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.10})$$

If  $R_{sRGB}, G_{sRGB}, B_{sRGB} > 0,003\ 130\ 8$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= 1,055 \times (R_{sRGB})^{(1,0/2,4)} - 0,055 \\ G'_{sRGB} &= 1,055 \times (G_{sRGB})^{(1,0/2,4)} - 0,055 \\ B'_{sRGB} &= 1,055 \times (B_{sRGB})^{(1,0/2,4)} - 0,055 \end{aligned} \quad (F.11)$$

The relationship between non-linear sRGB and sYCC is defined as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y'_{sYCC} \\ Cb'_{sYCC} \\ Cr'_{sYCC} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0,299\ 0 & 0,587\ 0 & 0,114\ 0 \\ -0,168\ 7 & -0,331\ 3 & 0,500\ 0 \\ 0,500\ 0 & -0,418\ 7 & -0,081\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R'_{sRGB} \\ G'_{sRGB} \\ B'_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} \quad (F.12)$$

NOTE The coefficients in equation F.12 are from ITU-R BT.601-5. The ITU-R BT.601-5 defines  $Y'$  of YCC to the three decimal place accuracy. An additional decimal place is defined above to be consistent with the other matrix coefficients defined in this standard.

And quantization for sYCC is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{sYCC} &= \text{round}[(WDC - KDC) \times Y'_{sYCC} + KDC] \\ Cb_{sYCC} &= \text{round}[(Range \times Cb'_{sYCC}) + Offset] \\ Cr_{sYCC} &= \text{round}[(Range \times Cr'_{sYCC}) + Offset] \end{aligned} \quad (F.13)$$

For 24-bit encoding (8-bit/channel), the relationship is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{sYCC(8)} &= \text{round}[(255 - 0) \times Y'_{sYCC} + 0] = \text{round}[255 \times Y'_{sYCC}] \\ Cb_{sYCC(8)} &= \text{round}[(255 \times Cb'_{sYCC}) + 128] \\ Cr_{sYCC(8)} &= \text{round}[(255 \times Cr'_{sYCC}) + 128] \end{aligned} \quad (F.14)$$

For 24-bit encoding, the  $sYCC_{(8)}$  values shall be limited to a range from 0 to 255 after equation F.14.

24-bit encoding (8-bit/channel) shall be the default sYCC encoding bit depth. Other bit depths may be unsupported in general use.

Where other N-bit/channel encoding is supported ( $N > 8$ ), the relationship is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{sYCC(N)} &= \text{round}[(2^N - 1) \times Y'_{sYCC}] \\ Cb_{sYCC(N)} &= \text{round}[(2^N - 1) \times Cb'_{sYCC} + 2^{N-1}] \\ Cr_{sYCC(N)} &= \text{round}[(2^N - 1) \times Cr'_{sYCC} + 2^{N-1}] \end{aligned} \quad (F.14')$$

For N-bit/channel encoding ( $N > 8$ ), the  $sYCC_{(N)}$  values shall be limited to a range from 0 to  $2^N - 1$  after equation F.14'.

**F.4 Transformation from 8-bit sYCC values ( $Y_{sYCC(8)}$ ,  $Cb_{sYCC(8)}$ ,  $Cr_{sYCC(8)}$ ) to 8-bit sRGB values ( $R_{sRGB(8)}$ ,  $G_{sRGB(8)}$ ,  $B_{sRGB(8)}$ )**

$$\begin{aligned} Y'_{sYCC} &= Y_{sYCC(8)} / 255 \\ Cb'_{sYCC} &= (Cb_{sYCC(8)} - 128) / 255 \\ Cr'_{sYCC} &= (Cr_{sYCC(8)} - 128) / 255 \end{aligned} \quad (F.15)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R'_{sRGB} \\ G'_{sRGB} \\ B'_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1,000 & 0 & 0,000 & 0 & 1,402 & 0 \\ 1,000 & 0 & -0,344 & 1 & -0,714 & 1 \\ 1,000 & 0 & 1,772 & 0 & 0,000 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} Y'_{sYCC} \\ Cb'_{sYCC} \\ Cr'_{sYCC} \end{bmatrix} \quad (F.16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{sRGB(8)} &= \text{round}(255 \times R'_{sRGB}) \\ G_{sRGB(8)} &= \text{round}(255 \times G'_{sRGB}) \\ B_{sRGB(8)} &= \text{round}(255 \times B'_{sRGB}) \end{aligned} \quad (F.17)$$

NOTE Since 8 bit sYCC values are not limited by the gamut of 8 bit sRGB values, some kind of mapping is needed for the colours that contains over-ranged non-linear floating point sR'G'B' tristimulus values (under 0,0 or over 1,0), when converting 8 bit sYCC to 8 bit sRGB.

**F.5 Transformation from 8-bit sRGB values ( $R_{sRGB(8)}$ ,  $G_{sRGB(8)}$ ,  $B_{sRGB(8)}$ ) to 8-bit sYCC values ( $Y_{sYCC(8)}$ ,  $Cb_{sYCC(8)}$ ,  $Cr_{sYCC(8)}$ )**

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= R_{sRGB(8)} / 255 \\ G'_{sRGB} &= G_{sRGB(8)} / 255 \\ B'_{sRGB} &= B_{sRGB(8)} / 255 \end{aligned} \quad (F.18)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y'_{sYCC} \\ Cb'_{sYCC} \\ Cr'_{sYCC} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0,299 & 0 & 0,587 & 0 & 0,114 & 0 \\ -0,168 & 7 & -0,331 & 3 & 0,500 & 0 \\ 0,500 & 0 & -0,418 & 7 & -0,081 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R'_{sRGB} \\ G'_{sRGB} \\ B'_{sRGB} \end{bmatrix} \quad (F.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{sYCC(8)} &= \text{round}(255 \times Y'_{sYCC}) \\ Cb_{sYCC(8)} &= \text{round}[(255 \times Cb'_{sYCC}) + 128] \\ Cr_{sYCC(8)} &= \text{round}[(255 \times Cr'_{sYCC}) + 128] \end{aligned} \quad (F.20)$$

## Annex G (informative)

### Extended gamut encoding for sRGB: bg-sRGB and its YCC transformation: bg-sYCC

#### G.1 General

This annex provides equations necessary for extended gamut encoding for sRGB. While the main body of this standard imply that extended gamut encoding is possible by replacing the  $KDC$  and  $WDC$  variables in equations 2 and 11, no clear recommendation is given. This annex provides such specific recommendations, where for 10 bits,  $KDC = 384$  and  $WDC = 894$  ( $KDC = 3 \times 2^{(N-3)}$  and  $WDC = 255 \times 2^{(N-9)} + KDC$ , for  $N$  bits where  $N > 10$ ). This encoding is called bg-sRGB, and its YCC transformation is called bg-sYCC.

#### G.2 Transformation from bg-sRGB values ( $R_{bg-sRGB}$ , $G_{bg-sRGB}$ , $B_{bg-sRGB}$ ) to CIE 1931 XYZ values

The non-linear floating point sR'G'B' values can be computed using following relationship

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= (R_{bg-sRGB} - KDC) / (WDC - KDC) \\ G'_{sRGB} &= (G_{bg-sRGB} - KDC) / (WDC - KDC) \\ B'_{sRGB} &= (B_{bg-sRGB} - KDC) / (WDC - KDC) \end{aligned} \quad (G.1)$$

For 30-bit encoding (10-bit/channel),  $WDC = 894$ ,  $KDC = 384$ , and the relationship is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= \frac{(R_{bg-sRGB(10)} - 384)}{510} \\ G'_{sRGB} &= \frac{(G_{bg-sRGB(10)} - 384)}{510} \\ B'_{sRGB} &= \frac{(B_{bg-sRGB(10)} - 384)}{510} \end{aligned} \quad (G.2)$$

30-bit encoding (10-bit/channel) shall be the default bg-sRGB encoding bit depth. Other bit depths may be unsupported in general use.

Where other  $N$ -bit/channel encoding is supported ( $N > 10$ ), the relationship is defined as;

$$\begin{aligned} R'_{sRGB} &= \frac{(R_{bg-sRGB(N)} - (3 \times 2^{(N-3)}))}{255 \times 2^{(N-9)}} \\ G'_{sRGB} &= \frac{(G_{bg-sRGB(N)} - (3 \times 2^{(N-3)}))}{255 \times 2^{(N-9)}} \\ B'_{sRGB} &= \frac{(B_{bg-sRGB(N)} - (3 \times 2^{(N-3)}))}{255 \times 2^{(N-9)}} \end{aligned} \quad (G.2')$$