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Description The encoding of colour can be handled in many different ways, using different colour spaces. As different colour spaces have different uses, efficient conversion between these representations are important. The 'farver' package provides a set of functions that gives access to very fast colour space conversion and comparisons implemented in C++, and offers speed improvements over the 'convertColor' function in the 'grDevices' package.

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\textit{Calculate the distance between colours}

\section*{Description}

There are many ways to measure the distance between colours. \texttt{farver} provides 5 different algorithms, ranging from simple euclidean distance in RGB space, to different perceptual measures such as CIE2000.

\section*{Usage}

\begin{verbatim}
compare_colour(
  from, 
  to = NULL, 
  from_space, 
  to_space = from_space, 
  method = "euclidean", 
  white_from = "D65", 
  white_to = white_from 
)
\end{verbatim}

\section*{Arguments}

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>from, to</td>
<td>Numeric matrices with colours to compare - the format is the same as that for \texttt{convert_colour()}. If \textit{to} is not set \textit{from} will be compared with itself and only the upper triangle will get calculated</td>
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<tr>
<td>from_space, to_space</td>
<td>The colour space of \textit{from} and \textit{to} respectively. \textit{to_space} defaults to be the same as \textit{from_space}.</td>
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<tr>
<td>method</td>
<td>The method to use for comparison. Either &quot;euclidean&quot;, 'cie1976', 'cie94', 'cie2000', or 'cmc'</td>
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<td>white_from, white_to</td>
<td>The white reference of the \textit{from} and \textit{to} colour space. Will only have an effect for relative colour spaces such as Lab and luv. Any value accepted by \texttt{as_white_ref()} allowed.</td>
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**Value**

A numeric matrix with the same number of rows as colours in `from` and the same number of columns as colours in `to`. If `to` is not given, only the upper triangle will be returned.

**Handling of non-finite and out of bounds values**

NA, NaN, -Inf, and Inf are treated as invalid input and will result in NA values for the colour. If a given colourspace has finite bounds in some of their channels, the input will be capped before conversion, and the output will be capped before returning, so that both input and output colours are valid colours in their respective space. This means that converting back and forth between two colourspaces may result in a change in the colour if the gamut of one of the spaces is less than the other.

**Examples**

```r
r <- decode_colour(rainbow(10))
h <- decode_colour(heat.colors(15))

# Compare two sets of colours
compare_colour(r, h, 'rgb', method = 'cie2000')

# Compare a set of colours with itself
compare_colour(r, from_space = 'rgb', method = 'cmc')

# Compare colours from different colour spaces
h_luv <- convert_colour(h, 'rgb', 'luv')
compare_colour(r, h_luv, 'rgb', 'luv')
```

**Description**

This function lets you convert between different representations of colours. The API is reminiscent of `grDevices::convertColor()`, but the performance is much better. It is not assured that `grDevices::convertColor()` and `convert_colour()` provide numerically equivalent conversion at 16bit level as the formula used are potentially slightly different. For all intend and purpose, the resulting colours will be equivalent though.

**Usage**

```r
convert_colour(colour, from, to, white_from = "D65", white_to = white_from)
```
convert_colour

Arguments

colour
A numeric matrix (or an object coercible to one) with colours encoded in the rows and the different colour space values in the columns. For all colour spaces except 'cmyk' this will mean a matrix with three columns - for 'cmyk' it means four columns.

from, to
The input and output colour space. Allowed values are: "cmy", "cmyk", "hsl", "hsv", "lab" (CIE L*ab), "hunterlab" (Hunter Lab), "oklab", "lch" (CIE Lch(ab) / polarLAB), "luv", "rgb" (sRGB), "xyz", "yxy" (CIE xyY), "hcl" (CIE Lch(uv) / polarLuv), or "oklch" (Polar form of oklab)

white_from, white_to
The white reference of the from and to colour space. Will only have an effect for relative colour spaces such as Lab and luv. Any value accepted by as_white_ref() allowed.

Value
A numeric matrix with the same number of rows as colour and either 3 or 4 columns depending on the value of to. If colour is given as a data.frame the output will be a data.frame as well

Handling of non-finite and out of bounds values
NA, NaN, -Inf, and Inf are treated as invalid input and will result in NA values for the colour. If a given colourspace has finite bounds in some of their channels, the input will be capped before conversion, and the output will be capped before returning, so that both input and output colours are valid colours in their respective space. This means that converting back and forth between two colour spaces may result in a change in the colour if the gamut of one of the spaces is less than the other.

Note
This function and convertColor() are not numerically equivalent due to rounding errors, but for all intend and purpose they give the same results.

See Also
grDevices::convertColor(), grDevices::col2rgb()

Examples
spectrum <- decode_colour(rainbow(10))
spec_lab <- convert_colour(spectrum, 'rgb', 'lab')
spec_lab

# Convert between different white references
convert_colour(spec_lab, 'lab', 'lab', white_from = 'D65', white_to = 'F10')
**decode_colour**

*Decode RGB hex-strings into colour values*

**Description**

This is a version of `grDevices::col2rgb()` that returns the colour values in the standard form expected by farver (matrix with a row per colour). As with `encode_colour()` it can do colour conversion on the fly, meaning that you can decode a hex string directly into any of the supported colour spaces.

**Usage**

```r
decode_colour(colour, alpha = FALSE, to = "rgb", white = "D65", na_value = NA)
```

**Arguments**

- `colour`: A character vector of hex-encoded values or a valid colour name as given in `grDevices::colours()`.
- `alpha`: If `TRUE` the alpha channel will be returned as well (scaled between 0 and 1). If no alpha channel exists in the colour it will be assumed 1. If `FALSE` any alpha channel is ignored.
- `to`: The output colour space. Allowed values are: "cmy", "cmyk", "hsl", "hsb", "hsv", "lab" (CIE L*ab), "hunterlab" (Hunter Lab), "oklab", "lch" (CIE Lch(ab) / polarLAB), "luv", "rgb" (sRGB), "xyz", "yxy" (CIE xyY), "hcl" (CIE Lch(uv) / polarLuv), or "oklch" (Polar form of oklab)
- `white`: The white reference of the output colour space. Will only have an effect for relative colour spaces such as Lab and luv. Any value accepted by `as_white_ref()` allowed.
- `na_value`: A valid colour string or NA to use when `colour` contains NA elements. The general approach in farver is to carry NA values over, but if you want to mimic `col2rgb()` you should set `na_value = 'transparent'`, i.e. treat NA as transparent white.

**Value**

A numeric matrix with a row for each element in `colour` and either 3, 4, or 5 columns depending on the value of `alpha` and `to`.

**Handling of non-finite and out of bounds values**

NA, NaN, -Inf, and Inf are treated as invalid input and will result in NA values for the colour. If a given colourspace has finite bounds in some of their channels, the input will be capped before conversion, and the output will be capped before returning, so that both input and output colours are valid colours in their respective space. This means that converting back and forth between two colourspaces may result in a change in the colour if the gamut of one of the spaces is less than the other.
See Also

Other encoding and decoding functions: encode_colour(), manip_channel

Examples

# basic use
decode_colour(c("#43e1f6", 'steelblue', '#67ce9fe4'))

# Return alpha as well (no alpha value is interpreted as 1)
decode_colour(c("#43e1f6", 'steelblue', '#67ce9fe4'), alpha = TRUE)

# Decode directly into specific colour space
decode_colour(c("#43e1f6", 'steelblue', '#67ce9fe4'), to = 'lch')

encode_colour

Encode colours into RGB hex-strings

Description

This is a version of grDevices::rgb() that works with the standard colour format used in farver (matrix or data.frame with colours in rows). It further support taking input from any colour space.

Usage

encode_colour(colour, alpha = NULL, from = "rgb", white = "D65")

Arguments

colour
A numeric matrix (or an object coercible to one) with colours encoded in the rows and the different colour space values in the columns. For all colourspace except 'cmyk' this will mean a matrix with three columns - for 'cmyk' it means four columns.

alpha
A numeric vector between 0 and 1. Will be recycled to the number of rows in colour. If NULL or a single NA it will be ignored.

from
The input colour space. Allowed values are: "cmy", "cmyk", "hs1", "hsb", "hsv", "lab" (CIE L*ab), "hunterlab" (Hunter Lab), "oklab", "1ch" (CIE Lch(ab) / polarLAB), "1uv", "rgb" (sRGB), "xyz", "yxy" (CIE xyY), "hcl" (CIE Lch(uv) / polarLuv), or "oklch" (Polar form of oklab)

white
The white reference of the input colour space. Will only have an effect for relative colour spaces such as Lab and luv. Any value accepted by as_white_ref() allowed.

Value

A character vector with colours encoded as #RRGGBB(AA)
Handling of non-finite and out of bounds values

NA, NaN, -Inf, and Inf are treated as invalid input and will result in NA values for the colour. If a given colourspace has finite bounds in some of their channels, the input will be capped before conversion, and the output will be capped before returning, so that both input and output colours are valid colours in their respective space. This means that converting back and forth between two colourspaces may result in a change in the colour if the gamut of one of the spaces is less than the other.

Note

The output may differ slightly from that of grDevices::rgb() since rgb() doesn't round numeric values correctly.

See Also

Other encoding and decoding functions: decode_colour(), manip_channel

Examples

spectrum <- decode_colour(rainbow(10))

encode_colour(spectrum)

# Attach alpha values
encode_colour(spectrum, alpha = c(0.5, 1))

# Encode from a different colour space
spectrum_hcl <- convert_colour(spectrum, 'rgb', 'hcl')
encode_colour(spectrum_hcl, from = 'hcl')

manip_channel

Modify colour space channels in hex-encoded colour strings

Description

This set of functions allows you to modify colours as given by strings, without first decoding them. For large vectors of colour values this should provide a considerable speedup.

Usage

set_channel(
  colour,
  channel,
  value,
  space = "rgb",
  white = "D65",
  na_value = NA
)
manip_channel

)

add_to_channel(
    colour,
    channel,
    value,
    space = "rgb",
    white = "D65",
    na_value = NA
)

multiply_channel(
    colour,
    channel,
    value,
    space = "rgb",
    white = "D65",
    na_value = NA
)

raise_channel(
    colour,
    channel,
    value,
    space = "rgb",
    white = "D65",
    na_value = NA
)

cap_channel(
    colour,
    channel,
    value,
    space = "rgb",
    white = "D65",
    na_value = NA
)

get_channel(colour, channel, space = "rgb", white = "D65", na_value = NA)

Arguments

colour A character string giving colours, either as hexadecimal strings or accepted colour names.

channel The channel to modify or extract as a single letter, or 'alpha' for the alpha channel.

value The value to modify with

space The colour space the channel pertains to. Allowed values are: "cmy", "cmyk", "cmyk", "rgb", "hsv".
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- "hsl", "hsb", "hsv", "lab" (CIE L*ab), "hunterlab" (Hunter Lab), "oklab", "lch" (CIE Lch(ab) / polarLAB), "luv", "rgb" (sRGB), "xyz", "yxy" (CIE xyY), "hcl" (CIE Lch(uv) / polarLuv), or "oklch" (Polar form of oklab)

**white**

The white reference of the channel colour space. Will only have an effect for relative colour spaces such as Lab and luv. Any value accepted by `as_white_ref()` allowed.

**na_value**

A valid colour string or NA to use when `colour` contains NA elements. The general approach in farver is to carry NA values over, but if you want to mimick `col2rgb()` you should set `na_value = 'transparent'`, i.e. treat NA as transparent white.

**Value**

A character vector of the same length as `colour` (or a numeric vector in the case of `get_channel()`)

**See Also**

Other encoding and decoding functions: `decode_colour()`, `encode_colour()`

**Examples**

```r
spectrum <- rainbow(10)

# set a specific channel
set_channel(spectrum, 'r', c(10, 50))
set_channel(spectrum, 'l', 50, space = 'lab')
set_channel(spectrum, 'alpha', c(0.5, 1))

# Add value to channel
add_to_channel(spectrum, 'r', c(10, 50))
add_to_channel(spectrum, 'l', 50, space = 'lab')

# Multiply a channel
multiply_channel(spectrum, 'r', c(10, 50))
multiply_channel(spectrum, 'l', 50, space = 'lab')

# set a lower bound on a channel
raise_channel(spectrum, 'r', c(10, 50))
raise_channel(spectrum, 'l', 20, space = 'lab')

# set an upper bound on a channel
cap_channel(spectrum, 'r', c(100, 50))
cap_channel(spectrum, 'l', 20, space = 'lab')
```
native-encoding

Convert to and from the R native colour representation

Description

Colours in R are internally encoded as integers when they are passed around to graphics devices. The encoding splits the 32 bit in the integer between red, green, blue, and alpha, so that each get 8 bit, equivalent to 256 values. It is very seldom that an R user is subjected to this representation, but it is present in the nativeRaster format which can be obtained from e.g. capturing the content of a graphic device (using dev.cap()) or reading in PNG files using png::readPNG(native = TRUE). It is very rare that you might need to convert back and forth between this format, but it is provided here for completeness.

Usage

encode_native(colour, ...)

decode_native(colour)

Arguments

colour For encode_native either a vector of hex-encoded colours/colour names or a matrix encoding colours in any of the supported colour spaces. If the latter, the colours will be encoded to a hex string using encode_colour() first. For decode_native it is a vector of integers.

... Arguments passed on to encode_colour()

Value

encode_native() returns an integer vector and decode_native() returns a character vector, both matching the length of the input.

Examples

# Get native representation of navyblue and #228B22
native_col <- encode_native(c('navyblue', '#228B22'))
native_col

# Convert back
decode_native(native_col)
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