

Contrast steps C_{Y_i} (i=1 to 8), and absolute and relative Gamma according to ISO 9241–306¹⁾

Contrast step C_{Y_i} and Y -ratio (i=1 .. 8)	CIE tristimulus values; Ratio $Y_w : Y_n$ of White W and Black N	CIE tristimulus values; Range $Y_{N1} \dots Y_{N2}$	absolute Gamma $G_{Pk}(k=-3 \text{ to } 4)$ for display (P) with $G_{P0}=1,86^2)$ $G_{Pk}=1,86-0,18k$	relative Gamma $g_{Pk}(k=-3 \text{ to } 4)$ for display (P) with $G_{P0}=1,86^2$ $g_{Pk}=G_{Pk}/1,86$	application and colour mode at work place; illuminance on display 500 lux or 250/125/62 lux
$C_{Y_8} \mathbf{288:1}$	88,9 : 0,31	0,00 ... <0,46	$G_{P,-3} = 2,40$	$g_{P,-3} = 1,29$	display, only 062 lux
$C_{Y_7} \mathbf{144:1}$	88,9 : 0,62	0,46 ... <0,93	$G_{P,-2} = 2,22$	$g_{P,-2} = 1,20$	display, only 125 lux
$C_{Y_6} \mathbf{72:1}$	88,9 : 1,25	0,93 ... <1,87	$G_{P,-1} = 2,04$	$g_{P,-1} = 1,10$	display, only 250 lux
$C_{Y_5} \mathbf{36:1}$ 88,9 : 2,50	1,87 ... <3,75	$G_{P0} = 1,86$	$g_{P0} = 1,00$		display & surface
$C_{Y_4} \mathbf{18:1}$	88,9 : 5,00	3,75 ... <7,50	$G_{P1} = 1,68$	$g_{P1} = 0,90$	display & surface
$C_{Y_3} \mathbf{9:1}$	88,9 : 10,0	7,50 ... <15,0	$G_{P2} = 1,50$	$g_{P2} = 0,81$	display & surface
$C_{Y_2} \mathbf{4,5:1}$	88,9 : 20,0	15,0 ... <30,0	$G_{P3} = 1,32$	$g_{P3} = 0,71$	display & surface
$C_{Y_1} \mathbf{2,25:1}^3)$	88,9 : 40,0	30,0 ... <60,0	$G_{P4} = 1,14$	$g_{P4} = 0,61$	display & surface

1) The example is intended for data projectors (P) with $G_{P0}=1,86$. Compare NTSC television: $G_{P0}=1,8$.

2) The computer operating system Apple has used the value 1,8 until 2010. The change to 2,4 (= Windows) is in the wrong direction.

3) For the contrast $C_Y=2:1$ the viewing luminances of both the black in the projection and the white standard offset paper are equal (!). Visual fatigue caused by the adaptation luminance ratio 36:1 of the black at the screen and the black at the paper shall be reduced.

If for example a grey screen with the CIE tristimulus value $Y_Z = 22,2$ ($=0,25*88,9$) is used the contrast step C_{Y_i} remains constant.

Then the luminance ratio of all colours at the screen and the paper has reduced to 9:1. This reduces visual fatigue.