

Weber-Fechner law in CIE 230:2019 for threshold colour differences of surface colours; relations between tristimulus value, luminance, and lightness

The Weber-Fechner law describes the lightness L^*_{FW} as logarithmic function of L_{FW} .
The Stevens law describes the lightness L^*_{CIELAB} as potential function of $L_{FW}=Y/90$.
 $L^*_{CIELAB} = 116 L_{FW}^{1/3} - 16 = 66 L_{FW}^{1/3} - 16$, Approximation: $L^*_{FEUC,RGB} = 100 L_{FW}^{1/2.4}$ [1]
The Weber-Fechner law is equivalent to the equation: $\Delta L_{FW} = c_W L_{FW}$ [2]
Integration leads to the logarithmic equation: $L^*_{FW} = t_W \log(L_{FW})$ [3]
Derivation leads for $\Delta L^*_{FW} = 1$ to the linear equation: $L_{FW} / \Delta L_{FW} = t_W = 57$. [4]
For adjacent Colours in offices the standard contrast range is 25:1=90:3,6.

Table 1: CIE tristimulus value Y, luminance L, and lightness L*

| Colour (matte paper) | tristimulus values | SDR office luminance | relative luminance | CIE LAB _W lightness | TUBLOG _U lightness |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Contrast W:N (25:1=90:3,6) | Y | L [cd/m ²] | L_{FW} / L_{FW} $= L / L_W$ | $L^*_{CIELAB W} = c_W L_{FW}^{1/3} - 16$ | $L^*_{TUBLOG U} = t_U \log(L_{FW}) + 50$ |
| White W (paper) | 90 =18*5 | 142 =28,2*5 | 5 | 1 | 96=50+46 =c(1) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(5)+50 |
| Grey U (paper) | 18 | 28,2 | 1 | 0,2 | 49=50-1 =c(0,2) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(1)+50 |
| Black N (paper) | 3,6 =18/5 | 5,6 28,2/5 | 0,2 | 0,04 | 22=50-28 =c(0,04) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,2)+50 |

It is valid: CIE LAB_W: c_W=c=116, TUBLOG_U: t_U=t=50/log(5)=57

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Colorimetric scaling of achromatic colours between peak white and black. Relations between tristimulus value Y, luminance L, and lightness L* of ISO-standards

| Colour (light or paper) | tristimulus values | HDR display luminance | relative luminance | CIE LAB _W lightness | TUBLOG _U lightness |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Contrast W:N (25:1=90:3,6) | Y | L [cd/m ²] | L_{FW} / L_{FW} $= L / L_W$ | $L^*_{CIELAB W} = c_W L_{FW}^{1/3} - 16$ | $L^*_{TUBLOG U} = t_U \log(L_{FW}) + 50$ |
| White P2 (light) | 360 =18*20 | 800 =40*20 | 25 | 2,24 | 100=50+50 =c(2,00) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(10,00)+50 |
| White P1 (light) | 180 =18*10 | 400 =40*10 | 20 | 1,00 | 76=50+26 =c(1,00) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(5,00)+50 |
| White W (fluorescent paper) | 90 =18*5 | 200 =40*5 | 5 | 0,45 | 54=50+4 =c(0,45) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(2,24)+50 |
| Grey U (paper) | 18 =18*1 | 40 40*1 | 1 | 0,20 | 37=50-12 =c(0,20) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(1,00)+50 |
| Black N (paper) | 3,6 =18/5 | 8 40/5 | 0,20 | 0,09 | 25=50-24 =c(0,09) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,44)+50 |
| Black p1 (glossy paper) | 2,5 =18/7 | 5,7 40/7 | 0,14 | 0,04 | 15=50-34 =c(0,04) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,20)+50 |
| Black p2 (glossy paper) | 1,8 =18/10 | 4 40/10 | 0,10 | 0,022 | 8=50-41 =c(0,02) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,10)+50 |

It is valid: CIE LAB_W: c_W=c=116, TUBLOG_U: t_U=t=50/log(5)=72

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Colorimetric scaling of achromatic colours between white and black. Relations between tristimulus value Y, luminance L, and lightness L* of ISO-standards

| Colour (light or paper) | tristimulus values | HDR display luminance | relative luminance | CIE LAB _U lightness | TUBLOG _U lightness |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Contrast W:N (25:1=90:3,6) | Y | L [cd/m ²] | L_{FW} / L_{FW} $= L / L_W$ | $L^*_{CIE LAB U} = d_U L_{FW}^{1/3} - 16$ | $L^*_{TUBLOG U} = t_U \log(L_{FW}) + 50$ |
| White P2 (light) | 360 =18*20 | 800 =40*20 | 25 | 2,24 | 161=50+111 =d(11,2) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(20)+50 |
| White P1 (light) | 180 =18*10 | 400 =40*10 | 20 | 1,00 | 125=50-75 =d(5,00) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(10)+50 |
| White W (fluorescent paper) | 90 =18*5 | 200 =40*5 | 5 | 0,45 | 95=50+45 =d(2,24) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(5,00)+50 |
| Grey U (paper) | 18 =18*1 | 40 40*1 | 1 | 0,20 | 49=50-1 =d(1,00) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(1)+50 |
| Black N (paper) | 3,6 =18/5 | 8 40/5 | 0,20 | 0,09 | 22=50-27 =d(0,45) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,20)+50 |
| Black p1 (glossy paper) | 2,5 =18/7 | 5,7 40/7 | 0,14 | 0,04 | 17=50-32 =d(0,20) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,14)+50 |
| Black p2 (glossy paper) | 1,8 =18/10 | 4 40/10 | 0,10 | 0,022 | 14=50-35 =d(0,09) ^{1/3} -16 =tlog(0,10)+50 |

It is valid: CIE LAB_U: d_U=d=66, TUBLOG_U: t_U=t=40/log(5)=57

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Colorimetric scaling of achromatic colours between peak white and black. Relations between tristimulus value Y, luminance L, and lightness L* of ISO-standards

| Colour (light or paper) | tristimulus values | HDR display luminance | relative luminance | IECs RGB _W lightness | TUBLOG _U lightness |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Contrast W:N (25:1=90:3,6) | Y | L [cd/m ²] | L_{FW} / L_{FW} $= L / L_W$ | $L^*_{IECs RGB W} = s_W L_{FW}^{1/2.4}$ | $L^*_{TUBLOG U} = t_U \log(L_{FW}) + 50$ |
| White P2 (light) | 360 =18*20 | 800 =40*20 | 25 | 2,24 | 170=50+120 =s(2,24) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(20)+50 |
| White P1 (light) | 180 =18*10 | 400 =40*10 | 20 | 1,00 | 127=50+77 =s(1,00) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(10)+50 |
| White W (fluorescent paper) | 90 =18*5 | 200 =40*5 | 5 | 0,45 | 95=50+45 =s(0,45) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(5,00)+50 |
| Grey U (paper) | 18 =18*1 | 40 40*1 | 1 | 0,20 | 48=50-1 =s(0,20) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(1)+50 |
| Black N (paper) | 3,6 =18/5 | 8 40/5 | 0,20 | 0,09 | 25=50-24 =s(0,09) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(0,20)+50 |
| Black p1 (glossy paper) | 2,5 =18/7 | 5,7 40/7 | 0,14 | 0,04 | 21=50-28 =s(0,04) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(0,14)+50 |
| Black p2 (glossy paper) | 1,8 =18/10 | 4 40/10 | 0,10 | 0,022 | 18=50-31 =s(0,02) ^{1/2.4} =tlog(0,10)+50 |

It is valid: IECs RGB_W: s_W=s=100, TUBLOG_U: t_U=t=40/log(5)=57

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