

Lightness L^*_W for surround white W

For adjacent surface colours in the range $3,6 < L < 90$

or the digital range $100/255 = 0,39 < L < 100$ it is valid:

$$L^*_W = a (L/L_W)^k \quad [1] \quad a=100; L_W=142\text{cd/m}^2; k=0,50$$

$$= b (L/L_u)^k \quad [2] \quad b=a(L_u/L_W)^k=42; L_u=18$$

For $L=L_u$ it is valid: $L^*=42$.

Derivation of equation [2] gives with $1-k = 0,50$:

$$\delta(L^*_W)/\delta L = c (L/L_u)^{1-k} \quad [3] \quad c = (b k)/L_u = 21/18 = 1,17$$

or for the treshold $\delta(L^*_W)=1$

$$\delta L = d (L/L_u)^{1-k} \quad [4] \quad d = L_u/(b k) = 18/21 = 0,86$$

For the surround lightness $L^*_{W_u} = 50$ with $L=L_u$ the threshold is:

$\delta L_u = 0,86$. This threshold is *independent* of k .