

higher colour metric (color data: nonlinear relation to CIE 1931 data)

nonlinear color terms	name and relationship with tristimulues or chromaticity values	notes
lightness	$L^* = 116 (Y / 100)^{1/3} - 16 \quad (Y > 0,8)$ approximation: $L^* = 100 (Y/100)^{1/2,4} \quad (Y > 0)$	CIELAB 1976
chroma	<i>nonlinear transform chromatic values A, B</i>	
red–green	$a^* = 500 [(X / X_n)^{1/3} - (Y / Y_n)^{1/3}]$ $= 500 (a' - a'_n) Y^{1/3}$	CIELAB 1976
yellow–blue	$b^* = 200 [(Y / Y_n)^{1/3} - (Z / Z_n)^{1/3}]$ $= 500 (b' - b'_n) Y^{1/3}$	CIELAB 1976 <i>n=D65</i>
radial	$C^*_{ab} = [a^{*2} + b^{*2}]^{1/2}$	<i>(background)</i>
chromaticity	<i>nonlinear transform chromaticities x/y, z/y</i>	<i>compare to log cone excitation</i>
red–green	$a' = (1 / X_n)^{1/3} (x / y)^{1/3}$ $= 0,2191 (x / y)^{1/3} \quad \text{for D65}$	$\log[L / (L+M)]$
yellow–blue	$b' = - 0,4 (1 / Z_n)^{1/3} (z / y)^{1/3}$ $= - 0,08376 (z / y)^{1/3} \quad \text{for D65}$	$= \log[P / (P+D)]$
radial	$c'_{ab} = [(a' - a'_n)^2 + (b' - b'_n)^2]^{1/2}$	$\log[S / (L+M)]$ $= \log[T / (P+D)]$