

CIELAB 1976 $L^*a^*b^*$ -color space definition and reversal

$$L^* = 116 (Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - 16$$

$$a^* = 500 [(X/X_n)^{1/3} - (Y/Y_n)^{1/3}]$$

$$b^* = 200 [(Y/Y_n)^{1/3} - (Z/Z_n)^{1/3}]$$

$$X = X_n [(L^* + 16) / 116 + a^*/500]^3$$

$$Y = Y_n [(L^* + 16) / 116]^3$$

$$Z = Z_n [(L^* + 16) / 116 - b^*/200]^3$$