Subject: Re: Making color images from 3 grayscale images Posted by saken on Fri, 21 Jan 1994 16:41:06 GMT

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In article <1994Jan20.183743.1398@news.uit.no>, roy@mack.uit.no (Roy Oestensen) writes:
> Does anybody have experience with constructing a true color image
> from three grayscale images (R+G+B) in IDL?
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> I have several astronomical images that have been made in appropriate
> wavebands, and would very much like to construct real RGB images for
> publishing.
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> If anybody out there have the IDL programs that does this kind of stuff,
> please let me know!
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I> Roy OEstensen
                       * E-mail: roy@mack.uit.no
                                                     ** "Sometimes I think I
|> Auroral Observatory
                                            ** understand everything
|> University of Tromsoe * PLEASE NOTE: The letters
                                                         ** ---- Then I regain
> Norway
                    * oe and OE is \o and \O in TeX ** consciousness..."
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The IDL manual talks at great length about this in the Postscript section. I've followed their procedure with great success. However, I find it very useful to use the COLOR_QUAN procedure to "preview" the image on an 8-bit display. Slight changes in the scaling for your input color planes can have a large effect on the final color of the image.

jon saken