
Subject: Re: Image processing question

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rkj@dukebar.crml.uab.edu (R. Kyle Justice) writes:

> How do I convert a color image(.jpg) to grayscale?
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> I am using PV-Wave's Image_Read function to read the image,
> which stores all the image info in an associative array.
> Do I simply take the maximum RGB intensity value at each
> pixel in the 'pixels' array (xdim,ydim,3)? This gives me
> a grayscale image, but I'm not sure this is the "correct"
> one.

There is no one "correct" conversion from RGB to grayscale, since it depends on the sensitivity response curve of your detector to light as a function of wavelength. A common one in use is:

$$Y = 0.3 * R + 0.59 * G + 0.11 * B$$

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