
Subject: Re: color_quan - how for exactly 256 colors?
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2003 15:50:45 GMT
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Oliver Thilmann writes:

- > color_quan seems no viable choice: the statistical
- > method does not produce exact results

What does this mean!? By definition, there will be no "exact" results when you sample 16.7 million colors down to 256. It just, uh..., mathematically can't be done. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [justspam03](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2003 08:01:33 GMT
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- > David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
- > news:<MPG.19f86c414eaf8be5989719@news.frii.com>...

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- > done. :-)

What I mean is: I know that my image contains not more than 256 different RGB colors (out of 16.7 million) - I created the RGB image from an indexed image and now I want to transform it back. This can be done exactly and I wondered whether IDL provides a method to get that done.

Cheers,
Oliver
