
Subject: Re: RGB Color reconstruction

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 18:31:13 GMT

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rpertaub@gmail.com writes:

> I am doing some RGB color reconstruction and I am confused by some of
> the display. I tried to paste my image for greater clarity, but could
> not, so will try to explain as clearly as possible. Here is the simple
> code I am using with three image frames for the 3 RGB channels:

```
>  
> maxes=lonarr(3)  
> maxes[0]=max(final_red)  
> maxes[1]=max(final_grn)  
> maxes[2]=max(final_blu)  
>  
> final_image=lonarr(3,1272,1052)  
> final_image[0,*,*] = bytscl(final_blu,max=maxes[2])  
> final_image[1,*,*] = bytscl(final_red,max=maxes[0])  
> final_image[2,*,*] = bytscl(final_grn,max=maxes[1])  
>  
> window,3,title='Reconstructed Cube RGB Image',xsize=1200,ysize=900  
> tvscl,final_image,true=1
```

>
> I get my RGB image thus. Then, I look at one region that is clearly
> blue in color and click on it to get the int of each channel. My print
> out int is thus:

```
>  
> 450nm (blue-ish):3871  
> 550nm(green-ish):12518  
> 650nm(red-ish):14212
```

>
> Clearly from the intensities, red channel has the highest intensity.
> Blue is in fact the lowest. Yet, the image at that pixel was BLUE! I
> am obviously not understanding how tvscl,final_image,true=1 works...

>
> Any idea?

Well, quite a lot going wrong here, I think. :-)

First of all, you created a BGR image, instead of an RGB image.
Now I think about it, maybe that is the source of ALL your
problems. :-)

But I don't see why your are fooling around with the MAXES.
That part makes no sense at all to me, since BYTSCL would
do all this on its own.

I don't understand what you are doing to get "the int of each channel", but perhaps if you get the image planes in the right order this would be moot.

Cheers,

David

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 18:38:57 GMT

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Posted by rpertaub@gmail.com on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 19:06:09 GMT

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I changed the tvscl to tv, and indeed it makes no difference since I already bytescaled previously. I use the maxes because my maximum count for each channel is different (red is much more than green and blue).

I also switched the blue and red to get a real RGB opposed to BGR. The image does seem to have changed from an RGB to a BGR...an area which used to be all red is now all blue...however, again clicking on it and looking at counts at that blue pix for difference channels tells me that the red frame had more intensity there than the blue frame, yet the pixel color is blue. I would expect if the red frame to be much higher intensity the pixel to be a reddish purple...not blue..! still not understanding how true=1 creates an rgb image..

Subject: Re: RGB Color reconstruction

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 19:16:33 GMT

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What version of IDL are you using? And how are you determining the image value at that pixel location?

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It just loads the three planes of the 24-bit image into the three color channels. No magic there, at all. It would be the same as doing this:

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TV, BytScl(green), Channel=2
TV, BytScl(blue), Channel=3
```

Cheers,

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Posted by rpertaub@gmail.com on Tue, 30 Oct 2007 19:53:32 GMT
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On Oct 30, 3:16 pm, David Fanning <n...@dfanning.com> wrote:

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I am using IDL 6.3

But I also wanted to say thanks, as your questions pointed me to my mistake. I am doing hyperspectral imaging so it is a bit crazy with the many wave bands etc...but thanks again for your help!

rp
