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INTRODUCTION

New technologies in capturing and displaying wide-gamut colour images enable a new market of wide-gamut video colour content creation. Recent video standards for wide gamut colour space encoding such as IEC 61966-2-4 (xvYCC) were developed in order to be able to distribute content with a colour gamut that is extended with respect to classical colour gamuts such as defined by standards ITU-R BT.601 (standard definition television) and ITU-R BT.709 (high definition television). With the increasing popularity of wide gamut and high dynamic range contents and displays, the variety of colour gamuts of displays is expected to increase. This issue can be an obstacle to adoption of wide-gamut video colour contents in professional content creation since the compatibility of the contents to the employed displays, as well as the compatibility among different displays, is not ensured. The term display includes here any video colour reproduction equipment, such as direct view displays and projectors. Thanks to improvements in technology, the variety of colour gamuts and colour reproduction capacities of displays increases while the colour gamut and the colour encoding rules of existing colour space encoding standards are fixed.

To address this issue, IEC 61966-12-1: “Metadata for identification of colour gamut (Gamut ID)” specifies a colour gamut metadata scheme for video systems including information for colour reproduction. This metadata can apply to video content or displays. More specifically, improvements can be achieved if the wide-gamut colour content is created with the knowledge of the display colour gamut as well as if the colour reproduction in the display is done with the knowledge of the colour gamut of the pictorial content.

IEC 61966-12-1 has the capability to describe arbitrary 3D colour gamuts in a given colour space and include the full/medium profile for professional use and the simple profile for consumer use with easier product implementation. This approach is effective, but some ambiguities can occur in practical use. For example, if typical CE devices are able to decode the simple profile only, due to CPU and software limitations.

In this case, even if a sender device and a receiver device are "based on IEC 61966-12-1 standard",

a) the receiver device cannot handle the Gamut ID of incoming contents, if the sender device sends only full or medium profile.
b) the sender device should convert a full profile to a simple one for CE-devices, if the receiver can receive the simple profile only. But the conversion is not possible for all the cases.

Therefore, a simple Gamut ID profile standard of this standard has been developed to address this problem.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61966 specifies the colour gamut metadata format for video systems intended for use in CE (Consumer Electronics) devices. The metadata specified in this part of IEC 61966 is limited to the gamut description of additive three primary colours type displays whose white and black points have the same chromaticity. It is fundamentally based on the conventional VESA-EDID format.

When associated with content, the simple metadata format defines the gamut for which the content was created. It can be used by the display for controlled colour reproduction even if the display's colour gamut is different from that of the content.

When associated with a display, the simple metadata format defines the display colour gamut. It can be used during content creation to enable improved colour reproduction.

This standard provides the simplest, but unambiguous solution for typical CE devices that are based on colour gamut information communication.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-845, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 845: Lighting*

IEC 61966-12-1:2011, *Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management – Part 12-1: Metadata for identification of colour gamut (Gamut ID)*

IEC 61966-2-4, *Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management – Part 2-4: Colour management – Extended-gamut YCC colour space for video applications – xvYCC*

ISO 15076-1:2005, *Image technology colour management – Architecture, profile format and data structure – Part 1: Based on ICC.2010*