

**NAME**

falsecolor – make a false color RADIANCE picture

**SYNOPSIS**

**falsecolor** [ **-i** input ] [ **-p** picture ] [ **-cb** | **-cl** | **-cp** | **-c0** ] [ **-e** ] [ **-s** scale ] [ **-d** digits ] [ **-l** label ] [ **-n** ndivs ] [ **-lw** lwidth ] [ **-lh** lheight ] [ **-log** decades ] [ **-m** mult ] [ **-odim** ncols nrows ] [ **-orct** xmin ymin xmax ymax ] [ **-pal** palette ] [ **-r** redv ] [ **-g** grnv ] [ **-b** bluv ]

**falsecolor -palettes**

**DESCRIPTION**

*Falsecolor* produces a false color picture for lighting analysis. Input is a rendered Radiance picture.

By default, luminance is displayed on a linear scale from 0 to 1000 cd/m<sup>2</sup>, where dark areas are purple and brighter areas move through blue, green, red to yellow. A different scale can be given with the **-s** option. If the argument given to **-s** begins with an "a" for "auto," then the maximum is used for scaling the result. The default multiplier is 179, which converts from radiance or irradiance to luminance or illuminance, respectively. A different multiplier can be given with **-m** to get daylight factors or whatever. For a logarithmic rather than a linear mapping, the **-log** option can be used, where *decades* is the number of decades below the maximum scale desired.

The **-d** option controls the max number of decimal places printed for legend entries. The default is 3 decimal places.

A legend is produced for the new image with a label given by the **-l** option. The default label is "cd/m<sup>2</sup>", which is appropriate for standard Radiance images. If the **-i** option of *rpict(1)* was used to produce the image, then the appropriate label would be "Lux".

If contour lines are desired rather than just false color, the **-cl** option can be used. These lines can be placed over another Radiance picture using the **-p** option. If the input picture is given with **-ip** instead of **-i**, then it will be used both as the source of values and as the picture to overlay with contours. The **-cb** option produces contour bands instead of lines, where the thickness of the bands is related to the rate of change in the image. The **-cp** option creates a posterization effect where colours are banded without the background image showing through. The **-n** option can be used to change the number of contours (and corresponding legend entries) from the default value of 8. The **-lw** and **-lh** options may be used to change the legend dimensions from the default width and height of 100x200. A value of zero for either dimension eliminates the legend in the output.

The **-c0** option turns off false color output entirely, and is really only useful with the **-odim** option to overlay a matrix of values, or the **-e** option to print the extrema values, as described below. The **-c0** option simultaneously removes the legend.

The **-odim** option sets the number of columns and rows to overlay a value matrix on the false color output. The **-orct** option may be used to specify a subrectangle of the image to overlay, where the minimum x and y picture coordinates for the lower-left corner are given before the maximum coordinates corresponding to the upper-right corner. The input picture must still cover the entire image area and match the underlying background dimensions.

The **-e** option causes extrema points to be printed on the brightest and darkest pixels of the input picture, on top of any matrix values.

The **-pal** option provides different color palettes for *falsecolor*. The current choices are *spec* for the old spectral mapping, *tbo* for the "turbo" spectral mapping, *hot* for a thermal scale, *eco* for a blue-red-yellow scale, and *pm3d* for a variation of the default mapping, *def*. A Radiance HDR image of all available palettes can be created with the **-palettes** option. The remaining options, **-r**, **-g**, and **-b** are for changing the mapping of values to colors. These are expressions of the variable *v*, where *v* varies from 0 to 1. These options are not recommended for the casual user.

If no **-i** or **-ip** option is used, input is taken from the standard input. The output image is always written to standard output, which should be redirected, and is frequently converted to a non-HDR image format.

**EXAMPLES**

To create a false color image directly from *rpict(1)*:

```
rpict -vf default.vp scene.oct | falsecolor > scene.hdr
```

To show the available color palettes:

```
falsecolor -palettes | ximage
```

To create a logarithmic contour plot of illuminance values on a Radiance image:

```
rpict -i -vf default.vp scene.oct > irradiat.hdr
rpict -vf default.vp scene.oct > radiat.hdr
falsecolor -i irradiat.hdr -p radiat.hdr -cl -log 2 -l Lux > lux.hdr
```

To overlay a matrix of 3 columns by 4 rows on the image above:

```
falsecolor -odim 3 4 -i irradiat.hdr -p radiat.hdr -cl -log 2 -l Lux > lux.hdr
```

The same but without false color lines:

```
falsecolor -odim 3 4 -i irradiat.hdr -p radiat.hdr -c0 > lux.hdr
```

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**SEE ALSO**

getinfo(1), pcomb(1), pcompos(1), pextrem(1), pfilt(1), pflip(1), protate(1), psign(1), pvalue(1), ra\_tiff(1), ra\_bmp(1), rpict(1), ximage(1)