

*In these labs you should work through the problems on the sheet and type your answers into a Microsoft Word document. When you have completed the tasks, print the document and hand it in.*

*Your answers can benefit from having small sections of R output and graphs copied and pasted into your word document. It can be useful to limit the width of output produced by R so that it fits into your document. You can change the width of output produced by R with a command like: `options(width=50)`.*

*The labs will count for 1 mark in the current assignment. They will be graded on a 0-1 basis. Don't forget to put your name and student ID on the document.*

R has a variety of functions which allow you to control colour. These functions take numerical arguments and return character strings which are accepted as colour descriptions by R graphics functions.

1. The function `gray` takes values in the interval  $[0, 1]$  and returns shades of gray.

- (a) You can generate a “ramp” of 11 grays ranging from black to white as follows:

```
vals = seq(0, 1, length = 11)
gray(vals)
```

What do the `grays` values look like?

- (b) Plot the grays as follows:

```
barplot(rep(1,11), col = gray(vals),
        space = 0, border = NA)
```

You should see the effect of Mach banding in the image.

- (c) The gray's produced by the `gray` function are not perceptually evenly spaced. Try the command

```
barplot(rep(1,11), col = gray(vals^0.65),
        space = 0, border = NA)
```

and describe how the image has changed.

- (d) Using the `barplot` function is cheating. Write your own function to display colour ramps. The ramp will consist of a set of  $n$  rectangles, the  $i$ th one have its left side at  $x = i - 1$ , its right side at  $x = i$ , its base at  $y = 0$  and its top at  $y = 1$ . You should be able to plot all the rectangles with a single call to `rect`. (You will also need to make calls to `plot.new` and `plot.window`.)

2. The function `rgb` takes three separate values in the interval  $[0, 1]$  and interprets them as levels of red, green and blue primaries.

- (a) Make a colour ramp of 11 values by varying the value of the red primary from 0 to 1, holding the values for the green and blue at 0.

```
rgb(seq(0, 1 , length = 11), 0, 0)
```

Examine the resulting values.

- (b) Plot your red colour ramp using the function you created in 1(d). if your function doesn't work, you can find one by following the R Code link from the class web page.
  - (c) Try creating a red–white, white–blue colour ramp.
3. The function `hsv` can be used to create a colour schemes by specifying colours in HSV coordinates.

- (a) Create a rainbow using `hsv` and plot it using your colour ramp function.

```
n = 1001  
rainbow = hsv(seq(2/3, 0, length=n), 1, 1)
```

- (b) You may get a better rainbow if you apply a “gamma” correction to compensate for the nonlinearity of the monitor you are looking at. Try the following rainbow.

```
n = 1001  
rainbow = hsv(seq(2/3, 0, length=n), 1, 1, gamma = 0.5)
```

4. The function `hcl` in the `colorspace` library can be used to obtain equal-impact colours.

- (a) Try creating and plotting an equal impact palette of colours. You can do this as follows.

```
library(colorspace)  
rainbow = hcl((0:11/12)*360, 59, 75)
```

- (b) Try using a ramp of 1001 colours using `hcl` and see how this compares with the result of using `hsv`.