

# Specification

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# A Common File Format for Look-Up Tables

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Summary: This document specifies a human-readable text file format for the interchange of color transformations using an XML schema. The XML format supports Look-Up Tables of several types: 1D LUTs, 3D LUTs, and  $3 \times 1D$  LUTs, as well as additional transformation needs such as matrices, range rescaling, and 'shaper LUTs'. The document defines a processing model for color transformations where each transformation is defined by a 'Node' that operates upon a stream of image pixels. A node contains the data for a transformation, and a sequence of nodes can be specified in which the output of one transform feeds into the input of another node. The XML representation allows saving in a text file both a chain of multiple nodes or a single node representing a unique transform. The format is extensible and self-contained so the XML file may be used as an archival element.

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# Introduction

Look-Up Tables (LUTs) are a common implementation for transformations from one set of color values to another. With a large number of product developers providing software and hardware solutions for LUTs, there is an explosion of unique vendor-specific LUT file formats, which are often only trivially different from each other. This can create workflow problems when a LUT being used on a production is not supported by one or more of the applications being used. Furthermore, many LUT formats are designed for a particular use case only and lack the quality, flexibility, and metadata needed to meet modern requirements.

The Common LUT Format (CLF) can communicate an arbitrary chain of color operators (also called processing nodes) which are sequentially processed to achieve an end result. The set of available operator types includes matrices, 1D LUTs, 3D LUTs, ASC-CDL, log and exponential shaper functions, and more. Even when 1D or 3D LUTs are not present, CLF can be used to encapsulate any supported color transforms as a text file conforming to the XML schema.

# 1 Scope

This document introduces a human-readable text file format for the interchange of color transformations using an XML schema. The XML format supports Look-Up Tables of several types: 1D LUTs, 3D LUTs, and  $3 \times 1D$  LUTs, as well as additional transformation needs such as matrices, range rescaling, and "shaper LUTs."

The document defines what is a valid CLF file. Though it is not intended as a tutorial for users to create their own files, LUT creators will find it useful to understand the elements and attributes available for use in a CLF file. The document is also not intended to provide guidance to implementors on how to optimize their implementations, but does provide a few notes on the subject.

This document assumes the reader has knowledge of basic color transformation operators and XML.

# 2 References

The following standards, specifications, articles, presentations, and texts are referenced in this text:

IETF RFC 3066: IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force). RFC 3066: Tags for the Identification of Languages, ed. H. Alvestrand. 2001 IEEE DRAFT Standard P123

Academy S-2014-002, Academy Color Encoding System – Versioning System

Academy TB-2014-002, Academy Color Encoding System Version 1.0 User Experience Guidelines

ASC Color Decision List (ASC CDL) Transfer Functions and Interchange Syntax. ASC-CDL\_Release1.2. Joshua Pines and David Reisner. 2009-05-04.

# 3 Specification

A Common LUT Format (CLF) file shall be written using Extensible Markup Language (XML) and adhere to a defined XML structure.

The top level element in a CLF file defines a ProcessList which represents a sequential set of color transformations. The result of each individual color transformation feeds into the next transform in the list to create a daisy chain of transforms.

An application reads a CLF file and initializes a transform engine to perform the operations in the list. The transform engine reads as input a stream of code values of pixels, performs the calculations and/or interpolations, and writes an output stream representing a new set of code values for the pixels.

In the sequence of transformations described by a ProcessList, each ProcessNode performs a transform on a stream of pixel data. Only one input line (input pixel values) may enter a node and only one output line (output pixel values) may exit a node. A ProcessList may be defined to work on either 1component or 3-component pixel data, however all transforms in the list must be appropriate, especially in the 1-component case (black-and-white) where only 1D LUT operations are allowed. Implementation may process 1-component transforms by applying the same processing to R, G, and B.

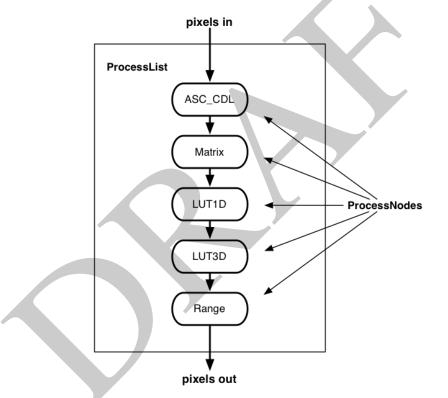


Figure 1 – Example of a Process List containing a sequence of multiple Process Nodes

The file format does not provide a mechanism to assign color transforms to either image sequences or image regions. However, the XML structure defining the LUT transform, a ProcessList, may be encapsulated in a larger XML structure potentially providing that mechanism. This mechanism is beyond the scope of this document.

Each CLF file shall be completely self-contained requiring no external information or metadata. The full content of a color transform must be included in each file and a color transform may not be incorporated by reference to another CLF file. This restriction ensures that each CLF file can be an independent archival element.

Each ProcessList shall be given a unique ID for reference.

The data for LUTs shall be an ordered array that is either all floats or all integers. When three RGB color components are present, it is assumed that these are red, green, and blue in that order. There is only one order for how the data array elements are specified in a LUT, which is in general from black to white (from the minimum input value position to the maximum input value position). Arbitrary ordering of list elements is not supported in the format (see Section 4 for details).

For 3D LUTs, the indexes to the cube are assumed to have regular spacing across the range of input values. To accommodate irregular spacing, a halfDomain 1D LUT or Log node should be used as a shaper function prior to the 3D LUT.

For simplicity, the CLF does not track color spaces, nor does it require an application to convert to a particular color space before use.  $3\times3$  and  $3\times4$  matrices may be defined in a ProcessNode for color conversion needs. Comment fields are provided so that the designer of a transform can indicate the intended usage. The application carries the burden of properly using the transform and/or maintaining pixels in the proper color space.

### 3.1 XML Structure

#### 3.1.1 General

A CLF file shall contain a single occurrence of the XML root element known as the ProcessList. The ProcessList element shall contain one or more elements known as ProcessNodes. The order and number of process nodes is determined by the designer of the CLF file.

NOTE: A series of operations may be rolled into a single 3D LUT process node or be maintained as discrete process nodes. The latter is recommended for better clarity of the processing steps, though in practice, a transform engine might preprocess discrete Process Nodes into a single LUT for performance (See Section 5.3).

An example of the overall structure of a simple CLF file is thus:

```
<precessList id="123">
<Matrix id="1">
data & metadata
</Matrix>
<LUT1D id="2">
data & metadata
</LUT1D>
<Matrix id="3">
data & metadata
</Matrix>
</ProcessList>
```

#### 3.1.2 XML Version and Encoding

A CLF file shall include a starting line that declares XML version number and character encoding. This line is mandatory once in a file and looks like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

#### 3.1.3 Comments

The file may also contain XML comments that may be used to describe the structure of the file or save information that would not normally be exposed to a database or to a user. XML comments are enclosed in brackets like so:

<!-- This is a comment -->

#### 3.1.4 Language

It is often useful to identify the natural or formal language in which text strings of XML documents are written. The special attribute named xml:lang may be inserted in XML documents to specify the language used in the contents and attribute values of any element in an XML document. The values of the attribute are language identifiers as defined by IETF RFC 3066. In addition, the empty string may be specified.

The language specified by xml:lang applies to the element where it is specified (including the values of its attributes), and to all elements in its content unless overridden with another instance of xml:lang. In particular, the empty value of xml:lang can be used to override a specification of xml:lang on an enclosing element, without specifying another language.

#### 3.1.5 White Space

Particularly when creating CLF files containing certain elements (such as Array, LUT1D, or LUT3D) it is desirable that single lines per entry are maintained so that file contents can be scanned more easily by a human reader. There exist some difficulties with maintaining this behavior as XML has some non-specific methods for handling white-space. Especially if files are re-written from an XML parser, white space will not necessarily be maintained. To maintain line layout, XML style sheets may be used for reviewing and checking the CLF file's entries.

#### 3.1.6 Newline Control Characters

Different end of line conventions, including  $\langle CR \rangle$ ,  $\langle LF \rangle$ , and  $\langle CRLF \rangle$ , are utilized between Mac, Unix, and Windows systems. Different newline characters may result in the collapse of values into one long line of text. To maintain intended linebreaks, CLF specifies that the 'newline' string, i.e. the byte(s) to be interpreted as ending each line of text, shall be the single code value  $10_{10} = 0A_{16}$  (ASCII 'Line Feed' character), also indicated  $\langle LF \rangle$ .

NOTE: Parsers of CLF files may choose to interpret Microsoft's  $\langle CR \rangle \langle LF \rangle$  or older-MacOS'  $\langle CR \rangle$  newline conventions, but CLF files should only be generated with the  $\langle LF \rangle$  encoding.

NOTE 2: <LF> is the newline convention native to all \*nix operating systems (including Linux and modern macOS).

## 4 XML Elements

### 4.1 Array

#### Description:

The Array element contains a table of entries with a single line for each grouping of values. The element is used in the LUT1D, LUT3D, and Matrix ProcessNodes. The dim attribute specifies the dimensions of the array and, depending on context, defines the size of a matrix or the length of a LUT table. The specific formatting of the dim attribute must match with the type of node in which it is being used. The usages are summarized below but specific requirements for each application of Array are described when it appears as a child element for a particular ProcessNode.

Attributes:

dim

(required)

Specifies the dimension of the LUT or the matrix and the number of color components. The dim attribute provides the dimensionality of the indexes, where:

4 entries represent the dimensions of a 3D cube and the number of components per entry.

e.g. dim = 17 17 17 3 indicates a 17-cubed 3D LUT with 3 color components

3 entries represent the matrix dimensions and component value.

e.g. dim = 3 3 3 indicates a  $3 \times 3$  matrix acting on 3-component values

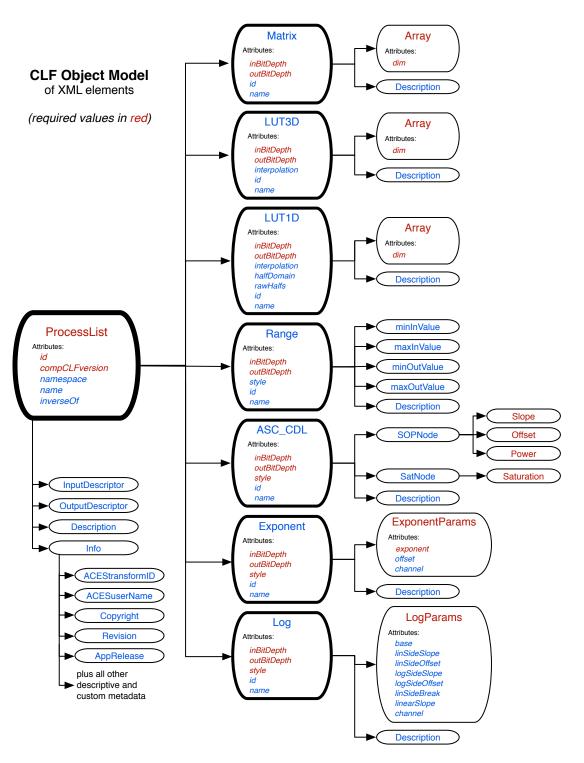


Figure 2 – Object Model of XML Elements

e.g. dim = 3 4 3 indicates a  $3 \times 4$  matrix acting on 3-component values 2 entries represent the length of the LUT and the component value (1 or 3). e.g. dim = 256 3 indicates a 256 element 1D LUT with 3 components (a  $3 \times 1D$  LUT) e.g. dim = 256 1 indicates a 256 element 1D LUT with 1 component (1D LUT)

#### 4.2 ProcessList

#### Description:

The ProcessList is the root element for any CLF file and is composed of one or more ProcessNodes. A ProcessList is required even if only one ProcessNode will be present.

NOTE: The last node of the ProcessList is expected to be the final output of the LUT. A LUT designer can allow floating-point values to be interpreted by applications and thus delay control of the final encoding through user selections.

NOTE 2: If needed, a Range node can be placed at the end of a ProcessList to control minimum and maximum output values and clamping.

Attributes:

id

(required)

a string to serve as a unique identifier of the ProcessList NOTE 3: This attribute may be used to contain the ACEStransformID which is mandatory for ACES transforms.

name

(optional)

a concise string used as a text name of the ProcessList for display or selection from an application's user interface

compCLFversion

(required)

a string indicating the minimum compatible CLF specification version required to read this file // The compCLFversion corresponding to this version of the specification is be "3.0".

inverse0f

#### (optional)

a string for linking to another ProcessList id (unique) which is the inverse of this one

#### Elements:

```
Description
```

#### (required)

a string for comments describing the function, usage, or any notes about the ProcessList. A ProcessList may contain one or more Descriptions.

#### Tnfo

#### (optional)

optional element for including additional custom metadata not needed to interpret the transforms. Includes:

(optional) AppRelease a string used for indicating application software release level

(optional) Copyright a string containing a copyright notice for authorship of the CLF file

Revision (optional)

a string used to track the version of the LUT itself (e.g. an increased resolution from a previous version of the LUT)

#### ACESInfo

(optional) container element for ACES metadata

ACEStransformID

(optional)

a string containing an ACES transform identifier as described in Academy S-2014-002. If the transform described by the ProcessList is the concatenation of several ACES transforms, this element may contain several ACES Transform Identifiers, separated by white space or line separators.

#### ACESuserName

(optional)

a string containing the user-friendly name recommended for use in product user interfaces as described in Academy TB-2014-002.

#### CalibrationInfo

(optional)

container element for calibration metadata used when making a LUT for a specific device. CalibrationInfo can contain the following child elements:

DisplayDeviceSerialNum

DisplayDeviceHostName

OperatorName

CalibrationDateTime

MeasurementProbe

CalibrationSoftwareName

CalibrationSoftwareVersion

#### InputDescriptor (optional)

an arbitrary string used to describe the intended source code values of the ProcessList.

#### OutputDescriptor

(optional)

an arbitrary string used to describe the intended output target of the ProcessList (e.g. target display)

ProcessNode

#### (required)

a generic XML element that in practice is substituted with a particular color operator. The ProcessList must contain at least one ProcessNode. The ProcessNode is described in Section 4.3.

### 4.3 ProcessNode

#### Description:

A ProcessNode element represents an operation to be applied to the image data. At least one ProcessNode element must be included in a ProcessList. The generic ProcessNode element contains attributes and elements that are common to and inherited by the specific sub-types of the ProcessNode element that can substitute for ProcessNode. All ProcessNode substitutes shall inherit the following attributes.

Attributes:

id

```
(optional)
```

a unique identifier for the ProcessNode

name

(optional)

a concise string defining a name for the ProcessNode that can be used by an application for display in a user interface

```
inBitDepth
```

(required)

a string indicating the number of bits and data type of the expected input values to ProcessNode. Input values can be either integers or floats.

outBitDepth

(required)

a string indicating the number of bits and data type of the output values generated by ProcessNode. Output values can be either integers or floats, independent of the input values. The supported values for both inBitDepth and outBitDepth are the same:

- "8i": 8-bit unsigned integer
- "10i": 10-bit unsigned integer
- "12i": 12-bit unsigned integer
- "16i": 16-bit unsigned integer
- "16f": 16-bit floating point (half-float)
- "32f": 32-bit floating point (single precision)

#### Elements:

Description

(optional)

an arbitrary string for describing the function, usage, or notes about the ProcessNode. A ProcessNode can contain one or more Descriptions.

### 4.4 Substitutes for ProcessNode

#### 4.4.1 General

The attributes and elements defined for ProcessNode are inherited by the substitutes for ProcessNode. This section defines the available substitutes for the generalized ProcessNode element.

The inBitDepth of a ProcessNode must match the outBitDepth of the preceding ProcessNode (if any).

#### 4.4.2 LUT1D

Description:

A 1D LUT transform uses an input pixel value, finds the two nearest index positions in the LUT, and then interpolates the output value using the entries associated with those positions.

The LUT1D element shall contain either a 1D LUT or a  $3 \times 1D$  LUT in the form of an Array. If the input to a LUT1D is an RGB value, the same LUT shall be applied to all three color components.

A  $3 \times 1D$  LUT transform looks up each color component in a separate LUT1D of the same length. In a  $3 \times 1D$  LUT, by convention, the LUT1D for the first component goes in the first column of Array.

The scaling of the array values is based on the outBitDepth (the inBitDepth is not considered).

The length of a 1D LUT should be limited to at most 65536 entries, and implementations are not required to support LUT1Ds longer than 65536 entries.

Linear interpolation shall be used for LUT1D. More information about linear interpolation can be found in Appendix C.

Elements:

Array

(required)

an array of numeric values that are the output values of the 1D LUT. Array shall contain the table entries of a LUT in order from minimum value to maximum value.

For a 1D LUT, one value per entry is used for all color channels. For a  $3 \times 1D$  LUT, each line should contain 3 values, creating a table where each column defines a 1D LUT for each color component. For RGB, the first column shall correspond to R's 1D LUT, the second column shall correspond to G's 1D LUT, and the third column shall correspond to B's 1D LUT.

#### Attributes:

dim

(required)

two integers that represent the dimensions of the array. The first value defines the length of the array and shall equal the number of entries (lines) in the LUT. The second value indicates the number of components per entry and shall equal 1 for a 1D LUT or 3 for a  $3 \times 1D$  LUT.

e.g. dim = "1024 3" indicates a 1024 element 1D LUT with 3 component color (a  $3 \times 1D$  LUT)

e.g. dim = "256 1" indicates a 256 element 1D LUT with 1 component color (a 1D LUT)

#### 4.4.3 LUT3D

#### Description:

This element specifies a 3D LUT. In a LUT3D element, the 3 color components of the input value are used to find the nearest indexed values along each axis of the 3D cube. The 3-component output value is calculated by interpolating within the volume defined by the nearest corresponding positions in the LUT.

LUT3Ds have the same dimension on all axes (i.e. Array dimensions are of the form "n n n 3"). A LUT3D with axial dimensions greater than 128x128x128 should be avoided.

The scaling of the array values is based on the outBitDepth (the inBitDepth is not considered).

#### Attributes:

interpolation

#### (optional)

a string indicating the preferred algorithm used to interpolate values in the 3DLUT. This attribute is optional with a default of "trilinear" if the attribute is not present.

Supported values are:

- "trilinear": perform trilinear interpolation

- "tetrahedral": perform tetrahedral interpolation

NOTE: Interpolation methods are specified in Appendix C.

#### Elements:

Array

#### (required)

an array of numeric values that are the output values of the 3D LUT. The Array shall contain the table entries for the LUT3D from the minimum to the maximum input values, with the third component index changing fastest.

# Attributes:

#### (required)

four integers that repersent the dimensions of the 3D LUT and the number of color components. The first three values define the dimensions of the LUT and if multiplied shall equal the number of entries actually present in the array. The fourth value indicates the number of components per entry.

4 entries have the dimensions of a 3D cube plus the number of components per entry.

e.g. dim = "17 17 17 3" indicates a 17-cubed 3D lookup table with 3 component color

NOTE 2: Array is formatted differently when it is contained in a LUT1D or Matrix element (see 4.1).

#### Examples:

```
<LUT3D id="lut-24" name="green look" interpolation="trilinear"
inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="16f">
<Description>3D LUT</Description>
<Array dim="2 2 2 3">
0.0 0.0 0.0
0.0 1.0 0.0
0.0 1.0 0.0
0.0 1.0 1.0
1.0 0.0 0.0
1.0 0.0 1.0
1.0 0.0 1.0
1.0 1.0 0.0
(/Array>
</LUT3D>
```

#### Example 1 – Example of a simple LUT3D

#### 4.4.4 Matrix

Description:

This element specifies a matrix transformation to be applied to the input values. The input and output of a Matrix are always 3-component values,

All matrix calculations should be performed in floating point, and input bit depths of integer type should be treated as scaled floats. If the input bit depth and output bit depth do not match, the coefficients in the matrix must incorporate the results of the 'scale' factor that will convert the input bit depth to the output bit depth (e.g. input of 10i with an output of 12i requires the matrix coefficients already have a factor of 4095/1023 applied). Changing the input or output bit depth requires creation of a new set of coefficients for the matrix.

The output values are calculated using row-order convention (Equation 4.1), which is equivalent in functionality to the equations in 4.2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ g_1 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_2 \\ g_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$r_2 = (r_1 \cdot a_{11}) + (g_1 \cdot a_{12}) + (b_1 \cdot a_{13})$$

$$g_2 = (r_1 \cdot a_{21}) + (g_1 \cdot a_{22}) + (b_1 \cdot a_{23})$$

$$b_2 = (r_1 \cdot a_{31}) + (g_1 \cdot a_{32}) + (b_1 \cdot a_{33})$$
(4.2)

Matrices using an offset calculation will have one more column than rows. An offset matrix may be defined using a  $3 \times 4$  Array (4.3), wherein the fourth column is used to specify offset terms,  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ , that are added to the result of the normal matrix calculations (4.4).

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & k_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & k_2 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & k_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ g_1 \\ b_1 \\ 1.0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r_2 \\ g_2 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(4.3)

$$r_{2} = (r_{1} \cdot a_{11}) + (g_{1} \cdot a_{12}) + (b_{1} \cdot a_{13}) + k_{1}$$

$$g_{2} = (r_{1} \cdot a_{21}) + (g_{1} \cdot a_{22}) + (b_{1} \cdot a_{23}) + k_{2}$$

$$b_{2} = (r_{1} \cdot a_{31}) + (g_{1} \cdot a_{32}) + (b_{1} \cdot a_{33}) + k_{3}$$
(4.4)

Elements:

Array

```
(required)
```

a table that provides the coefficients of the transformation matrix. The matrix dimensions are either  $3 \times 3$  or  $3 \times 4$ . The matrix is serialized row by row from top to bottom and from left to right, i.e., " $a_{11} a_{12} a_{13} a_{21} a_{22} a_{23} \dots$ " for a  $3 \times 3$  matrix.

 $\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ (4.5)

Attributes:

dim

#### (required)

three integers that describe the dimensions of the matrix. The first two value define the number of rows and the number of columns in the array, respectively. The third value indicates the number of components per entry.

3 entries have the dimensions of a matrix plus the number of components per entry..

e.g. dim = "3 3 3" indicates a  $3 \times 3$  matrix acting on 3 component color

e.g. dim = "3 4 3" indicates a  $3 \times 4$  matrix acting on 3 component color

NOTE: Array is formatted differently when it is contained in a LUT1D or LUT3D element (see 4.1).

Examples:

Example 2 - Example of a Matrix node with dim="3 3 3"

```
<Matrix id="lut-25" name="colorspace conversion" inBitDepth="10i" outBitDepth="10i" >
   <Description> 3x4 Matrix , 4th column is offset </Description>
    <Array dim="3 4 3">
               0.0
                      0.0
                              0.002
       1.2
                    0.001
       0.0
               1.03
                              -0.005
       0.004
               -0.007 1.004
                              0.0
   </Array>
</Matrix>
```

Example 3 – Example of a Matrix node

#### 4.4.5 Range

Description:

The Range element maps the input domain to the output range by scaling and offsetting values. The Range element can also be used to clamp values.

Unless otherwise specified, the node's default behavior is to scale and offset with clamping. If clamping is not desired, the style attribute can be set to "noClamp".

To achieve scale and/or offset of values, all of minInValue, minOutValue, maxInValue, and maxOutValue must be present. In this explicit case, the formula for Range shall be as in Equation

4.6. The scaling of minInValue and maxInValue depends on the input bit-depth, and the scaling of minOutValue and maxOutValue depends on the output bit-depth.

$$out = in \times scale + minOutValue - minInValue \times scale$$
 (4.6)

If style="Clamp", the output value from Eq 4.6 is furthur modified via Eq. 4.7.

$$out_{clamped} = MIN(maxOutValue, MAX(minOutValue, out))$$
 (4.7)

Where:

$$scale = \frac{(\max \text{OutValue} - \min \text{OutValue})}{(\max \text{InValue} - \min \text{InValue})}$$
$$MAX(a, b) \text{ returns } a \text{ if } a > b \text{ and } b \text{ if } b \ge a$$
$$MIN(a, b) \text{ returns } a \text{ if } a < b \text{ and } b \text{ if } b \le a$$

The Range element can also be used in to clamp values. In such instances, no offset is applied, and the formula simplifies because only one pair of min or max values are required.

If only the minimum value pair is provided, then the result shall be clamping at the low end, according to Equation 4.8.

$$out = MAX(minOutValue, in \times bitDepthScale)$$
 (4.8)

If only the maximum values pairs are provided, the result shall be clamping at the high end, according to Equation 4.9.

$$put = MIN(maxOutValue, in \times bitDepthScale)$$
 (4.9)

Where:

$$bitDepthScale = \frac{SIZE(outBitDepth)}{SIZE(inBitDepth)}$$

and where:

$$SIZE(a) = \begin{cases} 2^{bitDepth} - 1 & \text{when } a \in \{"\text{si"}, "10i", "12i", "16i"\} \\ 1.0 & \text{when } a \in \{"16f", "32f"\} \end{cases}$$

In both instances, values must be set such that  $maxOutValue = maxInValue \times bitDepthScale$ .

NOTE: The bit depth scale factor intentionally uses  $2^{bitDepth} - 1$  and not  $2^{bitDepth}$ . This means that the scale factor created for scaling between different bit depths is "non-integer" and is slightly different depending on the bit depths being scaled between. While intinct might be that this scale should be a clean bit-shift factor (i.e. 2x or 4x scale), testing with a few example values plugged into the formula will show that the resulting non-integer scale is the correct and intended behavior.

At least one pair of either minimum or maximum values, or all four values, must be provided.

Elements:

minInValue (optional)
The minimum input value. Required if minOutValue is present.
maxInValue (optional)
The maximum input value. Required if maxOutValue is present.
minOutValue (optional)

The minimum output value. Required if minInValue is present.

maxOutValue (optional)
The maximum output value. Required if maxInValue is present.

#### Attributes:

style

(optional)

Describes the preferred handling of the scaling calculation of the Range node. If the style attribute is not present, clamping is performed.

"noClamp"

If present, scale and offset is applied without clamping, as in Eq. 4.6.

(i.e. values below minOutValue or above maxOutValue are preserved)

"Clamp"

If present, clamping is applied according to Eq. 4.7 upon the result of the scale and offset expressed in Eq. 4.6

#### Examples:

```
<Range inBitDepth="10i" outBitDepth="10i">

<Description>10-bit full range to SMPTE range</Description>

<minInValue>0</minInValue>

<maxInValue>1023</minInValue>

<minOutValue>64</minInValue>

<maxOutValue>940</minInValue>

</Range>
```

Example 4 – Using "Range" for scaling 10-bit full range to 10-bit SMPTE (legal) range.

#### 4.4.6 Log

Description:

The Log element contains parameters for processing pixels through a logarithmic or anti-logarithmic function. A couple of main formulations are supported. The most basic formula follows a pure logarithm or anti-logarithm of either base 2 or base 10. Another supported formula allows for a logarithmic function with a gain factor and offset. This formulation can be used to convert from linear to Cineon. Another style of log formula follows a piece-wise function consisting of a logarithmic function with a gain factor, an offset, and a linear segment. This style can be used to implement many common "camera-log" encodings.

NOTE: The equations for the Log node assume integer data is normalized to floating-point scaling. LogParams do not change based on the input and output bit-depths.

NOTE 2: On occasion it may be necessary to transform a logarithmic function specified in terms of traditional Cineon-style parameters to the parameters used by CLF. Guidance on how to do this is provided in Appendix D.

Attributes:

style

(required)

specifies the form of the of log function to be applied

Supported values are:

- "log10": applies a base 10 logarithm according to

$$y = \log_{10}(x)$$
 (4.10)

- "antiLog10": applies a base 10 anti-logarithm according to

$$x = 10^y \tag{4.11}$$

- "log2": applies a base 2 logarithm according to

$$y = \log_2(x) \tag{4.12}$$

- "antiLog2": applies a base 2 anti-logarithm according to

$$x = 2^y \tag{4.13}$$

- "linToLog": applies a logarithm according to

$$y = logSideSlope \times log_{base}(linSideSlope \times x + linSideOffset) + logSideOffset$$
 (4.14)

- "logToLin": applies an anti-logarithm according to

$$x = \frac{\left(base^{\frac{y - logSideOffset}{logSideSlope}} - linSideOffset\right)}{linSideSlope}$$
(4.15)

- "cameraLinToLog": applies a piecewise function with logarithmic and linear segments on linear values, converting them to non-linear values

$$y = \begin{cases} linearSlope \times x + linearOffset & \text{if } x \le linSideBreak\\ logSideSlope \times \log_{base}(linSideSlope \times x + linSideOffset) + logSideOffset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.16)

where:

*linearSlope* is calculated using Eq. 4.19 *linearOffset* is calculated using Eq. 4.20

- "cameraLogToLin": applies a piecewise function with logarithmic and linear segments on non-linear values, converting them to linear values

$$x = \begin{cases} \frac{(y - linearOffset)}{linearSlope} & \text{if } y \leq logSideBreak\\ \frac{(base^{\frac{y - logSideOffset}{logSideSlope}} - linSideOffset)}{linSideSlope} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.17)  
where:

*logSideBreak* is calculated using Eq. 4.18 *linearSlope* is calculated using Eq. 4.19 *linearOffset* is calculated using Eq. 4.20

#### Elements:

```
LogParams
                                   (required - if "style" is not a basic logarithm)
    contains the attributes that control the "linToLog", "logToLin", "cameraLinToLog",
    or "cameralogToLin" functions
    This element is required if style is of type "linToLog", "logToLin", "cameraLinToLog",
    or "cameraLogToLin".
        "base"
                                            (optional)
             the base of the logarithmic function
             Default is 10.
         "logSideSlope"
                                            (optional)
             "slope" (or gain) applied to the logarithmic segment of the function.
             Default is 1.
        "logSideOffset"
                                            (optional)
             offset applied to the logarithmic segment of the function.
             Default is 0.
         "linSideSlope"
                                            (optional)
             slope of the linear segment of the function.
             Default is 1.
```

"linSideOffset" (optional) offset applied to the linear segment of the function. Default is 0.

"linSideBreak"

"linearSlope"

(optional)

the break-point, defined in linear space, at which the piece-wise function transitions between the logarithmic and linear segments.

This is required if style="cameraLinToLog"

(optional)

the slope of the linear segment of the piecewise function. This attribute does not need to be provided unless the formula being implemented requires it. The default is to calculate using linSideBreak such that the linear portion is continuous in slope with the logarithmic portion of the curve, by using the derivative of the log portion of the curve at the break-point. This is described in the following note, using Equations 4.18-4.20.

"channel"

the color channel to which the exponential function is applied. Possible values are "R", "G", "B". If this attribute is utilized to target different adjustments per channel, then up to three LogParams elements may be used, provided that "channel" is set differently in each. If this attribute is not otherwise specified, the logarithmic function is applied identically to all three color channels.

(optional)

NOTE 3: *linearOffset* is the offset of the linear segment of the piecewise function. This value is calculated using the value of linSideBreak and the derivative of the logarithmic portion of the curve at the break-point, in order to ensure that the linear portion is continuous in slope with the logarithmic portion of the curve. Equations 4.18-4.20 describe the steps for calculating *linearOffset*.

First, the value of the break-point on the log-axis is calculated using the value of linSideBreak as input to the logarithmic segment of Eq. 4.16, as shown in Eq. 4.18.

$$logSideBreak = logSideSlope \times log_{base} (linSideSlope \times linSideBreak + linSideOffset) + logSideOffset$$
(4.18)

Then, the value of linSideBreak is used again to solve for the derivative of Eq. 4.14. The the value of *linearSlope* is set to equal the the instantaneous slope at the break-point, or derivative which is shown being solved for by Eq. 4.19:

$$linearSlope = logSideSlope \left(\frac{linSideSlope}{(linSideSlope \times linSideBreak + linSideOffset) \times ln(base)}\right)$$
(4.19)

Finally, the value of *linearOffset* can be solved for by rearranging the linear segment of Eq. 4.16 to get Equation 4.20, and using the values of *logSideBreak* (obtained from Eq. 4.18) and *linearSlope* (obtained from Eq. 4.19).

$$linearOffset = logSideBreak - linearSlope \times linSideBreak$$
(4.20)

Examples:

```
<Log inBitDepth="16f" outBitDepth="16f" style="log10">
<Description>Base 10 Logarithm</Description>
</Log>
```

#### Example 5 – Example Log node applying a base 10 logarithm.

```
<Log inBitDepth="32f" outBitDepth="32f" style="cameraLinToLog">

<Description>Linear to DJI D-Log</Description>

<LogParams base="10" logSideSlope="0.256663" logSideOffset="0.584555"

linSideSlope="0.9892" linSideOffset="0.0108" linSideBreak="0.0078"

linearOffset="0.0929" linearSlope="6.025"/>

</Log>
```

Example 6 – Example Log node applying the DJI D-Log formula.

#### 4.4.7 Exponent

#### Description:

This node contains parameters for processing pixels through a power law function. Two main formulations are supported. The first follows a pure power law. The second is a piecewise function that follows a power function for larger values and has a linear segment that is followed for small and negative values. The latter formulation can be used to represent the Rec. 709, sRGB, and CIE L\* equations.

#### Attributes:

style

le (required) specifies the form of the exponential function to be applied. Supported values are:

- "basicFwd"

- "basicRev"
- "basicMirrorFwd"
- "basicMirrorRev"
- "basicPassThruFwd"
- "basicPassThruRev"
- "monCurveFwd"
- "monCurveRev"

The formula to be applied for each style is included in Equations 4.21-4.28 for all of which:

$$g = exponent$$
  $k = offset$ 

MAX(a, b) returns a if a > b and b if  $b \ge a$ 

"basicFwd"

applies a power law using the exponent value specified in the ExponentParams element.

Values less than zero are clamped.

$$\mathsf{basicFwd}(x) = [\mathsf{MAX}(0, x)]^g \tag{4.21}$$

"basicRev"

applies power law using the exponent value specified in the  ${\tt ExponentParams}$  element.

Values less than zero are clamped.

$$\operatorname{basicRev}(y) = [\operatorname{MAX}(0, y)]^{1/g}$$
(4.22)

"basicMirrorFwd"

applies a basic power law using the exponent value specified in the ExponentParams

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element for values greater than or equal to zero and mirrors the function for values less than zero (i.e. rotationally symmetric around the origin):

basicMirrorFwd(x) = 
$$\begin{cases} x^g & \text{if } x \ge 0\\ -\left[(-x)^g\right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.23)

"basicMirrorRev"

applies a basic power law using the exponent value specified in the ExponentParams element for values greater than or equal to zero and mirrors the function for values less than zero (i.e. rotationally symmetric around the origin):

basicMirrorRev
$$(y) = \begin{cases} y^{1/g} & \text{if } y \ge 0\\ -\left[(-y)^{1/g}\right] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (4.24)

"basicPassThruFwd"

applies a basic power law using the exponent value specified in the ExponentParams element for values greater than or equal to zero and passes values less than zero unchanged:

basicPassThruFwd(x) = 
$$\begin{cases} x^g & \text{if } x \ge 0\\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.25)

"basicPassThruRev"

applies a basic power law using the exponent value specified in the ExponentParams element for values greater than or equal to zero and and passes values less than zero unchanged:

basicPassThruRev
$$(y) = \begin{cases} y^{1/g} & \text{if } y \ge 0\\ y & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (4.26)

"monCurveFwd"

applies a power law function with a linear segment near the origin

monCurveFwd(x) = 
$$\begin{cases} \left(\frac{x+k}{1+k}\right)^g & \text{if } x \ge xBreak\\ x \ s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.27)

Where:

$$xBreak = \frac{k}{g-1}$$

And for Eq. 4.27 and Eq. 4.28:

$$s = \left(\frac{g-1}{k}\right) \left(\frac{kg}{(g-1)(1+k)}\right)^g$$

"monCurveRev"

applies a power law function with a linear segment near the origin

monCurveRev
$$(y) = \begin{cases} (1+k) y^{(1/g)} - k & \text{if } y \ge yBreak \\ \frac{y}{s} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (4.28)

Where:

$$yBreak = \left(\frac{kg}{(g-1)(1+k)}\right)^g$$

"monCurveMirrorFwd"

applies a power law function with a linear segment near the origin and mirrors the function for values less than zero (i.e. rotationally symmetric around the origin):

$$monCurveMirrorFwd(x) = \begin{cases} monCurveFwd(x) & \text{if } x \ge 0\\ -[monCurveFwd(-x)] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.29)

"monCurveMirrorRev"

applies a power law function with a linear segment near the origin and mirrors the function for values less than zero (i.e. rotationally symmetric around the origin):

$$monCurveMirrorRev(y) = \begin{cases} monCurveRev(y) & \text{if } y \ge 0\\ -[monCurveRev(-y)] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(4.30)

NOTE: The above equations assume that the input and output bit-depths are floating-point. Integer values are normalized to the range [0.0, 1.0].

#### Elements:

Description				
See Section 4.3				

(optional)

ExponentParams

(required)

contains one or more attributes that provide the values to be used by the enclosing Exponent element.

If style is any of the "basic" types, then only exponent is required.

If style is any of the "monCurve" types, then exponent and offset are required. *Attributes*:

"exponent"

(required)

the power to which the value is to be raised If  $\mathbf{u} = 1$  is any of the "basis" types the valid range is [0, 0]

If "style" is any of the "basic" types, the valid range is [0.01, 100.0]. If "style" is any of the "monCurve" types, the valid range is [1.0, 10.0].

The nominal value is 1.0.

NOTE 2: A value of 1.0 for for exponent when using a "monCurve" type could result in a divide-by-zero error. Implementors should protect against this case.

"offset"

(optional)

the offset value to use

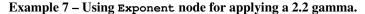
The valid range is [0.0, 0.9].

If offset is used, the enclosing Exponent element's style attribute must be set to one of the "monCurve" types. Offset is not allowed when style is any of the "basic" types.

NOTE 3: Zero is specified as a valid value for offset but if used for the calculation of xBreak or yBreak will create a divide-by-zero error. Implementors should protect against this case.

"channel" (optional) the color channel to which the exponential function is applied. Possible values are "R", "G", "B". If this attribute is utilized to target different adjustments per channel, up to three ExponentParams elements may be used, provided that "channel" is set differently in each. If this attribute is not otherwise specified, the exponential function is applied identically to all three color channels.

#### Examples:



Example 8 – Using Exponent node for applying the intended EOTF found in IEC 61966-2-1:1999 (sRGB).

```
<Exponent inBitDepth="32f" outBitDepth="32f" style="monCurveFwd">
        <Description>CIE L*</Description>
        <ExponentParams exponent="3.0" offset="0.16" />
</Exponent>
```

Example 9 – Using Exponent node to apply CIE L\* formula.

Example 10 - Using Exponent node to apply Rec. 709 OETF.

#### 4.4.8 ASC\_CDL

Description:

This node processes values according to the American Society of Cinematographers' Color Decision List (ASC CDL) equations. Color correction using ASC CDL is an industry-wide method of recording and exchanging basic color correction adjustments via parameters that set particular color processing equations.

The ASC CDL equations are designed to work on an input domain of floating-point values of [0 to 1.0] although values greater than 1.0 can be present. The output data may or may not be clamped depending on the processing style used.

NOTE: Equations 4.31-4.34 assume that *in* and *out* are scaled to normalized floating-point range. If the ASC\_CDL node has inBitDepth or *outBitDepth* that are integer types, then the input or output values must be normalized to or from [0.0, 1.0] scaling. In other words, the slope, offset, power, and saturation values stored in the ProcessNode do not depend on inBitDepth and outBitDepth; they are always interpreted as if the bit depths were float.

Attributes:

id

(optional)

This should match the id attribute of the ColorCorrection element in the ASC CDL XML format.

```
style
```

(optional)

Determines the formula applied by the operator. The valid options are:

"Fwd"

implementation of v1.2 ASC CDL equation

```
"Rev"
```

inverse equation

```
"FwdNoClamp"
```

similar to the Fwd equation, but without clamping

```
"RevNoClamp"
inverse equation
```

The first two implement the math provided in version 1.2 of the ASC CDL specification. The second two omit the clamping step and are intended to provide compatibility with the many applications that take that alternative approach.

#### Elements:

#### SOPNode

(optional)

The SOPNode is optional, and if present, must contain each of the following sub-elements:

Slope

three decimal values representing the R, G, and B slope values, which is similar to gain, but changes the slope of the transfer function without shifting the black level established by offset

The valid range is [0.0, 100.0]. The nominal value is 1.0 for all channels.

Offset

three decimal values representing the R, G, and B offset values, which raise or lower overall brightness of a color component by shifting the transfer function up or down while holding the slope constant

The valid range is [-100.0, 100.0]. The nominal value is 0.0 for all channels.

#### Power

three decimal values representing the R, G, and B power values, which change the intermediate shape of the transfer function

The valid range is (0.0, 10.0]. The nominal value is 1.0 for all channels.

SatNode

(optional)

The SatNode is optional, but if present, must contain one of the following sub-element: Saturation

a single decimal value applied to all color channels

The valid range is [0.0, 10.0]. The nominal value is 1.0.

NOTE 2: If either element is not specified, values should default to the nominal values for each element. If using the "noClamp" style, the result of defaulting to the nominal values is a no-op.

NOTE 3: The structure of this ProcessNode matches the structure of the XML format described in the v1.2 ASC CDL specification. However, unlike the ASC CDL XML format, there are no alternate spellings allowed for these elements.

The math for style="Fwd" is:

$$out_{SOP} = \text{CLAMP}(in \times slope + offset)^{power}$$
 (4.31)

$$luma = 0.2126 \times in_R + 0.7152 \times in_G + 0.0722 \times in_B$$
  
out = CLAMP(luma + saturation × (out<sub>SOP</sub> - luma)) (4.32)

Where:

CLAMP() clamps the argument to [0,1]

The math for style="FwdNoClamp" is the same as for "Fwd" but the two clamp() functions are omitted. Also, if  $(input \times slope + offset) < 0$ , then no power function is applied.

The math for style="Rev" is:

$$in_{clamp} = \text{CLAMP}(in)$$

$$luma = 0.2126 \times in_{clamp,R} + 0.7152 \times in_{clamp,G} + 0.0722 \times in_{clamp,B}$$

$$out_{SAT} = luma + \frac{(in_{clamp} - luma)}{saturation}$$
(4.33)

$$out = \text{CLAMP}\left(\frac{\text{CLAMP}(out_{SAT})^{\frac{1}{power}} - offset}{slope}\right)$$
(4.34)

Where:

CLAMP() clamps the argument to [0,1]

The math for style="RevNoClamp" is the same as for "Rev" but the CLAMP() functions are omitted. Also, if  $out_{SAT} < 0$ , then no power function is applied.

Examples:

Example 11 – Example of an ASC\_CDL node

# 5 Implementation Notes

### 5.1 Bit Depth

#### 5.1.1 Processing Precision

All processing shall be performed using 32-bit floating-point values. The values of the inBitDepth and

outBitDepth attributes shall not affect the quantization of color values.

NOTE: For some hardware devices, 32-bit float processing might not be possible. In such instances, processing should be performed at the highest precision available. Because CLF permits complex series of discrete operations, CLF LUT files are unlikely to run on hardware devices without some form of pre-processing. Any pre-processing to prepare a CLF for more limited hardware applications should adhere to the processing precision requirements.

#### 5.1.2 Input and Output to a ProcessList

The bit-depth handling of input and output values shall be handled by the application or device implementing the specification. Specifically, an implementation shall scale input image data in order to to make it suitable for processing through a CLF based on the inBitDepth of the first ProcessNode in the ProcessList. Likewise, an implementation shall scale the output as determined by the outBitDepth tag of the final ProcessNode in the ProcessList.

NOTE: The ProcessList itself does not contain global inBitDepth and outBitDepth tags.

No clamping or quantization shall be performed based on the inBitDepth or outBitDepth tags, the bit-depth tags serve only to indicate to the processor how the data is expected to be scaled.

For example, a CLF where the first ProcessNode has an inBitDepth of "10i" and the last ProcessNode has an outBitDepth of "12i" expects image data to be scaled relative to 0-1023 and output image data scaled relative 0-4095.

NOTE 2: The output bit depth of "12i" does not require that the output values be quantized to an integer data type, just that they are scaled relative to 0-4095.

The assumption in the ProcessList element is that integer values become normalized floatingpoint values. The normalized value of 1.0 in corresponds to the maximum code value from an integer encoding, but normalized floating-point values may exceed the range 0-1. There is no clamping specified.

The Range node may be used one or more times in a ProcessList to provide explicit scaling or clamping, if desired.

#### 5.1.3 Input and Output to a ProcessNode

The input bit-depth of each subsequent node must be matched by the output bit-depth of the previous node in the Process List.

Conversion of values between floating-point and integer ranges shall be performed within a ProcessNode according to 5.1.4 in order to reconcile the input data as denoted by inBitDepth to the scaling expected by the node's operators. The inBitDepth and outBitDepth attributes of a ProcessNode serve as a guide to the implementation as to how to scale the data, if necessary, to be used in a node. Specifically, the formulas in the Log, Exponent, and ASC\_CDL elements assume that data is normalized 0-1. LUT1D, LUT3D Array, Matrix, and Range have no presupposition of the scaling of data coming into those nodes.

For example, if a matrix is being copied into a CLF file from an implementation where all data was 10-bit, it might be more convenient to paste the matrix values into the node as integers in the range [0, 1023] then pre-normalizing them 0-1. This is easily allowed by setting the inBitDepth of the Matrix node to be "10i", which will hint to the implementation that it must scale data by a factor 1023 before applying the matrix for a have have knowledge to scale implementValues can also be used outside this range, and those values will be used in intermediate computations unless explicitly clamped by a Range node or using a clamping style (such as in ASC\_CDL node).

Conversions between integer and floating-point ranges can be made explicit either in the LUT array output, or with a special Range node. Floating-point values may require handling large ranges of values, and so the Range node is provided for the designer of transforms so that floating-point values may have their ranges altered before feeding into the next node of the list.

#### 5.1.4 Conversion between Integer and Normalized Float Scaling

The process of preparing float data for input to a ProcessNode with an integer inBitDepth or vice-versa, is accomplished via a simple scale factor based on the bit-depth, n.

Conversions from integers with bit-depth n to float should be performed according to Eq. 5.1.

$$floatValue = \frac{intValue}{(2^n - 1)}$$
(5.1)

Conversions from float to integer with bit-depth n should be performed according to Eq. 5.2.

$$intValue = \text{ROUND} \left[ floatValue \times (2^n - 1) \right]$$
(5.2)

Where:

ROUND(x) rounds to the nearest integer by adding 0.5 and truncating the value after the decimal

## 5.2 Required vs Optional

The required or optional indicated in parentheses throughout this specification indicate the requirement for an element or attribute to be present for a valid CLF file. In the spirit of a LUT format to be used commonly across different software and hardware, none of the elements or attributes should be considered optional for implementors to support. All elements and attributes, if present, should be recognized and supported by an implementation.

If, due to hardware or software limitations, a particular element or attribute is not able to be supported, a warning should be issued to the user of a LUT that contains one of the offending elements. The focus shall be on the user and maintaining utmost compatibility with the specification so that LUTs can be interchanged seamlessly.

## 5.3 Efficient Processing

The transform engine may merge some or all of the transforms and must maintain appropriate precision in the calculations so that output values are correct. It is recommended that all calculations be done in at least 32-bit float precision. High accuracy for 16-bit half float output is required.

The existence of a Common LUT Format cannot guarantee that the resulting images will look the same on all implementations as numerical accuracy issues in implementations can have a significant effect on image appearance.

The engine may create a single LUT concatenating the output result of all of the node calculations but this may introduce some inaccuracies to the result due to LUT sampling errors. It is up to the user to determine whether these approximate results are sufficient.

## 5.4 Interpolation Types

When an interpolation type is not listed, it is usually assumed to be linear interpolation (see example in definitions under Sampled LUT) or tri-linear in the case of a 3DLUT. To assure maximum compatibility and similar results across implementations, applications should support tetrahedral interpolation for 3DLUTs, if possible. Optimized matrix forms of trilinear and tetrahedral interpolation can be found in Appendix C.

## 5.5 Extensions

It is recommended that implementors of CLF file readers protect against unrecognized elements or attributes that are not defined in this specification. Unrecognized values should either raise an error or at least provide a warning message to the user to indicate that there is an operator present that is not recognized by the reader.

One or more Description elements in the ProcessList can and should be used for metadata that does not fit into a provided field in the Info element and/or is unlikely to be recognized by other applications.

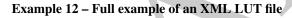
# 6 Examples

Example CLF files can be found in the supplemental materials to this document.

A full example of an XML file (Example 12) shows three nodes in a ProcessList.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<ProcessList xmlns="urn:NATAS:ASC:LUT:v1.2" id="luts-23+24+25" name="lut chain 34">
<Description> Turn 4 grey levels into 4 codes for a monitor using a 3x1D LUT
    into 3D LUT into 3x1D LUT </Description>
<OutputDescriptor> Sony BVM CRT </OutputDescriptor>
<LUT1D id="lut-23" name="input lut" inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="12i">
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
<LUT1D id="lut-23" name="input lut" inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="12i">
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
<LUT1D id="lut-23" name="input lut" inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="12i">
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
<LUT1D id="lut-13" name="input lut" inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="12i">
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
<LUT1D id="lut-13" name="input lut" inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="12i">
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
<LUT1D id="lut-13" name="input lut" inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="12i">
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
</Description>
</Description>
<Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
</Description>
</Description>
<Description>
<Descr
```

```
2 2 2
     2 2 2
   </Array>
 </LUT1D>
 <LUT3D id="lut-24" name="green look output rendering" interpolation="trilinear"
       inBitDepth="12i" outBitDepth="16f">
   <Description> 3D LUT </Description>
   <Array dim="4 4 4 3">
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     0.0 0.0 1.0
     0.0 1.0 0.0
     0.0 1.0 1.0
     1.0 0.0 0.0
     1.0 0.0 1.0
     1.0 1.0 0.0
     1.0 1.0 1.0
     [ed: ...abridged: 64 total entries...]
     1.0 1.0 1.0
   </Array>
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 LUTID id="lut-25" name="output conversion" inBitDepth="16f" outBitDepth="12i">
   <Description> 3x1D LUT </Description>
   <Array dim="4 3">
     0 0 0
     1 1 1
     2 2 2
     3 3 3
   </Array>
 </LUT1D>
</ProcessList>
```



### Appendix A

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### XML Schema

The XML schema is also provided as a text file in the supplemental files provided with this specification.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<xs:schema targetNamespace="urn:NATAS:AMPAS:LUT:v2.0"</pre>
    xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns:lut="urn:NATAS:AMPAS:LUT:v2.0"
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    attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
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                maxOccurs="1"/>
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        <xs:attribute name="compCLFversion" type="xs:string" use="required"/>
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                    maxOccurs="1"/>
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</mms:schema>
```

## **Appendix B**

#### (informative)

## Changes between v2.0 and v3.0

- Add Log ProcessNode
- Add Exponent ProcessNode
- Revise formulas for defining use of Range ProcessNode to clamp at the low or high end.
- IndexMaps with dim > 2 no longer allowed. Use a halfDomain LUT to achieve reshaping of input to a LUT.
- Appendix explaining complex IndexMap removed.
- CalibrationInfo element removed from the Info element of ProcessList. Use one or more of the more generic Description elements to communicate any relevant details about a CLF's intended usage.
- Move ACEStransform elements to Info element of ProcessList in main spec
- Update schema to correct errors and add new elements

## Appendix C

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## Interpolation

When an input value falls between sampled positions in a LUT, the output value must be calculated as a proportion of the distance along some function that connects the nearest surrounding values in the LUT. There are many different types of interpolation possible, but only three types of interpolation are specified for use with the Common LUT Format (CLF).

The first type – linear interpolation – is specified for use with the LUT1D Process Node. The other two – trilinear and tetrahedral interpolation – are specified for use with the LUT3D Process Node.

## C.1 Linear Interpolation

With a table of the sampled input values in inValue[i] where *i* ranges from 0 to (n-1), and a table of the corresponding output values in outValue[j] where *j* is equal to *i*,

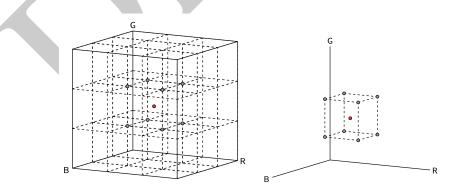
_	index $i$	inValue	index $j$ outValue
	0	0	0 0
	÷	:	: :
	n-1	1	n-1 1000

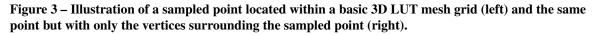
the *output* resulting from *input* can be calculated after finding the nearest inValue[i] < input. When inValue[i] = input, the result is evaluated directly.

$$output = \frac{input - inValue[i]}{inValue[i+1] - inValue[i]} \times (outValue[j+1] - outValue[j]) + outValue[j]$$

### C.2 Trilinear Interpolation

Trilinear interpolation implements linear interpolation in three-dimensions by successively interpolating each direction.





NOTE: The convention used for notation is uppercase variables for mesh points and lowercase variables for points on the grid.

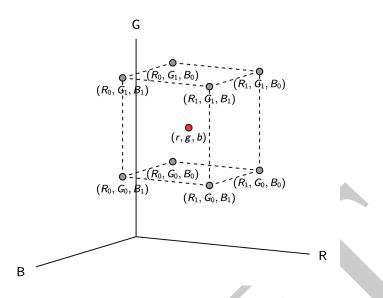


Figure 4 – Labeling the mesh points surrounding the sampled point (r, g, b).

Consider a sampled point as depicted in Figure 4. Let V(r, g, b) represent the value at the point with coordinate (r, g, b). The distance between each node per color coordinate shows the proportion of each mesh point's color coordinate values that contribute to the sampled point.

$$\Delta_r = \frac{r - R_0}{R_1 - R_0} \qquad \Delta_g = \frac{g - G_0}{G_1 - G_0} \qquad \Delta_b = \frac{b - B_0}{B_1 - B_0} \tag{C.1}$$

The general expression for trilinear interpolation can be expressed as:

$$V(r,g,b) = c_0 + c_1\Delta_b + c_2\Delta_r + c_3\Delta_g + c_4\Delta_b\Delta_r + c_5\Delta_r\Delta_g + c_6\Delta_g\Delta_b + c_7\Delta_r\Delta_g\Delta_b \quad (C.2)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &= V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_1 &= V(R_0, G_0, B_1) - V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_2 &= V(1_0, G_0, B_0) - V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_3 &= V(R_0, G_1, B_0) - V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_4 &= V(R_1, G_1, B_1) - V(R_1, G_0, B_0) - V(R_0, G_0, B_1) + V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_5 &= V(R_1, G_1, B_0) - V(R_0, G_1, B_0) - V(R_1, G_0, B_0) + V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_6 &= V(R_0, G_1, B_1) - V(R_1, G_1, B_0) - V(R_0, G_0, B_1) + V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ c_7 &= V(R_1, G_1, B_1) - V(R_1, G_1, B_0) - V(R_0, G_1, B_1) - V(R_1, G_0, B_0) \\ + V(R_0, G_0, B_1) + V(R_0, G_1, B_0) + V(R_1, G_0, B_0) - V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \end{aligned}$$

Expressed in matrix form:

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} c_0 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 & c_4 & c_5 & c_6 & c_7 \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(C.3)

$$\boldsymbol{\Delta} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Delta_b & \Delta_r & \Delta_g & \Delta_b \Delta_r & \Delta_r \Delta_g & \Delta_g \Delta_b & \Delta_r \Delta_g \Delta_b \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(C.4)

$$V(r,g,b) = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{\Delta} \tag{C.5}$$

The expression in Equation C.6 can be written as: C = AV.

Trilinear interpolation shall be done according to  $V(r, g, b) = \mathbf{C}^T \mathbf{\Delta} = \mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{\Delta}$ .

NOTE 2: The term  $\mathbf{V}^T \mathbf{A}^T$  does not depend on the variable (r, g, b) and thus can be computed in advance for optimization. Each sub-cube can have the values of the vector  $\mathbf{C}$  already stored in memory. Therefore the algorithm can be summarized as:

- 1. Find the sub-cube containing the point (r, g, b)
- 2. Select the vector C corresponding to that sub-cube
- 3. Compute  $\Delta_r, \Delta_g, \Delta_b$
- 4. Return  $V(r, g, b) = \mathbf{C}^T \boldsymbol{\Delta}$

### C.3 Tetrahedral Interpolation

Tetrahedral interpolation subdivides the cubelet defined by the vertices surrounding a sampled point into six tetrahedra by segmenting along the main (and usually neutral) diagonal (Figure 5).

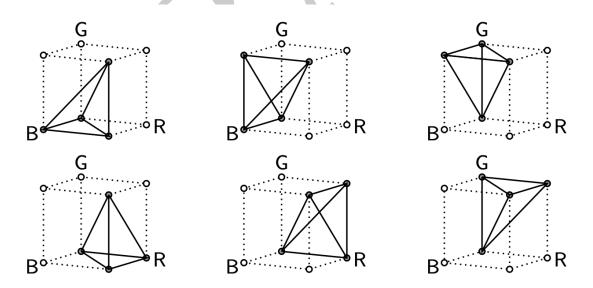


Figure 5 – Illustration of the six subdivided tetrahedra.

To find the tetrahedron containing the point (r, g, b): • if  $\Delta_b > \Delta_r > \Delta_g$ , then use the first tetrahedron, t1

- if  $\Delta_b > \Delta_g > \Delta_r$ , then use the first tetrahedron, t2
- if  $\Delta_g > \Delta_b > \Delta_r$ , then use the first tetrahedron, t3
- if  $\Delta_r > \Delta_b > \Delta_g$ , then use the first tetrahedron, t4
- if  $\Delta_r > \Delta_g > \Delta_b$ , then use the first tetrahedron, t5
- else, use the sixth tetrahedron, t6

The matrix notation is:

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} V(R_0, G_0, B_0) \\ V(R_0, G_1, B_0) \\ V(R_1, G_0, B_0) \\ V(R_1, G_1, B_0) \\ V(R_0, G_0, B_1) \\ V(R_0, G_1, B_1) \\ V(R_1, G_0, B_1) \\ V(R_1, G_1, B_1) \end{bmatrix}$$
(C.7)  
$$\mathbf{\Delta}_{\mathbf{t}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \ \Delta_b \ \Delta_r \ \Delta_g \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(C.8)

$$\boldsymbol{\Delta}_{\mathbf{t}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \ \Delta_b \ \Delta_r \ \Delta_g \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Trilinear interpolation shall be done according to:

$$V(r,g,b)_{t1} = \mathbf{\Delta}_t^T \mathbf{T}_1 \mathbf{V}$$
(C.10)

$$V(r,g,b)_{t2} = \mathbf{\Delta}_t^T \mathbf{T}_2 \mathbf{V}$$
(C.11)

$$V(r,g,b)_{t3} = \mathbf{\Delta}_t^T \mathbf{T}_3 \mathbf{V}$$
(C.12)

$$V(r,g,b)_{t4} = \mathbf{\Delta}_t^T \mathbf{T}_4 \mathbf{V}$$
(C.13)

$$V(r,g,b)_{t5} = \Delta_t^T \mathbf{T}_5 \mathbf{V}$$
(C.14)

$$V(r,g,b)_{t6} = \mathbf{\Delta}_t^T \mathbf{T}_6 \mathbf{V}$$
(C.15)

NOTE: The vectors  $\mathbf{T}_i \mathbf{V}$  for i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 does not depend on the variable (r, g, b) and thus can be computed in advance for optimization.

## Appendix D

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## **Cineon-style Log Parameters**

When using a Log node, it might be desirable to conform an existing logarithmic function that uses Cineon style parameters to the parameters used by CLF. A translation from Cineon-style parameters to those used by CLF's LogParameters element is quite straightforward using the following steps.

Traditionally, *refWhite* and *refBlack* are provided as 10-bit quantities, and if they indeed are, first normalize them to floating point by dividing by 1023.

$$refWhite = \frac{refWhite_{10i}}{1023.0}$$
(D.1)  
$$refBlack_{10i}$$
(D.2)

$$refBlack = \frac{1000000100}{1023.0}$$
(D.2)

Where:

subscript 10i indicates a 10-bit quantity

The density range is assumed to be:

$$range = 0.002 \times 1023.0$$
 (D.3)

Then solve the following quantities:

$$multFactor = \frac{range}{gamma}$$
(D.4)

$$gain = \frac{M_{gintegrin}}{1.0 - 10^{(MIN(multFactor \times (refBlack - refWhite), -0.0001)}}$$
(D.5)

$$offset = gain - (highlight - shadow)$$
 (D.6)

Where:

MIN(x, y) returns x if x < y, otherwise returns y

The parameters for the LogParams element are then:

$$\log \text{Slope} = \frac{1}{multFactor}$$
(D.9)

$$logOffset = refWhite$$
(D.10)

linSlope 
$$=\frac{1}{gain}$$
 (D.11)

$$linOffset = \frac{offset - shadow}{gain}$$
(D.12)

(D.7)