

Package ‘hues’

November 7, 2017

Type Package

Version 0.1

Title Distinct Colours Palettes Based on 'iwanthue'

Description Creating effective colour palettes for figures is challenging. This package generates and plot palettes of optimally distinct colours in perceptually uniform colour space, based on 'iwanthue' <<http://tools.medialab.sciences-po.fr/iwanthue/>>. This is done through k-means clustering of CIE Lab colour space, according to user-selected constraints on hue, chroma, and lightness.

Date 2017-11-01

Depends R (>= 3.2.0)

Imports colorspace, methods

URL <https://github.com/johnbaums/hues>

BugReports <https://github.com/johnbaums/hues/issues>

License LGPL (>= 3)

LazyData true

RoxygenNote 6.0.1

NeedsCompilation no

Author John Baumgartner [aut, cre]

Maintainer John Baumgartner <johnbaums@gmail.com>

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2017-11-07 13:16:23 UTC

R topics documented:

hues	2
iwanthue	2
swatch	3

Index	5
--------------	----------

hues	<i>hues: Generate optimally distinct colour palettes</i>
------	--

Description

This package generates and plot palettes of optimally distinct colours in perceptually uniform colour space, based on [iwanthue](#). This is done through k-means clustering of CIE Lab colour space, according to user-selected constraints on hue, chroma, and lightness.

References

- [iwanthue](#)
- [iwanthue GitHub repository](#)

iwanthue	<i>Generate a colour palette by k-means clustering of CIE Lab colour space.</i>
----------	---

Description

Generate a palette of distinct colours through k-means clustering of CIE Lab colour space.

Usage

```
iwanthue(n, hmin = 0, hmax = 360, cmin = 0, cmax = 180, lmin = 0,
         lmax = 100, plot = FALSE, random = FALSE)
```

Arguments

n	Numeric. The number of colours to generate.
hmin	Numeric, in the range [0, 360]. The lower limit of the hue range to be clustered.
hmax	Numeric, in the range [0, 360]. The upper limit of the hue range to be clustered.
cmin	Numeric, in the range [0, 180]. The lower limit of the chroma range to be clustered.
cmax	Numeric, in the range [0, 180]. The upper limit of the chroma range to be clustered.
lmin	Numeric, in the range [0, 100]. The lower limit of the luminance range to be clustered.
lmax	Numeric, in the range [0, 100]. The upper limit of the luminance range to be clustered.
plot	Logical. Should the colour swatches be plotted (using swatch)?
random	Logical. If TRUE, clustering will be determined by the existing RNG state. If FALSE, the seed will be set to 1 for clustering, and on exit, the function will restore the pre-existing RNG state.

Details

Note that `iwanthue` currently doesn't support `hmin` greater than `hmax` (which should be allowed, since hue is circular).

Value

A vector of `n` colours (as hexadecimal strings), representing centers of clusters determined through k-means clustering of the CIE Lab colour space delimited by `hmin`, `hmax`, `cmin`, `cmax`, `lmin` and `lmax`.

References

- Examples follow those presented at [iwanthue - colors for data scientists](#)
- [iwanthue on GitHub](#)

See Also

[swatch](#)

Examples

```
iwanthue(5)
iwanthue(5, plot=TRUE)
iwanthue(5, 0, 240, 0, 24, 0, 100, plot=TRUE) # shades
iwanthue(5, 0, 360, 0, 54, 67, 100, plot=TRUE) # pastel
iwanthue(5, 0, 360, 54, 180, 27, 67, plot=TRUE) # pimp
iwanthue(5, 0, 360, 36, 180, 13, 73, plot=TRUE) # intense
iwanthue(3, 0, 300, 60, 180, 73, 100, plot=TRUE) # fluoro
iwanthue(3, 220, 260, 12, 150, 0, 53, plot=TRUE) # blue ocean
```

swatch

Plot colour swatches for a vector of colours

Description

Plot named colour swatches for a vector of colours.

Usage

```
swatch(x)
```

Arguments

`x` a vector of colours, specified as: colour names (i.e. colour names returned by `colors()`); numeric indices into `palette()`, or hexadecimal strings in the form "`#RRGGBB`", where `RR`, `GG`, and `BB` are pairs of hexadecimal digits representing red, green, and blue components, in the range `00` to `FF`.

Value

NULL. The colour swatch is plotted to the active plotting device.

See Also

[iwanthue](#)

Examples

```
swatch(colours()[1:10])  
swatch(1:4)  
swatch(iwanthue(5))
```

Index

hues, [2](#)

hues-package (hues), [2](#)

iwanthue, [2](#), [4](#)

swatch, [2](#), [3](#), [3](#)