

## ***Abstract***

*Illumination conditions confound many computer vision algorithms. In particular, shadows in an image can cause the edge detection algorithm to fail. It also causes the failure of computer vision algorithms such as segmentation, tracking, or recognition algorithms.*

*One possible solution to the confounding problems of shadow is to derive an image which is shadow free. One way to remove the shadow is using the intrinsic of an image, reflectance and shading which are adopted from the primate visual system L, M, S (Long-wavelength sensitivity, Medium-wavelength sensitivity, Short-wavelength sensitivity) cone space. The first step in soft shading removal is converting the RGB image into LMS image where every single pixel in the image contains relative capture ratios of the three human cone types. The LMS image will then be transformed into chromatic and luminance images which will be used to identify the reflectance of an image.*

*The final result is a reflectance image where the small contours have already been eliminated and it means that there are no soft shading and shadowless images. From this process, the influence of RGB to LMS conversion mechanism in deriving the final result will be figured out. Based on the test results, this process successfully reduces the self-shadow, but is not robust enough to handle cast shadows.*

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