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| alpha_channel | <i>alpha_channel</i> |
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**Description**

extract the alpha channel

**Usage**

```
alpha_channel(x, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'HexColorPlane'  
alpha_channel(x, normalize = TRUE)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ConstantColorPlane'  
alpha_channel(x, normalize = TRUE)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'RGBColorPlane'  
alpha_channel(x, normalize = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- x                    the object to extract alpha channel from
- ...                  extra args
- normalize           divide by 255

**Value**

a numeric vector of alpha channel values

**Examples**

```
cp <- IntensityColorPlane(seq(1,5), cols=rainbow(25))  
c1 <- map_colors(cp, irange=c(0,50))  
stopifnot(length(alpha_channel(c1)) == 5)
```

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| as_hexcol | <i>convert to hex colors</i> |
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**Description**

convert to hex colors

**Usage**

```
as_hexcol(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RGBColorPlane'  
as_hexcol(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'HexColorPlane'  
as_hexcol(x)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| x   | the object to convert |
| ... | extra args            |

**Value**

a character vector of ex colors

**See Also**

[rgb](#)

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| as_rgb | <i>convert to rgb colors</i> |
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**Description**

convert to rgb colors

**Usage**

```
as_rgb(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RGBColorPlane'  
as_rgb(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'HexColorPlane'  
as_rgb(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'ConstantColorPlane'
as_rgb(x)
```

### Arguments

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| x   | the object to convert |
| ... | extra args            |

### Value

a numeric matrix of rgb components

### Examples

```
cp <- IntensityColorPlane(seq(1,100), cols=rainbow(25))
cl <- map_colors(cp, irange=c(0,50))
rgbcpls <- as_rgb(cl)
```

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| blend_colors | <i>blend two color planes</i> |
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### Description

given two color planes, generate a new color plane by blending the colors using the supplied alpha multiplier.

### Usage

```
blend_colors(bottom, top, alpha)

## S4 method for signature 'ColorPlane,ColorPlane,numeric'
blend_colors(bottom, top, alpha = 1)

## S4 method for signature 'ColorPlane,ColorPlane,missing'
blend_colors(bottom, top)

## S4 method for signature 'HexColorPlane,RGBColorPlane,numeric'
blend_colors(bottom, top, alpha)

## S4 method for signature 'HexColorPlane,ConstantColorPlane,numeric'
blend_colors(bottom, top, alpha = 1)
```

### Arguments

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| bottom | the bottom color plane   |
| top    | the top color plane      |
| alpha  | the alpha overlay value. |

## Details

The functions in this package blend colors based on the "over" operator where 'top' is foreground and 'bottom' is background.

## Value

a new `ColorPlane` instance with 'top' and 'bottom' alpha-blended.

## References

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha\\_compositing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alpha_compositing)

## Examples

```
top <- IntensityColorPlane(1:5, cols=rainbow(5))
bottom <- IntensityColorPlane(1:5, cols=rev(rainbow(5)))

top <- map_colors(top)
bottom <- map_colors(bottom)
bc <- blend_colors(bottom, top, .5)
```

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`col2hex`*convert color name to hex character string*

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## Description

convert color name to hex character string

## Usage

```
col2hex(cname, alpha = 1)
```

## Arguments

|                    |                                                                    |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>cname</code> | one or more color names, e.g. "red"                                |
| <code>alpha</code> | the value of the alpha channel, ranging from 0 to 1 (default is 1) |

## Value

a vector of hex color values, one per color name

ColorPlane-class

*ColorPlane*

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**Description**

ColorPlane

**Slots**

clr a field of colors

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ConstantColorPlane-class

*ConstantColorPlane*

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**Description**

ConstantColorPlane constructor taking a single hex 'character' vector defining a constant color plane.

**Usage**

ConstantColorPlane(clr)

**Arguments**

clr a single hex color as a 'character' vector of length 1 defining the constant color.

**Value**

a new [ConstantColorPlane](#) instance

**Slots**

clr the constant color as hex value

**Examples**

```
cp <- ConstantColorPlane(clr="#FF0000")
```

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`DiscreteColorPlane-class`*DiscreteColorPlane*

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**Description**

DiscreteColorPlane constructor taking list with names mapping to color values in hex representation. This object is used when one has a one to one mapping between discrete set of strings/values to discrete set of colors.

**Usage**

```
DiscreteColorPlane(lookup)
```

**Arguments**

lookup            a "lookup table", which is a named list mapping discrete values to hex colors

**Value**

a new `DiscreteColorPlane` instance

**Slots**

lookup a lookup table mapping values to hex colors

**Examples**

```
lookup <- as.list(col2hex(c("red", "blue", "green")))
names(lookup) <- c("a", "b", "c")
cp <- DiscreteColorPlane(lookup)

values <- c("a", "b", "c", "a", "c")
```

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`HexColorPlane-class`*HexColorPlane*

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**Description**

HexColorPlane constructor taking a 'character' vector of colors to define a color plane.

**Usage**

```
HexColorPlane(clr)
```

**Arguments**

clr                    a vector of hex colors

**Value**

a new [HexColorPlane](#) instance

**Slots**

clr a character vector of hex color codes

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IntensityColorPlane-class

*IntensityColorPlane*

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**Description**

An association of intensities and colors

IntensityColorPlane constructor

**Usage**

```
IntensityColorPlane(intensity, cols = rainbow(255), alpha = 1)
```

**Arguments**

intensity            a numeric vector of intensity values

cols                 a vector of hex character codes

alpha                a vector of alpha values ranging from 0 to 1

**Value**

a new [IntensityColorPlane](#) instance

**Slots**

intensity a vector of intensity values

alpha a vector of alpha values

colmap a color map containing a vector of hex character codes



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| map_colors | <i>map data values to a set of colors</i> |
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## Description

instantiate a vector of colors from a ColorPlane specification.

## Usage

```
map_colors(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'ConstantColorPlane'
map_colors(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HexColorPlane'
map_colors(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DiscreteColorPlane'
map_colors(x, values, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'IntensityColorPlane'
map_colors(x, alpha = NULL, threshold = NULL, irange = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | the object to map over                                                                                            |
| ...       | extra args                                                                                                        |
| values    | the values to map to colors via the discrete lookup table                                                         |
| alpha     | alpha multiplier from 0 to 1. If NULL, uses the alpha value stored in the object.                                 |
| threshold | two-sided threshold as a 2-element vector, e.g. 'threshold=c(-3,3)' indicating two-sided transparency thresholds. |
| irange    | the intensity range defining min and max of scale.                                                                |

## Value

a HexColorPlane instance containing the mapped colors

## Examples

```
cp <- IntensityColorPlane(seq(1,100), cols=rainbow(25))
cl <- map_colors(cp, irange=c(0,50))
stopifnot(cl@clr[50] == rainbow(25)[25])
```

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| rgb2hex | <i>convert rgb colors to hex colors</i> |
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**Description**

convert rgb colors to hex colors

**Usage**

```
rgb2hex(r, g, b, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                           |
|-------|---------------------------|
| r     | the red color component   |
| g     | the green color component |
| b     | the blue color component  |
| alpha | the alpha component       |

**Value**

a hex color representation as 'character' vector

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| RGBColorPlane-class | <i>RGBColorPlane</i> |
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**Description**

RGBColorPlane constructor taking a 3- or 4-column numeric matrix of RGB(A) colors in the 0-255 range.

**Usage**

```
RGBColorPlane(clr)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| clr | a matrix of colors where the first column is red, second column is green, third column is blue, and optional fourth column is alpha. |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

a new [RGBColorPlane](#) instance

**Slots**

clr a numeric matrix of RGBA color values

**Examples**

```
rgba_cmat <- rbind(c(255,0,0,255),  
                  c(0, 255, 0, 255),  
                  c(0, 0, 255, 0))  
  
cp <- RGBColorPlane(rgba_cmat)  
stopifnot(all(cp@clr[1,] == c(255,0,0,255)))
```

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