

Python and Scientific Python Lab

Experiment - 6 Sound Generated By Formula

I Pre-Lab Questions

1. Why do direct sin wave generated samples can't be played without 16 bit data conversion?

Soln. These direct sin wave generated samples can contain zero digits in them. So without data conversion we may lose some original information at the o/p. We do a 16-bit data conversion so that we get an optimum output. This data conversion is actually done by ADC. The digital o/p from the ADC is helpful in getting the original signal back.

2. Give the calculation for generating no. of samples if we want 10 sec to play audio and sampling freq is 5000 samples/sec.

Soln.
 $f_s = 5000$
Seconds = 10 sec
 $t = \text{Numpy.arange}(0, \text{seconds}, \text{seconds} * t, \text{float})$
 $\text{note} = \text{np.sin}(f_s * t * 2 * \text{np.pi})$
 $\text{audio} = \text{note} * (2^{15} - 1) / \text{np.max}(\text{np.abs}(\text{note}))$

II Post Lab Questions

1. Give the command for playing the playback and explain the syntax and usage.

Soln. There are diff. commands to start the playback based on the module.

i) pygame module

`pygame.mixer.Sound('audio.mp3')`

ii) PyAudio module

`song = AudioSegment.from_raw('sound.wav')`
`play(song)`

iii) Native Player

import os

file = "file.mps"

os.system("mpg123 + file")

2. Give the mathematics of piano note frequency generation.

Soln. Pianos are tuned using "equal temperament system" i.e., the relation b/w freq of keys is like

$$\text{note - freq} = \text{base - freq} \times 2^{(n/12)}$$

In the case, we write it like this:

$$\text{note - freq}_i = \sum \text{octave}[i] : \text{base - freq} \times \text{pow}(2, (1/12))$$

for i in $\text{freq}(\text{len octave})$

