

## Programming Project C++

**Goals:** Developing problem-solving skills, using single branched ifs to check validity of input, and using multi-branched decision structures.

**Problem:** You are to create a program to help in the analysis of data obtained from an x-ray powder diffractometer used to characterize materials. In the diffractometer a sample is exposed to x-rays of a specific wavelength and a detector placed on a goniometer is used to measure the angles,  $2\theta$  values ( $2 * \theta$ ), where constructive interference of the diffracted beam occur (called peaks) and the intensity of these peaks. The location of these peaks is dependent on the atomic structure of the material being examined. This relationship is given by Bragg's law which states

$$n\lambda = 2d\sin(\theta)$$

where  $n$  is the harmonic of the diffracted beam ( $n = 1$  for these experiments),  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the x-ray beam,  $d$  is the interplanar spacing between planes of specific orientation in the material and  $\theta$  (theta) is the angle between the x-ray beam and the sample of the material. Note that the measured and recorded information is  $2\theta$  ( $2*\theta$ ).

You are to create a program that will read the 2-theta values and the intensities from a file and create a table that will contain the 2-theta values, the intensities, the  $d$  values and  $Q$  values where  $Q = 1/(\sin(\theta))^2$ . The first line of the data file will contain the sample name which should be stored as a string object (note that the entire line including spaces needs to be stored). The second line will contain the anode (the elemental source of the x-ray) as a 2-character symbol which should also be stored as a string object. You will need to use this symbol to determine the wavelength of the x-ray using the table below. You should assume the format of the 2-character symbol will be an upper case letter followed by a lower case letter and the symbol **will** be one of those listed in the table below.

<u>Anode</u>	<u>Wavelength</u>
Cu	1.54059
Cr	2.28973
Fe	1.93604
Co	1.78900
Mo	0.70932

The 2-theta (first column) and intensity values (second column) will start in the third line and continue on subsequent lines. The intensity values are whole numbers. You should design your program so it will continue to read data until the end of file is reached.

Your output should be a file that contains the name of the sample, the wavelength and a table containing the 2-theta and intensity values from the file plus the calculated d and Q values. The wavelength should be output with 6 significant digits, the 2-theta values with 5 significant digits, the d values with 6 significant digits and the Q values with 7 significant digits. The table that you output should contain column headings then the values similar to the example given below. (You may want to use the data in the first two columns of the table below as test data.)

Project demo with anode of Cu and wavelength of 1.54059 the values are:

2-theta	Intensity	d values	Q values
16.375	20	5.40889	49.30620
20.845	55	4.25800	30.55609
26.622	100	3.34567	18.86480
33.097	45	2.70443	12.32647
36.520	5	2.45842	10.18587
39.439	21	2.28293	8.783553
40.263	34	2.23809	8.441890

There were 7 peaks in the file.

Would you like to analyze data from another file (y/n)?

Your program should allow the user to enter the name of the data file, but you do not need to worry about the folder path (assume the data file is in the same folder as your \*.cpp file) and to enter the name of the output file to be generated (it should have the extension \*.txt). A data file called "elementdata.dat" has been placed. This file contains different peaks than what is shown in the table above.