## Tranpose ABC Notation

Write a Python program called transpose.py that will read a file in ABC notation (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ABC\_notation) and transpose the melody line up or down by a given -s|--shift argument. Like the rot13 exercise, it might be helpful to think of the space of notes (ABCDEFG) as a list which you can roll through. For instance, if you have the note c and want to transpose up a (minor) third (-s 3), you would make the new note e; similarly if you have the note F and you go up a (major) third, you get A. You will not need to worry about the actual number of semitones that you are being asked to shift, as the previous example showed that we might be shifting by a major/minor/augmented/diminished/pure interval. The purpose of the exercise is simply to practice with lists.

## **Expected Behavior**

```
$ ./transpose.py
usage: transpose.py [-h] [-s int] FILE
transpose.py: error: the following arguments are required: FILE
$ ./transpose.py -h
usage: transpose.py [-h] [-s int] FILE
Tranpose ABC notation
positional arguments:
 FILE
                       Input file
optional arguments:
 -h, --help
                       show this help message and exit
  -s int, --shift int Interval to shift (default: 2)
$ ./transpose.py foo
"foo" is not a file
$ ./transpose.py songs/legacy.abc -s 1
--shift "1" must be between 2 and 8
$ ./transpose.py songs/legacy.abc
<score lang="ABC">
X:1
T: The Legacy Jig
M:6/8
L:1/8
R:jig
K:A
AGA CBC | aga abc | AGA CBC | e2B BGE |
AGA CBC | aga abc | baf feC |1 eCB BGE : |2 eCB BCe |:
```

```
fgf feC | eCB BCe | fgf feC | aeC BCe |
fgf feC | e2e efg | agf feC |1 eCB BCe :|2 eCB BGE |]
</score>
```

## Discussion

A sample ABC song is given:

```
$ cat songs/legacy.abc
<score lang="ABC">
X:1
T:The Legacy Jig
M:6/8
L:1/8
R:jig
K:G
GFG BAB | gfg gab | GFG BAB | d2A AFD |
GFG BAB | gfg gab | age edB | 1 dBA AFD : |2 dBA ABd |:
efe edB | dBA ABd | efe edB | gdB ABd |
efe edB | d2d def | gfe edB |1 dBA ABd : |2 dBA AFD |]
</score>
```

If you use new\_py.py to create your new program with the file as a single positional argument, you can use this code to get the input file and check that it is, indeed, a file:

```
args = get_args()
file = args.file

if not os.path.isfile(file):
    die('"{}" is not a file'.formate(file))
```

Now that you have a file, you can use a for loop to read it. Each line will still have a newline attached to the end, so you can use rstrip() to remove it:

```
for line in open(file):
    line = line.rstrip()
```

If a line starts with < and ends with > (cf. str.startswith and str.endswith), you can just print the line as-is. If the line starts with K:, then you have the key signature and should transpose it, e.g., if you have K:A and you are shifting a fifth, you should print K:E. If you have a line that starts with any other single uppercase letter and a colon, just print the line as-is. Finally, if you have a line that doesn't match any of the above conditions, you have a line of melody that needs to be transposed.

If you are unfamiliar with musical transposition, you may be a bit confused by

the notion of a interval. A "second" equals a --shift of one note; that is, the distance from A to B is one note, but we call that a "second." Therefore, assume that the --shift argument is the name of the interval, e.g., 4 (a "fourth") is actually a move of three notes. That means the argument provided by the user should be in the range 2 to 8, inclusive, so complain if it is not.

Note that the transposition of a tune up a fourth is the same as down a fifth:

```
$ ./transpose.py songs/legacy.abc -s 4
<score lang="ABC">
X:1
T: The Legacy Jig
M:6/8
L:1/8
R: jig
K:C
CBC EDE | cbc cde | CBC EDE | g2D DBG |
CBC EDE | cbc cde | dca agE |1 gED DBG : |2 gED DEg |:
aba agE | gED DEg | aba agE | cgE DEg |
aba agE | g2g gab | cba agE |1 gED DEg :|2 gED DBG |]
$ ./transpose.py songs/legacy.abc -s -5
<score lang="ABC">
X:1
T: The Legacy Jig
M:6/8
L:1/8
R: jig
K:C
CBC EDE | cbc cde | CBC EDE | g2D DBG |
CBC EDE | cbc cde | dca agE |1 gED DBG :|2 gED DEg |:
aba agE | gED DEg | aba agE | cgE DEg |
aba agE | g2g gab | cba agE |1 gED DEg : |2 gED DBG |]
</score>
```

## **Test Suite**

A passing test suite looks like this:

plugins: remotedata-0.3.1, openfiles-0.3.2, doctestplus-0.2.0, arraydiff-0.3 collected 3 items  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

test.py::test_usage PASSED	[ 33%]
test.py::test_bad_input PASSED	[ 66%]
test.py::test_file PASSED	[100%]