CS 133, Spring 2022

Programming Project #1: Melody (20 points)

Due Thursday, April 14, 2022, 11:59 PM

This program focuses on using stack and queue collections. Turn in files named Melody.h, Melody.cpp and song.txt on the Project section of the course website. You will need the starter code zip from the course website that contains Note.h, Note.cpp, melodymain.cpp and several input files (files in the res folder with .txt extensions) and audio files (.mp3s). This program will require you have a working Qt installation.

Background Information about Music:

Music consists of notes which have lengths and pitches. The pitch of a note is described with a letter ranging from A to G. As 7 notes would not be enough to play very interesting music, there are multiple octaves; after we reach note G we start over at A. Each set of 7 notes is considered an octave. Notes may also be accidentals. This means that they are not in the same key as the music is written in. We normally notate this by calling them sharp, flat or natural. Music also has silences which are called rests.

For this assignment we will be representing notes using scientific pitch notation. This style of notation represents each note as a letter and a number specifying the octave it belongs to. For example, middle C is represented as C4. You do not need to understand any more than this about scientific pitch notation but you can read more about it here if you are interested: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific pitch notation.

Hot Crossed Buns

What you will do:

You will write a class to represent a song. A song is comprised of a series of notes. It may have repeated sections. As we don't like to have any redundancy, you may only store one copy of a repeated chunk of notes.



Music is usually printed like the example on the right. The notes are a series of dots. Their position in relation to the lines determines their pitch and their tops and color, among other things, determine their length. Since it would be difficult for us to read input in this style, we will instead read input from a text file.

0.2 C 4 NATURAL false
0.4 F 4 NATURAL true
0.2 F 4 NATURAL false
0.4 G 4 NATURAL false
0.2 G 4 NATURAL true
0.2 A 4 NATURAL false
0.4 R false
0.2 C 5 NATURAL false
0.2 A 4 NATURAL false

An example input file is shown at the left. Each line in it represents a single note. The first number describes the length of the note in seconds. The letter that follows describes the pitch of the note, using the standard set of letters (A-G) or R if the note is a rest. For notes other than rests, the third item on the line is the octave that the note is in and the following is the note's accidental value. The final piece of information for all notes is true if the note is the start or stop of a repeated section and false otherwise.

You will implement several member functions in the Melody class which will allow you to use melodymain.cpp to play your song with mp3 player like functionality. Your melody will be able to play as well as append another melody to itself, reverse and have its tempo changed.

The most challenging part of this assignment is getting melodies to play with repeats correctly. The file above, which contains 4 repeated notes, is equivalent to the repetitive file displayed to the right. When you play the above file you should play it the same as you would play the file to the right.

Implementation Details:

You will write one class; Melody. You must use the C++ standard library's stack and queue. You must use them as stacks and queues; you may NOT use (or construct for yourself) any index based functions, iterators or for-each loops. Your class must have the constructors/member functions below. It must be possible to call the member functions multiple times in any order and get the correct results each time. Your Melody class should use a queue to store the notes in the song. But unless otherwise specified, you may not create any other auxiliary data structures (such as arrays, lists, stacks, queues, etc) to help you solve any member function below. This includes creating copies of your queue member variable.

0.2	C	4	NATURAL	false
0.4	F	4	NATURAL	false
0.2	F	4	NATURAL	false
0.4	G	4	NATURAL	false
0.2	G	4	NATURAL	false
0.4	F	4	NATURAL	false
0.2	F	4	NATURAL	false
0.4	G	4	NATURAL	false
0.2	G	4	NATURAL	false
0.2	Α	4	NATURAL	false
0.4	R	fa	alse	
0.2	C	5	NATURAL	false
0.2	Α	4	NATURAL	false
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Note Class (provided by the instructor):

We have provided you with a class named Note that your Melody class will use. A Note object represents a single musical note that will form part of a melody. It keeps track of the length (duration) of the note in seconds, the note's pitch (A-G, or R if the note is a rest), the octave, and the accidental (sharp, natural or flat). Each Note object also keeps track of whether it is the first or last note of a repeated section of the melody.

The Note class provides the following functionality that you should use in your program.

Function / Operator	Description	
Note (duration, pitch, octave, accidental, repeat)	Constructs a Note object.	
Note (duration, pitch, repeat)	Constructs a Note object, omitting the octave and accidental values. Used to construct a rest (R).	
<pre>getAccidental(), getDuration(), getOctave(), getPitch(), isRepeat()</pre>	Returns the state of the note as passed to the constructor.	
play()	Plays the note so that it can be heard from the computer speakers.	
<pre>setAccidental(accidental), setDuration(duration), setOctave(octave), setPitch(pitch), setRepeat(repeat)</pre>	Sets aspects of the state of the note based on the given value.	
<<	Outputs a text representation of the note.	

You can look at the contents of the provided Note.h and Note.cpp to answer any further questions about how it works.

Melody Class (for you to implement):

Melody (queue < Note > * song)

Initializes your melody to store the passed in pointer to a queue of Notes. You should throw a string exception if the queue is null.

double getTotalDuration()

Returns the total length of the song in seconds. If the song includes a repeated section the length should include that repeated section twice. For example, both sample files shown on page one have length 3.6. You should not loop through the notes every time this member function is called.

void changeTempo (double tempo)

Changes the tempo of each note to be tempo percent of what it formerly was. Passing a tempo of 1.0 will make the tempo stay the same. tempo of 2.0 will make each note twice as long. tempo of 0.5 will make each note half as long. Keep in mind that when the tempo changes the length of the song also changes. You should throw a string exception if the passed in tempo is negative.

void reverse()

Reverses the order of notes in the song, so that future calls to the play member function will play the notes in the opposite of the order they were in before reverse was called. For example, a song containing notes A, F, G, then B would become B, G, F, A. You may use one temporary stack or one temporary queue to help you solve this problem.

void append(Melody& other)

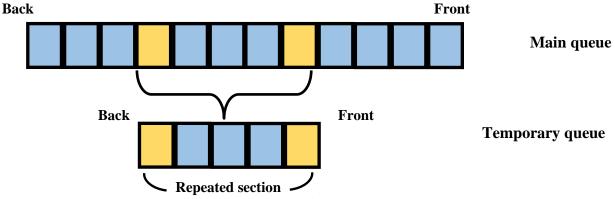
Adds all notes from the given other song to the end of this song. For example, if this song is A, F, G, B and the other song is F, C, D, your method should change this song to be A, F, G, B, F, C, D. The other song should be unchanged after the call. Remember that objects can access the private members of other objects of the same type.

ostream& operator<<(ostream& out, Melody& song)

Outputs information about each note to the passed in stream. Each note should be on its own line and output using its << operator. An example file is displayed on page 1. Your << should reflect the changes that have been made to the song by calling other member functions.

void play()

Plays the song by calling each note's play member function. The notes should be played from the beginning of the queue to the end unless there are notes that are marked as being the beginning or end of a repeated section. When the first note that is a beginning or end of a repeated section is found you should create a second queue. You should then get notes from the original queue until you see another marked as being the beginning or end of a repeat. As you get these notes you should play them and then place them back **in both queues**. Once you hit a second marked as beginning or end of a repeat you should play everything in your secondary queue and then return to playing from the main queue. It should be possible to call this member function multiple times and get the same result.



The yellow blocks represent notes with start or end of a repeat set to true. They and the other notes in between them should be moved to a separate queue when played so that they can be repeated.

Creative Aspect (song.txt):

Along with your program, submit a file called <code>song.txt</code> that contains a song that can be used as input. For full credit, the file should be in the format described above and contain at least 10 notes. It should also be your own work (you may not just turn in one of our sample songs) but you do not have to compose a song yourself. You are welcome to make <code>song.txt</code> be a song written by somebody else, such as a lullaby or nursery rhyme or song by your favorite band. This will be worth a small portion of your grade.

Development Strategy and Hints:

We suggest the following development strategy for solving this program:

- 1. Create the Melody class and declare every member function and operator. Leave every function's body blank; if necessary, return a "dummy" value like nullptr or 0. This will allow you to be able to compile the provided code. Remember that the code will initially appear to have a ton of errors. This is because it requires a Melody class and that class doesn't exist yet. Once you create the "dummy" version you will be able to compile and run without errors although, of course, the output will be incorrect.
- 2. Implement the constructor, and the << operator.
- 3. Implement the getTotalDuration and changeTempo member functions. You can check the results of the changeTempo function by reading in one of the sample files, calling changeTempo and then printing it out and checking your output matches what you expected.
- 4. Write the reverse and append member functions.
- 5. Write an initial version of play() that assumes there are no repeating sections.
- 6. Add the play () code that looks for repeated sections and plays them twice, as described previously.

You can test the output of your program by running it on various inputs in the melodymain.cpp client. You can also use our Output Comparison Tool to see that your outputs match what is expected.

Tips:

There are two provided defines at the top of Note.h that you may find useful to change:

- DEFAULT_WHOLE_NOTE holds the length your program will play a whole note (note with length 1). Some computers seem to be a lot slower than others at starting and stopping sound. If you find that you are only hearing some of the notes try making this value bigger. Your computer just may not be able to keep up with the default speed.
- SILENT_MODE this is commented out in the provided file but you may find it helpful to uncomment it. By default, with it commented out, the Note play member function will play a sound on your speakers. It can be hard to debug when you are just hearing your output. There are also likely times and places you may want to work where you either don't have access to speakers or don't want to annoy others around you by making noise. If you uncomment this line the Note class will print out a note when it is played instead of playing a sound.

Style Guidelines and Grading:

Part of your grade will come from appropriately using stacks and queues. You may only use the size, empty, push, pop and top / front members for both stacks and queues. Do not make unnecessary or redundant extra passes over a queue when the answer could be computed with fewer passes.

Redundancy is always a major grading focus; avoid redundancy and repeated logic as much as possible in your code.

Properly encapsulate your objects by making member variables private. Avoid unnecessary member variables; use member variables to store important data of your objects but not to store temporary values only used within a single function. Initialize member variables in constructors only.

Follow good general style guidelines such as: appropriately using control structures like loops and if/else statements; avoiding redundancy using techniques such as private helper functions, loops, and if/else factoring; properly using indentation, good variable names, and proper types; and not having any lines of code longer than 100 characters.

Comment descriptively at the top of your class, each function, and on complex sections of your code. Comments should explain each function's behavior, parameters, return, pre/post-conditions, and any exceptions thrown. Write descriptive comments that explain error cases, and details of the behavior that would be important to the client. Your comments should be written in your own words and not taken verbatim from this document.