Synthesizer Experiments with Teensy 3.2

Motivation

Around 1977 I built my first analogue synthesizer. It was the time when a Moog synth was so expensive that DIY was really interesting. Some time after this, keyboards with many possibilities got so cheap that building them seemed no more interesting. Nowadays the microcontrollers and SoCs are so evolved and so cheap that I became interested in renewing with an old passion.

My first goal was to build a MCO (MIDI controlled oscillator) as compared to the VCO (voltage controlled oscillator of the MOOG synthesizer). Maybe I could reuse some of the other componentss of my analogue synthesizer, like filters etc. ?

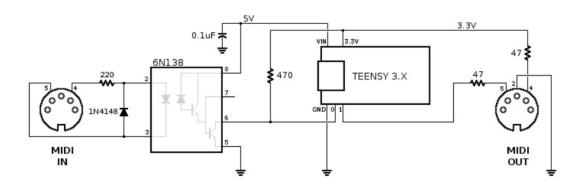
1 Hardware

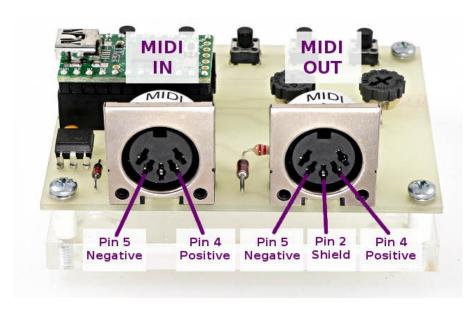
MIDI

(→ prjc.com)

MIDI uses the <u>hardware serial ports</u> to communicate with standard MIDI devices at 31250 baud.

You can use **Serial**.print() to observe what your program is doing, while using MIDI, or USB MIDI.





Which port for MIDI?

Using the Hardware Serial Ports (→ prjc.com)

On Teensy, Serial accesses the USB only.

USB and Serial1 (pins 0 & 1) are not shared on Teensy.

For hardware serial ports, **Serial1**, **Serial2**, **Serial3** must be used.

| Serial Port | Signal | Teensy 1.0 | Teensy 2.0 | Teensy++ 1.0, 2.0 | _ | Teensy 3.0, 3.1, 3.2 | _ | _ | Teensy 4.1 |
|-------------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|----|-------------------------|----|----|---------------|
| Serial1 | Receive | 2 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Transmit | 3 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Serial2 | Receive | - | - | - | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 7 |
| | Transmit | - | - | - | 10 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| Serial3 | Receive | - | - | - | 7 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 15 |
| | Transmit | - | - | - | 8 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 14 |

I use Serial 1 on GP0 to receive MISDI messages (this is not compatible with the PJRC audio tutorial that has a button on GP0! But it is not a big deal to shift the buttons to 1,2,3).

Audio shield

The audio shield is stacked beneath the Teensy. It has a stereo high quality line output, and a headphone output. (The line output gives a much better signal than the headphone output).

For a discussion on the necessity of an audio shield, see Notes and Volts. You could also use the internal DAC to generate a mono signal.

Audio shield info:

https://www.pjrc.com/store/teensy3_audio.html

The audio chip, part number <u>SGTL5000</u>, connects to Teensy using 7 signals. The I2C pins SDA and SCL are used to control the chip and adjust parameters. Audio data uses I2S signals, TX (to headphones and/or line out) and RX (from line in or mic), and 3 clocks, LRCLK (44.1 kHz), BCLK (1.41 MHz) and MCLK (11.29 MHz). All 3 clocks are created by Teensy3. The SGTL5000 operates in "slave mode", where all its clock pins are inputs.

| Function | Teensy 4.x Pins Rev D | Teensy 3.x Pins Rev C | Shareable | |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Audio Data | 7, 8, 20, 21, 23 | 9, 11, 13, 22, 23 | | |
| Audio Control | 18, 19 | 18, 19 | SDA, SCL (other I2C chips) | |
| Volume Pot | 15 (A1) | 15 (A1) | - | |
| SD Card | 10, 11, 12, 13 | 7, 10, 12, 14 | MOSI, MISO, SCK (other SPI chips) | |

| Memory Chip | 6, 11, 12, 13 | 6, 7, 12, 14 | MOSI, MISO, SCK (other SPI chips) |
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|

| Audio Shield Signal | Rev D (Teensy 4.x) | Rev C (Teensy 3.x) | Function |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| MCLK | 23 (MCLK1) | 11 (MCLK) | Audio Master Clock, 11.29 MHz |
| BCLK | 21 (BCLK1) | 9 (BCLK) | Audio Bit Clock, 1.41 or 2.82 MHz |
| LRCLK | 20 (LRCLK1) | 23 (LRCLK) | Audio Left/Right Clock, 44.1 kHz |
| DIN | 7 (OUT1A) | 22 (OUT) | Audio Data from Teensy to Audio Shield |
| DOUT | 8 (IN1) | 13 (IN) | Audio Data from Audio Shield to Teensy |
| SCL | 19 | 19 | Control Clock (I2C) |
| SDA | 18 | 18 | Control Data (I2C) |
| SCK | 13 | 14 | Data Storage (SPI) Clock |
| MISO | 12 | 12 | Data Storage (SPI) from SD/MEM to Teensy |
| MOSI | 11 | 7 | Data Storage (SPI) from Teensy to SD/MEM |
| SDCS | 10 | 10 | Chip Select (SPI) for SD Card |
| MEMCS | 6 | 6 | Chip Select (SPI) for Memory Chip |
| Vol | 15 / A1 | 15 / A1 | Volume Thumbwheel (analog signal) |

2 MIDI library, basic usage

Download: Included with the <u>Teensyduino Installer</u>

Latest Developments on **Github**

MIDI works with all Teensy models.

MIDI_CREATE_INSTANCE(HardwareSerial, Serial1, MIDI);

Define which serial port will be used. Multiple ports may be used if each has a unique name, rather than the default **MIDI**.

MIDI.begin(MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI);

Initialize the MIDI library. The receive channel may be specified, or MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI to receive all 16 channels. This only affects reception. You can send on any MIDI channel regardless of this setting.

```
MIDI.sendNoteOn(note, velocity, channel);
MIDI.sendNoteOff(note, velocity, channel);
MIDI.sendProgramChange(programNumber, channel);
MIDI.sendControlChange(controlNumber, controlValue, channel);
MIDI.sendPitchBend(value, channel);
MIDI.sendPolyPressure(note, pressure, channel);
MIDI.sendAfterTouch(pressure, channel);
```

Transmit basic MIDI messages. These allow you to easily send each MIDI message.

```
MIDI.read();
```

Receive a MIDI message. This returns true if a message has been received, or false if no new message has arrived. After returning true, the get functions can be used to obtain the MIDI message information.

MIDI.getType();

Returns the type of message received. The types are:

```
midi::NoteOff
midi::NoteOn
midi::AfterTouchPoly
midi::ControlChange
midi::ProgramChange
midi::AfterTouchChannel
midi::PitchBend
midi::SystemExclusive

MIDI.getData1();
MIDI.getData2();
```

These return the 2 data bytes of the received MIDI message.

Example 1: MIDI send

This simple examples sends a rapid sequence of notes on Tx1 (GP1). Not very exciting, but a simple and easy test.

```
#include <MIDI.h>
MIDI_CREATE_INSTANCE(HardwareSerial, Serial1, MIDI);
const int channel = 1;

void setup() {
   MIDI.begin();
}
```

```
void loop() {
  int note;
  for (note=10; note <= 127; note++) {
    MIDI.sendNoteOn(note, 100, channel);
    delay(200);
    MIDI.sendNoteOff(note, 100, channel);
  }
  delay(2000);
}</pre>
```

Example 2: MIDI read

This example receives MIDI messages on Rx1 (GP0) and displays them over USB serial. They can be seen on the Serial Monitor.

```
#include <MIDI.h>
MIDI_CREATE_INSTANCE(HardwareSerial, Serial1, MIDI);
void setup() {
  MIDI.begin(MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI);
  Serial.begin(57600);
  Serial.println("MIDI Input Test");
unsigned long t=0;
void loop() {
  int type, note, velocity, channel, d1, d2;
                                              // Is there a MIDI message incoming ?
      if (MIDI.read()) {
          byte type = MIDI.getType();
          switch (type) {
            case midi::NoteOn:
                   note = MIDI.getData1();
                   velocity = MIDI.getData2();
                   channel = MIDI.getChannel();
                   if (velocity > 0) {
                     Serial.println(String("Note On: ch=")
                       + channel + ", note=" + note + ", velocity=" + velocity);
                     Serial.println(String("Note Off: ch=") + channel + ", note=" + note);
                   break;
            case midi::NoteOff:
                  note = MIDI.getData1();
                   velocity = MIDI.getData2();
                   channel = MIDI.getChannel();
                   Serial.println(String("Note Off: ch=")
                       + channel + ", note=" + note + ", velocity=" + velocity);
                   break:
            default:
                   d1 = MIDI.getData1();
                   d2 = MIDI.getData2();
                   Serial.println(String("Message, type=") + type + ", data = " + d1 + " " + d2);
          t = millis();
    if (millis() - t > 10000) {
        t += 10000;
        Serial.println("(inactivity)");
    }
}
```

3 Audio: first sounds

Info:

https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/td_libs_Audio.html

Audio board:

https://www.pjrc.com/store/teensy3_audio.html

Tutorial:

https://github.com/PaulStoffregen/AudioWorkshop2015/raw/master/workshop.pdf Connections:

https://www.pjrc.com/store/audio tutorial breadboard setup.pdf

Hello world in audio

The following program beeps using a sine oscillator with 440Hz:

```
#include <Audio.h>
AudioSynthWaveform
                         waveform1;
AudioOutputI2S
AudioConnection patchCord1(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 0);
AudioConnection patchCord2(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 1);
AudioConnection patchCord2(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 1);
AudioControlSGTL5000 sgtl5000_1;
int count;
void setup() {
    AudioMemory(10);
    sgtl5000_1.enable();
    sgtl5000\_1.volume(0.3);
    waveform1.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
    delay(1000);
}
void loop() {
    waveform1.frequency(440);
    waveform1.amplitude(0.9);
    delay(250);
    waveform1.amplitude(0);
    delay(1750);
}
```

To use other waveforms, see the Audio design tool:

https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/gui/index.html?info=AudioSynthWaveform

The whole Audio lib documentation is found on the Audio design tool webpage!

Supported Waveforms:

- WAVEFORM_SINE
- WAVEFORM_SAWTOOTH
- WAVEFORM_BANDLIMIT_SAWTOOTH
- WAVEFORM_SAWTOOTH_REVERSE
- WAVEFORM_BANDLIMIT_SAWTOOTH_REVERSE

- WAVEFORM_SQUARE
- WAVEFORM_BANDLIMIT_SQUARE
- WAVEFORM_TRIANGLE
- WAVEFORM_TRIANGLE_VARIABLE
- WAVEFORM_ARBITRARY
- WAVEFORM PULSE
- WAVEFORM_BANDLIMIT_PULSE
- WAVEFORM_SAMPLE_HOLD

waveform1.amplitude(0);

4 MIDI to oscillator, naive and simple

Hardware: Teensy 3.2 and audio shield stacked together, MIDI input over optocoupler on Rx1. (Remember: Rx2 does not work as this pin is used by the audio shield!)

The following program reads a MIDI note from the MIDI input and sets the frequency of a sine wave oscillator accordingly:

```
* 04a_MIDI_2_OSC
#include <MIDI.h>
#include <Audio.h>
MIDI_CREATE_INSTANCE(HardwareSerial, Serial1, MIDI);
AudioSynthWaveform
                                   waveform1;
AudioOutputI2S
                                   i2s1;
                                   patchCord1(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 0);
AudioConnection
AudioConnection
                                   patchCord2(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 1);
AudioControlSGTL5000 sgtl5000_1;
uint16_t frequency[128] PROGMEM = {8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 12, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 44, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 62, 65, 69, 73, 78, 82, 87, 92, 98, 104, 110, 117, 123, 131, 139, 147, 156, 165, 175, 185, 196, 208, 220, 233, 247, 262, 277, 294, 311, 330, 349, 370, 392, 415, 440, 466, 494, 523, 554, 587, 622, 659, 698, 740, 784, 831, 880, 932, 988, 1047, 1109, 1175, 1245, 1319, 1397, 1480, 1568, 1661, 1760, 1865, 1976, 2093, 2217, 2349, 2489, 2637, 2794, 2960, 3136, 3322, 3520, 3729, 3951, 4186, 4435, 4699, 4978, 5274, 5588, 5920,
          6645, 7040, 7459, 7902, 8372, 8870, 9397, 9956, 10548, 11175, 11840, 12544};
void setup() {
      MIDI.begin(MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI);
      MIDI.setHandleNoteOff(note_off);
      MIDI.setHandleNoteOn(note_on);
      AudioMemory(10);
      sgtl5000_1.enable();
      sgtl5000_1.volume(0.9);
      waveform1.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
      delay(1000);
void note_on(byte channel, byte note, byte velocity){
        if (velocity > 0) {
     uint16_t f = frequency[note];
                   waveform1.frequency(f);
                   waveform1.amplitude(0.9);
         } else {
// note off
                   waveform1.amplitude(0);
          }
}
void note_off(byte channel, byte note, byte velocity){
```

```
//---
void loop(){
    MIDI.read();
}
```

The handlers note_on and note_off are automatically called when a NoteOn or a NoteOff event occurs.

This code inspired by the MIDI receive program allows you to play a simple melody, but the note handling is still very poor.

For example when you try to do a trill, it doesn't work. Why?

You start with a NoteOn, push another note, this gives another NoteOn, and so on. The code expects that for every NoteOn there comes a NoteOff before playing a new note.

5 Using a note buffer

This video from Notes & Volts explains the necessity of using a note buffer:

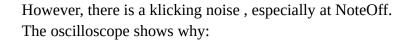
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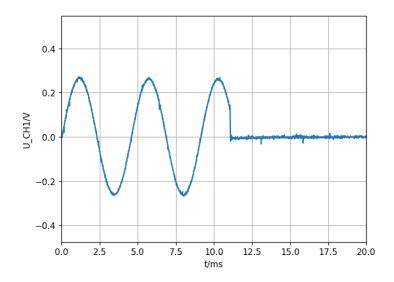
Here is a simple program of a monophonic oscillator using the note buffer:

```
* 05a_MIDI_2_OSC
     * with key buffer
                                                                               (idea: www.notesandvolts.com)
 #include <MIDI.h>
 #include <Audio.h>
MIDI_CREATE_INSTANCE(HardwareSerial, Serial1, MIDI);
 AudioSynthWaveform
                                                                                 waveform1;
 AudioOutputI2S
 AudioConnection
                                                                                 patchCord1(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 0);
                                                                                 patchCord2(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 1);
 AudioConnection
 AudioControlSGTL5000 sgtl5000_1;
 const byte BUFFER = 8; //Size of keyboard buffer
 const \ float \ noteFreqs[128] \ = \ \{8.176, \ 8.662, \ 9.177, \ 9.723, \ 10.301, \ 10.913, \ 11.562, \ 12.25, \ 12.978, \ 10.301, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 10.913, \ 1
13.75, 14.568, 15.434, 16.352, 17.324, 18.354, 19.445, 20.602, 21.827, 23.125, 24.5, 25.957, 27.5, 29.135, 30.868, 32.703, 34.648, 36.708, 38.891, 41.203, 43.654, 46.249, 48.999, 51.913, 55, 58.27, 61.735, 69.296, 73.416, 77.782, 82.407, 87.307, 92.499, 97.999, 103.826, 110, 116.541,
123.471, 130.813, 138.591, 146.832, 155.563, 164.814, 174.614, 184.997, 195.998, 207.652, 220, 233.082, 246.942, 261.626, 277.183, 293.665, 311.127, 329.628, 349.228, 369.994, 391.995, 415.305,
440, 466.164, 493.883, 523.251, 554.365, 587.33, 622.254, 659.255, 698.456, 739.989, 783.991, 830.609, 880, 932.328, 987.767, 1046.502, 1108.731, 1174.659, 1244.508, 1318.51, 1396.913, 1479.978, 1567.982, 1661.219, 1760, 1864.655, 1975.533, 2093.035, 2217.461, 2349.318, 2489.016, 2637.02,
2793.826, 2959.955, 3135.963, 3322.438, 3520, 3729.31, 3951.066, 4186.009, 4434.922, 4698.636, 4978.032, 5274.041, 5587.652, 5919.911, 6271.927, 6644.875, 7040, 7458.62, 7902.133, 8372.018, 8869.844, 9397.273, 9956.063, 10548.08, 11175.3, 11839.82, 12543.85};
 //int octave = 0
const float DIV127 = (1.0 / 127.0);
void setup() {
               MIDI.begin(MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI);
```

```
MIDI.setHandleNoteOff(note_off);
    MIDI.setHandleNoteOn(note_on);
    AudioMemory(10);
    sgtl5000_1.enable();
sgtl5000_1.volume(0.6);
    waveform1.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
    delay(1000);
void note_on(byte channel, byte note, byte velocity){
     if ( note > 23 && note < 108 ) {</pre>
           keyBuff(note, velocity, true);
void note_off(byte channel, byte note, byte velocity){
   if ( note > 23 && note < 108 ) {</pre>
              keyBuff(note, velocity, false);
  }
}
           -----
void keyBuff(byte note, byte velocity, bool playNote) {
   static byte buff[BUFFER];
  static byte buffSize = 0;
  // Add Note
  if (playNote == true && (buffSize < BUFFER) ) {</pre>
       oscPlay(note, velocity);
       buff[buffSize] = note;
       buffSize++;
       return;
  }
  // Remove Note
  else if (playNote == false && buffSize != 0) {
       for (byte found = 0; found < buffSize; found++) {
   if (buff[found] == note) {
      for (byte gap = found; gap < (buffSize - 1); gap++) {</pre>
                   buff[gap] = buff[gap + 1];
              buffSize--;
              buff[buffSize] = 255;
              if (buffSize != 0) {
                   oscPlay(buff[buffSize - 1], velocity);
              else {
                   oscStop();
                   return;
              }
           }
      }
  }
void oscPlay(byte note, byte velocity) {
    waveform1.frequency(noteFreqs[note]);
     //float velo = (globalVelocity * DIV127);
    float velo = (velocity * DIV127);
waveform1.amplitude(velo);
void oscStop() {
    waveform1.amplitude(0.0);
}
void loop(){
     MIDI.read();
}
```

For better accuracy, the note frequencies have been changed to float numbers.





6 Adding a second oscillator for richer sound

The sine wave sound is a bit sterile (whilest sawtooth and rect are aggressive without filtering). It might be made more interesting by adding a second (eventually slightly detuned) oscillator.

The audio definitions

```
AudioSynthWaveform waveform1;
AudioOutputI2S i2s1;
AudioConnection patchCord1(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 0);
AudioConnection patchCord2(waveform1, 0, i2s1, 1);
AudioControlSGTL5000 sgtl5000_1;
```

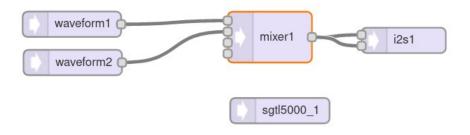
can be imported to the Audio design tool

https://www.pjrc.com/teensy/gui/index.html

if we want to add new components.

By the way, it is not a good idea to delete the xy infos of the blocks in the code, as I had done, as this leads to a cluster where everything is stacked on top of each other in the same place. But as the schematic was not very complicated I could separate the blocks by using the mouse.

I added one more oscillator and a mixer:



The result can now be exported and pasted to the Arduino program instead of the old definitions.

In the setup function we have to define 2 waveforms:

```
void setup() {
    MIDI.begin(MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI);
    MIDI.setHandleNoteOff(note_off);
    MIDI.setHandleNoteOn(note_on);
    AudioMemory(10);
    sgtl5000_1.enable();
    sgtl5000_1.volume(0.6);
    waveform1.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
    waveform2.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
    mixer1.gain(0, 0.5);
    mixer1.gain(1, 0.5);
    delay(1000);
}
```

I reduced the mixer gain to 0.5 to avoid distortions (though these might even make the sound more interesting.)

And in the oscPlay and oscStop functions we have to do something with both waveforms.

For example detune one of the oscillators by 1-10Hz:

```
waveform2.frequency(noteFreqs[note] + 5);
```

This gives a sound that has the beat of the detuning frequency.

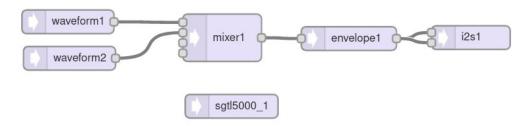
Another idea is to tune the second oscillator one octave higher by multiplying its frequency by a factor 2:

That gives us a much richer sound.

Later of course the parameters will be set by controls (potentiometers and switches).

7 ADSR: Attack - Delay - Sustain - Release

My motivation to include an ADSR at this stage of the project already was that I hoped to avoid the clicking noises at the end of a note by smoothing this phase with the ADSR.



The exported code is put at the beginning of the sketch.

In the setup function, we put some default values:

```
envelope1.attack(0);
envelope1.decay(0);
envelope1.sustain(1);
envelope1.release(500);
```

An additional

```
envelope1.releaseNoteOn(5);
```

is said to reduce the transition klicks further, see

https://forum.pjrc.com/archive/index.php/t-61599.html

Now the oscPlay and oscStop functions must be modified to include an envlope function:

```
void oscPlay(byte note) {
    waveform1.frequency(noteFreqs[note]);
    waveform2.frequency(noteFreqs[note] *2 + 5);
    float velo = (globalVelocity * DIV127);
    waveform1.amplitude(velo);
    waveform2.amplitude(velo);
    envelope1.noteOn();
}

void oscStop() {
    envelope1.noteOff();
}
```

At this stage, the ADSR uses fix parameters, later I want to set the values interactively with potentiometers.

Anyway, the sound is better with this modification.

8 MIDI panic?

Mostly the system is running well, but from time to time a note got stuck and the oscillator kept on going without any key being pushed. This even happened at powerup sometimes.

I did my best to debug the problem, but seemingly the best was not enough: sometimes the phenomenon occurs, with no appearent cause.

I had three ideas to make things better:

- In the keybuffer function I put some prints to see what exactly happens
- At startup, the serial input buffer is flushed to avoid reading false bytes
- A panic button is added that stops the oscillator, prints information about the buffer and clears it.

The key buffer with debug prints:

```
void keyBuff(byte note, bool playNote) {
  // playNote: True -> play note and add it to buffer
                False -> stop note and remove it from buffer
   // Add Note to buffer and play it:
   if (playNote == true && (buffSize < BUFFER) ) {</pre>
       oscPlay(note);
       buff[buffSize] = note;
       buffSize++;
       Serial.print( " P");
       Serial.print(note);
       return;
   // Remove Note
  else if (playNote == false && buffSize != 0) {
       // search through the buffer for note:
       for (byte found = 0; found < buffSize; found++) {</pre>
            // if the note is found:
           if (buff[found] == note) {
                  // close the gap and reduce the buffer size:
for (byte gap = found; gap < (buffSize - 1); gap++) {</pre>
                      buff[gap] = buff[gap + 1];
                  buffSize--;
                  buff[buffSize] = 255;
                                                  // why this ??
                  // play the last note in the buffer, if it is not empty:
                  if (buffSize != 0) {
     oscPlay(buff[buffSize - 1]);
                         Serial.print( " p");
                         Serial.print(buff[buffSize - 1]);
                         return;
                  }
           else {
                  oscStop();
                  Serial.print(" S B:");
                  Serial.println(buffSize);
                  return;
          }
      }
}
```

It is interesting to watch what happens when some notes are played. For example this

```
+48 P48 +50 P50 +52 P52 -52 p50 -50 p48 -48 S B:0
```

is playing C(48), then D(50) and 52(E) while holding the C key down, then releasing all. At the end, the buffer is empty (B:0).

The same debugging technique allowed me to see that sometimes at the beginning a note was added that I never played. This could come from a MIDI buffer that was not totally empty. So I put a clearing function into the code:

The third change was to introduce a **panic button** (on GP2) to stop the oscillator:

```
const byte MIDI_panic = 2;
void setup() {
    pinMode(MIDI_panic, INPUT_PULLUP);
void MIDIpanic(){
    Serial.println("STOP");
    delay(20);
    oscStop();
    Serial.println("BUFFER:");
    for ( int i = 0; i <= buffSize; ++i ) {
    Serial.print(buff[i]);
    Serial.print(" ");</pre>
    Serial.print("Buffer size: ");
    Serial.println(buffSize);
    buffSize = 0;
   delay(50);
void loop(){
     MIDI.read();
     if (digitalRead(MIDI_panic) == 0) {
           MIDIpanic();
```

Now I could stop any crazy oscillation.

```
* 06_MIDI_2_OSC_ADSR
#include <MIDI.h>
#include <Audio.h>
#include "frequencies.h"
MIDI_CREATE_INSTANCE(HardwareSerial, Serial1, MIDI);
// GUItool: begin automatically generated code
AudioSynthWaveform
                             waveform1;
                                                //xy=386.16668701171875,344
                                                //xy=388.16668701171875,390.16668701171875
//xy=582.1666717529297,364.1666717529297
//xy=745.1666717529297,365.1666717529297
AudioSynthWaveform
                             waveform2;
AudioMixer4
                             mixer1;
AudioEffectEnvelope
                             envelope1;
                                                //xy=901.1666870117188,373
AudioOutputI2S
                             i2s1;
                             patchCord1(waveform1, 0, mixer1, 0);
patchCord2(waveform2, 0, mixer1, 1);
AudioConnection
AudioConnection
                             patchCord3(mixer1, envelope1);
AudioConnection
                             patchCord4(envelope1, 0, i2s1, 0);
AudioConnection
AudioConnection
                             patchCord5(envelope1, 0, i2s1, 1);
AudioControlSGTL5000
                             sgtl5000_1;
                                             //xy=594.1666870117188,450.9999694824219
// GUItool: end automatically generated code
// keyboard buffer:
const byte BUFFER = 8;
byte buff[BUFFER];
byte buffSize = 0;
byte globalNote = 0;
byte globalVelocity = 0;
const float DIV127 = (1.0 / 127.0);
const byte MIDI_panic = 2;
void setup() {
    pinMode(MIDI_panic, INPUT_PULLUP);
    Serial.begin(115200);
    AudioMemory(10);
    sgtl5000_1.enable();
sgtl5000_1.volume(0.6);
    waveform1.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
    waveform2.begin(WAVEFORM_SINE);
    mixer1.gain(0, 0.5);
mixer1.gain(1, 0.5);
    envelope1.attack(10);
    envelope1.decay(10);
    envelope1.sustain(200);
envelope1.release(500);
    envelope1.releaseNoteOn(5);
    delay(100);
    clearMIDIinputBuffer();
    MIDI.begin(MIDI_CHANNEL_OMNI);
    MIDI.setHandleNoteOff(note_off);
    MIDI.setHandleNoteOn(note_on);
    Serial.println("READY!");
void MIDIpanic(){
    Serial.println("STOP");
    delay(20);
    oscStop();
    Serial.println("BUFFER:");
    for ( int i = 0; i <= buffSize; ++i ) {
    Serial.print(buff[i]);
    Serial.print(" ");</pre>
    Serial.print("Buffer size: ");
    Serial.println(buffSize);
    buffSize = 0;
   delay(50);
```

```
void loop(){
     MIDI.read();
     if (digitalRead(MIDI_panic) == 0) {
          MIDIpanic();
     }
}
void clearMIDIinputBuffer() {
  // clear MIDI input buffer
  uint32_t m = micros();
  if (Serial1.read() >= 0) {
  m = micros();
  } while (micros() - m < 10000);</pre>
}
void note_on(byte channel, byte note, byte velocity){
     if ( note > 23 && note < 127 ) {</pre>
           Serial.print(" +");
           Serial.print(note);
           globalNote = note;
           globalVelocity = velocity;
           keyBuff(note, true);
     else { Serial.println("*"); }
void note_off(byte channel, byte note, byte velocity){
      if ( note > 23 && note < 127 ) {
        Serial.print(" -");</pre>
             Serial.print(note);
             keyBuff(note, false);
      else { Serial.println("_"); }
void clear_keyBuff(){
   for ( int i = 0; i < BUFFER; ++i ) {</pre>
        buff[i] = 0;
   buffSize = 0;
   //oscStop();
void keyBuff(byte note, bool playNote) {
   // playNote: True -> play note and add it to buffer
              False -> stop note and remove it from buffer
  // Add Note to buffer and play it:
  if (playNote == true && (buffSize < BUFFER) ) {</pre>
      oscPlay(note);
      buff[buffSize] = note;
      buffSize++;
      Serial.print( " P");
      Serial.print(note);
      return;
  }
  // Remove Note
  else if (playNote == false && buffSize != 0) {
       // search through the buffer for note:
      for (byte found = 0; found < buffSize; found++) {</pre>
```

```
// if the note is found:
                 if (buff[found] == note) {
                          // close the gap and reduce the buffer size:
for (byte gap = found; gap < (buffSize - 1); gap++) {
   buff[gap] = buff[gap + 1];</pre>
                          buffSize--;
                          buff[buffSize] = 255;
                                                                          // why this ??
                           // play the last note in the buffer, if it is not empty:
                          if (buffSize != 0) {
    oscPlay(buff[buffSize - 1]);
    Serial.print( " p");
    Serial.print(buff[buffSize - 1]);
                                    return;
                          }
                else {
                          oscStop();
                          Serial.print(" S B:");
                          Serial.println(buffSize);
                   }
                }
         }
   }
}
void oscPlay(byte note) {
  waveform1.frequency(noteFreqs[note]);
  waveform2.frequency(noteFreqs[note] *2 + 5);
  float velo = (globalVelocity * DIV127);
  waveform1.amplitude(velo);
      waveform2.amplitude(velo);
      envelope1.noteOn();
void oscStop() {
      envelope1.noteOff();
```

Another interesting point is that the audio board might not benecessary, if we use the builtin DAC, see Notes and Volts