

# WFCM

- Project Idea
  - Use wave function collapse algorithm to procedurally generate music
- Technologies
  - C++/Java
- Implementation

## Implementation Notes

- DATA STRUCTURE
  - need a data structure that will hold note relations (like a table)
    - rows representing unique values
    - columns represent possible notes to transition to
  - maybe just a 2d array?
  - needs to be able to hold note information and have quick lookup times
    - we could make a dictionary between notes/values (using a hash table) to translate note queries into array indices

- or we could sort the note arrays in some logical order so we can leverage that to get  $O(1)$  lookup
- READING MIDI FILE
  - if we use the dictionary approach, probably need 2 passes
    - first pass to create dictionary and count unique values
    - second pass to insert dependencies in the table structure
  - on seeing a new note
    - make a dictionary element
    - add it to unique value count
  - for second pass, after seeing a note following another note, increment the respective table item
- MARKOV CHAIN
  - normalize table elements by dividing each row element by the row sum
  - then a random roll between  $[0,1]$  could be used to select a transition
- WFC
  - initialize N notes as a superposition of all notes
    - using an array
    - each note node should have references to prev and next note
  - randomly select a note and define it
    - collapse
      - i.e. remove neighbor notes that cannot exist

- modify prev and next probabilities based on the current note
  - recursively propagate constraints until no more can be
  - repeat until the piece is finished
- INTERFACE
  - start with command line
  - LOAD .MIDI
    - bring in the file and generate up to MARKOV CHAIN
  - GENERATE
    - generate music of notes
    - play the generated piece
    - SAVE (y/n)
  - HELP
    - give command information