



Auditory Neuroscience

Making sense of sound

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Fundamental frequencies of Notes in Western Music

Chapter 3 of Auditory Neuroscience discusses the pitch intervals used western music in great detail. For convenience, a table of fundamental frequencies for equal-tempered scale is copied below from <http://www.phy.mtu.edu/~suits/notefreqs.html>.

By convention $A_4 = 440$ Hz

Notes are separated by "semitone" intervals. There are 12 seimtones in each octave, and fundamental frequencies are logarithmically spaced, so the each note fundamental frequency is $2^{(1/12)} = 1.0595$ times the previous frequency.

The wavelength values assume a speed of sound = 345 m/s

("Middle C" is C_4)

Note	Frequency (Hz)	Wavelength (cm)
C_0	16.35	2109.89
$C^\#_0/D^b_0$	17.32	1991.47
D_0	18.35	1879.69

D [#] ₀ /E ^b ₀	19.45	1770.
E ₀	20.60	1670.
F ₀	21.83	1580.
F [#] ₀ /G ^b ₀	23.12	1490.
G ₀	24.50	1400.
G [#] ₀ /A ^b ₀	25.96	1320.
A ₀	27.50	1250.
A [#] ₀ /B ^b ₀	29.14	1180.
B ₀	30.87	1110.
C ₁	32.70	1050.
C [#] ₁ /D ^b ₁	34.65	996.
D ₁	36.71	940.
D [#] ₁ /E ^b ₁	38.89	887.
E ₁	41.20	837.
F ₁	43.65	790.
F [#] ₁ /G ^b ₁	46.25	746.
G ₁	49.00	704.
G [#] ₁ /A ^b ₁	51.91	665.
A ₁	55.00	627.
A [#] ₁ /B ^b ₁	58.27	592.
B ₁	61.74	559.
C ₂	65.41	527.
C [#] ₂ /D ^b ₂	69.30	498.
D ₂	73.42	470.
D [#] ₂ /E ^b ₂	77.78	444.
E ₂	82.41	419.
F ₂	87.31	395.
F [#] ₂ /G ^b ₂	92.50	373.
G ₂	98.00	352.
G [#] ₂ /A ^b ₂	103.83	332.
A ₂	110.00	314.
A [#] ₂ /B ^b ₂	116.54	296.

B ₂	123.47	279.
C ₃	130.81	264.
C [#] ₃ /D ^b ₃	138.59	249.
D ₃	146.83	235.
D [#] ₃ /E ^b ₃	155.56	222.
E ₃	164.81	209.
F ₃	174.61	198.
F [#] ₃ /G ^b ₃	185.00	186.
G ₃	196.00	176.
G [#] ₃ /A ^b ₃	207.65	166.
A ₃	220.00	157.
A [#] ₃ /B ^b ₃	233.08	148.
B ₃	246.94	140.
C ₄	261.63	132.
C [#] ₄ /D ^b ₄	277.18	124.
D ₄	293.66	117.
D [#] ₄ /E ^b ₄	311.13	111.
E ₄	329.63	105.
F ₄	349.23	98.8
F [#] ₄ /G ^b ₄	369.99	93.2
G ₄	392.00	88.0
G [#] ₄ /A ^b ₄	415.30	83.1
A ₄	440.00	78.4
A [#] ₄ /B ^b ₄	466.16	74.0
B ₄	493.88	69.9
C ₅	523.25	65.9
C [#] ₅ /D ^b ₅	554.37	62.2
D ₅	587.33	58.7
D [#] ₅ /E ^b ₅	622.25	55.4
E ₅	659.26	52.3
F ₅	698.46	49.4
F [#] ₅ /G ^b ₅	739.99	46.6
G ₅	783.99	44.0

$G^{\#}_5/A^b_5$	830.61	41.5
A_5	880.00	39.2
$A^{\#}_5/B^b_5$	932.33	37.0
B_5	987.77	34.9
C_6	1046.50	33.0
$C^{\#}_6/D^b_6$	1108.73	31.1
D_6	1174.66	29.4
$D^{\#}_6/E^b_6$	1244.51	27.7
E_6	1318.51	26.2
F_6	1396.91	24.7
$F^{\#}_6/G^b_6$	1479.98	23.3
G_6	1567.98	22.0
$G^{\#}_6/A^b_6$	1661.22	20.8
A_6	1760.00	19.6
$A^{\#}_6/B^b_6$	1864.66	18.5
B_6	1975.53	17.5
C_7	2093.00	16.5
$C^{\#}_7/D^b_7$	2217.46	15.6
D_7	2349.32	14.7
$D^{\#}_7/E^b_7$	2489.02	13.9
E_7	2637.02	13.1
F_7	2793.83	12.3
$F^{\#}_7/G^b_7$	2959.96	11.7
G_7	3135.96	11.0
$G^{\#}_7/A^b_7$	3322.44	10.4
A_7	3520.00	9.8
$A^{\#}_7/B^b_7$	3729.31	9.3
B_7	3951.07	8.7
C_8	4186.01	8.2
$C^{\#}_8/D^b_8$	4434.92	7.8
D_8	4698.64	7.3
$D^{\#}_8/E^b_8$	4978.03	6.9

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