

Programming Project: Frequencies of Musical Notes with Loops and Arrays
CPSC-298-6 Programming in C++
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Introduction

Loops and arrays provide tremendous power and help you to express programming problems simply. In this assignment, you'll revisit your program to compute the frequencies of musical notes given a reference frequency. This time, you'll compute the frequencies and wavelengths of all the notes from the zero'th to the eighth octave; that is, from note C₀ to note B₈. Even though you're computing more values this time, you'll write far less code.

The Assignment

To compute the frequency of the note in octave **v** (nu) and half step **k**, you'll use the following formula. The value **v** will range from 0 to 8, inclusive, and the value of **k** from 0 to 11, inclusive.

$$f_{k,v} = f_R \times 2^{(v) + k/12}$$

f_R is the Reference Frequency, in this case 16.35 Hz (cycles per second), the Frequency of the note C in octave 0, the "zero'th octave, (denoted by C₀).

v is the octave number (which ranges from 0 to 9 for our purposes)

k is the half-step (or semitone number) within the octave, it has values between 0 and 11 inclusive.

$f_{k,v}$ is the frequency of the note in octave **v** whose half-step within the octave is **k**.¹

Implement the formula in the form shown. Use the pow() function to compute 2 raised to the **v + k / 12**. pow() can handle a fractional exponent. Be careful to use floating point division and not integer division when computing **v + k / 12**.

For the wavelength, use the following formula:

$$W_{k,v} = c / f_{k,v}$$

where

$W_{k,v}$ is the wavelength, c is the speed of sound in air (at room temperature), and $f_{k,v}$ is the frequency.

The speed of sound in air at room temperature is (roughly) 345 meters per second (345 m/s) or 34500 centimeters per second. (Remember that there are 100 centimeters in a meter.)

¹ More technically, it is frequency of equal-tempered interval **k** in octave **v**. The octaves are named in the order of their appearance on a standard 88-key piano keyboard, beginning with octave 0 (or the "zero'th octave").

You'll also use the following array of strings containing the names of all the notes whose frequencies and wavelengths you'll be displaying.

```
std::string a_strNotes[] = {
    "C#0", "C#0", "D0", "D#0", "E0", "F0", "F#0", "G0", "G#0", "A0", "A#0", "B0",
    "C1", "C#1", "D1", "D#1", "E1", "F1", "F#1", "G1", "G#1", "A1", "A#1", "B1",
    "C2", "C#2", "D2", "D#2", "E2", "F2", "F#2", "G2", "G#2", "A2", "A#2", "B2",
    "C3", "C#3", "D3", "D#3", "E3", "F3", "F#3", "G3", "G#3", "A3", "A#3", "B3",
    "C4", "C#4", "D4", "D#4", "E4", "F4", "F#4", "G4", "G#4", "A4", "A#4", "B4",
    "C5", "C#5", "D5", "D#5", "E5", "F5", "F#5", "G5", "G#5", "A5", "A#5", "B5",
    "C6", "C#6", "D6", "D#6", "E6", "F6", "F#6", "G6", "G#6", "A6", "A#6", "B6",
    "C7", "C#7", "D7", "D#7", "E7", "F7", "F#7", "G7", "G#7", "A7", "A#7", "B7",
    "C8", "C#8", "D8", "D#8", "E8", "F8", "F#8", "G8", "G#8", "A8", "A#8", "B8",
};
```

You'll implement an outer for loop over **v**, which ranges from 0 to 8, inclusive. Inside this loop, you'll implement an inner for loop that iterates over **k** from 0 to 11, inclusive.

```
const int k_nOctaves = 9;    // Number of octaves to consider
const int k_nHalfTones = 12; // Number of Half-tones in an octave
std::string strNote;

for (int nu = 0; /* ?? */, /* ?? */)
{
    for (int k = 0; /* ?? */, /* ?? */)
    {
        // Calculate frequency (f)
        // ??
        // Calculate wavelength (dWavelengthCentimeters)
        // ??
        // Select name for note (e.g. "C#0") from array (assign to strNote)
        // ?? (Need to compute offset into array based on nu and k)
        strNote = a_strNotes[? expression in terms of nu and k ?];
        std::cout << "Note: " << strNote << "; nu: " << nu << "; k: " << k
                    << "; frequency: " << f << " Hz; wavelength: "
                    << dWavelengthCentimeters << " cm" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

The question marks, `/* ?? */`, indicate code that you need to complete.

Within the inner for loop you'll print the name of the note, the values of **nu** (**v**) and **k**, and the computed frequency and wavelength of the note. You can use `setw()` and other methods to improve the appearance of the output if you'd like.

When printing out the name of the note, such as "C#0", you'll need to access the array element within the `a_strNotes` array correspond to **nu** (**v**) and **k**. In the code fragment above, `strNote` is a string variable that is assigned to the appropriate element within array `a_strNotes`. But which one? The solution involves `k_nHalfTones` and may look similar to the following, where *o* and *O* represent two different numeric operators such as `+`, `-`, `*` and `/`. The question mark represents something else - a mystery you'll need to solve.

```
strNote = a_strNotes[? o nu O k];
```

The output of the program will appear similar to the following

Note: C0; nu: 0; k: 0; frequency: 16.35 Hz; wavelength: 2110.09 cm
Note: C#0; nu: 0; k: 1; frequency: 17.3222 Hz; wavelength: 1991.66 cm
Note: D0; nu: 0; k: 2; frequency: 18.3523 Hz; wavelength: 1879.88 cm
Note: D#0; nu: 0; k: 3; frequency: 19.4435 Hz; wavelength: 1774.37 cm
Note: E0; nu: 0; k: 4; frequency: 20.5997 Hz; wavelength: 1674.78 cm
Note: F0; nu: 0; k: 5; frequency: 21.8246 Hz; wavelength: 1580.78 cm
Note: F#0; nu: 0; k: 6; frequency: 23.1224 Hz; wavelength: 1492.06 cm
Note: G0; nu: 0; k: 7; frequency: 24.4973 Hz; wavelength: 1408.32 cm
Note: G#0; nu: 0; k: 8; frequency: 25.954 Hz; wavelength: 1329.27 cm
Note: A0; nu: 0; k: 9; frequency: 27.4973 Hz; wavelength: 1254.67 cm
Note: A#0; nu: 0; k: 10; frequency: 29.1324 Hz; wavelength: 1184.25 cm
Note: B0; nu: 0; k: 11; frequency: 30.8647 Hz; wavelength: 1117.78 cm
Note: C1; nu: 1; k: 0; frequency: 32.7 Hz; wavelength: 1055.05 cm
Note: C#1; nu: 1; k: 1; frequency: 34.6444 Hz; wavelength: 995.831 cm
Note: D1; nu: 1; k: 2; frequency: 36.7045 Hz; wavelength: 939.939 cm
Note: D#1; nu: 1; k: 3; frequency: 38.8871 Hz; wavelength: 887.184 cm
Note: E1; nu: 1; k: 4; frequency: 41.1994 Hz; wavelength: 837.39 cm
Note: F1; nu: 1; k: 5; frequency: 43.6493 Hz; wavelength: 790.391 cm
Note: F#1; nu: 1; k: 6; frequency: 46.2448 Hz; wavelength: 746.03 cm
Note: G1; nu: 1; k: 7; frequency: 48.9946 Hz; wavelength: 704.159 cm
Note: G#1; nu: 1; k: 8; frequency: 51.908 Hz; wavelength: 664.637 cm
Note: A1; nu: 1; k: 9; frequency: 54.9946 Hz; wavelength: 627.334 cm
Note: A#1; nu: 1; k: 10; frequency: 58.2648 Hz; wavelength: 592.124 cm
Note: B1; nu: 1; k: 11; frequency: 61.7294 Hz; wavelength: 558.891 cm
Note: C2; nu: 2; k: 0; frequency: 65.4 Hz; wavelength: 527.523 cm
Note: C#2; nu: 2; k: 1; frequency: 69.2889 Hz; wavelength: 497.915 cm
Note: D2; nu: 2; k: 2; frequency: 73.409 Hz; wavelength: 469.97 cm
Note: D#2; nu: 2; k: 3; frequency: 77.7741 Hz; wavelength: 443.592 cm
Note: E2; nu: 2; k: 4; frequency: 82.3988 Hz; wavelength: 418.695 cm
Note: F2; nu: 2; k: 5; frequency: 87.2985 Hz; wavelength: 395.196 cm
Note: F#2; nu: 2; k: 6; frequency: 92.4896 Hz; wavelength: 373.015 cm
Note: G2; nu: 2; k: 7; frequency: 97.9893 Hz; wavelength: 352.079 cm
Note: G#2; nu: 2; k: 8; frequency: 103.816 Hz; wavelength: 332.319 cm
Note: A2; nu: 2; k: 9; frequency: 109.989 Hz; wavelength: 313.667 cm
Note: A#2; nu: 2; k: 10; frequency: 116.53 Hz; wavelength: 296.062 cm
Note: B2; nu: 2; k: 11; frequency: 123.459 Hz; wavelength: 279.446 cm
Note: C3; nu: 3; k: 0; frequency: 130.8 Hz; wavelength: 263.761 cm
Note: C#3; nu: 3; k: 1; frequency: 138.578 Hz; wavelength: 248.958 cm
Note: D3; nu: 3; k: 2; frequency: 146.818 Hz; wavelength: 234.985 cm
Note: D#3; nu: 3; k: 3; frequency: 155.548 Hz; wavelength: 221.796 cm
Note: E3; nu: 3; k: 4; frequency: 164.798 Hz; wavelength: 209.348 cm
Note: F3; nu: 3; k: 5; frequency: 174.597 Hz; wavelength: 197.598 cm
Note: F#3; nu: 3; k: 6; frequency: 184.979 Hz; wavelength: 186.508 cm
Note: G3; nu: 3; k: 7; frequency: 195.979 Hz; wavelength: 176.04 cm
Note: G#3; nu: 3; k: 8; frequency: 207.632 Hz; wavelength: 166.159 cm
Note: A3; nu: 3; k: 9; frequency: 219.979 Hz; wavelength: 156.834 cm
Note: A#3; nu: 3; k: 10; frequency: 233.059 Hz; wavelength: 148.031 cm
Note: B3; nu: 3; k: 11; frequency: 246.918 Hz; wavelength: 139.723 cm
Note: C4; nu: 4; k: 0; frequency: 261.6 Hz; wavelength: 131.881 cm
Note: C#4; nu: 4; k: 1; frequency: 277.156 Hz; wavelength: 124.479 cm
Note: D4; nu: 4; k: 2; frequency: 293.636 Hz; wavelength: 117.492 cm
Note: D#4; nu: 4; k: 3; frequency: 311.097 Hz; wavelength: 110.898 cm
Note: E4; nu: 4; k: 4; frequency: 329.595 Hz; wavelength: 104.674 cm
Note: F4; nu: 4; k: 5; frequency: 349.194 Hz; wavelength: 98.7989 cm
Note: F#4; nu: 4; k: 6; frequency: 369.958 Hz; wavelength: 93.2538 cm
Note: G4; nu: 4; k: 7; frequency: 391.957 Hz; wavelength: 88.0198 cm
Note: G#4; nu: 4; k: 8; frequency: 415.264 Hz; wavelength: 83.0797 cm
Note: A4; nu: 4; k: 9; frequency: 439.957 Hz; wavelength: 78.4168 cm
Note: A#4; nu: 4; k: 10; frequency: 466.118 Hz; wavelength: 74.0156 cm
Note: B4; nu: 4; k: 11; frequency: 493.835 Hz; wavelength: 69.8614 cm
Note: C5; nu: 5; k: 0; frequency: 523.2 Hz; wavelength: 65.9404 cm
Note: C#5; nu: 5; k: 1; frequency: 554.311 Hz; wavelength: 62.2394 cm
Note: D5; nu: 5; k: 2; frequency: 587.272 Hz; wavelength: 58.7462 cm
Note: D#5; nu: 5; k: 3; frequency: 622.193 Hz; wavelength: 55.449 cm
Note: E5; nu: 5; k: 4; frequency: 659.191 Hz; wavelength: 52.3369 cm
Note: F5; nu: 5; k: 5; frequency: 698.388 Hz; wavelength: 49.3995 cm
Note: F#5; nu: 5; k: 6; frequency: 739.917 Hz; wavelength: 46.6269 cm
Note: G5; nu: 5; k: 7; frequency: 783.914 Hz; wavelength: 44.0099 cm
Note: G#5; nu: 5; k: 8; frequency: 830.528 Hz; wavelength: 41.5398 cm
Note: A5; nu: 5; k: 9; frequency: 879.914 Hz; wavelength: 39.2084 cm
Note: A#5; nu: 5; k: 10; frequency: 932.236 Hz; wavelength: 37.0078 cm
Note: B5; nu: 5; k: 11; frequency: 987.67 Hz; wavelength: 34.9307 cm
Note: C6; nu: 6; k: 0; frequency: 1046.4 Hz; wavelength: 32.9702 cm
Note: C#6; nu: 6; k: 1; frequency: 1108.62 Hz; wavelength: 31.1197 cm
Note: D6; nu: 6; k: 2; frequency: 1174.54 Hz; wavelength: 29.3731 cm
Note: D#6; nu: 6; k: 3; frequency: 1244.39 Hz; wavelength: 27.7245 cm
Note: E6; nu: 6; k: 4; frequency: 1318.38 Hz; wavelength: 26.1685 cm
Note: F6; nu: 6; k: 5; frequency: 1396.78 Hz; wavelength: 24.6997 cm
Note: F#6; nu: 6; k: 6; frequency: 1479.83 Hz; wavelength: 23.3134 cm
Note: G6; nu: 6; k: 7; frequency: 1567.83 Hz; wavelength: 22.005 cm
Note: G#6; nu: 6; k: 8; frequency: 1661.06 Hz; wavelength: 20.7699 cm
Note: A6; nu: 6; k: 9; frequency: 1759.83 Hz; wavelength: 19.6042 cm
Note: A#6; nu: 6; k: 10; frequency: 1864.47 Hz; wavelength: 18.5039 cm
Note: B6; nu: 6; k: 11; frequency: 1975.34 Hz; wavelength: 17.4653 cm

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Note: C7; nu: 7; k: 0; frequency: 2092.8 Hz; wavelength: 16.4851 cm
Note: C#7; nu: 7; k: 1; frequency: 2217.24 Hz; wavelength: 15.5599 cm
Note: D7; nu: 7; k: 2; frequency: 2349.09 Hz; wavelength: 14.6865 cm
Note: D#7; nu: 7; k: 3; frequency: 2488.77 Hz; wavelength: 13.8623 cm
Note: E7; nu: 7; k: 4; frequency: 2636.76 Hz; wavelength: 13.0842 cm
Note: F7; nu: 7; k: 5; frequency: 2793.55 Hz; wavelength: 12.3499 cm
Note: F#7; nu: 7; k: 6; frequency: 2959.67 Hz; wavelength: 11.6567 cm
Note: G7; nu: 7; k: 7; frequency: 3135.66 Hz; wavelength: 11.0025 cm
Note: G#7; nu: 7; k: 8; frequency: 3322.11 Hz; wavelength: 10.385 cm
Note: A7; nu: 7; k: 9; frequency: 3519.66 Hz; wavelength: 9.80209 cm
Note: A#7; nu: 7; k: 10; frequency: 3728.95 Hz; wavelength: 9.25194 cm
Note: B7; nu: 7; k: 11; frequency: 3950.68 Hz; wavelength: 8.73267 cm
Note: C8; nu: 8; k: 0; frequency: 4185.6 Hz; wavelength: 8.24255 cm
Note: C#8; nu: 8; k: 1; frequency: 4434.49 Hz; wavelength: 7.77993 cm
Note: D8; nu: 8; k: 2; frequency: 4698.18 Hz; wavelength: 7.34327 cm
Note: D#8; nu: 8; k: 3; frequency: 4977.55 Hz; wavelength: 6.93113 cm
Note: E8; nu: 8; k: 4; frequency: 5273.53 Hz; wavelength: 6.54211 cm
Note: F8; nu: 8; k: 5; frequency: 5587.11 Hz; wavelength: 6.17493 cm
Note: F#8; nu: 8; k: 6; frequency: 5919.33 Hz; wavelength: 5.82836 cm
Note: G8; nu: 8; k: 7; frequency: 6271.31 Hz; wavelength: 5.50124 cm
Note: G#8; nu: 8; k: 8; frequency: 6644.23 Hz; wavelength: 5.19248 cm
Note: A8; nu: 8; k: 9; frequency: 7039.31 Hz; wavelength: 4.90105 cm
Note: A#8; nu: 8; k: 10; frequency: 7457.89 Hz; wavelength: 4.62597 cm
Note: B8; nu: 8; k: 11; frequency: 7901.36 Hz; wavelength: 4.36634 cm
```

The exact values for the frequencies and wavelengths are given in Appendix A.

What might have taken a page of code to write on the original assignment, can now be done in just a few lines, and it covers all of the notes now too.

Appendix: Table of Musical Notes and their Frequencies

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	1774.20
E ₀	20.60	1674.62
F ₀	21.83	1580.63
F [#] ₀ /G ^b ₀	23.12	1491.91
G ₀	24.50	1408.18
G [#] ₀ /A ^b ₀	25.96	1329.14
A ₀	27.50	1254.55
A [#] ₀ /B ^b ₀	29.14	1184.13
B ₀	30.87	1117.67
C ₁	32.70	1054.94
C [#] ₁ /D ^b ₁	34.65	995.73
D ₁	36.71	939.85
D [#] ₁ /E ^b ₁	38.89	887.10
E ₁	41.20	837.31
F ₁	43.65	790.31
F [#] ₁ /G ^b ₁	46.25	745.96
G ₁	49.00	704.09
G [#] ₁ /A ^b ₁	51.91	664.57
A ₁	55.00	627.27

$A^{\#}_1/B^b_1$	58.27	592.07
B_1	61.74	558.84
C_2	65.41	527.47
$C^{\#}_2/D^b_2$	69.30	497.87
D_2	73.42	469.92
$D^{\#}_2/E^b_2$	77.78	443.55
E_2	82.41	418.65
F_2	87.31	395.16
$F^{\#}_2/G^b_2$	92.50	372.98
G_2	98.00	352.04
$G^{\#}_2/A^b_2$	103.83	332.29
A_2	110.00	313.64
$A^{\#}_2/B^b_2$	116.54	296.03
B_2	123.47	279.42
C_3	130.81	263.74
$C^{\#}_3/D^b_3$	138.59	248.93
D_3	146.83	234.96
$D^{\#}_3/E^b_3$	155.56	221.77
E_3	164.81	209.33
F_3	174.61	197.58
$F^{\#}_3/G^b_3$	185.00	186.49
G_3	196.00	176.02
$G^{\#}_3/A^b_3$	207.65	166.14

A ₃	220.00	156.82
A [#] ₃ /B ^b ₃	233.08	148.02
B ₃	246.94	139.71
C ₄	261.63	131.87
C [#] ₄ /D ^b ₄	277.18	124.47
D ₄	293.66	117.48
D [#] ₄ /E ^b ₄	311.13	110.89
E ₄	329.63	104.66
F ₄	349.23	98.79
F [#] ₄ /G ^b ₄	369.99	93.24
G ₄	392.00	88.01
G [#] ₄ /A ^b ₄	415.30	83.07
A ₄	440.00	78.41
A [#] ₄ /B ^b ₄	466.16	74.01
B ₄	493.88	69.85
C ₅	523.25	65.93
C [#] ₅ /D ^b ₅	554.37	62.23
D ₅	587.33	58.74
D [#] ₅ /E ^b ₅	622.25	55.44
E ₅	659.25	52.33
F ₅	698.46	49.39
F [#] ₅ /G ^b ₅	739.99	46.62
G ₅	783.99	44.01

$G^{\#}_5/A^b_5$	830.61	41.54
A_5	880.00	39.20
$A^{\#}_5/B^b_5$	932.33	37.00
B_5	987.77	34.93
C_6	1046.50	32.97
$C^{\#}_6/D^b_6$	1108.73	31.12
D_6	1174.66	29.37
$D^{\#}_6/E^b_6$	1244.51	27.72
E_6	1318.51	26.17
F_6	1396.91	24.70
$F^{\#}_6/G^b_6$	1479.98	23.31
G_6	1567.98	22.00
$G^{\#}_6/A^b_6$	1661.22	20.77
A_6	1760.00	19.60
$A^{\#}_6/B^b_6$	1864.66	18.50
B_6	1975.53	17.46
C_7	2093.00	16.48
$C^{\#}_7/D^b_7$	2217.46	15.56
D_7	2349.32	14.69
$D^{\#}_7/E^b_7$	2489.02	13.86
E_7	2637.02	13.08
F_7	2793.83	12.35
$F^{\#}_7/G^b_7$	2959.96	11.66

G ₇	3135.96	11.00
G [#] ₇ /A ^b ₇	3322.44	10.38
A ₇	3520.00	9.80
A [#] ₇ /B ^b ₇	3729.31	9.25
B ₇	3951.07	8.73
C ₈	4186.01	8.24
C [#] ₈ /D ^b ₈	4434.92	7.78
D ₈	4698.63	7.34
D [#] ₈ /E ^b ₈	4978.03	6.93
E ₈	5274.04	6.54
F ₈	5587.65	6.17
F [#] ₈ /G ^b ₈	5919.91	5.83
G ₈	6271.93	5.50
G [#] ₈ /A ^b ₈	6644.88	5.19
A ₈	7040.00	4.90
A [#] ₈ /B ^b ₈	7458.62	4.63
B ₈	7902.13	4.37