

Guitar Hero *Tips & Tricks*

Simulate the plucking of a guitar string using the Karplus–Strong algorithm, transforming your computer into a musical instrument



Administrative Info

- Partners allowed! Choose a partner whose skill level is close to your own
- See COS 126 website for guidelines

Oh good catch!

You are missing a semi-colon!

- This week, we're learning about performance analysis and getting a preview of **data structures**
- GOALS:
 - Physically-modeled sound: compute sound waveform using a mathematical model of a musical instrument
 - Object-oriented programming: more practice with objects
 - Performance: efficient data structure that is crucial for this application

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RingBuffer buf = new RingBuffer(4);

double rb[] = new double[4];



















first

0



1

size

4

capacity







double val = buf.dequeue();



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2

















buf.enqueue(6.2);



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 - Updating the RingBuffer's 44100 times per second!

RingBuffer Testing/Debugging

What does the following code do:

double value = 0.0; RingBuffer buf = new RingBuffer(4); for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) buf.enqueue(i/10.0); for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) value = buf.dequeue(); StdOut.println(value);

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Plucking the string. The excitation of the string can contain energy at any frequency. We simulate the excitation with *white noise*: set each of the *n* displacements to a random real number between -1/2 and +1/2.



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Did you initialize **all** your instance variables in both constructors?

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main() write your own tests here. must call every method and, if the method has a return value, should use that value for something, like printing

The test cases you write in main() will improve your understanding!

- Model many simultaneously vibrating guitar strings
- Classic guitar has 6 strings and 19 frets
- Our digital guitar has 37 strings
- Create an array of GuitarString objects
- Apply law of superposition

string i has frequency 440 x 2^{(i-24)/12}

Take GuitarHeroLite and add 35 GuitarStrings to it!

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// Create two guitar strings, for concert A and C
double CONCERT A = 440.0;
double CONCERT C = CONCERT A * Math.pow(2, 3.0/12.0);
GuitarString stringA = new GuitarString(CONCERT A);
GuitarString stringC = new GuitarString(CONCERT C);
// the main input loop
while (true) {
    // check if the user has typed a key, and, if so, process it
    if (StdDraw.hasNextKeyTyped()) {
        // the user types this character
        char key = StdDraw.nextKeyTyped();
        // pluck the corresponding string
        if (key == 'a') { stringA.pluck(); }
        if (key == 'c') { stringC.pluck(); }
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    // compute the superposition of the samples
    double sample = stringA.sample() + stringC.sample();
    // send the result to standard audio
    StdAudio.play(sample);
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Instead, use keyboard.indexOf()

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String keyboard =
    "q2we4r5ty7u8i9op-[=zxdcfvgbnjmk,.;/' ";
...
keyboard.length(); // don't hardwire 37!
keyboard.indexOf('q'); // 0
keyboard.indexOf('r'); // 5
keyboard.indexOf('+'); // -1
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K, .; /'

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What should you do if the user presses a key that is not on the keyboard? **Ignore it**

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After we sampled each string, we call tic() on each GuitarString to get ready for next iteration

GuitarHero User Interface



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GuitarHero MIDI - Checklist



