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Assignment 6 Tips and Tricks

- *digital audio review*
- *guitar string data type*
- *ring buffer data type*
- *guitar hero client*

Goals

- Physically-modeled sound: compute sound waveform using a mathematical model of a musical instrument.

plucking a guitar string
(1D wave)

bowing a violin string
(Helmholtz motion)

striking a drum
(2D wave)

Goals

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- Object-oriented programming: more practice with objects.
- Performance: efficient data structure crucial for application.

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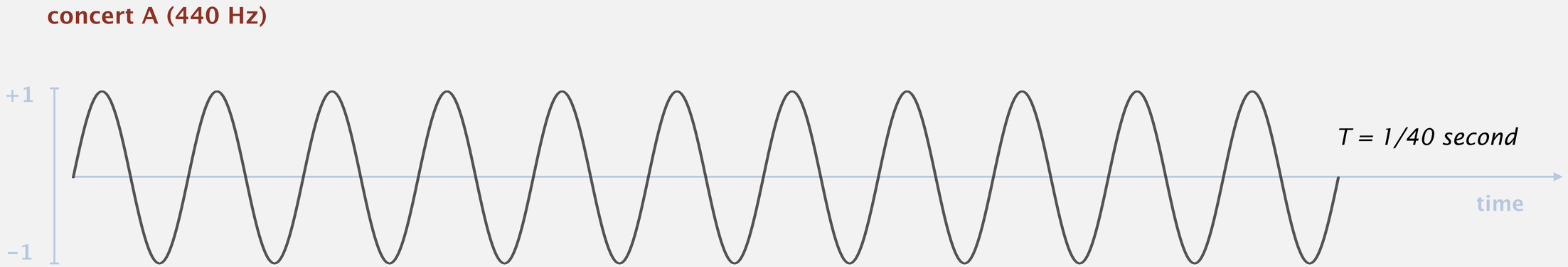
Sound

Waveform. Real-valued function between −1 and +1.

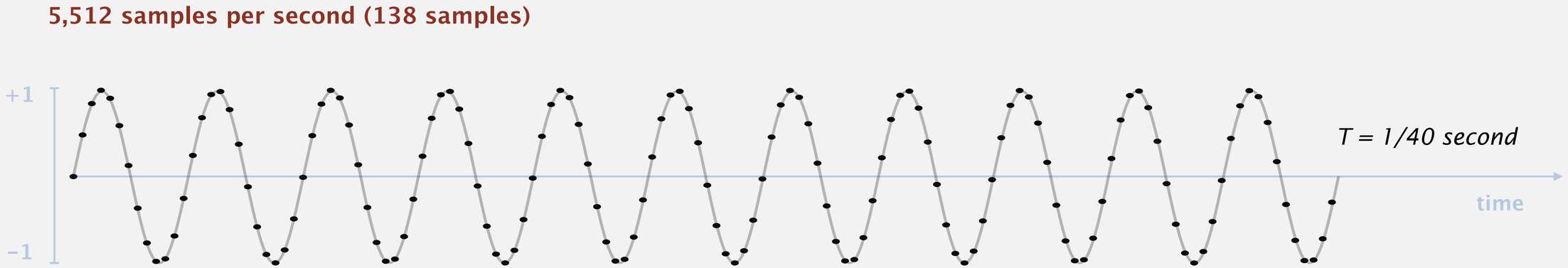


$$a(t) = \sin(2\pi \cdot t \cdot 440), \quad 0 \le t \le T$$

Pure tone. Periodic sinusoidal waveform.

Digital sound

Digital representation. Sample at equally-spaced points.



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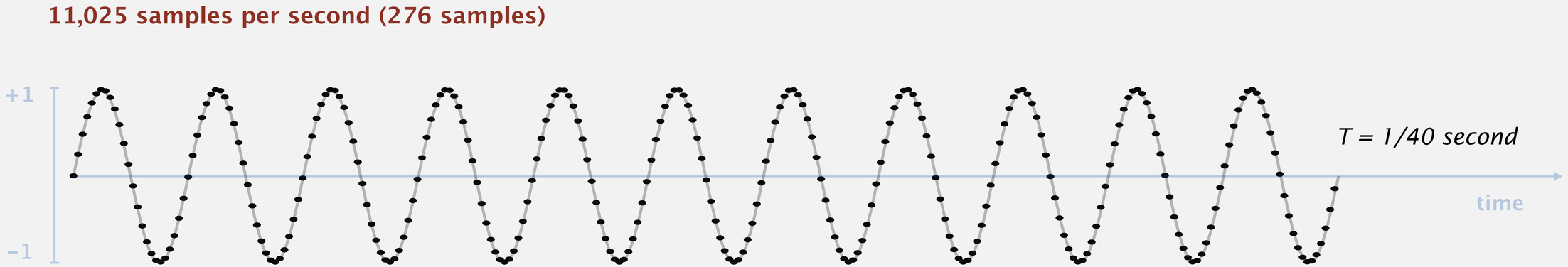

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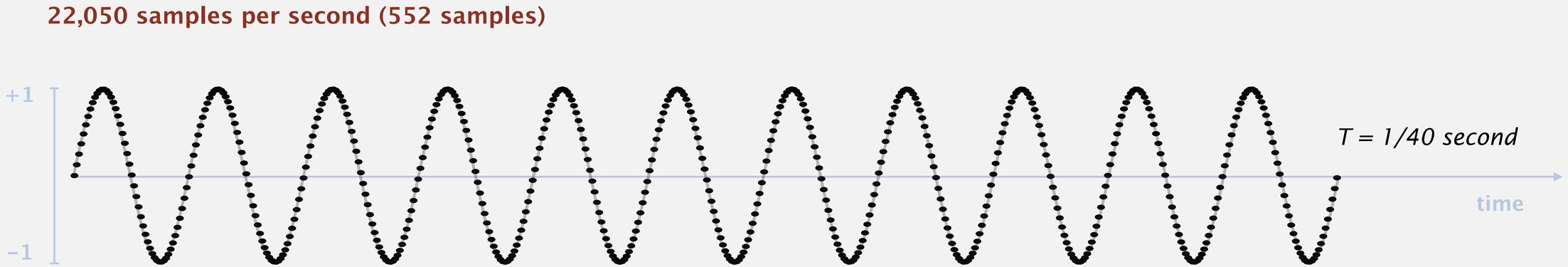

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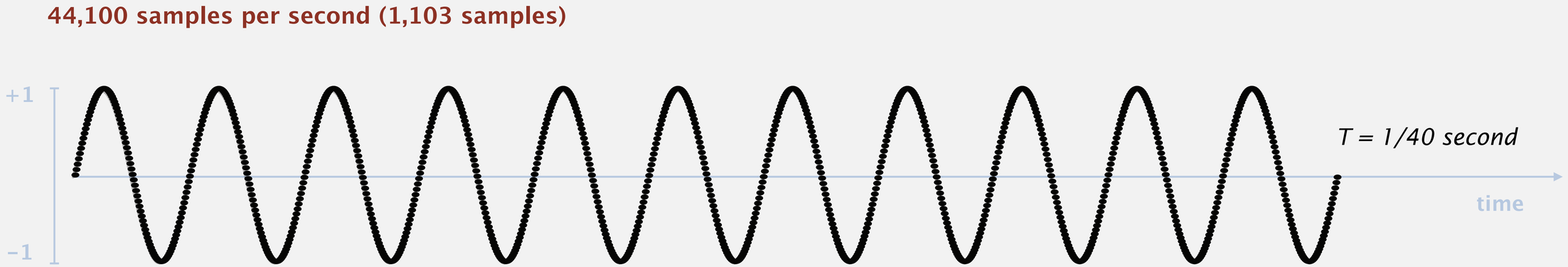

Digital sound

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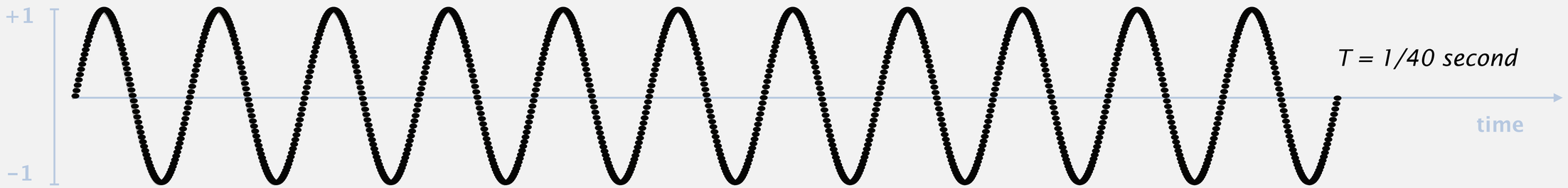
44,100 samples per second (1,103 samples)



$$a[i] = \sin\left(\frac{2\pi \cdot i \cdot 440}{44100}\right), \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, 44100 \cdot T$$

```
for (int i = 0; i <= 44100 * T; i++) {
   double x = Math.sin(2.0 * Math.PI * i * 440.0 / 44100);
   StdAudio.play(x);
}
```

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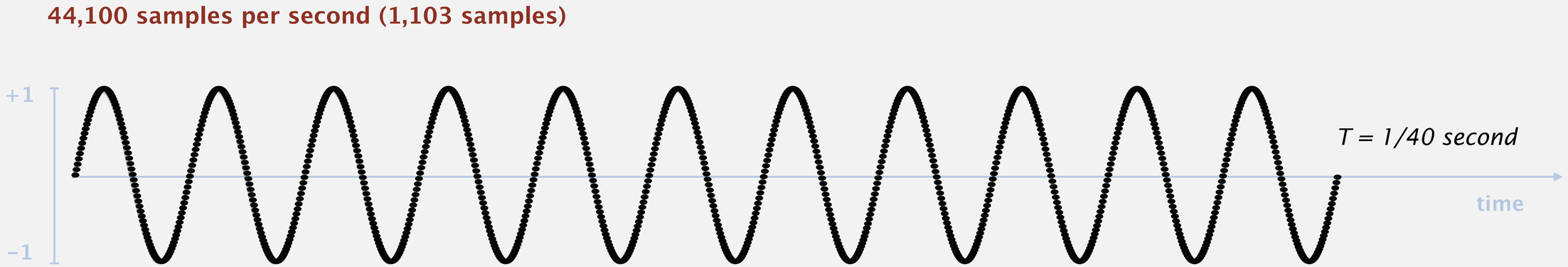

Teenager ringtone / torture.

```
for (int i = 0; i <= 44100 * T; i++) {
   double x = Math.sin(2.0 * Math.PI * i * 17000.0 / 44100);
   StdAudio.play(x);
}
```

Real-time audio library

Standard audio. Simple library to play sound in Java.

- User sends samples to standard audio.
- Standard audio sends them to sound card at 44,100 Hz.

```
public class StdAudio
```

`public static int SAMPLE_RATE`	*44,100 (CD-quality audio)*
`public static void play(double x)`	*write one sample to sound card*
`public static void play(double[] x)`	*write array of samples to sound card*
`public static double[] read(String filename)`	*read audio samples from wav file*
`public static void save(...)`	*save audio samples to wav file*

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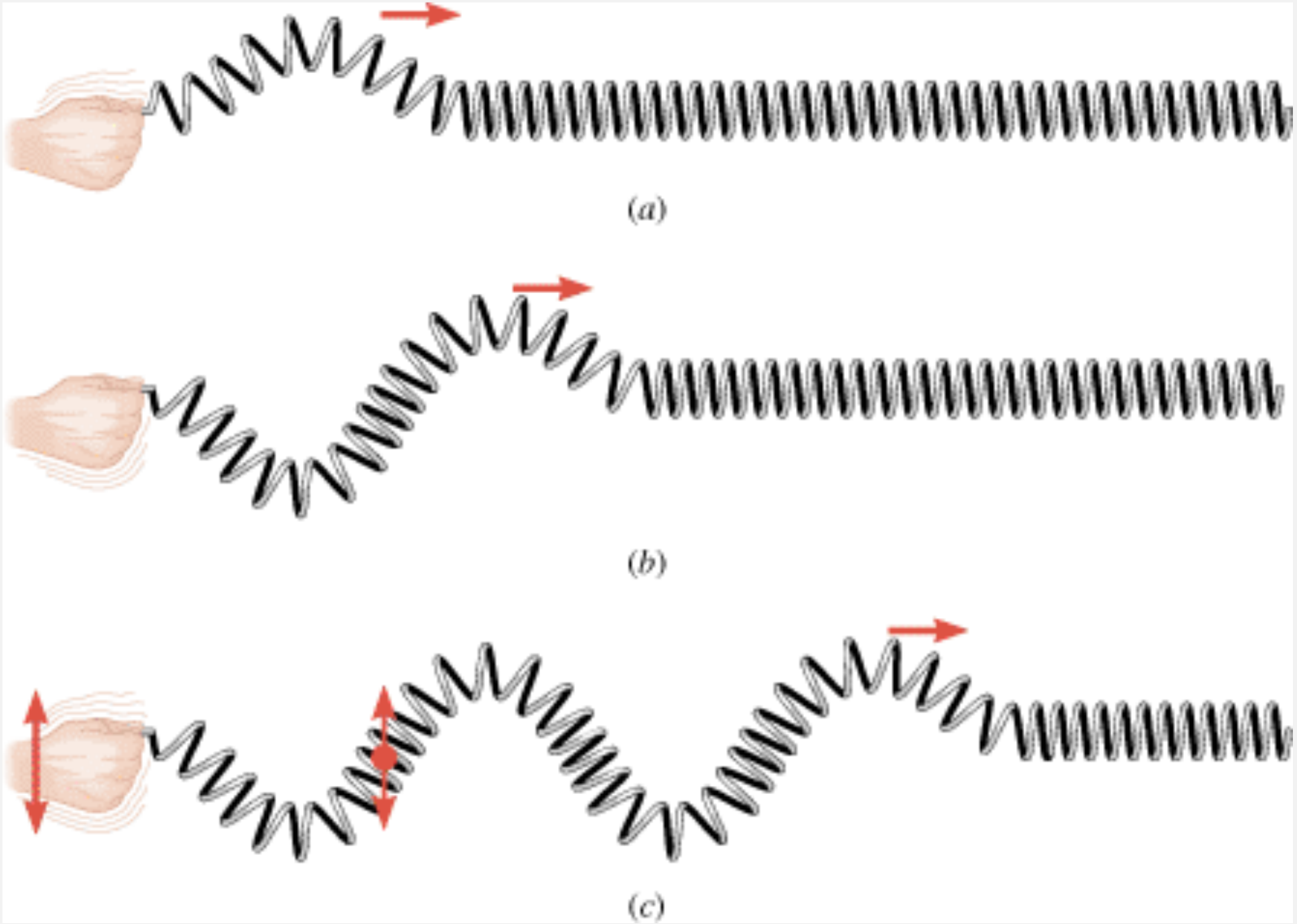
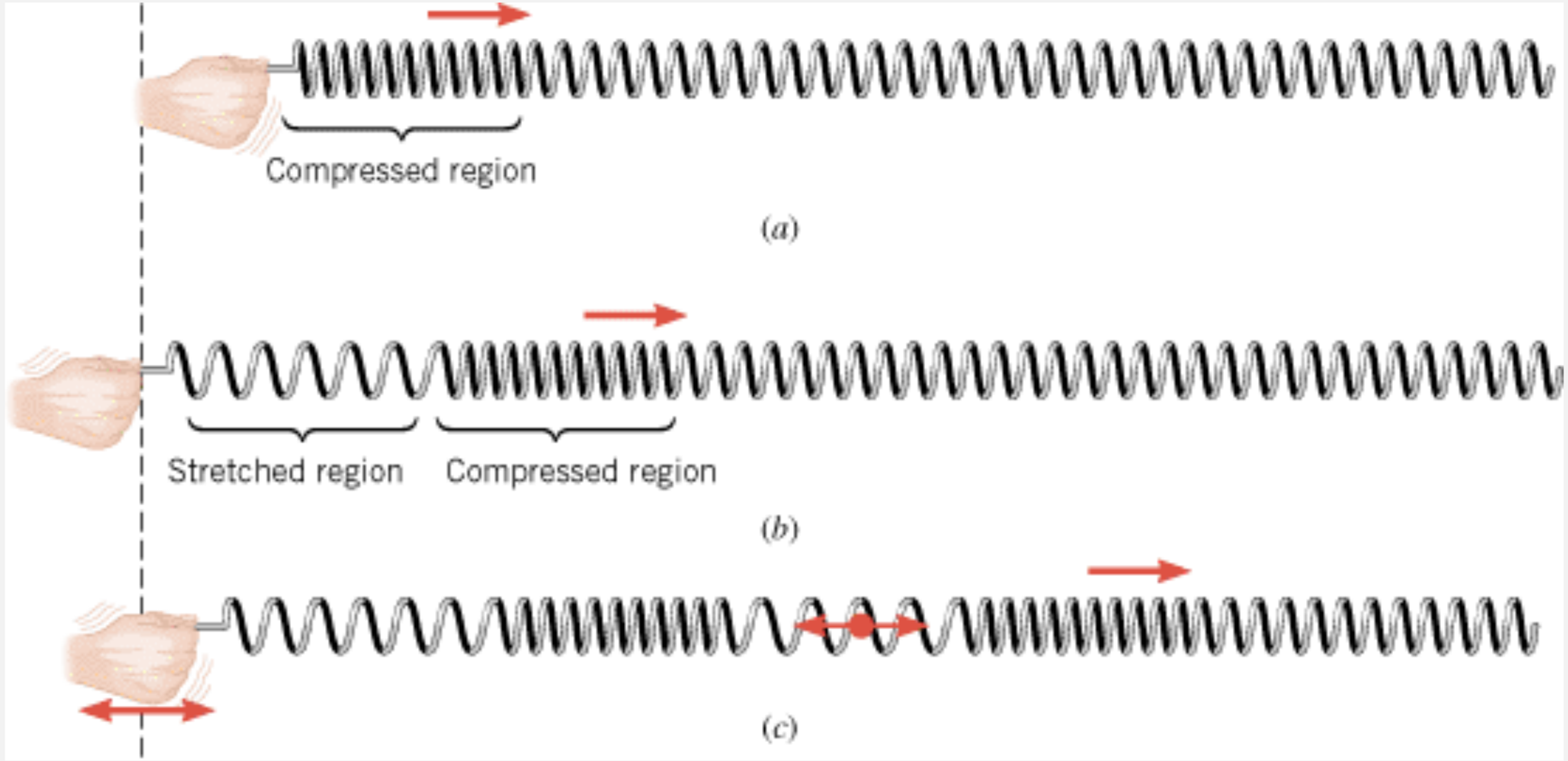
Transverse wave demo



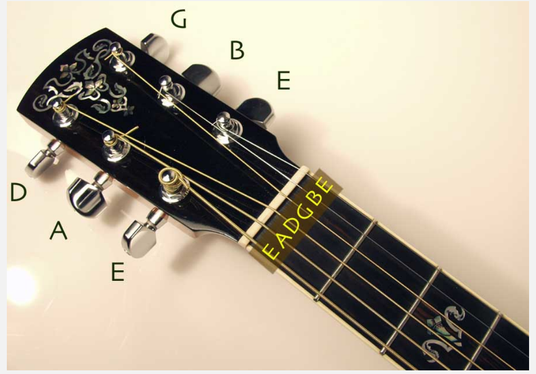
Longitudinal wave demo



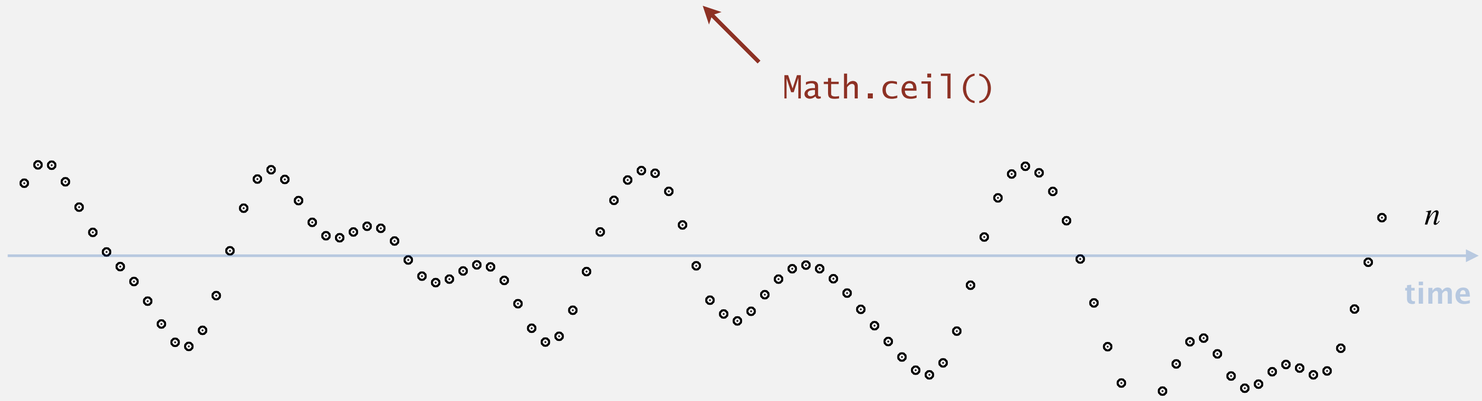
Modeling the guitar string

Physical guitar string.

- Length of string determines fundamental frequency.†
- Once plucked, string vibrates.
- Amplitude decreases as energy dissipates into sound and heat.



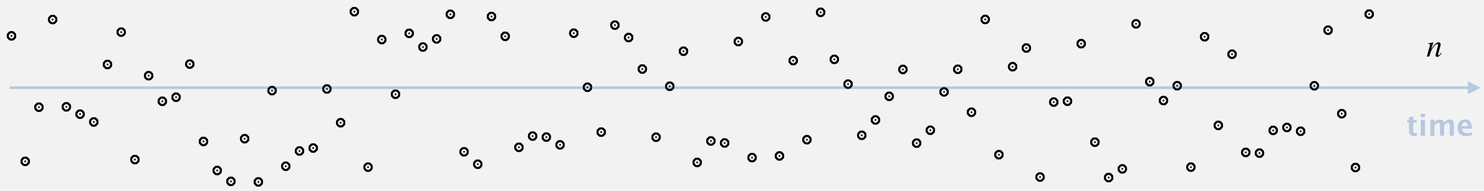
Digital model. Sequence of n displacements, where $n = \lceil 44{,}100 / frequency \rceil$.



Modeling the plucking of a guitar string

Plucking a guitar string. Excitation can contain energy at any frequency.

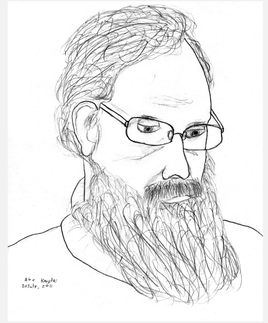
White noise. Set each of n displacements uniform at random in $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$.

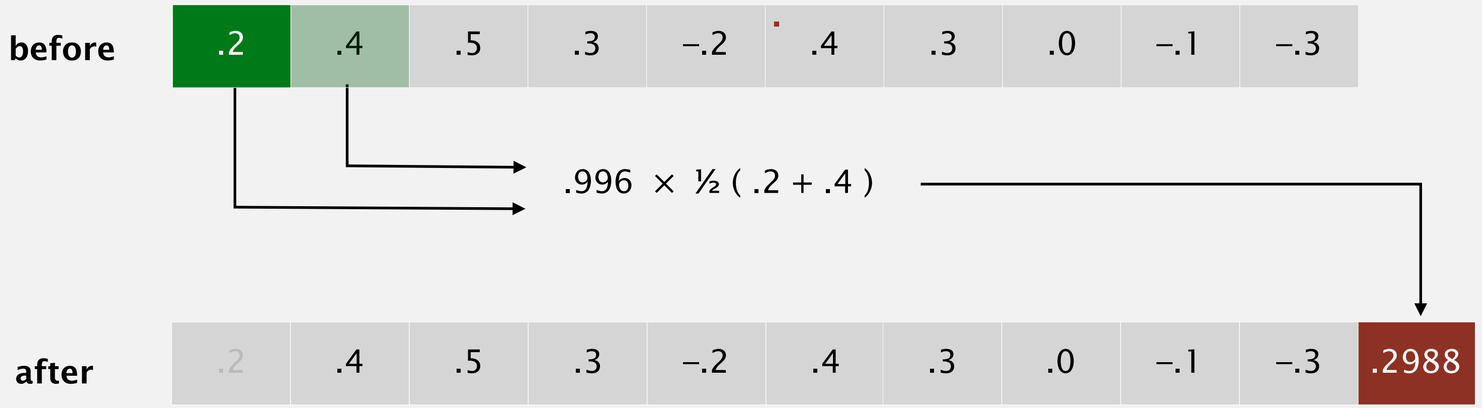


Simulating the vibrating guitar string: Karplus–Strong

Karplus.

- Play the first sample.
- Peek at first two samples (and remove first).
- Append the average of those two samples,
  scaled by an energy dissipation factor of 0.996.





Strong. Sampling the transversal wave on a string instrument.

Guitar string API

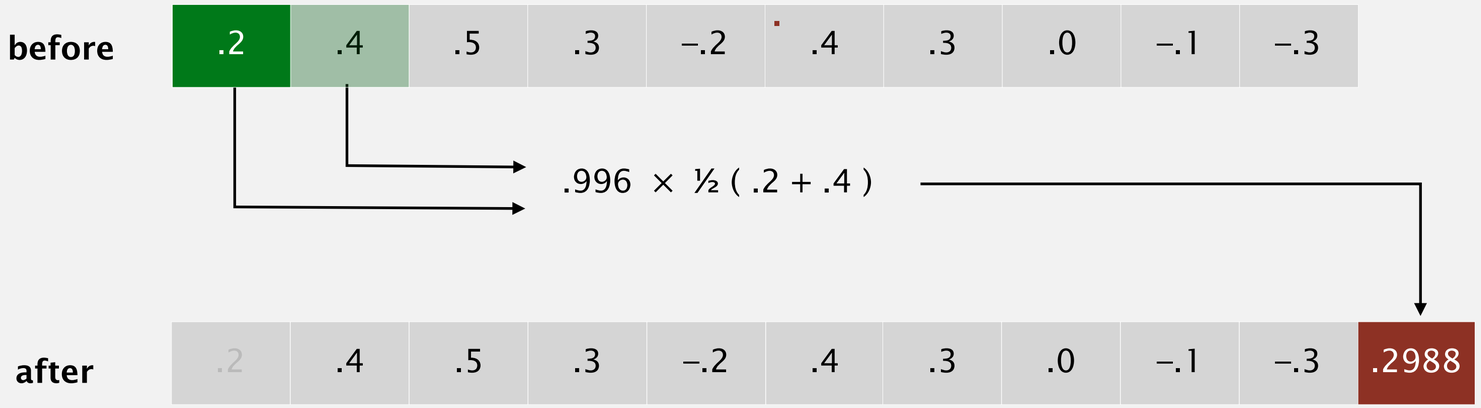
public class GuitarString	
`public GuitarString(double freq)`	*creates a guitar string of given frequency*
`public GuitarString(double[] init)`	*for unit testing*
`public int length()`	*returns the length of this guitar string*
`public void pluck()`	*plucks this guitar string*
`public void tic()`	*advances the simulation one time step*
`public double sample()`	*returns the current sample*

```
GuitarString concertA = new GuitarString(440.0);
concertA.pluck();
while (true) {
   StdAudio.play(concertA.sample());
   concertA.tic();
}
```

Guitar string implementation

Q. How to represent?

A. Need data structure that can remove value from front and add to back.



Core operations needed. ← special case of a queue (Section 4.3)

- Construct: create a data structure (capable of holding n items).
- Enqueue: add value.
- Dequeue: remove least recently added value.
- Peek: look at least recently added value.

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Ring buffer API

Goal. Design a data type that can implement Karplus–Strong.

public class RingBuffer	
`public RingBuffer(int capacity)`	*creates an empty ring buffer of given capacity*
`public int capacity()`	*maximum number of items in buffer*
`public int size()`	*number of items currently in buffer*
`public boolean isEmpty()`	*is this ring buffer empty?*
`public boolean isFull()`	*is this ring buffer full?*
`public void enqueue(double x)`	*adds item x to the end*
`public double dequeue()`	*removes and returns item from front*
`public double peek()`	*returns item from front*

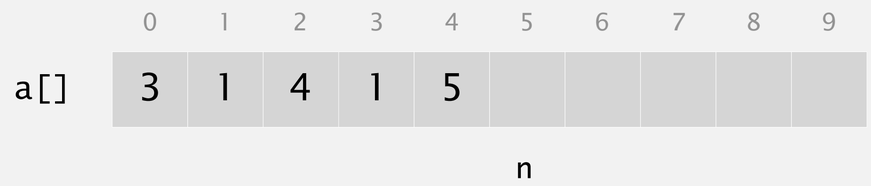
Performance requirement. All instance methods must take constant time (called 44,100 times per second).

Ring buffer implementation

Performance bug.

- Enqueue: add item at `a[n]` and increment `n`.

enqueue 9



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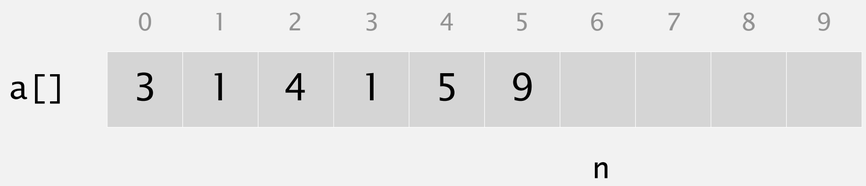

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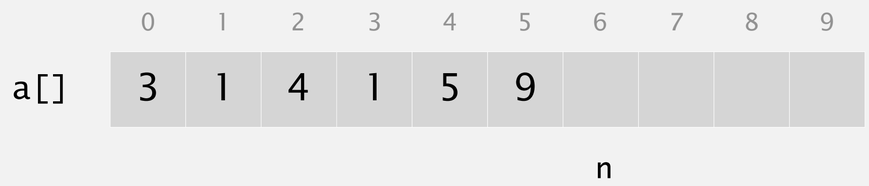
- Enqueue: add item at `a[n]` and increment `n`.
- Dequeue: remove item `a[0]` and shift all items.

⟵ constant time per op

dequeue



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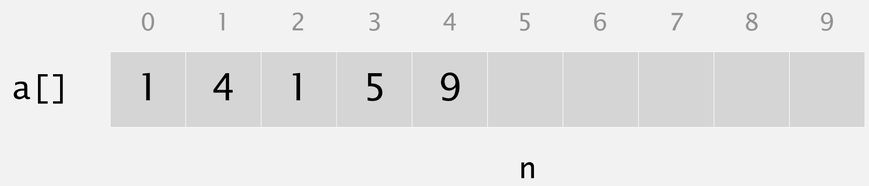
dequeue 3



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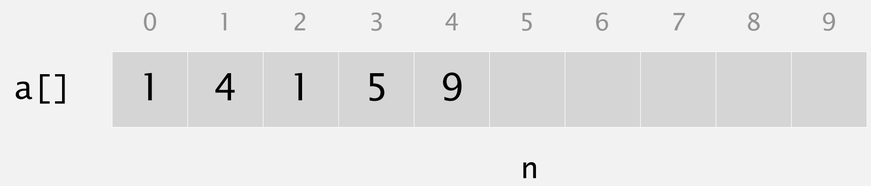

Bottom line. Too slow to generate samples at 44.1kHz !

Ring buffer implementation

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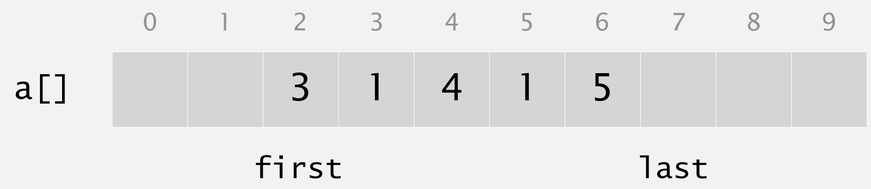

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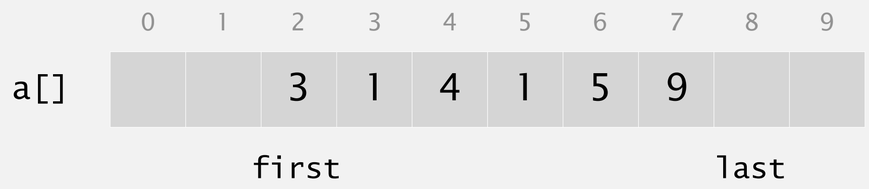

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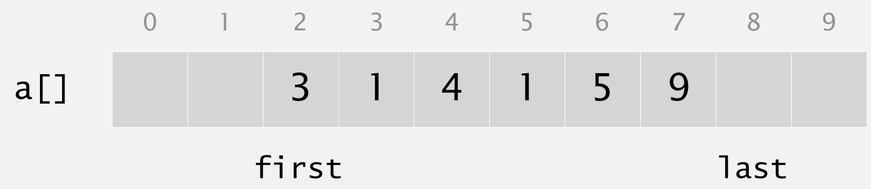

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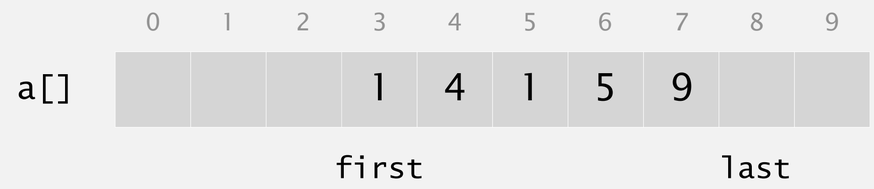

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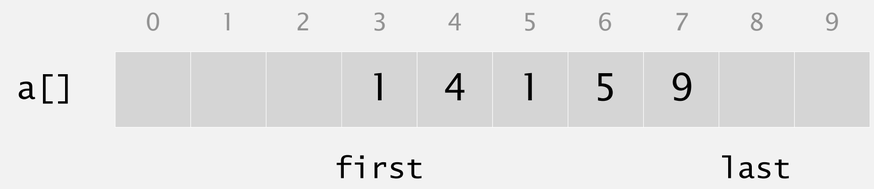

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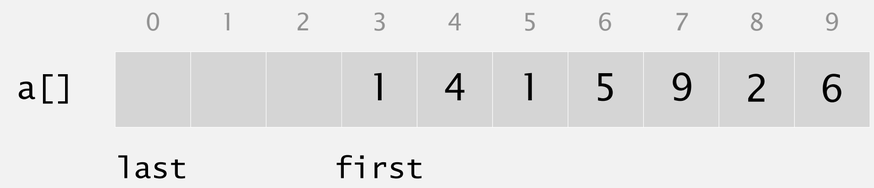

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enqueue

Ring buffer implementation: performance matters

Q. I have a quad-core MacBook Pro with 16GB memory and TouchBar.
Does constant time vs. linear time matter in practice?

A. Yes!

concert A (efficient implementation)

concert A (performance bug)

Remark. Could use same trick to speed up LFSR.

Ring buffer implementation

```
public class RingBuffer {

   private double[] a;  // elements
   private int first;   // index of dequeue element
   private int last;    // index of enqueue element


   public int size() {
      // YOUR CODE HERE
   }
   ...

}
```

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   private int size;     // number of elements

   public int size() {
      return last - first;
   }
   ...

}
```

why wrong?

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A 1-string guitar

```
public class GuitarHeroUltraLite {
   public static void main(String[] args) {

      GuitarString stringA = new GuitarString(440.0);      concert A

      while (true) {

         if (StdDraw.hasNextKeyTyped()) {                  if user types 'a',
            char key = StdDraw.nextKeyTyped();             pluck the string
            if (key == 'a') stringA.pluck();
         }

         StdAudio.play(stringA.sample());                  play the sample

         stringA.tic();                                    do Karplus–Strong update

      }
   }
}
```

A 37-string guitar

Model many simultaneously vibrating guitar strings.

- Classic guitar has 6 strings and 19 frets.
- Our digital guitar has 37 strings.
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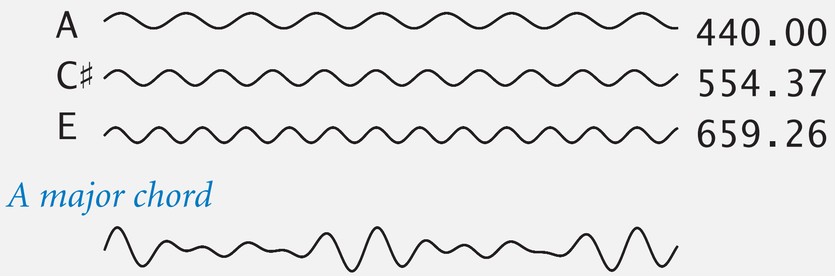

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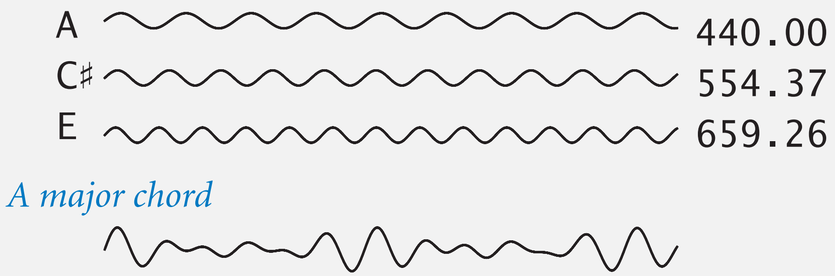

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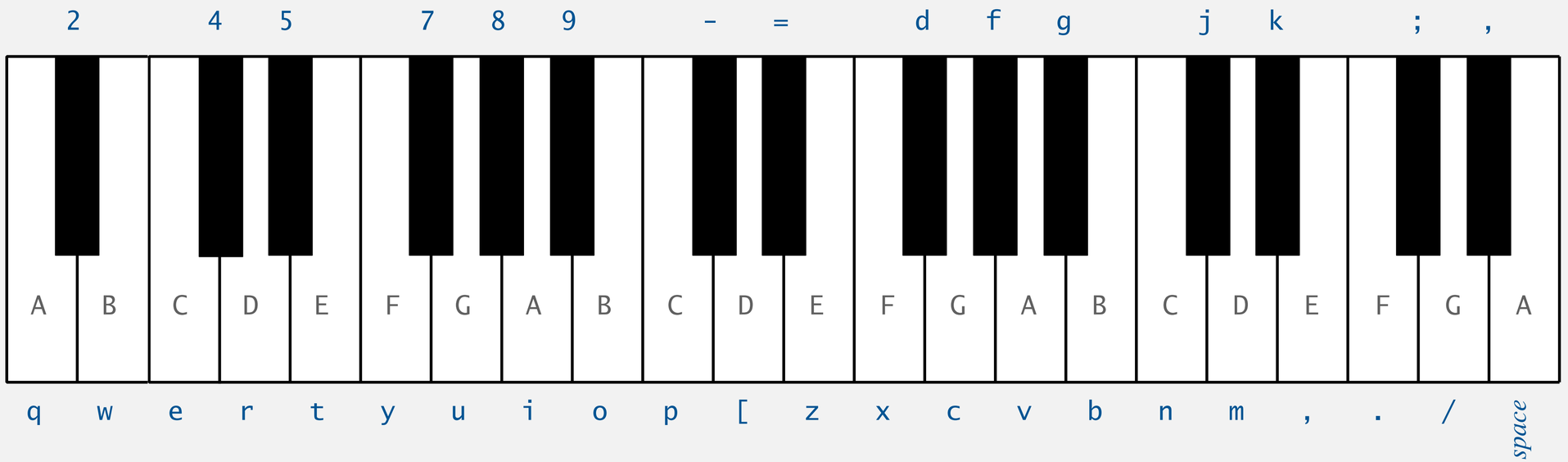
Making a musical instrument

User interface. User types key to pluck string.



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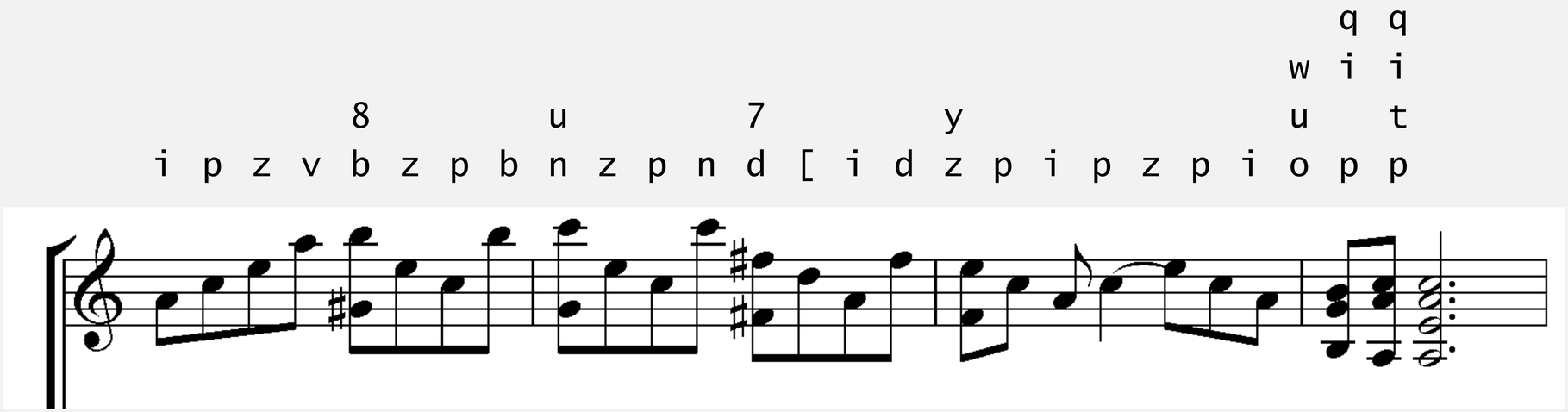

Modeling the 37 strings

How to map from a keystroke to corresponding `GuitarString` object?

A. 37-way `if` statement

B. 37-way `switch` statement

don't even think about it!

C. an array/string of 37 characters

D. a symbol table with `char` keys and `GuitarString` values

good idea, but symbol tables not yet introduced in course

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

And beyond

Found a new company.

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