

Program for calculating loudness according to DIN 45631 (ISO 532B)

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The method for calculating loudness level proposed by Zwicker is standardized in ISO 532B. This is a graphical procedure and it can be tedious to calculate loudness level by this procedure. Recently, DIN 45631 has been revised including a computer program for calculating loudness level in BASIC which runs on IBM-compatible PC's. Since the NEC PC-9801 series computers are popular in Japan, the program has been modified for the NEC PC-9801 series computers and is introduced in this paper.

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For the calculation of loudness, a graphical procedure has been proposed which was published in a German (DIN 45631)¹⁾ and in an International Standard (ISO 532B).²⁾ In order to facilitate the sometimes tedious procedure significantly, and to increase its applicability, computer programs in FORTRAN⁸⁾ and in BASIC⁴⁾ were published. Recently, in a revision of DIN 45631, a computer program in BASIC has been included in the German standard which runs on IBM-compatible PC's. Since the software of the NEC PC-9801 series computers used in Japan shows slight modifications compared to that of the usual IBM standard, we were asked to publish a version of the loudness calculation program that runs on NEC PC-9801 series computers.

In the following, the listing of a program is printed that gives exactly the same values for loudness in

sone and loudness level in phon as the program published in the German standard DIN 45631. Since this standard is largely identical to ISO 532B, values calculated by the program also are in line with this international standard.

By using the computer program described, loudness of stationary sounds can be calculated in excellent agreement with subjective evaluation. For sounds with strong temporal variations, however, special nonlinear temporal weightings have to be applied as described in Zwicker *et al.*⁵⁾ and Fastl.⁶⁾

The program described here has been successfully applied so far in Europe (see references in Fastl⁶⁾), in the United States (e.g. Hellman and Zwicker⁷⁾) as well as in Japan (e.g. Namba and Kuwano,⁸⁾ Kuwano *et al.*^{9,10)}, Suzuki *et al.*¹¹⁾ and Tachibana *et al.*¹²⁾). In all cases, a good correlation between subjective evaluation and physical evaluation by means of the computer program was found.

The listing of the program is the following.

† He passed away suddenly on 22nd November 1990. We highly esteem his great achievements and his passing has been hard to accept.

LIST OF THE PROGRAM

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1000 .....
1010 *
1020 *      LOUDNESS CALCULATION ACCORDING TO DIN 45631 (ISO 532B)
1030 *
1040 *
1050 *      TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY MUNICH
1060 *      INSTITUTE OF ELECTROACOUSTICS
1070 *
1080 *
1090 *
1100 *      PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE: N88-BASIC(MS-DOS)
1110 *
1120 *
1130 *
1140 *
1150 *      PROGRAMMING NOTE : THIS PROGRAM CALCULATES THE LOUDNESS
1160 *      AND THE LOUDNESS LEVEL FROM THE 1/3
1170 *      OCTAVE BAND LEVELS OF A SOUND
1180 *
1190 *
1200 *      INPUT PARAMETERS : LT      FIELD OF 28 ELEMENTS WHICH REPRESENT
1210 *      THE 1/3 OCTAVE BAND LEVELS IN dB WITH
1220 *      CENTER FREQUENCY FROM 25 Hz TO
1230 *      12.5 kHz
1240 *
1250 *      MS      VARIABLE TO DISTINGUISH THE TYPE
1260 *      OF SOUND FIELD ( FREE / DIFFUSE )
1270 *
1280 *
1290 *      OUTPUT PARAMETERS: N      LOUDNESS IN SONE G
1300 *
1310 *      LN      LOUDNESS LEVEL IN PHON G
1320 *
1330 *
1340 *      VARIABLES      : FR      CENTER FREQUENCIES OF 1/3 OCTAVE
1350 *      BANDS
1360 *
1370 *      RAP      RANGES OF 1/3 OCTAVE BAND LEVELS
1380 *      FOR CORRECTION AT LOW FREQUENCIES
1390 *      ACCORDING TO EQUAL LOUDNESS CON-
1400 *      TOURS
1410 *
1420 *      DLL      REDUCTION OF 1/3 OCTAVE BAND LEVELS
1430 *      AT LOW FREQUENCIES ACCORDING TO
1440 *      EQUAL LOUDNESS CONTOURS WITHIN THE
1450 *      EIGHT RANGES DEFINED BY RAP
1460 *
1470 *      LTQ      CRITICAL BAND RATE LEVEL AT ABSOLUTE
1480 *      THRESHOLD WITHOUT TAKING INTO AC-
1490 *      COUNT THE TRANSMISSION CHARACTERIS-
1500 *      TICS OF THE EAR
1510 *
1520 *      AO      CORRECTION OF LEVELS ACCORDING TO
1530 *      THE TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS OF
1540 *      THE EAR
1550 *
1560 *      DDF      LEVEL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FREE AND
1570 *      DIFFUSE SOUND FIELDS
1580 *
1590 *      DCB      ADAPTATION OF 1/3 OCTAVE BAND LEVELS
1600 *      TO THE CORRESPONDING CRITICAL BAND
1610 *      LEVEL
1620 *
1630 *
1640 *
1650 *
1660 *      ZUP      UPPER LIMITS OF APPROXIMATED CRITI-
1670 *      CAL BANDS IN TERMS OF CRITICAL BAND
1680 *      RATE
1690 *
1700 *      RNS      RANGE OF SPECIFIC LOUDNESS FOR THE
1710 *      DETERMINATION OF THE STEEPNESS OF
1720 *      THE UPPER SLOPES IN THE SPECIFIC
1730 *      LOUDNESS - CRITICAL BAND RATE PAT-
1740 *      TERN
1750 *
1760 *      USL      STEEPNESS OF THE UPPER SLOPES IN
1770 *      THE SPECIFIC LOUDNESS - CRITICAL
1780 *      BAND RATE PATTERN FOR THE RANGES
1790 *      RNS AS A FUNCTION OF THE NUMBER OF
1800 *      THE CRITICAL BAND
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3460 RESTORE 2390
3470 FOR I = 1 TO 28
3480 READ FR(I)
3490 NEXT I
3500 FOR I = 1 TO 8
3510 READ RAP(I)
3520 NEXT I
3530 FOR J = 1 TO 8
3540 FOR I = 1 TO 11
3550 READ DLL(I, J)
3560 NEXT I
3570 NEXT J
3580 FOR I = 1 TO 20
3590 READ LTQ(I)
3600 NEXT I
3610 FOR I = 1 TO 20
3620 READ AO(I)
3630 NEXT I
3640 FOR I = 1 TO 20
3650 READ DDF(I)
3660 NEXT I
3670 FOR I = 1 TO 20
3680 READ DCB(I)
3690 NEXT I
3700 FOR I = 1 TO 21
3710 READ ZUP(I)
3720 NEXT I
3730 FOR I = 1 TO 18
3740 READ RNS(I)
3750 NEXT I
3760 FOR I = 1 TO 18
3770 FOR J = 1 TO 8
3780 READ USL(I, J)
3790 NEXT J
3800 NEXT I
3810 '-----
3820 '-----
3830 '-----
3840 '-----
3850 '----- IN- AND OUTPUT -----
3860 '-----
3870 '--- INPUT OF 1/3 OCT. BAND LEVELS
3880 '
3890 CLS : GOSUB 5370
3900 '
3910 X = 5
3920 '
3930 FOR I = 1 TO 28
3940 X = X + 1
3950 IF X = 20 THEN CLS : X = 5
3960 LOCATE 1, 1: COLOR 4
3970 PRINT "Input 1/3 oct. band levels (format: ***.) !"
3980 LOCATE 1, 2
3990 PRINT "Push <RETURN> key each time."
4000 LOCATE 18, X
4010 IF I < 17 THEN 4020 ELSE 4050
4020 PRINT "1/3 oct. band level at ";
4030 COLOR 6: PRINT USING "###.##"; FR(I); : COLOR 4: PRINT " Hz: "
4040 GOTO 4070
4050 PRINT "1/3 oct. band level at ";
4060 COLOR 6: PRINT USING "###.##"; FR(I); : COLOR 4: PRINT " kHz: "
4070 COLOR 7: LOCATE 52, X: INPUT LT(I)
4080 IF LT(I) = 0 THEN LT(I) = -60
4090 IF LT(I) < -60 OR LT(I) > 120 THEN 4100 ELSE 4170
4100 COLOR 2: LOCATE 1, 22
4110 PRINT "Attention !"
4120 LOCATE 1, 23
4130 PRINT "Input levels are accepted only between -60 dB and 120 dB !"
4140 BEEP:COLOR 7
4150 LOCATE 51, X: PRINT SPACES(10)
4160 GOTO 4070
4170 COLOR 6: LOCATE 51, X: PRINT USING "###.##"; LT(I);
4180 LOCATE 58, X: PRINT " dB "; COLOR 7
4190 '
4200 GOSUB 5370
4210 '
4220 NEXT I
4230 '
4240 '--- SELECTION OF SOUND FIELD (FREE/DIFFUSE)
4250 '
4260 GOSUB 5370
4270 CLS
4280 COLOR 4: LOCATE 20, 11
4290 PRINT "Input of the type of sound field:"
4300 LOCATE 20, 13
4310 PRINT "free (F) or diffuse (D) sound field? "; : COLOR 7
4320 '
4330 MS = INPUT$(1)
4340 '
4350 IF MS = "F" OR MS = "f" THEN MS = "F": GOTO 4370
4360 IF MS = "D" OR MS = "d" THEN MS = "D" ELSE GOTO 4330
4370 '
4380 '
4390 CLS
4400 COLOR 5: LOCATE 30, 12:
4410 PRINT "Now calculating..."
4420 COLOR 7: GOSUB 5510
4430 '
4440 '
4450 '--- END OF PROGRAM - OUTPUT OF RESULTS ON DISPLAY/PRINTER ---
4460 '
4470 CLS
4480 COLOR 6: LOCATE 9, 5:
4490 PRINT SR1$: SR1$
4500 LOCATE 9, 6: PRINT "*": LOCATE 72, 6: PRINT "*"
4510 LOCATE 9, 7: PRINT "*": LOCATE 21, 7:
4520 PRINT "LOUDNESS N = ";
4530 IF N <= 16 THEN PRINT USING "###.##"; N;
4540 IF N > 16 THEN PRINT USING "####.##"; N; : PRINT " ";
4550 PRINT " sone G": MS
4560 LOCATE 72, 7: PRINT "*"
4570 LOCATE 9, 8: PRINT "*": LOCATE 21, 8:
4580 PRINT "LOUDNESS LEVEL LN = "; : PRINT USING "###.##"; LN;
4590 PRINT " phon G": MS
4600 LOCATE 72, 8: PRINT "*"
4610 LOCATE 9, 9: PRINT "*": LOCATE 72, 9: PRINT "*"
4620 LOCATE 9, 10:
4630 PRINT SR1$: SR1$
4640 '
4650 GOSUB 5370
4660 '
4670 COLOR 4: LOCATE 24, 17: PRINT "Print out of the table above? (y/n) ";
4680 PR$ = INPUT$(1): COLOR 7
4690 '
4700 IF PR$ = "y" OR PR$ = "Y" THEN GOTO 4980
4710 IF PR$ = "n" OR PR$ = "N" THEN GOTO 4730 ELSE GOTO 4680
4720 '
4730 CLS : GOSUB 5370
4740 '
4750 COLOR 4: LOCATE 13, 12
4760 PRINT "Input of new 1/3 oct. band levels (y) or end (n)? ";
4770 NES = INPUT$(1): COLOR 7
4780 '
4790 IF NES = "y" OR NES = "Y" THEN 3850
4800 IF NES = "n" OR NES = "N" THEN 4820 ELSE GOTO 4770
4810 '
4820 CLS
4830 '
4840 SCREEN 0: CONSOLE ,1,0
4850 LOCATE 37, 11: PRINT "End..."
4860 '
4870 LOCATE 0,0: END
4880 '
4890 '
4900 '-----
4910 '----- SUBROUTINES -----
4920 '-----
4930 '-----
4940 '-----
4950 '----- SUBROUTINE TO OUTPUT THE RESULTS ON PRINTER -----
4960 '-----
4970 '-----
4980 COLOR 7: LOCATE 1, 17: PRINT SPACES(79)
4990 '
5000 COLOR 4: LOCATE 29, 17
5010 PRINT "Ready?"
5020 LOCATE 29, 19
5030 PRINT "Push any key to start !"
5040 '
5050 GOSUB 5370: GOSUB 7240
5060 ON ERROR GOTO 7110
5070 '
5080 CLS
5090 '
5100 DT1$ = MIDS(DATES, 4, 2)
5110 DT2$ = LEFT$(DATES, 2)
5120 DT3$ = RIGHT$(DATES, 2)
5130 DT$ = DT2$ + "." + DT1$ + "." + DT3$
5140 '
5150 LPRINT
5160 LPRINT SPACES(10); "*** DIN - LOUDNESS CALCULATION ***"
5170 LPRINT
5180 LPRINT SPACES(12);
5190 LPRINT "DATE: "; " "; DT$; " "; "TIME: "; " "; TIMES
5200 LPRINT
5210 LPRINT SPACES(17);
5220 LPRINT "N = ";
5230 IF N <= 16 THEN LPRINT USING "###.##"; N;
5240 IF N > 16 THEN LPRINT USING "####.##"; N; : LPRINT " ";
5250 LPRINT " sone G"; MS
5260 LPRINT SPACES(17);
5270 LPRINT "LN = "; : LPRINT USING "###.##"; LN;
5280 LPRINT " phon G"; MS
5290 LPRINT
5300 COLOR 7: GOTO 4730
5310 '
5320 '-----
5330 '-----
5340 '----- SUBROUTINE TO CLEAR THE KEY BUFFER -----
5350 '-----
5360 '-----
5370 FOR W = 1 TO 50
5380 WS = INKEY$
5390 IF LEN(WS) = 0 THEN RETURN
5400 NEXT W
5410 '
5420 '-----
5430 '-----
5440 '----- SUBROUTINE - LOUDNESS CALCULATION -----
5450 '-----
5460 '-----
5470 '--- CORRECTION OF 1/3 OCT. BAND LEVELS ACCORDING TO EQUAL LOUDNESS
5480 '--- CONTOURS (XP) AND CALCULATION OF THE INTENSITIES FOR 1/3 OCT.
5490 '--- BANDS UP TO 315 Hz
5500 '
5510 FOR I = 1 TO 11
5520 J = 1
5530 IF LT(I) <= RAP(J) - DLL(I, J) THEN GOTO 5560
5540 J = J + 1
5550 IF J < 8 THEN GOTO 5530
5560 XP = LT(I) + DLL(I, J)
5570 TI(I) = 10 * (.1 * XP)
5580 NEXT I
5590 '
5600 '--- DETERMINATION OF LEVELS LCB(1), LCB(2) AND LCB(3) WITHIN THE
5610 '--- FIRST THREE CRITICAL BANDS
5620 '
5630 '
5640 DEF FNGI (I) = 10 * LOG(GI(I)) / LOG(10)
5650 GI(1) = TI(1) + TI(2) + TI(3) + TI(4) + TI(5) + TI(6)
5660 GI(2) = TI(7) + TI(8) + TI(9)
5670 GI(3) = TI(10) + TI(11)
5680 '
5690 FOR I = 1 TO 3
5700 IF GI(I) > 0 THEN LCB(I) = FNGI(I)
5710 NEXT I
5720 '
5730 '--- CALCULATION OF MAIN LOUDNESS
5740 '---
5750 '
5760 FOR I = 1 TO 20
5770 LE(I) = LT(I + 8)
5780 IF I <= 3 THEN LE(I) = LCB(I)
5790 LE(I) = LE(I) - AO(I)
5800 NM(I) = 0
5810 IF MS = "D" OR MS = "d" THEN LE(I) = LE(I) + DDF(I)
5820 IF LE(I) <= LTQ(I) THEN 5930
5830 LE(I) = LE(I) - DCB(I)
5840 '
5850 S = .25
5860 '
5870 MP1 = .0635 * 10 * (.025 * LTQ(I))
5880 MP2 = (1 - S + S * 10 * ((LE(I) - LTQ(I)))) * .25 - 1
5890 NM(I) = MP1 * MP2
5900 '
5910 IF NM(I) <= 0 THEN NM(I) = 0
5920 '
5930 NEXT I
5940 NM(21) = 0
5950 '
5960 '--- CORRECTION OF SPECIFIC LOUDNESS IN THE LOWEST CRITICAL BAND
5970 '--- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DEPENDENCE OF ABSOLUTE THRESHOLD
5980 '--- WITHIN THIS CRITICAL BAND
5990 '
6000 '
6010 KORRY = .4 + .32 * NM(1) * .2

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6020 IF KORRY > 1 THEN KORRY = 1
6030 NM(1) = NM(1) * KORRY
6040
6050
6060 '--- START VALUES
6070
6080 N = 0
6090 Z1 = 0
6100 N1 = 0
6110 IZ = 1
6120 Z = .1
6130
6140
6150 '--- STEP TO FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT CRITICAL BANDS
6160
6170 FOR I = 1 TO 21
6180
6190   ZUP(I) = ZUP(I) + .0001
6200
6210   IG = I - 1
6220   IF IG > 8 THEN IG = 8
6230
6240
6250   IF N1 > NM(I) THEN GOTO 6560
6260   IF N1 = NM(I) THEN GOTO 6410
6270
6280
6290 '--- DETERMINATION OF THE NUMBER J CORRESPONDING TO THE RANGE
6300 'OF SPECIFIC LOUDNESS
6310
6320   FOR J = 1 TO 18
6330     IF RNS(J) < NM(I) THEN 6410
6340   NEXT J
6350
6360
6370 '--- CONTRIBUTION OF UNMASKED MAIN LOUDNESS TO TOTAL LOUDNESS
6380 'AND CALCULATION OF VALUES NS(IZ) WITH A SPACING OF
6390   Z = IZ * 0.1 BARK
6400
6410   Z2 = ZUP(I)
6420   N2 = NM(I)
6430   N = N + N2 * (Z2 - Z1)
6440
6450   FOR K = Z TO Z2 STEP .1
6460     NS(IZ) = N2
6470     IZ = IZ + 1
6480   NEXT K
6490   Z1 = K
6500   GOTO 6780
6510
6520
6530 '--- DECISION WHETHER THE CRITICAL BAND IN QUESTION IS COMPLETELY
6540 'OR PARTLY MASKED BY ACCESSORY LOUDNESS
6550
6560   N2 = RNS(J)
6570   IF N2 < NM(I) THEN N2 = NM(I)
6580   DZ = (N1 - N2) / USL(J, IG)
6590   Z2 = Z1 + DZ
6600   IF Z2 < ZUP(I) THEN 6680
6610   Z2 = ZUP(I)
6620   DZ = Z2 - Z1
6630   N2 = N1 - DZ * USL(J, IG)
6640
6650

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6660 '--- CONTRIBUTION OF ACCESSORY LOUDNESS TO TOTAL LOUDNESS
6670
6680   N = N + DZ * (N1 + N2) / 2
6690   FOR K = Z TO Z2 STEP .1
6700     NS(IZ) = N1 - (K - Z1) * USL(J, IG)
6710     IZ = IZ + 1
6720   NEXT K
6730   Z = K
6740
6750
6760 '--- STEP TO NEXT SEGMENT
6770
6780   IF N2 <= RNS(J) AND J < 18 THEN J = J + 1: GOTO 6780
6790   IF N2 <= RNS(J) AND J >= 18 THEN J = 18
6800   Z1 = Z2
6810   N1 = N2
6820   IF Z1 < ZUP(I) THEN 6250
6830
6840 NEXT I
6850
6860 IF N < 0 THEN N = 0
6870
6880 IF N <= 16 THEN N = INT(N * 1000 + .5) / 1000
6890 IF N > 16 THEN N = INT(N * 100 + .5) / 100
6900
6910
6920 '--- CALCULATION OF LOUDNESS LEVEL FOR LN < 40 PHON
6930   OR N < 1 SONE
6940
6950 LN = 40 * (N + .0005) * .35
6960 IF LN < 3 THEN LN = 3
6970
6980
6990 '--- CALCULATION OF LOUDNESS LEVEL FOR LN >= 40 PHON
7000   OR N >= 1 SONE
7010
7020 IF N >= 1 THEN LN = 10 * LOG(N) / LOG(2) + 40
7030
7040 RETURN
7050
7060
7070 '.....
7080 '..... SUBROUTINE FOR ERRORS OF PRINTER .....
7090 '.....
7100
7110 CLS
7120 COLOR 2: LOCATE 18, 12: PRINT "Printer is not ready."
7130 LOCATE 48, 12: PRINT "Try again !"
7140 BEEP
7150 LOCATE 18, 14: PRINT "Push any key !"
7160 GOSUB 5370: GOSUB 7240
7170 RESUME 4470
7180
7190
7200
7210 '.....
7220 '..... SUBROUTINE TO WAIT FOR KEY INPUT .....
7230
7240 LET AS = INKEY$
7250 WHILE AS = "": LET AS = INKEY$: WEND: RETURN
7260
7270
7280
7290

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