

Taha's 2nd Way of Collatz Sequence Solution

Proof:

let Collatz Sequence of $(n) = S(n)$, loop of Collatz Sequence $(n) = lS(n)$, & Collatz Fact = CF.

$$n \in N_+, n \text{ (Even)} : \frac{n}{2}, \text{ or } n \text{ (Odd)}: 3n + 1$$

$$\therefore S(n) = \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{n}{2} \right) \text{ or } (3n + 1) \right], \dots, ? \right\} \dots CF1 \Rightarrow$$

$$S(n) \supseteq S \left(\left(\frac{n}{2} \right) \text{ or } (3n + 1) \right) \dots CF2 \Rightarrow$$

$$lS(n) = lS \left(\left(\frac{n}{2} \right) \text{ or } (3n + 1) \right) \dots CF3.$$

Example:

$$\therefore S(5) = \{16, 8, 4, 2, 1\}, \dots CF1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore S(5) \supseteq S(16) \text{ because } S(16) = \{8, 4, 2, 1\} \dots CF2 \Rightarrow$$

$$lS(5) = lS(16) = lS(8) = lS(4) = lS(2) = lS(1) \dots CF3.$$

$$\therefore S(1) = \{4, 2, 1\} \Rightarrow lS(1) = \{4, 2, 1\},$$

$$S(2) = \{1, 4, 2\} \Rightarrow lS(2) = \{4, 2, 1\},$$

$$S(3) = \{10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1\} \Rightarrow lS(2) = \{4, 2, 1\},$$

$$S(4) = \{2, 1, 4\} \Rightarrow lS(4) = \{4, 2, 1\},$$

$$S(5) = \{16, 8, 4, 2, 1\} \Rightarrow lS(5) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \text{ and}$$

$$S(6) = \{3, 10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1\} \Rightarrow lS(6) = \{4, 2, 1\}.$$

Then let $lS(r) = \{4, 2, 1\}, r \in N_+$.

$$\therefore lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \text{ for } n \in \text{set } C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots, \text{?}, \dots, r\}.$$

Then: is $lS(r + 1) = \{4, 2, 1\}$?

$$\text{Part a) If } (r + 1) \in N_{\text{even}} \Rightarrow S(r + 1) = \left\{ \left(\frac{r+1}{2} \right), \dots, ? \right\} \dots CF1 \Rightarrow$$

$$S(r + 1) \supseteq S \left(\frac{r+1}{2} \right) \dots CF2 \Rightarrow$$

$$lS(r + 1) = lS \left(\frac{r+1}{2} \right) \dots CF3$$

$$\therefore lS \left(\frac{r+1}{2} \right) = \{4, 2, 1\} \text{ because } \frac{r+1}{2} \leq r \dots \text{by set } C \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore lS(r + 1) = \{4, 2, 1\} \dots (\text{substitution})$$

$$\therefore lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_{\text{even}}.$$

$$\text{Part b) If } n \in N_{\text{odd}} \Rightarrow S(n) = \{3n + 1, \dots, ?\} \dots CF1 \Rightarrow$$

$$S(n) \supseteq S(3n + 1) \dots CF2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore lS(n) = lS(3n + 1) \dots CF3.$$

$$\because lS(3n + 1) = \{4, 2, 1\} \text{ because } (3n + 1) \in N_{\text{even}} \dots \text{part a).}$$

$$\therefore lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_{\text{odd}} \dots (\text{substitution})$$

$$\text{Therefore by Part a \& Part b} \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_+$$