

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Way Solution of Collatz Sequence*

*Abstract:*

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

*$n, a, b, c, w \in N_+, n \text{ (Even)} : \frac{n}{2}, \text{ or } n \text{ (Odd)} : 3n + 1 \dots \text{(Collatz Sequence rules)}$*

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

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

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

*Example: if  $S(n) = \{a, b, c, \dots, w\} \Rightarrow lS(n) = lS(a) = lS(b) = lS(c) = \dots = lS(w)$*

*Proof:*

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

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

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

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

*$S(5) = \{16, 8, 4, 2, 1\} \Rightarrow lS(5) = lS(16) = \dots = lS(1) = \{4, 2, 1\}.$*

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

*$\therefore lS(x) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall x \in \text{Set } Z = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots, r\}.$*

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

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

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

*$\therefore \frac{r+1}{2} \leq r \Rightarrow \frac{r+1}{2} \in \text{Set } Z = \left\{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots, \frac{r+1}{2}, \dots, r \right\} \Rightarrow$*

*$\therefore lS \left( \frac{r+1}{2} \right) = \{4, 2, 1\}$*

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

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

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

*$\therefore LS(n) = LS(3n + 1), \dots CF3.$*

*$\because LS(3n + 1) \in N_{even}$*

*$\therefore LS(3n + 1) = \{4, 2, 1\} \dots$  by Part a*

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

*$\therefore LS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_+ \dots$  by Part a & Part b.*

**Reference: Lothar Collatz** (German: [ˈkɔlat͡s]; July 6, 1910 – September 26, 1990) was a German mathematician, born in Arnsberg, Westphalia.

The " $3x + 1$ " problem is also known as the Collatz conjecture, named after him and still unsolved. The Collatz–Wielandt formula for the Perron–Frobenius eigenvalue of a positive square matrix was also named after him.

Collatz's 1957 paper with Ulrich Sinogowitz,<sup>[1]</sup> who had been killed in the bombing of Darmstadt in World War II,<sup>[2]</sup> founded the field of spectral graph theory.