

Collatz Sequence Proof (1st Way)

Abstract:

Collatz Sequence rules: n (Even): $\frac{n}{2}$, or n (Odd): $3n + 1$.

With enough repetition, do all positive integers converge to 1?

Proof:

let $n, x, y, z, t, u, v, k, r, h \in N_+$, let $x \in lS(n)$ = loop of Collatz Sequence (n),


let $S(n) = \left\{ \frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n + 1), \dots, ? \right\}$, or $S(n) = \left\{ \frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n + 1), \dots \right\}$





I have to prove $lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}$, $\forall n \in N_+$ and proof it is the only loop.







Clouds of Collatz Sequence's, r is number of elements of $lS(n)$, & $x \in lS(n)$











Using Collatz even and odd rules on x (the 1st element of $lS(n)$) to find all clouds.

















Make each cloud = x to find value of x , and if $x \in N_+ \Rightarrow$ Collatz Sequence has $lS(n)$.














$r = \text{number of elements of } lS(n)$	
$x = \text{e or odd}$	
	

$r = 1$		
	$\frac{x}{2}$	$3x + 1$
	$= \text{e or odd}$	$= \text{e}$
		

$r = 2$			
	$\frac{x}{4}$	$\frac{3x + 2}{2}$	$\frac{3x + 1}{2}$
	$= \text{e or odd}$	$= \text{e}$	$= \text{e or odd}$
			

$r = 3$	 $\frac{x}{8}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{3x + 4}{4}$ =e 	 $\frac{3x + 2}{4}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{3x + 1}{4}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{9x + 5}{2}$ =e 
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$r = 4$	 $\frac{x}{16}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{3x + 8}{8}$ =e 	 $\frac{3x + 4}{8}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{3x + 2}{8}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{3x + 1}{8}$ =e or odd 	 $\frac{9x + 10}{4}$ =e 
 $\frac{9x + 7}{4}$ =e 	 $\frac{9x + 5}{4}$ =e or odd 					

$r = 5$	 $\frac{x}{32}$ =e or odd *	 $\frac{3x + 16}{16}$ =e or odd \$	 $\frac{3x + 8}{16}$ =e or odd !	 $\frac{3x + 4}{16}$ =e or odd @	 $\frac{3x + 2}{16}$ =e or odd #	 $\frac{3x + 1}{16}$ =e or odd %
 $\frac{9x + 20}{8}$ =e @@	 $\frac{9x + 14}{8}$ =e &	 $\frac{9x + 11}{8}$ =e (( $\frac{9x + 10}{8}$ =e or odd {{	 $\frac{9x + 7}{8}$ =e or odd [[ $\frac{9x + 5}{8}$ =e or odd **	 $\frac{27x + 19}{4}$ =e ***

$r = 6$	$*$ $\frac{x}{64}$	$*$ $\frac{3x + 32}{32}$	$\$$ $\frac{3x + 16}{32}$	$!$ $\frac{3x + 8}{32}$	$@$ $\frac{3x + 4}{32}$	$\#$ $\frac{3x + 2}{32}$	$\%$ $\frac{9x + 19}{16}$
$\%$ $\frac{3x + 1}{32}$	$\$$ $\frac{9x + 64}{16}$	$\{\{$ $\frac{27x + 38}{8}$	$@$ $\frac{9x + 28}{16}$	$\#$ $\frac{9x + 22}{16}$	$\%$ $\frac{3x + 1}{32}$	$\$$ $\frac{9x + 64}{16}$	$!$ $\frac{9x + 40}{16}$
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$**$ $\frac{27x + 23}{8}$	$***$ $\frac{27x + 19}{8}$						

A) let $lS(n) = \{x\}, \forall n \in N_+$

<i>Cloud</i>	<i>Cloud = x</i>
$\frac{x}{2}$	$\frac{x}{2} = x \Rightarrow x = 0 \notin lS(n)$
$3x + 1$	$3x + 1 = x \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} \notin lS(n)$

$\therefore x \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) \neq \{x\}, \forall n \in N_+$

B) let $lS(n) = \{x, y\}, \forall n \in N_+$

<i>Cloud</i>	<i>Cloud = x</i>	<i>y</i>
$\frac{x}{4}$	$\frac{x}{4} = x \Rightarrow x = 0 \notin lS(n)$
$\frac{3x + 2}{2}$	$\frac{3x+2}{2} = x \Rightarrow 3x + 2 = 2x \Rightarrow x = -2 \notin lS(n)$
$\frac{3x + 1}{2}$	$\frac{3x+1}{2} = x \Rightarrow x = -1 \notin lS(n)$

$\therefore x \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) \neq \{x, y\}, \forall n \in N_+$

C) let $lS(n) = \{x, y, z\}, \forall n \in N_+$,

<i>Cloud</i>	<i>Solve equation: Cloud = x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>
$\frac{x}{8}$	$\frac{x}{8} = x \Rightarrow x = 0 \notin lS(n)$	---	---
$\frac{3x+4}{4}$	$\frac{3x+4}{4} = x \Rightarrow x = 4 \in lS(n)$	$\frac{x}{2} = 2$	$\frac{x}{4} = 1$
$\frac{3x+2}{4}$	$\frac{3x+2}{4} = x \Rightarrow x = 2 \in lS(n)$	$\frac{x}{2} = 1$	$\frac{3x+2}{2} = 4$
$\frac{3x+1}{4}$	$\frac{3x+1}{4} = x \Rightarrow x = 1 \in lS(n)$	$3x+1$ $= 3(1)+1=4$	$\frac{3x+1}{2} = 2$
$\frac{9x+5}{2}$	$\frac{9x+5}{2} = x \Rightarrow x = -\frac{5}{7} \notin lS(n)$	---	---

$\therefore x \in N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{x, y, z\} = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_+$

$\therefore S(n) = \left\{ \frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n+1), \dots, 4, 2, 1 \right\}, \forall n \in N_+$

D) let $lS(n) = \{x, y, z, t\}, \forall n \in N_+$

<i>Cloud</i>	<i>Solve equation: Cloud = x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>t</i>
$\frac{x}{16}$	$\frac{x}{16} = x \Rightarrow x = 0 \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{3x+8}{8}$	$\frac{3x+8}{8} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{3x+4}{8}$	$\frac{3x+2}{4} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{3x+2}{8}$	$\frac{3x+1}{4} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{3x+1}{8}$	$\frac{9x+5}{2} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{9x+10}{4}$	$\frac{9x+10}{4} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{9x+7}{4}$	$\frac{9x+7}{4} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---
$\frac{9x+5}{2}$	$\frac{9x+5}{2} = x \notin lS(n)$	---	---	---

$\therefore x \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) \neq \{x, y, z, t\}, \forall n \in N_+$

From Clouds of Collatz Sequence's above

When $r = 5$ elements $\Rightarrow x \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) \neq \{x, y, z, t, u\}, \forall n \in N_+$

When $r = 6$ elements $\Rightarrow x \in N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{x, y, z, t, u, v\} = \{1, 2, 4, 1, 2, 4\} = \{1, 2, 4\}, \forall n \in N_+$

Pattern of Collatz Sequence

$r = 1 = 3(0) + 1$ $k = 0$	$x = \frac{3^0x+2^0}{2^{1-0}} \Rightarrow x = 1, \text{ but } y = 4 \notin lS(n) \Rightarrow lS(n) \neq \{x\}, \forall n \in N_+$
$r = 2 = 3(0) + 2$ $k = 0$	$x = \frac{3^0x+2^0}{2^{2-0}} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3} \notin N_+ \Rightarrow x, y \notin lS(n) \Rightarrow lS(n) \neq \{x, y\}, \forall n \in N_+$
$r = 3 = 3(1)$ $k = 1$	$x = \frac{3^1x+2^0}{2^{3-1}} \Rightarrow x = 1, y = 4, z = 2 \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_+$
$r = 4 = 3(1) + 1$ $k = 1$	$x = \frac{3^1x+2^0}{2^{4-1}} \Rightarrow x \notin N_+, \forall n \in N_+$
$r = 5 = 3(1) + 2$ $k = 1$	$x = \frac{3^1x+2^0}{2^{5-1}} \Rightarrow x \notin N_+, \forall n \in N_+$
$r = 6 = 3(2)$ $k = 2$	$x = \frac{3^2x+3(2^0)+2^2}{2^{6-2}} \Rightarrow x = 1, y = 4, z = 2 \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{x, y, z\}, \forall n \in N_+$
$r = 9 = 3(3)$ $k = 3$	$x = \frac{3^3x+3^2(2^0)+3^1(2^2)+2^4}{2^{9-3}} \Rightarrow x = 1, y = 4, z = 2 \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{1, 4, 2\},$ $\forall n \in N_+$
$r = 12 = 3(4)$ $k = 4$	$x = \frac{3^4x + 3^3(2^0) + 3^2(2^2) + 3(2^4)+2^6}{2^{12-4}} \Rightarrow x = 1, y = 4, z = 2, \forall n$ $\in N_+$
$r = 15 = 3(5)$ $k = 5$	$x = \frac{3^5x + 3^4(2^0) + 3^3(2^2) + 3^2(2^4) + 3(2^6) + 2^8}{2^{15-5}} \Rightarrow x = 1, y = 4,$ $Z=2 \forall n \in N_+$

Equation of finding x value in the Collatz Loop

Part A:

i) if $r = 3(k)$

$$\text{let } x = \frac{3^k x + 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)}}{2^{r-k}} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$lS(n) = \{1, 2, 4\}, \forall n \in N_+ \text{ when } r \in \{3, 6, 9, 12, \dots, 3(k)\}.$$

Note: $3^{k-1}(2^0), 2^2, 2^4, \dots, 2^{2(k-2)}, 2^{2(k-1)}, i, e 2^m$, and $m \in N = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$

ii) if $r = 3(k+1) = 3k+3$,

$$\text{is } x = \frac{3^{k+1}x + 3^k(2^0) + 3^{k-1}(2^2) + 3^{k-2}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2k-2}) + 2^{2k}}{2^{r-(k+1)}} = 1 ?$$

Proof:

$$x = \frac{3^{k+1}x + 3^k(2^0) + 3^{k-1}(2^2) + 3^{k-2}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2k-2}) + 2^{2k}}{2^{r-(k+1)}} \Rightarrow$$

$$(2^{r-(k+1)} - 3^{k+1})x = 3^k(2^0) + 3^{k-1}(2^2) + 3^{k-2}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2k-2}) + 2^{2k} \Rightarrow$$

$$(2^{3k+3-k-1} - 3^{k+1})x = 3^k(2^0) + 3^{k-1}(2^2) + 3^{k-2}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2k-2}) + 2^{2k} \Rightarrow$$

$$(2^{2k+2} - 3^{k+1})x = 3^k(2^0) + 3^{k-1}(2^2) + 3^{k-2}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2k-2}) + 2^{2k} \dots eq1$$

$$\text{is } (2^{2k+2} - 3^{k+1}) = 3^k(2^0) + 3^{k-1}(2^2) + 3^{k-2}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2k-2}) + 2^{2k} ?$$

$$\text{let } k = 4 \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{LHS} = (2^{10} - 3^5) = 781, \&$$

$$\text{RHS} = 3^4(2^0) + 3^3(2^2) + 3^2(2^4) + 3(2^6) + 2^8 = 781$$

$$\therefore eq1: (781)x = 781 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 4, z = 2 \Rightarrow$$

$$lS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in N_+ \text{ when } r \in \{3, 6, 9, 12, \dots, 3(k), 3(k+1), \dots\}$$

Part B:

let $r = 3(k) + h, h < 3, k, h \in N_+$

i) if $r = 3(k) + 1$, when $h=1$

$$\text{let } x = \frac{3^k x + 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)}}{2^{r-k}} \Rightarrow x \notin N_+,$$

$$\Rightarrow lS(n) = \emptyset, \forall n \in N_+ \text{ when } r \in \{1, 2, 4, 5, \dots, [3(k) + 1]\}$$

ii) if $r = 3(k) + 2$, when $h=2$

$$\text{is } x = \frac{3^k x + 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)}}{2^{r-k}} \Rightarrow x \notin N_+?$$

Proof:

$$x = \frac{3^k x + 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)}}{2^{r-k}} \Rightarrow$$

$$x = \frac{3^k x + 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)}}{2^{3k+2-k}}$$

$$x = \frac{3^k x + 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)}}{2^{2k+2}}$$

$$(2^{2k+2} - 3^k)x = 3^{k-1}(2^0) + 3^{k-2}(2^2) + 3^{k-3}(2^4) + \dots + 3^{k-k+1}(2^{2(k-2)}) + 2^{2(k-1)} \dots eq1$$

let $k = 4$

$$\therefore eq1: (2^{10} - 3^4)x = 3^3(2^0) + 3^2(2^2) + 3^1(2^4) + 2^6 \Rightarrow$$

$$943x = 175 \Rightarrow x \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) = \emptyset, \forall n \in N_+ \text{ when } r \in \{1, 2, 4, 5, \dots, [3k + 1], [3k + 2], \dots\}$$

$$\therefore N_+ = \{3, 6, 9, 12, \dots, 3(k), 3(k + 1), \dots\} \cup \{1, 2, 4, 5, \dots, [3k + 1], [3k + 2], \dots\}$$

$$\therefore \text{by part A \& part B} \Rightarrow lS(n) = \{1, 2, 4\} \cup \emptyset = \{1, 2, 4\}, \forall n \in N_+$$