

Collatz Sequence Proof (1st Way)

Abstract:

A Collatz sequence is a sequence of numbers generated by starting with a positive integer and repeatedly applying two rules:

- If the number is even, divide it by two
- If the number is odd, multiply it by 3 and add 1

Proof:

Collatz Sequence Rules: $n \text{ even} \rightarrow \frac{n}{2}$, or $n \text{ odd} \rightarrow (3n + 1)$

let $S(n)$ = Set of Collatz Sequence & $LS(n)$ = loop of $S(n)$

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

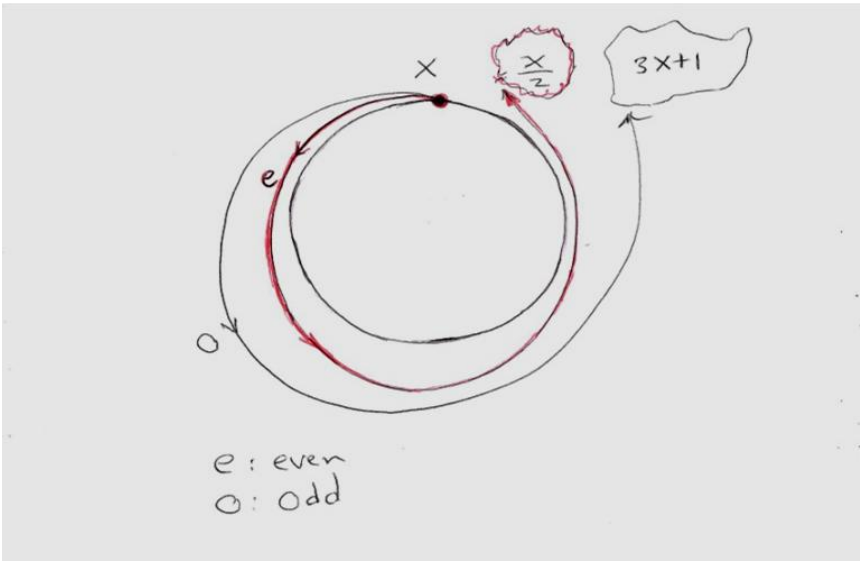
$$S(6) = \{3, 10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1\} \Rightarrow LS(6) = \{4, 2, 1\}$$

let $n, x, y, z, t, u, v, k, r, h \in N_+$

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

r = number of elements of $LS(n)$, $x \in S(n)$, & $x \in LS(n)$

A) let $lS(n) = \{x\} \forall n \in N_+, \text{ when } x \in S(n) = \{\frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n + 1), \dots, x\}$



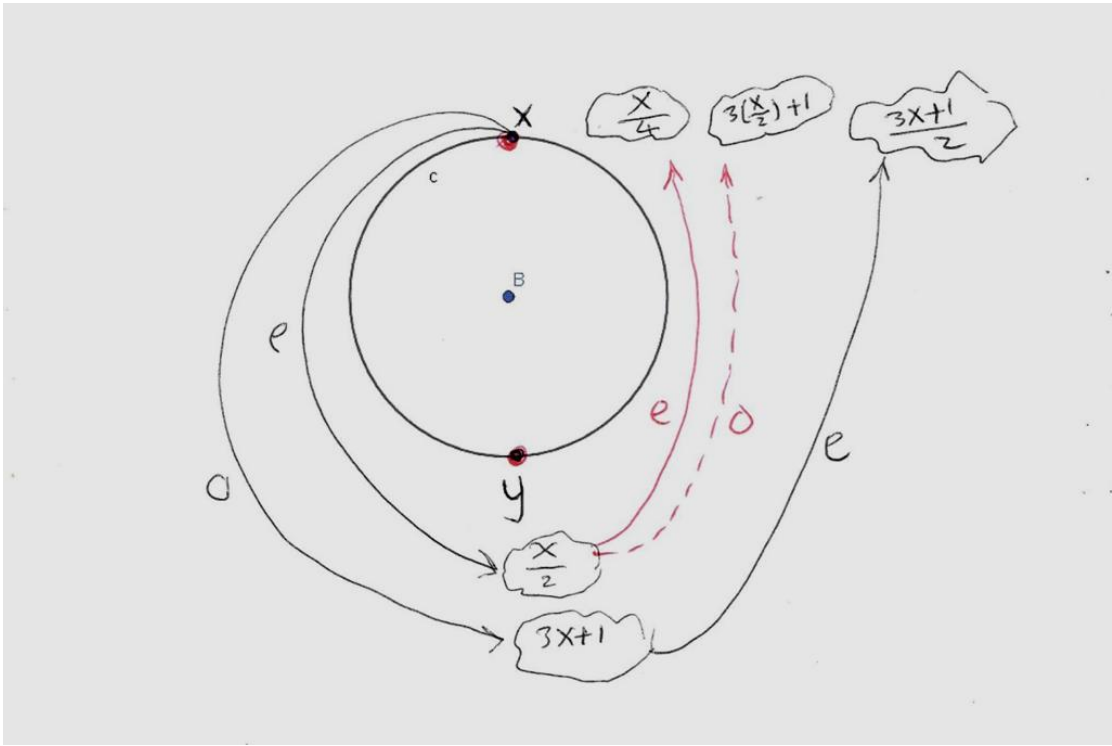
lS(n)Collatz Taha's Sketch of lS(n) to find equivalent expresion (Cloud) to x

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

Taha's Chart to find x value

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

B) let $lS(n) = \{x, y\} \forall n \in N_+$, when $x, y \in S(n) = \{\frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n + 1), \dots, x, y\}$



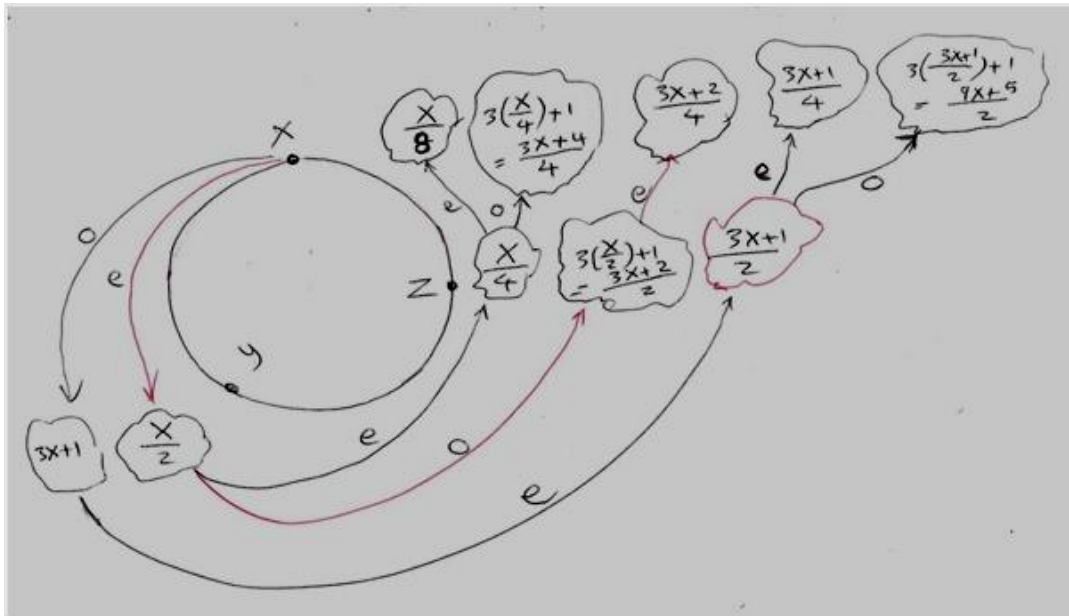
Taha's Sketch of $lS(n)$ to find equivalent expresions (Cloud) to x

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

Taha's Chart to find x value

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

C) let $lS(n) = \{x, y, z\} \forall n \in N_+$, when $x, y, z \in S(n) = \{\frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n + 1), \dots, x, y, z\}$



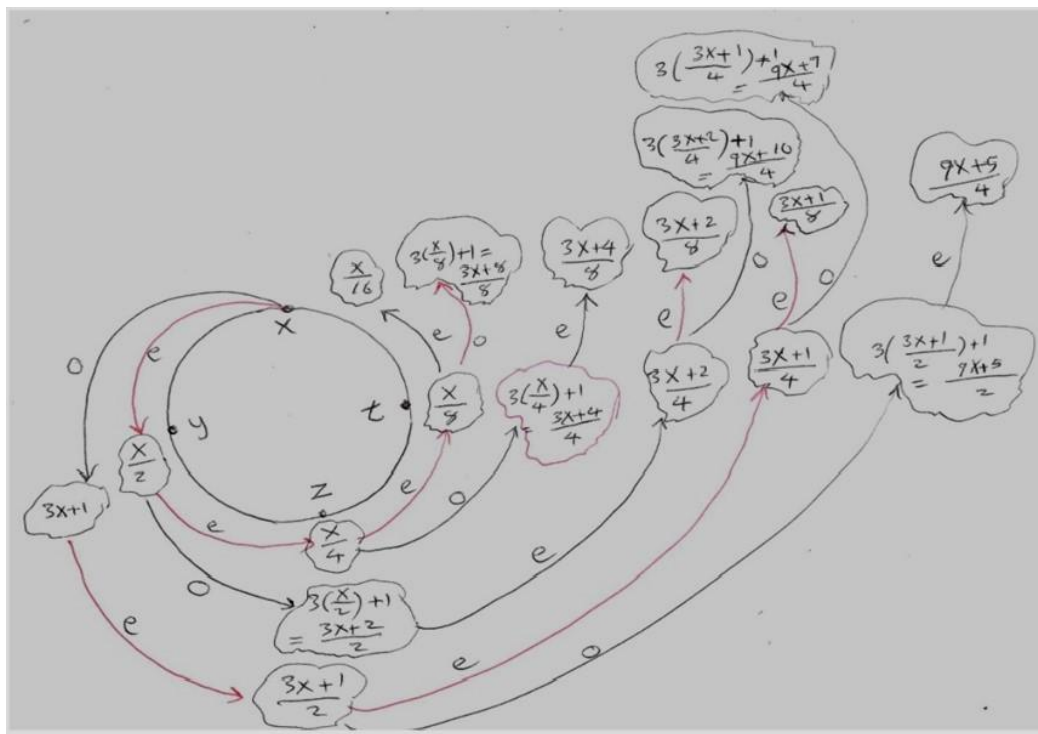
Taha's Sketch of $lS(n)$ to find equivalent expressions (Cloud) to x

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

Taha's Chart to find x value

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

D) let $lS(n) = \{x, y, z, t\} \forall n \in N_+$, when $x, y, z, t \in S(n) = \{\frac{n}{2} \text{ or } (3n+1), \dots, x, y, z, t\}$



Taha's Sketch of $ls(n)$ to find equivalent expresions (Cloud) to x

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

Taha's Chart to find x value

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

Taha's Chart to find Clouds

r is number of elements of $IS(n)$, $x \in S(n)$, & $x \in IS(n)$

$x = e$ or odd 

$r = 1$	 $\frac{x}{2}$ $= e$ or odd 	 $3x + 1$ $= e$ 
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$r = 2$	 $\frac{x}{4}$ $= e$ or odd 	 $\frac{3x + 2}{2}$ $= e$ 	 $\frac{3x + 1}{2}$ $= e$ or odd 
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$r = 3$	 $\frac{x}{8}$ $= e$ 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 	 $\frac{9x + 10}{4}$ $= e$ 
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→ $\frac{9x + 7}{4}$ =e →	→ $\frac{9x + 5}{4}$ =e or odd →
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$r = 5$	→ $\frac{x}{32}$ =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 ****

$r = 6$	* $\frac{x}{64}$	* $\frac{3x + 32}{32}$	\$ $\frac{3x + 16}{32}$	! $\frac{3x + 8}{32}$	@ $\frac{3x + 4}{32}$	# $\frac{3x + 2}{32}$	% $\frac{9x + 19}{16}$
% $\frac{3x + 1}{32}$	\$ $\frac{9x + 64}{16}$	{{ $\frac{27x + 38}{8}$	@ $\frac{9x + 28}{16}$	# $\frac{9x + 22}{16}$	% $\frac{3x + 1}{32}$	\$ $\frac{9x + 64}{16}$	! $\frac{9x + 40}{16}$
@@ $\frac{9x + 20}{16}$	& $\frac{9x + 14}{16}$	(($\frac{9x + 11}{16}$	{{ $\frac{9x + 10}{16}$	[[$\frac{9x + 7}{16}$	[[$\frac{27x + 29}{16}$	** $\frac{9x + 5}{16}$	
** $\frac{27x + 23}{8}$	*** $\frac{27x + 19}{8}$						

Taha's Table to find $lS(n)$ Pattern

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

Taha's Pattern to find $LS(n)$

i) if $r = 3(k)$

Part A:

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

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

$$\in N_+ \Rightarrow x(2^{r-k} - 3^k) = g, \& x = 1 \Rightarrow (2^{r-k} - 3^k) = g$$

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

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

Proof:

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

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

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

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

$$\text{let } k+1 = m \Rightarrow 2k+2 = 2m, 2k = 2m-2 = 2(m-1), \& k = m-1 \Rightarrow$$

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

$$\text{this pattern is same as above (i)} \Rightarrow gx = g \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow LS(n) = \{1, 4, 2\}$$

or we can use LHS & RHS below:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part B:

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore (2^{3k+1-k} - 3^k) = (2^{2k+1} - 3^k) > 2^{2k} - 3^k = g \Rightarrow$$

$$(2^{2k+1} - 3^k)x = g \Rightarrow x = \frac{g}{2^{2k+1} - 3^k} \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) = \emptyset, \forall n \in N_+ \text{ when}$$

$$r \in \{1, 2, 3 + 1, 6 + 1, \dots, [3(k) + 1]\}$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore (2^{3k+2-k} - 3^k) = (2^{2k+2} - 3^k) > 2^{2k} - 3^k = g \Rightarrow$$

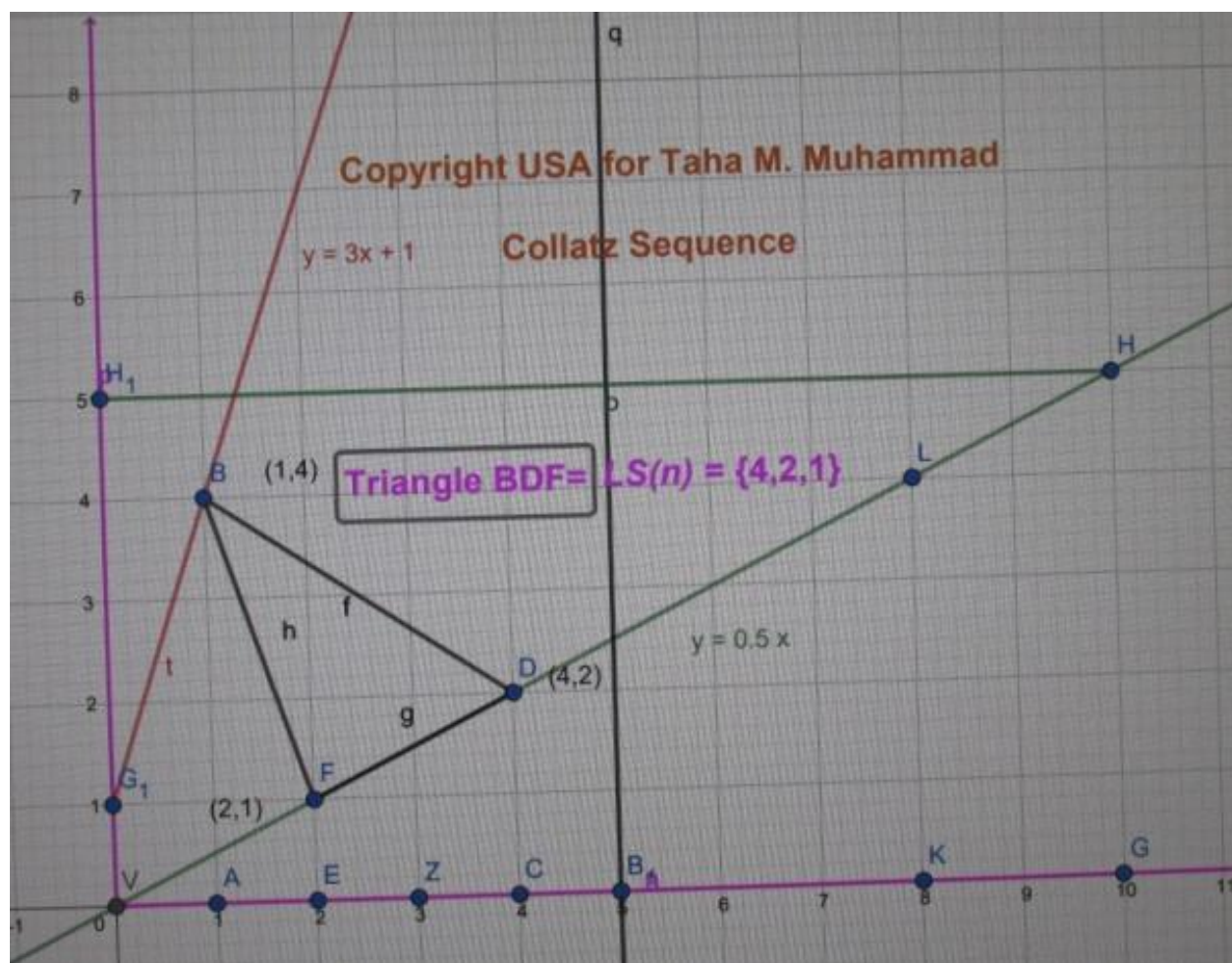
$$(2^{2k+2} - 3^k)x = g \Rightarrow x = \frac{g}{2^{2k+2} - 3^k} \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) = \emptyset, \forall n \in N_+ \text{ when}$$

$$r \in \{1, 2, 3 + 2, 6 + 2, \dots, [3(k) + 2]\}$$

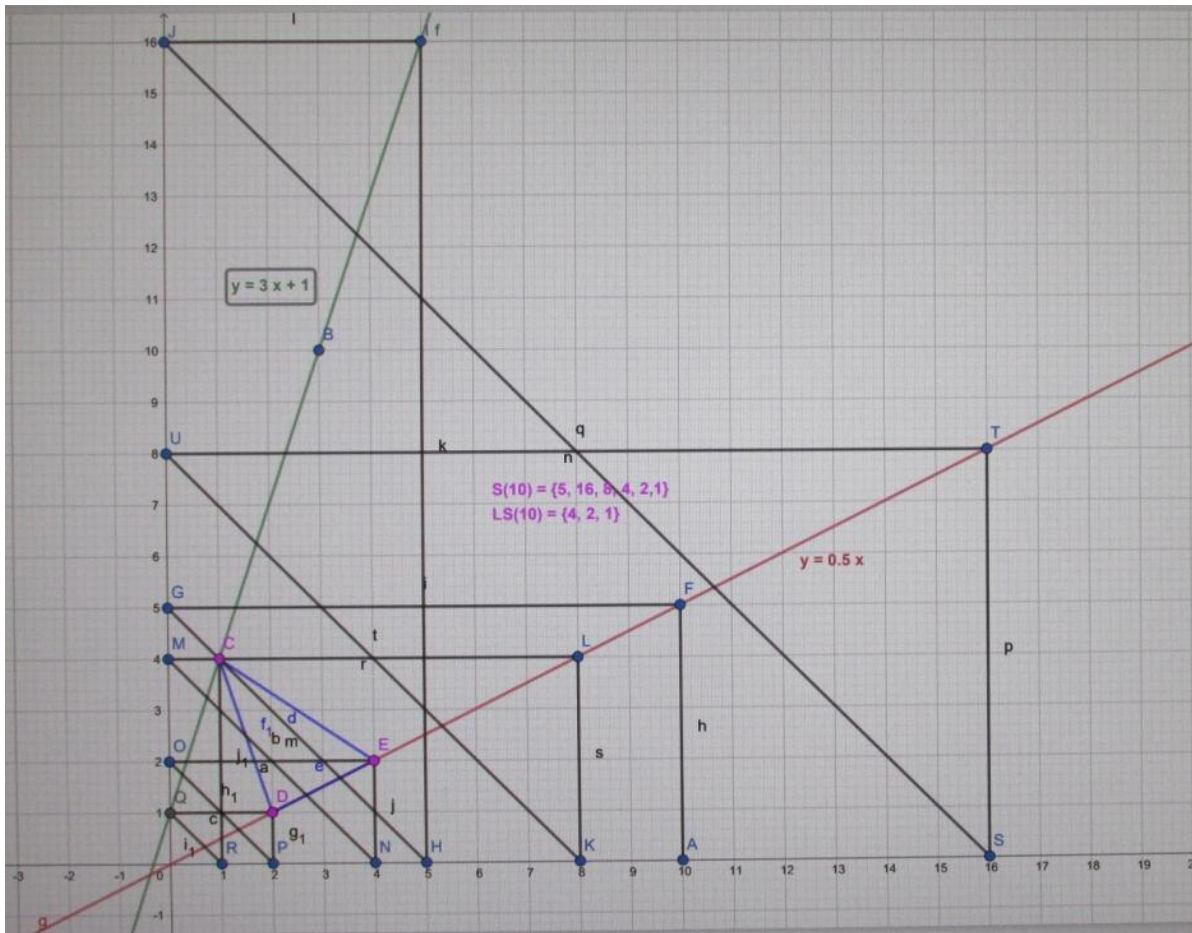
$\therefore$ by Part B) i & ii $\Rightarrow x \notin N_+ \Rightarrow lS(n) = \emptyset, \forall n \in N_+$ when $r = 3k + h, h = 1$, or $h = 2$.

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

the loop Collatz Sequence of each natural number is $= \{1, 2, 4\}$



Taha's Graph to find $S(n)$ and $LS(n)$



Taha's Graph to find $S(10)$ and $LS(10)$