

Collatz Sequence Proof (3rd 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 Collatz Sequence of $(n) = S(n)$, let loop of Collatz Sequence $(n) = LS(n)$

& let $n, a, b, c, w, r \in N_+$

$[S(n) = \{a, b, c, \dots, w\} \Leftrightarrow LS(n) = LS(a) = LS(b) = LS(c) = \dots = LS(w)] \dots$ Taha's Fact1

i)

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

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

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

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

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

ii)

$$\text{let } S(r) = \left\{ \frac{r}{2} \text{ or } (3r + 1), \dots, 4, 2, 1 \right\} \Rightarrow LS(r) = \{4, 2, 1\}$$

$$\therefore LS(n) = \{4, 2, 1\}, \forall n \in Z = \left\{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, \dots, \frac{r}{2} \text{ or } \frac{r+1}{2}, \dots, r \right\},$$

$r \in N_{\text{even}}$, or N_{odd} .

iii)

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

Part a)

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

$LS(r + 1) = LS\left(\frac{r+1}{2}\right) \dots$ eq1] by Fact1

$$\therefore \frac{r+1}{2} \in Z \Rightarrow LS\left(\frac{r+1}{2}\right) = \{4, 2, 1\}.$$

$$\therefore LS(r + 1) = \{4, 2, 1\} \dots \text{(substitution in eq1)}$$

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

Part b)

If $(r + 1) \in N_{\text{odd}} \Rightarrow 2(r + 1) \in N_{\text{even}} \Rightarrow LS(2(r + 1)) = \{4, 2, 1\} \dots$ by Part a

$$\therefore S(2(r + 1)) = \{(r + 1), \dots, 4, 2, 1\} \dots \text{by Part a} \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore LS(2(r + 1)) = LS(r + 1) \dots \text{eq2] by Fact1}$$

$$\therefore \{4, 2, 1\} = LS(r + 1) \dots \text{(substitution in eq2)}$$

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

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