

Proof of Syracuse-Collatz-3n+1-conjecture

Objet: Proof of Syracuse-Collatz-3n+1-conjecture.

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Remarque's:

- ✓ I am not a professional of mathematics.
- ✓ My English is poor. I use **google translate** to write these pages.

I build an array that contain all the even integers as below:

| c \ 2 ⁿ | 2 ¹ =2 | 2 ² =4 | 2 ³ =8 | 2 ⁴ =16 | 2 ⁵ =32 | 2 ⁶ =64 | 2 ⁷ =128 | ... |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1 | 1*2 ¹ | 1*2 ² | 1*2 ³ | 1*2 ⁴ | 1*2 ⁵ | 1*2 ⁶ | 1*2 ⁷ | ... |
| 3 | 3*2 ¹ | 3*2 ² | 3*2 ³ | 3*2 ⁴ | 3*2 ⁵ | 3*2 ⁶ | 3*2 ⁷ | ... |
| 5 | 5*2 ¹ | 5*2 ² | 5*2 ³ | 5*2 ⁴ | 5*2 ⁵ | 5*2 ⁶ | 5*2 ⁷ | ... |
| 7 | 7*2 ¹ | 7*2 ² | 7*2 ³ | 7*2 ⁴ | 7*2 ⁵ | 7*2 ⁶ | 7*2 ⁷ | ... |
| 9 | 9*2 ¹ | 9*2 ² | 9*2 ³ | 9*2 ⁴ | 9*2 ⁵ | 9*2 ⁶ | 9*2 ⁷ | ... |
| 11 | 11*2 ¹ | 11*2 ² | 11*2 ³ | 11*2 ⁴ | 11*2 ⁵ | 11*2 ⁶ | 11*2 ⁷ | ... |
| 13 | 13*2 ¹ | 13*2 ² | 13*2 ³ | 13*2 ⁴ | 13*2 ⁵ | 13*2 ⁶ | 13*2 ⁷ | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

- The first row contains the sequence 2^n .
- The first column contain a list of odd integers (b)
- Each box contain $(b = c*2^n)$

$$a = (b - 1) / 3$$

This array contain all even integers

| $c \setminus 2^n$ | $2^1=2$ | $2^2=4$ | $2^3=8$ | $2^4=16$ | $2^5=32$ | $2^6=64$ | $2^7=128$ | ... |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 64 | 128 | ... |
| 3 | 6 | 12 | 24 | 48 | 96 | 192 | 384 | ... |
| 5 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 640 | ... |
| 7 | 14 | 28 | 56 | 112 | 224 | 448 | 896 | ... |
| 9 | 18 | 36 | 72 | 144 | 288 | 576 | 1152 | ... |
| 11 | 22 | 44 | 88 | 176 | 352 | 704 | 1408 | ... |
| 13 | 26 | 52 | 104 | 208 | 416 | 832 | 1664 | ... |
| 15 | 30 | 60 | 120 | 240 | 480 | 960 | 1920 | ... |
| 17 | 34 | 68 | 136 | 272 | 544 | 1088 | 2176 | ... |
| 19 | 38 | 76 | 152 | 304 | 608 | 1216 | 2432 | ... |
| 21 | 42 | 84 | 168 | 336 | 672 | 1344 | 2688 | ... |
| 23 | 46 | 92 | 184 | 368 | 736 | 1472 | 2944 | ... |
| 25 | 50 | 100 | 200 | 400 | 800 | 1600 | 3200 | ... |
| 27 | 54 | 108 | 216 | 432 | 864 | 1728 | 3456 | ... |
| 29 | 58 | 116 | 232 | 464 | 928 | 1856 | 3712 | ... |
| 31 | 62 | 124 | 248 | 496 | 992 | 1984 | 3968 | ... |
| 33 | 66 | 132 | 264 | 528 | 1056 | 2112 | 4224 | ... |
| 35 | 70 | 140 | 280 | 560 | 1120 | 2240 | 4480 | ... |
| 37 | 74 | 148 | 296 | 592 | 1184 | 2368 | 4736 | ... |
| 39 | 78 | 156 | 312 | 624 | 1248 | 2496 | 4992 | ... |
| 41 | 82 | 164 | 328 | 656 | 1312 | 2624 | 5248 | ... |
| 43 | 86 | 172 | 344 | 688 | 1376 | 2752 | 5504 | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

In the 3 following pages, we will remove even integers that cannot be in the form $(3a + 1)$
Only even integer (modulo 3 = 1) is in form $3a+1$.

Remove from this array integers cannot be equal to $3a+1$ (1st case, c multiple of 3)

| $c \setminus 2^n$ | $2^1=2$ | $2^2=4$ | $2^3=8$ | $2^4=16$ | $2^5=32$ | $2^6=64$ | $2^7=128$ | ... |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 16 | 32 | 64 | 128 | ... |
| 3 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 5 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 640 | ... |
| 7 | 14 | 28 | 56 | 112 | 224 | 448 | 896 | ... |
| 9 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 11 | 22 | 44 | 88 | 176 | 352 | 704 | 1408 | ... |
| 13 | 26 | 52 | 104 | 208 | 416 | 832 | 1664 | ... |
| 15 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 17 | 34 | 68 | 136 | 272 | 544 | 1088 | 2176 | ... |
| 19 | 38 | 76 | 152 | 304 | 608 | 1216 | 2432 | ... |
| 21 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 23 | 46 | 92 | 184 | 368 | 736 | 1472 | 2944 | ... |
| 25 | 50 | 100 | 200 | 400 | 800 | 1600 | 3200 | ... |
| 27 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 29 | 58 | 116 | 232 | 464 | 928 | 1856 | 3712 | ... |
| 31 | 62 | 124 | 248 | 496 | 992 | 1984 | 3968 | ... |
| 33 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 35 | 70 | 140 | 280 | 560 | 1120 | 2240 | 4480 | ... |
| 37 | 74 | 148 | 296 | 592 | 1184 | 2368 | 4736 | ... |
| 39 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 41 | 82 | 164 | 328 | 656 | 1312 | 2624 | 5248 | ... |
| 43 | 86 | 172 | 344 | 688 | 1376 | 2752 | 5504 | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

1st case

$(3a+1)$ is prime with 3 because 3 not divide $(3a+1)$

In all suites, that odd integer is a multiple of 3, $(a = b-1/3)$ cannot be an integer

integer modulo 3 = 0 is prime with $(3a+1)$

Remove from this array integers cannot be equal to $3a+1$ (2^{nd} case integer “c modulo 3 = 1” and “ 2^n modulo 3 = 2”)

| $c \setminus 2^n$ | $2^1=2$ | $2^2=4$ | $2^3=8$ | $2^4=16$ | $2^5=32$ | $2^6=64$ | $2^7=128$ | ... |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | | 4 | | 16 | | 64 | | ... |
| 3 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 5 | 10 | 20 | 40 | 80 | 160 | 320 | 640 | ... |
| 7 | | 28 | | 112 | | 448 | | ... |
| 9 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 11 | 22 | 44 | 88 | 176 | 352 | 704 | 1408 | ... |
| 13 | | 52 | | 208 | | 832 | | ... |
| 15 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 17 | 34 | 68 | 136 | 272 | 544 | 1088 | 2176 | ... |
| 19 | | 76 | | 304 | | 1216 | | ... |
| 21 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 23 | 46 | 92 | 184 | 368 | 736 | 1472 | 2944 | ... |
| 25 | | 100 | | 400 | | 1600 | | ... |
| 27 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 29 | 58 | 116 | 232 | 464 | 928 | 1856 | 3712 | ... |
| 31 | | 124 | | 496 | | 1984 | | ... |
| 33 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 35 | 70 | 140 | 280 | 560 | 1120 | 2240 | 4480 | ... |
| 37 | | 148 | | 592 | | 2368 | | ... |
| 39 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 41 | 82 | 164 | 328 | 656 | 1312 | 2624 | 5248 | ... |
| 43 | | 172 | | 688 | | 2752 | | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

2nd case

$$b = c * 2^n$$

If (c modulo 3 = 1) and (2^n modulo 3 = 2) than
(b modulo 3) cannot be equal 1.

Remove from this array integers cannot be equal to $3a+1$ (3rd case : “c modulo 3 = 2” and “ 2^n modulo 3 = 1”)

| c \ 2^n | $2^1=2$ | $2^2=4$ | $2^3=8$ | $2^4=16$ | $2^5=32$ | $2^6=64$ | $2^7=128$ | ... |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | | 4 | | 16 | | 64 | | ... |
| 3 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 5 | 10 | | 40 | | 160 | | 640 | ... |
| 7 | | 28 | | 112 | | 448 | | ... |
| 9 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 11 | 22 | | 88 | | 352 | | 1408 | ... |
| 13 | | 52 | | 208 | | 832 | | ... |
| 15 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 17 | 34 | | 136 | | 544 | | 2176 | ... |
| 19 | | 76 | | 304 | | 1216 | | ... |
| 21 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 23 | 46 | | 184 | | 736 | | 2944 | ... |
| 25 | | 100 | | 400 | | 1600 | | ... |
| 27 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 29 | 58 | | 232 | | 928 | | 3712 | ... |
| 31 | | 124 | | 496 | | 1984 | | ... |
| 33 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 35 | 70 | | 280 | | 1120 | | 4480 | ... |
| 37 | | 148 | | 592 | | 2368 | | ... |
| 39 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 41 | 82 | | 328 | | 1312 | | 5248 | ... |
| 43 | | 172 | | 688 | | 2752 | | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

3rd case

$$b = c * 2^n$$

If (c modulo 3 = 2) and (2^n modulo 3 = 1) than (b modulo 3) cannot be equal 1.

This array contain even integers “integers Collatz” :

$$b = x/2 \text{ and } b = 3a+1$$

List of integers $3a+1$

| a | $3a + 1$ | $(3a + 1) - 4/ 6$ |
|-----|----------|-------------------|
| 1 | 4 | 0 |
| 3 | 10 | 1 |
| 5 | 16 | 2 |
| 7 | 22 | 3 |
| 9 | 28 | 4 |
| 11 | 34 | 5 |
| 13 | 40 | 6 |
| 15 | 46 | 7 |
| 17 | 52 | 8 |
| 19 | 58 | 9 |
| 21 | 64 | 10 |
| 23 | 70 | 11 |
| 25 | 76 | 12 |
| 27 | 82 | 13 |
| 29 | 88 | 14 |
| 31 | 94 | 15 |
| 33 | 100 | 16 |
| 35 | 106 | 17 |
| 37 | 112 | 18 |
| 39 | 118 | 19 |
| 41 | 124 | 20 |
| 43 | 130 | 21 |
| .. | ... | .. |

we can notice that the list of integers $(3a+1)$ is an arithmetic progression that:

The initial term = 4

The constant = 6;

$$a \implies 3a + 1$$

$$a + 2 \implies 3(a + 2) + 1 = 3a + 6 + 1$$

$$a + 4 \implies 3(a + 4) + 1 = 3a + 12 + 1$$

we can subtract 4 from each term and divide it by 6, we obtain list of natural numbers

$$3a+1 = c * 2^n$$

Now, Calculate odd integers ($a = b - 1 / 3$)

We take away 1 from Each even integer, and divide it by 3, we get an odd integer
as the array shows the even integers of the form $3a+1$, so we calculate $a = (b - 1) / 3$

| $c \setminus 2^n$ | $2^1=2$ | $2^2=4$ | $2^3=8$ | $2^4=16$ | $2^5=32$ | $2^6=64$ | $2^7=128$ | ... |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1 | | 1 | | 5 | | 21 | | ... |
| 3 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 5 | 3 | | 13 | | 53 | | 213 | ... |
| 7 | | 9 | | 37 | | 149 | | ... |
| 9 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 11 | 7 | | 29 | | 117 | | 469 | ... |
| 13 | | 17 | | 69 | | 277 | | ... |
| 15 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 17 | 11 | | 45 | | 181 | | 725 | ... |
| 19 | | 25 | | 101 | | 405 | | ... |
| 21 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 23 | 15 | | 61 | | 245 | | 981 | ... |
| 25 | | 33 | | 133 | | 533 | | ... |
| 27 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 29 | 19 | | 77 | | 309 | | 1237 | ... |
| 31 | | 41 | | 165 | | 661 | | ... |
| 33 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 35 | 23 | | 93 | | 373 | | 1493 | ... |
| 37 | | 49 | | 197 | | 789 | | ... |
| 39 | | | | | | | | ... |
| 41 | 27 | | 109 | | 437 | | 1749 | ... |
| 43 | | 57 | | 229 | | 917 | | ... |
| ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

The odd integers listed in this array in row and in column

Each column (2^n) constitute a arithmetic progression
(Constant = 2^{n+1})

This array should contain any odd integer

To summarize

- The array contains all even integers;
- Each integer is present one and only one once;
- Remove from this array integers cannot be equal to $3a+1$;
- We calculate odd integers from even integers $a = (b - 1) / 3$;
- The array contains all odd integers

The first line (row-1)

Any odd integer, if we multiply it by 3 and add 1 to it will result is $1 * 2^n$

Simply divide by 2^n , we arrive to 1

Row-1 contains $1 \rightarrow 1; 5; 21\dots$

These odd integers (5; 21...) are initial terms in other rows

$5 \rightarrow 3; 13; 53; 213\dots$

$21 \rightarrow$

In these new rows there are other odd integers that are initial terms in new rows;

And so on...

follow the opposite path, we reach 1

Any odd integer **c** exist in the first column one and only one once

Any odd integer **a** exist in array one and only one once

Any odd integer **a** in array, have odd integer **c**, and any odd integer **c** exist in array.

The proof of the conjecture is made