

THE COLLATZ CONJECTURE
Order and harmony in the sequence numbers

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Abstract: I propose a numerical table that demonstrates visually that the sequences formed with Collatz's algorithm always reach 1.

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Introduction: The conjecture was raised by the mathematician Lothar Collatz in 1937. It is also known as other names: The $3n + 1$ problem, the Ulam conjecture, the Kakutani problem, the conjecture of Thwaites, the Hasse algorithm or the Syracuse problem.

The conjecture reads as follows:

- 1 - Any natural number is chosen, n .
- 2 - If it is even divide by 2, $(n / 2)$.
- 3 - If odd, multiply by 3 and add 1 to the result, $(3n + 1)$.

The process is repeated with each result and a sequence is obtained that always ends in 1 and always It is so, whatever the initial number. The unknown is why it happens and if it happens with all natural numbers.

Overview: For the Collatz conjecture, I identify two types of odd numbers: Those of the form $4n + 3$ and those of the $4n + 1$ form.

Applying $(3m + 1) / 2$ to those of the form $4n + 3$, an odd number is found that is greater than the previous one and the sequence is ascending.

Applying the same operation to those of the $4n + 1$ form, it is an even number that requires more divisions by 2, so the odd number they arrive at is always smaller than the previous one and the sequence is descending.

A sequence of Collatz will be more or less descending and more or less long as obtained more or less odd numbers of the form $4n + 1$.

If in the set of odd numbers there are the same number of both, do they have the same probability of going out in the Collatz sequences? Can you predict how many will there be and at what moment the numbers of the form $4n + 1$ will appear and the sequence will descend?

I also identify two types of even numbers: Those of the form $4n + 2$ and those of the form $4n + 4$. Those of the form $4n + 2$ admit a single division $n / 2$ and the odd number that results is greater than the previous one and the sequence is ascending.

Those of the form $4n + 4$ admit two or more divisions $n / 2$ and the odd number they arrive at is smaller than the previous one and the sequence is descending.

A sequence of Collatz will be more or less descending and more or less long as more or less even numbers of the form $4n + 4$ are obtained.

If in the set of even numbers there are the same number of both, do they have the same probability of going out in the Collatz sequences? Can you predict how many there will be and at what time the numbers of the $4n + 4$ form will appear and the sequence will descend?

The answers to these two questions may be found in two tables, one for odd numbers and one for even numbers, which I explain below.

TABLE OF THE ODD NUMBERS OF THE SEQUENCES

On a table with k columns, I write in the first row the numbers $2k-1$.

In the successive rows I apply $(3m + 1) / 2$ to the odd numbers, leaving the even number as the last number of each column.

In red they are the odd numbers of the form $4n + 3$ and those of green are the odd numbers of the form $4n + 1$. Even numbers have been left without color.

The value of n of the last number of the columns corresponds to the number of odd numbers and the number of applications $(3m + 1) / 2$ in them.

Example: In column k (48) there are 5 odd numbers and the odd 95 needs 5 steps to reach the even number 728.

	k	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	...
n	0	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	41	43	45	47	49	51	53	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73	75	77	79	81	83	85	87	89	91	93	95	97	99	101	...
	1	2	5	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	32	35	38	41	44	47	50	53	56	59	62	65	68	71	74	77	80	83	86	89	92	95	98	101	104	107	110	113	116	119	122	125	128	131	134	137	140	143	146	149	152	
	2	8	17	26	35	44	53	62	71	80	89	98	107	116	125	134	143	152	161	170	179	188	197	206	215	224																											
	3	26	53	80	107	134	161	188	215	242	269	296	323																																								
	4	80	161	242	323	404	485	566	647	728																																											
	5	242	485	728																																																	
	6	728																																																			
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	k	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	...
n	0	103	105	107	109	111	113	115	117	119	121	123	125	127	129	131	133	135	137	139	141	143	145	147	149	151	153	155	157	159	161	163	165	167	169	171	173	175	177	179	181	183	185	187	189	191	193	195	197	199	201	203	...
	1	155	158	161	164	167	170	173	176	179	182	185	188	191	194	197	200	203	206	209	212	215	218	221	224	227	230	233	236	239	242	245	248	251	254	257	260	263	266	269	272	275	278	281	284	287	290	293	296	299	302	305	...
	2	233	242	251	260	269	278	287	296	305	314	323	332	341	350	359	368	377	386	395	404	413	422	431	440	449	458																										
	3	350	377	404	431	458	485	512	539	566	593	620	647	674																																							
	4	566	647	728	809	890	971	1052	1133	1214	1295	1376	1457																																								
	5	1457																																																			
	6	2186																																																			
	7	2186																																																			

This formula defines the number in the table:

$$a(n) = 2k \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

In each column:

$$a(n + 1) = a(n) + k \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^n$$

The amount of numbers in each column is always the same, depending on the value of k:

	n	valor de k											cantidad de números por columna
2k-1	0	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	...	0 impares rojos, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
2(2k-1)	1	2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30	34	...	1 número impar rojo, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
4(2k-1)	2	4	12	20	28	36	44	52	60	68	...	2 números impares rojos, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
8(2k-1)	3	8	24	40	56	72	88	104	120	136	...	3 números impares rojos, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
16(2k-1)	4	16	48	80	112	144	176	208	240	272	...	4 números impares rojos, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
32(2k-1)	5	32	96	160	224	288	352	416	480	544	...	5 números impares rojos, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
64(2k-1)	6	64	192	320	448	576	704	832	960	1088	...	6 números impares rojos, 1 número impar verde y un número par	
...	

In each of the columns $k = 2^n * (2k-1)$ there are n odd red numbers, one last green odd number and the even number that closes the column.

Example: in column $k = 2^{50}$ there are 50 red odd numbers, the first is number 2251799813685247 and the 50th is 957197316922470118360331 and the last odd of the column, which is green, is number 1435795975383705177540497. The even number that closes The column is 2153693963075557766310746. In Annex 1, the sequence development started with this first column number.

They will also have the same amount of numbers each of the columns $k = (2k-1) * 2^{50}$.

A sequence obtained with the Collatz conjecture algorithm is formed by an indeterminate number of columns in the table or cycles.

A sequence started with the first odd number of any column $k = (2k-1) * 2^{1000000}$ would have in that column, 1000000 odd red, one last green odd and an even number closing the column. There will be the same odd number in all columns, for every value of $(2k-1)$.

If the sequence were started with a power number of 2 close to infinity, the first column of the table or cycle of that sequence would have that same amount of odd numbers.

The table is infinite but all its columns or cycles are bounded geometric progressions.

The same columns without the odd ones of the form $4n + 3$:

k	14	16	61	46	52	88	223	84	142	160	456	289	217	163	31	12	3	1
n																		
0			121				445					577	433	325	61		5	1
1	41		182	137			668		425			866	650	488	92		8	2
2	62			206	233			377	638							53		
3					350	593		566			3077					80		
4		161				890					4616							
5		242								2429								
6									3644									
7																		
8																		

The odd green ones followed by the even number at the end of each column k (even) are also in the columns k (odd).

K	21	81	61	69	117	297	223	189	213	1215	1539	289	217	163	31	27	3	1
	41	161	121	137	233	593	445	377	425	2429	3077	577	433	325	61	53	5	1
	62	242	182	206	350	890	668	566	638	3644	4616	866	650	488	92	80	8	2

Equivalence of k even and K odd : $k(3/2)^n = K$ Example: $k160*(3/2)^5 = K1215$

At each repetition of the algorithm operation $(3m + 1) / 2$, applied to the first odd number of the column, the sequence “jumps” from one column to another, leaving it at a single step to reach the even number that can be divided at least 2^2 . This will always occur in any sequence until the green odd is in row n (0).

An example of the evolution of the columns of the table in which “loses” an odd number in each jump, $k * 3/2$:

$$32 * 3/2 = 48, 48 * 3/2 = 72, 72 * 3/2 = 108, 108 * 3/2 = 162 \text{ y } 162 * 3/2 = 243 \qquad 32 * (3/2)^5 = 243$$

$$k = 32, K = 243$$

k	32	48	72	108	162	243
n						
0	63	95	143	215	323	485
1	95	143	215	323	485	728
2	143	215	323	485	728	
3	215	323	485	728		
4	323	485	728			
5	485	728				
6	728					
7						

Column k (32) contains the odd numbers and an even number of a Collatz sequence from number 63 to number 728, occupying rows n (0) through n (6).

The same numbers are in columns k (32), k (48), k (72), k (108), k (162) and k (243), occupying row n (0), because in a sequence there may be the numbers of any of these columns and not necessarily all of them.

The cycle that follows the previous one is that of the column of the number 91, because $728/2^3 = 91$

k	46	69
n		
0	91	137
1	137	206
2	206	
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

The next cycle: $206/2 = 103$

k	52	78	117
n			
0	103	155	233
1	155	233	350
2	233	350	
3	350		
4			
5			
6			
7			

The triangle T(4):

4											
9	14										
19	29	44									
39	59	89	134								
79	119	179	269	404							
159	239	359	539	809	1214						
319	479	719	1079	1619	2429	3644					
639	959	1439	2159	3239	4859	7289	10934				
1279	1919	2879	4319	6479	9719	14579	21869	32804			
2559	3839	5759	8639	12959	19439	29159	43739	65609	98414		
5119	7679	11519	17279	25919	38879	58319	87479	131219	196829	295244	
...

The triangle T(6):

6											
13	20										
27	41	62									
55	83	125	188								
111	167	251	377	566							
223	335	503	755	1133	1700						
447	671	1007	1511	2267	3401	5102					
895	1343	2015	3023	4535	6803	10205	15308				
1791	2687	4031	6047	9071	13607	20411	30617	45926			
3583	5375	8063	12095	18143	27215	40823	61235	91853	137780		
7167	10751	16127	24191	36287	54431	81647	122471	183707	275561	413342	
...

The triangle T (n) that contains the first odd number of the Collatz sequence is what will be the beginning or first cycle of it.

In the columns of the table and in the rows of the triangles, the numbers:
 $a(n + 1) = (a(n) * 3 + 1) / 2$.

MULTIPLY BY 3 AND DIVIDE BETWEEN 2

If in triangle T (0) I add 1 to their numbers, another triangle T (1) results:

1										
2	3									
4	6	9								
8	12	18	27							
16	24	36	54	81						
32	48	72	108	162	243					
64	96	144	216	324	486	729				
128	192	288	432	648	972	1458	2187			
256	384	576	864	1296	1944	2916	4374	6561		
512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5832	8748	13122	19683	
1024	1536	2304	3456	5184	7776	11664	17496	26244	39366	59049
...

In each column of this triangle, the even numbers of the sequences and the odd numbers they reach after being subjected to n divisions by 2, which coincide with the columns in the table of even numbers.

A triangle T (n) for each value of (n) = 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, . . . (6n-1, 6n + 1) and we can write on them all even numbers.

In the rows of the triangle, each number: $a(n + 1) = a(n) * 3/2$. All have as prime factors 3 and 2.

Multiplying by 3 and dividing by 2 is the script with which a sequence obtained with the Collatz algorithm is developed and this keeps the odd ones in the sequence in the same row.

Example: $8 * 3 = 24$, $24/2 = 12$, $12 * 3 = 36$, $36/2 = 18$, $18 * 3 = 54$, $54/2 = 27$. (numbers 7, 11, 17, 26 of the sequence).

To develop a sequence of Collatz in this triangle and to see its entire route, from its beginning until it reaches 1, we form a table with the triangle as a base.

Starting with each last number of the rows of the triangle, we apply these two operations: To the odd we add 1 and to the even we divide it by 2.

We write each result above the previous one, in the same column, until we reach 1.

In this extension of the triangle, the numbers are in red.

														1	1	...	
													1	1	2	2	...
												1	2	2	3	4	...
									1	1	2	3	4	5	7	...	
							1	1	2	2	3	5	7	10	14	...	
						1	2	2	3	4	6	9	13	19	28	...	
				1	1	2	3	4	5	8	11	17	25	37	55	...	
		1	1	2	2	3	5	7	10	15	22	33	49	73	110	...	
	1	2	2	3	4	6	9	13	20	29	44	65	98	146	219	...	
1	2	3	4	6	8	12	18	26	39	58	87	130	195	292	438	...	
2	3	5	7	11	16	23	35	52	77	116	173	260	390	584	876	...	
4	6	9	14	21	31	46	69	103	154	231	346	519	779	1168	1752	...	
8	12	18	27	41	61	92	137	206	308	462	692	1038	1557	2336	3504	...	
16	24	36	54	81	122	183	274	411	616	923	1384	2076	3114	4671	7007	...	
32	48	72	108	162	243	365	547	821	1231	1846	2768	4152	6228	9342	14013	...	
64	96	144	216	324	486	729	1094	1641	2461	3691	5536	8304	12456	18684	28026	...	
128	192	288	432	648	972	1458	2187	3281	4921	7382	11072	16608	24912	37367	56051	...	
256	384	576	864	1296	1944	2916	4374	6561	9842	14763	22144	33216	49823	74734	112101	...	
512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5832	8748	13122	19683	29525	44287	66431	99646	149468	224202	...	
1024	1536	2304	3456	5184	7776	11664	17496	26244	39366	59049	88574	132861	199291	298936	448404	...	
2048	3072	4608	6912	10368	15552	23328	34992	52488	78732	118098	177147	265721	398581	597872	896807	...	
4096	6144	9216	13824	20736	31104	46656	69984	104976	157464	236196	354294	531441	797162	1195743	1793614	...	
8192	12288	18432	27648	41472	62208	93312	139968	209952	314928	472392	708588	1062882	1594323	2391485	3587227	...	
16384	24576	36864	55296	82944	124416	186624	279936	419904	629856	944784	1417176	2125764	3188646	4782969	7174454	...	
32768	49152	73728	110592	165888	248832	373248	559872	839808	1259712	1889568	2834352	4251528	6377292	9565938	14348907	...	
...	

In this table we can visualize any sequence of Collatz, whose first odd number of it, is in the triangle. If it is not, it can be displayed in the table whose base or triangle contains that number. All sequences started with the odd numbers of a triangle row will have the same trajectory.

Like the triangles, the tables obtained from them, are unique for each $T(n)$ and the representation of the sequences will be made in the table formed from the triangle that contains the first odd number of the same.

For example, to visualize the sequence started with the number 508, whose first odd number is 127, we will represent it in the table of triangle $T(1)$, because in row 2^8 there is the number 127.

																...																							
																1	↑	...																					
																1	1	2	2	↑	...																		
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																1	2	2	3	4	6	9	13	20	29	44	65	98	146	219	↑	...							
1	2	3	4	6	8	12	18	26	39	58	77	116	173	260	390	584	876						
2	3	5	7	11	16	23	35	52	77	116	173	260	390	584	876	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	6	9	14	21	31	46	69	103	154	231	346	519	779	1168	1752	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	12	18	27	41	61	92	137	206	308	462	692	1038	1557	2336	3504	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	24	36	54	81	122	183	274	411	616	923	1384	2076	3114	4671	7007	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	48	72	108	162	243	365	547	821	1231	1846	2768	4152	6228	9342	14013	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64	96	144	216	324	486	729	1094	1641	2461	3691	5536	8304	12456	18684	28026	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
128	192	288	432	648	972	1458	2187	3281	4921	7382	11072	16608	24912	37367	56051	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
256	384	576	864	1296	1944	2916	4374	6561	9842	14763	22144	33216	49823	74734	112101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5832	8748	13122	19683	29525	44287	66431	99646	149468	224202	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1024	1536	2304	3456	5184	7776	11664	17496	26244	39366	59049	88574	132861	199291	298936	448404	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2048	3072	4608	6912	10368	15552	23328	34992	52488	78732	118098	177147	265721	398581	597872	896807	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4096	6144	9216	13824	20736	31104	46656	69984	104976	157464	236196	354294	531441	797162	1195743	1793614	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8192	12288	18432	27648	41472	62208	93312	139968	209952	314928	472392	708588	1062882	1594323	2391485	3587227	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16384	24576	36864	55296	82944	124416	186624	279936	419904	629856	944784	1417176	2125764	3188646	4782969	7174454	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32768	49152	73728	110592	165888	248832	373248	559872	839808	1259712	1889568	2834352	4251528	6377292	9565938	14348907	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...

The sequence obtained with the Collatz algorithm, started with the number 508:

508, 254, 127, 382, 191, 574, 287, 862, 431, 1294, 647, 1942, 971, 2914, 1457, 4372, 2186, **1093**, **3280**, **1640**, **820**, **410**, **205**, **616**, **308**, **154**, **77**, **232**, **116**, **58**, **29**, **88**, **44**, **22**, **11**, **34**, **17**, **52**, **26**, **13**, **40**, **20**, **10**, **5**, **16**, **8**, **4**, **2**, **1**.

The black numbers are in the base triangle and the red ones are in the extension of this one.

The odd ones of the triangle: 127, 191, 287, 431, 647, 971, 1457 are in the same row, that is, none of them moves away from the 1, descending to lower rows.

The same happens with the odd ones of the red zone, none descends to lower rows and only when changing the column it descends to the lower row, but goes back up with the division between 2.

Each column change occurs when the odd number is multiplied by 3. The more odd the sequence has, the more column changes there will be and the longer it will reach 1.

Example: In the following table the odd 19 descends a row to the number 57 when it is multiplied by 3, but goes back up to 29 when the number 58 is divided by 2.

The development of a Collatz sequence started with the number 39:

												...	
										1	1	...	
								1	1	2	2	...	
								1	2	2	3	4	...
					1	1	2	3	4	5	7	...	
			1	1	2	2	3	5	7	10	14	...	
		1	2	2	3	4	6	9	13	19	28	...	
1	1	2	3	4	5	8	11	17	25	37	55	...	
2	2	3	5	7	10	15	22	33	49	73	109	...	
3	4	6	9	13	19	29	43	65	97	145	217	...	
5	8	12	17	26	38	57	86	129	193	289	433	...	
10	15	23	34	51	76	114	171	257	385	577	865	...	
20	30	45	68	102	152	228	342	513	769	1154	1730	...	
40	60	90	135	203	304	456	684	1026	1538	2307	3460	...	
80	120	180	270	405	608	912	1367	2051	3076	4614	6920	...	
160	240	360	540	810	1215	1823	2734	4101	6151	9227	13840	...	
320	480	720	1080	1620	2430	3645	5468	8202	12302	18453	27680	...	
640	960	1440	2160	3240	4860	7290	10935	16403	24604	36906	55359	...	
1280	1920	2880	4320	6480	9720	14580	21870	32805	49208	73812	110717	...	
2560	3840	5760	8640	12960	19440	29160	43740	65610	98415	147623	221434	...	
5120	7680	11520	17280	25920	38880	58320	87480	131220	196830	295245	442868	...	
10240	15360	23040	34560	51840	77760	116640	174960	262440	393660	590490	885735	...	
...	

The sequence obtained with the Collatz algorithm, started with the number 39:

39, 118, 59, 178, 89, 268, 134, 67, 202, 101, 304, 152, 76, 38, 19, 58, 29, 88, 44, 22, 11, 34, 17, 52, 26, 13, 40, 20, 10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1.

The sequence runs through the table developed from triangle T (5), because the first odd number in the sequence, 39, is in this triangle. The sequences started with the numbers 59, 89 and 134 will have the same route.

For triangle extension numbers, (in red), if 1 is subtracted from the odd number instead of adding 1, the table is equally valid:

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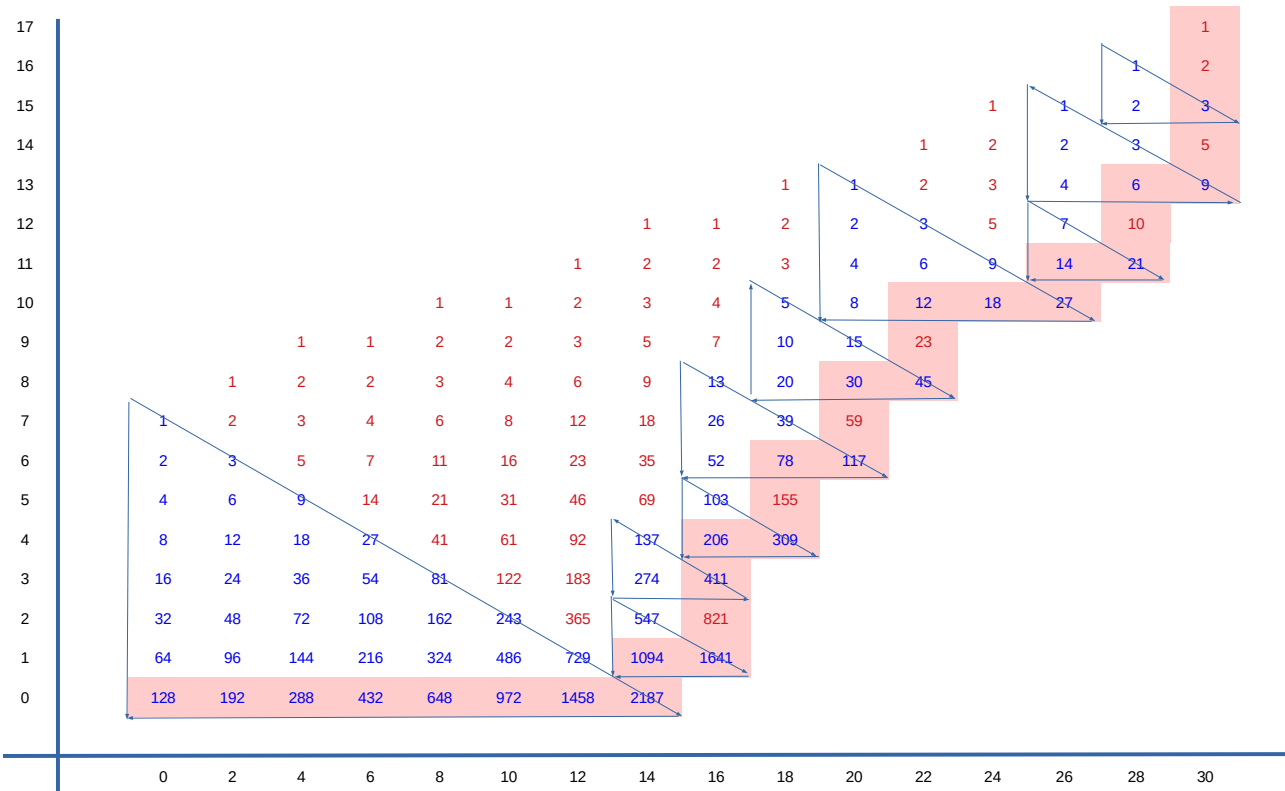
11								1	
10							1	2	
9				1	1	2	4		
8			1	2	3	5	8		
7		1	1	2	4	6	10	16	
6	1	2	3	5	8	13	20		
5	3	4	7	11	17	26	40		
4	6	9	14	22	34	52			
3	12	19	29	44					
2	25	38	58	88					
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Next, the sequence table started with the number 127, considering as sequences cycles the columns of the odd numbers table and the rows of the triangles, since both are formed by the same numbers.

The sequence table started with the number 127 and the triangles involved or cycles:



The sequence has gone through 30 horizontal steps or iterations of odd numbers and 16 vertical steps or iterations of even numbers, divisions by 2.

Sequence started with the number 27 and the triangles or cycles that form it:

1									
2	3								
4	6	9							
8	12	18	27						
16	24	36	54	81					
32	48	72	108	162	243				
64	96	144	216	324	486	729			
128	192	288	432	648	972	1458	2187		
256	384	576	864	1296	1944	2916	4374	6561	
512	768	1152	1728	2592	3888	5832	8748	13122	19683
...

547									
1094	1641								
2188	3282	4923							
4376	6564	9846	14769						
8752	13128	19692	29538	44307					
17504	26256	39384	59076	88614	132921				
...			

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1093, 1640

103																			
206	309																		
412	618	927																	
824	1236	1854	2781																
1648	2472	3708	5562	8343															
3296	4944	7416	11124	16686	25029														
...													

205, 308

13																			
26	39																		
52	78	117																	
104	156	234	351																
208	312	468	702	1053															
416	624	936	1404	2106	3159														
...													

77, 116

5																			
10	15																		
20	30	45																	
40	60	90	135																
80	120	180	270	405															
160	240	360	540	810	1215														
...													

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1																			
2	3																		
4	6	9																	
8	12	18	27																
16	24	36	54	81															
32	48	72	108	162	243														
...													

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7																			
14	21																		
28	42	63																	
56	84	126	189																
112	168	252	378	567															
224	336	504	756	1134	1701														
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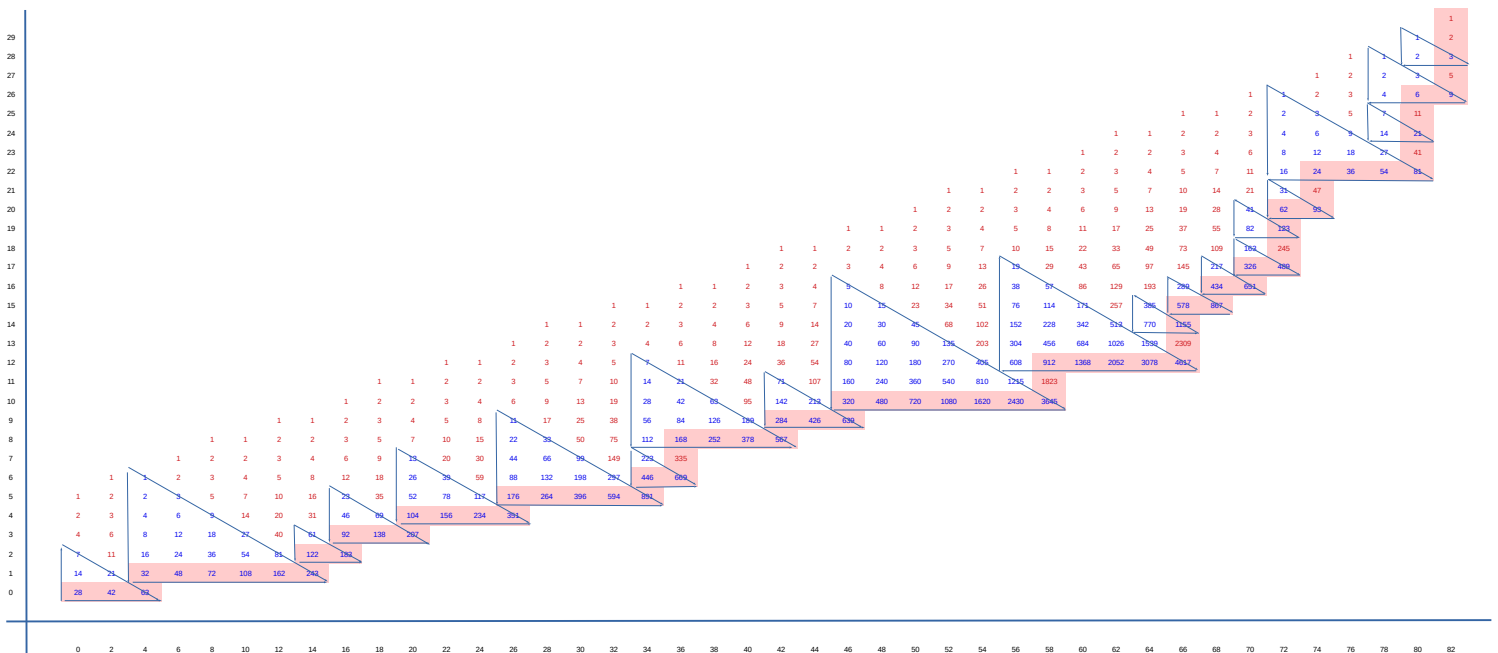
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The sequence started with the number 27 in the 18 columns of the table or cycles:

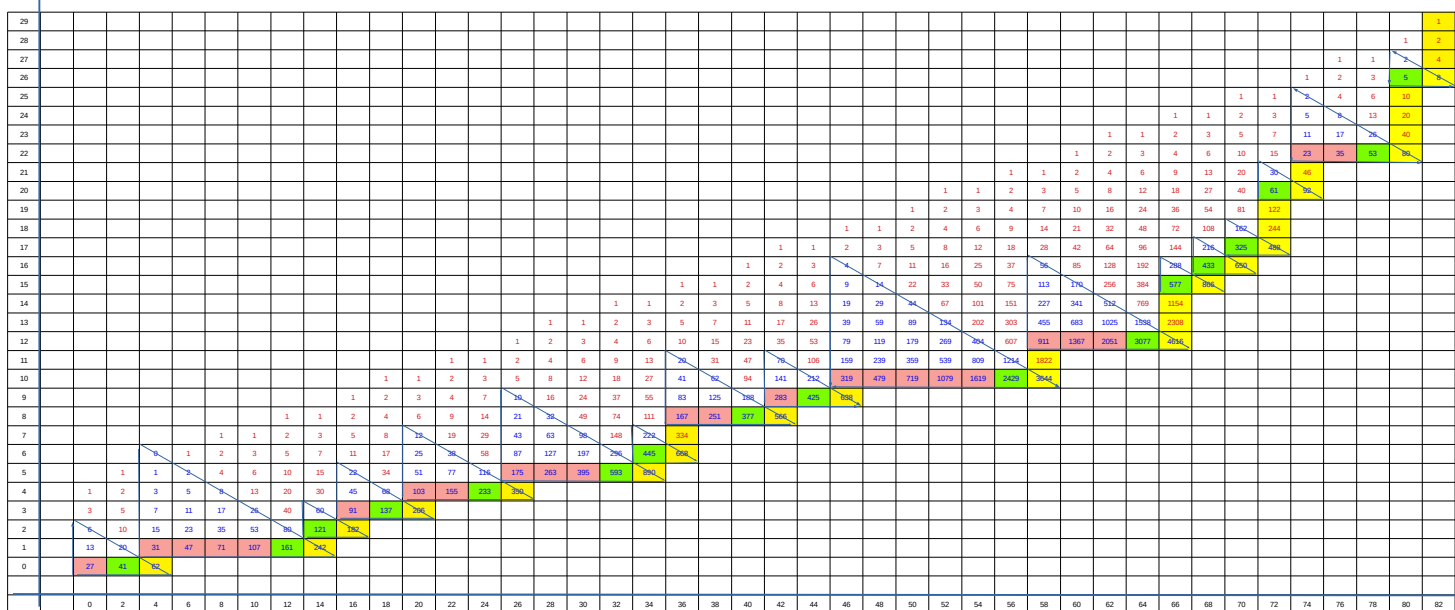
k	14	16	61	46	52	88	223	84	142	160	456	289	217	163	31	12	3	1
n																		
0	27	31	121	91	103	175	445	167	283	319	911	577	433	325	61	23	5	1
1	41	47	182	137	155	263	668	251	425	479	1367	866	650	488	92	35	8	2
	62	71		206	233	395		377	638	719	2051					53		
3		107			350	593		566		1079	3077					80		
4		161				890				1619	4616							
5		242								2429								
6										3644								
7																		
8																		
9																		

The same sequence in the table of triangles:



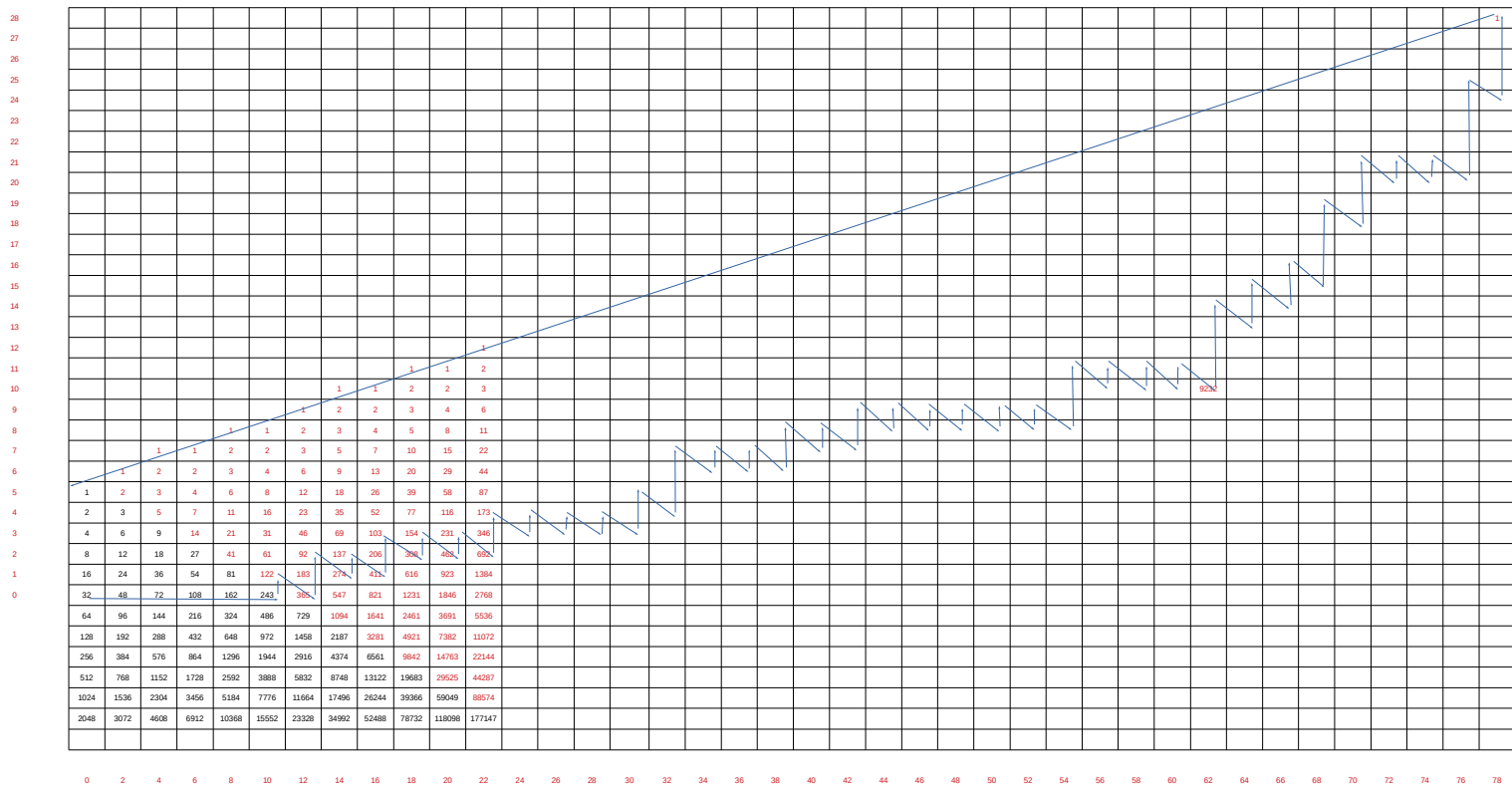
The sequence started with the number 27 has 82 horizontal iterations of the odd numbers and 29 vertical iterations of the even numbers.

We also see the development of the sequence with the columns of the odd number table, such as rows of triangles:



The rows of the triangles that form the cycles of the sequence, with the odd ones of the $4n + 3$ form in red, the odd ones of the $4n + 1$ form of green and the even numbers that join the cycles in yellow.

In the following table, a sequence started with the number 31:



Applying $(3m + 1) / 2$ to an odd number causes the sequence to move to the next column of the table, but in the same row and ascends to higher rows when at the end of each cycle, the even number is divided by 2. In this table, ascending means approaching number 1.

In the table, each cycle or triangle is above the previous one and the sequence never descends to a lower row. Neither will it go parallel to the line of numbers 1 nor will it be separated, because the cycles or columns with the largest number of odd numbers (longer rows) are very scarce:

In the first 10,000 columns, the one with the largest amount of odd numbers is column $k(8192)$, with 14 numbers. It is followed by column $k(4096)$ with 13 numbers, two columns have 12 numbers, five columns have 11 numbers, ten columns with 10 numbers, twenty columns with 9 numbers, etc.

In the first 50,000, the column with the most numbers $k(32768)$ has 16.

In the first 300,000, the column with the most numbers $k(262144)$ has 19.

In the first 1,000,000, the column with the most numbers $k(524288)$ has 20.

All the rows of the triangles or columns in the table are finite and their last number is even, so it will inevitably end in a number 1.

It is a visual demonstration that, although the numbers suffer increasing and decreasing oscillations, all sequences will ascend to number 1.

THE AMOUNT OF ODD NUMBERS in each column of the odd table and the amount of even numbers in the even table: 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 1, 4, 1, 2, . . . matches the number of digits 1 to the right of the last 0 in the binary representation of the odd numbers and the number of digits 0 to the right of the last 1 in the binary representation of the even numbers. Example:

1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21
1	11	101	111	1001	1011	1101	1111	10001	10011	10101
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
10	100	110	1000	1010	1100	1110	10000	10010	10100	10110
1	2	1	3	1	2	1	4	1	2	1

The last row corresponds to the amount of numbers in the columns of the tables and forms a fractal sequence with infinite sequences of the natural numbers, as follows: The numbers 1 are in the values of odd k and the following terms are in $2k$.

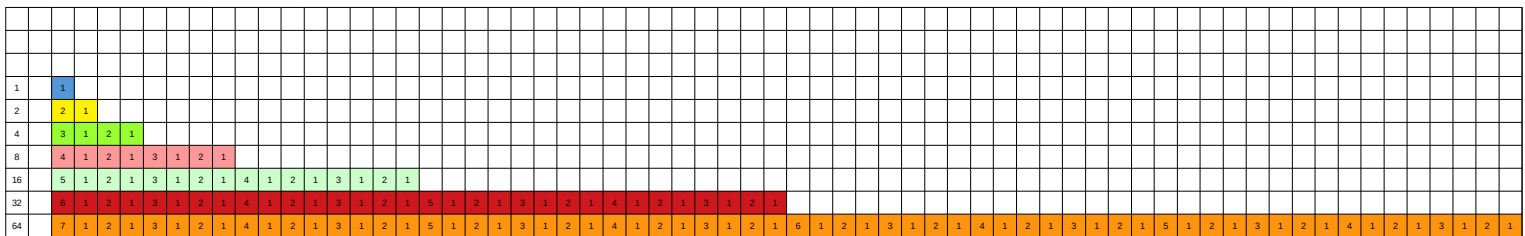
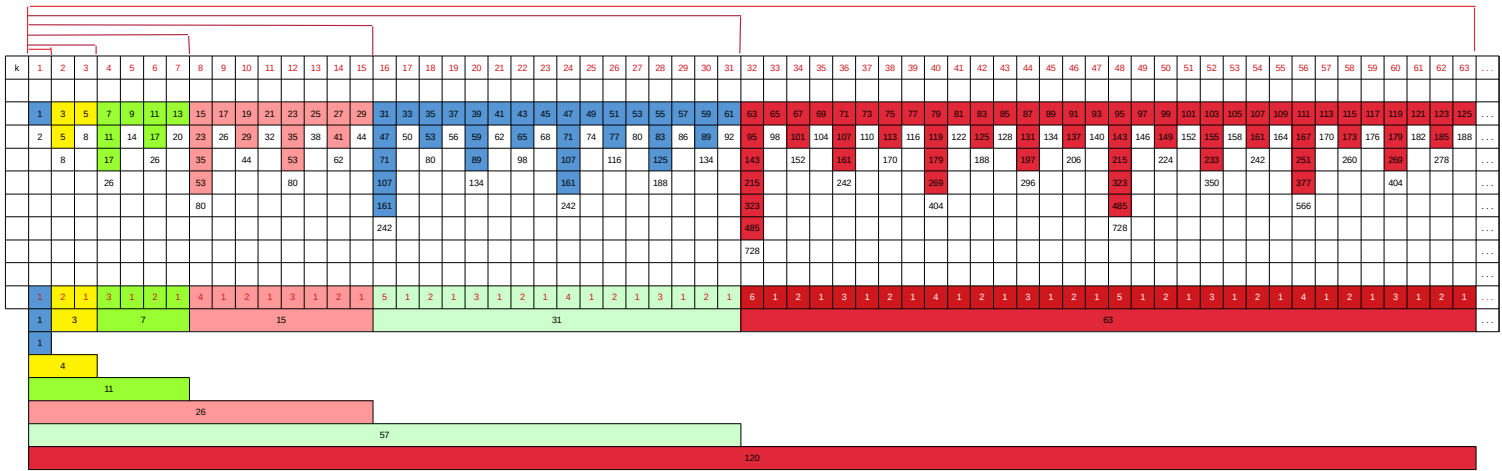
Example: The terms of the first sequence are in $k(1), k(2), k(4), k(8), k(16), . . .$

The terms of the second sequence are in $k(3), k(6), k(12), k(24), k(48), . . .$

The terms of the third sequence are in $k(5), k(10), k(20), k(40), k(80), . . .$

Example:

- T(1) $2 * T(0) + 1 = 1$ odd number.
- T(2) $2 * T(1) + 2 = 4$ odd numbers and the even 8.
- T(3) $2 * T(2) + 3 = 11$ odd numbers and the even 26.
- T(4) $2 * T(3) + 4 = 26$ odd numbers and the even 80.
- T(5) $2 * T(4) + 5 = 57$ odd numbers and the even 242.
- T(6) $2 * T(5) + 6 = 120$ odd numbers and the even 728.
- T(7) ...



APPENDIX 1

Sequence started with the number 2251799813685247, which is the first number in column k (2^{50}) of the table.

In this column are the first 50 odd ones of the sequence, which are of the form $4n-1$ and occupy the even steps from 0 to 98. The odd 51° , which is of the form $4n-3$ in step 100 and the pair 52° which is the last number of the column, in step 102.

step: value

0: 2251799813685247
1: 6755399441055742
2: 3377699720527871
3: 10133099161583614
4: 5066549580791807
5: 15199648742375422
6: 7599824371187711
7: 22799473113563134
8: 11399736556781567
9: 34199209670344702
10: 17099604835172351
11: 51298814505517054
12: 25649407252758527
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