

# PROOF OF COLLATZ CONJECTURE.

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## 1. Introduction.

The Collatz conjecture states that, given any natural number  $n \in N$ , we will always reach the number 1 by applying the following function  $f$  to  $n$  as many times as necessary.

If  $f(n)$  is even, divide  $n$  by 2, and if  $f(n)$  is odd, multiply  $n$  by 3 and add 1.

The method used is the method of proof by contradiction.

It is assumed that there exists a FIRST number  $n$  that doesn't satisfy the Conjecture and it is proven that it cannot be.

## 2. Demonstration.

Let  $n \in N$  the first natural number that does not satisfy the Conjecture.

The number  $n$  can not be an even number because  $\frac{n}{2} < n$  satisfy the Conjecture.

Let  $n$  an odd number.

Then  $n = 4q \pm 1$

$$n = 4q + 1 \Rightarrow 3(4q + 1) + 1 = 12q + 4 \Rightarrow 3q + 1 < n$$

$n = 4q - 1 = 2^2q - 1 \Rightarrow 3(2^2q - 1) + 1 = 12q - 2$  is an even number  $\Rightarrow 6q - 1$  an odd number

$3(6q - 1) + 1$  is an even number.  $3(6q - 1) + 1 = 18q - 2 \Rightarrow 2m \Rightarrow m = 3^2q - 1$

$$\text{Let } m = 2t - 1 = 9q - 1 \Rightarrow q = \frac{2t}{3^2} = \frac{2(2a+1)}{3^2} \Rightarrow (2a+1) = 3^2(2b+1)$$

$4q - 1 = 4 * 2(2b+1) - 1$  is an odd number  $\Rightarrow 3(4 * 2(2b+1) - 1) + 1 = 3 * 4(2b+1) - 1$  is an odd number  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow 3((3 * 4(2b+1)) - 1) + 1 = (3^2 * 2(2b+1)) - 1 \text{ is an odd number} \Rightarrow$$

$$3((3^2 * 2(2b+1)) - 1) + 1 \Rightarrow (3^3(2b+1)) - 1 = 2^i c \Rightarrow \text{is an even number}$$

$$c = \frac{(3^3(2b+1)) - 1}{2^i} < n$$

$$\text{Let } m = 2^k(2p - 1) \Rightarrow (2p - 1) < n$$

$$(q, m, a, b, c, i, k, p) \in N$$

Therefore  $n$  satisfy the Conjecture.

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