

## Cody Problem 21. Return the $3n+1$ sequence for n

A Collatz sequence is the sequence where, for a given number n, the next number in the sequence is either  $n/2$  if the number is even or  $3n+1$  if the number is odd. The sequence always terminates with 1.

So if

```
% n = 13
```

Then

```
% c = [13    40    20    10    5    16    8    4    2    1]
```

### Scratch Pad

```
n = 13;
```

```
collatz(n)
```

```
ans = 1×10  
    13    40    20    10     5    16     8     4     2     1
```

```
n = 20;
```

```
collatz(n)
```

```
ans = 1×8  
    20    10     5    16     8     4     2     1
```

### Solution

```
function c = collatz(n)  
    c = [n];  
    buff = n;  
    while buff ~= 1  
        if mod(buff, 2) == 0  
            buff = buff/2;  
            c = [c, buff];  
        else  
            buff = 3*buff+1;  
            c = [c, buff];  
        end  
    end  
end
```