

Assignment 1

DESIGN

Description:

The program itself is a straightforward implementation of the Collatz sequence. The sequence if implemented successfully should be able to take a number(n), and through the following procedure of the sequence, it should systematically reach the term '1':

If n is odd – $3n + 1$

If n is even – $n/2$

The program will terminate once the number reaches 1 which hypothetically every starting point should generate a sequence that follows the same convergence pattern.

Files:

Provided:

1. plot.sh: Produces Collatz sequence plots, that are used in my report.
2. collatz.c: Implementation of the collatz sequence program
3. Makefile: Directs the compilation of the collatz sequence program

Created:

1. README.md: Describes the usage of the program
2. DESIGN.pdf: (THIS FILE) provides the preliminary description of the program
3. Writeup: Describes the function and program created, within a denouement stage of the assignment process

Pseudocode:

User inputs n therefore - input = n

The sequence runs until it reaches its convergence point of 1

While n is not equal to 1 {

 If n is odd {

 Multiply n by 3 and add 1

 } else if n is even {

 divide the n by 2 and make it equal to itself

 }

 print n , so we know the current value, and can see the change over time in the output

}

After the while loop is complete we print n, which in this case will be 1, and will terminate the program