

Residue Environment Analysis for Collatz-like Dynamics

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Abstract

1 Introduction

1.1 Definitions

Odd core decomposition Reference table Local arithmetic constraints

Information flow - shifting is harmless - role of LSB and MSB

Radical

Natural order - Definition - Explain nested prime cycles - Piano roll visualization - Define radical, show it maps to factor sets - Gaps are symmetric - At least one per cycle when masking a bidirectional walk

Prime cycle gaps

Odd core environment - Reference table

Odd core graph - Diagram

- The odd-to-odd Collatz map can be defined as a shift left in ternary, and a shift right in binary, with a +1 operation in between.
- Both shifts are information preserving, because they only shuffle zeroes. Pushing n around in this base or the other is reversible, so no information is lost.
- The binary avalanche caused by +1 is the only meaningful change of state in the Collatz map. The shifts are temporary and informationally harmless.
- The number of bits flipped in the avalanche is k.
- The per-step information evolution of Collatz is proportional to k. The nature of it is isomorphic to the rules of carry propagation.

- The binary carry avalanche maximizes diffusion of information from odd prime rings into the dyadic hierarchy (powers of two).
- Each bit flipped in the avalanche shuffles the corresponding $\text{mod } 2^k$ class, erasing low-order memory. — Information diffused by odd primes is not shed until the

Symbolic progression - The LSB of n under the odd-to-odd map is always 1 (because it's odd). The must also be an MSB *somewhere* (because we're still playing Collatz, so $n > 1$). — These are delimiters without informational value. The interior "payload" bits completely determine the state of the MSB protect the leading zeroes in the payload. The LSB protects the trailing zeroes, and serves as a "stop" bit. The interior bits as a string form a symbolic progression, isomorphic to the arithmetic by construction (you can add

- Integers have a finite MSB, so a carry avalanche is guaranteed to terminate, but 2-adic values are infinite bit strings, and sensitive to the low order bits instead. A pure 2-adic representation does not sieve radicals, so it can't make progress, and exhibits ergodic behavior. When the avalanche reaches the MSB, it is replaced by the carry, destroying information.

- (As an aside, this is why Minsky's two-tag machine traces Collatz: it's a cleverly obfuscated carry-propagator).

References