

P3) Algorithm:

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n-to-1(n) {  
    if (n==1) return n  
    if n%3==0  
        n = n/3 n-to-1(n/3)  
        n/3  
    if n%2==0  
        n = n-to-1(n/2)  
    else n n = n-to-1(n-1)  
    return n  
}
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Runtime Analysis:

Add $O(1)$
Comp $O(n)$ times
operations take $O(1)$

Proof:

BC: $n=1$ we return 1 and done
I.H. assume true for all inputs
I.S. either, n is divisible by 3, by 2, or we subtract 1

- 1) $n \% 3 == 0$ we recursively call func so if $3 \leq n$ is divisible by 3 all the way to 1 which causes less operations to be run than if we were to divide by 2
 - 2) $n \% 2 == 0$ in the event n is never divisible by 3 we can divide by 2 until $n=1$ if n is always divisible by 2
 - 3) $n-1$ we ~~can divide~~ subtract one from n last so we ~~never have to~~ are last likely to use this, this is used as a fail-safe in which we can't use $n/3$ or $n/2$
- So we minimize the number of ~~steps~~ operations for any n by using the biggest decreaser first