

# Collatz Conjecture Gransbury

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**Problem 1.** Any number that is 4 raised to some power, will have an odd amount of terms to reach 1.

**Problem 2.** The amount of terms it takes a number  $2^n$  to reach 1 is equal to  $n + 1$ .

**Problem 3.** Any number that is 2 raised to some power, will always converge.

*Proof.* Let  $x$  be some number such that  $x = 2^n$ , where  $n > 0$ . By the definition of prime factorization,  $x = \{2_0, 2_{(n-2)}, 2_{(n-1)}, \dots, 2_n\}$ , which indicates no matter the value of  $n$ , there will be at least one 2 in the prime factorization of  $x$ . Since there will be at least one 2,  $x$  will always be even until the terms in the Collatz sequence for  $x$  reaches one. Therefore, any number that is 2 raised to some power will always converge to 1.  $\square$