

Collatz conjecture:

Consider the following rules (applied to an integer n):

- if $n == 1$, stop.
- if n is even, divide it by 2
- if n is odd, multiply it by 3 and add 1.

Question: does the resulting sequence always stop, no matter where you begin?

E.g., start w/ $n = 3$.

$$3 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$$

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