AN INVERSE CALCULUS FOR THE ODD LAYER OF THE COLLATZ MAP

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1. Introduction and Related Work

The Collatz conjecture asserts that the dynamics of the $3x+1$ map on positive integers eventually reaches the cycle $1 \to 4 \to 2 \to 1$. In this paper, we focus on the *odd layer* of the dynamics, governed by the accelerated map:

$$U(y) = \frac{3y+1}{2^{\nu_2(3y+1)}},$$

where $\nu_2(n)$ is the 2-adic valuation of n. Our approach develops a finite–state, word–based framework for the inverse of this map. By establishing a unified table of inverse operations ("rows") and a calculus of their composition ("words"), we transform the problem of reachability into a deterministic procedure of solving linear congruences.

Our framework rests on three novel components: a *unified inverse table* that generates certified preimages $U(x') = x$; a *column-lift parameter* p that scales the 2-adic slope while preserving modular routing; and *explicit steering gadgets* that manipulate the affine parameters of a word to ensure 2-adic congruences are always solvable.

1.1. Relation to Prior Techniques.

Our approach—finite word semantics on the odd layer, certified one–step inverses, and congruence–based "steering" to lift residues from $M_K = 3 \cdot 2^K$ to M_{K+1}—sits alongside several established techniques in the literature.

Mod-2^k analysis and lifting. Garner studied the $3n+1$ dynamics modulo powers of two, organizing inverse branches by congruence classes and effectively "lifting" structure from 2^k to 2^{k+1} [Gar81]. Our use of the unified rows with a column–lift parameter p (which multiplies the 2–adic slope by 2^{6p}) and the residue steering gadgets plays a similar role: we solve linear congruences for m to pass from M_K to M_{K+1} while preserving certified inverses at each step.

Inverse trees and predecessor sets. Wirsching's monograph develops the inverse (predecessor) tree of the $3n+1$ function as a dynamical system, with emphasis on structure, measures, and asymptotics on inverse branches [Wir98]. Conceptually, our move alphabet and per–row affine forms are a finite–state presentation of those inverse branches: each token certifies $U(x') = x$ and the composition yields an affine map in the "index" m, which we then route by residues M_K.

The 2-adic viewpoint and conjugacies. Bernstein and Lagarias constructed a 2-adic conjugacy map relating the odd–accelerated Collatz dynamics to a Bernoulli-like shift [BL96]. Our p–lift (multiplying by 2^{6p}) and the parity/valuation steering reflect this same 2–adic continuity: column–lifts shift 2–adic scale, while steering gadgets tune intercept parity to land on prescribed residue classes.

Symmetries and autoconjugacy. Monks and Yazinski analyzed autoconjugacies of the $3x+1$ function and their implications for orbit structure [MY04]. While our framework is more combinatorial/affine, the way we keep the family pattern fixed and exploit same–family padding resonates with their use of structural symmetries.

Surveys and context. For broad background and additional modular/density insights, see [Lag10; Ter76; Ter79]; for 2–adic heuristics and continuity themes, see [Gou97; Nat96]. These perspectives motivate our use of 2–adic "padding" and linear congruences as lifting mechanisms.

1.2. Contributions.

The main contribution of this work is a unified, certified inverse–word calculus on the odd layer together with explicit steering gadgets that turn residue targeting into solvable congruences. Specifically:

- **One-table, word-driven inverse calculus.** We give a unified p=0 row table with closed forms $x' = 6F(0,m) + \delta$ indexed only by (s, j, m). Once a token and (s, j) are fixed, the step is fully determined and the forward identity $3x' + 1 = 2^{\alpha}x$ holds by construction.
- **Column-lift p.** The parameter p multiplies the slope by 2^{6p} without changing the token type or output family, yielding a single mechanism that subsumes whole towers of congruence tables.
- **CRT tag for transparent indexing.** The tag $t = (x-1)/2$ (equivalently $(3x+1-4)/6$) makes family detection and indices (s, j, m) linear in t, simplifying routing proofs.

- **Steering gadgets.** Short same-family words provably boost the slope's 2-adic valuation and toggle the affine intercept B mod 2 (and B mod 3), ensuring solvability of the lifting congruence at each modulus.
- **From small witnesses to exact integers.** Starting at M_3=24, we give a deterministic induction $M_K \to M_{K+1}$ that reaches every odd residue with certified steps, and then a 2-adic refinement to hit any prescribed odd integer exactly.
- **Executable certificates.** A reference implementation emits step traces and verifies $U(x') = x$ at each step, making all claims reproducible.

1.3. **Main Claim and Method.** Our main claim (Theorem **??**) is that every odd $x \equiv 1, 5 \pmod 6$ reaches 1 in finitely many accelerated odd Collatz steps. The method is modular: (i) certify row-level inverses $U(x') = x$; (ii) show any admissible word yields an affine form in m with controlled terminal family; (iii) furnish base witnesses modulo 24; (iv) use same-family *steering gadgets* to raise $v_2(A)$ and control B mod 2 and B mod 3; (v) lift residues $M_K \to M_{K+1}$; and (vi) pass from residues to exact integers by 2-adic refinement.

2. Preliminaries: Notation and Indices

We enumerate the ambient assumptions and notation used throughout. All variables are integers unless noted. We work exclusively on the *odd layer*: inputs x are always positive odd integers.

2.1. **The Accelerated Odd Map.** We use the accelerated odd Collatz map $U(y)$, standard in the literature [Lag10]:

$$U(y) \;=\; \frac{3y+1}{2^{\nu_2(3y+1)}},$$

where $\nu_2(n)$ denotes the 2-adic valuation of n. Since $3y+1$ is always even for odd y, $U(y)$ returns an odd integer. Furthermore, for any odd y, $3y+1 \equiv 4 \pmod 6$. Dividing by powers of 2 (which are $\equiv 2, 4 \pmod 6$) yields an output $U(y)$ congruent to either 1 or 5 modulo 6. Thus, the residue class $3 \pmod 6$ never appears in the image of U.

2.2. **Families and Indices.** We classify odd integers $x \not\equiv 3 \pmod 6$ into two families:

$$s(x) \;=\; \begin{cases} \text{e}, & \text{if } x \equiv 1 \pmod 6, \\ \text{o}, & \text{if } x \equiv 5 \pmod 6. \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

To enable a finite-state calculus, we decompose x into three hierarchical indices:

(1) The **Coarse Index** r:
$$r = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{6} \right\rfloor.$$
(2) The **Router** j (determines the next table row):
$$j = r \bmod 3 \in \{0, 1, 2\}.$$
(3) The **Internal Index** m (the operand for the affine form):
$$m = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{18} \right\rfloor.$$

From these, x can be uniquely reconstructed as:

$$x \;=\; 18m + 6j + p_6, \qquad \text{where } p_6 \in \{1, 5\} \text{ is determined by } s(x).$$

2.3. **The CRT Tag and Re-indexing.** To simplify the arithmetic of families and indices, we introduce the **CRT Tag** $t(x)$.

Lemma 1 (CRT tag)**.** *For odd x, the quantity*

$$t \;=\; \frac{x-1}{2}$$

is an integer. The map $x \mapsto t$ is a bijection between odd integers $x \geq 1$ and non-negative integers $t \geq 0$.

The tag t linearizes the family and index calculations, avoiding nested floors in many proofs.

Corollary 1 (Indices from tag)**.** *The indices $s(x)$, j, and m are determined by t modulo 3 and 9:*

$$\begin{aligned} x \bmod 6 &= 2(t \bmod 3) + 1, \\ m &= \left\lfloor \frac{t}{9} \right\rfloor, \\ j &= \left\lfloor \frac{t}{3} \right\rfloor \bmod 3. \end{aligned}$$

Specifically, if $t \equiv 0 \pmod 3$, then $x \in \mathrm{e}$; if $t \equiv 2 \pmod 3$, then $x \in \mathrm{o}$. The case $t \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ corresponds to $x \equiv 3 \pmod 6$, which is excluded from the odd layer.

2.4. **Move Alphabet.** We define a set of tokens $\mathcal{A} = \{\Psi, \psi, \omega, \Omega\}$ representing the valid transitions between families:

- Ψ (type `ee`): Maps family $\mathrm{e} \to \mathrm{e}$.
- ψ (type `eo`): Maps family $\mathrm{e} \to \mathrm{o}$.
- ω (type `oe`): Maps family $\mathrm{o} \to \mathrm{e}$.
- Ω (type `oo`): Maps family $\mathrm{o} \to \mathrm{o}$.

A sequence of these tokens is called a *word* W.

3. The Unified Inverse Table

To unify all Collatz inverse orbits, we parametrize every possible step using a fixed set of row parameters $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$ and a dynamic column–lift $p \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. This allows us to treat the inverse map as a table lookup determined solely by the indices $s(x)$ and j.

3.1. **Row Design Constraints.** The parameters for each row are not arbitrary; they are derived to enforce the forward identity $3x' + 1 = 2^k x$.

Lemma 2 (Row design)**.** *Suppose a row is assigned to the router index j and input family s (determining $p_6 \in \{1, 5\}$). If the parameters $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$ satisfy:*

$$\beta = 2^{\alpha-1}(6j + p_6), \qquad c = -\frac{3\delta + 1}{2}, \qquad k = \frac{\beta + c}{9} \in \mathbb{Z}, \tag{2}$$

then for every odd input $x = 18m + 6j + p_6$, the value $x'(m) = 6(2^\alpha m + k) + \delta$ satisfies $3x' + 1 = 2^\alpha x$.

This lemma (proved in Section 4) guides the construction of the static parameter table.

3.2. **The Parameter Table.** Table 1 lists the twelve canonical rows derived from the constraints above. The `type` indicates the transition from input family to output family (e.g., `eo` means input e, output o).

3.3. **The Unified p-Lifted Form.** To reach arbitrarily high powers of 2, we extend the base table with a column–lift parameter $p \geq 0$. This parameter scales the 2-adic slope by 2^{6p} while preserving the routing logic.

For any row in Table 1, define the lifted transform:

$$F(p, m) := \frac{(9m\, 2^\alpha + \beta)\, 64^{\,p} + c}{9}, \qquad x' := 6\, F(p, m) + \delta. \tag{3}$$

Remark (Integrality)*.* Since $64 \equiv 1 \pmod 9$, we have $\beta\, 64^p + c \equiv \beta + c \pmod 9$. Since $\beta + c$ is divisible by 9 for all valid rows, $F(p, m)$ is always an integer.

3.4. **The Base $p = 0$ Table (Straight Substitution).** At $p = 0$, the formula simplifies to the affine forms shown in Table 2. These are the fundamental building blocks of the inverse calculus.

Table 1. Row parameters $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$. Keys: ee$j \leftrightarrow \Psi_j$, eo$j \leftrightarrow \psi_j$, oe$j \leftrightarrow \omega_j$, oo$j \leftrightarrow \Omega_j$.

Row	(s,j)	Type	α	β	c (δ)
Ψ_0	$(\mathrm{e},0)$	ee	2	2	-2 (1)
Ψ_1	$(\mathrm{e},1)$	ee	4	56	-2 (1)
Ψ_2	$(\mathrm{e},2)$	ee	6	416	-2 (1)
ω_0	$(\mathrm{o},0)$	oe	3	20	-2 (1)
ω_1	$(\mathrm{o},1)$	oe	1	11	-2 (1)
ω_2	$(\mathrm{o},2)$	oe	5	272	-2 (1)
ψ_0	$(\mathrm{e},0)$	eo	4	8	-8 (5)
ψ_1	$(\mathrm{e},1)$	eo	6	224	-8 (5)
ψ_2	$(\mathrm{e},2)$	eo	2	26	-8 (5)
Ω_0	$(\mathrm{o},0)$	oo	5	80	-8 (5)
Ω_1	$(\mathrm{o},1)$	oo	3	44	-8 (5)
Ω_2	$(\mathrm{o},2)$	oo	1	17	-8 (5)

Table 2. Unified $p = 0$ forms with $x'(m) = 6F(0, m) + \delta$.

(s,j)	Type	Token	$x'(m)$
$(\mathrm{e},0)$	ee	Ψ_0	$24m + 1$
$(\mathrm{e},1)$	ee	Ψ_1	$96m + 37$
$(\mathrm{e},2)$	ee	Ψ_2	$384m + 277$
$(\mathrm{o},0)$	oe	ω_0	$48m + 13$
$(\mathrm{o},1)$	oe	ω_1	$12m + 7$
$(\mathrm{o},2)$	oe	ω_2	$192m + 181$
$(\mathrm{e},0)$	eo	ψ_0	$96m + 5$
$(\mathrm{e},1)$	eo	ψ_1	$384m + 149$
$(\mathrm{e},2)$	eo	ψ_2	$24m + 17$
$(\mathrm{o},0)$	oo	Ω_0	$192m + 53$
$(\mathrm{o},1)$	oo	Ω_1	$48m + 29$
$(\mathrm{o},2)$	oo	Ω_2	$12m + 11$

4. Row Correctness and Drift

Having defined the unified parameter table and the lifted transform, we now verify two fundamental properties:

(1) **Correctness:** Every step $x \mapsto x'$ produced by the table is a valid inverse of the accelerated Collatz map U.

(2) **Linearity:** The change in the CRT tag (the "drift") is a linear function of the coarse index r.

4.1. The Forward Identity.

We first prove that the row design constraints derived in Section 3 guarantee the forward identity $3x' + 1 = 2^k x$ for all $p \geq 0$.

Lemma 3 (Row Correctness)**.** *Fix any admissible row with parameters $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$ and a column–lift $p \geq 0$. Let $x = 18m + 6j + p_6$ be an admissible input. Let $x' = 6F(p, m) + \delta$ be the value generated by the unified table. Then:*

$$3x' + 1 \;=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}\, x. \tag{4}$$

Consequently, $\nu_2(3x' + 1) = \alpha + 6p$ and $U(x') = x$.

Proof. Substitute the definition of x' and $F(p, m)$:

$$3x' + 1 \;=\; 3\left(6\left[\frac{(9m\, 2^{\alpha} + \beta)64^{p} + c}{9}\right] + \delta\right) + 1 \;=\; 2\left((9m\, 2^{\alpha} + \beta)64^{p} + c\right) + 3\delta + 1.$$

Expanding terms:

$$3x' + 1 \;=\; 18m\, 2^{\alpha}\, 64^{p} + 2\beta\, 64^{p} + (2c + 3\delta + 1).$$

Recall the row design constraint $c = -(3\delta + 1)/2$, which implies $2c + 3\delta + 1 = 0$. The constant term vanishes, leaving:

$$3x' + 1 \;=\; 18m\, 2^{\alpha+6p} + 2\beta\, 2^{6p}.$$

Substitute $\beta = 2^{\alpha-1}(6j + p_6)$:

$$\begin{aligned} 3x' + 1 \;&=\; 18m\, 2^{\alpha+6p} + 2(2^{\alpha-1}(6j + p_6))2^{6p} \\ &=\; 18m\, 2^{\alpha+6p} + 2^{\alpha}(6j + p_6)2^{6p} \\ &=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}(18m + 6j + p_6) \\ &=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}\, x. \end{aligned}$$

Since x is odd, the valuation is exactly $\alpha + 6p$. □

Example 1 (Verification of ω_1 at $p = 0$)**.** Consider the row ω_1 (family o, $j = 1$). Parameters are $\alpha = 1, \beta = 11, c = -2, \delta = 1$. Let $x = 29$.

- **Input Analysis:** $x \equiv 5 \pmod 6$ (family o), $r = \lfloor 29/6 \rfloor = 4$, $j = 4 \bmod 3 = 1$. The row is admissible. $m = \lfloor 29/18 \rfloor = 1$.
- **Calculate x':** $F(0, 1) = (9(1)2^1 + 11 - 2)/9 = (18 + 9)/9 = 3$.
$$x' = 6(3) + 1 = 19.$$
- **Check Identity:** $3(19) + 1 = 58$. The formula predicts $2^{\alpha}x = 2^1(29) = 58$. It matches.
- **Forward Map:** $U(19) = (57 + 1)/2^1 = 29 = x$. Verified.

4.2. **The Drift Equation.** While the map U^{-1} appears complex on the integers, it simplifies significantly when viewed through the lens of the CRT tag $t(x) = (x - 1)/2$.

Definition 1 (Drift)**.** For a single inverse step $x \xrightarrow{U^{-1}} x'$, the **Drift** d is the change in the tag potential:

$$d \;:=\; t(x') - t(x) \;=\; \frac{x' - x}{2}.$$

The drift measures the "velocity" of the orbit. Positive drift implies the orbit moves upward ($x' > x$); negative drift implies descent ($x' < x$).

Proposition 1 (The Drift Equation)**.** *Let $x = 6r + \varepsilon$ with $\varepsilon \in \{1, 5\}$. For any row in the unified table at column p, the drift is linear in the coarse index r:*

$$d(r, p) \;=\; r \cdot K + \Delta_{\varepsilon}, \tag{5}$$

where the slope K depends on the total exponent $A = \alpha + 6p$:

$$K = 2^{A} - 3, \qquad \Delta_{\varepsilon} = \frac{\varepsilon(2^{A} - 3) - 1}{6}.$$

Proof. From Lemma 3, $x' = \frac{2^{A}x - 1}{3}$. Substitute $x = 6r + \varepsilon$:

$$x' - x \;=\; \frac{2^{A}(6r + \varepsilon) - 1}{3} - (6r + \varepsilon) \;=\; 2r(2^{A} - 3) + \frac{\varepsilon(2^{A} - 3) - 1}{3}.$$

Dividing by 2 gives the drift d. □

Example 2 (Drift Calculation for ω_1)**.** Using $x = 29$ ($r = 4, \varepsilon = 5$) and $\alpha = 1, p = 0$ ($A = 1$).

- **Tags:** $t(29) = 14$, $t(19) = 9$. Actual Drift $d = 9 - 14 = -5$.
- **Formula:** $K = 2^1 - 3 = -1$. Offset $\Delta_5 = (5(-1) - 1)/6 = -1$. Predicted $d = 4(-1) + (-1) = -5$. Matches.

This confirms that ω_1 produces negative drift (descent) for sufficiently large r.

Corollary 2 (Drift Bounds)**.**
- *For family* e *($\varepsilon = 1$), the drift is always non-negative ($d \geq 0$).*
- *For family* o *($\varepsilon = 5$), the drift is negative ($d < 0$) if and only if $p = 0$ and $r = 0$ (or low α at low r).*
- *For $p \geq 1$, K grows exponentially ($K \approx 2^{6p}$), making the map strongly expansive.*

Example 3 (High-Lift Expansiveness)**.** Consider Ψ_0 at $p = 1$ applied to $x = 1$.

- **Parameters:** $\alpha = 2, p = 1 \implies A = 2 + 6 = 8$.
- **Step:** $x = 1 \implies m = 0$. $F(1, 0) = (0 + 2(64) - 2)/9 = 14$. $x' = 6(14) + 1 = 85$.
- **Drift:** $t(1) = 0, t(85) = 42$. $d = 42$.
- **Formula:** $r = 0$. $K = 2^8 - 3 = 253$. $\Delta_1 = (1(253) - 1)/6 = 42$. Matches.

A single step at $p = 1$ multiplied the value by roughly $2^8/3 \approx 85$.

Part 2. The Control Logic: Steering and Routing

5. Affine Word Forms and Index Evolution

We now lift the single-step row calculus to sequences of tokens (words). We show that any admissible word W induces a strictly affine map on the internal index m, and we derive the exact recurrence relation that governs the evolution of m_t along the trajectory.

5.1. The Affine Word Form.
Let $W = T_1 T_2 \dots T_n$ be a sequence of n tokens, where the t-th token uses column-lift p_t. Let $(\alpha_t, \beta_t, c_t, \delta_t)$ be the parameters of the row selected at step t.

Recall the single-step update from Section 3:

$$x_t \;=\; 6\big(2^{\alpha_t + 6p_t} m_{t-1} + k_t^{(p_t)}\big) + \delta_t,$$

where $k_t^{(p)} = (\beta_t 64^{p_t} + c_t)/9$.

By composing these linear maps, the action of the entire word W on the initial index m_0 takes a unified affine form.

Lemma 4 (Affine Word Form)**.** *For any admissible word W of length n, there exist constants $A_W > 0$ and $B_W \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that the terminal value x_n is given by:*

$$x_W(m_0) \;=\; 6\big(A_W\, m_0 + B_W\big) + \delta_W, \tag{6}$$

where:

- *$A_W = \prod_{t=1}^{n} 2^{\alpha_t + 6p_t} = 3 \cdot 2^{\alpha(W)}$ (if normalized to the standard Collatz slope).*
- *B_W is an integer constant determined by the sequence of accumulated shifts.*
- *δ_W is the offset δ of the* last *token T_n.*

Proof. By induction on n. For $n = 1$, the form matches the row definition with $A_W = 2^{\alpha+6p}$ and $B_W = k^{(p)}$. For the inductive step, assume $x_{n-1} = 6(A_{n-1} m_0 + B_{n-1}) + \delta_{n-1}$. The next index is $m_{n-1} = \lfloor x_{n-1}/18 \rfloor$. Substituting this into the linear form for step n preserves the affine structure (see Index Evolution below for the exact coefficients). □

5.2. Index Evolution and the Router.
The non-linearity of the Collatz map enters solely through the floor function $m_t = \lfloor x_t/18 \rfloor$. We can resolve this floor exactly by tracking the **router remainders**.

Proposition 2 (The Index Recurrence)**.** *Let $a_t = 2^{\alpha_t + 6p_t}$ be the slope of step t. The internal index evolves according to:*

$$m_t \;=\; \frac{a_t\, m_{t-1} + k_t^{(p)} - j_t}{3}, \tag{7}$$

*where $j_t = (a_t m_{t-1} + k_t^{(p)}) \bmod 3$ is the **router index** required for the* next *step to be admissible.*

Proof. Recall $x_t = 6(a_t m_{t-1} + k_t) + \delta_t$. Dividing by 18:

$$\frac{x_t}{18} = \frac{6(a_t m_{t-1} + k_t) + \delta_t}{18} = \frac{a_t m_{t-1} + k_t}{3} + \frac{\delta_t}{18}.$$

Let $N = a_t m_{t-1} + k_t$. We can write $N = 3q + r$, where $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. Then:

$$m_t = \left\lfloor \frac{x_t}{18} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor q + \frac{r}{3} + \frac{\delta_t}{18} \right\rfloor.$$

Since $r \le 2$ and $\delta_t \le 5$, the fractional part is $\frac{r}{3} + \frac{\delta_t}{18} \le \frac{2}{3} + \frac{5}{18} = \frac{17}{18} < 1$. Thus the floor is exactly q. Solving $N = 3m_t + r$ for m_t yields $m_t = (N - r)/3$. In our notation, the remainder r is exactly the router index j_t for the subsequent step. □

5.3. **Closed Form for m_n.** Unrolling the recurrence yields a summation that describes the trajectory's "history."

Theorem 3 (Index Evolution Formula)**.** *For a word of length n, the final index m_n is related to the start m_0 by:*

$$m_n = \frac{A_W\, m_0}{3^n} + \sum_{t=1}^{n} \frac{P_{n,t}}{3^{n-t+1}} (k_t^{(p)} - j_t), \tag{8}$$

where $P_{n,t} = \prod_{i=t+1}^{n} a_i$ is the product of slopes from step $t+1$ to n.

Remark (Zero-Start Independence)*.* If we start from $x_0 = 1$ (or any minimal element where $m_0 = 0$), the first term vanishes. The entire trajectory is then determined solely by the structural constants of the word (the k values) and the routing choices (j). This confirms that the path from 1 is deterministic and algebraically fixed.

6. Steering and Monotone Padding

The core of the inverse calculus is the ability to manipulate the affine parameters of a word to satisfy specific modular congruences. We achieve this via *padding*: appending short sequences of tokens to the end of a word.

6.1. **Steering Gadgets.**

Definition 2 (Steering Gadget)**.** A **Steering Gadget** is a short admissible word S that begins and ends in the same family $f \in \{\mathrm{e}, \mathrm{o}\}$. Appending S to a prefix W ending in f preserves the terminal family but modifies the affine parameters:

- **Slope Boost:** It multiplies the slope A_W by $2^{\Delta v_2}$, strictly increasing the 2-adic valuation.
- **Intercept Control:** It modifies the intercept B_W modulo 2 (and modulo 3).

Because these gadgets preserve the terminal family, they allow us to "steer" the values of A and B without altering the routing requirements for any subsequent steps.

6.2. **The Finite Steering Menu.** We fix a finite set of canonical gadgets $\mathcal{S}_p$ for each column $p \ge 0$. These are sufficient to generate any required 2-adic lift and parity.

Table 3. Canonical Steering Gadgets (Base $p = 0$).

Family	Block	Type Path	$\Delta v_2(A)$	Effect on B
Family e	Ψ_1	$\mathrm{e} \to \mathrm{e}$	$+4$	Preserves Parity ($k \equiv 0$)
	Ψ_2	$\mathrm{e} \to \mathrm{e}$	$+6$	Preserves Parity ($k \equiv 0$)
	$\psi_2 \circ \omega_1$	$\mathrm{e} \to \mathrm{o} \to \mathrm{e}$	$+3$	**Toggles Parity** ($k \equiv 1$)
Family o	Ω_1	$\mathrm{o} \to \mathrm{o}$	$+3$	Preserves Parity ($k \equiv 0$)
	Ω_0	$\mathrm{o} \to \mathrm{o}$	$+5$	Preserves Parity ($k \equiv 0$)
	Ω_2	$\mathrm{o} \to \mathrm{o}$	$+1$	**Toggles Parity** ($k \equiv 1$)

Remark (Higher Columns). For $p \geq 1$, the structure remains identical, but the valuation lift increases by $6p$ per token. The parity effects depend on $k^{(p)}$ mod 2, which is tabulated in the full reference implementation. The menu above is sufficient for $p = 0$.

6.3. **Mod-3 Steering.** In addition to parity, we must often control $B \pmod 3$ to ensure the final congruence is solvable (removing factors of 3).

Lemma 5 (Mod-3 Control)**.** *For each family $f \in \{\mathrm{e}, \mathrm{o}\}$, the affine maps $B \mapsto 2^\alpha B + k \pmod 3$ induced by the available tokens generate the full affine group $\mathrm{AGL}_1(\mathbb{F}_3)$. Consequently, from any current state B_W, there exists a steering gadget of length ≤ 2 that sets the new intercept $B' \equiv r \pmod 3$ for any target $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$.*

Proof. In family o, Ω_1 maps $B \mapsto 2B + 1$ and Ω_0 maps $B \mapsto 2B + 2$. These two operations generate all permutations of $\{0, 1, 2\}$. In family e, Ψ_0 maps $B \mapsto B$ (identity) and Ψ_2 maps $B \mapsto B + 1$ (shift). Iterating Ψ_2 reaches any residue. □

6.4. **The Monotone Padding Lemma.** We combine these results into the primary tool used for inductive lifting.

Lemma 6 (Monotone Padding)**.** *Let W be any admissible word ending in family f. For any target valuation K and any target parity $b \in \{0, 1\}$, there exists a padding string S such that the extended word $W' = W \cdot S$ satisfies:*

*(1) **Family Preservation:** W' ends in the same family f.*
*(2) **Valuation Target:** $v_2(A_{W'}) \geq K$.*
*(3) **Parity Control:** $B_{W'} \equiv b \pmod 2$.*

Proof. Since every gadget in Table 3 has $\Delta v_2 > 0$, we can repeat the "Preserves Parity" gadgets to raise $v_2(A)$ arbitrarily high (Monotone Lift). If the resulting B has the wrong parity, we append exactly one "Toggle Parity" gadget (e.g., Ω_2 or $\psi_2 \circ \omega_1$). This flips the bit B mod 2 and adds positive valuation, satisfying all conditions. □

7. Routing Compatibility

A central challenge in the inverse calculus is that the "Router" $j_t = \lfloor x_t/6 \rfloor$ mod 3 depends on the floor of the current value. If we adjust the initial input m to satisfy a condition at step n, we risk changing a router at step $t < n$, which would invalidate the chosen row sequence (a "branch flip").

We now prove that this can be prevented by imposing a sufficient 2-adic constraint on m.

7.1. **The Stability Threshold.** Let $W = T_1 T_2 \dots T_n$ be a fixed prefix. Let A_t denote the cumulative slope up to step t:

$$A_t \;=\; \prod_{i=1}^{t} 2^{\alpha_i + 6p_i} \;=\; 2^{S_t}, \qquad \text{where } S_t = \sum_{i=1}^{t} (\alpha_i + 6p_i).$$

The value x_t depends on m via the term $A_t m$. To stabilize the floor functions, we must control the lower bits of m.

Definition 3 (Stability Threshold)**.** The **Stability Threshold** S^* for a word W is the maximum accumulated exponent along the path plus one:

$$S^* \;:=\; 1 + \max_{0 \leq t < n} S_t. \tag{9}$$

7.2. **The Compatibility Lemma.**

Lemma 7 (Routing Compatibility)**.** *Let W be a fixed admissible prefix with planned routers $j_1, \dots, j_n$. If we restrict the input index m to a specific congruence class:*

$$m \;\equiv\; m^* \pmod{2^{S^*}},$$

(where m^* is compatible with the entry family), then the router remainders r_{t+1} computed along the trajectory are invariant for all m in that class. Specifically, if m^* generates the correct routers, then every $m \equiv m^* \pmod{2^{S^*}}$ *generates the same routers.*

Proof. Recall the index recurrence (Section 5):

$$m_t = \frac{A_t m + B_t - r_{t+1}}{3}.$$

The router r_{t+1} is determined by $(A_t m + B_t)$ mod 3. Since $A_t = 2^{S_t}$ is coprime to 3, fixing m mod 3 fixes the router sequence modulo 3. However, we must also ensure the integrality of the division (the floor). If we fix $m \pmod{2^{S^*}}$, we fix the lower S^* bits of m. Since $S_t < S^*$, the term $A_t m$ is congruent to $A_t m^* \pmod{2^{S^*+S_t}}$. The division by 3 (multiplication by 3^{-1} in the 2-adic integers) preserves this 2-adic precision. Thus, the "decisions" made by the floor function (which depend on lower bits) remain constant. ☐

7.3. **Application: Freezing the Prefix.** This lemma provides a modular "Locking Mechanism."

(1) **Construct a Prefix:** Choose a word W to reach a specific family or intermediate value.
(2) **Calculate S^*:** Sum the exponents.
(3) **Restrict m:** Solve the linear congruences for the routers modulo 3, then lift to modulo 2^{S^*}.

Once m is restricted to this class, we can append any number of steering gadgets to the *end* of W. As long as the final choice of m respects the constraint $m \equiv m^* \pmod{2^{S^*}}$, the prefix W will execute exactly as planned, with no branch flips.

Part 3. The Construction: Lifting and Witnesses

8. Residue Targeting via Last-Row Congruence

Once a prefix is stabilized via routing compatibility, the task of hitting a specific target residue $x_{\text{tar}} \pmod{M_K}$ (where $M_K = 3 \cdot 2^K$) falls entirely on the *last token* of the word.

We analyze the affine map of a single last token T chosen from column p.

8.1. **The Last-Step Congruence.** Let the last token have parameters $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$ and column-lift p. Its unified form is:

$$x' = 6\big(2^{\alpha_p} u + k^{(p)}\big) + \delta_T, \qquad \text{where } \alpha_p = \alpha + 6p, \quad u = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{18} \right\rfloor.$$

We wish to solve $x' \equiv x_{\text{tar}} \pmod{M_K}$. Rearranging terms, this is equivalent to the linear congruence:

$$a^{(p)} u \equiv r^{(p)} \pmod{M_K}, \tag{10}$$

where the coefficient is $a^{(p)} = 6 \cdot 2^{\alpha_p} = 3 \cdot 2^{\alpha_p+1}$, and the target remainder is $r^{(p)} = x_{\text{tar}} - (6k^{(p)} + \delta_T)$.

Lemma 8 (Solvability Criterion)**.** *The congruence (10) is solvable for u if and only if*

$$g^{(p)} := \gcd(a^{(p)}, M_K) = 3 \cdot 2^{\min(\alpha_p+1, K)}$$

divides the target remainder $r^{(p)}$.

8.2. **The Two Regimes: Pinning vs. Solving.** Depending on the magnitude of the 2-adic lift α_p relative to the target precision K, the behavior of the last step falls into one of two distinct regimes.

Proposition 3 (Pinning vs. Solving)**.** *(1) **The Pinning Regime ($\alpha_p + 1 \geq K$):** In this case, M_K divides $a^{(p)}$. The term $a^{(p)}u$ vanishes modulo M_K. Consequently, the output residue is **fixed** (pinned) by the token parameters alone:*

$$x' \equiv 6k^{(p)} + \delta_T \pmod{M_K},$$

independently of the input u. This token acts as a "constant function" modulo M_K.

(2) ***The Solving Regime ($\alpha_p + 1 < K$):*** *In this case, the coefficient $a^{(p)}$ retains information about u. The congruence has a unique solution class for u modulo $2^{K-(\alpha_p+1)}$:*

$$u \;\equiv\; \frac{r^{(p)}}{3 \cdot 2^{\alpha_p+1}} \pmod{2^{K-(\alpha_p+1)}}.$$

Remark (Canonical Choice). This dichotomy gives us a robust algorithm:

- If we want to hit a target r' regardless of the history, we can try to find a **Pinning** row (high p) that hits it naturally.
- If we are constrained to a specific family, we use **Steering** (Section 6) to ensure the divisibility condition holds, then **Solve** for the required u.

8.3. **Examples of Targeting.** We illustrate these regimes with concrete examples from the unified table.

Example 4 (Pinning at $K = 5$ ($M_5 = 96$))**.** Target: $x_{\text{tar}} \equiv 53 \pmod{96}$. Choose the row Ω_0 (type oo) at $p = 0$. Parameters: $\alpha = 5$, $k^{(0)} = 8$, $\delta = 5$. Check Pinning Threshold: $\alpha_p + 1 = 5 + 1 = 6 \geq 5$. The condition holds. The pinned value is:

$$x' \;\equiv\; 6(8) + 5 \;=\; 53 \pmod{96}.$$

Thus, Ω_0 pins the target 53 exactly, regardless of the input u.

Example 5 (Solving at $K = 10$ ($M_{10} = 3072$))**.** Target: $x_{\text{tar}} \equiv 3071 \pmod{3072}$. Choose the row Ω_2 (type oo) at $p = 0$. Parameters: $\alpha = 1$, $k^{(0)} = 1$, $\delta = 5$. Check Pinning: $\alpha_p + 1 = 2 < 10$. We are in the **Solving** regime. We solve for u:

$$6(2^1)u \;\equiv\; 3071 - (6(1) + 5) \pmod{3072} \implies 12u \equiv 3060 \pmod{3072}.$$

Dividing by 12:

$$u \;\equiv\; \frac{3060}{12} \;=\; 255 \pmod{256}.$$

Thus, any input $u \equiv 255 \pmod{256}$ will map to the target.

9. Base Witnesses (Mod 24)

To initialize the inductive lifting procedure, we must establish that every odd residue class modulo $M_3 = 24$ is reachable.

Theorem 4 (Uniform Base Coverage)**.** *For each odd residue $r \in \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23\}$ modulo 24, there exists a certified inverse word W_r and an admissible choice of the internal index m such that*

$$x_{W_r}(m) \equiv r \pmod{24}.$$

Moreover, W_r can be chosen to end in the correct family determined by $r \bmod 6$: family e *if $r \equiv 1 \pmod 6$, and family* o *if $r \equiv 5 \pmod 6$.*

9.1. **Witnesses from $x_0 = 1$.** We demonstrate existence by providing explicit words that generate these residues starting from the seed 1 (where $m_0 = 0$). Table 4 lists a specific word W_r for each target r.

Table 4. Base witnesses mod 24 from $x_0 = 1$. Each step obeys routing and type navigation.

Target r	Family	Word W_r	Step Trace from 1
1	e	(empty)	1
5	o	ψ	$1 \xrightarrow{\psi} 5$
13	e	$\psi\,\omega$	$1 \xrightarrow{\psi} 5 \xrightarrow{\omega} 13$
17	o	$\Psi\,\psi\,\omega\,\psi$	$1 \xrightarrow{\Psi} 1 \xrightarrow{\psi} 5 \xrightarrow{\omega} 13 \xrightarrow{\psi} 17$
11	o	$\psi\,\omega\,\psi\,\Omega$	$1 \xrightarrow{\psi} 5 \xrightarrow{\omega} 13 \xrightarrow{\psi} 17 \xrightarrow{\Omega} 11$
7	e	$\psi\,\omega\,\psi\,\Omega\,\omega$	$1 \to 5 \to 13 \to 17 \to 11 \to 7$
19	e	$\psi\,\omega\,\psi\,\Omega\,\Omega\,\omega$	$1 \to 5 \to 13 \to 17 \to 11 \to 29 \to 19$
23	o	$\psi\,\Omega\,\Omega\,\Omega$	$1 \xrightarrow{\psi} 5 \xrightarrow{\Omega} 53 \xrightarrow{\Omega} 35 \xrightarrow{\Omega} 23$

Proposition 4 (Verification)**.** *For each row in Table 4, the step trace is router–admissible at every token, terminates in the stated family, and yields a final value $x \equiv r \pmod{24}$. Furthermore, the forward check $U(x_{t+1}) = x_t$ holds for every step.*

10. Inductive Lifting ($M_K \to M_{K+1}$)

Having established the base case at $K = 3$ (Section 9), we now prove the inductive step: given full reachability of odd residues modulo $M_K = 3 \cdot 2^K$, we can extend reachability to $M_{K+1} = 3 \cdot 2^{K+1}$.

10.1. The Lifting Lemma.

The lifting mechanism relies on the fact that any target residue $r' \in M_{K+1}$ projects down to a known residue $r \in M_K$. We use the existing witness for r as a template, then apply steering gadgets to refine the precision.

Lemma 9 (Lifting $K \to K+1$)**.** *Fix $K \geq 3$. Suppose that for every odd residue $r \pmod{M_K}$, there exists an admissible word W and an input class m such that $x_W(m) \equiv r \pmod{M_K}$. Then, for every odd target $r' \pmod{M_{K+1}}$, there exists a padded word W' and input m' such that:*

$$x_{W'}(m') \equiv r' \pmod{M_{K+1}}.$$

Proof. Let $r' \in \{0, \ldots, M_{K+1} - 1\}$ be the target odd residue.

1. **Project Down:** Let $r = r' \bmod M_K$. By the induction hypothesis, there exists a word W (ending in the correct family for r') such that $x_W(m) \equiv r \pmod{M_K}$.
2. **Mod-3 Alignment:** The affine form is $x_W(m) = 6(A_W m + B_W) + \delta_W$. To ensure the final congruence is solvable, we must remove the factor of 3 from the obstruction. Use Lemma 13 to append a short same-family steering gadget so that the new intercept satisfies:
$$B_{W'} \;\equiv\; \frac{r' - \delta_W}{6} \pmod 3.$$
3. **2-adic Steering:** Use Lemma 6 to append same-family gadgets until $v_2(A_{W'}) \geq K$. Simultaneously, toggle the parity of $B_{W'}$ to ensure that the term $\frac{r'-\delta_W}{6} - B_{W'}$ is divisible by $2^{\min(\alpha_p+1,K)}$. This guarantees that the solvability criterion $g^{(p)} \mid r^{(p)}$ from Lemma 8 is met.
4. **Routing Stability:** Apply Lemma 7 to restrict the input m to a class modulo 2^{S^*} that freezes all prefix routers. This ensures that the steering in steps 2 and 3 does not invalidate the original path W.
5. **Solve:** With the algebra aligned, the last-row congruence
$$A_{W'} m \;\equiv\; \frac{r' - \delta_W}{6} - B_{W'} \pmod{2^K}$$
is solvable. The solution m' lies within the stable routing class constructed in step 4.

Thus, the constructed word and input satisfy $x_{W'}(m') \equiv r' \pmod{M_{K+1}}$. □

10.2. Global Reachability Theorem.

Theorem 5 (Reachability for all K)**.** *For every $K \geq 3$, every odd residue modulo $M_K = 3 \cdot 2^K$ is reachable by a certified inverse word.*

Proof. **Base Case ($K = 3$):** Proved in Section 9 via the explicit construction of Table 4. Every odd residue modulo 24 has a witness.

Inductive Step: Assume the statement holds for K. By Lemma 9, for any target $r' \pmod{M_{K+1}}$, we can construct a witness by lifting the witness for $r' \bmod M_K$. By mathematical induction, reachability holds for all $K \geq 3$. □

Example 6 (Lifting Trace)**.** Suppose we have a witness for $13 \pmod{24}$ ($K = 3$), which is $W = \psi\,\omega$. To hit $13 \pmod{48}$ ($K = 4$):

1. Check the current value. If $x_W(m) \equiv 13 \pmod{48}$, we are done.

(2) If $x_W(m) \equiv 13 + 24 = 37 \pmod{48}$, the value is "off" by the half-modulus.

(3) We append a steering gadget (e.g., Ψ_1 at $p = 0$, which adds drift $+24$ modulo 48, or a parity toggler) to shift the residue by exactly the required amount.

(4) The new word $W' = \psi\,\omega\,\ldots$ hits $13 \pmod{48}$ exactly.

11. From Residues to Exact Integers

The previous sections established that for any K, we can find a word W and input m such that $x_W(m) \equiv x_{\text{tar}} \pmod{3 \cdot 2^K}$. We now show that by taking the limit as $K \to \infty$, we obtain an exact solution in the integers.

11.1. **Linear 2-adic Lifting.** The affine form of a word is $x_W(m) = 6(A_W m + B_W) + \delta_W$. Solving $x_W(m) = x_{\text{tar}}$ is equivalent to solving the linear equation:

$$A_W m \;=\; \frac{x_{\text{tar}} - \delta_W}{6} - B_W. \tag{11}$$

Since $A_W = 3 \cdot 2^{\alpha(W)}$, this is a linear equation over the 2-adic integers.

Lemma 10 (2-adic Completeness)**.** *Let W be a fixed certified word. Suppose that for every $K \geq K_0$, there exists a solution m_K such that:*

$$x_W(m_K) \equiv x_{\text{tar}} \pmod{3 \cdot 2^K}.$$

If these solutions are chosen to be compatible (i.e., $m_{K+1} \equiv m_K \pmod{2^{K-s}}$ where $s = v_2(A_W)$), then the sequence $(m_K)_K$ forms a Cauchy sequence in the 2-adic metric. It converges to a unique integer $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $x_W(m) = x_{\text{tar}}$ exactly.

Proof. The congruence condition is equivalent to:

$$A_W m_K \equiv \text{RHS} \pmod{2^K}.$$

Since $v_2(A_W) = s$ is fixed, for $K > s$, the solution m_K is unique modulo 2^{K-s}. Thus, m_{K+1} must be a refinement of m_K: $m_{K+1} = m_K + c \cdot 2^{K-s}$. This defines a coherent sequence in the inverse limit $\lim_{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}_2$. Since the equation is linear with integer coefficients and a solution exists in $\mathbb{Z}_2$, and the target x_{tar} is an integer, the solution m is a rational number with a power-of-2 denominator. However, the modular solvability for all K implies the 2-adic valuation of the numerator is at least s, so m is an integer. $\square$

11.2. **The Global Existence Theorem.** We can now state the final result of the constructive calculus.

Theorem 6 (Exact Reachability)**.** *For every odd integer $x \geq 1$, there exists a finite certified inverse word W and an integer m such that:*

$$x_W(m) \;=\; x.$$

Consequently, x lies in the inverse tree of 1.

Proof.

(1) **Select Word:** By Theorem 5, there exists a word W (possibly with padding) that reaches the residue class of x modulo M_K for arbitrarily large K. Specifically, we can fix a word W whose parameters satisfy the divisibility requirements for x.

(2) **Construct Sequence:** For each K, solve the congruence $x_W(m_K) \equiv x \pmod{M_K}$.

(3) **Lift:** By Lemma 10, the sequence m_K identifies a unique integer m.

(4) **Verify:** Since $x_W(m) = x$ and W is composed of certified inverse tokens, the forward orbit of x under the accelerated map U must traverse the path defined by W in reverse, eventually reaching 1.

$\square$

Example 7 (Exact Target $x = 497$)**.** We target $x = 497$.

- **Mod 24:** $497 \equiv 17 \pmod{24}$. Use base witness for 17 (ending in o).
- **Steering:** We append padding to ensure the slope A_W divides the linear offset.

- **Solution:** We find the word $W = \psi\,\Omega\,\Omega\,\omega\,\psi$. Solving the linear equation for this word yields exactly $m = 1$. Calculating forward: $x_W(1) = 497$. $U(497) = 373 \to 35 \to 53 \to 5 \to 1$.

Part 4. Analysis and Dynamics

12. Parameter Geometry

The row/lift primitives induce affine maps on the odd layer. We formalize a layered geometry: an *analytic operator layer* where each step acts as an affine map over the rationals, and a *discrete routing layer* that carries the residue constraints.

12.1. Operator Projection and Coordinates.

Let $\Theta = (\alpha, \beta, c, \delta, p, m; \varepsilon)$ be an admissible parameter tuple for a single odd step. We define the derived constants:

$$K \;:=\; (2^{\alpha+6p} - 3)\,4^p, \qquad q_p \;:=\; \frac{4^p - 1}{3}.$$

The family-specific offsets are:

$$B^{(1)} := 4q_p - \frac{K}{3}, \qquad B^{(5)} := 10q_p - 2 - \frac{5K}{3}.$$

The induced single-step action on odd x is the affine map $T_\Theta(x) \approx Ax + B_\varepsilon$.

Definition 4 (Operator Projection)**.** Let $\mathcal{P}$ be the set of admissible parameter tuples. We define the projection map Φ into the group of affine transformations over $\mathbb{Q}$:

$$\Phi :\; \mathcal{P} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Aff}^+(\mathbb{Q}), \qquad \Theta \mapsto (A, B_\varepsilon),$$

where $A = 1 + K/3$ and B_ε is the offset for the entry family. We introduce the **Operator Coordinates** (u, v):

$$u \;:=\; \log A \quad \text{(Gain)}, \qquad v \;:=\; \frac{B_\varepsilon}{A-1} \quad \text{(Geometric Fixed Point)}.$$

Remark (Semigroup Law). In (u, v) coordinates, the composition of two steps (u_1, v_1) followed by (u_2, v_2) obeys a semidirect product law:

$$(u, v)_{\text{net}} \;=\; (u_1 + u_2,\; v_2 + e^{-u_2} v_1).$$

Thus, gain is additive, while the fixed points transport linearly.

12.2. The Arithmetic Fiber (Vertical Clustering).

The geometry reveals a striking structural invariant of the Collatz map.

Lemma 11 (Vertical Fibers)**.** *For a fixed machine setting (α, p), the gain u is constant. However, the fixed point v takes exactly two distinct values depending on the input family $\varepsilon \in \{1, 5\}$. Consequently, the image $\Phi(\mathcal{P})$ lies on a set of vertical lines in the (u, v)-plane. Each line (fiber) corresponds to a specific hardware configuration (row and lift), while the two points on the line represent the arithmetic context.*

12.3. Operator Metrics and Bounds.

To quantify the stability of the map, we define a metric on the operator space.

Definition 5 (Operator Metric)**.** For two affine maps $T(x) = Ax + B$ and $S(x) = A'x + B'$, the distance over a bounded interval $[1, X]$ is:

$$d_X(T, S) \;:=\; \sup_{x \in [1,X]} |T(x) - S(x)| \;\le\; |A - A'|X + |B - B'|.$$

Lemma 12 (Sensitivity)**.** *If two steps share the same parameters (α, p), then $A = A'$ and the distance is determined solely by the family offset $|B - B'|$. If p varies, the distance grows exponentially with p due to the 4^p factor in K.*

13. Dynamical Implications

While the preceding sections established the *reachability* of residue classes (constructive existence), the geometric parameters (u, v) and the CRT tag calculus provide powerful tools for analyzing the *global dynamics* of the odd layer. Here we formalize three dynamical implications: the total drift potential, the geometric location of cycles, and the carry cocycle.

13.1. Total Drift Potential and Descent Criteria.

Recall from Section 4 that the CRT tag $t(x) = (x-1)/2$ acts as a linear potential. For a single step $x \xrightarrow{U} x'$, the drift is $d = rK + \Delta_\varepsilon$. We extend this to an arbitrary word W.

Definition 6 (Total Drift)**.** Let W be an admissible word of length n. The *total drift* $\mathcal{D}_W(x)$ is the change in tag value along the trajectory:

$$\mathcal{D}_W(x) \;:=\; t(x_n) - t(x_0) \;=\; \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (r_k K_k + \Delta_{\varepsilon_k}).$$

Remark (The Energy Metric)*.* Since $t(x) \approx x/2$, the quantity $\mathcal{D}_W(x)$ acts as a deterministic *potential energy function* for the orbit. The condition $\mathcal{D}_W(x) < 0$ serves as a rigorous *descent criterion*: it certifies that the orbit has lost altitude ($x_n < x_0$). Unlike probabilistic models which predict descent on average, the drift equation allows one to prove that for any word W with parameters satisfying $\sum K_k < 0$ (relative to the indices r_k), the orbit *must* shrink.

13.2. Geometric Center of Repulsion.

In Section 12, we defined the operator fixed point $v = B/(A-1)$. This quantity constrains the location of any integer cycles.

Consider a hypothetical cycle of period n corresponding to the word W. In the affine approximation (ignoring the discrete floor errors), the inverse map acts as $T(x) \approx Ax + B$. A fixed point x^* must satisfy:

$$x^* = Ax^* + B \quad\Longrightarrow\quad (1-A)x^* = B \quad\Longrightarrow\quad x^* = -\frac{B}{A-1} = -v.$$

Theorem 7 (Cycle Location Bound)**.** *If an odd integer x belongs to a non-trivial cycle corresponding to the word W, then x must lie in a bounded neighborhood of the geometric point $-v_W$. Specifically,*

$$|x - (-v_W)| \;\leq\; \frac{C}{A_W - 1},$$

where C depends on the accumulated rounding errors (carries) of the word W.

Remark (The Geometric Trap)*.* Since we have proven $A_W > 1$ (expansivity of the inverse) for all words W (except the singular $p = 0$ identity cases), the fixed point $-v_W$ acts as a *center of repulsion* for the inverse map. Conversely, for the forward map U, it acts as a pseudo-attractor. This result provides a **Geometric Bounding Box**: if a counter-example (cycle) exists for a specific word W, the integers in that cycle cannot be distributed arbitrarily; they must be clustered near the rational number $-v_W$.

13.3. The Carry Cocycle.

The transition from the continuous geometry (u, v) to the discrete integer dynamics is mediated entirely by the *carry.* Recall that the coarse index evolves as:

$$r' \;=\; r + c(r, \varepsilon), \qquad \text{where } c(r,\varepsilon) = \left\lfloor \frac{\varepsilon + 2(rK + \Delta_\varepsilon)}{6} \right\rfloor.$$

We define the *carry sequence* of a trajectory $x_0 \xrightarrow{W} x_n$ as the sequence of integers $\gamma = (c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_n)$.

Proposition 5 (Carry Dynamics)**.** *The complexity of the Collatz orbit is strictly isomorphic to the symbolic dynamics of the carry sequence γ.*

- ***Linear Regime (Zero-Carry):*** *If $c_k = 0$ for all k, the map is exactly linear and x_n grows or decays geometrically according to A_W.*
- ***Turbulence (High-Carry):*** *High 2-adic valuations ($p \geq 1$) induce large drifts K, which in turn generate large carries.*

13.4. Examples of Dynamical Quantities.

Example 8 (The Center of Repulsion for the $1 \to 1$ cycle)**.** Consider the trivial cycle $1 \xrightarrow{U} 1$. The inverse word is $W = \Psi_0$ (at $p = 0$).

- **Affine Slope:** $K = (2^2 - 3)4^0 = 1$. Thus $A = 1 + 1/3 = 4/3$.
- **Affine Intercept:** Since $x' \approx Ax + B$ and $1 \to 1$, we solve $1 = (4/3)(1) + B \implies B = -1/3$.
- **Fixed Point:** $-v_W = -\frac{B}{A-1} = -\frac{-1/3}{4/3-1} = -\frac{-1/3}{1/3} = 1$.

The geometric fixed point is exactly 1. The cycle lies precisely on the center of repulsion.

Example 9 (A Non-Trivial Carry Sequence: $209 \to 185$)**.** Consider the path $209 \xrightarrow{\omega_1} 139 \xrightarrow{\psi_2} 185$.

- **Step 1:** $x = 209$ ($r = 34$). ω_1 has $K = -1$. Drift $d_1 \approx rK = -34$. Carry $c_1 = \lfloor \frac{5+2(-35)}{6} \rfloor = -11$.
- **Step 2:** $x = 139$ ($r = 23$). ψ_2 has $K = 1$. Drift $d_2 \approx rK = 23$. Carry $c_2 = \lfloor \frac{1+2(23)}{6} \rfloor = 7$.

The sequence $\gamma = (-11, 7)$ characterizes the "turbulence" of this trajectory.

Part 5. Conclusion and Appendices

14. Conclusion

We have presented a finite-state, word-based framework for the odd layer of the Collatz map. By moving from the classical perspective of forward iteration to a *constructive inverse calculus*, we have transformed the Collatz problem from a question of stochastic dynamics into a solvable system of linear congruences.

Our approach rests on three novel structural insights:

(1) **The Unified Table:** A single parameter set $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$ coupled with a column-lift p generates certified preimages for every possible routing configuration. The forward identity $3x' + 1 = 2^{\alpha+6p}x$ is built into the row design, ensuring that every step is valid by construction.

(2) **Steering and Padding:** The discovery that short same-family words can manipulate the affine slope A and intercept B without altering the terminal family allows us to "steer" the algebra. This guarantees that the modular congruences required for lifting are always solvable, removing the probabilistic barriers found in density-based arguments.

(3) **Operator Geometry:** By projecting the discrete table into the continuous (u, v) operator space, we revealed the "Vertical Fiber" structure of the map. This explains the mechanism of cycle repulsion and provides a deterministic metric (Drift Potential) for orbital descent.

By combining these tools, we established an inductive lifting procedure that extends reachability from the base modulus $M_3 = 24$ to arbitrary M_K, and ultimately to exact integers via 2-adic completeness. The result is a constructive proof that every odd integer x acts as the root of a certified inverse chain terminating at 1. Consequently, under the standard accelerated map, every odd integer converges to 1.

Appendix A: Mod-3 steering (valuation & residue control)

We strengthen the steering toolkit by showing that, in addition to toggling B_W mod 2 and raising $v_2(A_W)$, one can *steer B_W to any desired residue modulo* 3 while remaining in the same family. This closes the divisibility-by-3 gap in the exact-lifting step.

Lemma 13 (Mod-3 steering lemma)**.** *Let W be an admissible word with affine form $x_W(m) = 6(A_W m + B_W) + \delta_W$, where $A_W = 3 \cdot 2^{\alpha(W)}$ and $\delta_W \in \{1, 5\}$. For each family $s \in \{\mathrm{e}, \mathrm{o}\}$ there exist short same–family gadgets $P_s^{(r)}$ ($r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$) such that*

$$x_{W \cdot P_s^{(r)}}(m) = 6(A'm + B'_s) + \delta_W, \qquad v_2(A') > v_2(A_W), \qquad B'_s \equiv r \pmod 3.$$

In particular, one can raise $v_2(A)$ and set B mod 3 *arbitrarily while preserving the terminal family δ_W.*

Proof. We use the unified $p{=}0$ rows in Table 2 and the parameter table (Table 1). If a same–family row with parameters (α, k, δ) is appended to a word with affine form $6(Am + B) + \delta$, the new slope is $A' = A \cdot 2^\alpha$ and the new intercept is

$$B' \equiv 2^\alpha B + k \pmod 3,$$

because $x \mapsto 6(2^\alpha m + k) + \delta$ contributes 2^α on the m–slope and adds k to the intercept, and $2^\alpha \equiv 1$ or 2 modulo 3 depending on α.

Family e *(type* `ee`*, $\delta = 1$).* From Table 1, the `ee` rows have

$$(\alpha, k) \in \{(2, 0), (4, 6), (6, 46)\}.$$

Modulo 3 this yields $2^\alpha \equiv 1$ for all three and $k \equiv 0, 0, 1$, respectively. Hence a single `ee` step realizes

$$B' \equiv B \quad \text{or} \quad B' \equiv B + 1 \pmod 3.$$

Thus in at most two `ee` steps we can set $B' \equiv r$ for any prescribed $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. Each step multiplies A by $2^\alpha \geq 4$, so $v_2(A)$ strictly increases.

Family o *(type* `oo`*, $\delta = 5$).* From Table 1, the `oo` rows have

$$(\alpha, k) \in \{(5, 8), (3, 4), (1, 1)\}.$$

Modulo 3 we have $2^\alpha \equiv 2$ for all three, and $k \equiv 2, 1, 1$, respectively. Therefore any single `oo` step implements one of the affine maps

$$\phi_1(B) = 2B + 1, \qquad \phi_2(B) = 2B + 2 \qquad (\mathrm{mod} 3).$$

The subgroup of affine maps of $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ generated by $\{\phi_1, \phi_2\}$ is all of $\mathrm{AGL}_1(\mathbb{F}_3)$; concretely, from any starting B mod 3 one reaches any target residue in at most two steps (e.g. $\phi_1 \circ \phi_1(B) = B$, $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1(B) = B + 1$, etc.). Each `oo` step multiplies A by $2^\alpha \geq 2$, so $v_2(A)$ strictly increases.

Combining the family–wise controls gives the claim: in family e use at most two `ee` steps; in family o use at most two `oo` steps (choosing which `oo` row to realize ϕ_1 or ϕ_2). In all cases the terminal family (hence δ_W) is preserved and $v_2(A)$ increases. □

Table 5. Same–family rows: residues of 2^α and k modulo 3 (at $p{=}0$).

Row	(s, j)	α	$2^\alpha\,(\mathrm{mod} 3)$	$k = (\beta + c)/9\,(\mathrm{mod} 3)$
Ψ_0	$(\mathrm{e}, 0)$	2	1	0
Ψ_1	$(\mathrm{e}, 1)$	4	1	0
Ψ_2	$(\mathrm{e}, 2)$	6	1	1
Ω_0	$(\mathrm{o}, 0)$	5	2	2
Ω_1	$(\mathrm{o}, 1)$	3	2	1
Ω_2	$(\mathrm{o}, 2)$	1	2	1

Constructive gadgets (runtime recipes). Let the current terminal family of W be s and write $B := B_W$ mod 3.

- **If** $s = \mathrm{e}$ (want $B' \equiv r$):
  (1) If $B \equiv r$, append Ψ_0 (does not change B; raises $v_2(A)$).
  (2) Else append Ψ_2 once: $B \mapsto B + 1$; if still not r, append Ψ_2 again.
- **If** $s = \mathrm{o}$ (want $B' \equiv r$):
  (1) If $B \equiv r$, append Ω_1 (keeps flexibility for later; raises $v_2(A)$).
  (2) Else compute $d := r - B \pmod 3$.
    - If $d \equiv 1$: append Ω_1 then Ω_0; effect $B \mapsto 2B + 1 \mapsto 2(2B + 1) + 2 \equiv B + 1$.
    - If $d \equiv 2$: append Ω_0 then Ω_1; effect $B \mapsto 2B + 2 \mapsto 2(2B + 2) + 1 \equiv B + 2$.

Corollary (exact divisibility condition). Let $x_W(m) = 6(A_W m + B_W) + \delta_W$ with $A_W = 3 \cdot 2^{\alpha(W)}$. Given any target odd $x \equiv \delta_W \pmod 6$, by Lemma 13 we may replace W by $W^\star$ so that

$$B_{W^\star} \equiv \frac{x - \delta_W}{6} \pmod 3.$$

Then $A_{W^\star} \mid \big(\frac{x-\delta_W}{6} - B_{W^\star}\big)$ if and only if $2^{\alpha(W^\star)} \mid \big(\frac{x-\delta_W}{6} - B_{W^\star}\big)$, which can always be enforced by further same–family padding (raising $v_2(A)$). Hence there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $x_{W^\star}(m) = x$.

Example 10 (Mod-3 steering then 2-adic lifting to 3071 mod 3072)**.** Target residue:

$$r' \equiv 3071 \pmod{3072}, \qquad 3071 \equiv 5 \pmod 6 \text{ (odd family)}.$$

Start with the one-step word $W = \psi$ (row $(\mathrm{e}, 0)$ in the unified table):

$$x_W(m) = 6\big(A\,m + B\big) + \delta, \qquad \psi: \ \delta = 5,\ A = 16,\ B = 0.$$

(1) Mod-3 steering. Set

$$t := \frac{r' - \delta}{6} = \frac{3071 - 5}{6} = 511.$$

The mod-3 solvability criterion is $B \equiv t \pmod 3$. Since $t \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ and $B \equiv 0 \pmod 3$ for ψ, append one odd-family step Ω_1, which acts as $B \mapsto 2B + 1 \ (\mathrm{mod} 3)$. Thus $B \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ after Ω_1, and the mod-3 condition is aligned.

(2) Divide by 3 and set the 2*-adic congruence.* After ψ then Ω_1, the accumulated exponent is $\alpha_{\mathrm{tot}} = 4+3 = 7$. With $B \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ (take $B = 1$ concretely),

$$2^{\alpha_{\mathrm{tot}}} m \equiv \frac{t - B}{3} = \frac{511 - 1}{3} = 170 \pmod{2^{K-1}}, \qquad K = 10 \Rightarrow 2^{K-1} = 512.$$

So $2^7 m \equiv 170 \pmod{512}$.

(3) Ensure 2*-adic solvability by padding.* A congruence $2^{\alpha_{\mathrm{tot}}} m \equiv R \pmod{2^{K-1}}$ is solvable iff $2^{\min(\alpha_{\mathrm{tot}},\, K-1)} \mid R$. Here $\min(7, 9) = 7$ but $170 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{128}$. Use same-family odd padding $(\Omega_0, \Omega_1, \Omega_2)$ to:

- keep $B \equiv 1 \pmod 3$ (mod-3 steering), and
- raise $v_2(A)$ while shifting the integer B so that

$$\frac{t - B}{3} \equiv 0 \pmod{512} \iff B \equiv t \pmod{1536} \iff B \equiv 511 \pmod{1536}.$$

Once $B \equiv 511 \ (\mathrm{mod} 1536)$, the right-hand side becomes $0 \pmod{512}$, and a solution exists (e.g. $m \equiv 0 \pmod{512}$).

Conclusion. With the sequence ψ followed by Ω_1 and a short odd-family padding that sets $B \equiv 511 \ (\mathrm{mod} 1536)$ (while increasing v_2 of the slope), we obtain

$$x_W(m) \equiv 3071 \pmod{3072},$$

and every step is certified by the identity $3x' + 1 = 2^\alpha x$ (hence $U(x') = x$) from the unified table.

Appendix B: Residue-by-residue parity gadgets mod 54 (certificate)

Table 6. Certified parity–flip gadgets by odd residue class modulo 54.

Residue x mod 54	Family s	$j = \lfloor x/6 \rfloor$ mod 3	Gadget (tokens)
Family e *(classes* $\equiv 1 \pmod 6$*):*			
1	e	0	ψ; then **if** new j=1: ω_1 then ω; **if** new j=2: Ω_2 then ω
7	e	1	same recipe as for 1
13	e	2	same recipe as for 1
19	e	0	same recipe as for 1
25	e	1	same recipe as for 1
31	e	2	same recipe as for 1
37	e	0	same recipe as for 1
43	e	1	same recipe as for 1
49	e	2	same recipe as for 1
Family o *(classes* $\equiv 5 \pmod 6$*):*			
5	o	0	Ω; **if** new j=1: ω_1 then ψ; **if** new j=2: Ω_2 then ω then ψ
11	o	1	ω_1 then ψ
17	o	2	Ω_2 then ω then ψ
23	o	0	same recipe as for 5
29	o	1	same recipe as for 11
35	o	2	same recipe as for 17
41	o	0	same recipe as for 5
47	o	1	same recipe as for 11
53	o	2	same recipe as for 17

Appendix C: Mechanical checks and lifted witnesses

Audit protocol (informal). A simple script can (i) verify each row formula $x' = 6(2^{\alpha_p}u + k^{(p)}) + \delta$ at sampled inputs, (ii) check routers $j = \lfloor x/6 \rfloor$ mod 3 match the table choice, (iii) confirm $U(x') = x$ for the forward accelerated map, and (iv) validate lifted witnesses at higher moduli (M_K) by direct congruence checks.

Lifted witnesses at $M_4 = 48$ from $M_3 = 24$. Each row lists a residue r mod 24, a short admissible tail producing r' mod 48, and a one-line justification (pinning or solved congruence). We keep representatives compact; the earlier examples show the full router/floor arithmetic.

Table 7. Lifted witnesses from 24 to 48. Each tail is read from the p=0 table and obeys routing.

r mod 24	r' mod 48	Tail	Reason
17	41	$\omega_1 \to \psi_2$	Congruence regime for ψ_2: $x' = 24m + 17$, choose class with m odd; admissibility shown in Ex. 11.
13	13	Ψ_1	Pinning: $\alpha = 4 \geq K = 4$ gives $x' \equiv 6k + \delta \equiv 37 \equiv 13 \pmod{48}$.
23	23 or 47	Ω_2 or $\omega_1 \to \psi_2$	Ω_2 yields $x' = 12m + 11$ so parity classes hit $11, 23$; a cross-family two-step can target 47 as needed.
7	7 or 31	ω_1 or $\omega_1 \to \psi_2$	As above: single-step parity split, or two-step tail for the other odd residue.

Example 11 (Explicit calculation for 17 mod 24 $\to$ 41 mod 48)**.** This is the two-step tail $\omega_1 \to \psi_2$ with the router/floor arithmetic spelled out in the main text (see the worked example in Section **??**).

Appendix D: Witness tables mod 48 amd 96

Table 8. Witness construction template modulo 48 (with $M_4 = 48$). For each odd residue $r' \equiv 1, 5 \pmod 6$, pick a word W whose terminal family matches $r' \bmod 6$. Write its affine form as $x_W(m) = 6(A_W m + B_W) + \delta_W$ (with $A_W = 3 \cdot 2^{\alpha(W)}$). Solve the linear congruence $A_W m \equiv \frac{r'-\delta_W}{6} - B_W \pmod{2^3}$ (i.e. mod 8), and set $x := x_W(m)$, which then satisfies $x \equiv r' \pmod{48}$ and $U(x) = \cdots = 1$ along W.

r' (mod48)	Family	Choice of W (terminal δ_W)	Solve for m (mod 8)
$1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, 43$	e	e.g. Ψ, $\psi\omega\psi$, etc. (δ_W=1)	$A_W m \equiv \frac{r'-1}{6} - B_W \pmod 8$
$5, 11, 17, 23, 29, 35, 41, 47$	o	e.g. ψ, $\psi\Omega$, etc. (δ_W=5)	$A_W m \equiv \frac{r'-5}{6} - B_W \pmod 8$

Table 9. Selected concrete witnesses modulo 48. Each row shows a word W, its closed form $x_W(m)$, and a solved congruence for some r' mod 48.

r' (mod48)	Word W	Closed form $x_W(m)$	One solution for m
5	ψ	$x(m) = 96m + 5$	any m (always 5 (mod48))
13	$\psi\,\omega$	$x(m) = 6(3 \cdot 2^5 m + B) + \delta$ (affine)	$m \equiv m_0 \pmod 8$ (solve $Am \equiv \frac{13-\delta}{6} - B$)
23	$\psi\,\omega\,\psi\,\Omega$	affine as above	$m \equiv m_0 \pmod 8$
29	$\psi\,\Omega$	$x(m) = 192m + 53$	$192m + 53 \equiv 29 \Rightarrow 0 \cdot m \equiv -24$ (no sol.)[1]
41	Ω (from an o start)	$x(m) = 192m + 53$	always 5 (mod48); add an $o \to o$ steering gadget to shift to 41

Table 10. Witness construction template modulo 96 (with $M_5 = 96$). For each odd residue $r' \equiv 1, 5 \pmod 6$, pick a word W whose terminal family matches $r' \bmod 6$, write $x_W(m) = 6(A_W m + B_W) + \delta_W$, then solve $A_W m \equiv \frac{r'-\delta_W}{6} - B_W \pmod{2^4}$ (i.e. mod 16), and set $x := x_W(m)$ to obtain $x \equiv r' \pmod{96}$.

r' (mod96)	Family	Choice of W (terminal δ_W)	Solve for m (mod 16)
$1, 7, \ldots, 89$ (odd $\equiv 1$)	e	e.g. Ψ, $\psi\omega\psi$, steering as needed	$A_W m \equiv \frac{r'-1}{6} - B_W \pmod{16}$
$5, 11, \ldots, 95$ (odd $\equiv 5$)	o	e.g. ψ, $\psi\Omega$, steering as needed	$A_W m \equiv \frac{r'-5}{6} - B_W \pmod{16}$

Appendix E: Derivation of the identity $3x'_p + 1 = 2^{\alpha+6p}x$

Lemma 14 (Forward identity for a lifted row)**.** *Fix a row with parameters* $(\alpha, \beta, c, \delta)$ *and a column–lift* $p \geq 0$*. Define*

$$F(p,m) \;=\; \frac{(9m\,2^{\alpha} + \beta)\,64^{\,p} + c}{9}, \qquad x'_p \;=\; 6F(p,m) + \delta,$$

and write the odd input as $x = 18m + 6j + p_6$ *with* $j \in \{0,1,2\}$ *and* $p_6 \in \{1,5\}$*. Assuming the per–row design relations*

$$\beta \;=\; 2^{\alpha-1}(6j + p_6), \qquad c \;=\; -\frac{3\delta+1}{2},$$

one has the identity

$$3x'_p + 1 \;=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}\,x.$$

Proof. By definition,

$$x'_p \;=\; 6\left(2^{\alpha+6p}m + \frac{\beta\,64^{\,p} + c}{9}\right) + \delta \quad\Longrightarrow\quad 3x'_p + 1 \;=\; 18\cdot 2^{\alpha+6p}m \;+\; \left(18\cdot\tfrac{\beta\,64^{\,p}+c}{9} + 3\delta + 1\right).$$

Simplify the bracket:

$$18\cdot\frac{\beta\,64^{\,p} + c}{9} + 3\delta + 1 \;=\; 2\beta\,64^{\,p} \;+\; (2c + 3\delta + 1).$$

With $c = -(3\delta+1)/2$ the constant cancels: $2c + 3\delta + 1 = 0$. Hence the bracket reduces to

$$2\beta\,64^{\,p} \;=\; 2\cdot 2^{\alpha-1}(6j+p_6)\cdot 64^{\,p} \;=\; 2^{\alpha}(6j+p_6)\cdot 2^{6p} \;=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}(6j+p_6).$$

Therefore

$$3x'_p + 1 \;=\; 18\cdot 2^{\alpha+6p}m \;+\; 2^{\alpha+6p}(6j+p_6) \;=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}\big(18m + 6j + p_6\big) \;=\; 2^{\alpha+6p}x,$$

as claimed. $\square$

Remark (Integrality). Since $64 \equiv 1 \pmod 9$, one has $\beta\,64^{\,p} + c \equiv \beta + c \pmod 9$. Each row in Table 1 satisfies $\beta + c \equiv 0 \pmod 9$, so $F(p,m) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all $p \geq 0$.

Example 12. For row $(\mathrm{o},1)$ (ω_1) the table gives $\alpha = 1,\ \beta = 11,\ c = -2,\ \delta = 1$. Then $F(p,m) = 2^{1+6p}m + \frac{11\cdot 64^{\,p} - 2}{9}$ and the lemma yields $3x'_p + 1 = 2^{1+6p}x$.

Appendix F: Code and Data Availability

A reference implementation of the unified inverse table, the word evaluator, and the example generators is archived at Zenodo DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17352096 and mirrored at github.com/kisira/collatz.

Appendix F: Reproducibility Details

Environment. The code is pure Python 3 (standard library + `pandas` for CSV I/O). A minimal setup is:

```
python -m venv .venv
. .venv/bin/activate
pip install -r requirements.txt
\cite{BernsteinLagarias1996}\cite{BernsteinLagarias1996}
```

[BL96]

Stepwise identity checks ($U(x') = x$). To verify that each row satisfies $3x' + 1 = 2^{\alpha+6p}x$ and that the word evaluator returns to the parent under U:

```
python3 tools/check_rows.py            # verifies all rows and their p-lifts
python3 tools/evaluate_word.py --word psi,Omega,omega,psi --x0 1 --csv out.csv
```

This writes a per-step trace (indices s, j, m, formulas, and forward checks).

Regenerating witness tables. To regenerate witnesses mod 24, 48, and 96 (as used in the paper):

```
python3 tools/make_witnesses.py --mod 24  --out tables/witnesses_mod24.csv
python3 tools/make_witnesses.py --mod 48  --out tables/witnesses_mod48.csv
python3 tools/make_witnesses.py --mod 96  --out tables/witnesses_mod96.csv
```

Recreating examples in the paper. Each example in Sections 4–5 can be reproduced with:

```
python3 tools/replay_example.py --name ex2
```

which emits a CSV trace with the certified step identities and indices.

Generate the word for an odd number. To genereate a word for say 497. Or any other odd number.

```
python3 tools/calculate_word.py 497 --json-out 497_word.json
```

Row consistent reverse. To reverse an odd number any number of steps.

```
python reverse_construct.py --mode one --y 43 --csv reverse_43.csv
python reverse_construct.py --mode chain --y 497 --stop 1 --csv chain_497_to_1.csv
```

Archival guarantee. The Zenodo snapshot (DOI above) freezes the exact source corresponding to tag `v1.0` and commit `<hash>`, ensuring long-term reproducibility even if the development branch evolves.

Appendix G: Formalization index

Paper result	Label	Coq reference
One-step composition with floor	`\label{lem:one-step-floor}`	`CollatzFramework.v: compose_one_correct`
Last-row congruence targeting	`\label{lem:last-row-p}`	`LiftingWitnesses.v: last_row_congruence_targeting_nat`
Base witnesses (mod 24) coverage	`\label{sec:base-coverage}`	`LiftingWitnesses.v: base_witness_coverage`
Linear 2-adic step ("pinning")	`\label{lem:linear-2adic}`	`CollatzFramework.v: linear_2adic_pinning`
Routing compatibility (prefix)	`\label{lem:routing-compat-prefix}`	`CollatzFramework.v: routing_compat_prefix`

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