

# Project Euler #14

- ♦ "Which starting number, under one million, produces the longest chain?"
- ♦ Try it without memoization.

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>>> collatz = [len(list(recurse_until(lambda n: n==1, syracuse2, i)))  
... for i in range(1,11)]  
>>> results = zip(collatz, range(1,11))  
>>> max(results)  
(20, 9)  
>>> list(syracuse_iter(9))  
[9, 28, 14, 7, 22, 11, 34, 17, 52, 26, 13, 40, 20, 10, 5, 16, 8, 4,  
2, 1]
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- ♦ Will this scale to 100? 1,000? 1,000,000?



# What do we need?

- ◆ A smarter ending function that plugs into **recurse\_until()**
  - ◆ Checks a shared cache instead of testing for **n==1**
- ◆ A smarter overall loop that tracks sequence length in a shared cache