

Smooth Collatz Sequence

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Abstract

In this paper we prove Collatz conjecture by giving an equivalent formulation of the shortcut Collatz sequence.

Collatz theorem

For every integer $x_0 \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{n+1} &= \begin{cases} \frac{x_n}{2}, & x_n \text{ even,} \\ \frac{3x_n + 1}{2}, & x_n \text{ odd,} \end{cases} & n \geq 0. \\
 &= \\
 x_{n+1} &= \left\lceil x_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x_n) \right) \right\rceil \\
 &= \\
 \left[x_{n+1} = \left\lceil x_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x_n) \right) \right\rceil + 1 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - e^{-2 \ln\left(\frac{(\pi^2/4)(1+x_0)^3}{\ln(3/2)}\right)} \left(x_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x_n) \right) - \left\lceil x_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x_n) \right) \right\rceil \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Notice that [sequence] means do the ceiling just 1 time in the end.

From the third formulation we have my gift to the math community:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \{1,2\}$$

Everyone is welcome to check $x_0 = 27$ to see how this formulation is so powerful.

Reference

[1] <https://antsmath.org/ANTSXIII/PosterSlides/Ghaffor.pdf>