

# Classify Positive Integers to Prove Collatz Conjecture by Mathematical Induction

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## Abstract

Positive integers which are able to be operated to 1 by the leftwards operational rule and generating positive integers which start with 1 to operate by the rightwards operational rule are one-to-one correspondence and the same. So, we refer to the bunch of integers' chains to apply the mathematical induction, next classify positive integers to get comparable results via operations, such that finally summarize out a proof at substep according to beforehand prepared two theorems as judgmental criteria.

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**1. Introduction:** The Collatz conjecture is also variously well-known  $3n+1$  conjecture, the Ulam conjecture, Kakutani's problem, the Thwaites conjecture, Hasse's algorithm, and the Syracuse problem etc.

Yet it is still both unproved and un-negated a conjecture ever since named after Lothar Collatz in 1937.

## 2. Basic Concepts and Criteria

The Collatz conjecture states that take any positive integer  $n$ , if  $n$  is an

even number, then divide  $n$  by 2; if  $n$  is an odd number, then multiply  $n$  by 3 and add 1. Repeat the above process indefinitely, then no matter which positive integer you start with, it will eventually reach a result of 1.

We regard above-mentioned operational stipulations of the conjecture as the leftwards operational rule. Also, regard the operational rule versus the leftwards operational rule as the rightwards operational rule.

The rightwards operational rule stipulates that for any positive integer  $n$ , uniformly multiply  $n$  by 2. In addition, when  $n$  is an even number, if divide the difference of  $n$  minus 1 by 3 to get an odd number, then, must operate this step, and the operational route via here go on.

First let us make a statement that thereafter emerging integers, odd numbers, even numbers and expressions thereof are all positive.

Start with any integer to operate successive emerging integers by either operational rule, afterwards, we regard consecutive integers plus synclastic arrowheads among them as an operational route.

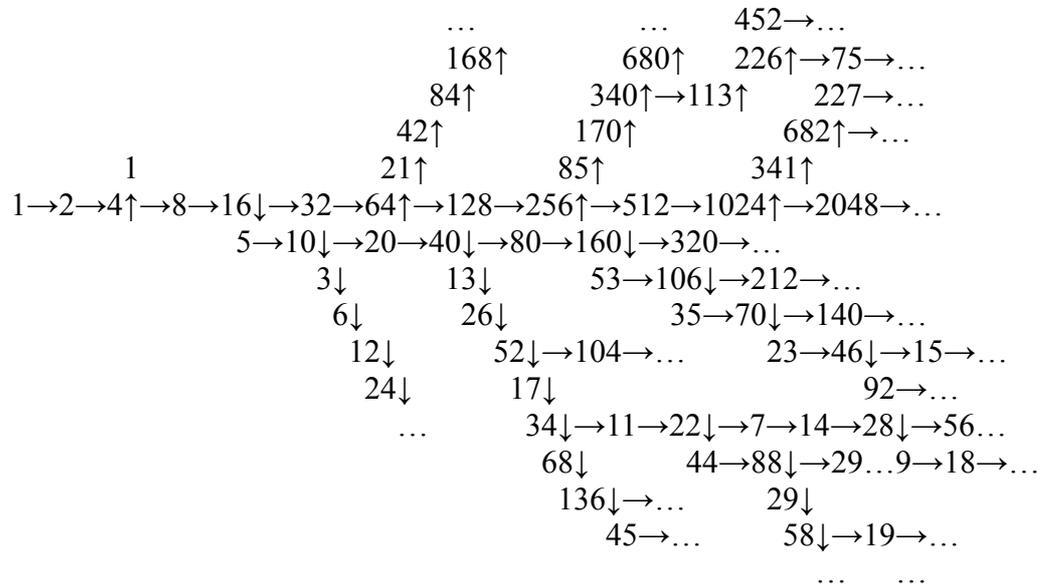
If an integer (or an integer's expression)  $P_{ie}$  exists at an operational route, then we may term the operational route "an operational route of  $P_{ie}$ " or "the operational route  $P_{ie}$ ". Two operational routes of  $P_{ie}$  branch from an integer (or an integer's expression) after pass the operation of  $P_{ie}$ .

Start with 1 to operate successive emerging integers by the rightwards operational rule, whereafter, it will form a bunch of operational routes.

We term such a bunch of operational routes "a bunch of integers' chains".

That is not difficult to understand that the whole bunch of integers' chains must consist of infinite many operational routes.

See also an initial part of the whole bunch of integers' chains as follows.



First Illustration

Since each of integers at a bunch of integers' chains comes from an adjacent integer before itself, also every two integers that root in an even number are an odd number and an even number, thus each of integers except for 1 at the whole bunch of integers' chains is unique.

Since two kinds of operations reverse for each other, so integers at the bunch of integers' chains and integers which are able to be operated to 1 by the leftwards operational rule are one-to-one correspondence and the same.

Such being the case, we shall refer to the bunch of integers' chains to apply the mathematical induction to prove the conjecture.

Before make the proof, we are necessary to prepare two theorems concerned, so as to reach certain conclusions by them.

**Theorem 1\*** If an integer or an integer's expression suits the conjecture,

and that it exists at operational route  $P_{ie}$ , then  $P_{ie}$  suits the conjecture.

For examples: (1) If  $27+2^3\eta$  suits the conjecture, and  $P_{ie}=31+3^2\eta$ , where  $\eta \geq 0$ , then from  $27+2^3\eta \rightarrow 82+3 \times 2^3\eta \rightarrow 41+3 \times 2^2\eta \rightarrow 124+3^2 \times 2^2\eta \rightarrow 62+3^2 \times 2\eta \rightarrow 31+3^2\eta > 27+2^3\eta$ , conclude that  $31+3^2\eta$  suits the conjecture. (2) If  $4+3\mu$  suits the conjecture, and  $P_{ie}=5+2^2\mu$  where  $\mu \geq 0$ , then from  $5+2^2\mu \rightarrow 16+3 \times 2^2\mu \rightarrow 8+3 \times 2\mu \rightarrow 4+3\mu < 5+2^2\mu$ , conclude that  $5+2^2\mu$  suits the conjecture.

**Proof\*** Suppose  $C_{ie}$  suit the conjecture. At an identical operational route by the leftwards operational rule, if  $C_{ie}$  appears before  $P_{ie}$ , then the operations of  $C_{ie}$  via  $P_{ie}$  reached 1 already, naturally  $P_{ie}$  was operated into 1. If  $C_{ie}$  appears behind  $P_{ie}$ , then the operations of  $P_{ie}$  pass  $C_{ie}$ , afterwards continue along operational route of  $C_{ie}$  to reach 1.

In addition, at an identical operational route by the rightwards operational rule,  $C_{ie}$  and  $P_{ie}$  root in 1, of course, can operate either of them to reach 1 by the leftward operational rule reversely.

**Theorem 2\*** If an integer or an integer's expression suits the conjecture, and that it exists only at operational route  $Q_{ie}$ , also operational route  $P_{ie}$  and the operational route  $Q_{ie}$  intersect, then  $P_{ie}$  suits the conjecture, where  $P_{ie} \neq Q_{ie}$ . Such as  $71+3^3 \times 2^5\varphi$  suits the conjecture, and  $P_{ie}=95+3^2 \times 2^7\varphi$ , where  $\varphi \geq 0$ , so from  $95+3^2 \times 2^7\varphi \rightarrow 286+3^3 \times 2^7\varphi \rightarrow 143+3^3 \times 2^6\varphi \rightarrow 430+3^4 \times 2^6\varphi \rightarrow 215+3^4 \times 2^5\varphi \rightarrow 646+3^5 \times 2^5\varphi \rightarrow 323+3^5 \times 2^4\varphi \rightarrow 970+3^6 \times 2^4\varphi \rightarrow 485+3^6 \times 2^3\varphi \rightarrow 1456+3^7 \times 2^3\varphi \rightarrow 728+3^7 \times 2^2\varphi \rightarrow 364+3^7 \times 2\varphi \rightarrow 182+3^7\varphi \rightarrow \dots$

$$\uparrow 121+3^6 \times 2\varphi \leftarrow 242+3^6 \times 2^2\varphi \leftarrow 484+3^6 \times 2^3\varphi \leftarrow$$

$161+3^5 \times 2^3 \varphi \leftarrow 322+3^5 \times 2^4 \varphi \leftarrow 107+3^4 \times 2^4 \varphi \leftarrow 214+3^4 \times 2^5 \varphi \leftarrow 71+3^3 \times 2^5 \varphi < 95+3^2 \times 2^7 \varphi$ , we conclude that  $95+3^2 \times 2^7 \varphi$  suits the conjecture.

**Proof\*** Let  $D_{ie}$  suit the conjecture, and two operational routes intersect at  $A_{ie}$ , then  $D_{ie}$  and  $A_{ie}$  exist at operational route  $Q_{ie}$ , so  $A_{ie}$  suits the conjecture according to the theorem 1. Like the reason,  $P_{ie}$  and  $A_{ie}$  exist at operational route  $P_{ie}$ , of course,  $P_{ie}$  suits the conjecture.

Actually all integers or integer's expressions at successively intersecting operational routes suit the conjecture, so long as one therein is suitable.

### 3. A Classified Proof by Mathematical Induction

We set to prove the conjecture by the mathematical induction by now, next classify integers to get comparable results via operations first.

**1.** All integers at the initial part of the whole bunch of integers' chains in the preceding chapter suit the conjecture, and that we are not difficult to find that there are consecutive positive integers  $\leq 24$  therein.

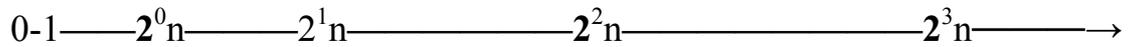
**2.** After further operate integers at the initial part of the whole bunch of integers' chains by the rightwards operational rule, suppose that there are consecutive integers  $\leq n$  within all integers got, where  $n \geq 24$ .

**3.** After continue to operate above appeared integers by the rightwards operational rule, prove that there are consecutive integers  $\leq 2n$  within all integers got, i.e. prove that integers from  $n+1$  to  $2n$  suit the conjecture too.

First, let us divide limits of consecutive positive integers at the number axis into segments according to  $2^x n$  as greatest integer per segment,

where  $X \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 24$ , so as to accord with the mathematical induction.

A simple segmenting illustration is as follows.



Second Illustration

**Proof \*** Since there are consecutive positive integers  $\leq n$  with  $n \geq 24$  at an initial part of the whole bunch of integers' chains according to the supposition of the mathematical induction, thereby multiply each and every positive integer  $\leq n$  by 2 by the rightwards operational rule, then we get all even numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  at the bunch of integers' chains, irrespective of repeated even numbers  $\leq n$ .

So all even numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  exist at the bunch of integers' chains, and each of them suits the conjecture according to the theorem 1.

For odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$ , we orderly classify them, and that for each of classifications, find out a smaller integer's expression  $<$  itself via operations, up to confirm that they are proved in the end.

In any case, first let us divide all odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  into two genera, i.e.  $5+4k$  and  $7+4k$ , where  $k \geq 5$ .

For  $5+4k$ , from  $5+4k \rightarrow 16+12k \rightarrow 8+6k \rightarrow 4+3k$ , it shows that  $5+4k \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $4+3k$ .

For  $7+4k$ , divide it into 3 sorts:  $15+12c$ ,  $19+12c$  and  $23+12c$ , where  $c \geq 1$ .

For  $23+12c$ , from  $15+8c \rightarrow 46+24c \rightarrow 23+12c$ , it shows that smaller  $15+8c \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 23+12c$ .

For  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$ , we need to operate them right along.

Firstly, operate  $15+12c$  by the leftwards operational rule as follows.

$$15+12c \rightarrow 46+36c \rightarrow 23+18c \rightarrow 70+54c \rightarrow 35+27c \spadesuit$$

$$\begin{aligned} & d=2e+1: 29+27e \text{ (1)} \quad e=2f: 142+486f \rightarrow 71+243f \heartsuit \\ \spadesuit 35+27c \downarrow \rightarrow c=2d+1: 31+27d \uparrow \rightarrow d=2e: 94+162e \rightarrow 47+81e \uparrow \rightarrow e=2f+1: 64+81f \text{ (2)} \\ & c=2d: 106+162d \rightarrow 53+81d \downarrow \rightarrow d=2e+1: 67+81e \downarrow \rightarrow e=2f+1: 74+81f \text{ (3)} \\ & d=2e: 160+486e \diamondsuit \quad e=2f: 202+486f \rightarrow 101+243f \spadesuit \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & g=2h+1: 200+243h \text{ (4)} \quad \dots \\ \heartsuit 71+243f \downarrow \rightarrow f=2g+1: 157+243g \uparrow \rightarrow g=2h: 472+1458h \rightarrow 236+729h \uparrow \rightarrow \dots \\ & f=2g: 214+1458g \rightarrow 107+729g \downarrow \rightarrow g=2h+1: 418+729h \downarrow \rightarrow \dots \\ & g=2h: 322+4374h \rightarrow \dots \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & g=2h: 86+243h \text{ (5)} \\ \spadesuit 101+243f \downarrow \rightarrow f=2g+1: 172+243g \uparrow \rightarrow g=2h+1: 1246+1458h \rightarrow \dots \\ & f=2g: 304+1458g \rightarrow 152+729g \downarrow \rightarrow \dots \\ & \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \dots \\ \diamondsuit 160+486e \rightarrow 80+243e \downarrow \rightarrow e=2f+1: 970+1458f \rightarrow 485+729f \uparrow \rightarrow \dots \quad \dots \\ & e=2f: 40+243f \downarrow \rightarrow f=2g+1: 850+1458g \rightarrow 425+729g \uparrow \rightarrow \dots \\ & f=2g: 20+243g \downarrow \rightarrow g=2h: 10+243h \text{ (6)} \quad \dots \\ & g=2h+1: 880+1458h \rightarrow 440+729h \uparrow \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

Annotation:

- (1) Each of letters c, d, e, f, g, h ...etc at listed above operational routes expresses each of natural numbers plus 0, similarly hereinafter.
- (2) Also, there are  $\clubsuit \leftrightarrow \spadesuit$ ,  $\heartsuit \leftrightarrow \heartsuit$ ,  $\spadesuit \leftrightarrow \spadesuit$ , and  $\diamondsuit \leftrightarrow \diamondsuit$ .
- (3) Aforesaid two points are suitable to latter operational routes of  $19+12c$  similarly.

We are necessary to define a terminology before analyzing operational results of  $15+12c/19+1c$ .

Namely, if an operational result is smaller than a kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$ , and that the operational result first appears at an operational route of  $15+12c/19+12c$  by the leftwards operational rule, then we term the operational result “№1 satisfactory operational result”.

Then, each kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$  derives from a №1 satisfactory operational result, and that the former is greater than the latter always, also both of them coexist at an operational route of  $15+12c/19+12c$ .

Thereupon, we conclude six kinds of  $15+12c$  derived monogamously

from six №1 satisfactory operational results at the above bunch of operational routes of  $15+12c$ , ut infra.

From  $c=2d+1$  and  $d=2e+1$ , we get  $c=2d+1=2(2e+1)+1=4e+3$ , and  $15+12c=15+12(4e+3)=51+48e=51+3\times 2^4e\rightarrow 154+3^2\times 2^4e\rightarrow 77+3^2\times 2^3e\rightarrow 232+3^3\times 2^3e\rightarrow 116+3^3\times 2^2e\rightarrow 58+3^3\times 2e\rightarrow 29+27e$  where mark (1), so it shows that  $51+48e\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $29+27e$ .

From  $c=2d+1$ ,  $d=2e$  and  $e=2f+1$ , we get  $c=2d+1=4e+1=4(2f+1)+1=8f+5$ , and  $15+12c=15+12(8f+5)=75+96f=75+3\times 2^5f\rightarrow 226+3^2\times 2^5f\rightarrow 113+3^2\times 2^4f\rightarrow 340+3^3\times 2^4f\rightarrow 170+3^3\times 2^3f\rightarrow 85+3^3\times 2^2f\rightarrow 256+3^4\times 2^2f\rightarrow 128+3^4\times 2^1f\rightarrow 64+81f$  where mark (2), so it shows that  $75+96f\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $64+81f$ .

From  $c=2d$ ,  $d=2e+1$  and  $e=2f+1$ , we get  $c=2d=4e+2=4(2f+1)+2=8f+6$ , and  $15+12c=15+12(8f+6)=87+96f=87+3\times 2^5f\rightarrow 262+3^2\times 2^5f\rightarrow 131+3^2\times 2^4f\rightarrow 394+3^3\times 2^4f\rightarrow 197+3^3\times 2^3f\rightarrow 592+3^4\times 2^3f\rightarrow 296+3^4\times 2^2f\rightarrow 148+3^4\times 2^1f\rightarrow 74+81f$  where mark (3), so it shows that  $87+96f\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $74+81f$ .

From  $c=2d+1$ ,  $d=2e$ ,  $e=2f$ ,  $f=2g+1$  and  $g=2h+1$ , we get  $c=2d+1=4e+1=8f+1=8(2g+1)+1=16g+9=16(2h+1)+9=32h+25$ , and  $15+12c=15+12(32h+25)=315+384h=315+3\times 2^7h\rightarrow 946+3^2\times 2^7h\rightarrow 473+3^2\times 2^6h\rightarrow 1420+3^3\times 2^6h\rightarrow 710+3^3\times 2^5h\rightarrow 355+3^3\times 2^4h\rightarrow 1066+3^4\times 2^4h\rightarrow 533+3^4\times 2^3h\rightarrow 1600+3^5\times 2^3h\rightarrow 800+3^5\times 2^2h\rightarrow 400+3^5\times 2^1h\rightarrow 200+243h$  where mark (4), so it shows that  $315+384h\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $200+243h$ .

From  $c=2d$ ,  $d=2e+1$ ,  $e=2f$ ,  $f=2g+1$  and  $g=2h$ , we get  $c=2d=2(2e+1)=4e+2=8f+2=8(2g+1)+2=16g+10=32h+10$ , and  $15+12c=15+12(32h+10)=135+384h$

$$=135+3\times 2^7h\rightarrow 406+3^2\times 2^7h\rightarrow 203+3^2\times 2^6h\rightarrow 610+3^3\times 2^6h\rightarrow 305+3^3\times 2^5h\rightarrow 916$$

$$+3^4\times 2^5h\rightarrow 458+3^4\times 2^4h\rightarrow 229+3^4\times 2^3h\rightarrow 688+3^5\times 2^3h\rightarrow 344+3^5\times 2^2h\rightarrow 86+243h$$

where mark (5), so it shows that  $135+384h\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $86+243h$ .

From  $c=2d$ ,  $d=2e$ ,  $e=2f$ ,  $f=2g$  and  $g=2h$ , we get  $c=2d=32h$ , and  $15+12c=$

$$15+12(32h)=15+3\times 2^7h\rightarrow 46+3^2\times 2^7h\rightarrow 23+3^2\times 2^6h\rightarrow 70+3^3\times 2^6h\rightarrow 35+3^3\times 2^5h$$

$$\rightarrow 106+3^4\times 2^5h\rightarrow 53+3^4\times 2^4h\rightarrow 160+3^5\times 2^4h\rightarrow 80+3^5\times 2^3h\rightarrow 40+3^5\times 2^2h\rightarrow 10+$$

$243h$  where mark (6), so it shows that  $15+384h\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $10+243h$ .

Secondly, operate  $19+12c$  by the leftwards operational rule as follows.

$$19+12c\rightarrow 58+36c\rightarrow 29+18c\rightarrow 88+54c\rightarrow 44+27c \clubsuit$$

$$\begin{array}{l} d=2e: 11+27e \text{ (}\alpha\text{)} \qquad e=2f: 37+81f \text{ (}\beta\text{)} \\ \clubsuit 44+27c\downarrow\rightarrow c=2d: 22+27d\uparrow\rightarrow d=2e+1: 148+162e\rightarrow 74+81e\uparrow\rightarrow e=2f+1: 466+486f \heartsuit \\ c=2d+1: 214+162d\rightarrow 107+81d\downarrow\rightarrow d=2e: 322+486e \spadesuit \\ d=2e+1: 94+81e\downarrow\rightarrow e=2f: 47+81f \text{ (}\gamma\text{)} \\ e=2f+1: 175+162f \blacklozenge \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} g=2h: 119+243h \text{ (}\delta\text{)} \qquad \dots \\ f=2g+1: 238+243g\uparrow\rightarrow g=2h+1: 1504+1458h\rightarrow 752+729h\uparrow\rightarrow \dots \\ \heartsuit 466+486f\rightarrow 233+243f\uparrow\rightarrow f=2g: 700+1458g\rightarrow 350+729g\downarrow\rightarrow g=2h+1: 3238+4374h\downarrow \\ g=2h: 175+729h\downarrow\rightarrow \dots \dots \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} g=2h+1: 172+243h \text{ (}\epsilon\text{)} \\ f=2g: 101+243g\uparrow\rightarrow g=2h: 304+1458h\rightarrow \dots \\ e=2f+1: 202+243f\uparrow\rightarrow f=2g+1: 1336+1458g\rightarrow \dots \\ \spadesuit 322+486e\rightarrow 161+243e\uparrow\rightarrow e=2f: 484+1458f\rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \blacklozenge 175+162f\rightarrow 263+243f\downarrow\rightarrow f=2g: 263+486g\rightarrow \dots \\ f=2g+1: 253+243g\downarrow\rightarrow g=2h+1: 248+243h \text{ (}\zeta\text{)} \\ g=2h: 253+486h\rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Like that, we conclude six kinds of  $19+12c$  derived monogamously from six №1 satisfactory operational results at the above bunch of operational routes of  $19+12c$ , ut infra.

From  $c=2d$  and  $d=2e$ , we get  $c=2d=4e$ , and  $19+12c=19+12(4e)=19+48e=$

$19+3\times 2^4e \rightarrow 58+3^2\times 2^4e \rightarrow 29+3^2\times 2^3e \rightarrow 88+3^3\times 2^3e \rightarrow 44+3^3\times 2^2e \rightarrow 22+3^3\times 2e$   
 $\rightarrow 11+27e$  where mark ( $\alpha$ ), so it shows that  $19+48e \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $11+27e$ .

From  $c=2d$ ,  $d=2e+1$  and  $e=2f$ , we get  $c=2d = 2(2e+1) = 4e+2 = 8f+2$ , and  
 $19+12c = 19+12(8f+2) = 43+96f = 43+3\times 2^5f \rightarrow 130+3^2\times 2^5f \rightarrow 65+3^2\times 2^4f \rightarrow$   
 $196+3^3\times 2^4f \rightarrow 98+3^3\times 2^3f \rightarrow 49+3^3\times 2^2f \rightarrow 148+3^4\times 2^2f \rightarrow 74+3^4\times 2^1f \rightarrow 37+81f$   
 where mark ( $\beta$ ), so it shows that  $43+96f \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $37+81f$ .

From  $c=2d+1$ ,  $d=2e+1$  and  $e=2f$ , we get  $c=2d+1=4e+3=8f+3$ , and  $19+12c$   
 $=19+12(8f+3)=55+96f=55+3\times 2^5f \rightarrow 166+3^2\times 2^5f \rightarrow 83+3^2\times 2^4f \rightarrow 250+3^3\times 2^4f$   
 $\rightarrow 125+3^3\times 2^3f \rightarrow 376+3^4\times 2^3f \rightarrow 188+3^4\times 2^2f \rightarrow 94+3^4\times 2^1f \rightarrow 47+81f$  where  
 mark ( $\gamma$ ), so it shows that  $55+96f \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $47+81f$ .

From  $c=2d$ ,  $d=2e+1$ ,  $e=2f+1$ ,  $f=2g+1$  and  $g=2h$ , we get  $c=2d=2(2e+1)=$   
 $4e+2=4(2f+1)+2=8f+6=8(2g+1)+6=16g+14=32h+14$ , and  $19+12c=$   
 $19+12(32h+14)=187+384h=187+3\times 2^7h \rightarrow 562+3^2\times 2^7h \rightarrow 281+3^2\times 2^6h \rightarrow$   
 $844+3^3\times 2^6h \rightarrow 422+3^3\times 2^5h \rightarrow 211+3^3\times 2^4h \rightarrow 634+3^4\times 2^4h \rightarrow 317+3^4\times 2^3h \rightarrow$   
 $952+3^5\times 2^3h \rightarrow 476+3^5\times 2^2h \rightarrow 238+3^5\times 2^1h \rightarrow 119+243h$  where mark ( $\delta$ ), so  
 it shows that  $187+384h \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $119+243h$ .

From  $c=2d+1$ ,  $d=2e$ ,  $e=2f+1$ ,  $f=2g$  and  $g=2h+1$ , we get  $c=2d+1=4e+1=$   
 $4(2f+1)+1=8f+5=16g+5=16(2h+1)+5=32h+21$ , and  $19+12c=19+12(32h+21)$   
 $=271+384h=271+3\times 2^7h \rightarrow 814+3^2\times 2^7h \rightarrow 407+3^2\times 2^6h \rightarrow 1222+3^3\times 2^6h \rightarrow$   
 $611+3^3\times 2^5h \rightarrow 1834+3^4\times 2^5h \rightarrow 917+3^4\times 2^4h \rightarrow 2752+3^5\times 2^4h \rightarrow 1376+3^5\times 2^3h$   
 $\rightarrow 688+3^5\times 2^2h \rightarrow 344+3^5\times 2^1h \rightarrow 172+243h$  where mark ( $\epsilon$ ), so it shows that  
 $271+384h \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $172+243h$ .

From  $c=2d+1$ ,  $d=2e+1$ ,  $e=2f+1$ ,  $f=2g+1$  and  $g=2h+1$ , we get  $c=2d+1=2(2e+1)+1=4e+3=4(2f+1)+3=8f+7=8(2g+1)+7=16(2h+1)+15=32h+31$  and  $19+12c=19+12(32h+31)=391+384h=391+3\times 2^7h\rightarrow 1174+3^2\times 2^7h\rightarrow 587+3^2\times 2^6h\rightarrow 1762+3^3\times 2^6h\rightarrow 881+3^3\times 2^5h\rightarrow 2644+3^4\times 2^5h\rightarrow 1322+3^4\times 2^4h\rightarrow 661+3^4\times 2^3h\rightarrow 1984+3^5\times 2^3h\rightarrow 992+3^5\times 2^2h\rightarrow 496+3^5\times 2^1h\rightarrow 248+243h$  where mark ( $\zeta$ ), so it shows that  $391+384h\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller  $248+243h$ .

Refer to №1 satisfactory operational results at above two bunches of operational routes of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  and farther verify each kind of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  derived from a №1 satisfactory operational result, we summarize out two points of objective reality as follows.

Firstly, each kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$  derived from a №1 satisfactory operational result and the №1 satisfactory operational result coexist at an operational route of  $15+12c/19+12c$ , and that both share a variable.

Secondly, the greatest exponent of factor 2 of coefficient of variable within each kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$  is exactly the number of times that divided by 2 in the operational course from each kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$  to №1 satisfactory operational result which derives the kind.

Thereinafter, we shall explain the actual state of operational routes, №1 satisfactory operational results and kinds of odd numbers in relation to  $15+12c/19+12c$  and the mutual relation amongst them. Furthermore, emphatically expound that why №1 satisfactory operational results which directly monogamously derive all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$

and  $2^{1n+1}$  always first appear at operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$ ?

First, let  $\chi$  represent intensively variables  $d, e, f, g, h \dots$  etc. within integer's expressions at operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$  by the leftwards operational rule. But,  $\chi$  represents not  $c$ .

Then, the odevity of part integer's expressions that contain variable  $\chi$  at operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$  is still indeterminate.

That is to say, for every such integer's expression, both consider it as an odd number to operate, and consider it as an even number to operate.

Thus, let us label such integer's expressions "odd-even expressions".

For any odd-even expression at operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$ , two kinds of operations synchronize at itself.

After regard an odd-even expression as an odd number to operate, we get a greater operational result  $>$  itself. Yet, after regard it as an even number to operate, we get a smaller operational result  $<$  itself.

Begin with any odd-even expression to operate by the leftwards operational rule continuously, every such operational route via consecutive greater operational results will be getting longer and longer up to elongate infinitely, and that orderly- emerging odd-even expressions therein will be getting greater and greater up to infinities.

On the other, for a smaller operational result in synchronism with a greater operational result, if it can be divided by  $2^\mu$  to get an even smaller integer's expression where  $\mu \geq 2$ , then, when the even smaller integer's

expression is first smaller than a kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$ , the even smaller integer's expression is exactly the №1 satisfactory operational result. Accordingly operations at the operational route may stop at here.

When the even smaller integer's expression is greater than any kind of  $15+12c /19+12c$  still, or the smaller operational result itself is an odd expression, this needs us to continue to operate it.

In other words, at the bunch of operational routes of  $15+12c/ 19+12c$ , on the one hand, odd-even expressions are getting both greater and greater, and more and more, along the continuation of operations, up to infinities and infinitely many.

Accordingly there are infinitely many operational routes of  $15+12c /19+12c$ .

On the other hand, there endlessly stop operations of branches therein, since №1 satisfactory operational results always appear ceaselessly at branches therein.

So there are infinitely many stopped operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$ , including infinitely many №1 satisfactory operational results at them.

By this token,  $15+12c/19+12c$  must be divided into infinitely many kinds, just enable that infinitely many №1 satisfactory operational results correspond with infinitely many kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  monogamously.

As expected, the variable  $c$  of  $15+12c /19+12c$  is able to be endowed with infinitely many natural numbers plus 0, one by one, thus there are

infinitely many kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  authentically.

Nevertheless, what we need is merely to prove all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  according to the requirement of third step of the mathematical induction, yet it is not to require all of them.

If let  $15+12c=2n+1$ , figure out  $c=(n-7)/6$ ; if let  $19+12c=2n+1$ , figure out  $c=(n-9)/6$ , so it follows that the number of kinds of  $15+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  is smaller than  $(n-7)/6$ , and the number of kinds of  $19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  is smaller than  $(n-9)/6$ .

From known  $n \geq 24$ , to my way of thinking, if regard  $n$  as an infinity, then there are infinitely many positive integers including all odd numbers of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  to suit the conjecture. Although the infinitely more are unequal to the all, but if enter into an infinite field, then positive integers inside the infinite field have not the distinction of large and small, or many and little. Thus we have no occasion to do the proof in all senses.

If regard  $n$  as a finite-large positive integer, then  $2n+1$  is a finite-large odd number, thereupon each of odd numbers of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  is a finite-large odd number. Of course, their number of kinds is a finite number too, i.e. a positive integer which is smaller than  $(n-7)/6$  or  $(n-9)/6$  is a finite number.

At the bunch of operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$  by the leftwards operational rule, for each operational route therein, either it is operated to get a №1 satisfactory operational result, or it is operated up to an infinity

on and on, and that in the latter case, integer's expressions are getting greater and greater along the continuation of operations.

Undoubtedly, odd numbers of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^{1n+1}$  are smallest or smaller as compared with kindred odd numbers. Or say, the coefficient of  $\chi$  and the constant term of each kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^{1n+1}$  are smallest or smaller as compared with other kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$ .

As thus, we can determine all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^{1n+1}$  so as operate for finite times by the leftwards operational rule to first get №1 satisfactory operational results concerned, then derive them from these №1 satisfactory operational results concerned monogamously.

Apply the leftwards operational rule to operate, for №1 satisfactory operational results which derive all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^{1n+1}$  monogamously, since they have smaller constant terms and smaller coefficients of  $\chi$  as compared with others, so they always first appear at operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$ .

When the number of smaller №1 satisfactory operational results reaches the number of kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^{1n+1}$  just, we can deduce exactly all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^{1n+1}$  from these №1 satisfactory operational results monogamously.

Such being the case, how know that a smaller №1 satisfactory operational result is inside suitable limits? So we act in accordance with such a norm

to judge right or wrong, i.e. compare the sum of coefficient of  $\chi$  plus constant term of a kind of  $15+12c/19+12c$  derived from the smaller №1 satisfactory operational result whether is not greater than  $2n$ .

If the sum is not greater than  $2n$ , then the smaller №1 satisfactory operational result is desirable.

If the sum is greater than  $2n$ , then the smaller №1 satisfactory operational result can not be counted in the number of kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$ .

Therefore, all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  derived monogamously from smaller №1 satisfactory operational results are always to get first them as compared with others.

So much for, the explanation that first get all kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  in the course of operations should be said clearly.

Yet, in order to impress upon everyone the aforesaid conclusion and dispel minority doubts, we might as well again give a concrete example in which case suppose  $2^Xn+1=193$  where  $X=3$  and  $n=24$ , to practically explain that odd numbers of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24+1$  always are first got within kindred odd numbers in the course of operations by the leftwards operational rule.

First, on the basis of preceding proven 8 kinds of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  concerned, let variable  $\chi$  be endowed with suitable values, such that each such odd number exists between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24+1$ , as listed below.

$\chi$ , 51+48e, 75+96f, 87+96f, 135+384h, 19+48e, 43+96f, 55+96f, 187+384h

0: 51, 75, 87, 135, 43, 55, 187

1: 99, 171, 183, 67, 139, 151

2: 147, 115,

3: 163,

Listed above odd numbers of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24 + 1$  are 43, 51, 55, 67, 75, 87, 99, 115, 135, 139, 147, 151, 163, 171, 183 and 187.

Yet, odd numbers of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24 + 1$  have altogether 27, 31, 39, 43, 51, 55, 63, 67, 75, 79, 87, 91, 99, 103, 111, 115, 123, 127, 135, 139, 147, 151, 159, 163, 171, 175, 183 and 187, therein 12 underlined odd numbers are absentees in the above list.

The absent reason is due to unable to show overlong operational routes at listed above two bunches of operational routes of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$ .

So, we operate each of 12 such odd numbers all alone to an integer<itself, and that point out which kind of belongingness of each of them, ut infra.

(1) From  $27 \rightarrow 82 \rightarrow 41 \rightarrow 124 \rightarrow 62 \rightarrow 31^{\&} \rightarrow 94 \rightarrow 47 \rightarrow 142 \rightarrow 71 \rightarrow 214 \rightarrow 107 \rightarrow 322 \rightarrow 161 \rightarrow 484 \rightarrow 242 \rightarrow 121 \rightarrow 364^* \rightarrow 182 \rightarrow 91^{\#} \rightarrow 274 \rightarrow 137 \rightarrow 412 \rightarrow 206 \rightarrow 103^{\#\#} \rightarrow 310 \rightarrow 155 \rightarrow 466 \rightarrow 233 \rightarrow 700 \rightarrow 350 \rightarrow 175^{\$\$} \rightarrow 526 \rightarrow 263 \rightarrow 790 \rightarrow 395 \rightarrow 1186 \rightarrow 593 \rightarrow 1780 \rightarrow 890 \rightarrow 445 \rightarrow 1336 \rightarrow 668 \rightarrow 334^{**} \rightarrow 167 \rightarrow 502 \rightarrow 251 \rightarrow 754 \rightarrow 377 \rightarrow 1132 \rightarrow 566 \rightarrow 283 \rightarrow 850 \rightarrow 425 \rightarrow 1276 \rightarrow 638 \rightarrow 319 \rightarrow 958 \rightarrow 479 \rightarrow 1438 \rightarrow 719 \rightarrow 2158 \rightarrow 1079 \rightarrow 3238 \rightarrow 1619 \rightarrow 4858 \rightarrow 2429 \rightarrow$

7288→3644→1822\*\*\*→911→2734→1367→4102→2051→6154→3077→  
 9232→ 4616→ 2308→1154→577→1732→866→433→ 1300→ 650→  
 325→ 976→ 488→ 244→122→ 61→184→92→46→23, it shows that  
 27→...→ smaller 23, and 27 belongs within  $27+2^{59} \times 3y$ .

In addition, several signs except for arrowheads at above operational route of 27 will be cited by latter certain operational routes respectively.

(2) From  $31^{\&}$ — connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 23$ , it shows that  $31 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 23, and 31 belongs within  $31+2^{56} \times 3w$ .

(3) From  $39 \rightarrow 118 \rightarrow 59 \rightarrow 178 \rightarrow 89 \rightarrow 268 \rightarrow 134 \rightarrow 67 \rightarrow 202 \rightarrow 101 \rightarrow 304 \rightarrow 152 \rightarrow 76 \rightarrow 38$ , it shows that  $39 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 38, and 39 belongs within  $39+2^8 \times 3k$ .

(4) From  $63 \rightarrow 190 \rightarrow 95 \rightarrow 286 \rightarrow 143 \rightarrow 430 \rightarrow 215 \rightarrow 646 \rightarrow 323 \rightarrow 970 \rightarrow 485 \rightarrow 1456 \rightarrow 728 \rightarrow 364^*$ —connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 61$ , it shows that  $63 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 61, and 63 belongs within  $63+2^{54} \times 3w$ .

(5) From  $79 \rightarrow 238 \rightarrow 119 \rightarrow 358 \rightarrow 179 \rightarrow 538 \rightarrow 269 \rightarrow 808 \rightarrow 404 \rightarrow 202 \leftarrow 67$ , it shows that  $79 \rightarrow 202 \leftarrow$  smaller 67, and 79 belongs within  $79+2^5 \times 3j$ .

If odd number 67 suits the conjecture, then the theorem 2 is cited here.

(6) From  $91^{\#}$ —connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 61$ , it shows that  $91 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 61, and 91 belongs within  $91+2^{45} \times 3v$ .

(7) From  $103^{\#\#}$ —connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 61$ , it shows that  $103 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 61, and 103 belongs within  $103+2^{42} \times 3u$ .

(8) From  $111 \rightarrow 334^{**}$ —connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 61$ , it

shows that  $111 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 61, and 111 belongs within  $111+2^{31} \times 3q$ .

(9) From  $123 \rightarrow 370 \rightarrow 185 \rightarrow 556 \rightarrow 278 \rightarrow 139 \rightarrow 418 \rightarrow 209 \rightarrow 628 \rightarrow 314 \rightarrow 157 \rightarrow 472 \rightarrow 236 \rightarrow 118$ , it shows that  $123 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 118, and 123 belongs within  $123+2^8 \times 3m$ .

(10) From  $127 \rightarrow 382 \rightarrow 191 \rightarrow 574 \rightarrow 287 \rightarrow 862 \rightarrow 431 \rightarrow 1294 \rightarrow 647 \rightarrow 1942 \rightarrow 971 \rightarrow 2914 \rightarrow 1457 \rightarrow 4372 \rightarrow 2186 \rightarrow 1093 \rightarrow 3280 \rightarrow 1640 \rightarrow 820 \rightarrow 410 \rightarrow 205 \rightarrow 616 \rightarrow 308 \rightarrow 154 \rightarrow 77$ , it shows that  $127 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 77, and 127 belongs within  $127+2^{15} \times 3q$ .

(11) From  $159 \rightarrow 478 \rightarrow 239 \rightarrow 718 \rightarrow 359 \rightarrow 1078 \rightarrow 539 \rightarrow 1618 \rightarrow 809 \rightarrow 2428 \rightarrow 1214 \rightarrow 607 \rightarrow 1822^{***}$ —connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 122$ , it shows that  $159 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 122, and 159 belongs within  $159+2^{21} \times 3s$ .

(12) From  $175^{ss}$ —connect to the operational route of  $27 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 167$ , it shows that  $175 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  smaller 167, and 175 belongs within  $175+2^8 \times 3m$ .

To sum up, there are altogether 28 odd numbers of 20 kinds of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24+1$ , and that they are first found out within kindred odd numbers. They are:  $19+48e$  (contains 67, 115 and 163),  $27+2^{59} \times 3y$  (contains 27),  $31+2^{56} \times 3w$  (contains 31),  $39+2^8 \times 3k$  (contains 39),  $43+96f$  (contains 43 and 139),  $51+48e$  (contains 51, 99 and 147),  $55+96f$  (contains 55 and 151),  $63+2^{54} \times 3w$  (contains 63),  $75+96f$  (contains 75 and 171),  $79+2^5 \times 3j$  (contains 79),  $87+96f$  (contains 87 and 183),  $91+2^{45} \times 3v$  (contains 91),  $103+2^{42} \times 3u$  (contains 103),  $111+2^{31} \times 3q$  (contains 111),  $123+2^8 \times 3m$  (contains 123),  $127+2^{15} \times 3q$  (contains 127),  $135+384h$  (contains 135),  $159+2^{21} \times 3s$  (contains

159),  $175+2^8 \times 3m$ (contains 175) and  $187+384n$ (contains 187).

Of course,  $\chi$  represents variables within odd numbers' belongingness too.

If continue to operate foregoing two bunches of operational routes of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$ , then you will get inevitably all №1 satisfactory operational results which derive listed above absent kinds of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  monogamously, so long as the display surface is enough big.

Evidently, a constant term of each such №1 satisfactory operational result is exactly first emerging smallest integer at above each operational route, excepting  $79 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 202 \leftarrow 67$ .

After variables of all kinds of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24 + 1$  are endowed with 0, 1, 2 and 3 for more or less, we get all odd numbers of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between 24 and  $2^3 \times 24 + 1$ .

By this token, each such odd number of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  is smallest or smaller one within kindred odd numbers.

Besides, we are not difficult to discover that many odd numbers coexist at operational routes of  $15+12c$  and  $19+12c$ , such as certain odd numbers at operational route of 27.

If  $X > 3$  and/or  $n > 24$ , likewise, we can prove that odd numbers of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^Xn+1$  are got first in the same way.

Overall, №1 satisfactory operational results relating to kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  in operations appear first at the bunch of operational routes of  $15+12c/19+12c$  by the leftwards operational rule,

then first derive kinds of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  from №1 satisfactory operational results got, next first get odd numbers of  $15+12c/19+12c$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  within kindred odd numbers.

Erenow, we have proven that every genus, every sort and every kind of odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  are operated to get a smaller integer's expression respectively, or begin with a smaller integer's expression via operations to get a classification of odd numbers, and that each and every classification of odd numbers and a homologous smaller integer's expression share a variable.

As thus, after variables within these genera, sorts, kinds of odd numbers and homologous smaller integer's expressions are endowed with 0 and from small to large part natural numbers respectively, if therein at least one value of homologous smaller integer's expression exists between 0 and  $2^0n+1$ , then at the least one concerned genus, sort, or kind of odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  suits the conjecture according to the theorem 1 or the theorem 2. Here, why refer to the theorem 2? As there may are such cases like  $79 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 202 \leftarrow$  smaller 67, similarly hereinafter.

Now that each and every odd number between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  belongs within a classification, thus, anyhow, at least the smallest odd number  $n+1$  or  $n+2$  between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  like its belongingness has been operated to get an even smaller integer, so  $n+1$  or  $n+2$  suits the conjecture for the classification of belongingness of  $n+1$  or  $n+2$  suits the conjecture.

Thereinbefore, we have found out all kinds of odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  according as the sum of coefficient of  $\chi$  plus constant term is from small to large, and that their variables have been endowed with 0 and from small to large part natural numbers respectively.

Thus, on the basis of which at least  $n+1$  or  $n+2$  suits the conjecture, we can orderly extract odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$ , one by one, according to the order from small to large until  $2n-1$ .

Even though smallest value of some smaller integer's expression exists between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$ , likewise, we can extract it according to the order from small to large. Because the smallest value belongs within a kind of odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  too, then the kind of odd numbers has been operated to an even smaller integer's expression according to preceding way of doing. If the even smaller integer's expression exists still between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$ , then, as like reason, the rest may be deduced by analogy, until an even smaller integer's expression exists under  $2^0n+1$ .

By this token, all odd numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  exist at the bunch of integers' chains, for they were proven to suit the conjecture.

In addition, all even numbers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  exist at the bunch of integers' chains originally.

Therefore, all integers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  exist at the bunch of integers' chains. Consequently, all integers between  $2^0n$  and  $2^1n+1$  suit the conjecture according to the inference that generating positive integers by

two-way operational rules are one-to-one correspondence and the same.

Hereto, we have proven that positive integers  $\leq 2^1 n$  suit the conjecture by consecutive positive integers  $\leq 2^0 n$ . Like that, we can too prove that positive integers  $\leq 2^2 n$  suit the conjecture by consecutive positive integers  $\leq 2^1 n$ , and so on and so forth, up to prove positive integers  $\leq 2^X n$  suit the conjecture, in the light of the same way, where  $X \geq 3$ , and  $n \geq 24$ .

For greatest positive integer  $2^X n$  per segment,  $X$  begins with 0, next it is endowed with 1, 2, 3 etc natural numbers in proper order, then consecutive positive integers  $\leq 2^X n$  are getting both more and more, and greater and greater at longer and longer segments. After  $X$  is equal to each of natural numbers plus 0, all positive integers are proven to suit the conjecture.

Namely every positive integer is proven to suit the conjecture, so that the Collatz conjecture is proven as the true fully.

The proof was thus brought to a close. As a consequence, the Collatz conjecture holds water.

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