

Collatz Conjecture

• A very famous (and surprisingly simple) mathematical open question.

• Collatz sequence:

- 1. Start with a positive integer *n*
- 2. While $n \neq 1$ 2.1 if n is even $n \leftarrow n/2$ 2.2 else $n \leftarrow 3n + 1$ 3. Halt (n = 1)

• Try it yourself! $7 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow \cdots$

• Curious? see more: here or here

The conjecture?
Every *n* reaches 1

