

The subject of this talk is the famous Collatz conjecture which is also known as the  $3n+1$  problem. Let  $n$  be any non-negative integer and apply the following transformation: If  $n$  is even divide it by 2 and if  $n$  is odd multiply it by 3 and add 1. The Collatz conjecture is the unproven observation that no matter what number  $n$  one starts with, repeated application of this transformation always eventually yields 1. Though extremely easy to formulate this problem is open since 1937. In this talk we will give an introduction to the problem, present basic facts and interpretations, and deduce and discuss first nontrivial results.

# The Collatz conjecture aka the $3n + 1$ problem

An introduction to the conjecture everyone can understand  
but no one can prove!

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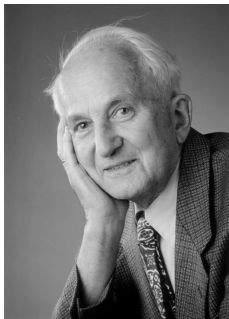
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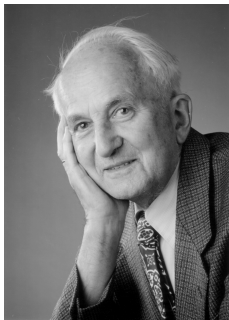
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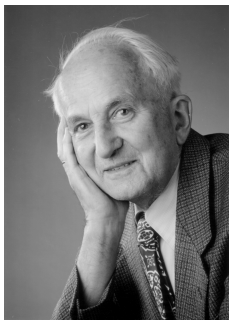


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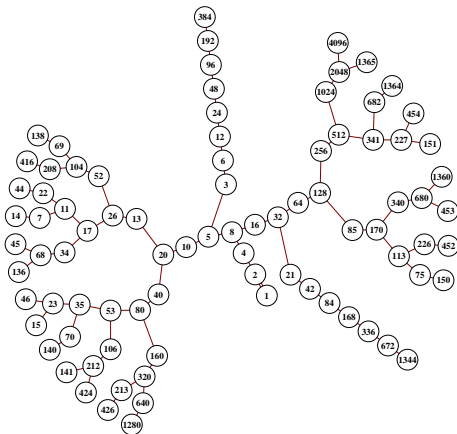
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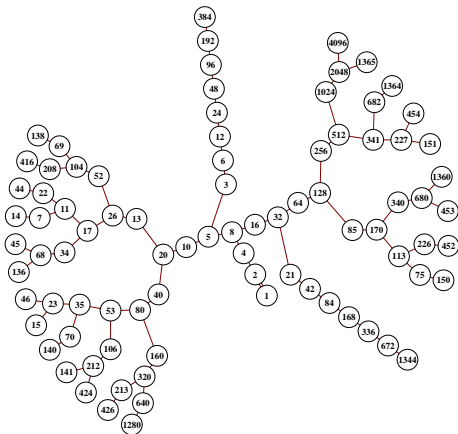
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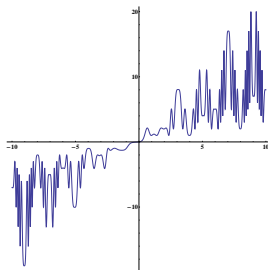
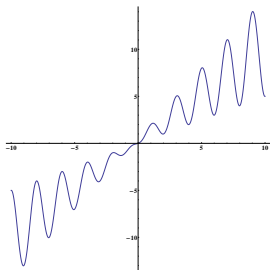
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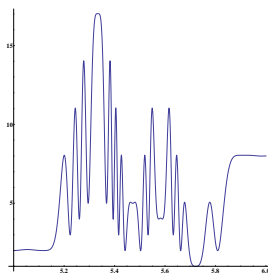
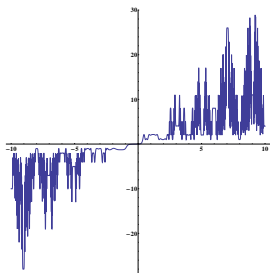
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# Interpretations

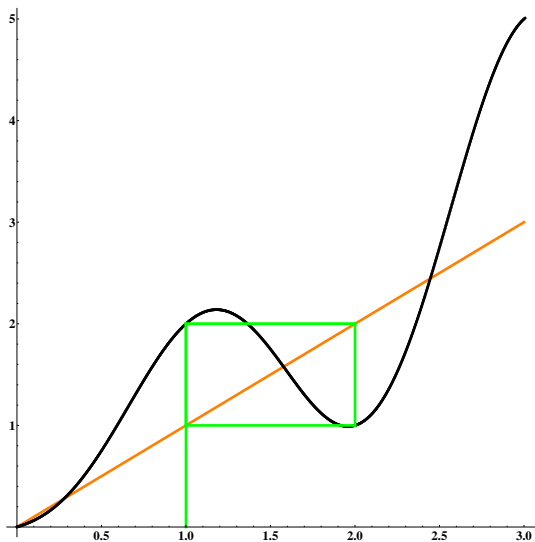


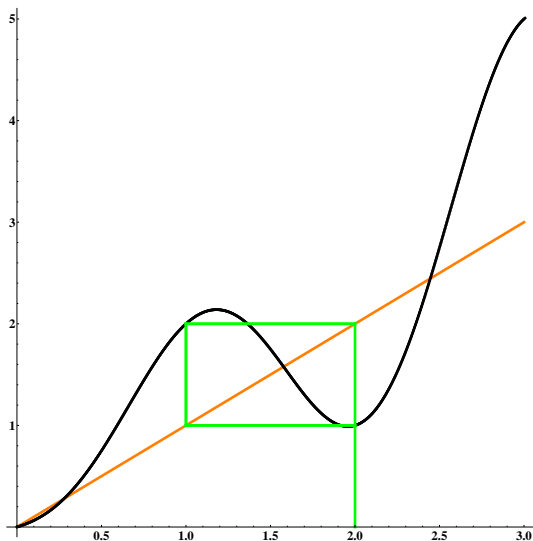
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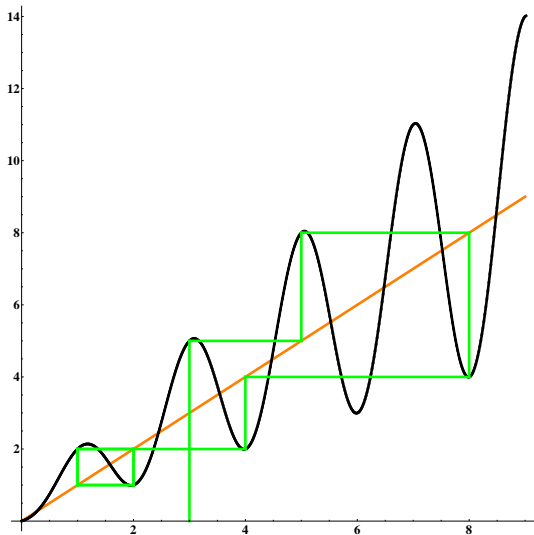
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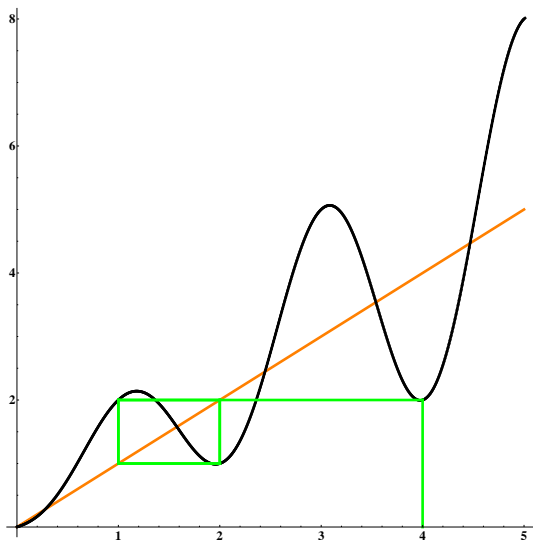


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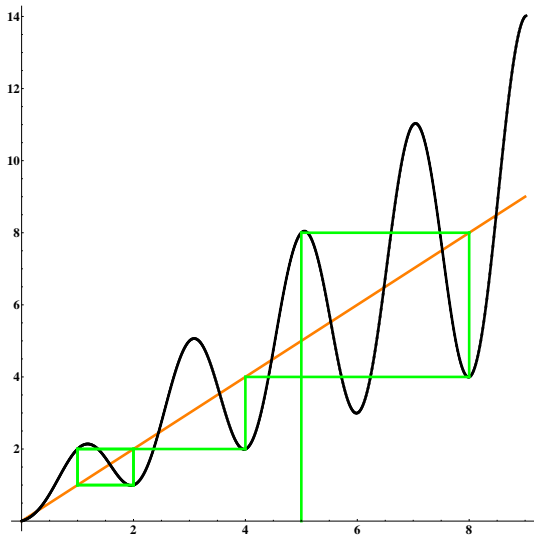


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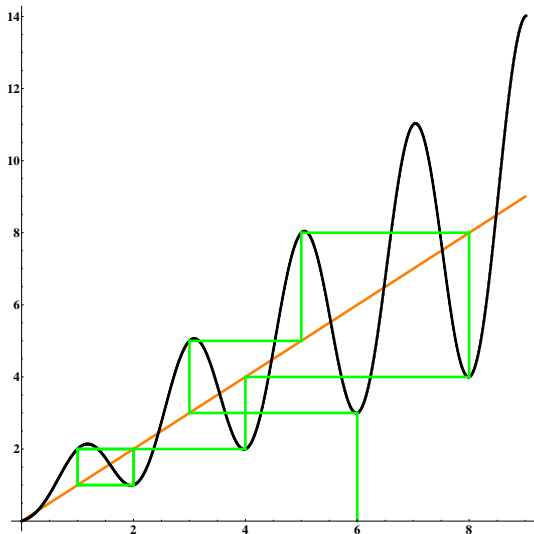




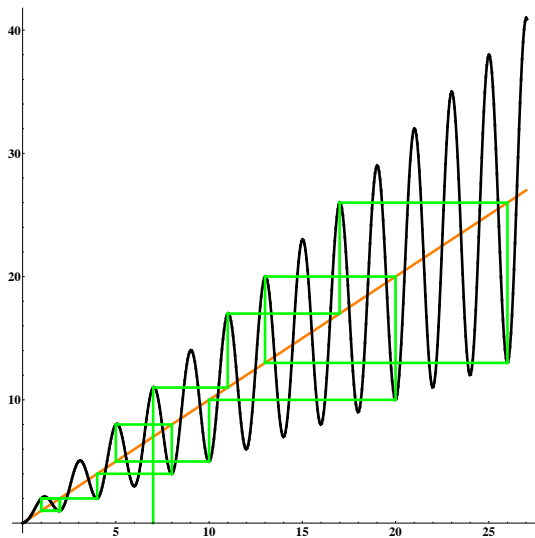
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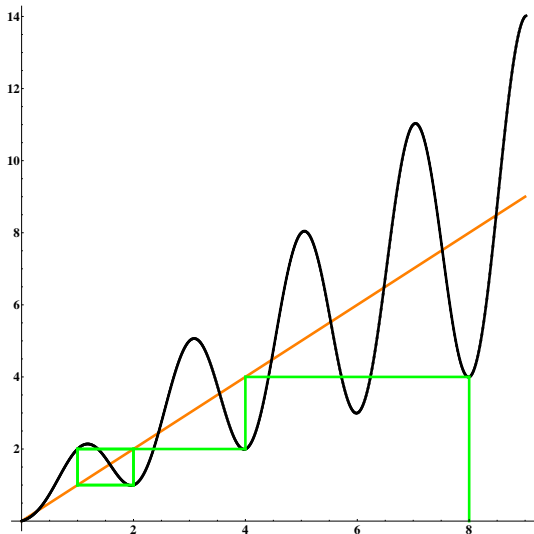
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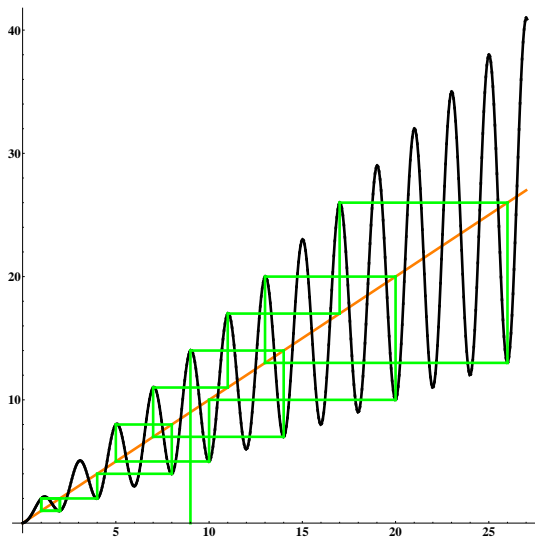
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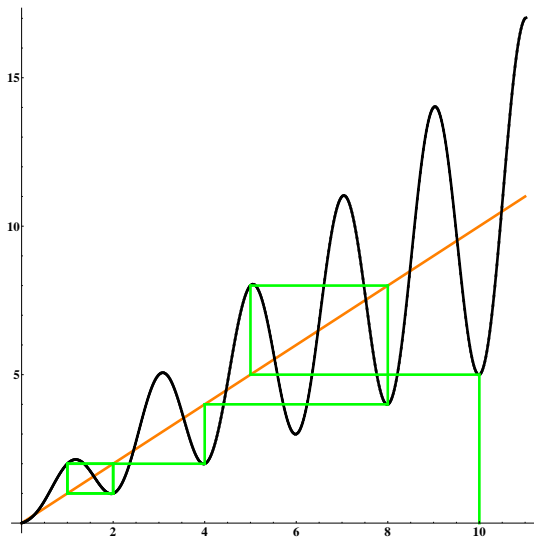
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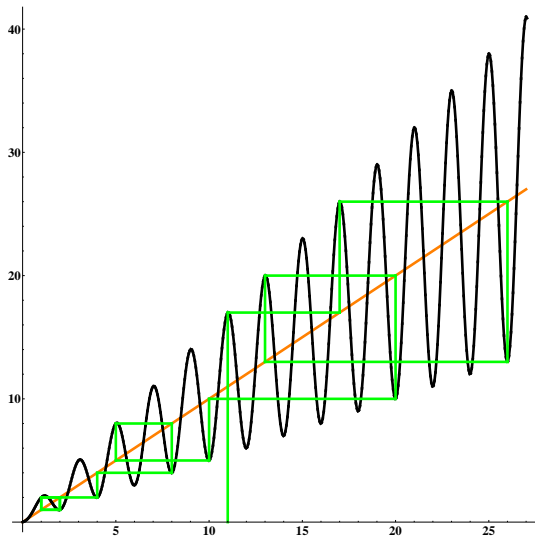
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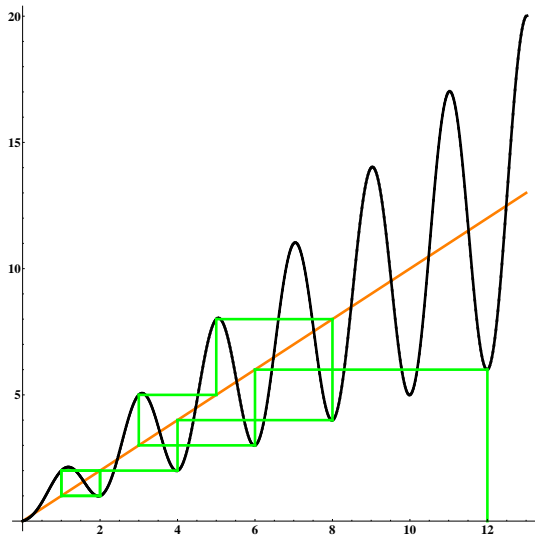
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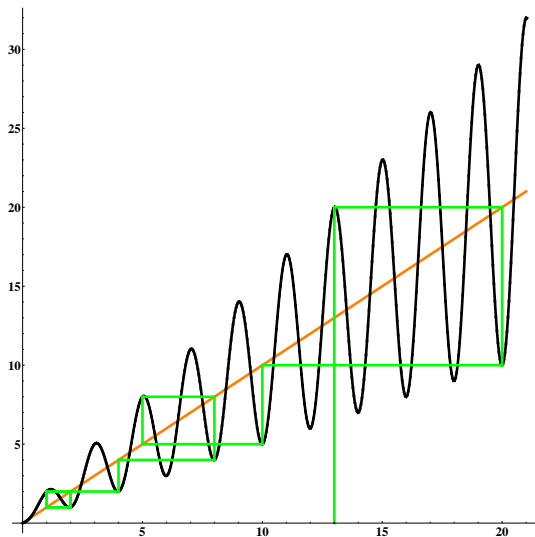


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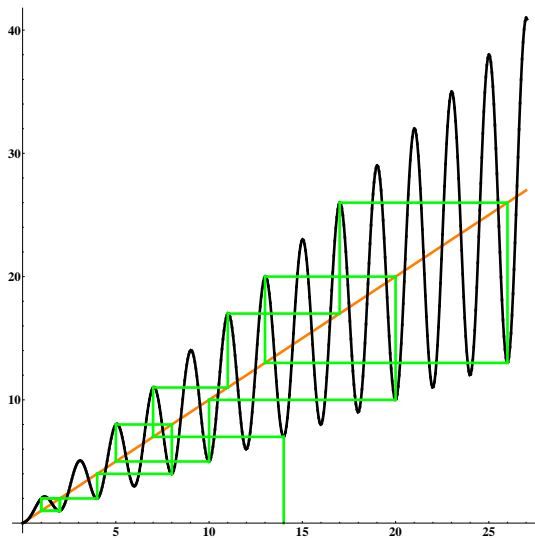




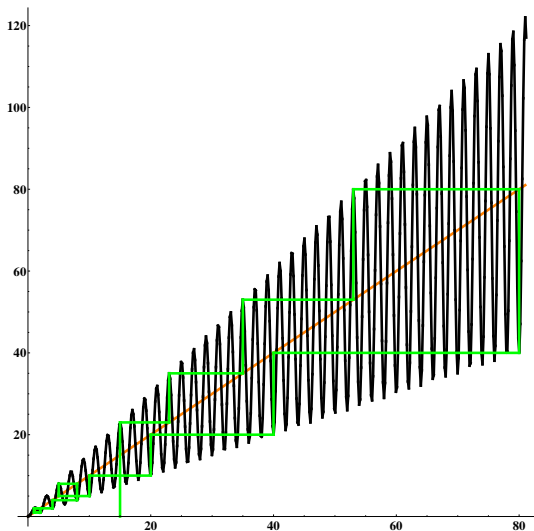
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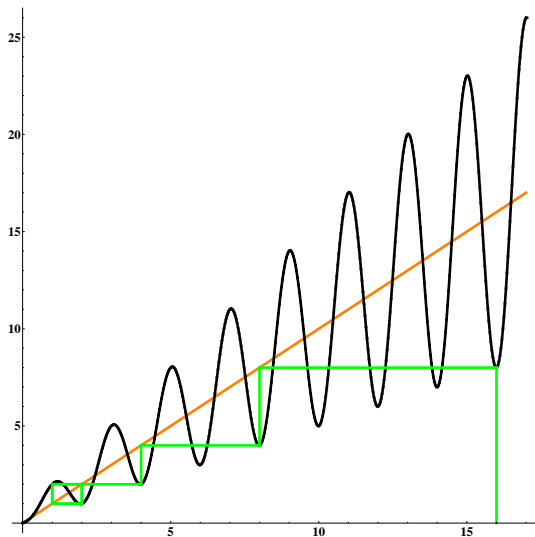
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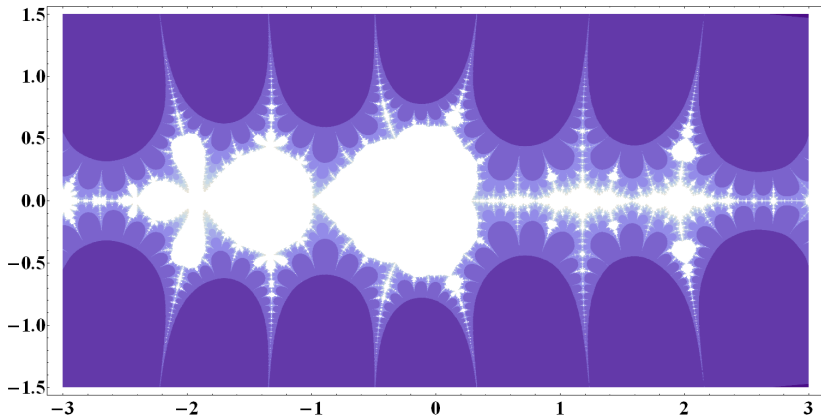


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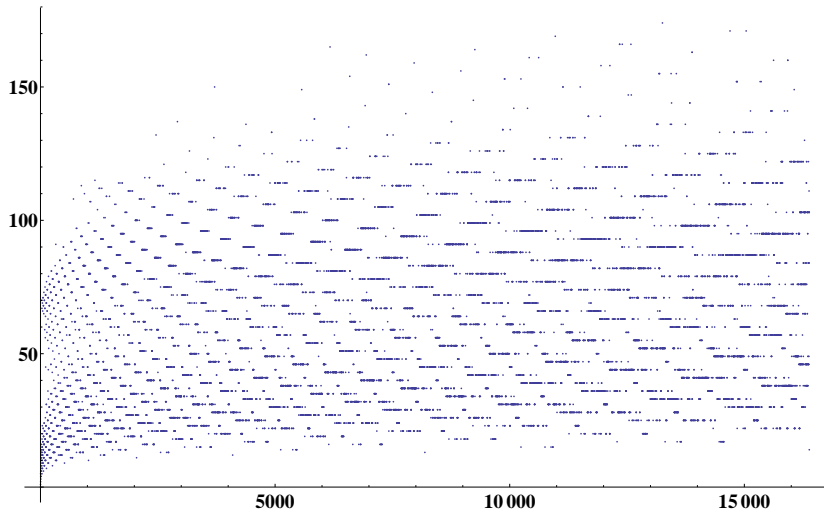
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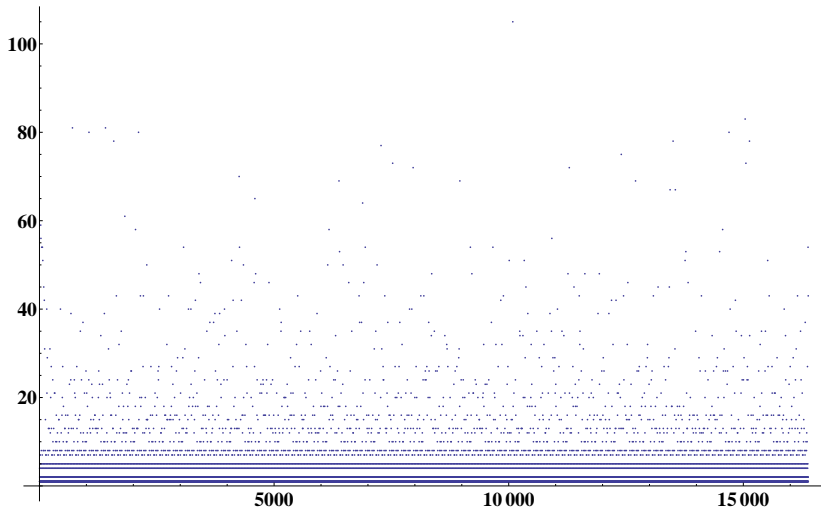
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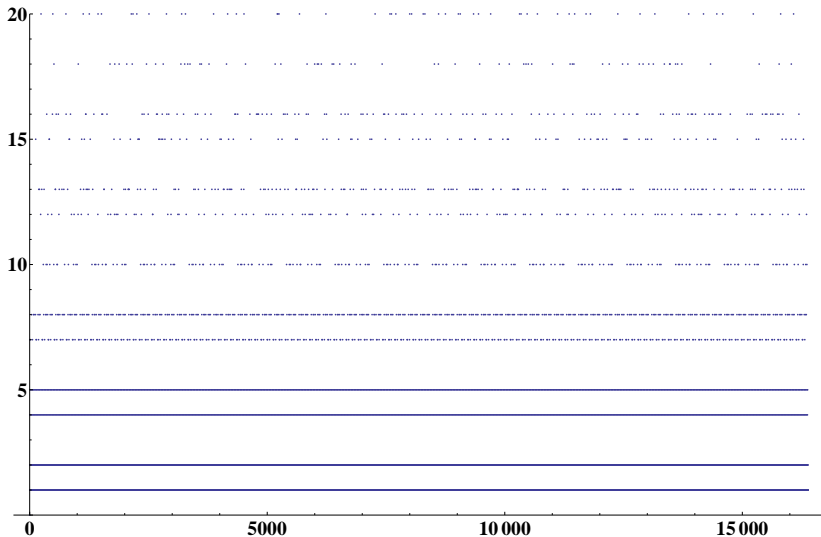


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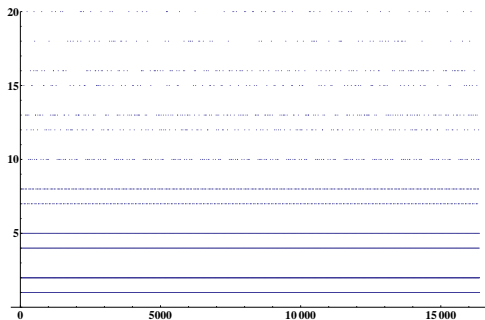
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Define

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$\pi_{F,G,k}$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}$

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## Proposition

For every  $\sigma_{k,i}$  either:

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$$s_{k+1,j_1} = s_{k+1,j_2} = s_{k,i}$$

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or:

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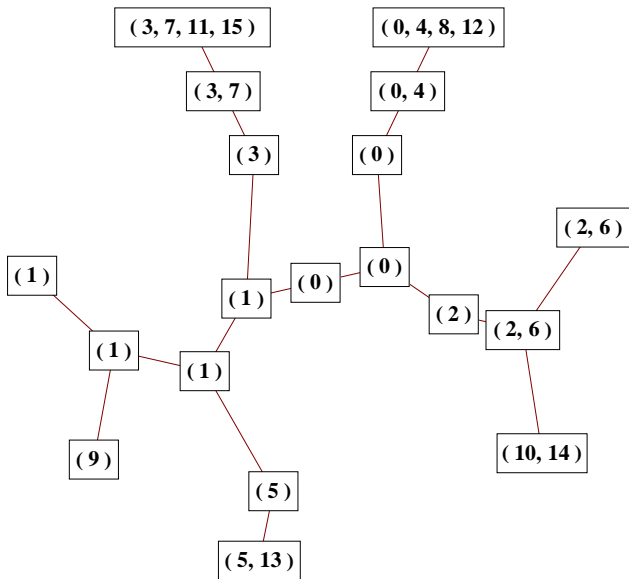
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Graphs for different values of  $c$  (row) and  $s$  (column)

