On Presburger arithmetic extended with multiple powers

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Lemma

Sufficient to decide whether there exist $m_1, \ldots, m_k, n_1, \ldots, n_\ell$ such that

$$A \mathbf{z} > \mathbf{0} \land C \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{d}$$

for $\mathbf{z} = (2^{m_1}, \dots, 2^{m_k}, 3^{n_1}, \dots, 3^{n_\ell})^\top$ and the rest given matrices/vectors

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A pumping lemma for inequalities

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- expansion of a real number
- continued fraction of a real number
- automaton
- Diophantine equation
- rotation on a torus