

Theorem (2.4.26). *Let m be a positive integer. The closed form formula for $\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor$ is $\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{1}{4}(\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^2 - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor)(3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor + 1) + (m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1) \rfloor$.*

Proof. By the properties for floor functions there exists an integer $n = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor$ such that $n^3 \leq k < n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1$. This means that each term less than $\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor$ in the summation occurs exactly $3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor^2 + 3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor + 1$ times. Since the last term of summation occurs $(m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1)$ times,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor) - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1) = \\ & \lfloor \sqrt[3]{0} \rfloor (3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{0} \rfloor^2 + 3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{0} \rfloor + 1) + \lfloor \sqrt[3]{1} \rfloor (3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{1} \rfloor^2 + 3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{1} \rfloor + 1) + \cdots + \\ & (\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1) [(3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^2 - 1) + 3(\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1) + 1]. \end{aligned}$$

By the pattern in the terms of that summation the following equation holds, $\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor =$

$$\begin{aligned} & [\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1} k(3k^2 + 3k + 1)] + \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

The summation on the right-hand side is the summation of cubes, the summation of squares, and the summation of integers. Thus, $\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor =$

$$\begin{aligned} & (3 \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1} k^3) + (3 \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1} k^2) + (\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1} k) + \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

By the closed form formulas for each individual summation we have, $\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor =$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{3}{4} \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^2 (\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1)^2 + \frac{2}{4} \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1) [2(\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1) + 1] + \\ & \frac{2}{4} \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor - 1) + \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Algebraic simplification yields,

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt[3]{k} \rfloor = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor \lfloor \frac{1}{4}(\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^2 - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor)(3\lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor + 1) + (m - \lfloor \sqrt[3]{m} \rfloor^3 + 1) \rfloor. \quad \blacksquare$$