

Theorem (2.4.25). *Let m be a positive integer. The closed form formula for $\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor$ is $\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor \left[\frac{1}{6} (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1)(4\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor + 1) + (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1) \right]$.*

Proof. By the properties for floor functions, there exists an integer $n = \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor$ if and only if $n^2 \leq k < n^2 + 2n + 1$. Thus, each integer value $n < \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor$ occurs exactly $2n + 1$ times, in the terms of summation. The value $n = \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor$ occurs exactly $(m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1)$ times. Subtracting those terms $n = \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor$ from $\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor$ produces the sequence

$$\lfloor \sqrt{0} \rfloor (2\lfloor \sqrt{0} \rfloor + 1) + \cdots + (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) [2(\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) + 1]$$

Summarily expressed as

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1} n(2n + 1)$$

Thus,

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1} n(2n + 1) \right) + \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1)$$

That is, the summation of squares, and integers

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \left(2 \sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1} n^2 \right) + \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1} n \right) + [\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1)]$$

By Theorem 2.4.22, and by Theorem 2.4.21b

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor &= \left\{ \frac{2}{6} \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) [2(\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) + 1] \right\} + \\ &\quad \left\{ \frac{3}{6} \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) \right\} + \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Factoring $\frac{1}{6} \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1)$ out of the first two terms yields

$$\frac{1}{6} \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) \{ 2[2(\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) + 1] + 3 \} + \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1)$$

And by arithmetic simplification that is

$$\frac{1}{6} \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) (4\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor + 1) + \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1)$$

Factoring $\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor$ from the outer sum completes the derivation

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor \left[\frac{1}{6} (\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor - 1) (4\lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor + 1) + (m - \lfloor \sqrt{m} \rfloor^2 + 1) \right]$$

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