

# Extra exercises

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## 1. Cardano triplets<sup>1</sup>

The triplet of integers  $(a, b, c)$  where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}_0$  bears the name of a **Cardano triplet** if it satisfies the following condition:

$$\sqrt[3]{a + b\sqrt{c}} + \sqrt[3]{a - b\sqrt{c}} = 1$$

- e.g.  $(2, 1, 5)$  is a **Cardano triplet**
- there exists 149 **Cardano triplets** for which  $a + b + c \leq 1000$
- how many **Cardano triplets** exist for which  $a + b + c \leq 100000000$ ?

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<sup>1</sup>[Project Euler - Problem 251 \(slimmed down version\)](#)