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Solve for integers:

$$[\sqrt[3]{1}] + [\sqrt[3]{2}] + [\sqrt[3]{3}] + \dots + [\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 1}] = 400$$

where  $[*]$  – floor function

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$$[\sqrt[3]{1}] + [\sqrt[3]{2}] + [\sqrt[3]{3}] + \dots + [\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 1}] = 400 \rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{x^3-1} [\sqrt[3]{k}] = 400$$

$$\text{Floor function } [\sqrt[3]{k}] = n \rightarrow n \leq \sqrt[3]{k} < n+1 \rightarrow n^3 \leq k < (n+1)^3$$

$$k \in [n^3; (n+1)^3) \rightarrow k \in [n^3; (n+1)^3)$$

$$\text{The number of integers in this interval } P_n = (n+1)^3 - n^3 = 3n^2 + 3n + 1$$

$$\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 1} < x \rightarrow [\sqrt[3]{x^3 - 1}] = x - 1. \text{ Thus, } n \text{ ranges from } 1 \text{ to } x - 1$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{x-1} n \cdot P_n = 400 \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{x-1} n \cdot (3n^2 + 3n + 1) = 400$$

$$3 \sum_{n=1}^{x-1} n^3 + 3 \sum_{n=1}^{x-1} n^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{x-1} n = 400$$

$$3 \cdot \frac{(x-1)^2 x^2}{4} + 3 \cdot \frac{x(x-1)(2x-1)}{6} + \frac{x(x-1)}{2} = 400$$

$$(x-1) \left( \frac{3x^3 - 3x^2}{4} + \frac{2x^2 - x}{2} + \frac{x}{2} \right) = 400 \rightarrow (x-1)(3x^3 + x^2) = 1600$$

$$3x^4 - 2x^3 - x^2 - 1600 = 0$$

$$3x^4 - 15x^3 + 13x^3 - 65x^2 + 64x^2 - 1600 = 0$$

$$3x^3(x-5) + 13x^2(x-5) + 64(x-5)(x+5) = 0$$

$$(x-5)(3x^3 + 13x^2 + 64x + 320) = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = 5}$$

$3x^3 + 13x^2 + 64x + 320 \neq 0$  as  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ , There is no other natural solution.