

# ROMANIAN MATHEMATICAL MAGAZINE

Solve for real numbers:

$$\sqrt[3]{2034 - x} - \sqrt{x - 2025} = x^2 - 2025x - 2025$$

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*Clearly  $x - 2025 \geq 0$  or  $x \geq 2025$*

*Let  $g(x) = (x^2 - 2025x - 2025) - (\sqrt[3]{2034 - x} - \sqrt{x - 2025})$*

$$g'(x) = 2x - 2025 + \frac{1}{3}(2024 - x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2025)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

*$g'(x) > 0$  for  $x > 2025 \Rightarrow g(x)$  is strictly increasing, therefore  $g(x) = 0$  has at most one solution.*

*Clearly  $g(2026) = 2026(2026 - 2025) - 2025 - (2 - 1) = 0$   
so  $x = 2026$  is the only solution.*