

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 $x \geq 2025$

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

$$g'(x) = 2x - 2025 + \frac{1}{3}(2034 - x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 2025)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$g'(x) > 0$ 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.*