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Solve for reals:

$$\sqrt[3]{x-2024} + \sqrt[3]{x-2025} + \sqrt[3]{x-2026} = 0$$

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$$\text{Let } y = x - 2025$$

The given equation can be written as:

$$\sqrt[3]{y+1} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{y-1} = 0$$

Let $f(y) = \sqrt[3]{y+1} + \sqrt[3]{y} + \sqrt[3]{y-1}$ clearly $f(0) = 0$ so $y = 0$ is a solution of

$$f(y) = 0$$

$$f'(y) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{(y+1)^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{1}{y^{\frac{2}{3}}} + \frac{1}{(y-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \right) > 0 \quad \forall y \in \mathbb{R} - \{0, 1, -1\}$$

So $f(y)$ is strictly increasing continuous function can have at most one zero, so required solution $y = 0$ or $x - 2025 = 0$ or $x = 2025$