

Wieferich–Kempner Theorem

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Abstract

This document presents a formalised proof of the Wieferich–Kempner Theorem, stating that all nonnegative integers can be expressed as the sum of nine nonnegative cubes. The source of the proof is the book “Additive Number Theory: The Classical Bases” by Melvyn B. Nathanson [2].

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theory Wieferich-Kempner
imports
HOL-Number-Theory.Cong
HOL.Real
HOL.NthRoot
HOL.Transcendental
HOL-Library.Code-Target-Nat
Three-Squares.Three-Squares
Main
begin

fun sumpow :: nat ⇒ nat list ⇒ nat where [code-computation-unfold, coercion-enabled]:
  sumpow p l = fold (+) (map (λx. x ^ p) l) 0
declare sumpow.simps[code]

definition is-sumpow :: nat ⇒ nat ⇒ nat ⇒ bool
  where is-sumpow p n m ≡ ∃ l. length l = n ∧ m = sumpow p l

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1 Technical Lemmas

We show four lemmas used in the main theorem.

1.1 Lemma 2.1 in [2]

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lemma sum-of-6-cubes:
fixes A m :: nat
assumes mLessASq: m ≤ A2
assumes mIsSum3Sq: is-sumpow 2 3 m
shows is-sumpow 3 6 (6 * A * (A2 + m))
proof -
  from mIsSum3Sq obtain l where length l = 3 and m = sumpow 2 l
    using is-sumpow-def by blast
  then obtain m1 m2 m3 where l = [m1, m2, m3]
    by (smt (verit, best) Suc-length-conv length-0-conv numeral-3-eq-3)

  obtain il where il = map (int) l by auto
  obtain iA where iA = (int A) by auto
  obtain im where im = (int m) by auto

  have fold (+) (map power2 l) 0 = m12 + m22 + m32
    using ‹l = [m1, m2, m3]› by simp
  hence m = m12 + m22 + m32
    using ‹length l = 3› ‹m = sumpow 2 l› sumpow.simps by presburger
  obtain im1 im2 im3 where il = [im1, im2, im3]
    by (simp add: ‹il = map int l› ‹l = [m1, m2, m3]›)
  hence im1 = int m1 and im2 = int m2 and im3 = int m3

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using `il = map int l` `l = [m1, m2, m3]` by auto

obtain x1 x2 x3 where [x1,x2,x3] = map (λx. A+x) l
  by (simp add: `l = [m1,m2,m3]`)
obtain x4 x5 x6 where [x4,x5,x6] = map (λx. A-x) l
  by (simp add: `l = [m1,m2,m3]`)
obtain ns where ns = [x1, x2, x3, x4, x5, x6] by auto

have ∀ x ∈ set l. x ≥ 0
  by auto
hence ∀ x ∈ set l. x2 ≤ m
  using `l = [m1, m2, m3]` `m = m12 + m22 + m32` power2-nat-le-imp-le by auto
have ∀ x ∈ set il. x ≥ 0
  by (simp add: `il = map int l`)
hence ∀ x ∈ set il. x2 ≤ im
  using `im = int m` `il = map int l` `l = [m1, m2, m3]` `m = m12 + m22 + m32` power2-nat-le-imp-le
  by auto

have ∀ x ∈ set il. iA + x ≥ 0
  using `iA = int A` `il = map int l` by auto
have int (x1) = iA + im1
  using `[x1, x2, x3] = map ((+) A) l` `iA = int A` `il = [im1, im2, im3]` `il = map int l` by force
have int (x2) = iA + im2
  using `[x1, x2, x3] = map ((+) A) l` `iA = int A` `il = [im1, im2, im3]` `il = map int l` by force
have int (x3) = iA + im3
  using `[x1, x2, x3] = map ((+) A) l` `iA = int A` `il = [im1, im2, im3]` `il = map int l` by force
have A ≥ m1
  by (metis `m = m12 + m22 + m32` add-leE mLessASq power2-nat-le-eq-le)
hence iA - im1 ≥ 0
  using `iA = int A` `il = [im1, im2, im3]` `il = map int l` `l = [m1, m2, m3]` by auto
hence int x4 = iA - im1
  using `[x4, x5, x6] = map ((-) A)` `iA = int A` `im1 = int m1` `l = [m1, m2, m3]` by auto
have A ≥ m2
  by (metis `m = m12 + m22 + m32` add-leE mLessASq power2-nat-le-eq-le)
hence iA - im2 ≥ 0
  using `iA = int A` `il = [im1, im2, im3]` `il = map int l` `l = [m1, m2, m3]` by auto
hence int x5 = iA - im2
  using `[x4, x5, x6] = map ((-) A)` `iA = int A` `im2 = int m2` `l = [m1, m2, m3]` by auto
have A ≥ m3
  by (metis `m = m12 + m22 + m32` add-leE mLessASq power2-nat-le-eq-le)

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hence  $iA - im_3 \geq 0$ 
using  $\langle iA = \text{int } A \rangle \langle il = [im_1, im_2, im_3] \rangle \langle il = \text{map int } l \rangle \langle l = [m_1, m_2, m_3] \rangle$ 
by auto
hence  $\text{int } x_6 = iA - im_3$ 
using  $\langle [x_4, x_5, x_6] = \text{map } ((-) \text{ } A) \rangle \langle iA = \text{int } A \rangle \langle im_3 = \text{int } m_3 \rangle \langle l = [m_1, m_2, m_3] \rangle$  by auto

have  $6 * A * (A^2 + m) = 6 * A * (A^2 + \text{sumpow } 2 \text{ } l)$ 
by (simp add: $m = \text{sumpow } 2 \text{ } l$ )
have  $\text{distr: } \dots = 6 * A^{\wedge} 3 + 6 * A * (\text{sumpow } 2 \text{ } l)$ 
by (simp add: distrib-left power2-eq-square power3-eq-cube)
have  $\dots = 6 * A * (A^2 + m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2)$ 
using  $\langle m = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2 \rangle \langle m = \text{sumpow } 2 \text{ } l \rangle$  by (metis distr group-cancel.add1)
hence  $\text{expanded: } \text{int } \dots = 6 * iA * (iA^2 + im_1^2 + im_2^2 + im_3^2)$ 
using  $\langle iA = \text{int } A \rangle \langle im_1 = \text{int } m_1 \rangle \langle im_2 = \text{int } m_2 \rangle \langle im_3 = \text{int } m_3 \rangle$  by simp
have  $\text{sixcubes: } \dots = (iA + im_1)^{\wedge} 3 + (iA - im_1)^{\wedge} 3 +$ 
 $(iA + im_2)^{\wedge} 3 + (iA - im_2)^{\wedge} 3 +$ 
 $(iA + im_3)^{\wedge} 3 + (iA - im_3)^{\wedge} 3$ 
by Groebner-Basis.algebra
have  $\dots = \text{int } x_1^{\wedge} 3 + \text{int } x_2^{\wedge} 3 + \text{int } x_3^{\wedge} 3 + \text{int } x_4^{\wedge} 3 + \text{int } x_5^{\wedge} 3 + \text{int } x_6^{\wedge} 3$ 
using  $\langle \text{int } x_1 = iA + im_1 \rangle \langle \text{int } x_2 = iA + im_2 \rangle \langle \text{int } x_3 = iA + im_3 \rangle$ 
 $\langle \text{int } x_4 = iA - im_1 \rangle \langle \text{int } x_5 = iA - im_2 \rangle \langle \text{int } x_6 = iA - im_3 \rangle$  by simp
hence  $6 * A * (A^2 + m) = x_1^{\wedge} 3 + x_2^{\wedge} 3 + x_3^{\wedge} 3 + x_4^{\wedge} 3 + x_5^{\wedge} 3 + x_6^{\wedge} 3$ 
using  $\text{distr } \langle m = \text{sumpow } 2 \text{ } l \rangle \langle m = m_1^2 + m_2^2 + m_3^2 \rangle$  expanded of-nat-eq-iff
sixcubes
by (smt (verit) of-nat-add of-nat-power)
have  $\text{map } (\lambda x. x^{\wedge} 3) \text{ } ns = [x_1^{\wedge} 3, x_2^{\wedge} 3, x_3^{\wedge} 3, x_4^{\wedge} 3, x_5^{\wedge} 3, x_6^{\wedge} 3]$ 
by (simp add: $\langle ns = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6] \rangle$ )
hence  $\text{sumpow } 3 \text{ } ns = x_1^{\wedge} 3 + x_2^{\wedge} 3 + x_3^{\wedge} 3 + x_4^{\wedge} 3 + x_5^{\wedge} 3 + x_6^{\wedge} 3$ 
by (simp add: $\langle ns = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6] \rangle$ )
hence  $6 * A * (A^2 + m) = \text{sumpow } 3 \text{ } ns$ 
using  $\langle 6 * A * (A^2 + m) = x_1^{\wedge} 3 + x_2^{\wedge} 3 + x_3^{\wedge} 3 + x_4^{\wedge} 3 + x_5^{\wedge} 3 + x_6^{\wedge} 3 \rangle$  by presburger
hence  $\text{length } ns = 6 \wedge 6 * A * (A^2 + m) = \text{sumpow } 3 \text{ } ns$ 
by (simp add: $\langle ns = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6] \rangle$ )
then show ?thesis
using is-sumpow-def by blast
qed

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1.2 Lemma 2.2 in [2]

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lemma if-cube-cong-then-cong:
fixes  $t :: \text{nat}$ 
fixes  $b_1 \text{ } b_2 :: \text{int}$ 
assumes  $\text{odd: odd } b_1 \wedge \text{odd } b_2$ 
assumes  $b_1 > 0 \wedge b_2 > 0$ 
assumes  $t \geq 1$ 
assumes  $[b_1^{\wedge} 3 = b_2^{\wedge} 3] \text{ (mod } 2^{\wedge} t)$ 
shows  $[b_1 \neq b_2] \text{ (mod } 2^{\wedge} t) \implies [b_1^{\wedge} 3 \neq b_2^{\wedge} 3] \text{ (mod } 2^{\wedge} t)$ 

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proof -
  have  $[b_2 \wedge 3 - b_1 \wedge 3 = 0] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    using  $\langle [b_1 \wedge 3 = b_2 \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t} \rangle$  cong-diff-iff-cong-0 cong-sym-eq by blast
  have  $(b_2 - b_1) * (b_2^2 + b_2 * b_1 + b_1^2) = b_2 \wedge 3 - b_1 \wedge 3$ 
    by Groebner-Basis.algebra
  hence  $[(b_2 - b_1) * (b_2^2 + b_2 * b_1 + b_1^2) = 0] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    using  $\langle [b_2 \wedge 3 - b_1 \wedge 3 = 0] \pmod{2^t} \rangle$  by auto
  have coprime  $(b_2^2 + b_2 * b_1 + b_1^2) (2^t)$ 
    by (simp add: odd)
  hence  $[b_2 - b_1 = 0] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    by (metis  $\langle [(b_2 - b_1) * (b_2^2 + b_2 * b_1 + b_1^2) = 0] \pmod{2^t} \rangle$  cong-mult-rcancel
      mult-zero-left)
  hence  $[b_1 = b_2] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    using cong-diff-iff-cong-0 cong-sym-eq by blast
  assume  $[b_1 \neq b_2] \pmod{2^t}$ 
  then show ?thesis
    using  $\langle [b_1 = b_2] \pmod{2^t} \rangle$  by auto
qed

lemma every-odd-nat-cong-cube:
  fixes t w :: nat
  assumes tPositive:  $t \geq 1$ 
  assumes wOdd: odd w
  shows  $\exists b. \text{odd } b \wedge [w = b \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t}$ 
proof (rule ccontr)
  assume  $\neg ?\text{thesis}$ 
  hence  $\forall b. \text{odd } b \longrightarrow [w \neq b \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    by blast
  obtain b::nat where odd b
    using odd-numeral by blast
  hence  $[w \neq b \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    by (simp add:  $\langle \forall b. \text{odd } b \longrightarrow [w \neq b \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t} \rangle$ )
  obtain bSet::nat set where bSet-def:  $bSet = \{x. \text{odd } x \wedge x < 2^t\}$ 
    by auto
  obtain w' where w'-def:  $w' = w \bmod 2^t$ 
    by auto
  hence odd w'
    by (metis dvd-mod-imp-dvd dvd-power order-less-le-trans tPositive wOdd zero-less-one)
  have  $w' < 2^t$ 
    by (simp add:  $\langle w' = w \bmod 2^t \rangle$ )
  hence  $w' \in bSet$ 
    by (simp add:  $\langle bSet = \{x. \text{odd } x \wedge x < 2^t\} \rangle$ ,  $\langle \text{odd } w' \rangle$ )
  define bSetMinusW'::nat set where bSetMinusW' =  $\{x. x \in bSet \wedge x \neq w'\}$ 

  have  $\forall x \in bSet. [w \neq x \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t}$ 
    using  $\langle \forall b. \text{odd } b \longrightarrow [w \neq b \wedge 3] \pmod{2^t} \rangle$ ,  $\langle bSet = \{x. \text{odd } x \wedge x < 2^t\} \rangle$  by blast
  have  $\forall x \in bSet. \text{odd } (x \wedge 3)$ 
    using bSet-def by simp

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have even (2^t)
  using tPositive by fastforce
hence  $\forall x \in bSet. \text{odd } (x^3 \bmod 2^t)$ 
  using  $\langle \forall x \in bSet. \text{odd } (x^3) \rangle$  dvd-mod-iff by blast
hence  $\forall x \in bSet. (x^3 \bmod 2^t) \in bSet$ 
  by (simp add: {bSet = {x. odd x ∧ x < 2 ^ t}})
hence  $\forall x \in bSet. (x^3 \bmod 2^t) \in bSetMinusW'$ 
  using  $\langle \forall x \in bSet. [w \neq x^3] (mod 2^t) \rangle$  bSetMinusW'-def w'-def cong-def
  by (metis (mono-tags, lifting) mem-Collect-eq unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def)
hence  $\forall x \in bSet. \exists y \in bSetMinusW'. [y = x^3] (mod 2^t)$ 
  using cong-mod-right cong-refl by blast
hence  $\forall x \in bSet. \exists! y \in bSetMinusW'. [y = x^3] (mod 2^t)$ 
  by (metis (no-types, lifting) bSet-def bSetMinusW'-def unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def

mem-Collect-eq mod-less)
have  $\forall x_1 \in bSet. \forall x_2 \in bSet. \text{odd } x_1 \wedge \text{odd } x_2$ 
  using bSet-def by auto

hence  $\forall x_1 \in bSet. \forall x_2 \in bSet. [x_1 \neq x_2] (mod 2^t) \longrightarrow [x_1^3 \neq x_2^3] (mod 2^t)$ 
  by (metis (mono-tags) cong-int-iff even-of-nat if-cube-cong-then-cong odd-pos
of-nat-0-less-iff
      of-nat-numeral of-nat-power tPositive)
hence  $\forall x_1 \in bSet. \forall x_2 \in bSet. x_1 \neq x_2 \longrightarrow [x_1^3 \neq x_2^3] (mod 2^t)$ 
  using bSet-def cong-less-modulus-unique-nat by blast
hence inj-on ( $\lambda x. x^3 \bmod 2^t$ ) bSet
  by (meson inj-onI unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def)

have  $bSetMinusW' \subset bSet$ 
  using bSetMinusW'-def {w' ∈ bSet} by blast
moreover hence card bSetMinusW' < card bSet
  by (simp add: bSet-def psubset-card-mono)
moreover have ( $\lambda x. x^3 \bmod 2^t$ ) ` bSet ⊆ bSetMinusW'
  using  $\langle \forall x \in bSet. x^3 \bmod 2^t \in bSetMinusW' \rangle$  by blast
ultimately have card (( $\lambda x. x^3 \bmod 2^t$ ) ` bSet) < card bSet
  by (metis card.infinite less-zeroE psubset-card-mono subset-psubset-trans)
hence ¬inj-on ( $\lambda x. x^3 \bmod 2^t$ ) bSet
  using pigeonhole by auto
thus False
  using inj-on ( $\lambda x. x^3 \bmod 2^t$ ) bSet by blast
qed

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1.3 Lemma 2.3 in [2]

It is this section in which we use the Three Squares Theorem AFP Entry [1].

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lemma sum-of-3-squares-exceptions:
fixes m::nat
assumes notSum3Sq: ¬is-sumpow 2 3 m

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shows  $6*m \bmod 96 \in \{0, 72, 42, 90\}$ 
proof -
have  $\neg(\exists l. \text{length } l = 3 \wedge m = \text{sumpow } 2 l)$ 
using is-sumpow-def notSum3Sq by blast
hence  $\neg(\exists a b c. m = \text{sumpow } 2 [a,b,c])$ 
by (metis length-Cons list.size(3) numeral-3-eq-3)
hence  $\neg(\exists a b c. m = \text{fold } (+) (\text{map power2 } [a,b,c]) 0)$ 
by auto
hence  $\neg(\exists a b c. m = \text{fold } (+) [a^2,b^2,c^2] 0)$ 
by auto
hence  $\neg(\exists a b c. m = a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ 
by (simp add: add.commute)
then obtain s t where  $(m = 4 \hat{s}*(8*t + 7))$ 
using three-squares-iff by auto
obtain h':nat set where  $h' = \{0, 72, 42, 90\}$ 
by auto
consider (s0)  $s = 0 | (s1) s = 1 | (s2) s \geq 2$ 
by arith
hence  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t + 7) \bmod 96 \in h'$ 
proof cases
case s0
consider (even) even t | (odd) odd t
by auto
thus  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t + 7) \bmod 96 \in h'$ 
proof cases
case even
obtain t' where  $t' = t \bmod 2$ 
by simp
hence  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t+7) = 96*t' + 42$ 
using s0 even by fastforce
hence  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t+7) \bmod 96 = 42$ 
by (simp add: cong-0-iff cong-add-rcancel-0-nat)
have 42 ∈ h'
by (simp add: h' = {0, 72, 42, 90})
thus  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t + 7) \bmod 96 \in h'$ 
by (simp add: 6 * 4 ^ s * (8 * t + 7) mod 96 = 42)
next
case odd
obtain t' where  $t' = (t-1) \bmod 2$ 
by simp
hence  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t+7) = 6*(8*(2*t'+1)+7)$ 
by (simp add: s0 odd)
hence  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t+7) \bmod 96 = 90$ 
using cong-le-nat by auto
have 90 ∈ h'
by (simp add: h' = {0, 72, 42, 90})
thus  $6*4 \hat{s}*(8*t + 7) \bmod 96 \in h'$ 
by (simp add: 6 * 4 ^ s * (8 * t + 7) mod 96 = 90)
qed

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next
  case s1
    have  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) = 96 * (2 * t + 1) + 72$ 
      using s1 by auto
    hence  $[6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) = 72] \pmod{96}$ 
      by (metis cong-add-rcancel-0-nat cong-mult-self-left)
    hence  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 = 72 \bmod 96$ 
      using unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def by blast
    hence  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 = 72$ 
      by auto
    have  $72 \in h'$ 
      by (simp add:  $\langle h' = \{0, 72, 42, 90\} \rangle$ )
    thus  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 \in h'$ 
      by (simp add:  $\langle 6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 = 72 \rangle$ )
next
  case s2
  obtain s' where  $s' = s - 2$ 
    by simp
  have  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) = 6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} 2 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s' * (8 * t + 7)$ 
    by (metis  $\langle s' = s - 2 \rangle$  le-add-diff-inverse mult.assoc power-add s2)
  have ... =  $96 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s' * (8 * t + 7)$ 
    by auto
  hence  $[6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) = 0] \pmod{96}$ 
    by (metis  $\langle 6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) = 6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} 2 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s' * (8 * t + 7) \rangle$  cong-modulus-mult-nat
cong-mult-self-left)
  hence  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 = 0 \bmod 96$ 
  using unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def by blast
  hence  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 = 0$ 
    by auto
  have  $0 \in h'$ 
    by (simp add:  $\langle h' = \{0, 72, 42, 90\} \rangle$ )
  thus  $6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 \in h'$ 
    by (simp add:  $\langle 6 \cdot 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \bmod 96 = 0 \rangle$ )
qed
thus ?thesis
  by (metis  $\langle h' = \{0, 72, 42, 90\} \rangle$   $\langle m = 4^{\lceil} s * (8 * t + 7) \rangle$  mult.assoc)
qed

lemma values-geq-22-cubed-can-be-normalised:
fixes r :: nat
assumes rLarge:  $r \geq 10648$ 
obtains d m where d ≥ 0 and d ≤ 22 and r = d3 + 6*m and is-sumpow 2
 $\beta m$ 
proof -
  define MultiplesOf6LessThan96::nat set where
    MultiplesOf6LessThan96 = {0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, 90}
  have  $\forall m' \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. m' < 96$ 
    unfolding MultiplesOf6LessThan96-def by auto
  have  $\forall m' \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. m' \bmod 6 = 0$ 

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unfolding MultiplesOf6LessThan96-def by auto
hence  $\forall m \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. \exists n. m = 6*n$ 
      by fastforce
have  $\forall m' \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. m' \bmod 96 = m'$ 
      by (simp add:  $\forall m' \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. m' < 96$ )
define  $H':\text{nat set}$  where  $H' = \{0, 42, 72, 90\}$ 
have  $\forall m'. 6*m' \bmod 96 \notin H' \longrightarrow \text{is-sumpow } 2 3 m'$ 
unfolding  $H'$ -def using sum-of-3-squares-exceptions by blast
hence  $\forall m'. (6*m' \bmod 96 \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96} - H') \longrightarrow \text{is-sumpow } 2$ 
       $3 m'$ 
      by fastforce

define  $H:\text{nat set}$  where  $H = \{6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48, 54, 60, 66, 78, 84\}$ 
have  $H = \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96} - H'$ 
unfolding  $H$ -def MultiplesOf6LessThan96-def  $H'$ -def by auto
hence  $\forall m'. 6*m' \bmod 96 \in H \longrightarrow \text{is-sumpow } 2 3 m'$ 
      using  $\forall m'. 6 * m' \bmod 96 \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96} - H' \longrightarrow \text{is-sumpow}$ 
       $2 3 m'$  by blast

define  $D:\text{nat set}$  where  $D = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22\}$ 
have  $\forall d \in D. d \geq 0 \wedge d \leq 22$ 
      using  $D$ -def by auto
define residue::nat set where  $\text{residue} = \{x. \exists h \in H. \exists d \in D. x = (d^3 + h)$ 
       $\bmod 96\}$ 

have  $\forall x < 10. x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 10. x < 19 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 19. x < 28 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 28. x < 37 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 37. x < 46 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 46. x < 55 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 55. x < 64 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 64. x < 73 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 73. x < 82 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 82. x < 91 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto
moreover have  $\forall x \geq 91. x < 96 \longrightarrow x \in \text{residue}$ 
unfolding residue-def  $H$ -def  $D$ -def by auto

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ultimately have  $\forall x < 96. x \in \text{residue}$ 
  by (metis leI)

have  $\forall r \in \text{residue}. \exists h \in H. \exists d \in D. r = (d^{\wedge}3 + h) \bmod 96$ 
  unfolding residue-def by auto
have  $\forall h \in H. \forall d \in D. (d^{\wedge}3 + h) \bmod 96 \in \text{residue}$ 
  by (simp add:  $\forall x < 96. x \in \text{residue}$ )
have  $r \bmod 96 \in \text{residue}$ 
  by (simp add:  $\forall x < 96. x \in \text{residue}$ )
have  $\forall d \in D. r \geq d^{\wedge}3$ 
  unfolding D-def using rLarge by auto
hence  $\exists h \in H. \exists d \in D. [d^{\wedge}3 + h = r] (\bmod 96)$ 
  using  $\langle r \bmod 96 \in \text{residue}$ 
  by (metis  $\forall r \in \text{residue}. \exists h \in H. \exists d \in D. r = (d^{\wedge}3 + h) \bmod 96$ ) unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def)
hence  $\exists h \in H. \exists d \in D. [r - d^{\wedge}3 = h] (\bmod 96)$ 
  by (smt (z3)  $\forall d \in D. d^{\wedge}3 \leq r$  add.commute add-diff-cancel-right' cong-diff-nat
cong-refl le-add2)
then obtain h d where  $h \in H$  and  $d \in D$  and  $[r - d^{\wedge}3 = h] (\bmod 96)$ 
  by auto
then obtain h' where  $h' \bmod 96 = h$  and  $r - d^{\wedge}3 = h'$ 
  using  $\langle H = \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96} - H' \rangle \forall m' \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. m' \bmod 96 = m'$ 
  by (simp add: unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def)
have  $[h = 0] (\bmod 6)$ 
  using  $\langle H = \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96} - H' \rangle \forall m \in \text{MultiplesOf6LessThan96}. \exists n. m = 6 * n \wedge h \in H$ 
    cong-mult-self-left by fastforce
  hence  $[h' = 0] (\bmod 6)$ 
  using  $\langle r - d^{\wedge}3 = h \rangle \langle r - d^{\wedge}3 = h' \rangle$  unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def
    by (metis cong-dvd-modulus-nat dvd-triv-right num-double numeral-mult)
then obtain m where  $6 * m = h'$ 
  by (metis cong-0-iff dvd-def)
moreover hence is-sumpow 2 3 m
  using  $\langle \forall m'. 6 * m' \bmod 96 \in H \longrightarrow \text{is-sumpow } 2 \ 3 \ m' \rangle$  by (simp add:  $\langle h \in H \rangle \langle h' \bmod 96 = h' \rangle$ )
moreover have  $d \geq 0$ 
  by auto
moreover have  $d \leq 22$ 
  by (simp add:  $\forall d \in D. 0 \leq d \wedge d \leq 22 \wedge d \in D$ )
ultimately show ?thesis
  by (metis  $\forall d \in D. d^{\wedge}3 \leq r \wedge d \in D \wedge r - d^{\wedge}3 = h'$  le-add-diff-inverse that)
qed

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1.4 Lemma 2.4 in [2]

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partial-function(tailrec) list-builder :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat list  $\Rightarrow$  nat list
  where [code-computation-unfold, coercion-enabled]:
    list-builder m n l = (if n = 0 then l else (list-builder m (n-1) (m#l)))
declare list-builder.simps[code]

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partial-function(tailrec) dec-list :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat list  $\Rightarrow$  nat list
  where [code-computation-unfold, coercion-enabled]:
    dec-list depth l = (if (tl l) = [] then list-builder (hd l + 1) (depth+1) [] else
      if hd l  $\leq$  hd (tl l) + 1 then dec-list (depth+1) ((hd (tl l) + 1) # (tl (tl l))) else
        list-builder (hd (tl l) + 1) (depth + 2) (tl (tl l)))
  declare dec-list.simps[code]

partial-function(tailrec) sumcubepow-finder :: nat  $\Rightarrow$  nat list  $\Rightarrow$  nat list
  where [code-computation-unfold, coercion-enabled]:
    sumcubepow-finder n l = (if (sumpow 3 l < n) then
      (sumcubepow-finder n ((Suc (hd l)) # (tl l)))
    else if (sumpow 3 l) = n then l else sumcubepow-finder n (dec-list 0 l))
  declare sumcubepow-finder.simps[code]

lemma leq-40000-is-sum-of-9-cubes:
  fixes n :: nat
  assumes n  $\leq$  40000
  shows is-sumpow 3 9 n and n > 8042  $\longrightarrow$  is-sumpow 3 6 n
  proof -
    let ?A1 = [8043 ..< 15000]
    let ?A2 = [15000 ..< 23000]
    let ?A3 = [23000 ..< 29000]
    let ?A4 = [29000 ..< 35000]
    let ?A5 = [35000 ..< 40001]

    let ?test =  $\lambda$  n. let result = sumcubepow-finder n [0,0,0,0,0,0] in
      sumpow 3 result = n  $\wedge$  length result = 6
    have split:  $\bigwedge$  n. n  $\leq$  40000  $\implies$  n > 8042  $\implies$ 
      n  $\in$  set ?A1  $\vee$  n  $\in$  set ?A2  $\vee$  n  $\in$  set ?A3  $\vee$  n  $\in$  set ?A4  $\vee$  n  $\in$  set ?A5
      unfolding set-up by simp linarith
    have  $\forall$  n  $\in$  set ?A1. ?test n
      by eval
    moreover have  $\forall$  n  $\in$  set ?A2. ?test n
      by eval
    moreover have  $\forall$  n  $\in$  set ?A3. ?test n
      by eval
    moreover have  $\forall$  n  $\in$  set ?A4. ?test n
      by eval
    moreover have  $\forall$  n  $\in$  set ?A5. ?test n
      by eval
    ultimately have  $\forall$  n  $\leq$  40000. n > 8042  $\longrightarrow$  ?test n using split by blast
    then have  $\forall$  n  $\leq$  40000. n > 8042  $\longrightarrow$  is-sumpow 3 6 n
      using is-sumpow-def by metis
    then show n > 8042  $\longrightarrow$  is-sumpow 3 6 n
      using  $\langle n \leq 40000 \rangle$  by simp
    have  $\forall$  n  $\leq$  40000. n > 8042  $\longrightarrow$  ( $\exists$  l. length l = 6  $\wedge$  n = sumpow 3 l)
      using is-sumpow-def  $\langle \forall n \leq 40000. n > 8042 \longrightarrow is-sumpow 3 6 n \rangle$  by simp

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then have  $\forall n \leq 40000. n > 8042 \longrightarrow (\exists l. length(l@[0,0,0]) = 9 \wedge n = sumpow_3(l@[0,0,0]))$ 
  by simp
then have  $\forall n \leq 40000. n > 8042 \longrightarrow is-sumpow\ 3\ 9\ n$ 
  using is-sumpow-def by blast
have  $\forall n \leq 8042. let res = sumcubepow-finder\ n\ [0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0] \ in$ 
   $sumpow\ 3\ res = n \wedge length\ res = 9$ 
  by eval
then have  $\forall n \leq 8042. is-sumpow\ 3\ 9\ n$ 
  using is-sumpow-def by metis
then have  $\forall n \leq 40000. is-sumpow\ 3\ 9\ n$ 
  using  $\langle \forall n \leq 40000. n > 8042 \longrightarrow is-sumpow\ 3\ 9\ n \rangle$  by auto
then show is-sumpow 3 9 n
  using  $\langle n \leq 40000 \rangle$  by simp
qed

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2 Wieferich–Kempner Theorem

Theorem 2.1 in [2]

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theorem Wieferich-Kempner:
  fixes N :: nat
  shows is-sumpow 3 9 N
proof cases
  consider (ge8pow10) N > 8^10 | (leq8pow10) N ≤ 8^10
    by arith
  thus ?thesis
  proof cases
    case ge8pow10
    define n::int where n = ⌊root 3 N⌋
    hence n ≥ ⌊root 3 (8^10)⌋
    by (meson floor-mono ge8pow10 less-imp-le-nat numeral-power-le-of-nat-cancel-iff
      real-root-le-iff zero-less-numeral)
    have (2::nat)^3 = 8
      by simp
    hence 8^10 = ((2::nat)^10)^3
      by simp
    have root 3 ((2::nat)^10)^3 = (2::nat)^10
      by simp
    hence n ≥ ⌊(2::nat)^10⌋
    by (metis <8^10 = (2^10)^3> ⌊root 3 (8^10)⌋ ≤ n of-nat-numeral of-nat-power
      power3-eq-cube
        real-root-mult)
    hence ngeq2pow10: n ≥ (2::nat)^10
      by auto
    obtain k::int where k = ⌈(log 8 (N/8))/3⌉ - 1
      by simp
    hence 3*k < (log 8 (N/8))

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by linarith
hence  $8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)) < N$ 
  using ge8pow10 less-log-iff by simp
have  $k+1 \geq (\log 8 (N/8))/3$ 
  by (simp add: ‹k = ⌈log 8 (real N / 8) / 3⌉ - 1›)
hence  $8 \text{ powr} (3*(k+1)) \geq 8 \text{ powr} (\log 8 (N/8))$ 
  by simp
hence  $8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*(k+1))) \geq N$ 
  using ge8pow10 by simp
have  $(N/8) > 8^9$ 
  using ge8pow10 by simp
hence  $(\log 8 (N/8)) > 9$ 
  by (metis less-log-of-power numeral-one numeral-less-iff of-nat-numeral semiring-norm(76))
hence  $(\log 8 (N/8))/3 > 3$ 
  by simp
hence  $k \geq 3$ 
  using ‹k = ⌈(log 8 (N/8))/3⌉ - 1› by simp

define i::int where  $i = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))} \rfloor$ 
hence  $i \leq \sqrt[3]{N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))}$ 
  by fastforce
have  $\sqrt[3]{N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))} \geq 0$ 
  using ‹8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3 * k)) < N› by force
hence  $i \geq 0$ 
  by (simp add: i-def)
hence  $i^3 \leq (\sqrt[3]{N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))})^3$ 
  using ‹i \leq \sqrt[3]{N - 8 * 8 \text{ powr} (3*k)}› power-mono by fastforce
hence  $i^3 \leq N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))$ 
  using ‹8 * 8 \text{ powr} (3*k) < N› by force
hence  $\exp 01:8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)) \leq N - i^3$ 
  by simp
have  $i+1 > \sqrt[3]{N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))}$ 
  by (simp add: i-def)
hence  $(i+1)^3 > (\sqrt[3]{N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)))})^3$ 
  by (metis ‹0 \leq \sqrt[3]{N - 8 * 8 \text{ powr} (3*k)}› of-int-power power-strict-mono zero-less-numeral)
hence  $(i+1)^3 > (N - (8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k))))$ 
  using ‹8 * 8 \text{ powr} (3*k) < N› by force
hence  $\exp 02:8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)) > N - (i+1)^3$ 
  by simp

have  $i \geq 1$ 
proof (rule ccontr)
  assume  $\neg i \geq 1$ 
  hence  $i = 0$ 
    using ‹i \geq 0› by simp
  hence  $8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)) \leq N$ 
    using ‹8 * (8 \text{ powr} (3*k)) \leq N - i^3› by simp

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moreover have  $8 * (8 \text{ powr } (3*k)) + 1 > N$ 
  using  $\langle i = 0 \rangle \langle (N - (i+1)^3) < 8 * (8 \text{ powr } (3*k)) \rangle \text{ ge8pow10 by auto}$ 
moreover have  $\forall x. x \leq N \wedge x + 1 > N \rightarrow x = N$ 
  by linarith
have  $8 * 8^{\wedge}(nat(3*k)) = 8 * (8 \text{ powr } (3*k))$ 
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG)  $\langle 3 \leq k \rangle \text{ powr-real-of-int}$ )
ultimately have  $8 * (8 \text{ powr } (3*k)) = N$ 
  by (metis nat-le-real-less nle-le of-nat-le-iff of-nat-numeral of-nat-power
power.simps(2))
thus False
  using  $\langle 8 * 8 \text{ powr } (3 * k) < N \rangle \text{ by simp}$ 
qed

have  $8 \text{ powr } (3*(k+1)) = (8 \text{ powr } (k+1))^{\wedge}3$ 
  by (metis of-int-mult of-int-numeral powr-ge-pzero powr-numeral powr-powr
powr-powr-swap)
have  $\forall (x:\text{int}) \geq 1. x^{\wedge}3 - (x-1)^{\wedge}3 = 3*x^{\wedge}2 - 3*x + 1$ 
  by Groebner-Basis.algebra
hence  $\forall (x:\text{int}) \geq 1. x^{\wedge}3 - (x-1)^{\wedge}3 < 3*x^{\wedge}2$ 
  by auto
have exp03: $\forall (x:\text{int}) \geq 1. x \leq n \rightarrow 3*x^{\wedge}2 \leq 3 * (\text{root } 3 N)^{\wedge}2$ 
  using n-def by (simp add: le-floor-iff)
have root 3 N  $\leq \text{root } 3 (8 * (8 \text{ powr } (3*(k+1))))$ 
  using  $\langle N \leq 8 * 8 \text{ powr } (3 * (k + 1)) \rangle \text{ by force}$ 
moreover have ...  $= (\text{root } 3 8) * (\text{root } 3 ((8 \text{ powr } ((k+1)))^{\wedge}3))$ 
  using  $\langle 8 \text{ powr } (3*(k+1)) = (8 \text{ powr } (k+1))^{\wedge}3 \rangle \text{ real-root-mult by simp}$ 
moreover have ...  $= 2 * (8 \text{ powr } ((k+1)))$ 
  using odd-real-root-power-cancel by simp
ultimately have exp04: $(\text{root } 3 N)^{\wedge}2 \leq (2 * (8 \text{ powr } (k+1)))^{\wedge}2$ 
  by (metis of-nat-0-le-iff power-mono real-root-pos-pos-le)
moreover hence exp05: ...  $= (4 * (8 \text{ powr } ((k+1)))^{\wedge}2)$ 
  using four-x-squared by presburger
moreover hence exp06:...  $= (4 * (8 \text{ powr } (2*(k+1))))$ 
  by (smt (verit) of-int-add power2-eq-square powr-add)
moreover hence ...  $= (8 * (8 \text{ powr } (2*k + 2))) / 2$ 
  by simp
moreover hence exp07:...  $= (8 \text{ powr } (2*k + 3)) / 2$ 
  by (simp add: add.commute powr-mult-base)
ultimately have exp08: $3 * (\text{root } 3 N)^{\wedge}2 \leq (3 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k + 3)) / 2$ 
  by linarith
have exp09: $\forall x \geq 1. x \leq n \rightarrow \text{real-of-int } (x^{\wedge}3 - (x-1)^{\wedge}3) < \text{real-of-int } (3*x^{\wedge}2)$ 
  using  $\langle \forall (x:\text{int}) \geq 1. x^{\wedge}3 - (x-1)^{\wedge}3 < 3*x^{\wedge}2 \rangle \text{ by presburger}$ 
hence  $\forall x \geq 1. x \leq n \rightarrow x^{\wedge}3 - (x-1)^{\wedge}3 < 3 * (\text{root } 3 N)^{\wedge}2$ 
  using exp03 less-le-trans
  by fastforce
hence exp10: $\forall x \geq 1. x \leq n \rightarrow x^{\wedge}3 - (x-1)^{\wedge}3 \leq (3 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k + 3)) / 2$ 
  using exp08 by fastforce

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have (root 3 N) ^ 3 = N
  by simp
have root 3 N < n + 1
  using n-def by linarith
hence (root 3 N) ^ 3 < (n + 1) ^ 3
  by (metis of-int-power of-nat-0-le-iff real-root-pos-pos-le zero-less-numeral
power-strict-mono)

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The following few lines have been slightly modified from the original proof to simplify formalisation. This does not affect the proof in any meaningful way.

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hence exp11:N - n ^ 3 < (n + 1) ^ 3 - n ^ 3
  using <(root 3 N) ^ 3 = N> by linarith
have exp12:... = 3 * n ^ 2 + 3 * n + 1
  by Groebner-Basis.algebra
have exp13:... ≤ 6 * n ^ 2 + 1
  using <n ≥ (2::nat) ^ 10> power-strict-mono by (simp add: self-le-power)
have ... ≤ 6 * (root 3 N) ^ 2 + 1
  using n-def by auto
have ... ≤ (3 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3)) + 1
  using <3 * (root 3 N) ^ 2 ≤ (3 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3)) / 2> by auto
hence exp14:... ≤ 4 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3)
  using <3 ≤ k> ge-one-powr-ge-zero by auto
hence exp15:... ≤ 8 * 8 powr (3 * k)
  by (smt (verit, best) <3 ≤ k> of-int-le-iff powr-mono)

have 6 * n ^ 2 ≤ 3 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3)
  using <6 * (root 3 N) ^ 2 + 1 ≤ 3 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3) + 1> <(6 * n ^ 2 + 1) ≤ 6 * (root
3 N) ^ 2 + 1> by linarith
hence i ≤ n - 1
  using exp12 exp14 exp13 exp01 i-def n-def exp11 exp15
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) floor-mono of-int-less-iff real-root-le-iff zero-less-numeral)
hence N - (i + 1) ^ 3 ≤ 8 * 8 powr (3 * k)
  using <(int N - (i + 1) ^ 3) < 8 * 8 powr (3 * k)> by linarith
hence N ≥ (i + 1) ^ 3
  using exp04 exp06 exp15 exp07 exp01 exp03 exp09 <i ≤ n - 1> <0 ≤ i>
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-threshold) divide-cancel-right exp05 of-int-0-le-iff of-int-diff)
have exp16:((i + 1) ^ 3 - i ^ 3) ≤ 3 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3)
  using exp10 exp05 exp04 exp06 exp07 exp03 exp09 <i ≤ n - 1> <0 ≤ i>
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) divide-cancel-right powr-non-neg)
have (i ^ 3 - (i - 1) ^ 3) ≤ 3 * 8 powr (2 * k + 3)
  using exp10 exp05 exp04 exp06 exp07 exp03 exp09 <i ≤ n - 1> <1 ≤ i>
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) divide-cancel-right powr-non-neg)
have i ^ 3 > (i - 1) ^ 3
  by (smt (verit, best) power-minus-Bit1 power-mono-iff zero-less-numeral)
have N - (i - 1) ^ 3 = ((N - (i - 1) ^ 3) - (N - i ^ 3)) + ((N - i ^ 3) - (N - (i + 1) ^ 3))
+ (N - (i + 1) ^ 3)
  by simp
have ... = (i ^ 3 - (i - 1) ^ 3) + ((i + 1) ^ 3 - i ^ 3) + (N - (i + 1) ^ 3)

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by simp
have exp17: ... < 3*8 powr (2*k + 3) + 8*8 powr (3*k)
  using ‹N - (i+1)^3 ≤ 8*8 powr (3*k)› ‹i ≤ n-1› ‹1 ≤ i› ‹0 ≤ i› exp08
exp10 exp03 exp09
  by (smt (verit) field-sum-of-halves of-int-add of-int-diff power-strict-mono
zero-less-numeral)
have exp18:... ≤ 11*(8 powr (3*k))
  by (simp add: ‹3 ≤ k›)
have (even (i^3) ∧ odd ((i-1)^3)) ∨ (even ((i-1)^3) ∧ odd (i^3))
  by simp
hence (even (N - i^3) ∧ odd (N - (i-1)^3)) ∨ (even (N - (i-1)^3) ∧ odd
(N - i^3))
  by auto
hence (even (N - (i-1)^3)) → odd (N - i^3)
  by blast
obtain a::nat where a-def: if odd (N - (i-1)^3) then a = i-1 else a = i
  by (metis ‹0 ≤ i› ‹1 ≤ i› diff-ge-0-iff-ge nonneg-int-cases)
have a = int a
  by simp
consider (odd) odd (N - (i-1)^3) | (even) even (N - (i-1)^3)
  by blast
hence odd (N - a^3)
proof cases
  case odd
  have int a = i-1
    using a-def odd by simp
  have odd (N - (i-1)^3)
    using odd by simp
  hence odd (N - (int a)^3)
    using ‹a = i-1› by simp
  have a^3 ≤ N
    using ‹N ≥ (i+1)^3› ‹int a = i-1› power-mono ‹i ≥ 1›
    by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) of-nat-le-of-nat-power-cancel-iff)
  hence N - a^3 = N - (int a)^3
    by (simp add: of-nat-diff)
  thus ?thesis
    using ‹odd (N - (int a)^3)› by presburger
next
  case even
  have a = i
    using a-def even by simp
  have odd (N - i^3)
    using ‹(even (N - (i-1)^3)) → odd (N - i^3)› even by simp
  hence odd (N - (int a)^3)
    using ‹a = i› by simp
  have a^3 ≤ N
    using ‹N ≥ (i+1)^3› ‹int a = i› power-mono ‹i ≥ 1›
    by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) of-nat-le-of-nat-power-cancel-iff)
  hence N - a^3 = N - (int a)^3

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    by (simp add: of-nat-diff)
  thus ?thesis
    using ‹odd (N - (int a) ^ 3)› by presburger
qed
hence odd (nat (N - a ^ 3))
  using nat-int by presburger
moreover have 3 * (nat k) ≥ 1
  using ‹3 ≤ k› by auto
ultimately have ∃ b. odd b ∧ [(nat (N - a ^ 3)) = b ^ 3] (mod 2 ^ (3 * (nat k)))
  using every-odd-nat-cong-cube by presburger
  then obtain b'::nat where odd b' and [(nat (N - a ^ 3)) = b' ^ 3] (mod
2 ^ (3 * (nat k)))
  by auto
define b::nat where b = b' mod (8 ^ (nat k))
have [nat (N - a ^ 3) ≠ 0] (mod 2 ^ (3 * (nat k)))
  by (meson ‹1 ≤ 3 * nat k› ‹odd (nat (int (N - a ^ 3)))› cong-0-iff even-power

  cong-dvd-modulus-nat dvd-refl order-less-le-trans zero-less-one)
hence b > 0
  by (metis ‹1 ≤ 3 * nat k› ‹2 ^ 3 = 8› b-def ‹odd b'› dvd-power gcd-nat.trans

  mod-greater-zero-iff-not-dvd order-less-le-trans power-mult zero-less-one)
hence b ^ 3 > 0
  by simp

have b < 8 powr k
  by (simp add: b-def powr-int)
hence b ^ 3 < (8 powr (k)) ^ 3
  using power-strict-mono by fastforce
hence b ^ 3 < 8 powr (3 * k)
  by (metis mult.commute of-int-mult of-int-numeral powr-ge-pzero powr-numeral
powr-powr)
have N - a ^ 3 ≥ 8 * 8 powr (3 * k)
  using ‹(i - 1) ^ 3 < i ^ 3› ‹8 * 8 powr (3 * k) ≤ N - i ^ 3›
  by (smt (verit, best) a-def int-ops(6) of-int-less-iff of-int-of-nat-eq of-nat-power)

have exp19: 7 * 8 powr (3 * k) = 8 * 8 powr (3 * k) - 8 powr (3 * k)
  by simp
have exp20: ... < (N - a ^ 3) - b ^ 3
  using ‹N - a ^ 3 ≥ 8 * 8 powr (3 * k)› ‹b ^ 3 < 8 powr (3 * k)› by linarith
hence ... < N - a ^ 3
  using ‹0 < b ^ 3› ‹(b ^ 3) < 8 powr (3 * k)› by linarith
have exp21: ... < 11 * 8 powr (3 * k)
  using a-def ‹(i - 1) ^ 3 < i ^ 3› exp16 exp01 exp17 exp18 exp02
  by (smt (verit) of-int-less-iff of-int-of-nat-eq of-nat-diff of-nat-le-of-nat-power-cancel-iff
    of-nat-power)

have [N - a ^ 3 - b ^ 3 = 0] (mod (8 ^ (nat k)))

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by (smt (verit, del-insts) <2^3 = 8> <[nat (N - a^3) = b'^3] (mod 2^(3*nat
k))> b-def
  unique-euclidean-semiring-class.cong-def cong-diff-iff-cong-0-nat diff-is-0-eq'
nat-int
  nle-le power-mod power-mult)
define q::real where q = (N - a^3 - b^3)/((8 powr k))
have (N - a^3 - b^3)/(8 powr k) ≥ 1
by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) <1 ≤ 3 * nat k> exp20 le-divide-eq-1-pos less-numeral-extra(1)

nat-0-less-mult-iff of-int-less-iff order-less-le-trans powr-gt-zero powr-less-cancel-iff
  zero-less-nat-eq)
hence q ≠ 0
  using q-def by auto
moreover have (N - a^3 - b^3) ≠ 0
  using exp20 by auto

moreover have (8 powr k) ≠ 0
  using power-not-zero by auto
ultimately have exp22: q*((8 powr k)) = (N - a^3 - b^3)
  using q-def by auto

have exp23: (8::nat)^(nat k) = 8 powr k
  using <1 ≤ 3 * nat k> powr-int by auto
hence q = ⌊q⌋
  using <[N - a^3 - b^3 = 0] (mod (8::nat)^(nat k))> q-def
  by (metis cong-0-iff floor-of-nat of-int-of-nat-eq real-of-nat-div)
have 7*8 powr (3*k) < q*8 powr (k)
  using exp19 exp20 exp22
  by presburger
hence q > 7*8 powr (3*k)/(8 powr k)
  by (simp add: divide-less-eq)
hence ... > 7*(8 powr (3*k - k))
  using powr-diff by (metis of-int-diff times-divide-eq-right)
hence ... > 7 * 8 powr (2*k)
  by simp

have q*8 powr k < 11*8 powr (3*k)
  using exp22 exp21 by linarith
hence q < 11*8 powr (3*k) / 8 powr k
  by (simp add: pos-less-divide-eq)
hence q < 11*8 powr (3*k - k)
  using powr-diff by (metis of-int-diff times-divide-eq-right)
hence q < 11*8 powr (2*k)
  by simp
have exp24:(8::nat)^(2*(nat k)) = 8 powr (2*k)
  using <3 ≤ k> powr-int
  by (metis exp23 of-int-mult of-int-numeral of-nat-power power-even-eq powr-ge-pzero

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powr-numeral powr-powr powr-powr-swap)
hence  $6*(8::nat) \wedge (2*(nat k)) = 6*8 \text{ powr } (2*k)$ 
  by simp
have  $6*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k)) < 7*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k))$ 
  by simp
hence  $\lfloor q \rfloor - 6*(8 \wedge (2*(nat k))) > 0$ 
  using  $\langle 7 * 8 \text{ powr } (2 * k) < q \rangle \langle q = \lfloor q \rfloor \rangle$ 
proof -
  have  $6 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k) < 7 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k)$ 
    by simp
  have  $7 * 8 \text{ powr } (2 * k) < q$ 
    using  $\langle 7 * 8 \text{ powr } (2 * k) < q \rangle$  by fastforce
  hence  $6 * 8 \text{ powr } (2 * k) < q$ 
    using  $\langle 6 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k) < 7 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k) \rangle$  by linarith
  thus ?thesis
by (metis (no-types)  $\langle q = \lfloor q \rfloor \rangle$  exp24 of-int-0-less-iff of-int-diff of-int-eq-numeral-power-cancel-iff
  of-int-mult of-int-numeral real-of-nat-eq-numeral-power-cancel-iff diff-gt-0-iff-gt)
qed
then obtain r::nat where  $r = \lfloor q \rfloor - 6*(8 \wedge (2*(nat k)))$ 
  by (metis zero-less-imp-eq-int)
hence  $r = q - 6*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k))$ 
  by (metis  $\langle q = \lfloor q \rfloor \rangle$  exp24 of-int-diff of-int-mult of-int-numeral of-int-of-nat-eq
    real-of-nat-eq-numeral-power-cancel-iff)
have  $(22::nat) \wedge 3 < 8 \wedge 6$ 
  using power-mono by simp
have ...  $\leq 8 \wedge (nat (k*2))$ 
  by (smt (verit, best)  $\langle k \geq 3 \rangle$  nat-mono nat-numeral numeral-Bit0 numeral-Bit1
    numeral-eq-one-iff numeral-less-iff power-increasing-iff)
have ... =  $8 \text{ powr } (2*k)$ 
  by (smt (verit, best)  $\langle 3 \leq k \rangle$  numeral-Bit0 numeral-One of-nat-1 of-nat-numeral
    of-nat-power powr-int)
have ... < r
  using  $\langle r = q - 6*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k)) \rangle \langle q > 7 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k) \rangle$  by auto
have ... <  $5*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k))$ 
  using  $\langle q < 11 * 8 \text{ powr } (2*k) \rangle \langle r = q - 6*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k)) \rangle$  by auto

have  $r > 22 \wedge 3$ 
  using  $\langle (22::nat) \wedge 3 < 8 \wedge 6 \rangle \langle 8 \wedge 6 \leq 8 \wedge (nat (k*2)) \rangle \langle \text{real } (8 \wedge (nat (k*2))) = 8$ 
    powr (2*k)  $\rangle \langle 8 \text{ powr } (2*k) < r \rangle$ 
  by linarith
hence  $r \geq 10648$ 
  by simp
then obtain d m where  $d \geq 0$  and  $d \leq 22$  and  $r = d \wedge 3 + 6*m$  and
  is-sumpow 2 3 m
  using values-geq-22-cubed-can-be-normalised by auto

define A::nat where  $A = 8 \wedge (nat k)$ 

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have  $m \leq r/6$ 
  using  $\langle r = d^3 + 6*m \rangle \langle d \geq 0 \rangle$  by linarith
have ... <  $(5*8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil})/6$ 
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) <math> 3 \leq k < r < 5*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k))</math> divide-strict-right-mono
powr-int)
have ... <  $8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}$ 
  by simp
have ... =  $A^2$ 
  by (metis A-def <math>\text{real}(8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}) = 8 \text{ powr } (2*k)</math> <math>\text{real}(8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}) = 8 \text{ powr } (2*k)</math>
mult.commute power-mult real-of-nat-eq-numeral-power-cancel-iff)

define c::nat where  $c = d*2^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}$ 
have  $N = a^3 + b^3 + (8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil})*q$ 
  by (smt (verit, del-insts) <math> 1 \leq 3 * \lceil \log_2(m) \rceil < N - a^3 - b^3 \neq 0</math> exp22
diff-is-0-eq' mult.commute nat-0-iff nat-0-less-mult-iff nat-int nle-le
of-nat-add
  of-nat-diff powr-int zero-less-nat-eq zero-less-one)
moreover have ... =  $a^3 + b^3 + 8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}*(6*8 \text{ powr } (2*k) + r)$ 
  using <math>\langle r = q - 6*(8 \text{ powr } (2*k)) \rangle</math> by simp
moreover have ... =  $a^3 + b^3 + 8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}*(6*8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} + r)$ 
proof -
  have  $8 \text{ powr } (int 2 * k) = (8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} * int 2)$ 
    using <math>\text{real}(8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} * int 2) = 8 \text{ powr } (2 * k)</math> by auto
  thus ?thesis
    by simp
qed
moreover have ... =  $a^3 + b^3 + (8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} * d^3) + 8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}*(6*8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} + r)$ 
+  $6*m$ 
  by (simp add: <math>\langle r = d^3 + 6*m \rangle</math> add-mult-distrib2)
moreover have ... =  $a^3 + b^3 + ((2^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil})*d)^3 + 8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}*(6*8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} + r)$ 
+  $6*m$ 
  by (smt (verit) <math> 2^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} = 8</math> mult.commute power-mult power-mult-distrib)
moreover have ... =  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 6*A*(A^2 + m)$ 
  by (smt (z3) A-def c-def exp24 <math>\text{real}(8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}) = 8 \text{ powr } (2*k)</math>
add-mult-distrib2
  mult.assoc mult.commute of-nat-eq-iff power-even-eq)
ultimately have  $N = a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 6*A*(A^2 + m)$ 
  using of-nat-eq-iff by metis
have is-sumpow 3 6 ( $6*A*(A^2 + m)$ )
proof -
  have  $m \leq A^2$ 
    using <math>\langle 8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil} = \text{real}(A^2) \rangle \langle m \leq r/6 \rangle \langle \text{real } r / 6 < 5*8^{\lceil \log_2(m) \rceil}</math>
k)/6 by linarith
  thus ?thesis
    using sum-of-6-cubes is-sumpow 2 3 m by simp
qed
then obtain l::nat list where length l = 6 and  $6*A*(A^2 + m) = \text{sumpow } 3 l$ 
  using is-sumpow-def by blast

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have  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + sumpow 3 l = sumpow 3 (a\#b\#c\#l)$ 
  by (simp add: fold-plus-sum-list-rev)
hence ... = N
  using <6 * A * (A2 + m) = sumpow 3 l, N = a3 + b3 + c3 + 6*A*(A2
+ m)> by presburger
have length (a\#b\#c\#l) = 9
  using <length l = 6> by simp
thus ?thesis
  using <sumpow 3 (a\#b\#c\#l) = N> is-sumpow-def by blast
next
case leq8pow10
consider (leq40000) N ≤ 40000 | (ge40000) N > 40000
  by arith
thus ?thesis
proof (cases)
  case ge40000
  define a::int where a = ⌊(N - 10000) powr (1/3)⌋

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The following inequalities differ from those in [2], which erroneously result in the false statement $a > 31$, we have corrected these mistakes. This does not affect the rest of the proof.

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have (N - 10000) > 30000
  using ge40000 by linarith
hence (N - 10000) powr (1/3) ≥ (30000) powr (1/3)
  using powr-mono2 by simp
hence a ≥ ⌊(30000::int) powr (1/3)⌋
  using a-def floor-mono by simp
have (30000::nat) > (31)3
  by simp
hence (30000::nat) powr (1/3) > (313) powr (1/3)
  by (metis numeral-less-iff numeral-pow of-nat-numeral powr-less-mono2
zero-le-numeral
      zero-less-divide-1-iff zero-less-numeral)
hence ... > 31
  by auto
hence ⌊(30000::nat) powr (1/3)⌋ ≥ 31
  by linarith
hence a ≥ 31
  using <a ≥ ⌊(30000::int) powr (1/3)⌋>
  by (metis nle-le of-int-numeral of-nat-numeral order-trans)
hence nat a = a
  by simp
have ∀(x::int) > 4. x*(x - 3) > 1
  by (simp add: less-1-mult)
hence ∀(x::int) > 4. x2 - 3*x - 1 > 0
  by (simp add: mult.commute power2-eq-square right-diff-distrib')
define d::int where d = (a+1)3 - a3
moreover have ... = 3*a2 + 3*a + 1
  by Groebner-Basis.algebra

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moreover hence  $a^2 - 3*a - 1 > 0$ 
  using  $\langle a \geq 31 \rangle \forall (x:\text{int}) > 4. x^2 - 3*x - 1 > 0$  by simp
moreover hence  $4*a^2 > 3*a^2 + 3*a + 1$ 
  by simp
ultimately have  $4*a^2 > d$ 
  by presburger
have  $a < (\text{N powr } (1/3))$ 
  by (smt (verit, best) a-def diff-less floor-eq-iff ge40000 of-nat-0-le-iff
of-nat-less-iff
  powr-less-mono2 zero-less-divide-1-iff zero-less-numeral)
hence  $a \text{ powr } 2 < (\text{N powr } (1/3)) \text{ powr } 2$ 
  using  $\langle 31 \leq a \rangle$  order-less-le by fastforce
hence  $4*a^2 < 4*(\text{N powr } (2/3))$ 
  using a-def powr-powr by fastforce
have  $N - (N - 10000) \leq 10000$ 
  by simp
hence  $N - ((N - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3)) \text{ powr } 3 \leq 10000$ 
  using powr-powr powr-one-gt-zero-iff ge40000 by force
hence  $N - \lfloor (N - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3) + 1 \rfloor \text{ powr } 3 < 10000$ 
by (smt (verit, best) powr-ge-pzero powr-less-mono2 real-of-int-floor-add-one-gt)
hence  $N - (a+1) \text{ powr } 3 < 10000$ 
  using a-def one-add-floor by simp
have  $(a+1) \text{ powr } 3 = (a+1)^3$ 
  using a-def by auto
hence  $N - (a+1)^3 < 10000$ 
  using  $\langle N - (a+1) \text{ powr } 3 < 10000 \rangle$  by linarith
have ...  $\leq N - (N - 10000)$ 
  using ge40000 by auto
moreover have ...  $= N - ((N - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3)) \text{ powr } 3$ 
  using powr-powr by simp
moreover have ...  $\leq N - \lfloor ((N - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3)) \rfloor \text{ powr } 3$ 
  by simp
moreover have ...  $= N - a^3$ 
  using a-def by simp
ultimately have  $10000 \leq N - a^3$ 
  by linarith
have ...  $= N - (a+1)^3 + d$ 
  using d-def by simp
moreover have ...  $< 10000 + 4*(\text{N powr } (2/3))$ 
  using  $\langle N - (a+1)^3 < 10000 \rangle \langle 4*a^2 > d \rangle \langle 4*a^2 < 4*(\text{N powr } (2/3)) \rangle$ 
le-less-trans by linarith
ultimately have  $N - a^3 < 10000 + 4*(\text{N powr } (2/3))$ 
  by presburger
hence  $\text{int } (N - (\text{nat } a)^3) < 10000 + 4*(\text{N powr } (2/3))$ 
  using  $\langle \text{nat } a = a \rangle$ 
  by (smt (verit, best) 10000  $\leq \text{int } N - a^3$  int-ops(6) of-int-of-nat-eq
of-nat-power)

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consider (*N-min-a-cube-leq40000*) $N - (\text{nat } a)^3 \leq 40000 \mid (\text{N-min-a-cube-ge40000})$

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 $N = (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3 > 40000$ 
  by arith
  thus ?thesis
proof (cases)
  case N-min-a-cube-leq40000
  have  $N = (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3 \geq 10000$ 
    using  $\langle 10000 \leq N - a^{\wedge}3 \rangle \text{ int-nat-eq } \langle a \geq 31 \rangle$ 
    by (smt (verit) int-ops(6) numeral-Bit0 numeral-Bit1 numeral-One of-nat-1
of-nat-le-iff
      of-nat-numeral of-nat-power)
  hence is-sumpow 3 6 ( $N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3$ )
    using leq-40000-is-sum-of-9-cubes N-min-a-cube-leq40000 by force

  then obtain l::nat list where length l = 6 and  $N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3 = \text{sumpow}$ 
3 l
  using is-sumpow-def by blast
  have  $0 + 0 + (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3 + \text{sumpow } 3 l = \text{sumpow } 3 ((\text{nat } a)\#0\#0\#l)$ 
    by (simp add: fold-plus-sum-list-rev)
  hence ... = N
    using  $\langle N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3 = \text{sumpow } 3 l \rangle \langle 10000 \leq N - \text{nat } a^{\wedge}3 \rangle$  by
presburger
  have length  $((\text{nat } a)\#0\#0\#l) = 9$ 
    using length l = 6 by simp
  thus ?thesis
    using  $\langle \text{sumpow } 3 ((\text{nat } a)\#0\#0\#l) = N \rangle \text{ is-sumpow-def}$  by blast
next
  case N-min-a-cube-ge40000
  define N':nat where  $N' = N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge}3$ 
  hence  $N' > 40000$ 
    using N-min-a-cube-ge40000 by simp

  define b:int where  $b = \lfloor (N' - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3) \rfloor$ 

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The same mistake as above crops up, and we have corrected it in the same way.

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  have ...  $\geq 31$ 
  by (smt (verit)  $\langle 31 \leq \lfloor \text{real } 30000 \text{ powr } (1 / 3) \rfloor \rangle \langle 40000 < N' \rangle$  floor-mono
floor-of-nat
      int-ops(2) int-ops(6) less-imp-of-nat-less numeral-Bit0 numeral-Bit1
numeral-One
      of-nat-numeral powr-mono2 zero-le-divide-1-iff)
  hence  $b \geq 31$ 
    using b-def by simp
  hence nat b = b
    by simp

  define d':int where  $d' = (b+1)^{\wedge}3 - b^{\wedge}3$ 
  moreover have ... =  $3*b^{\wedge}2 + 3*b + 1$ 
    by Groebner-Basis.algebra

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moreover have  $b^2 - 3*b - 1 > 0$ 
  using  $\langle b \geq 31 \rangle \langle \forall (x:\text{int}) > 4. x^2 - 3*x - 1 > 0 \rangle$  by simp
moreover hence  $4*b^2 > 3*b^2 + 3*b + 1$ 
  by simp
ultimately have  $4*b^2 > d'$ 
  by presburger

have  $b < (N' \text{ powr } (1/3))$ 
  using b-def
    by (smt (verit, best) N-min-a-cube-ge40000 N'-def diff-less floor-eq-iff
of-nat-0-le-iff
      of-nat-less-iff powr-less-mono2 zero-less-divide-1-iff zero-less-numeral)
hence  $b \text{ powr } 2 < (N' \text{ powr } (1/3)) \text{ powr } 2$ 
  using  $\langle 31 \leq b \rangle$  order-less-le by fastforce
hence  $4*b^2 < 4*(N' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ 
  using b-def powr-powr by fastforce
have  $N' - (N' - 10000) \leq 10000$ 
  by simp
hence  $N' - ((N' - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3)) \text{ powr } 3 \leq 10000$ 
  using powr-powr powr-one-gt-zero-iff  $\langle N' > 40000 \rangle$  by force
hence  $N' - \lfloor (N' - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3) + 1 \rfloor \text{ powr } 3 < 10000$ 
by (smt (verit, best) powr-ge-pzero powr-less-mono2 real-of-int-floor-add-one-gt)
hence  $N' - (b+1) \text{ powr } 3 < 10000$ 
  using b-def one-add-floor by simp
have  $(b+1) \text{ powr } 3 = (b+1)^3$ 
  using b-def by auto
hence  $N' - (b+1)^3 < 10000$ 
  using  $\langle N' - (b+1) \text{ powr } 3 < 10000 \rangle$  by linarith
have  $\dots \leq N' - (N' - 10000)$ 
  using  $\langle N' > 40000 \rangle$  by auto
moreover have  $\dots = N' - ((N' - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3)) \text{ powr } 3$ 
  using powr-powr by simp
moreover have  $\dots \leq N' - \lfloor ((N' - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3)) \rfloor \text{ powr } 3$ 
  by simp
moreover have  $\dots = N' - b^3$ 
  using b-def by simp
ultimately have  $10000 \leq N' - b^3$ 
  by linarith
have  $\dots = N' - (b+1)^3 + d'$ 
  using d'-def by simp
moreover have  $\dots < 10000 + 4*(N' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ 
  using  $\langle N' - (b+1)^3 < 10000 \rangle \langle 4*b^2 > d' \rangle \langle 4*b^2 < 4*(N' \text{ powr } (2/3)) \rangle$  le-less-trans
  by linarith
ultimately have  $N' - b^3 < 10000 + 4*(N' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ 
  by presburger
hence  $\text{int } (N' - (\text{nat } b)^3) < 10000 + 4*(N' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ 
  using  $\langle \text{nat } b = b \rangle$ 
  by (smt (verit, best)  $\langle 10000 \leq \text{int } N' - b^3 \rangle$  int-ops(6) of-int-of-nat-eq

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of-nat-power)

consider ( $N' \text{-min-b-cube-leq} 40000$ )  $N' - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 \leq 40000 \mid (N' \text{-min-b-cube-ge} 40000)$ 
 $N' - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 > 40000$ 
    by arith
thus ?thesis
proof (cases)
    case  $N' \text{-min-b-cube-leq} 40000$ 
        have  $N' - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 \geq 10000$ 
            using  $\langle 10000 \leq N' - b^{\wedge} 3 \rangle \text{ int-nat-eq } \langle b \geq 31 \rangle$ 
            by (smt (verit) int-ops(6) numeral-Bit0 numeral-Bit1 numeral-One
of-nat-1 of-nat-le-iff
of-nat-numeral of-nat-power)
        hence  $N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge} 3 - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 \geq 10000$ 
            using  $N' \text{-def}$  by simp
        hence  $\text{is-sumpow } 3 \ 6 \ (N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge} 3 - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3)$ 
            using  $\text{leq-40000-is-sum-of-9-cubes } N' \text{-min-b-cube-leq} 40000 \ N' \text{-def}$  by
force
            then obtain  $l :: \text{nat list}$  where  $\text{length } l = 6$  and  $N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge} 3 - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 = \text{sumpow } 3 \ l$ 
            using  $\text{is-sumpow-def}$  by blast
            have  $0 + (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 + (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge} 3 + \text{sumpow } 3 \ l = \text{sumpow } 3 \ ((\text{nat } a) \# (\text{nat } b) \# 0 \# l)$ 
                by (simp add: fold-plus-sum-list-rev)
            hence  $\dots = N$ 
                using  $\langle N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge} 3 - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3 = \text{sumpow } 3 \ l \rangle \langle 10000 \leq N - \text{nat } a^{\wedge} 3 - \text{nat } b^{\wedge} 3 \rangle$ 
                by presburger
            have  $\text{length } ((\text{nat } a) \# (\text{nat } b) \# 0 \# l) = 9$ 
                using  $\langle \text{length } l = 6 \rangle$  by simp
            thus ?thesis
                using  $\langle \text{sumpow } 3 \ (\text{nat } a \# \text{nat } b \# 0 \# l) = N \rangle \text{ is-sumpow-def}$  by blast
next
    case  $N' \text{-min-b-cube-ge} 40000$ 

        define  $N'' :: \text{nat}$  where  $N'' = N - (\text{nat } a)^{\wedge} 3 - (\text{nat } b)^{\wedge} 3$ 
        hence  $N'' > 40000$ 
        using  $N' \text{-min-b-cube-ge} 40000 \ N' \text{-def}$  by simp

        define  $c :: \text{int}$  where  $c = \lfloor (N'' - 10000) \text{ powr } (1/3) \rfloor$ 

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We correct the same mistake as above.

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have  $\dots \geq 31$ 
    by (smt (verit)  $\langle 31 \leq \lfloor \text{real } 30000 \text{ powr } (1 / 3) \rfloor \rangle \langle 40000 < N'' \rangle$ 
floor-mono floor-of-nat
    int-ops(2) int-ops(6) less-imp-of-nat-less numeral-Bit0 numeral-Bit1
numeral-One
    of-nat-numeral powr-mono2 zero-le-divide-1-iff
hence  $c \geq 31$ 

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using c-def by simp
hence cnotneg: nat c = c
  using int-nat-eq by simp

define d'':int where d'' = (c+1)^3 - c^3
moreover have ... = 3*c^2 + 3*c + 1
  by Groebner-Basis.algebra
moreover have c^2 - 3*c - 1 > 0
  using <c ≥ 31> <forall(x:int) > 4. x^2 - 3*x - 1 > 0 by simp
moreover hence 4*c^2 > 3*c^2 + 3*c + 1
  by simp
ultimately have 4*c^2 > d''
  by presburger

have c < (N'' powr (1/3))
  using c-def N'-min-b-cube-ge40000 N'-def N''-def
  by (smt (verit, ccfv-SIG) diff-less floor-eq-iff of-nat-0-le-iff of-nat-less-iff
      powr-less-mono2 zero-less-divide-1-iff zero-less-numeral)
hence c powr 2 < (N'' powr (1/3))powr 2
  using <31 ≤ c> order-less-le by fastforce
hence 4*c^2 < 4*(N'' powr (2/3))
  using c-def powr-powr by fastforce

have N'' - (N'' - 10000) ≤ 10000
  by simp
hence N'' - ((N'' - 10000) powr (1/3)) powr 3 ≤ 10000
  using powr-powr powr-one-gt-zero-iff <N' > 40000 by force
hence N'' - ⌊(N'' - 10000) powr (1/3) + 1⌋ powr 3 < 10000
  by (smt (verit, best) powr-ge-pzero powr-less-mono2 real-of-int-floor-add-one-gt)
hence N'' - (c+1) powr 3 < 10000
  using c-def one-add-floor by simp
have (c+1) powr 3 = (c+1)^3
  using c-def by auto
hence N'' - (c+1)^3 < 10000
  using <N'' - (c+1) powr 3 < 10000> by linarith
have ... ≤ N'' - (N'' - 10000)
  using <N'' > 40000 by auto
moreover have ... = N'' - ((N'' - 10000) powr (1/3)) powr 3
  using powr-powr by simp
moreover have ... ≤ N'' - ⌈((N'' - 10000) powr (1/3))⌉ powr 3
  by simp
moreover have ... = N'' - c^3
  using c-def by simp
ultimately have 10000 ≤ N'' - c^3
  by linarith
moreover have ... = N'' - (c+1)^3 + d''
  using d''-def by simp
moreover have ... < 10000 + 4*(N'' powr (2/3))
  using <N'' - (c+1)^3 < 10000> <4*c^2 > d''> <4*c^2 < 4*(N'' powr

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(2/3))> le-less-trans
  by linarith
ultimately have  $N'' - c^3 < 10000 + 4*(N'' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ 
  by presburger
hence int  $(N'' - (\text{nat } c)^3) < 10000 + 4*(N'' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ 
  using cnotneg
  by (smt (verit, best) < 10000 ≤ int  $N'' - c^3$ ) int-ops(6) of-int-of-nat-eq
    of-nat-power)
have  $N - (\text{nat } a)^3 - (\text{nat } b)^3 - (c+1)^3 < 10000$ 
  using < $N'' - (c+1)^3 < 10000$ > N''-def by simp
have ... ≤  $N'' - (\text{nat } c)^3$ 
  by (smt (verit, del-insts) < 10000 ≤ int  $N'' - c^3$ ) cnotneg int-ops(6)
    of-nat-power)
have ... < 10000 + 4*(( $N - (\text{nat } a)^3 - (\text{nat } b)^3$ ) powr (2/3))
  using N''-def <int  $(N'' - (\text{nat } c)^3) < 10000 + 4*(N'' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ >
  by simp
moreover have ... < 10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*(( $N - (\text{nat } a)^3$ ) powr (2/3))) powr (2/3))
  using <int  $(N' - (\text{nat } b)^3) < 10000 + 4*(N' \text{ powr } (2/3))$ > powr-less-mono2 N'-def by simp
moreover have ... < 10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*( $N \text{ powr } (2/3)$ )) powr (2/3))) powr (2/3))
  using <int  $(N - (\text{nat } a)^3) < 10000 + 4*(N \text{ powr } (2/3))$ > powr-less-mono2
  by simp
moreover have ... ≤ 10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*((int 8^10) powr (2/3))) powr (2/3))) powr (2/3))
  using leq8pow10 powr-less-mono2 nle-le
  by (smt (verit, best) numeral-power-le-of-nat-cancel-iff of-int-of-nat-eq
    of-nat-0-le-iff
    of-nat-power powr-ge-pzero zero-less-divide-iff)
moreover have ... = 10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*((4204304) powr (2/3))) powr (2/3))
  using powr-powr by simp

moreover have ... ≤ 10000 + 4*((10000 + 4*((4251528) powr (2/3))) powr (2/3))
  by (smt (verit, best) powr-ge-pzero powr-less-mono2 zero-less-divide-iff)
moreover have ... = 10000 + 4*((114976) powr (2/3))
  by auto

moreover have ... ≤ 10000 + 4*((117649) powr (2/3))
  by (smt (verit, best) powr-ge-pzero powr-less-mono2 zero-less-divide-iff)
moreover have ... ≤ 20000
  by auto
ultimately have  $N - (\text{nat } a)^3 - (\text{nat } b)^3 - (\text{nat } c)^3 \leq 20000$ 
  by (smt (verit, del-insts) N''-def numeral-Bit0 numeral-Bit1 numerals(1)
    of-int-of-nat-eq
    of-nat-1 of-nat-le-iff of-nat-numeral)

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hence is-sumpow 3 6 (N - (nat a)^(^3) - (nat b)^(^3) - (nat c)^(^3))
  using leq-40000-is-sum-of-9-cubes  $\langle 10000 \leq N'' - c^{^3} \rangle$  N''-def cnotneg
    by (smt (verit)  $\langle 10000 \leq \text{int}(N'' - \text{nat } c^{^3}) \rangle$  int-ops(2) numeral-Bit0
numeral-Bit1
      numeral-One of-nat-le-iff of-nat-numeral order-less-le)
  then obtain l::nat list where length l = 6 and
    N - (nat a)^(^3) - (nat b)^(^3) - (nat c)^(^3) = sumpow 3 l
    using is-sumpow-def by blast
    moreover have (nat c)^(^3) + (nat b)^(^3) + (nat a)^(^3) + sumpow 3 l =
sumpow 3 ((nat a) # (nat b) # (nat c) # l)
    by (simp add: fold-plus-sum-list-rev)
    ultimately have ... = N
    using  $\langle 10000 \leq \text{int } N'' - c^{^3} \rangle$  N''-def cnotneg
    by (smt (verit, del-insts) diff-diff-left of-nat-power of-nat-le-iff le-add-diff-inverse

      add.commute int-ops(6))
    moreover have length ((nat a) # (nat b) # (nat c) # l) = 9
      using  $\langle \text{length } l = 6 \rangle$  by simp
      ultimately show ?thesis
        using is-sumpow-def by blast
      qed
    qed
  next
    case leq40000
    thus ?thesis
      using leq-40000-is-sum-of-9-cubes by blast
    qed
    qed
    thus ?thesis
      by simp
    qed
  end

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