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Let  $S = \lfloor \sqrt{1} \rfloor + \lfloor \sqrt{2} \rfloor + \lfloor \sqrt{3} \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor \sqrt{2019} \rfloor$ . Evaluate  $\lfloor \sqrt{S} \rfloor$ .

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For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $S_n := \sum_{k=1}^n \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor$  and  $\langle n \rangle := n - \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor^2 \in \{0, 1, \dots, \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor^2 + 2\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor\}$ .

That is any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be uniquely represented in the form  $n = m^2 + p$ , where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$p \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2m\}$ . Then  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^{m^2-1} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + \sum_{k=0}^p \lfloor \sqrt{m^2+k} \rfloor = \sum_{k=1}^{m^2-1} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor + m(p+1)$

and  $\sum_{k=1}^{m^2-1} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \sum_{i=0}^{2k} \lfloor \sqrt{k^2+i} \rfloor = \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} k \sum_{i=0}^{2k} 1 = \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} k(2k+1) = \frac{(m-1)m(4m+1)}{6}$

Hence,  $S_n = \frac{m(4m+1)(m-1)}{6} + m(p+1)$ .

For  $n = 2019$  we have  $m = \lfloor \sqrt{2019} \rfloor = 44, p = 2019 - 44^2 = 83$  and, therefore,

$S = S_{2019} = \frac{44 \cdot (4 \cdot 44 + 1)(44 - 1)}{6} + 44 \cdot 84 = 59510$

Hence,  $\lfloor \sqrt{S} \rfloor = \lfloor \sqrt{59510} \rfloor = 243$ .

**Remark.**

Since  $p = n - m^2$  and  $m = \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$  then  $S_n = \frac{m(4m+1)(m-1)}{6} + m(n - m^2 + 1) =$

$\frac{1}{6}m(6n - 2m^2 - 3m + 5) = \frac{m(6n - (2m+5)(m-1))}{6} =$

$\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor \left( n - \frac{(2\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor + 5)(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor - 1)}{6} \right)$ .

Thus,  $\sum_{k=1}^n \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor \left( n - \frac{(2\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor + 5)(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor - 1)}{6} \right)$ .