

$m + n + p = ?$

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The expression $\left(1 + \sqrt[3]{26 + 15\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt[3]{26 - 15\sqrt{3}}\right)^6 = m + n\sqrt{p}$,

where m, n , and p are positive integers and p isn't divisible by square of any prime.

Find $m + n + p$.

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Noting that $(2 \pm \sqrt{3})^3 = 26 \pm 15\sqrt{3}$ and $2 \pm \sqrt{3} = \frac{(\sqrt{3} \pm 1)^2}{2}$ we obtain

$$\sqrt[3]{26 \pm 15\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{3} \pm 1)^2}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} \pm 1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

Hence, $\left(1 + \sqrt[3]{26 + 15\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt[3]{26 - 15\sqrt{3}}\right)^6 = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^6 =$

$(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6 = ((\sqrt{2} + 1)^3)^2 = (5\sqrt{2} + 7)^2 = 99 + 70\sqrt{2}$ and, therefore,

$m + n + p = 99 + 70 + 2 = 171$.