

Find the sum of all positive integers  $b < 1000$   
s.t.  $36_b$  is a perfect square and  $27_b$   
is a perfect cube

$$36_b = 3b + 6$$

$$27_b = 2b + 7$$

$3b + 6$  perfect square  
 $= 3(b+2)$

$$\Rightarrow b + 2 = 3n^2 \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{Now } b < 1000 \Rightarrow 3n^2 - 2 < 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow 3n^2 < 1002$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 < 334$$

$$\Rightarrow n \leq 18$$

Check second condition by cases:

$$n \quad b = 3n^2 - 2 \quad 2b + 7$$

1	$3-2 = 1$	9	x
2	$12-2 = 10$	27	✓
3	$27-2 = 25$	57	x
4	$48-2 = 46$	99	x
5	$75-2 = 73$	153	x
6	$108-2 = 106$	219	x
7	$147-2 = 145$	297	x
8	190	387	x
9	241	489	x
10	298	603	x
11	361	729	✓
12	430	867	x
13	505	1017	x
14	586	1179	x
15	675	1357	x
16	766	1539	x
17	865	1737	x
18	970	1947	x

So the required sum is

$$10 + 361 = 371$$

