

We have

$$0 \leq k \leq 9$$

$$10k - k^2 = -(k-5)^2 + 25 \leq 25$$

$$\text{as } -(k-5)^2 \leq 0.$$

$$\text{and } -(k-5)^2 + 25 \geq 0$$

$$\text{as } |(k-5)| \leq 5 \text{ for } 0 \leq k.$$

$$\text{So } 0 \leq 10k - k^2 \leq 25$$

$(k-1), k, (k+1)$  are three consecutive numbers, so exactly one is divisible by 3.

$$\text{So } 3 \mid (k-1)k(k+1).$$

$$\text{Let } N = 100a + 10b + c, \quad 0 \leq (a, b, c) \in \mathbb{Z} \leq 9$$

$$\text{and } 1 \leq a.$$

if  $S = N$ , we have

$$a + b^2 + c^3 = 100a + 10b + c$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c^3 - c - 99a = 10b - b^2$$

$$\underbrace{(c-1)c(c+1)}_{\substack{\text{divisible by} \\ 3}} - 99a = 10b - b^2$$

So  $3 \mid 10b - b^2$ . We also have

$$0 \leq 10b - b^2 \leq 25 \text{ as before from "u".}$$

Considering the possible values:

$$10b - b^2 = 3k \text{ for some } 0 \leq k \leq 8$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b^2 - 10b + 3k = 0$$

$$(b-5)^2 = 25 - 3k$$

$b$  is an integer, so  $25 - 3k$  must be a square. The only such values of  $k$  are

$$k=0 \quad k=3, \quad k=7, \quad k=8$$

These give  $b=9, b=7, b=6$  and  $(b=10 \text{ is impossible})$   
 $b=4, b=3, b=1$  respectively.

We will consider these in turn:

$$b = 9:$$

$$c^3 - c - 99a = 9$$

$$\text{So } (c-1)c(c+1) = 9(1+11a)$$

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3 divides only one of  $(c-1), c, (c+1)$ .

So 9 must divide  $(c-1)c(c+1)$ .

$$\text{As } 0 \leq c \leq 9, \quad c = 8$$

$$\hookrightarrow 495 = 99a \Leftrightarrow a = 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{or } c = 9$$

$$\hookrightarrow 711 = 99a \Leftrightarrow a = \frac{711}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$b = 7:$$

$$c^3 - c - 99a = 21$$

$a \geq 1$ , so we need  $c^3 - c \geq 120$

$$\Rightarrow c \geq 5$$

$$c = 5$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 6$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{181}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 7$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{315}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 8$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{583}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 9$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{674}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$b = 6$ :

$$c^3 - c - 99a = 54$$

$$(c-1)c(c+1) = 9(11a+6) \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$c = 8$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{430}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 9$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{666}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$b = 4$ :

$$(c-1)c(c+1) = 24 + 99a$$

$$= 3(8 + 33a)$$

$c \geq 5$

$$c = 5$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{96}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 6$$

$$\hookrightarrow a = \frac{156}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 7 \\ \hookrightarrow a = \frac{312}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 8 \\ \hookrightarrow a = \frac{480}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$c = 9 \\ \hookrightarrow a = \frac{696}{99} \notin \mathbb{Z}$$

$$b = 3:$$

$$(c-1)c(c+1) = 21 + 99a \\ = 3(7 + 11a)$$

which as in the case  $b = 7$   
gives  $a = 1$  and  $c = 5$ .

$$b=1:$$

$$\begin{aligned}(c-1)c(c+1) &= 99a+9 \\ &= 9(11a+1)\end{aligned}$$

which gives us before for  $b=9$   
 $a=5$  and  $c=8$

This listing is exhaustive, so the  
only possible values for  $N$  are

$$518, 135, 175, 598.$$