

Problem 30: Given that  $z$  is a complex number such that  $z + \frac{1}{z} = 2 \cos 3^\circ$ , find the least integer that is greater than  $z^{2000} + \frac{1}{z^{2000}}$ . (Source: AIME)

Solving for  $z$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 z + \frac{1}{z} &= 2 \cos 3^\circ \\
 z^2 + 1 &= 2 \cos 3^\circ z \\
 z^2 - 2 \cos 3^\circ z + 1 &= 0 \\
 z &= \frac{2 \cos 3^\circ \pm \sqrt{4 \cos^2 3^\circ - 4}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{2 \cos 3^\circ \pm 2\sqrt{\cos^2 3^\circ - 1}}{2} \\
 &= \cos 3^\circ \pm \sqrt{\cos^2 3^\circ - 1} \\
 &= \cos 3^\circ \pm \sqrt{-\sin^2 3^\circ} \\
 &= \cos 3^\circ \pm i \sin 3^\circ \\
 &= \{e^{\pi i/60}, e^{-\pi i/60}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now we can plug these values into the expression  $z^{2000} + \frac{1}{z^{2000}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^{2000} + \frac{1}{z^{2000}} &= (e^{\pi i/60})^{2000} + \frac{1}{(e^{\pi i/60})^{2000}} \\
 &= e^{2000\pi i/60} + \frac{1}{e^{2000\pi i/60}} \\
 &= e^{200\pi i/6} + \frac{1}{e^{200\pi i/6}} \\
 &= e^{100\pi i/3} + \frac{1}{e^{100\pi i/3}} \\
 &= e^{4\pi i/3} + \frac{1}{e^{4\pi i/3}} \\
 &= \frac{e^{8\pi i/3}}{e^{4\pi i/3}} + \frac{1}{e^{4\pi i/3}} \\
 &= \frac{e^{8\pi i/3} + 1}{e^{4\pi i/3}} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2\pi i/3} + 1}{e^{4\pi i/3}} \\
 &= \frac{-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i + 1}{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i}{-\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i} \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

Plugging in  $z = e^{-\pi i/60}$ , we get the same value.

The least integer greater than  $-1$  is  $0$ .

Thus the answer is  $\boxed{0}$ .