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Let the triangle have angles  $a, b, c$  s.t.  $a \geq b \geq c$ . Then, we have  $\tan a + \tan b + \tan c = 2016$ . It's well known that if  $a+b+c = \pi$ , then  $\tan a \tan b \tan c = \tan a + \tan b + \tan c$ . We now claim that  $90^\circ \geq a, b, c$  (the triangle is not obtuse). If not, we would have  $180^\circ > a > 90^\circ$  and  $90^\circ \geq b, c$ .

Note that we then have  $\tan a < 0$  and  $\tan b, \tan c \geq 0$ . However, we have  $2016 = \tan a + \tan b + \tan c$

$= \tan a \tan b \tan c \leq 0$  because  $\tan a < 0$  and  $\tan b, \tan c \geq 0$ ,  $2016$  is actually bigger than  $0$ , so we have a contradiction. Thus,  $90^\circ \geq a, b, c$ .

We now claim that the closest value of  $a$  (to the nearest degree) is  $90^\circ$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\tan(89.5^\circ) < \frac{2016}{3} - 672$ ,

$$\cancel{2016 = \tan a + \tan b + \tan c}$$

Note that  $2016 = \tan a + \tan b + \tan c \leq 3 \tan a$  (since  $90^\circ \geq a \geq b \geq c > 0$  means that  $\tan a \geq \tan b \geq \tan c$ ), so  $\tan a \geq \frac{2016}{3} = 672$ . It is sufficient to show that  $\tan 89.5^\circ < 672$ , for then implies that  $a$  is closer to  $90^\circ$  than  $89^\circ$ . To show this, first note that

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$$\tan 89.5^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan(90 - 89.5)} = \frac{1}{\tan 0.5^\circ} = \frac{1}{\tan \frac{\pi}{360}}.$$

The Taylor series approximation about 0 for  $\tan x$

is  $\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots$ , where all terms are nonnegative if  $x$  is nonnegative (for  $0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ).

Clearly,  $\tan x > x$  for positive  $x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ , so we

$$\text{have } \tan \frac{\pi}{360} > \frac{\pi}{360}, \text{ so } \tan 89.5^\circ < \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{360}} = \frac{360}{\pi}.$$

$$\frac{360}{\pi} < \frac{360}{3} = 120 < 672, \text{ as desired.}$$

Thus, a is closest to  $\boxed{90^\circ}$ .

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We claim that the minimum number is 4. We first give a construction:

WLOG, assume the cube is  $1 \times 1 \times 1$ .

Consider a  $1 \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{2}{3}$

typical parallelepiped,

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parallelepiped, a

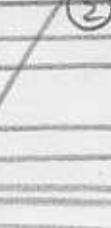
$1 \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{2}{3}$  typical

parallelepiped, and a

$1 \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{3}$  typical parallelepiped, all glued together. Clearly, they form a  $1 \times 1 \times 1$  cube.

We now show that we cannot have fewer typical parallelepipeds. Assume otherwise and say we only have 3.

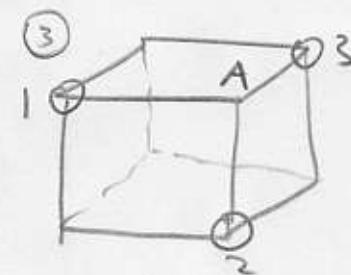
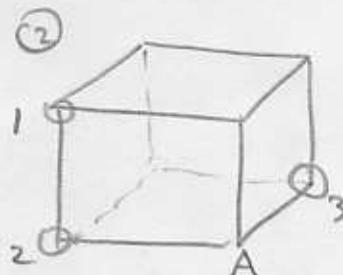
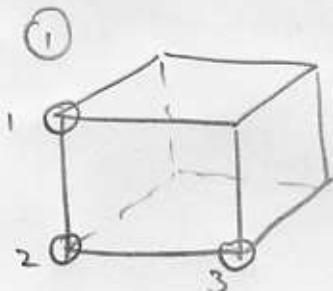
~~Consider some face of the cube. This face (which is a square) clearly has 4 vertices. Since we have at most 3 parallelepipeds, at least one of the parallelepipeds must contain at least two of these vertices by the pigeonhole principle. We then have two cases.~~



~~either the parallelepiped covers two adjacent vertices (like in (1)) or it covers two opposite vertices (like in (2)).~~

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We have 8 vertices in a cube and so by the Pigeonhole principle, one of the parallelepipeds will contain at least  $\lceil \frac{8}{3} \rceil = 3$  vertices of the cube. Note that these vertices must also be vertices of the parallelepiped. We have several cases: ① the 3 vertices are all on one face, ② 2 vertices are adjacent and the third is not in any face that contains the other 2, ③ no two vertices are adjacent. (the 3 vertices are denoted 1, 2, 3)



In ①, we automatically get that two of the dimensions (height and width, height and length, or width and length) both have length 1, so the parallelepiped is not typical  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

In ②, the only way for a parallelepiped to contain the vertices 1, 2, and 3 is if it also contains A. This then gives that side length containing 2 and A has the same length as the side length containing A and 3, which are different dimensions, so the parallelepiped is not typical  $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

In ③, the only way for a parallelepiped to

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contain the vertices 1, 4, 3 is if it contains vertex A. However, this gives that the side length containing vertices 1 and A has the same length as the side length containing A and 2, which are different dimensions, so the parallelepiped is not typical



In all cases, we reach a contradiction and thus, it is impossible to form a cube with three or fewer typical parallelepipeds.

The minimum number is thus 4 and we have given a construction that is valid  
for 4

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## Problem: 3

Let  $f(n) = 2^n + n^{2016}$ . Note that  $f(0) = 1+0=1$ , which is not prime, so 0 doesn't work.

Now, consider the case when  $n$  is a positive even. We let  $n = 2k$ , where  $k$  is a positive integer.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } f(n) &= f(2k) = 2^{2k} + (2k)^{2016} \\ &\geq 2^2 + 2^{2016} \\ &> 2. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $2 \mid f(2k)$ , but  $f(2k) > 2$ , so  $f(2k)$  is not prime. Thus, no positive even works.

It remains to check when  $n$  is a positive odd. Note that any odd can be written as  $6k+1$ ,  $6k+3$ , or  $6k+5$ , where  $k$  is some nonnegative integer.

~~In the cases where  $n$  is  $6k+1$  or  $6k+5$ , we have~~

~~$$f(n) = 2^n + n^{2016} \equiv (-1)^n + n \pmod{3}, \text{ because}$$~~
~~$$2 \equiv -1 \pmod{3} \text{ and } n^{2016} \equiv (-1)^{672} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$~~

Let us first consider the cases when  $n = 6k+1$  or  $6k+5$ .

In these cases,  $3 \nmid n^{1008}$ , so by Fermat's little theorem,  $(n^{1008})^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Thus,  $n^{2016} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

Then,  $f(n) = 2^n + n^{2016} \equiv (-1)^n + 1 \pmod{3}$ .  $n$  is odd because  $6k+1$  and  $6k+5$  are odd, so  $f(n) \equiv (-1)^n + 1 \equiv -1 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , so  $3 \mid f(n)$ .

If  $n=1$ , then  $f(n) = f(1) = 2^1 + 1^{2016} = 3$ , which is prime,

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so  $n=1$  works. However, if  $n > 1$ , then we have

$f(n) = 2^n + n^{2016} > 2^1 + 1^{2016} = 3$ , and since 3 also divides  $f(n)$ , that means that  $f(n)$  is composite, so only  $n=1$  works in the case where  $n=6k+1$  or  $6k+5$ .

The final case is when  $n=6k+3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } f(n) &= 2^n + n^{2016} = 2^{6n+3} + (n^{672})^3 \\ &= (2^{2n+1})^3 + (n^{672})^3. \\ &= (2^{2n+1} + n^{672}) ((2^{2n+1})^2 - 2^{2n+1} \cdot n^{672} + (n^{672})^2) \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $2^{2n+1} + n^{672} > 1$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{(2^{2n+1})^2 - 2^{2n+1} \cdot n^{672} + (n^{672})^2}{(2^{2n+1})^2 - 2^{2n+1} \cdot n^{672} + (n^{672})^2} \\ &> 2^{2n+1} - 2^{2n+1} \cdot n^{672} + (n^{672})^2 \\ &= (2^{2n+1} - n^{672})^2 \\ &= (2^{2n+1} - (6n+3)^{672})^2 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $2 \nmid (6n+3)^{672}$ , so  $2^{2n+1} \neq (6n+3)^{672}$ ,

$$\therefore (2^{2n+1} - (6n+3)^{672})^2 \geq 1.$$

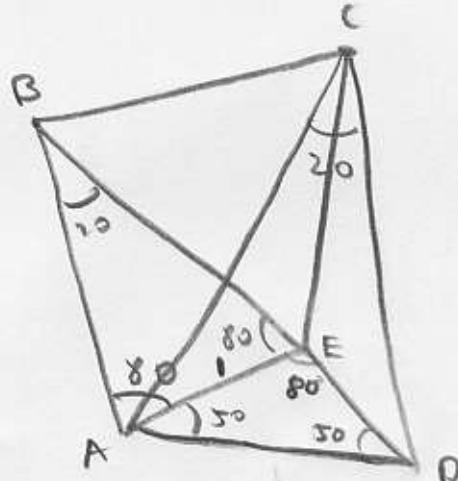
$$\text{Thus, } (2^{2n+1})^2 - 2^{2n+1} \cdot n^{672} + (n^{672})^2 > 1.$$

$f(n)$  is thus a product of two integers that are both greater than 1.

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It is thus impossible for  $f(n)$  to be prime.  
To conclude, the only possible case where  $f(n)$   
is prime is when  $n = \boxed{1}$ .

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WLOG, assume  $AE = 1$ .  $\triangle AED$  is isosceles, so if we drop a perpendicular from  $E$  to  $AD$ , it bisects  $AD$ , so  $AD = 2 \cdot \cos 50^\circ$ .  $\angle CAD = \angle CDA = 80^\circ$ , so  $\triangle ACD$  is isosceles, so dropping an altitude from  $C$  to  $AD$  bisects  $AD$ , so  $AC = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot AD}{\cos \angle CAD} = \frac{\cos 50^\circ}{\cos 80^\circ}$ .  $\angle BAE = \angle BEA = 80^\circ$ , so dropping an altitude from  $B$  to  $AE$  bisects  $AE$ , so  $AB = \frac{\frac{1}{2} AE}{\cos \angle BAE} = \frac{1}{2 \cos 80^\circ}$ . Then,  $\frac{AD}{AE} = \frac{2 \cos 50^\circ}{1}$  and  $\frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{\cos 50^\circ}{\cos 80^\circ} / \frac{1}{2 \cos 80^\circ} = 2 \cos 50^\circ$ , so  $\frac{AD}{AE} = \frac{AC}{AB}$ . Also,  $\angle BAC = \angle BAE - \angle CAE = 80^\circ - \angle CAE = \angle CAD - \angle CAE = \angle EAD$ . Thus, by SAS similarity,  $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle AED$ . Thus,  $\angle ABC = \angle AED$ , so  $\angle EBC = \angle ABC - \angle ABE = \angle AED - 20^\circ = 80^\circ - 20^\circ = 60^\circ$ .

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Also,  $\angle BCA = \angle EPA = 50^\circ = \angle EAD = \angle BAC$ , so  $\triangle ABC$  is isosceles.  $\angle BAE = \angle BEA = 80^\circ$ , so  $\triangle ABE$  is also isosceles.  $\triangle ABC$  isosceles  $\Rightarrow AB = BC$  and  $\triangle ABE$  isosceles  $\Rightarrow AB = BE$ . Thus,  $BC = BE$ , so  $\triangle BCE$  is isosceles.  $\angle EBC = 60^\circ$ , so  $\angle BEC = \angle BCE = \angle CEB = 60^\circ$ , so  $\triangle BEC$  is an equilateral triangle.

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We consider each complexity (from 0 to 4). Let a position be special if all digits are different at that position (for example, in the set  $\{1111, 1112, 1113\}$ , the fourth position is special).

Case 1 (Complexity=0): In this case, since the complexity is 0, we must have all digits the same for each position; in other words, all three numbers in the set are the same. There are 3 choices for each position, for a total of  $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 81$  sets of complexity 0.

Case 2 (Complexity=1): In this case, we have exactly one special position. There are 4 ways to pick this position and  $3!$  ways to place 1, 2, 3 into the chosen special position of the three numbers in the set. For the remaining positions, we have 3 choices (1, 2, or 3) for each one, for a total of  $4 \cdot 3! \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$  choices, except we overcounted because the set  $\{a, b, c\}$  is the same as  $\{a, c, b\}$ , etc. There are  $3!$  ways to arrange a, b, c (note that a, b, c are distinct), so we actually have  $4 \cdot 3! \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 / 3! = 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 108$  sets of complexity 1.

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Case 3 (complexity = 2): We have exactly 2 special positions. There are  $\binom{4}{2}$  ways to pick them and  $3!$  ways to place 1,2,3 into the <sup>two</sup> special positions of each of the three numbers in the set (so  $3! \cdot 3!$ , one for each special position). The remaining positions each have 3 choices (1,2, or 3). The three numbers in the set are <sup>pairwise</sup> distinct and so we must divide by  $3!$  to account for the overcount (same reasoning as in case 2). We thus have  $\binom{4}{2} \cdot 3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3 \cdot 3 / 3! = 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = \underline{324}$  sets of complexity 2.

Case 4 (complexity = 3): We have exactly 3 special positions. There are  $\binom{4}{3}$  ways to pick them and  $3!$  ways to place 1,2,3 into the 3 special positions of each of the three numbers in the set (so  $3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3!$ ). The remaining position has 3 choices (1,2, or 3). The 3 numbers in a set are pairwise distinct, so we must divide by  $3!$  for the same reasoning as in Case 2,3. We thus have  $\binom{4}{3} \cdot 3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3! / 3! = 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 3 = \underline{432}$  sets of complexity 3.

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Case 5 (complexity = 4): All positions are special. There are  $3!$  ways to distribute 1, 2, 3 to each of the 4 special positions of each of the three numbers in the set (so  $3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3!$ ). The 3 numbers in the set are clearly pairwise distinct, so we divide by  $3!$ , for the same reasoning as in Case 2, 3, 4. Thus, we have  $\frac{3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3! \cdot 3!}{3!} = 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 = \underline{216}$  sets of complexity 4.

Out of these cases, Case 4 is the most common, with 432 sets. Case 4 corresponds to when the complexity is 3, so the sets of complexity 3 are the most numerous in the game.