

# Matrices in Geometry 5.13.61

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**Question:** Let  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{I}$  be the identity matrix of order 3. If  $\mathbf{Q} = q_{ij}$  is a matrix such that  $\mathbf{P}^{50} - \mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}$ , then  $\frac{q_{31}+q_{32}}{q_{21}}$  equals (JEEAdv.2016)

- 1) 52                      2) 103                      3) 201                      4) 205

**Given:**

The matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^{50} - \mathbf{I}$

**Solution:**

Let us express the matrix  $\mathbf{P}$  as

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{N} \quad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{N} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Now we see that

$$\mathbf{N}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathbf{N}^3 = \mathbf{0} \quad (4)$$

So that now by binomial expansion we have,

$$\mathbf{P}^{50} = (\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{N})^{50} \quad (5)$$

from (4),

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{P}^{50} = \mathbf{I} + 50\mathbf{N} + 1225\mathbf{N}^2 \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{Q} = 50\mathbf{N} + 1225\mathbf{N}^2 \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 200 & 0 & 0 \\ 20400 & 200 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{q_{31}+q_{32}}{q_{21}} = 103} \quad (9)$$

**Final Answer:**

$\therefore$  The value of the given expression  $\frac{q_{31}+q_{32}}{q_{21}} = 103$ .

Hence, the correct answer is (2).