

Matrices in Geometry - 5.13.61

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Problem Statement

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

Solution

Given,

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

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

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

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

Solution

So that now by binomial expansion we have,

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

from (4),

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

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

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

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

Conclusion

∴ The value of the given expression $\frac{q_{31}+q_{32}}{q_{21}} = 103$.
Hence, the correct answer is (2).