

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}, A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $Q = PAP^T$, then $P(Q^{2005})P^T$ equal to _____.

Solution:

$$\text{If } Q = PAP^T, P^T Q = AP^T,$$

$$\text{(as } PP^T = I) P^T Q^{2005} P = A P^T Q^{2004} P$$

$$= A^2 P^T Q^{2003} P$$

$$= A^3 P^T Q^{2002} P$$

$$= A^{2004} P^T (QP)$$

$$= A^{2004} P^T (PA) (Q = PAP^T \Rightarrow QP = PA)$$

$$= A^{2005}$$

$$A^{2005} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$