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$$\mathbf{P} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrices P and Q represent linear transformations, P and Q respectively, of the plane.

The linear transformation M is formed by first applying P and then applying Q.

(a) Find the matrix M that represents the linear transformation M.

(b) Show that the invariant points of the linear transformation
$$M$$
 form a line in the plane, stating the equation of this line.

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