

Find the work done by the force field $\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = \langle 2xy, x^2 + 2yz, y^2 \rangle$ in moving a particle from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 1, 1)$ along the following two different paths

(1). The path $\mathbf{r}(t) = \langle t, t^2, t^3 \rangle$ ($0 \leq t \leq 1$).

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_C \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_C 2xydx + (x^2 + 2yz)dy + y^2dz \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[2t \cdot t^2 + (t^2 + 2t^2 \cdot t^3)2t + t^4 \cdot 3t^2 \right] dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[4t^3 + 7t^6 \right] dt = 1 + 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

(2). The **straight** path from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 1, 1)$

Solution. The parametric equation for the line is $x = t, y = t, z = t$ ($0 \leq t \leq 1$)

$$\begin{aligned} W &= \int_C 2xydx + (x^2 + 2yz)dy + y^2dz = \int_0^1 \left[2t \cdot t + (t^2 + 2t \cdot t) + t^2 \right] dt \\ &= 6 \int_0^1 t^2 dt = 2 \end{aligned}$$