

EX 13.2.6: Find the work done by the force field $\vec{\mathbf{F}}(x, y, z) = \langle 2xy, x^2 + 2, y \rangle$ on an object moving along Γ ,

where Γ is the line segment from $(1, 0, 2)$ to $(3, 4, 1)$.

Recall the line integral formula for work done by a **force field** (instead of a constant force vector):

$$\text{Work} = \int_{\Gamma} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{R}}$$

Parameterize Γ & encapsulate it into vector function $\vec{\mathbf{R}}(t)$:

$$\Gamma : \begin{cases} x(t) = 1 + (3 - 1)t = 2t + 1 \\ y(t) = 0 + (4 - 0)t = 4t \\ z(t) = 2 + (1 - 2)t = 2 - t \\ t \in [0, 1] \end{cases} \implies \vec{\mathbf{R}}(t) := \langle 2t + 1, 4t, 2 - t \rangle \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

Express differential $d\vec{\mathbf{R}}$ in terms of t & dt :

$$d\vec{\mathbf{R}} = \vec{\mathbf{R}}'(t) dt = \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} [2t + 1], \frac{d}{dt} [4t], \frac{d}{dt} [2 - t] \right\rangle dt = \langle 2, 4, -1 \rangle dt$$

Rewrite line integral as an equivalent ordinary single integral & compute it:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Work} &= \int_{\Gamma} \vec{\mathbf{F}} \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{R}} \\ &= \int_{\Gamma} \langle 2xy, x^2 + 2, y \rangle \cdot d\vec{\mathbf{R}} \\ &= \int_{\text{Starting } t\text{-value of } \Gamma}^{\text{Ending } t\text{-value of } \Gamma} \langle 2(2t + 1)(4t), (2t + 1)^2 + 2, (4t) \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 4, -1 \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \langle 16t^2 + 8t, 4t^2 + 4t + 3, 4t \rangle \cdot \langle 2, 4, -1 \rangle dt \\ &= \int_0^1 [2(16t^2 + 8t) + 4(4t^2 + 4t + 3) + (-1)(4t)] dt \\ &= \int_0^1 [32t^2 + 16t + 16t^2 + 16t + 12 - 4t] dt \\ &= \int_0^1 [48t^2 + 28t + 12] dt \\ &= \left[16t^3 + 14t^2 + 12t \right]_{t=0}^{t=1} \\ &\stackrel{FTC}{=} [16(1)^3 + 14(1)^2 + 12(1)] - [16(0)^3 + 14(0)^2 + 12(0)] \\ &= \boxed{42} \end{aligned}$$