

B. 6-8.18

Given force field $\mathbf{F} = -y\mathbf{i} + x\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$,

Find $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int (-y dx + x dy + z dz)$ along paths from $(1, 0, 0)$ to $(-1, 0, \pi)$

(a) along the helix, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \cos t & dx &= -\sin t dt \\ y &= \sin t & dy &= \cos t dt \\ z &= t & dz &= dt \end{aligned}$$

where t goes from 0 to π . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} &= \int_0^\pi (-\sin t)^2 dt + \cos^2 t dt + t dt \\ &= \int_0^\pi (1+t) dt = \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) along line between pts. $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + A t$

Let $P_0 = 1, 0, 0$ $P_1 = -1, 0, \pi$

Then $\mathbf{r}_0 = 1 \cdot \mathbf{i} + 0 \cdot \mathbf{j} + 0 \cdot \mathbf{k} = \mathbf{i}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= (x_1 - x_0)\mathbf{i} + (y_1 - y_0)\mathbf{j} + (z_1 - z_0)\mathbf{k} \\ &= (-1 - 1)\mathbf{i} + (0 - 0)\mathbf{j} + (\pi - 0)\mathbf{k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A} = (-2)\mathbf{i} + \pi\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_0 + A t = \mathbf{i} + (-2\mathbf{i} + \pi\mathbf{k})t$$

Or $\mathbf{r} = \underbrace{(1-2t)}_x \mathbf{i} + \underbrace{(\pi t)}_z \mathbf{k}$ $y = 0$

at P_0 $x = 1 = 1 - 2t$ & $z = 0 = \pi t$ so $t = 0$

at P_1 $x = -1 = 1 - 2t$ & $z = \pi = \pi t$ so $t = 1$

Hence $\int \mathbf{F} \cdot d\mathbf{r} = \int_0^1 \pi t \cdot \pi dt = \pi^2/2$

Now $\text{curl } \mathbf{F} = \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \\ -y & x & z \end{vmatrix} = 0\mathbf{i} - 0\mathbf{j} + (1+1)\mathbf{k} = 2\mathbf{k}$
 $\therefore \nabla \times \mathbf{F} \neq 0$

So, work integrals should be different, as calculated.