

Vector Integration

Q. If $\vec{F} = (3x^2 + 6y)\vec{i} - 14yz\vec{j} + 20xz^2\vec{k}$
then evaluate $\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along the
straight line joining $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(1, 1, 1)$

Soln \Rightarrow Equation of st. line joining $(0, 0, 0)$ and $(1, 1, 1)$ is

$$\frac{x-0}{1} = \frac{y-0}{1} = \frac{z-0}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{1} = t \text{ (suppose)}$$

$$\therefore x=t, y=t, z=t$$

$$\text{Also, } \vec{F} = (3t^2 + 6t)\vec{i} - 14t^2\vec{j} + 20t^3\vec{k}$$

$$\text{and } d\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k} = t(\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow d\vec{r} = (\vec{i} + \vec{j} + \vec{k}) dt$$

$$\therefore \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = (3t^2 + 6t) dt - 14t^2 dt + 20t^3 dt$$
$$= (20t^3 - 11t^2 + 6t) dt$$

$$\therefore \int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r} = \int_0^1 (20t^3 - 11t^2 + 6t) dt$$

$$= \left[5t^4 - \frac{11}{3}t^3 + 3t^2 \right]_0^1$$

$$= 5 - \frac{11}{3} + 3 = 8 - \frac{11}{3} = \underline{\underline{\frac{13}{3}}}$$