

1.3.1 Calculate the work required to move a mass m against a force field $\mathbf{F} = 5\mathbf{u}_x + 7\mathbf{u}_y$ along the indicated direct path from point a to point b . *Note: Diagram not shown.*

By inspection of the diagram, the start and end points are $a = (0, 1)$ and $b = (5, 5)$. To find the work required to move along the path between the points, we need to compute the path integral of the force field.

$$\begin{aligned} W_{ab} &= \int_a^b \mathbf{F} \bullet d\mathbf{l} \\ &= \int_a^b (5\mathbf{u}_x + 7\mathbf{u}_y) \bullet (dx\mathbf{u}_x + dy\mathbf{u}_y) \\ &= \int_a^b 5dx + \int_a^b 7dy \\ &= \int_{x=0}^5 5dx + \int_{y=1}^5 7dy \\ &= 5x \Big|_0^5 + 7y \Big|_1^5 \\ &= (25 - 0) + (35 - 7) \\ &= 53 \end{aligned}$$