

14. The work done on a particle of mass  $m$  by a force,

$$K \left[ \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{j} \right]$$

( $K$  being a constant of appropriate dimensions), when the particle is taken from the point  $(a, 0)$  to the point  $(0, a)$  along a circular path of radius  $a$  about the origin in the  $x-y$  plane is

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- (a)  $\frac{2K\pi}{a}$  (b)  $\frac{K\pi}{a}$  (c)  $\frac{K\pi}{2a}$  (d) 0

Correct option is D)

Given that,

$$\text{Force } F = K \left[ \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{j} \right]$$

Now, for the small distance  $dr$  travelled by the particle in the direction

$$dr = dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j}$$

Now, small work done is

$$dw = F \cdot dr$$

The total work done

$$W = \int dw$$

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$$W = \int K \left[ \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i} + \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{j} \right] \cdot [dx \hat{i} + dy \hat{j}]$$

$$W = K \int_a^0 \left[ \frac{x}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{i} \right] \cdot dx \hat{i} + \int_0^a \left[ \frac{y}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}} \hat{j} \right] \cdot dy \hat{j}$$

Now, solve the first term of integration

Put,

$$x^2 + y^2 = t$$

$$2x dx = dt$$

Now,

$$= \frac{K}{2} \int_a^0 \frac{2x dx}{(x^2 + y^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{K}{2} \int_a^0 \frac{dt}{(t)^{3/2}}$$

$$= \frac{K}{2} \times \frac{1}{2a^2}$$

$$= \frac{K}{4a^2}$$

Now, similarly for second term of integration

$$= -\frac{K}{4a^2}$$

Now, work done is

$$W = \frac{K}{4a^2} - \frac{K}{4a^2}$$

$$W = 0$$

Hence, the work done on a particle is 0