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Notice that $\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 3\sqrt{y} - 3\sqrt{y} = 0$ so $\vec{F}$ is conservative, $\vec{F} = \nabla f$.

$f = \int 2y^{3/2}\,dx = 2xy^{3/2} + g(y)$ $\quad f = \int 3x\sqrt{y}\,dy = 2xy^{3/2} + h(x)$

Thus $f = 2xy^{3/2}$. The fund. thm of line integrals says

$$\int_C \nabla f \cdot d\vec{r} = f(5,9) - f(2,4) = 2\cdot 5\cdot 27 - 2\cdot 2\cdot 8$$
$$= 270 - 32 = 238$$

2. Sketch a region of $\mathbb{R}^2$ which is open and connected but not simply connected.