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1. 
$$y = 2x - 5 \implies L = \int_{-1}^{3} \sqrt{1 + (dy/dx)^2} dx = \int_{-1}^{3} \sqrt{1 + (2)^2} dx = \sqrt{5} [3 - (-1)] = 4\sqrt{5}$$

The arc length can be calculated using the distance formula, since the curve is a line segment, so

$$L = [\text{distance from } (-1,-7) \text{ to } (3,1)] = \sqrt{[3-(-1)]^2 + [1-(-7)]^2} = \sqrt{80} = 4\sqrt{5}$$

2. Using the arc length formula with  $y = \sqrt{2 - x^2}$   $\Rightarrow$   $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{2 - x^2}}$ , we get

$$\begin{split} L &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \, dx = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \frac{x^2}{2 - x^2}} \, dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{2} \, dx}{\sqrt{2 - x^2}} = \sqrt{2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\left(\sqrt{2}\,\right)^2 - x^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{2} \left[ \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \right]_0^1 = \sqrt{2} \left[ \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - \sin^{-1} 0 \right] = \sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{4} - 0 \right] = \sqrt{2} \, \frac{\pi}{4} \end{split}$$

The curve is a one-eighth of a circle with radius  $\sqrt{2}$ , so the length of the arc is  $\frac{1}{8}(2\pi \cdot \sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2} \frac{\pi}{4}$ , as above.

3. 
$$y = \cos x \implies dy/dx = -\sin x \implies 1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + \sin^2 x$$
. So  $L = \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{1 + \sin^2 x} \, dx$ .

**4.** 
$$y = xe^{-x^2}$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $dy/dx = xe^{-x^2}(-2x) + e^{-x^2} \cdot 1 = e^{-x^2}(1 - 2x^2)$   $\Rightarrow$   $1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + (1 - 2x^2)^2 e^{-2x^2}$ . So  $L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + (1 - 2x^2)^2 e^{-2x^2}} \, dx$ .

5. 
$$x = y + y^3 \implies dx/dy = 1 + 3y^2 \implies 1 + (dx/dy)^2 = 1 + (1 + 3y^2)^2 = 9y^4 + 6y^2 + 2y^2$$
  
So  $L = \int_1^4 \sqrt{9y^4 + 6y^2 + 2} \, dy$ .

$$6. \ \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, \ y = \pm b\sqrt{1 - x^2/a^2} = \pm \frac{b}{a}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \quad [\text{assume } a > 0]. \quad y = \frac{b}{a}\sqrt{a^2 - x^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-bx}{a\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2x^2}{a^2(a^2 - x^2)}. \text{ So } L = 2\int_{-a}^a \left[1 + \frac{b^2x^2}{a^2(a^2 - x^2)}\right]^{1/2} \ dx = \frac{4}{a}\int_0^a \left[\frac{\left(b^2 - a^2\right)x^2 + a^4}{a^2 - x^2}\right]^{1/2} \ dx.$$

7. 
$$y = 1 + 6x^{3/2} \implies dy/dx = 9x^{1/2} \implies 1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + 81x$$
. So 
$$L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + 81x} \, dx = \int_1^{82} u^{1/2} \left(\frac{1}{81} \, du\right) \quad \begin{bmatrix} u = 1 + 81x, \\ du = 81 \, dx \end{bmatrix} \quad = \frac{1}{81} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \left[u^{3/2}\right]_1^{82} = \frac{2}{243} \left(82\sqrt{82} - 1\right)$$

9. 
$$y = \frac{x^5}{6} + \frac{1}{10x^3}$$
  $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{5}{6}x^4 - \frac{3}{10}x^{-4}$   $\Rightarrow$ 

$$1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + \frac{25}{36}x^8 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{100}x^{-8} = \frac{25}{36}x^8 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{100}x^{-8} = \left(\frac{5}{6}x^4 + \frac{3}{10}x^{-4}\right)^2. \text{ So}$$

$$L = \int_1^2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{6}x^4 + \frac{3}{10}x^{-4}\right)^2} dx = \int_1^2 \left(\frac{5}{6}x^4 + \frac{3}{10}x^{-4}\right) dx = \left[\frac{1}{6}x^5 - \frac{1}{10}x^{-3}\right]_1^2 = \left(\frac{32}{6} - \frac{1}{80}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{10}\right)$$

$$= \frac{31}{6} + \frac{7}{80} = \frac{1260}{240}$$

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12. 
$$y = \ln(\cos x) \implies dy/dx = -\tan x \implies 1 + (dy/dx)^2 = 1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$$
. So  $L = \int_0^{\pi/3} \sqrt{\sec^2 x} \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/3} \sec x \, dx = \left[ \ln|\sec x + \tan x| \right]_0^{\pi/3} = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3}) - \ln(1 + 0) = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3})$ . 17.  $y = e^x \implies y' = e^x \implies 1 + (y')^2 = 1 + e^{2x}$ . So  $L = \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + e^{2x}} \, dx = \int_1^e \sqrt{1 + u^2} \, \frac{du}{u} \, \left[ \begin{array}{c} u = e^x, \text{so} \\ x = \ln u, dx = du/u \end{array} \right] = \int_1^e \frac{\sqrt{1 + u^2}}{u^2} \, u \, du$   $= \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{1 + e^2}} \frac{v}{v^2 - 1} \, v \, dv \, \left[ \begin{array}{c} v = \sqrt{1 + u^2}, \text{so} \\ v^2 = 1 + u^2, v \, dv = u \, du \end{array} \right] = \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{1 + e^2}} \left( 1 + \frac{1/2}{v - 1} - \frac{1/2}{v + 1} \right) dv$   $= \left[ v + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{v - 1}{v + 1} \right]_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{1 + e^2}} = \sqrt{1 + e^2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\sqrt{1 + e^2} - 1}{\sqrt{1 + e^2} + 1} - \sqrt{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} + 1}$   $= \sqrt{1 + e^2} - \sqrt{2} + \ln(\sqrt{1 + e^2} - 1) - 1 - \ln(\sqrt{2} - 1)$ 

*Or:* Use Formula 23 for  $\int (\sqrt{1+u^2}/u) du$ , or substitute  $u = \tan \theta$ .

33. 
$$y = 2x^{3/2} \implies y' = 3x^{1/2} \implies 1 + (y')^2 = 1 + 9x$$
. The arc length function with starting point  $P_0(1,2)$  is  $s(x) = \int_1^x \sqrt{1 + 9t} \, dt = \left[\frac{2}{27}(1 + 9t)^{3/2}\right]_1^x = \frac{2}{27}\left[(1 + 9x)^{3/2} - 10\sqrt{10}\right]$ .