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11. Find the length of the curve  $\vec{r}(t) = \frac{t^3}{3} \vec{i} + \frac{t^2}{2} \vec{j}$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length} &= \int_0^1 \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt = \int_0^1 \sqrt{(t^2)^2 + t^2} dt = \int_0^1 t \sqrt{t^2 + 1} dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{3} t^2 (t^2 + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^1 = \boxed{\frac{1}{3} (2\sqrt{2} - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

12. Find the directional derivative of  $f(x, y) = x^2 \ln y$  at the point  $(1, 2)$  in the direction of  $\vec{a} = \vec{i} - \vec{j}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\vec{a}} f \Big|_{(1,2)} &= (\vec{\nabla} f) \Big|_{(1,2)} \cdot \frac{\vec{i} - \vec{j}}{\|\vec{i} - \vec{j}\|} = (2x \ln y \vec{i} + \frac{x^2}{y} \vec{j}) \Big|_{(1,2)} \cdot \frac{\vec{i} - \vec{j}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 2 \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \right)} \end{aligned}$$