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$$L = \int_a^b \sqrt{(x')^2 + (y')^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1^2 + \left(\frac{-\sin(t)}{\cos(t)}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sqrt{\sec^2 t} dt$$

note: on the
Interval $0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$
 $\sec(t)$ is positive

$$= \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec t dt$$

$$= \ln |\sec t + \tan t| \Big|_0^{\pi/4}$$

$$= \ln \left| \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \right| - \ln \left| \sec(0) + \tan(0) \right|$$

$$= \ln(\sqrt{2} + 1) - \ln(1 + 0) = \ln(1 + \sqrt{2})$$