

$$\begin{aligned}
y = \ln(1 - x^2) &\Rightarrow y' = \frac{1}{1 - x^2} \cdot (-2x) \Rightarrow 1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \\
&= 1 + \frac{4x^2}{(1 - x^2)^2} = \frac{1 - 2x^2 + x^4 + 4x^2}{(1 - x^2)^2} = \frac{1 + 2x^2 + x^4}{(1 - x^2)^2} = \frac{(1 + x^2)^2}{(1 - x^2)^2} \Rightarrow \\
\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} &= \sqrt{\left(\frac{1 + x^2}{1 - x^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1 + x^2}{1 - x^2} = -1 + \frac{2}{1 - x^2} \quad [\text{by division}] = -1 + \\
&\frac{1}{1 + x} + \frac{1}{1 - x} \quad [\text{partial fractions}]. \\
\text{So } L &= \int_0^{1/6} \left(-1 + \frac{1}{1 + x} + \frac{1}{1 - x}\right) dx = [-x + \ln |1 + x| - \ln |1 - x|]_0^{1/6} \\
&= \left(-\frac{1}{6} + \ln \frac{7}{6} - \ln \frac{5}{6}\right) - 0 = \ln \left(\frac{7}{5}\right) - \frac{1}{6}.
\end{aligned}$$