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Find a closed form:

$$\int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{-x^4 + 3x^2 - 2}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{-x^4 + 3x^2 - 2}} &\stackrel{x \rightarrow t}{=} \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{-\frac{1}{t^2} dt}{\frac{1}{t} \sqrt{-\frac{1}{t^4} + \frac{3}{t^2} - 2}} = \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^1 \frac{tdt}{\sqrt{-2t^4 + 3t^2 - 1}} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^1 \frac{dt^2}{\sqrt{-2t^4 + 3t^2 - 1}} \stackrel{u \rightarrow t^2}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \frac{du}{\sqrt{-2u^2 + 3u - 1}} \stackrel{v = -4u+3}{=} \\
 &\quad \left\{ v = -4u + 3 \rightarrow u = \frac{3-v}{4} \rightarrow du = -\frac{1}{4} dv \right\} \\
 &= -2u^2 + 3u - 1 = -2 \cdot \frac{(3-v)^2}{16} + 3 \cdot \frac{3-v}{4} - 1 = -\frac{(9-6v+v^2)}{8} + \frac{9-3v}{4} - 1 = \\
 &= \frac{-9-v^2+6v+18-6v-8}{8} = \frac{1-v^2}{8} = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^{-1} \frac{-\frac{1}{4} dv}{\sqrt{\frac{1-v^2}{8}}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \cdot \sqrt{8} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dv}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \cdot 2 \int_0^1 \frac{dv}{\sqrt{1-v^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\arcsin(v)|_0^1) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (\arcsin(1) - \arcsin(0)) = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{4} \text{ (proved)} \\
 &\int_1^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{dx}{x\sqrt{-x^4 + 3x^2 - 2}} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$