Let us represent the scalar function being integrated as f(x, y). Since $x^2 + y^2 = R^2$, we can write:

$$f(x,y) = \frac{2xy}{y + y^4 + 2x^2y^2 + x^4} = \frac{2xy}{y + (x^2 + y^2)^2} = \frac{2xy}{y + R^4}$$

Further, see that the following parametrizations of C_R differ only in direction: $\langle h(t), g(t) \rangle$ where $h(t) = R \sin(t)$ and $g(t) = R \cos(t)$ for t in $[0, 2\pi]$; and $\langle -h(t), g(t) \rangle$ for t in $[0, 2\pi]$. Since line integrals over a scalar field are independent of path direction, we have

$$\begin{split} \int_{C_R} f(x,y) \, \mathrm{d}s &= \int_0^{2\pi} f(h(t),g(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}(h(t))}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}(g(t))}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^2} \, \mathrm{d}t \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2(R\sin(t))(R\cos(t))}{(R\cos(t)) + R^4} \sqrt{(R\cos(t))^2 + (-R\sin(t))^2} \, \mathrm{d}t \\ &= \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{2R^2 \sin(t) \cos(t)}{R\cos(t) + R^4} (R) \, \mathrm{d}t \\ &= 2R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin(t) \cos(t)}{\cos(t) + R^3} \, \mathrm{d}t \end{split}$$

and

$$\begin{split} \int_{C_R} f(x,y) \, \mathrm{d}s &= \int_0^{2\pi} f(-h(t),g(t)) \sqrt{\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}(-h(t))}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}(g(t))}{\mathrm{d}t}\right)^2} \, \mathrm{d}t \\ &= -2R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin(t)\cos(t)}{\cos(t) + R^3} \, \mathrm{d}t \end{split}$$

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Taking advantage of this,

$$2\int_{C_R} f(x,y) \, \mathrm{d}s = \int_{C_R} f(x,y) \, \mathrm{d}s + \int_{C_R} f(x,y) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

$$= \left(2R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin(t)\cos(t)}{\cos(t) + R^3} \, \mathrm{d}t\right) + \left(-2R^2 \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\sin(t)\cos(t)}{\cos(t) + R^3} \, \mathrm{d}t\right)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{C_R} f(x,y) \, \mathrm{d}s = 0$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{R \to \infty} \int_{C_R} f(x, y) \, \mathrm{d}s = \lim_{R \to \infty} 0 = 0 \qquad \Box$$