Multiple Integration Double Integrals

Question

Evaluate the following double integral by inspection.

$$\iint_{|x|+|y| \le 1} (x^3 \cos(y^2) + 3 \sin y - \pi) dA$$

Answer

$$\iint_{|x|+|y| \le 1} (x^3 \cos(y^2) + 3 \sin y - \pi) dA
= 0 + 0 - \pi \text{(area bounded by } |x| + |y| = 1)
= -\pi \times 4 \times \frac{1}{2}(1)(1) = 2\pi$$

(Each of the first two terms in the integrand is an odd function of one of the variables, and also the square is symmetrical about each of the coordinate axes.)