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Prove that

$$I = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{x-y}{x+y} \right) \frac{1}{\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)} dx dy = \log\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\frac{x}{y} - 1}{\frac{x}{y} + 1} \right) \frac{1}{\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)} dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 y \int_0^{\frac{1}{y}} \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right) \frac{1}{\log(z)} dz dy \stackrel{\text{IBP}}{=} \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{y}} \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right) \frac{1}{\log(z)} dz \right]_{y=0}^{y=1} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1-y}{1+y} \right) \frac{1}{\log(y)} dy = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right) \frac{1}{\log(z)} dz - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1-y}{1+y} \right) \frac{1}{\log(y)} dy \\ &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{z-1}{z+1} \right) \frac{1}{\log(z)} dz = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{z^m}{1+z} dm dz = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \int_0^1 \int_0^1 z^{m+k} dz dm \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k (\log(k+2) - \log(k+1)) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \log\left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) \\ &= 2\eta'(0) = \log\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Note: } \eta'(0) = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \log\left(\frac{k}{k+1}\right)$$