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**Prove that:**

$$\iint_{[0,1]^2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{x+1} \right) dx dy = \frac{1}{8} (3\pi - 22\ln 2 + 7\ln 5 - 2\cot^{-1} 2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_{x=0}^1 \int_{y=0}^1 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x+y}{x+1} \right) dy dx \stackrel{\substack{x \rightarrow x-1 \\ y \rightarrow 1-y}}{=} \int_{x=1}^2 \int_{y=0}^1 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x-y}{x} \right) dy dx \stackrel{\substack{y \rightarrow 1-y \\ x \rightarrow x}}{=} \\
 &= \int_{x=\frac{1}{2}}^1 \left( \int_{y=0}^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}(1-yx)}{x^2} dy \right) dx \stackrel{\substack{y \rightarrow 1-x \\ x \rightarrow x}}{=} \int_{x=\frac{1}{2}}^1 \left( \int_{y=0}^x \frac{\tan^{-1}(1-y)}{x^3} dy \right) dx \stackrel{\substack{y \rightarrow 1-y \\ x \rightarrow x}}{=} \\
 &= \int_{x=\frac{1}{2}}^1 \left( \int_{y=1-x}^1 \frac{\tan^{-1}(y)}{x^3} dy \right) dx \stackrel{\substack{x \rightarrow 1-x \\ x \rightarrow 0}}{=} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\left( \int_{y=x}^1 \tan^{-1}(y) dy \right)}{(1-x)^3} dx = \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{f(1) - f(x)}{(1-x)^3} dx \quad \text{Here, } f(x) = \int_0^x \tan^{-1}(y) dy = x \tan^{-1}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (f(1) - f(x)) d \left[ \frac{1}{2(1-x)^2} \right] = \left[ \frac{f(1) - f(x)}{2(1-x)^2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{f'(x)}{2(1-x)^2} dx = \\
 &= \frac{3}{2} f(1) - 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{(1-x)^2} dx \\
 \text{Now, } \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{(1-x)^2} dx &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \tan^{-1}(x) d \left[ \frac{1}{(1-x)} \right] \stackrel{\text{IBP}}{=} \left[ \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{1-x} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1-x} d[\tan^{-1}(x)] \\
 &= 2\phi - \int_0^\phi \frac{1}{1-\tan\theta} d\theta = 2\phi - \int_0^\phi \frac{\cos\theta}{\cos\theta - \sin\theta} d\theta \quad \text{Here, } \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \cot^{-1}(2)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 2\phi + \int_0^\phi \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta - \cos\theta} d\theta = 2\phi + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\phi \left( \frac{\cos\theta + \sin\theta}{\sin\theta - \cos\theta} - 1 \right) d\theta = \frac{3}{2}\phi + \frac{1}{2} \ln|\sin\phi - \cos\phi| =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}\phi + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left| \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right| = \frac{3}{2}\phi - \frac{1}{4} \ln 5$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{3}{2}f(1) - 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2}\phi - \frac{1}{4} \ln 5\right) = \frac{3}{2}f(1) - 2f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \frac{3}{4}\phi - \frac{\ln 5}{8}$$

$$\text{Now, } f(x) = x \tan^{-1}(x) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \quad \text{and} \quad f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\phi}{2} - \frac{\ln 5}{2} + \ln 2$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln 2\right) - 2\left(\frac{\phi}{2} - \frac{\ln 5}{2} + \ln 2\right) + \frac{3}{4}\phi - \frac{\ln 5}{8} = \frac{3\pi}{8} - \frac{11}{4} \ln 2 - \frac{\phi}{4} + \frac{7}{8} \ln 5$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{8}(3\pi - 22 \ln 2 - 2 \cot^{-1} 2 + 7 \ln 5)$$