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If $t \in (0, \sqrt{3})$, then:

$$\left(\arctan^2 t + \arctan^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{9} \right)^2 = 2 \left(\arctan^4 t + \arctan^4 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t} \right) + \frac{\pi^4}{81} \right)$$

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To prove that

$$(1) \quad (a^2 + b^2 + (a + b)^2)^2 = 2(a^4 + b^4 + (a + b)^4) \quad (\text{Candido}), \text{ Brute force!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a^2 + b^2 + (a + b)^2)^2 &= (a^2 + b^2)^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2)(a + b)^2 + (a + b)^4 = \\ &= (a^2 + b^2)^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + b^2 + 2ab) + (a + b)^4 = \\ &= (a^2 + b^2)^2 + 2(a^2 + b^2)^2 + 4ab(a^2 + b^2) + (a + b)^4 = \\ &= (a + b)^4 + 3(a^2 + b^2)^2 + 4ab(a^2 + b^2) = \\ &= (a + b)^4 + \underbrace{a^4 + 4a^3b + 4ab^3 + 6a^2b^2 + b^4}_{(a+b)^4} + 2a^4 + 2b^4 = \\ &= 2(a + b)^4 + 2(a^4 + b^4) = 2(a^4 + b^4 + (a + b)^4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{take } a \rightarrow \arctan t \quad b \rightarrow \arctan \frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t}$$

$$a + b = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad (\text{prove: } \arctan t + \arctan \frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t} = \frac{\pi}{3}; \text{ since } t \in (0; \sqrt{3}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \left(\arctan t + \arctan \frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t} \right) = \tan \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t + \frac{\sqrt{3}-t}{1+\sqrt{3}t}}{1 - \frac{t(\sqrt{3}-t)}{1+\sqrt{3}t}} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}(t^2 + 1)}{1 + t^2} = \sqrt{3}, \text{ true!})$$

Then, using (1) we have:

$$\left(\arctan^2 t + \arctan^2 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t} \right) + \frac{\pi^2}{9} \right)^2 = 2 \left(\arctan^4 t + \arctan^4 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} - t}{1 + \sqrt{3}t} \right) + \frac{\pi^4}{81} \right)$$

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