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$$2 \tan x \tan y + 2 \tan x + 2 \tan y < 3$$

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**Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Vietnam**

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 x + \sin^2 y = \frac{1}{2} &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\tan^2 x}{1 + \tan^2 x} + \frac{\tan^2 y}{1 + \tan^2 y} \stackrel{\text{(Schwarz)}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(\tan x + \tan y)^2}{2 + (\tan x + \tan y)^2 - 2 \tan x \tan y} \Leftrightarrow 2(\tan x + \tan y)^2 \leq \\ &\leq 2 + (\tan x + \tan y)^2 - 2 \tan x \tan y \Leftrightarrow (\tan x + \tan y)^2 + 2 \tan x \tan y \leq 2 \\ \Rightarrow \tan x + \tan y + \tan x \tan y &\leq \tan x + \tan y + \frac{2 - (\tan x + \tan y)^2}{2} = \frac{-u^2 + 2u + 2}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2} \\ \forall u \in (0; 2) \quad (u = \tan x + \tan y, 0 < x, y < \frac{\pi}{4} &\Rightarrow 0 < u < 2) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Khanh Hung Vu-Vietnam**

If  $2 \sin^2 x + 2 \sin^2 y = 1, x, y \in \left(0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  then  $2 \tan x \tan y + 2 \tan x + 2 \tan y < 3$  (1)

We have  $2 \sin^2 x + 2 \sin^2 y = 1 \Rightarrow \sin^2 x + \sin^2 y = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 - \cos^2 x + 1 - \cos^2 y = \frac{1}{2}$

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$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x + \cos^2 y = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+\tan^2 x} + \frac{1}{1+\tan^2 y} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (2)$$

Put  $\tan x = a, \tan y = b \Rightarrow a, b \in (0; +\infty)$

We have the equation (2) equivalent to:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{1}{1+b^2} &= \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{a^2 + b^2 + 2}{a^2b^2 + a^2 + b^2 + 1} = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow 2(a^2 + b^2 + 2) = 3(a^2b^2 + a^2 + b^2 + 1) \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow 3a^2b^2 + a^2 + b^2 = 1 \Rightarrow 3a^2b^2 + (a+b)^2 - 2ab = 1 \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^2 \geq 4ab &\Rightarrow -3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1 \geq 4ab \Rightarrow -3a^2b^2 - 2ab + 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow 0 < ab \leq \frac{1}{3}. \text{ That means the equation (3) is equivalent to} \end{aligned}$$

$a+b = \sqrt{-3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1}$ . We have the inequality (1) equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} 2ab + 2a + 2b < 3 &\Rightarrow 2ab + 2\sqrt{-3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1} < 3 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{-3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1} < 3 - 2ab &\Rightarrow 4(-3a^2b^2 + 2ab + 1) < 4a^2b^2 - 12ab + 9 \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow 16a^2b^2 - 20ab + 5 > 0 &\Rightarrow 16 \left( ab - \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{8} \right) \left( ab - \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{8} \right) > 0 \end{aligned}$$

(True since  $ab - \frac{5+\sqrt{5}}{8} < 0$  and  $ab - \frac{5-\sqrt{5}}{8} < 0$  by  $0 < ab \leq \frac{1}{3}$ )

So, (1) is true  $\Rightarrow 2 \tan x \tan y + 2 \tan x + 2 \tan y < 3$