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Prove:

$$\frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} + \frac{\tan^{-1}y}{y} \geq \frac{\pi}{2}; 0 < x, y \leq 1$$

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Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru-Romania, Solution 2 by Marian Voinea-Romania

Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$f: (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x}, f'(x) = \frac{\frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1}x}{x^2}$$

$$g: (0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \tan^{-1}x, g'(x) = \frac{-2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} < 0$$

$$\sup g(x) = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} g(x) = 0 \Rightarrow g(x) < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$$

$$f \text{ --decreasing, } \inf f(x) = f(1) = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow f(x) \geq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} + \frac{\tan^{-1}y}{y} = f(x) + f(y) \geq \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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Equality holds for $x = y = 1$

Solution 2 by Marian Voinea-Romania

$$x, y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{a}; y = \frac{1}{b}; a, b \in [1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Then: } \frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} + \frac{\tan^{-1}y}{y} = a \cdot \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{a} + b \cdot \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{b} = a \cdot \tan^{-1} a + b \cdot \tan^{-1} b$$

The function $f: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(t) = t \cdot \tan^{-1} t$ is increasing, then $f(t) \geq f(1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

So,

$$\frac{\tan^{-1}x}{x} + \frac{\tan^{-1}y}{y} = f(x) + f(y) \geq \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Equality for $x = y = 1$

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