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Find:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\tan x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{\tan x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} dx &= \int \frac{\sin x}{\cos x(1 + \cos x)^2} dx \stackrel{\tan x = u}{=} \int \frac{du}{u(1 + u)^2} = \\ &= - \int \frac{(1 + u) - u}{u(1 + u)^2} du = - \int \frac{du}{u(1 + u)} + \int \frac{du}{(1 + u)^2} = \\ &= - \int \frac{(1 + u) - u}{u(1 + u)} du - \frac{1}{1 + u} = - \int \frac{1}{u} du + \int \frac{du}{1 + u} - \frac{1}{1 + u} = \\ &= - \log|u| + \log|1 + u| - \frac{1}{1 + u} = \log \left| \frac{1 + u}{u} \right| - \frac{1}{1 + u} = \log \left| \frac{1 + \cos x}{\cos x} \right| - \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \\ \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\tan x}{(1 + \cos x)^2} dx &= \left[\log \left| \frac{1 + \cos x}{\cos x} \right| - \frac{1}{1 + \cos x} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \log \left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{2 + \sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$