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Find:

$$I = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cot x)^2} dx$$

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$$\text{Rule: } \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a + b - x) dx \quad (1)$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$\text{Let } I = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cot x)^2} dx = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^3 x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} dx \quad (1)$$

$$I \stackrel{(1)}{=} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^3 \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)}{\left(\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) + \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right)\right)^2} dx = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\cos^3 x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} dx \quad (2)$$

adding (1) & (2) we get ,

$$2I = \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^3 x + \cos^3 x}{(\sin x + \cos x)^2} dx \stackrel{(2)}{=} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{(1 - \sin x \cos x)}{(\sin x + \cos x)} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{(2 - 2 \sin x \cos x)}{(\sin x + \cos x)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{(2 - \sin 2x)}{\sqrt{(\sin x + \cos x)^2}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{3 - (1 + \sin 2x)}{\sqrt{1 + \sin 2x}} dx =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \sin 2x}} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sqrt{1 + \sin 2x} dx =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\sin x + \cos x} dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (\sin x + \cos x) dx =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x} dx - \frac{1}{2} (-\cos x + \sin x) \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \\
 &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)} dx - \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \csc\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) dx - \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1) = \\
 &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\log \left| \tan\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{8}\right) \right| \right) \Big|_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} - \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{\tan \frac{7\pi}{24}}{\tan \frac{5\pi}{24}} \right| - \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1) \\
 \text{So } 2I &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{\tan \frac{7\pi}{24}}{\tan \frac{5\pi}{24}} \right| - \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1) \text{ or } I = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{\tan \frac{7\pi}{24}}{\tan \frac{5\pi}{24}} \right| - \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} - 1) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$