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If  $\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + \sqrt{y^2 + 1} + x + y = 2\sqrt{2} + 2$  then:

$$x\sqrt{y^2 + 1} + y\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \leq 2\sqrt{2}$$

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Let  $u = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x, v = \sqrt{y^2 + 1} + y$  then  $u + v = 2\sqrt{2} + 2 = 2(\sqrt{2} + 1)$  (1)

$u = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x, \frac{1}{u} = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x$  then  $u - \frac{1}{u} = 2x$  or  $x = \frac{u^2 - 1}{2u}$  and

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = u - x = \frac{u^2 + 1}{2u}$$

Similarly:  $y = \frac{v^2 - 1}{2v}, \sqrt{y^2 + 1} = \frac{v^2 + 1}{2v}$

$$x\sqrt{y^2 + 1} + y\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = \frac{u^2 - 1}{2u} \cdot \frac{v^2 + 1}{2v} + \frac{v^2 - 1}{2v} \cdot \frac{u^2 + 1}{2u} = \frac{u^2 v^2 - 1}{2uv} \quad (2)$$

$$uv \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left(\frac{u+v}{2}\right)^2 \stackrel{(1)}{=} \left(\frac{2(\sqrt{2}+1)}{2}\right)^2 = 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \quad (3)$$

We need to show:

$$x\sqrt{y^2 + 1} + y\sqrt{x^2 + 1} \leq 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{u^2 v^2 - 1}{2uv} \leq 2\sqrt{2} \text{ or } u^2 v^2 - 4\sqrt{2}uv - 1 \leq 0$$

$$\text{or } (uv - (2\sqrt{2} + 3))(uv - (2\sqrt{2} - 3)) \leq 0$$

which implies  $2\sqrt{2} - 3 \leq uv \leq 2\sqrt{2} + 3$  this is true by (3)

Equality holds for  $x=y=1$ .