

Find:

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{dx}{\sec x + \sin x}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{dx}{\sec x + \sin x} &= \int \frac{\cos x \, dx}{1 + \cos x \cdot \sin x} = \int \frac{2 \cos x \, dx}{2 + \sin 2x} = \\ &= \int \frac{(\cos x + \sin x) + (\cos x - \sin x)}{2 + \sin 2x} dx = \\ &= \int \frac{(\cos x + \sin x)}{2 + \sin 2x} dx + \int \frac{(\cos x - \sin x)}{2 + \sin 2x} dx = \\ &= \int \frac{(\cos x + \sin x)}{3 - (\sin x - \cos x)^2} dx + \int \frac{(\cos x - \sin x)}{1 + (\sin x + \cos x)^2} dx = \\ &= \int \frac{d(\sin x - \cos x)}{3 - (\sin x - \cos x)^2} dx + \int \frac{d(\sin x + \cos x)}{1 + (\sin x + \cos x)^2} dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{3} + (\sin x - \cos x)}{\sqrt{3} - (\sin x - \cos x)} \right| + \arctan(\sin x + \cos x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{dx}{\sec x + \sin x} &= \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{3} + (\sin x - \cos x)}{\sqrt{3} - (\sin x - \cos x)} \right| + \arctan(\sin x + \cos x) \right) \Bigg|_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left(\ln \left| \frac{3\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} \right| - \ln \left| \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{3\sqrt{3} - 1} \right| \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ln \left| \frac{3\sqrt{3} - 1}{\sqrt{3} + 1} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \ln |5 - 2\sqrt{3}| \end{aligned}$$