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Prove that:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2(2\sin x + 3\cos x)}{2\cos x + 3\sin x} dx > \pi$$

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Lemma: $\forall x > 0, \ln(1+x) > \frac{x}{1+x}$

Proof: let $f(x) = \ln(1+x) - \frac{x}{1+x}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{x}{(1+x)^2} > 0 \text{ so } f(x) \text{ is increasing, } f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{and } f(x) > f(0) \text{ or, } \ln(1+x) - \frac{x}{1+x} > 0 \text{ or, } \ln(1+x) > \frac{x}{1+x} \quad (1)$$

$$\ln \frac{3}{2} = \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \stackrel{(1)}{>} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{clearly } 10 > \frac{66}{7} = 3 \times \frac{22}{7} = 3\pi \quad (3)$$

$$\text{let } 4\sin x + 6\cos x = m(2\cos x + 3\sin x) + n \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(2\cos x + 3\sin x)$$

$$4\sin x + 6\cos x = m(2\cos x + 3\sin x) + n(3\cos x - 2\sin x)$$

$$4\sin x + 6\cos x = (3m - 2n)\sin x + (2m + 3n)\cos x$$

comparing the coefficient of $\sin x$ & $\cos x$ we get

$$2m + 3n = 6, 3m - 2n = 4, \text{ solving we get } m = \frac{24}{13}, n = \frac{10}{13}$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2(2\sin x + 3\cos x)}{2\cos x + 3\sin x} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(4\sin x + 6\cos x)}{2\cos x + 3\sin x} dx =$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\frac{24}{13}(2\cos x + 3\sin x) + \frac{10}{13}(3\cos x - 2\sin x)}{2\cos x + 3\sin x} dx =$$

$$= \left(\frac{24}{13}x + \frac{10}{13} \ln|2\cos x + 3\sin x| \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{12\pi}{13} + \frac{10}{13} \ln \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{(2) \& (3)}{>} \frac{12\pi}{13} + \frac{3\pi}{13} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{13\pi}{13} = \pi$$