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If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dxdy}{2 + x^2 + y^2} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} (\arctan b - \arctan a)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2 + x^2 + y^2} &= \frac{1}{(1 + x^2) + (1 + y^2)} \stackrel{AM-HM}{\leq} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{1 + x^2} + \frac{1}{1 + y^2} \right) \\ \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dxdy}{2 + x^2 + y^2} &\leq \frac{1}{4} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1 + x^2} + \frac{1}{1 + y^2} \right) dxdy = \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left(\int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1 + x^2} \right) dxdy + \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1 + y^2} \right) dxdy \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left((y)_a^b (\arctan x)_a^b + (x)_a^b (\arctan y)_a^b \right) = \frac{b-a}{2} (\arctan b - \arctan a) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a=b$.