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If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\sum \frac{a+b}{a^5 + b^5 + 8} \leq \frac{3}{5}$$

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We will show $a^5 + b^5 + 8 \geq 5(a + b)$ (1)

Proof: we need to show $a^5 + b^5 + 8 \geq 5(a + b)$ or

$$\frac{(a+b)^5}{16} + 8 \geq 5(a+b) \text{ (CBS) or}$$
$$(a+b)^5 + 128 \geq 80(a+b) \text{ or}$$

$$t^5 - 80t + 128 \stackrel{a+b=t>0}{\geq}$$

$$(t-2)^2(t^3 + 4t^2 + 12t + 32) \geq 0 \text{ true as } t > 0$$

$$\sum \frac{a+b}{a^5 + b^5 + 8} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \sum \frac{a+b}{5(a+b)} = \sum \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c$