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If $a, b \geq 1$ and $\lambda \geq 2$, then :

$$\lambda \left(\frac{a^4}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2 + 1} \right) + (\lambda + 1) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) \geq 3\lambda + 2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^4}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2 + 1} &= \frac{a^4 - b^4 + b^4}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^4 - a^4 + a^4}{a^2 + 1} \\ &= (a^4 - b^4) \left(\frac{1}{b^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{a^2 + 1} \right) + \frac{b^4 - 1 + 1}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{a^4 - 1 + 1}{a^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{(a^4 - b^4)(a^2 - b^2)}{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)} + b^2 - 1 + \frac{1}{b^2 + 1} + a^2 - 1 + \frac{1}{a^2 + 1} \\ &= \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 - b^2)^2}{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)} + a^2 - 1 + b^2 - 1 + \frac{1}{a^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{b^2 + 1} \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{a^4}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2 + 1} - 1 = \\ &\frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 - b^2)^2}{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)} + a^2 - 1 + b^2 - 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{a^2 + 1} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{b^2 + 1} \right) \\ &= \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 - b^2)^2}{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)} + a^2 - 1 + b^2 - 1 - \frac{a^2 - 1}{2(a^2 + 1)} - \frac{b^2 - 1}{2(b^2 + 1)} \\ &= \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 - b^2)^2}{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)} + \frac{(a^2 - 1)(2a^2 + 1)}{2(a^2 + 1)} + \frac{(b^2 - 1)(2b^2 + 1)}{2(b^2 + 1)} \\ &\therefore \boxed{\lambda \left(\frac{a^4}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2 + 1} \right) - \lambda} = \lambda \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 - b^2)^2}{(a^2 + 1)(b^2 + 1)} + \\ &\quad \lambda \cdot \left(\frac{(a^2 - 1)(2a^2 + 1)}{2(a^2 + 1)} + \frac{(b^2 - 1)(2b^2 + 1)}{2(b^2 + 1)} \right) \\ &\boxed{\lambda \geq 2 > 0} \Rightarrow \lambda \cdot \left(\frac{(a^2 - 1)(2a^2 + 1)}{2(a^2 + 1)} + \frac{(b^2 - 1)(2b^2 + 1)}{2(b^2 + 1)} \right) \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda \left(\frac{a^4}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2 + 1} \right) + (\lambda + 1) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) - (3\lambda + 2) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lambda \left(\frac{a^4}{b^2+1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2+1} \right) - \lambda - (\lambda+1) \left(2 - \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) \geq \\
 &\lambda \left(\frac{(a^2-1)(2a^2+1)}{2(a^2+1)} + \frac{(b^2-1)(2b^2+1)}{2(b^2+1)} \right) - (\lambda+1) \left(\frac{a-1}{a} + \frac{b-1}{b} \right) \\
 &\geq \lambda \left(\frac{(a^2-1)(2a^2+1)}{2(a^2+1)} + \frac{(b^2-1)(2b^2+1)}{2(b^2+1)} \right) - \left(\lambda + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) \left(\frac{a-1}{a} + \frac{b-1}{b} \right) \\
 &\quad \left(\because 1 \leq \frac{\lambda}{2} \text{ and } a, b \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{a-1}{a} + \frac{b-1}{b} \geq 0 \right) \\
 &= \frac{\lambda(a-1)}{2} \left(\frac{(2a^2+1)(a+1)}{a^2+1} - \frac{3}{a} \right) + \frac{\lambda(b-1)}{2} \left(\frac{(2b^2+1)(b+1)}{b^2+1} - \frac{3}{b} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\lambda(a-1)(2a^4+2a^3-2a^2+a-3)}{2a(a^2+1)} + \frac{\lambda(b-1)(2b^4+2b^3-2b^2+b-3)}{2b(b^2+1)} \\
 &= \frac{\lambda(a-1)^2(2a^3+4a^2+2a+3)}{2a(a^2+1)} + \frac{\lambda(b-1)^2(2b^3+4b^2+2b+3)}{2b(b^2+1)} \geq 0 \\
 &\therefore \lambda \left(\frac{a^4}{b^2+1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2+1} \right) - \lambda - (\lambda+1) \left(2 - \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right) \geq 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \lambda \left(\frac{a^4}{b^2+1} + \frac{b^4}{a^2+1} \right) + (\lambda+1) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \right) \geq 3\lambda + 2 \\
 &\forall a, b \geq 1 \text{ and } \lambda \geq 2, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = 1 \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$