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If  $0 < a \leq b < 1$  then:

$$\sin\left(\frac{3a+b+2}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a+3b+6}{4}\right) \leq \sin\left(\frac{a+3b+2}{4}\right) \sin\left(\frac{3a+b+6}{4}\right)$$

*Solution by Rovsen Pirgulyev - Azerbaijan.*

Using the formula

$$\sin x \sin y = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(x-y) - \cos(x+y))$$

we have:

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \cos \frac{a-b-2}{2} - \cos \frac{4a+4b+8}{4} \right) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \cos \frac{b-a-2}{2} - \cos \frac{4a+4b+8}{4} \right) \text{ or}$$
$$\cos \frac{a-b-2}{2} - \cos \frac{b-a-2}{2} \leq 0$$

Using the formula

$$\cos x - \cos y = -2 \sin \frac{x+y}{2} \sin \frac{x-y}{2}$$

we have:

$$-2 \sin \frac{\frac{a-b-2}{2} + \frac{b-a-2}{2}}{2} \sin \frac{\frac{a-b-2}{2} - \frac{b-a-2}{2}}{2} \leq 0 \text{ or}$$
$$-2 \sin(-1) \sin \frac{a-b}{2} \leq 0 \text{ or } 2 \sin 1 \cdot \sin \frac{a-b}{2} \leq 0$$

It is true! Since  $\sin 1 > 0$  and  $\sin \frac{a-b}{2} \leq 0$  (since  $0 < a \leq b < 1$ ).

Since all inequalities are equivalent the proof is complete. □

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