

**PP45636**

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If  $a, b > 0; ab = 1$  then:

$$81(1 + a^2)(1 + b^2) \leq 4(a + b + 1)^4$$

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$$81(1 + a^2)(1 + b^2) \leq 4(a + b + 1)^4$$

$$81(1 + a^2)\left(1 + \frac{1}{a^2}\right) \leq 4\left(a + \frac{1}{a} + 1\right)^4$$

$$81 \frac{(1 + a^2) \cdot (1 + a^2)}{a^2} \leq 4 \cdot \frac{(a^2 + a + 1)^4}{a^4}$$

$$81a^2(1 + a^2)^2 \leq 4(a^2 + a + 1)^4$$

$$9a(1 + a^2) \leq 2(a^2 + a + 1)^2$$

$$9a + 9a^3 \leq 2a^4 + 2a^2 + 2 + 4a^3 + 4a^2 + 4a$$

$$2a^4 - 5a^3 + 6a^2 - 5a + 2 \geq 0$$

$$2a^4 - 2a^3 - 3a^3 + 3a^2 + 3a^2 - 3a - 2a + 2 \geq 0$$

$$2a^3(a - 1) - 3a^2(a - 1) + 3a(a - 1) - 2(a - 1) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 1)(2a^3 - 3a^2 + 3a - 2) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 1)[(2a^3 - 2a^2) - a^2 + a + (2a - 2)] \geq 0$$

$$(a - 1)[2a^2(a - 1) - a(a - 1) + 2(a - 1)] \geq 0$$

$$(a - 1)^2(2a^2 - a + 2) \geq 0$$

$$(a - 1)^2 \left[ 2\left(a - \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{15}{8} \right] \geq 0$$

Equality holds for  $a = b = 1$ .

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