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If $a, b > 0$ and $a + b = a^4 + b^4$

then : $a^a b^b \leq 1$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Via weighted AM - GM inequality, } \sqrt[a+b]{(a^3)^a \cdot (b^3)^b} &\leq \frac{a^3 \cdot a + b^3 \cdot b}{a + b} \\ &= \frac{a^4 + b^4}{a + b} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a + b} \cdot \ln x \leq 0 \quad (x = (a^3)^a \cdot (b^3)^b) \Rightarrow \ln x \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = (a^3)^a \cdot (b^3)^b \leq 1 \Rightarrow (a^a)^3 \cdot (b^b)^3 \leq 1 \\ \Rightarrow (a^a b^b)^3 &\leq 1 \Rightarrow a^a b^b \leq 1 \quad \forall a, b > 0 \mid a + b = a^4 + b^4, \text{ iff } a = b = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$