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If $a, b > 0$, then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2 + b^2} \geq \frac{24(a^2 + b^2)}{(a + b)^4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)^2 &\stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 8ab(a^2 + b^2) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{24(a^2 + b^2)}{(a + b)^4} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2 + b^2} - \frac{24(a^2 + b^2)}{8ab(a^2 + b^2)} = \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} - \frac{2}{ab} - \left(\frac{1}{ab} - \frac{2}{a^2 + b^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab}{a^2b^2} - \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab}{ab(a^2 + b^2)} = \frac{(a - b)^2(a^2 + b^2 - ab)}{a^2b^2(a^2 + b^2)} \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} \\ &\frac{(a - b)^2(2ab - ab)}{a^2b^2(a^2 + b^2)} = \frac{(a - b)^2}{ab(a^2 + b^2)} \geq 0 \therefore \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{2}{a^2 + b^2} \geq \frac{24(a^2 + b^2)}{(a + b)^4} \\ &\forall a, b > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$