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If  $a, b > 0$  then:

$$\frac{a^3}{a^2 + 1} + \frac{b^3}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{4}{a + b} \geq 3$$

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$$\frac{a^3}{a^2 + 1} + \frac{b^3}{b^2 + 1} + \frac{4}{a + b} \geq 3$$

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

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

$$(a + b) + \frac{4}{a + b} - \left(\frac{a}{2a} + \frac{b}{2b}\right) \geq 3(am - gm)$$

$$(a + b) + \frac{4}{a + b} \geq 4$$

$$(a + b)^2 - 4(a + b) + 4 \geq 0 \text{ or } (a + b - 2)^2 \geq 0 \text{ (true)}$$

*Equality for  $a + b = 2$  or  $a = b = 1$*