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If $a, b > 0$ and $ab = 1$, then prove that :

$$\frac{a^3 + 2b^3}{a^2(a^2 + 2b^2)} + \frac{b^3 + 2a^3}{b^2(b^2 + 2a^2)} \geq 2$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^3 + 2b^3}{a^2(a^2 + 2b^2)} + \frac{b^3 + 2a^3}{b^2(b^2 + 2a^2)} = \\ &= \frac{(a^3 + 2b^3)(a + 2b)}{a^2(a^2 + 2b^2)(a + 2b)} + \frac{(b^3 + 2a^3)(b + 2a)}{b^2(b^2 + 2a^2)(b + 2a)} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(a^2 + 2b^2)^2}{a^2(a^2 + 2b^2)(a + 2b)} + \frac{(b^2 + 2a^2)^2}{b^2(b^2 + 2a^2)(b + 2a)} = \\ &= \frac{a^2 + 2b^2}{a^2(a + 2b)} + \frac{b^2 + 2a^2}{b^2(b + 2a)} \stackrel{ab=1}{=} \frac{1}{a + 2b} + \frac{1}{b + 2a} + \frac{2b^4}{a + 2b} + \frac{2a^4}{b + 2a} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{4}{3(a + b)} + \frac{2(a^2 + b^2)^2}{3(a + b)} \geq \frac{4}{3(a + b)} + \frac{2 \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot (a + b)^4}{3(a + b)} = \\ &= \frac{t^3}{6} + \frac{4}{3t} \quad (t = a + b) = \frac{t^4 + 8}{6t} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow t^4 - 12t + 8 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (t - 2)(t^3 + 2t^2 + 4(t - 2) + 4) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t = a + b$$

$$\stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{ab} \stackrel{ab=1}{=} 2 \therefore \frac{a^3 + 2b^3}{a^2(a^2 + 2b^2)} + \frac{b^3 + 2a^3}{b^2(b^2 + 2a^2)} \geq 2, \text{'' ='' iff } a = b = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$