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If $x, y > 0$, $x + y = 8$ then:

$$\frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}{8 + \sqrt{xy}} \geq \frac{1}{3}$$

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$$x + y = 8 \text{ or } , 2\sqrt{xy} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} 8 \text{ or } , \sqrt{xy} \leq 4 \text{ (1)}$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}{8 + \sqrt{xy}} \geq \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } 3(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}) \geq 8 + \sqrt{xy} \text{ or,}$$

$$9(x + y + 2\sqrt{xy}) \stackrel{\text{Squaring}}{\geq} 64 + xy + 16\sqrt{xy}$$

$$\text{or } 72 + 18\sqrt{xy} \stackrel{x+y=8}{\geq} 64 + xy + 16\sqrt{xy}$$

$$xy - 2\sqrt{xy} - 8 \leq 0 \text{ or } (\sqrt{xy} - 4)(\sqrt{xy} + 2) \leq 0$$

True as $\sqrt{xy} \leq 4$ (from (1))

Equality holds for $x=y=4$.