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

$$32a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3) \leq (a^2 + b^2)(a + b)^5$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & (a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 4(a^2 + b^2)(2ab) \Rightarrow (a + b)^4 \geq 8ab(a^2 + b^2) \\ \Rightarrow & (a^2 + b^2)(a + b)^5 \geq 8ab(a^2 + b^2)(a + b)(a^2 + b^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 32a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3) \\ = & 32a^2b^2(a + b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab) \Leftrightarrow (a^2 + b^2)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 4ab(a^2 + b^2 - ab) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (a^2 + b^2)^2 - 4ab(a^2 + b^2) + 4a^2b^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \Leftrightarrow (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (a - b)^4 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore 32a^2b^2(a^3 + b^3) \leq (a^2 + b^2)(a + b)^5 \\ & \forall a, b > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$