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If $a, b > 0, a + b \geq 2, 0 < \lambda \leq 1$ then:

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

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Let $t = (a + b)^2 \stackrel{a+b \geq 2}{\geq} 2^2 = 4$ (1)
 $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ then $0 < 4\lambda \leq 4$ then $(t - 4\lambda) > 0$ and $(t - 4) \geq 0$ as $t \geq 4$ (2)

$$a^4 + b^4 = \frac{(a^2)^2}{1} + \frac{(b^2)^2}{1} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{2} \text{ then}$$

$$\frac{4(a^4 + b^4)}{a^2 + b^2} \geq \frac{4 \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2)^2}{2}}{(a^2 + b^2)} = 2(a^2 + b^2) = 2 \left(\frac{a^2}{1} + \frac{b^2}{1} \right) \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} (a + b)^2 \text{ (3)}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) = \left(\frac{1^3}{a^2} + \frac{1^3}{b^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{8}{(a + b)^3} \text{ (4)}$$

We need to show:

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

$$(a + b)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(a + b)^2 + \lambda \frac{8}{(a + b)^3} \stackrel{(4) \& (3)}{\geq} 2(\lambda + 1)$$

$$\frac{t}{2} + \frac{8\lambda}{t} \stackrel{t=(a+b)^2}{\geq} 2(\lambda + 1)$$

$$t^2 - 4t\lambda - 4 + 16\lambda \geq 0$$

$$(t - 4\lambda)(t - 4) \geq 0 \text{ true by (2)}$$

Equality holds for $a=b=1$.