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If $x, y > 0, x \neq y$ then:

$$\left(\frac{(x+y)xy}{(x-y)^2} + x + y \right) \left(\frac{x+y}{(x-y)^2} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \frac{(x+y)^2}{xy} \geq 81$$

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Let $a = x + y, b = xy$ then $(x - y)^2 = (x + y)^2 - 4xy = a^2 - 4b$

$$a^2 = (x + y)^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{>} 4xy \text{ or } a^2 > 4b \text{ or } \frac{a^2}{b} > 4 \text{ or } t \stackrel{t=\frac{a^2}{b}}{=} 4 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{(x+y)xy}{(x-y)^2} + x + y = \frac{ab}{a^2 - 4b} + a \text{ and } \frac{x+y}{(x-y)^2} + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{a}{a^2 - 4b} + \frac{a}{b}, \frac{(x+y)^2}{xy} = \frac{a^2}{b}$$

$$L.H.S = \left(\frac{ab}{a^2 - 4b} + a \right) \left(\frac{a}{a^2 - 4b} + \frac{a}{b} \right) \cdot \frac{a^2}{b} = \frac{a^4}{b^2} \cdot \frac{(a^2 - 3b)^2}{(a^2 - 4b)^2} \stackrel{t=\frac{a^2}{b}}{=} \frac{t^2(t-3)^2}{(t-4)^2}$$

We need to show :

$$\frac{t^2(t-3)^2}{(t-4)^2} \geq 81 \text{ or, } \frac{t(t-3)}{t-4} \geq 9 \text{ or, } \frac{t(t-3)}{t-4} - 9 \geq 0 \text{ or, } \frac{(t-6)^2}{t-4} \geq 0$$

which is true as $t > 4$ (from (1))

and equality occurs when $t = 6$ or, $\frac{a^2}{b} = 6$ or, $a^2 = 6b$