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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b+1} + \frac{b}{a+1} &= \frac{a(a+1) + b(b+1)}{(a+1)(b+1)} = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + a + b}{1 + ab + a + b} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\stackrel{ab=1}{\geq} \frac{2ab + a + b}{ab + ab + a + b} = 1 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

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

Equality holds for  $a=b=1$