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If  $a, b > 0, a^2 + b^2 = 2$  then:

$$\frac{a^2}{b^3 + 1} + \frac{b^2}{a^3 + 1} \geq 1$$

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$$a^2 + b^2 = 2 \text{ or, } 2 = \frac{a^2}{1} + \frac{b^2}{1} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{(a+b)^2}{2} \text{ or } a+b \leq 2 \quad (1)$$

$$2 = a^2 + b^2 \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2ab \text{ or } ab \leq 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{a^2}{b^3 + 1} + \frac{b^2}{a^3 + 1} = \left( a^2 - \frac{a^2 b^3}{b^3 + 1} \right) + \left( b^2 - \frac{b^2 a^3}{a^3 + 1} \right) =$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2) - a^2 b^2 \left( \frac{b}{b^3 + 1} + \frac{a}{a^3 + 1} \right) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} (a^2 + b^2) - a^2 b^2 \left( \frac{b}{2b^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{a}{2a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right) =$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2) - \frac{a^2 b^2}{2} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{a}} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} 2 - \frac{a^2 b^2}{2} \sqrt{2 \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{a} \right)} =$$

$$= 2 - \frac{ab\sqrt{ab}}{2} \sqrt{2(a+b)} \stackrel{(1)\&(2)}{\geq} 2 - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{4} = 1$$

Equality holds for  $a=b=1$ .