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If $a, b > 0$ and $a^3 + b^3 = 2$ then prove that :

$$\frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{a+7}} + \frac{b^3}{\sqrt[3]{b+7}} \leq 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{a+7}} &\stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{71a^3+1}{144} \Leftrightarrow (a+7)(71a^3+1)^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} (144)^3 a^9 \\ \Leftrightarrow (a-1)^2 &\left(\begin{array}{l} 23a^8 + 15a^7 + 7a^6 + 64a^6(5592a^2 + 3675a + 1758) + \\ 4946a^5 + 3234a^4 + 1522a^3 + 23a^2 + 15a + 7 \end{array} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ \rightarrow \text{true} \because a > 0 &\therefore \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{a+7}} \leq \frac{71a^3+1}{144} \text{ and } \frac{b^3}{\sqrt[3]{b+7}} \leq \frac{71b^3+1}{144} \text{ and so,} \\ \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{a+7}} + \frac{b^3}{\sqrt[3]{b+7}} &\leq \frac{71(a^3+b^3)+2}{144} \stackrel{a^3+b^3=2}{=} \frac{142+2}{144} = 1 \\ \therefore \frac{a^3}{\sqrt[3]{a+7}} + \frac{b^3}{\sqrt[3]{b+7}} &\leq 1 \forall a, b > 0 \mid a^3 + b^3 = 2, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$