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If $a, b > 0$ then prove that :

$$\frac{2a^3 + 3b^3}{2a^4 + 3b^4} + \frac{2b^3 + 3a^3}{2b^4 + 3a^4} \leq \frac{4}{a+b}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x^3 + 3y^3}{2x^4 + 3y^4} &= \frac{(2x^3 + 3y^3)(2x^2 + 3y^2)}{(2x^4 + 3y^4)(2x^2 + 3y^2)} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\leq} \frac{(2x^3 + 3y^3)(2x^2 + 3y^2)}{(2x^3 + 3y^3)^2} \\ &= \frac{(2x^2 + 3y^2)(2x + 3y)}{(2x^3 + 3y^3)(2x + 3y)} \stackrel{\text{Reverse CBS}}{\leq} \frac{(2x^2 + 3y^2)(2x + 3y)}{(2x^2 + 3y^2)^2} \\ &\therefore \frac{2x^3 + 3y^3}{2x^4 + 3y^4} \leq \frac{2x + 3y}{2x^2 + 3y^2} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting $x \equiv a$ and $y \equiv b$ in $\textcircled{1}$, we get : $\frac{2a^3 + 3b^3}{2a^4 + 3b^4} \leq \frac{2a + 3b}{2a^2 + 3b^2} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

Substituting $x \equiv b$ and $y \equiv a$ in $\textcircled{1}$, we get : $\frac{2b^3 + 3a^3}{2b^4 + 3a^4} \leq \frac{2b + 3a}{2b^2 + 3a^2} \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$

$\therefore \textcircled{2}$ and $\textcircled{3} \Rightarrow$ it suffices to prove : $\frac{2a + 3b}{2a^2 + 3b^2} + \frac{2b + 3a}{2b^2 + 3a^2} \stackrel{?}{\leq} \frac{4}{a+b}$

$$\Leftrightarrow 4(2a^2 + 3b^2)(2b^2 + 3a^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} (a+b) \left(\frac{(2a+3b)(2b^2+3a^2)}{(2b+3a)(2a^2+3b^2)} + \frac{(2b+3a)(2a^2+3b^2)}{(2b+3a)(2a^2+3b^2)} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 12t^4 - 25t^3 + 26t^2 - 25t + 12 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \left(t = \frac{a}{b} \right)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (t-1)^2((t-1)^2 + 11t^2 + t + 11) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \because t > 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{2a^3 + 3b^3}{2a^4 + 3b^4} + \frac{2b^3 + 3a^3}{2b^4 + 3a^4} \leq \frac{4}{a+b} \quad \forall a, b > 0, "=" \text{ iff } a = b \text{ (QED)}$$