

Proof. Let $t, u \in \mathbb{R}$ where $t = xy$ and $u = zw$. So,

$$\begin{aligned}4xyzw &= 2 \cdot 2tu \\&\leq 2 \cdot (t^2 + u^2) \\&= 2 \cdot ((xy)^2 + (zw)^2) && \text{(substituting variables)} \\&= 2 \cdot (x^2y^2 + z^2w^2) \\&= 2x^2y^2 + 2z^2w^2 \\&\leq ((x^2)^2 + (y^2)^2) + ((z^2)^2 + (w^2)^2) \\&= x^4 + y^4 + z^4 + w^4\end{aligned}$$

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