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PROBLEM OF THE MONTH

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Prove that for all natural numbers b > a

$$\frac{ab}{(a,b)} + \frac{(a+1)(b+1)}{(a+1,b+1)} \geq \frac{2ab}{\sqrt{b-a}}$$

where (n, m) denotes the greatest common divisor of natural numbers n and m.