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problem of the Week

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Let ABCD be a rectangle. Construct P on BD such that AP is perpendicular to BD. Construct E and F on BC and CD respectively such that PE is perpendicular to BC and PF to CD. Prove that

$$\left(\frac{PE}{BD}\right)^{2/3} + \left(\frac{PF}{BD}\right)^{2/3} = 1.$$

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Winner gets \$5 or an equivalent prize. All complete and correct solutions get a certificate.

Type and send your solution before April 3rd, 9:00PM to silvia.fernandez@csun.edu.

All steps of the solution must be clearly justified.

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