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If $a, b, c > 0$ such that : $a + b + c = 3$ and $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k + 1 \geq n$, then

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{a^2 + nb^2 + ka} \leq \frac{3}{n + k + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + nb^2 + ka &\stackrel{\text{weighted AM} \geq \text{weighted GM}}{\geq} (n + k + 1) \cdot \sqrt[n+k+1]{a^2 b^{2n} \cdot a^k} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{ab}{a^2 + nb^2 + ka} &\leq \frac{1}{n + k + 1} \cdot \frac{a}{a^{\frac{k+2}{n+k+1}}} \cdot \frac{b}{a^{\frac{2n}{n+k+1}}} = \frac{1}{n + k + 1} \cdot (a^{n-1} \cdot b^{k+1-n})^{\frac{1}{n+k+1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{n + k + 1} \cdot \left(\sqrt[k]{a^{n-1} \cdot b^{k+1-n}} \right)^{\frac{k}{n+k+1}} \stackrel{\substack{\text{weighted GM} \geq \text{weighted AM} \\ \text{since } k+1-n \geq 0}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{1}{n + k + 1} \cdot \left(\frac{((n-1)a + (k+1-n)b)}{k} \right)^{\frac{k}{n+k+1}} \stackrel{\text{Bernoulli}}{\leq} \\ &\frac{1}{n + k + 1} \cdot \left(1 + \left(\frac{(n-1)a + (k+1-n)b - k}{k} \right) \cdot \frac{k}{n + k + 1} \right) \\ \therefore \frac{ab}{a^2 + nb^2 + ka} &\leq \frac{1}{n + k + 1} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{(n-1)(a-b) + bk - k}{n + k + 1} \right) \text{ and analogs} \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{a^2 + nb^2 + ka} \leq \frac{3}{n + k + 1} \\ &\quad + \frac{(n-1)(a-b + b-c + c-a) + k(a+b+c) - 3k}{(n+k+1)^2} \\ &\stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} \frac{3}{n+k+1} + \frac{3k-3k}{(n+k+1)^2} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ab}{a^2 + nb^2 + ka} \leq \frac{3}{n+k+1} \end{aligned}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 3$ and $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k + 1 \geq n$,

" = " iff $a = b = c = 1$ (QED)