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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2(2a + b + c)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3(a + b) + 2c}$$

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Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0, y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y$
 $\Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius

$$= s, R, r \text{ (say) yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y,$$

$$c = s - z \text{ and via such substitutions, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2(2a + b + c)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3(a + b) + 2c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2(y + z)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3x + 2(s - x)} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s - x + x}{2s \cdot 2(2s - x)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2s + x - x}{2s(2s + x)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{4s} + \frac{1}{4s} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{2s - x} \geq \frac{3}{2s} - \frac{1}{2s} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{2s + x} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{2s - x} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2x}{2s + x} \geq 3 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{2s - x} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{2x}{2s + x} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{2sx - x^2} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x^2}{2sx + x^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} + \frac{2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}$$

$$= \frac{m + 2n}{m + 2n - m} + \frac{2(m + 2n)}{m + 2n + m} \left(m = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2, n = \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right)$$

$$= \frac{(m + 2n)(m + 3n)}{2n(m + n)} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \Leftrightarrow m^2 + 5mn + 6n^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6mn + 6n^2 \Leftrightarrow m(m - n) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{true} \because m = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy = n \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2(2a + b + c)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3(a + b) + 2c} \forall a, b, c > 0, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)}$$