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If $x, y, z > 0$, then prove that :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2x + y + z} + \frac{16xyz}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2x + y + z)} \leq \frac{5}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

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

$$\text{yielding } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{(*)}{=} s \Rightarrow x = s - a, y = s - b, z = s - c$$

$$\therefore xyz \stackrel{(**)}{=} r^2 s$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2x + y + z} + \frac{16xyz}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2x + y + z)} \leq \frac{5}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{(x + y) + (x + z)} + \frac{16xyz}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \prod_{\text{cyc}} ((x + y) + (x + z))} \leq \frac{5}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{via } (*) \text{ and } (**)}{\Leftrightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{b + c} + \frac{16r^2 s}{(s) \prod_{\text{cyc}} (b + c)} \leq \frac{5}{2s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + \frac{16r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \leq \frac{5}{2s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \cdot \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + \frac{16r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \leq \frac{5}{2s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{4s^2 + s^2 + 4Rr + r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} + \frac{16r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \leq \frac{5}{2s} \Leftrightarrow \frac{5s^2 + 4Rr + 17r^2}{2s(s^2 + 2Rr + r^2)} \leq \frac{5}{2s}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 6Rr \geq 12Rr \rightarrow \text{true via Euler} \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{2x + y + z} + \frac{16xyz}{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x) \prod_{\text{cyc}} (2x + y + z)}$$

$$\leq \frac{5}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \quad \forall x, y, z > 0, \text{''} = \text{''} \text{ iff } x = y = z \text{ (QED)}$$