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Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$. Prove that

$$\frac{b+c}{ab+ac+2bc} + \frac{c+a}{bc+ba+2ca} + \frac{a+b}{ca+cb+2ab} \leq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{a+b+c}{ab+bc+ca}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 2(ab+bc+ca) \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{ab+ac+2bc} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(b+c + \frac{a(b+c)^2}{ab+ac+2bc} \right) \\ &\stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 2 \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} a \left(\frac{b^2}{ab+bc} + \frac{c^2}{ac+bc} \right) = 2 \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{ab}{a+c} + \frac{ca}{a+b} \right) \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{ca}{c+b} + \frac{ab}{b+c} \right) = 2 \sum_{cyc} a + \sum_{cyc} a = 3(a+b+c), \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $(a = b = c > 0)$ and

$(a = 0, b, c > 0)$ and permutation.