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

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{ab+ac+2bc} + \frac{b(c+a)}{bc+ba+2ca} + \frac{c(a+b)}{ca+cb+2ab} \leq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+bc+ca)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 2(ab+bc+ca) \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{ab+ac+2bc} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(a(b+c) + \frac{a^2(b+c)^2}{ab+ac+2bc} \right) \leq \\ &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} a^2 \left(\frac{b^2}{ab+bc} + \frac{c^2}{ac+bc} \right) = 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{a^2b}{a+c} + \frac{ca^2}{a+b} \right) = \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{c^2a}{c+b} + \frac{ab^2}{b+c} \right) = 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b^2+c^2)}{b+c} = \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} \left(a(b+c) - \frac{2abc}{b+c} \right) \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} 4 \sum_{cyc} bc - 2abc \cdot \frac{9}{\sum_{cyc}(b+c)} = \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \left(2 \sum_{cyc} bc - \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \right) \stackrel{Schur}{\leq} 2 \sum_{cyc} bc + \sum_{cyc} a^2 = (a+b+c)^2, \end{aligned}$$

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