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JP. 545 If $x, y, z > 0$ then:

$$\frac{x}{7x + 5y + 5z} + \frac{y}{5x + 7y + 5z} + \frac{z}{5x + 5y + 7z} \leq \frac{3}{17}$$

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Solution 1 by proposer

$$\text{Denote: } \begin{cases} 7x + 5y + 5z = u \\ 5x + 7y + 5z = v \\ 5x + 5y + 7z = w \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{34}(12u - 5v - 5w) \\ y = \frac{1}{34}(-5u + 12v - 5w) \\ z = \frac{1}{34}(-5u - 5v + 12w) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{7x + 5y + 5z} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{12u - 5v - 5w}{34u} = \frac{1}{34} \sum_{cyc} \left(12 - 5 \left(\frac{v}{u} + \frac{w}{v} \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{12 \cdot 3}{34} - \frac{5}{34} \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{v}{u} + \frac{w}{v} \right) \leq \frac{36}{34} - \frac{5 \cdot 6}{34} = \frac{6}{34} = \frac{3}{17} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = 1$.

Solution 2 by Marin Chirciu-Romania

Return the inequality: $\sum \frac{x}{7x+5y+5z} \leq \frac{3}{17} \Leftrightarrow \sum \frac{y+z}{7x+5y+5z} \geq \frac{6}{17}$, which follows from:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{y+z}{7x+5y+5z} &= \sum \frac{(y+z)^2}{(y+z)(7x+5y+5z)} \stackrel{CS}{\geq} \frac{(\sum(y+z))^2}{\sum(y+z)(7x+5y+5z)} = \\ &= \frac{4(\sum x^2 + 2\sum yz)}{10\sum x^2 + 24\sum yz} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{6}{17} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where (1)} \Leftrightarrow \frac{4(\sum x^2 + 2\sum yz)}{10\sum x^2 + 24\sum yz} \geq \frac{6}{17} \Leftrightarrow \sum x^2 \geq \sum yz \Leftrightarrow \sum (x-y)^2 \geq 0.$$

Equality holds if and only if $x = y = z$.

Remark.

Inequality can be developed.

If $x, y, z > 0$ and $\lambda \geq n > 0$ then

$$\sum \frac{x}{\lambda x + n y + n z} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 2n}$$

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Solution

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum \frac{y+z}{\lambda x + ny + nz} &= \sum \frac{(y+z)^2}{(y+z)(\lambda x + ny + nz)} \stackrel{CS}{\geq} \frac{(\sum(y+z))^2}{\sum(y+z)(\lambda x + ny + nz)} = \\ &= \frac{4(\sum x^2 + 2\sum yz)}{2n\sum x^2 + 2(\lambda+n)\sum yz} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{6}{2\lambda+n} \end{aligned}$$

where (1) $\Leftrightarrow \frac{4(\sum x^2 + 2\sum yz)}{2n\sum x^2 + 2(\lambda+n)\sum yz} \geq \frac{6}{2\lambda+n} \Leftrightarrow (\lambda-n)\sum x^2 \geq (\lambda-n)\sum yz$, which follows from

the condition for hypothesis $\lambda \geq n \geq 0$ and $\sum x^2 \geq \sum yz \Leftrightarrow \sum(x-y)^2 \geq 0$

Equality holds if and only if $x = y = z$.

Note.

For $\lambda = 7, n = 5$ we obtain Problem JP.545 from RMM Nr. 37 – Summer 2025

Solution 3 by Tapas Das-India

let $x + y + z = p$, then the given problem can be written as

$$\frac{x}{2x+5p} + \frac{y}{2y+5p} + \frac{z}{2z+5p} \leq \frac{3}{17}, \text{ let } f(a) = \frac{a}{2a+5p}$$

$$\text{where } a > 0, f'(a) = \frac{5p}{(2a+5p)^2}, f''(a) = \frac{-10p}{(2a+5p)^3}$$

so f is concave in $a \in (0, \infty)$.

Now using Jensen $f(x) + f(y) + f(z) \leq 3f\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) = 3f\left(\frac{p}{3}\right)$ or,

$$\sum \frac{x}{2x+5p} = \sum \frac{x}{7x+5y+5z} \leq 3 \frac{\frac{p}{3}}{\frac{2p}{3}+5p} = \frac{3}{17}$$