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$$E_1 = 1 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{2x + z}$$
, $E_2 = 1 - \sum_{cyc} \frac{x}{x + 2y}$, $x, y, z > 0$

Make a choice: A. $E_1E_2 \ge 0$ B. $E_1E_2 \le 0$

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We will prove that

$$\frac{x}{2x+z} + \frac{y}{2y+x} + \frac{z}{2z+y} \le 1$$
 (1)

Since we want to use Bergström inequality, we change " \leq " sign to " \geq " sign. The inequality (1) is equivalent to

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2x+z} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{y}{2y+x} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{z}{2z+y} \ge \frac{3}{2} - 1$$

$$\frac{z}{2x+z} + \frac{x}{2y+x} + \frac{y}{2z+y} \ge 1 \qquad (2)$$

Applying Bergström inequality we obtain

$$\frac{z}{2x+z} + \frac{x}{2y+x} + \frac{y}{2z+y} = \frac{z^2}{2zx+z^2} + \frac{x^2}{2xy+x^2} + \frac{y^2}{2yz+y^2} \\
\ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x^2+y^2+z^2+2(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x+y+z)^2} = 1 \implies E_1 \\
= 1 - \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{x}{2x+z} \ge 0.$$

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

Applying Bergström we obtain

$$\frac{x}{x+2y} + \frac{y}{y+2z} + \frac{z}{z+2x} = \frac{x^2}{x^2+2xy} + \frac{y^2}{y^2+2yz} + \frac{z^2}{z^2+2zx} \ge$$

$$\ge \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x^2+y^2+z^2+2(xy+yz+zx)} = \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x+y+z)^2} = 1 \implies E_2 = 1 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{2x+y} \le 0.$$

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

It follows that $E_1E_2 \leq 0$.