

Problem. Let a, b, c are non-negative real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{b+c}{2a^2+bc} + \frac{c+a}{2b^2+ca} + \frac{a+b}{2c^2+ab} \geq \frac{6}{a+b+c}.$$

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$$\frac{b+c}{2a^2+bc} \geq \frac{2}{a+b+c} + \frac{b+c-2a}{a^2+b^2+c^2}.$$

We rewrite the inequality and group the terms by a

$$3(b+c)a^3 - (5b^2+2bc+5c^2)a^2 + (b+c)(b^2+bc+c^2)a + (b^2+bc+c^2)(b-c)^2 \geq 0.$$

Using the AM-GM inequality, we have

$$(b+c)^2a^2 + (b^2+c^2)^2 \geq 2a(b+c)(b^2+c^2),$$

or

$$3(b+c)a^3 \geq 6a^2(b^2+c^2) - \frac{3a(b^2+c^2)^2}{b+c}.$$

It remains to prove that

$$[6a^2(b^2+c^2) - (5b^2+2bc+5c^2)a^2] + \left[(b+c)(b^2+bc+c^2)a - \frac{3a(b^2+c^2)^2}{b+c} \right] + (b^2+bc+c^2)(b-c)^2 \geq 0,$$

equivalent to

$$a^2(b-c)^2 - \frac{a(2b^2+bc+2c^2)(b-c)^2}{b+c} + (b^2+bc+c^2)(b-c)^2 \geq 0,$$

or

$$\frac{(b-c)^2}{b+c} [(b+c)a^2 - (2b^2+bc+2c^2)a + (b+c)(b^2+bc+c^2)] \geq 0.$$

We need to prove

$$f(a) = (b+c)a^2 - (2b^2+bc+2c^2)a + (b+c)(b^2+bc+c^2) \geq 0.$$

The quadratic polynomial $f(a) \geq 0$ holds because its discriminant is

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_a &= (2b^2+bc+2c^2)^2 - 4(b+c)^2(b^2+bc+c^2) \\ &= -bc(8b^2+7bc+8c^2) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is completed. □