

Problem. If a, b, c be positive numbers, then

$$\frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} + \frac{b^2}{(b+c)^2} + \frac{c^2}{(c+a)^2} \geq \frac{3}{4}.$$

Solution. (Nguyen Van Huyen) We have

$$4a^2(a+b+c)^2 - (4a^2 - b^2 - bc + 7ca)(a+b)^2 = c(a+b)(a-b)^2 + (b^2 + ab - 2ca)^2 \geq 0,$$

thus

$$\frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} \geq \frac{4a^2 - b^2 - bc + 7ca}{4(a+b+c)^2}.$$

Which gives

$$\sum \frac{a^2}{(a+b)^2} \geq \sum \frac{4a^2 - b^2 - bc + 7ca}{4(a+b+c)^2} = \frac{3}{4}.$$

The proof is completed. □