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Problem.

if $a, b, c \in (0; +\infty) \wedge abc = 1$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{(a^{2x} + b^{2x})(a^x + b^x) + 2} \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Proof.

$$\oplus a^{2x} + b^{2x} \stackrel{Cauchy}{\geq} 2(ab)^x$$

Similar:

$$b^{2x} + c^{2x} \geq 2(bc)^x$$

$$c^{2x} + a^{2x} \geq 2(ca)^x$$

$$\oplus LHS = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{(a^{2x} + b^{2x})(a^x + b^x) + 2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{(ab)^x (a^x + b^x) + 1}$$

$$\sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{(ab)^x (a^x + b^x) + 1} = \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^x (a^x + b^x) + 1}$$

because $abc = 1$

$$\oplus LHS \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{c}\right)^x (a^x + b^x) + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{cyc(a,b,c)} \frac{c^x}{a^x + b^x + c^x} = \frac{1}{2} = RHS$$

(done)

$$\oplus \text{Equality} \leftrightarrow x = 0 \vee a = b = c = 1.$$