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Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$. Prove that:

$$\frac{a(b+c)}{ab+ac+4bc} + \frac{b(c+a)}{bc+ba+4ca} + \frac{c(a+b)}{ca+cb+4ab} \leq \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2}{ab+bc+ca}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (ab+bc+ca) \sum_{cyc} \frac{a(b+c)}{ab+ac+4bc} &= \sum_{cyc} \left(a(b+c) - \frac{3abc(b+c)}{ab+ac+4bc} \right) \leq \\ &\stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} 2(ab+bc+ca) - 3abc \sum_{cyc} \frac{b+c}{ab+ac+(b+c)^2} = \\ &= 2(ab+bc+ca) - \frac{9abc}{a+b+c} \stackrel{Schur}{\leq} a^2+b^2+c^2 \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$ & $a = b, c = 0$ and permutations.