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JP.580 If $a, b \geq 0; x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ then:

$$\frac{[2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]}{[2^a + 2^b]} + \frac{[2^b + \sin^2 x] + [2^c + \cos^2 x]}{[2^b + 2^c]} + \frac{[2^c + \sin^2 x] + [2^a + \cos^2 x]}{[2^c + 2^a]} \geq 3$$

[*] – great integer function.

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Solution by proposer

$$2^a + \sin^2 x - 1 < [2^a + \sin^2 x]$$

$$2^b + \cos^2 x - 1 < [2^b + \cos^2 x]$$

By adding:

$$2^a + 2^b + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 x - 2 < [2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]$$

$$2^a + 2^b + 1 - 2 < [2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]$$

$$2^a + 2^b - 1 < [2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]$$

$$[2^a + 2^b - 1] < [[2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]]$$

$$[2^a + 2^b] \leq [2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]$$

$$\frac{[2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]}{[2^a + 2^b]} \geq 1 \quad (1)$$

Analogous:

$$\frac{[2^b + \sin^2 x] + [2^c + \cos^2 x]}{[2^b + 2^c]} \geq 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{[2^c + \sin^2 x] + [2^a + \cos^2 x]}{[2^c + 2^a]} \geq 1 \quad (3)$$

By adding (1); (2); (3):

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{[2^a + \sin^2 x] + [2^b + \cos^2 x]}{[2^a + 2^b]} + \frac{[2^b + \sin^2 x] + [2^c + \cos^2 x]}{[2^b + 2^c]} + \\ & + \frac{[2^c + \sin^2 x] + [2^a + \cos^2 x]}{[2^c + 2^a]} \geq 3 \end{aligned}$$