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If $x, y, z > 0$ and $x + y + z = 1$ then prove that :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{az + by}{(a + b)(x + yz)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{x + yz} \text{ for all } a + b > 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{az + by}{(a + b)(x + yz)} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{x + yz} \stackrel{x+y+z=1}{=} \\ & \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{az + by}{(a + b)(1 - y - z + yz)} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{1 - y - z + yz} \\ & = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{az + by}{(a + b)(1 - y)(1 - z)} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{(1 - y)(1 - z)} \\ & \stackrel{x+y+z=1}{=} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{az + by}{(a + b)(z + x)(x + y)} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{(z + x)(x + y)} \\ & = \frac{1}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{(az + by)(y + z)}{a + b} - \sum_{\text{cyc}} (x(y + z)) \right) \\ & = \frac{1}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \cdot \left(\frac{a + b}{a + b} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) - 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) \\ & = \frac{1}{(x + y)(y + z)(z + x)} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) (\because a + b \neq 0 \text{ as } a + b > 0) \geq 0 \\ & (\because x, y, z > 0 \Rightarrow (x + y)(y + z)(z + x) > 0) \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{az + by}{(a + b)(x + yz)} \geq \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{x + yz} \\ & \forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x + y + z = 1 \text{ and } \forall a, b \mid a + b \neq 0, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = \frac{1}{3} \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$