

**Problema J117.** Let  $a, b, c$  be positive real numbers. Prove that

$$\frac{a}{2a^2 + b^2 + 3} + \frac{b}{2b^2 + c^2 + 3} + \frac{c}{2c^2 + a^2 + 3} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

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Since  $a^2 + 1 \geq 2a$ ,  $b^2 + 1 \geq 2b$ ,  $c^2 + 1 \geq 2c$  we have

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{a}{2a^2 + b^2 + 3} \leq \sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{a}{4a + 2b}$$

so we only need to prove that

$$\sum_{\text{cyclic}} \frac{a}{2a + b} \leq 1$$

After easy computations the last inequality becomes

$$\frac{ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 - 3abc}{(2a + b)(2b + c)(2c + a)} \geq 0$$

which is true in virtue of **AM-GM** inequality

$$ab^2 + bc^2 + ca^2 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{a^3b^3c^3} = 3abc$$

Thus, the inequality is proven. The equality holds if and only if  $a = b = c = 1$ .  $\square$