

Problema U139. Find the least interval containing all values of the expression

$$E(x, y, z) = \frac{x}{x+2y} + \frac{y}{y+2z} + \frac{z}{z+2x}$$

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The expression $E(x, y, z)$ is unbounded above. Indeed setting up $x = n$, $y = \frac{1-n}{2}$, $z = 0$ we have

$$E\left(n, \frac{1-n}{2}, 0\right) = \frac{n}{n+1-n} + 1 = n+1 \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Using the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality in Engel form we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(x, y, z) &= \frac{x}{x+2y} + \frac{y}{y+2z} + \frac{z}{z+2x} = \\ &= \frac{x^2}{x^2+2xy} + \frac{y^2}{y^2+2yz} + \frac{z^2}{z^2+2xz} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x^2+y^2+z^2+2xy+2yz+2xz} = \\ &= \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{(x+y+z)^2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and $E(x, y, z)$ attains the minimum value 1 as $x = y = z = 1$.

Therefore least interval containing all values of $E(x, y, z)$ is $[1, +\infty)$. □