

Problem 12083

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Let x , y , and z be positive real numbers. Prove

$$\frac{1}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z+x} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}.$$

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Solution. By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality,

$$((x+y) + (y+z) + (z+x)) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z+x} \right) \geq (1+1+1)^2$$

that is

$$\frac{1}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y+z} + \frac{1}{z+x} \geq \frac{9}{2(x+y+z)}.$$

So, it remains to show that

$$\frac{9}{2(x+y+z)} \geq \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$$

that is

$$\sqrt{1^2+1^2+1^2} \cdot \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2} \geq (x+y+z)$$

which holds again by the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality. □