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## 1 Solution

If  $n = 1$ , then obviously the equality holds. Assume that the equality holds when the number of positive real numbers is less than  $n$ . Then, for positive real numbers  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n} \frac{1}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n)})} \\ &= \frac{1}{d_1 + \cdots + d_n} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n} \frac{d_1 + \cdots + d_n}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n)})} \\ &= \frac{1}{d_1 + \cdots + d_n} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n} \frac{d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n)}}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n)})} \\ &= \frac{1}{d_1 + \cdots + d_n} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n} \frac{1}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n-1)})} \\ &= \frac{1}{d_1 + \cdots + d_n} \left( \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n, \sigma(n)=1} \frac{1}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n-1)})} \right. \\ &\quad + \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n, \sigma(n)=2} \frac{1}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n-1)})} \\ &\quad + \cdots + \left. \sum_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_n, \sigma(n)=n} \frac{1}{d_{\sigma(1)}(d_{\sigma(1)} + d_{\sigma(2)}) \cdots (d_{\sigma(1)} + \cdots + d_{\sigma(n-1)})} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{d_1 + \cdots + d_n} \left( \frac{1}{d_2 d_3 \cdots d_n} + \frac{1}{d_1 d_3 \cdots d_n} + \cdots + \frac{1}{d_1 d_2 \cdots d_{n-1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{d_1 d_2 \cdots d_n} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by induction on  $n$ , the equality in the problem holds.