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If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 2$ then:

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad & \frac{a^2}{b^2 + \lambda c} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + \lambda a} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + \lambda b} = \sum \frac{(a^2)^2}{a^2 b^2 + \lambda a^2 c} \stackrel{C-S}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a^2)^2}{\sum a^2 b^2 + \lambda \sum ca^2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}; \\ & (1) \Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1) \left(\sum a^2 \right)^2 \geq 3 \left(\sum a^2 b^2 + \lambda \sum ca^2 \right); \\ & \Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1) \left(\sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2 b^2 \right) \geq 3 \left(\sum a^2 b^2 + \lambda \sum ca^2 \right); \\ & \Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1) \sum a^4 \geq 3\lambda \sum ca^2 + (1 - 2\lambda) \sum a^2 b^2; \\ & \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum a^4 - \sum a^2 b^2 \right) + \lambda \left(\sum a^4 + 2 \sum a^2 b^2 - 3 \sum ca^2 \right) \geq 0; \end{aligned}$$

Because:

$$\bullet \quad \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy \rightarrow \sum a^4 \geq \sum a^2 b^2 \rightarrow \sum a^4 - \sum a^2 b^2 \geq 0; \quad (2)$$

$$\bullet \quad a^4 + a^2 c^2 + a^2 c^2 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^6 c^3 a^2 c} = 3 \cdot a^2 c \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^2 c};$$

• Similarly:

$$b^4 + a^2 b^2 + a^2 b^2 \geq 3 \cdot b^2 a \cdot \sqrt[3]{b^2 a};$$

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$$c^4 + b^2c^2 + b^2c^2 \geq 3 \cdot c^2b \cdot \sqrt[3]{c^2b};$$

$$\rightarrow \sum a^4 + 2 \cdot \sum a^2b^2 \geq 3 \cdot \sum (b^2a \cdot \sqrt[3]{b^2a}) = 3 \cdot \sum \varphi(b^2a)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{JENSEN: } \varphi(x)=x^3\sqrt{x}}{\geq} 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \varphi\left(\frac{b^2a + c^2b + a^2c}{3}\right) = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \left(\frac{\sum b^2a}{3}\right) \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{\sum b^2a}{3}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot 3 \cdot \left(\frac{\sum b^2a}{3}\right) \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{(abc)^3}}{3}} = 3 \cdot \sum b^2a \cdot \sqrt[3]{\frac{3 \cdot 1}{3}} = 3 \cdot \sum b^2a;$$

$$\stackrel{\lambda \geq 0}{\Rightarrow} \lambda \left(\sum a^4 + 2 \cdot \sum a^2b^2 - 3 \cdot \sum b^2a \right) \geq 0; \text{ (3)}$$

$$\stackrel{(2)+(3)}{\Rightarrow} \text{(1) is true. Proved.}$$