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If $a, b, c > 0$, $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = 3$ then:

$$\frac{1}{a^2bc} + \frac{\lambda^2}{b^2ac} + \frac{(\lambda+1)^2}{c^2ab} \geq \frac{4(\lambda+1)^2 a^4 b^4 c^4}{a^4 b^4 + b^4 c^4 + c^4 a^4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a^4 + b^4 + c^4 &= \frac{a^4}{1^3} + \frac{b^4}{1^3} + \frac{c^4}{1^3} \stackrel{\text{Radon}}{\geq} \frac{1}{27} (a+b+c)^4 = \\ &= \left(\frac{a+b+c}{3} \right)^3 (a+b+c) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} abc(a+b+c) = a^2bc + b^2ca + c^2ab \quad (1) \\ a^4 b^4 + b^4 c^4 + c^4 a^4 &= a^4 b^4 c^4 \left(\frac{1}{a^4} + \frac{1}{b^4} + \frac{1}{c^4} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} a^4 b^4 c^4 \cdot \frac{9}{a^4 + b^4 + c^4} \quad (2) \\ \frac{1}{a^2bc} + \frac{\lambda^2}{b^2ac} + \frac{(\lambda+1)^2}{c^2ab} &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(1+\lambda+\lambda+1)^2}{a^2bc + b^2ca + c^2ab} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{4(\lambda+1)^2}{a^4 + b^4 + c^4} \quad (3) \\ (a^4 b^4 + b^4 c^4 + c^4 a^4) &\left(\frac{1}{a^2bc} + \frac{\lambda^2}{b^2ac} + \frac{(\lambda+1)^2}{c^2ab} \right) \stackrel{(2) \& (3)}{\geq} \\ &\geq a^4 b^4 c^4 \cdot \frac{9}{a^4 + b^4 + c^4} \cdot \frac{4(\lambda+1)^2}{a^4 + b^4 + c^4} \stackrel{a^4+b^4+c^4=3}{=} a^4 b^4 c^4 \cdot 4(\lambda+1)^2 \\ &\frac{1}{a^2bc} + \frac{\lambda^2}{b^2ac} + \frac{(\lambda+1)^2}{c^2ab} \geq \frac{4(\lambda+1)^2 a^4 b^4 c^4}{a^4 b^4 + b^4 c^4 + c^4 a^4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a=b=c=1$.