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If $a, b, c > 0, \lambda \geq 1$ then:

$$\sum \frac{a}{a + \lambda(b + c)} \geq \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1}$$

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$$\text{Let } m = \sum a^2, n = \sum ab \text{ then } m \geq n \text{ (1) } (a + b + c)^2 = m + 2n \text{ (2)}$$

$$\sum \frac{a}{a + \lambda(b + c)} = \sum \frac{a^2}{a^2 + \lambda(ab + ac)} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{\sum a^2 + 2\lambda \sum ab} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{m + 2n}{m + 2\lambda n}$$

We need to show:

$$\frac{m + 2n}{m + 2\lambda n} \geq \frac{3}{2\lambda + 1} \text{ or, } 2\lambda m + 2n \geq 2m + 2\lambda n \text{ or, } (\lambda - 1)(m - n) \geq 0$$

true as $\lambda \geq 1$ and $m \geq n$ (by (1))

Equality holds for $a=b=c$.