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If  $a, b, c > 0$ ,  $a + b + c = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$  and  $\lambda \geq 2$  then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda bc} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda bc} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{a^2 + \lambda a^2 bc} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \lambda abc \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \\ &= \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{a} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \lambda \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 3\lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \\ &\Leftrightarrow \lambda \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 - \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{(\lambda - 2)}{2} \cdot \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} (a - b)^2 \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \\ &\rightarrow \text{true} \because \lambda \geq 2 \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{1 + \lambda bc} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \\ &\quad \text{and } \lambda \geq 2, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$