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If $x, y, z, \lambda > 0, xyz = 1$ then :

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + (\lambda + 1)(x + y + z) \geq 6\lambda + (2 - \lambda) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

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Since $xyz = 1$, so we can assign $x = \frac{a}{b}, y = \frac{b}{c}, z = \frac{c}{a}$ ($a, b, c > 0$) and

$$\text{then : } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ca}{b^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ca}{b^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{b} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{ca}{b^2} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c}{a} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2 \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{ca}{b^2} \cdot \frac{c}{a}} = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{c}{b} = 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true } \therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y} + \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \geq 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \text{ and again, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 6$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} - 6 \right) \geq 0 \quad (\because \lambda > 0) \Rightarrow \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \geq 6\lambda - \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\therefore \textcircled{1} + \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{z} + \frac{z}{x} + (\lambda + 1)(x + y + z) \geq 6\lambda + (2 - \lambda) \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right)$$

$\forall x, y, z, \lambda > 0 \mid xyz = 1, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)}$