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

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+b}{a+b+\lambda} \geq \frac{6}{\lambda+2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+b}{a+b+\lambda} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x+\lambda-\lambda}{x+\lambda} \quad (x = b+c, y = c+a, z = a+b) \\ &= 3 - \frac{\lambda(\sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 3\lambda^2 + 2\lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} x)}{xyz + \lambda^3 + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + \lambda^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{6}{\lambda+2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3xyz + 2(\lambda-1) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy \right) + (\lambda^2 - 4\lambda) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) - 6\lambda^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 3 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) - 3 + 2(\lambda-1) \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) +$$

$$(2\lambda^2 - 8\lambda) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) - 6\lambda^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad (*)$$

Now, LHS of (\*)  $\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + 9abc - 3 +$

$$2(\lambda-1) \left( \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 + 3 \right) + 2\lambda^2 \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a - 3 \right) - 8\lambda \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)$$

$$\left( \because \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{a^2 b^2 c^2} = 3 \right) \stackrel{\substack{\lambda \geq 1 \\ \text{and} \\ \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \geq 3}}{\geq}$$

$$6t + 9 - 3 + 2(\lambda-1)(t^2 + 3) + 2(t-3) - 8\lambda t \left( \begin{array}{l} t = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \text{ and } \because abc = 1 \text{ and} \\ \because t = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{abc} = 3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 8t - 8\lambda t + 9 - 3 - 6 + 2(\lambda-1)(t^2 + 3) = 2(\lambda-1)(t^2 + 3 - 4t) \\ &= 2(\lambda-1)(t-3)(t-1) \geq 0 (\because t \geq 3 \text{ and } \lambda \geq 1) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a+b}{a+b+\lambda} \geq \frac{6}{\lambda+2} \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid abc = 1 \text{ and } \lambda \geq 1,$$

" = " iff  $a = b = c = 1$  (QED)