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If $x, y, z > 0, x + y + z = 3$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y(x + \lambda z)} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y(x + \lambda z)} &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}\right)^2}{x + \lambda z} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{\frac{x}{y}}\right)^2}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} x} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\ &\frac{\left(3 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{y}{z}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{z}{x}}}\right)^2}{(\lambda + 1)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x)} \stackrel{x+y+z=3}{=} \frac{9}{3(\lambda + 1)} \text{ and so, } \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{x}{y(x + \lambda z)} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$\forall x, y, z > 0 \mid x + y + z = 3 \text{ and } \lambda \geq 0, " = " \text{ iff } x = y = z = 1 \text{ (QED)}$