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If $a, b, c > 0, ab + bc + ca = 1$ then:

$$\frac{(ab+1)^2}{a^2+4ab+b^2} + \frac{(bc+1)^2}{b^2+4bc+c^2} + \frac{(ca+1)^2}{c^2+4ca+a^2} \geq \frac{8}{3}$$

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$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca = 1$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(ab+1)^2}{a^2+4ab+b^2} + \frac{(bc+1)^2}{b^2+4bc+c^2} + \frac{(ca+1)^2}{c^2+4ca+a^2} &= \sum_{cyc} \frac{(ab+1)^2}{a^2+4ab+b^2} \stackrel{BERGSTROM}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{(ab+1+bc+1+ca+1)^2}{2(a^2+b^2+c^2)+4(ab+bc+ca)} = \frac{(1+3)^2}{2(a^2+b^2+c^2)+4} = \\ &= \frac{16}{2(a^2+b^2+c^2)+4} \geq \frac{8}{a^2+b^2+c^2+2} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{8}{1+2} = \frac{8}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$.