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

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + ab} + \frac{1}{\lambda + bc} + \frac{1}{\lambda + ca} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 3}$$

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Let $a = \frac{1}{x}$, $b = \frac{1}{y}$, $c = \frac{1}{z}$ then $a + b + c = abc$ or

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{xyz} \text{ or, } xy + yz + zx = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda + ab} + \frac{1}{\lambda + bc} + \frac{1}{\lambda + ca} = \sum \frac{1}{\lambda + ab} = \sum \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{y}} =$$

$$= \sum \frac{xy}{\lambda xy + 1} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda xy + 1} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum \frac{1^2}{\lambda xy + 1} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\leq} \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{(1+1+1)^2}{\lambda(xy+yz+zx)+3} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{9}{\lambda+3} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(3 - \frac{9}{\lambda+3} \right) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda+3} = \frac{3}{\lambda+3}$$

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