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If $a, b, c, \lambda > 0$ then :

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

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Let $x = \frac{a}{\lambda + 1}, y = \frac{b}{\lambda + 1}, z = \frac{c}{\lambda + 1}$ and then :

$$\begin{aligned} & \boxed{(a - \lambda)^2 + (b - \lambda)^2 + (c - \lambda)^2 - \left(\frac{ab + bc + ca}{\lambda + 1} - 3\lambda \right)} \\ &= (\lambda + 1)^2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(x - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \right)^2 - (\lambda + 1) \sum_{\text{cyc}} xy + 3\lambda \\ &\geq \frac{(\lambda + 1)^2}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x - \frac{3\lambda}{\lambda + 1} \right)^2 - \frac{(\lambda + 1)}{3} \cdot \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right)^2 + 3\lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left((\lambda + 1)^2 \left(t^2 - \frac{6\lambda t}{\lambda + 1} + \frac{9\lambda^2}{(\lambda + 1)^2} \right) - (\lambda + 1)t^2 + 9\lambda \right) \left(t = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left(((\lambda + 1)^2 - (\lambda + 1))t^2 - 6\lambda(\lambda + 1)t + 9\lambda^2 + 9\lambda \right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2 + \lambda}{3} \cdot (t^2 - 6t + 9) = \frac{\lambda^2 + \lambda}{3} \cdot (t - 3)^2 \geq 0 \quad (\because \lambda > 0) \\ \therefore (a - \lambda)^2 + (b - \lambda)^2 + (c - \lambda)^2 &\geq \frac{ab + bc + ca}{\lambda + 1} - 3\lambda \quad \forall a, b, c, \lambda > 0, \\ \text{" = " iff } x = y = z = 1 &\Rightarrow \text{iff } \frac{a}{\lambda + 1} = \frac{b}{\lambda + 1} = \frac{c}{\lambda + 1} = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{iff } a = b = c = \lambda + 1 \quad (\text{QED}) \end{aligned}$$