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

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{27}{4}(ab + bc + ca) \geq \frac{45}{4}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{27}{4}(ab + bc + ca) = \\ &= \frac{3}{4}\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) + \frac{27}{4}(ab + bc + ca) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{3(1+1+1)^2}{4(a+b+c)} + \frac{1(ab+bc+ca)}{4abc} + \frac{27}{4}(ab+bc+ca) \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{3}{4} \cdot 9 + 2 \sqrt{\frac{27}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{abc} \cdot (ab+bc+ca)^2} \text{ (since } a+b+c=1) \stackrel{(\sum x)^2 \geq 3 \sum xy}{\geq} \\ &\geq \frac{27}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{27}{abc} \cdot 3abc(a+b+c)} = \frac{27}{4} + \frac{9}{2} = \frac{45}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for:
 $a = b = c = \frac{1}{3}$