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If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3, \lambda \geq 2 + \sqrt{3}$ then:

$$\sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{\lambda - a} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda - 1}$$

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Let $p = a^2, q = b^2, r = c^2$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ or $p + q + r = 3$

Lemma:

$$\text{For } x \in (0, 3) \text{ and } \lambda \geq 2 + \sqrt{3}, \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{x}} \leq \frac{2\lambda - 3 + x}{2(\lambda - 1)^2}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{x}} &\leq \frac{2\lambda - 3 + x}{2(\lambda - 1)^2} \text{ or,} \\ 2(\lambda - 1)^2 &\leq [2\lambda - 3 + x](\lambda - \sqrt{x}) \text{ or,} \\ \lambda - 2 + x\lambda - \sqrt{x}(2\lambda - 3) - x^{\frac{3}{2}} &\geq 0 \text{ or} \\ u^3 - u^2\lambda + u(2\lambda - 3) - \lambda + 2 &\stackrel{x=u^2}{\leq} 0 \text{ or,} \end{aligned}$$

$$(u - 1)(u + 2 - \lambda) \leq 0$$

True, since $x \in (0, 3)$ and $u = \sqrt{x} < \sqrt{3}, u + 2 < 2 + \sqrt{3}$
and $\lambda \geq 2 + \sqrt{3}$, so $(u + 2 - \lambda) < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \sum \frac{1}{\lambda - a} &= \sum \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{a^2}} = \sum \frac{1}{\lambda - \sqrt{p}} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \\ \sum \frac{2\lambda - 3 + p}{2(\lambda - 1)^2} &= \frac{3(2\lambda - 3) + \sum p}{2(\lambda - 1)^2} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{6\lambda - 9 + 3}{2(\lambda - 1)^2} \left(\text{as } \sum p = 3 \right) = \frac{3}{\lambda - 1}$$

Equality for $a = b = c = 1$