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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $\lambda \geq 1$, then :

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

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4(ab + bc + ca)} - \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} - \frac{1}{4} \\ &= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a^2}{a^2 + \lambda ab} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4(ab + bc + ca)} - \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} - \frac{1}{4} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ & \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \lambda \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} - \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} + \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}{4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{x + 2y}{x + \lambda y} - \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} + \frac{x - y}{4y} \\ & \left(x = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \text{ and } y = \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) = \frac{x + \lambda x + 2y + 2\lambda y - 3x - 3\lambda y}{(\lambda + 1)(x + \lambda y)} + \frac{x - y}{4y} \\ &= \frac{\lambda(x - y) - 2(x - y)}{(\lambda + 1)(x + \lambda y)} + \frac{x - y}{4y} = (x - y) \left(\frac{\lambda - 2}{(\lambda + 1)(x + \lambda y)} + \frac{1}{4y} \right) \\ &= \frac{(x - y)(4\lambda y - 8y + \lambda x + x + \lambda^2 y + \lambda y)}{4y(\lambda + 1)(x + \lambda y)} \stackrel{\lambda \geq 1 \text{ and } x - y \geq 0}{\geq} \frac{(x - y)(4y - 8y + x + x + y + y)}{4y(\lambda + 1)(x + \lambda y)} \\ &= \frac{2(x - y)^2}{4y(\lambda + 1)(x + \lambda y)} \geq 0 \therefore \frac{a}{a + \lambda b} + \frac{b}{b + \lambda c} + \frac{c}{c + \lambda a} + \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{4(ab + bc + ca)} \geq \\ & \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} + \frac{1}{4} \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid \lambda \geq 1, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$