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If $a, b, c > 0$, $\lambda \geq \frac{9}{8}$ then:

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

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$$\text{Let } \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{ab + bc + ca} = t \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{b+c} + \frac{c}{c+a} + \frac{\lambda(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{(a+b+c)^2} &= \sum \frac{a^2}{a^2 + ab} + \frac{\lambda(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{(a+b+c)^2} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca} + \frac{\lambda(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}{(a+b+c)^2} = \frac{t+2}{t+1} + \frac{\lambda t}{t+2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We need to show: } \frac{t+2}{t+1} + \frac{\lambda t}{t+2} \geq \lambda \frac{1}{3} + \frac{3}{2}$$

$$t^2(4\lambda - 3) - 3t + 6 - 4\lambda \geq 0 \text{ or } (t-1)[(4\lambda - 3)(t+1) - 3] \geq 0$$

$$\text{true as } t \geq 1 \text{ and } (4\lambda - 3)(t+1) > \left(\frac{4 \cdot 9}{8} - 3\right)(1+1) = (1.5) \cdot 3 > 3$$

since $\lambda \geq \frac{9}{8}$. Equality for $a = b = c$.