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If $a, b, c > 0$ with $a + b + c = ab + bc + ca$ and $\lambda \geq 2$, then :

$$\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\lambda a + bc} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\lambda a + bc} &\leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{\lambda a + bc - bc}{\lambda a + bc} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{\lambda a + bc} \geq \frac{3}{\lambda} - \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{\lambda a + bc} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $\sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{bc}{\lambda a + bc} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{b^2 c^2}{\lambda abc + b^2 c^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}{3\lambda abc + \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2} \stackrel{?}{\geq} \frac{3}{\lambda + 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow (\lambda + 1) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) + 2(\lambda + 1) abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9\lambda abc + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 2) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} + 2(\lambda + 1) abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \cdot \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \\ &\quad \stackrel{?}{\geq} 9\lambda abc \quad (\because a + b + c = ab + bc + ca) \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\lambda - 2) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) + 2\lambda abc \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) + 2abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 \\ &\quad \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3\lambda abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow \lambda \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 \right) - 3abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \right) + 2\lambda abc \left(\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)^2 - 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \\ &\quad \stackrel{?}{\stackrel{(**)}{\geq}} 2 \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 - abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Assigning $b + c = x, c + a = y, a + b = z \Rightarrow x + y - z = 2c > 0, y + z - x = 2a > 0$ and $z + x - y = 2b > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > z, y + z > x, z + x > y \Rightarrow x, y, z$ form sides of a triangle with semiperimeter, circumradius and inradius = s, R, r (say);

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$$\text{so } 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = \sum_{\text{cyc}} x = 2s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a = s \rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow a = s - x, b = s - y, c = s - z$$

$$\therefore abc = r^2 s \rightarrow (2) \text{ and such substitutions } \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = \sum_{\text{cyc}} (s - x)(s - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = 4Rr + r^2 \rightarrow (3), \text{ and } \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 = \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)^2 - 2abc \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a \right)$$

$$\text{via (1), (2) and (3)} \Rightarrow (4Rr + r^2)^2 - 2r^2 s \cdot s \Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 = r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) \rightarrow (4)$$

and via (1), (2), (3) and (4), and $\because \lambda \geq 2 \therefore \text{LHS of (**)} - \text{RHS of (**)} \geq$

$$2 \left(sr^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) - 3r^2 s(4Rr + r^2) \right) + 4r^2 s \left(s^2 - 3(4Rr + r^2) \right)$$

$$- 2s(r^2((4R + r)^2 - 2s^2) - r^2 s^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{expanding and simplifying} \\ \Leftrightarrow \end{array}$$

$$6r^2 s(s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true } \because s^2 - 12Rr - 3r^2$$

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and
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$$= s^2 - 16Rr + 5r^2 + 4r(R - 2r) \geq 0 \Rightarrow (***) \Rightarrow (*) \text{ is true}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{a}{\lambda a + bc} \leq \frac{3}{\lambda + 1} \quad \forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = ab + bc + ca \text{ and } \lambda \geq 2,$$

" = " iff $a = b = c = 1$ (QED)