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

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

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

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