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If $a, b, c, \alpha \geq 1$ then:

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \alpha(ab + bc + ca) \geq (1 + \alpha)(a + b + c)$$

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Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-India

$$\text{For } x, y, \alpha \geq 1, x\left(\alpha - \frac{1}{y}\right)(y - 1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha xy + \frac{x}{y} - x - \alpha x \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} + \alpha xy \geq (1 + \alpha)x$$

\therefore

$$\frac{a}{c} + \alpha ac \geq (1 + \alpha)a$$

$$\frac{b}{a} + \alpha ab \geq (1 + \alpha)b$$

$$\text{and } \frac{c}{b} + \alpha bc \geq (1 + \alpha)c$$

Adding above inequalities the desired inequality.

Solution 2 by Tapas Das-India

We need to show,

$$\frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \alpha(ab + bc + ca) \geq (1 + \alpha)(a + b + c)$$

$$\left[\frac{a}{c} + \alpha ac - (1 + \alpha)a\right] + \left[\frac{b}{a} + \alpha ab - (1 + \alpha)b\right] + \left[\frac{c}{b} + \alpha bc - (1 + \alpha)c\right] \geq 0$$

$$\text{or, } a\left[\frac{1}{c} + \alpha c - (1 + \alpha)\right] + b\left[\frac{1}{a} + \alpha a - (1 + \alpha)\right] + c\left[\frac{1}{b} + \alpha b - (1 + \alpha)\right] \geq 0$$

$$\text{or, } a\left[\frac{(1-c)(1-c\alpha)}{c}\right] + b\left[\frac{(1-a)(1-a\alpha)}{a}\right] + c\left[\frac{(1-b)(1-b\alpha)}{b}\right] \geq 0$$

$$\text{or, } \frac{a}{c}(1-c)(1-c\alpha) + \frac{b}{a}(1-a)(1-a\alpha) + \frac{c}{b}(1-b)(1-b\alpha) \geq 0$$

This is true. Since, $c \geq 1, \alpha \geq 1 \therefore c\alpha \geq 1$

$$\therefore (1-c) \leq 0, (1-c\alpha) \leq 0$$

$$\therefore (1-c)(1-c\alpha) \geq 0 \text{ (analog)}$$