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If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

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

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a^4(a+b)} + \frac{1}{b^4(b+c)} + \frac{1}{c^4(c+a)} &\stackrel{abc=1}{=} \sum \frac{a^4 b^4 c^4}{a^4(a+b)} = \\ &= \sum \frac{(b^2 c^2)^2}{a+b} \geq \frac{(\sum b^2 c^2)^2}{2(a+b+c)} \stackrel{AM-GM}{=} \frac{(\sum b^2 c^2)(\sum b^2 c^2)}{2(a+b+c)} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{3(abc)^{\frac{2}{3}} abc(a+b+c)}{2(a+b+c)} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (\text{since } abc = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a = b = c = 1$.