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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} a^3 + 2b^3 &= a^3 + b^3 + b^3 \geq \frac{1}{3}(a + b + b)(a^2 + b^2 + b^2) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(a + b + b)(a^2 + 2b^2) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^2 + 2b^2}{a^3 + 2b^3} + \frac{b^2 + 2c^2}{b^3 + 2c^3} + \frac{c^2 + 2a^2}{c^3 + 2a^3} &= \sum \frac{a^2 + 2b^2}{a^3 + 2b^3} \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \\ &\leq 3 \sum \frac{1}{a + b + b} \stackrel{AM-HM}{\leq} \frac{1}{3} \sum \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{b} \right) = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \end{aligned}$$

Equality for $a = b = c = 1$