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If $a, b, c > 0, abc = 1$ then:

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

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$$(1^3 + 1^3)(1^3 + 1^3)(b^3 + c^3) \stackrel{\text{HUYGENS}}{\geq} (b+c)^3$$

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

$$\prod (a+b) \stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\geq} 8abc \quad (2)$$

$$\sum \frac{a(b^3 + c^3)}{(a+b)(a+c)} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \sum \frac{a(b+c)^3}{4(a+b)(a+c)} \stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{abc(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)} \stackrel{(2)}{\geq} \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{8a^2b^2c^2} = \frac{3}{2} \quad (\text{as } abc = 1)$$

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