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If  $a, b, c > 0, ab + bc + ca + 2abc = 1$  then:

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

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$$ab + bc + ca + 2abc = 1. \text{ Let } a = \frac{x}{y+z}, b = \frac{y}{z+x}, c = \frac{z}{x+y}$$

*We need to show:*

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \geq 4(a + b + c) \text{ or } \frac{y+z}{x} + \frac{z+x}{y} + \frac{x+y}{z} \geq 4 \left( \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \left( \frac{x}{y+z} + \frac{y}{z+x} + \frac{z}{x+y} \right) &\stackrel{AM-HM}{\leq} 4 \left( \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{x}{y} + \frac{x}{z} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{y}{z} + \frac{y}{x} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{z}{x} + \frac{z}{y} \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{y+z}{x} + \frac{z+x}{y} + \frac{x+y}{z} \end{aligned}$$

*Equality holds for  $x = y = z$  or,  $a = b = c = \frac{1}{2}$ .*