

If $a, b, c, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$, then :

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{z^2 + x^2} \geq \left(\frac{a + b + c}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) \cdot \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)}$$

When does equality hold ?

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + b^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{z^2 + x^2} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{\left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \right)^2}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2 + c^2) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left(\sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sqrt{c^2 + a^2} \right)}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b^2 + c^2)(c^2 + a^2)} + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((c^2 + a^2) \cdot \sqrt{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \right)}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & \geq \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((c^2 + a^2) \left(\frac{b+c}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \left(\frac{a+b}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right)}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} \left((c^2 + a^2) (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab + b^2) \right)}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^4 + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2 + 2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2 + 2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) + 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & \geq \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2 + 2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2) + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ & = \frac{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab)^2}}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \\ \Rightarrow & \boxed{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{z^2 + x^2} \geq \frac{m + |m + n|}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}} \left(m = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \text{ and } n = \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Again, } & \boxed{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{x^2+y^2+z^2}\right) \cdot \sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} + A} = \frac{(\sum_{cyc} a) \left(\sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} a^2}\right)}{2 \sum_{cyc} x^2} \\
 & + \frac{3 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + (\sum_{cyc} a)^2 - 2(\sum_{cyc} a) \left(\sqrt{3 \sum_{cyc} a^2}\right)}{2 \sum_{cyc} x^2} \\
 \left(\text{where : } A = \frac{\left(\sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} - (a+b+c)\right)^2}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} \right) & = \frac{4 \sum_{cyc} a^2 + 2 \sum_{cyc} ab}{2 \sum_{cyc} x^2} \\
 = \frac{2m+n}{\sum_{cyc} x^2} \leq \frac{m+|m+n|}{\sum_{cyc} x^2} & \quad (\because |t| \geq t) \quad \stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\leq} \frac{a^2+b^2}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{z^2+x^2} \\
 \therefore \frac{a^2+b^2}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{z^2+x^2} & \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{x^2+y^2+z^2}\right) \cdot \sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} \\
 & + \frac{\left(\sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)} - (a+b+c)\right)^2}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} \\
 \geq \left(\frac{a+b+c}{x^2+y^2+z^2}\right) \cdot \sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}, & \text{ " = " iff } (a=b=c=0) \\
 & \text{ or } (a=b=c \neq 0 \text{ and } |x|=|y|=|z|) \text{ (QED)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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By CBS inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{a^2+b^2}{x^2+y^2} + \frac{b^2+c^2}{y^2+z^2} + \frac{c^2+a^2}{z^2+x^2} & \geq \frac{(\sqrt{a^2+b^2} + \sqrt{b^2+c^2} + \sqrt{c^2+a^2})^2}{(x^2+y^2) + (y^2+z^2) + (z^2+x^2)} \\
 = \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2 + \sqrt{(a^2+b^2)(a^2+c^2)} + \sqrt{(b^2+c^2)(b^2+a^2)} + \sqrt{(c^2+a^2)(c^2+b^2)}}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\
 \geq \frac{a^2+b^2+c^2 + (a^2+bc) + (b^2+ca) + (c^2+ab)}{x^2+y^2+z^2} & = \frac{(a+b+c)^2 + 3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}{x^2+y^2+z^2} \\
 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \frac{2(a+b+c)\sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}}{2(x^2+y^2+z^2)} & = \left(\frac{a+b+c}{x^2+y^2+z^2}\right) \sqrt{3(a^2+b^2+c^2)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $(a=b=c=0)$ or $(a=b=c \neq 0 \text{ and } x^2=y^2=z^2)$.