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

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

$$\text{where : } A = \frac{\left(\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} - (a + b + c) \right)^2}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}$$

When does equality holds ?

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

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2 + b^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{z^2 + x^2} \stackrel{(*)}{\geq} \frac{m + |m + n|}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \left(m = \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \text{ and } n = \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab \right)$$

Again,
$$\left(\frac{a + b + c}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) \cdot \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} + A = \frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) \left(\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \right)}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}$$

$$+ \frac{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + (\sum_{\text{cyc}} a)^2 - 2(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a) \left(\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \right)}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab}{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} = \frac{2m + n}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2} \leq \frac{m + |m + n|}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} x^2}$$

($\because |t| \geq t$)
$$\stackrel{\text{via } (*)}{\leq} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{z^2 + x^2} \because \frac{a^2 + b^2}{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{y^2 + z^2} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{z^2 + x^2}$$

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

$$A = \frac{\left(\sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} - (a + b + c) \right)^2}{2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)},$$

" = " iff $(a = b = c = 0)$ or $(a = b = c \neq 0 \text{ and } |x| = |y| = |z|)$ (QED)

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By CBS inequality, we have

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

$$= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)(a^2 + c^2)} + \sqrt{(b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + a^2)} + \sqrt{(c^2 + a^2)(c^2 + b^2)}}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

$$\geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + (a^2 + bc) + (b^2 + ca) + (c^2 + ab)}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

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

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

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