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Let $a, b, c \geq 0, ab + bc + ca > 0$ and $a + b + c = 3$. Prove that :

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^2}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^2}{a^2 + b^2} + \frac{27}{2} \geq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc)$$

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By AM – GM inequality, we have :

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{a^2 \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}{2\sqrt{2}} \geq 3 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \cdot \left(\frac{a^2 \sqrt{b^2 + c^2}}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = \frac{3a^2}{2}.$$

By CBS inequality, we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} + \sqrt{bc} \leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)(b^2 + c^2 + 2bc)} = b + c.$$

Then

$$\frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} \geq \frac{3a^2}{2} - a^2 \sqrt{\frac{b^2 + c^2}{2}} \geq \frac{3a^2}{2} - a^2(b + c - \sqrt{bc}) \quad (\text{and analogs})$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{cyc} \frac{a^2}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{27}{2} &\geq \sum_{cyc} \left(\frac{3a^2}{2} + a^2 \sqrt{bc} - a^2(b + c) \right) + \frac{3}{2}(a + b + c)^2 = \\ &= 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + \sum_{cyc} a^2 \sqrt{bc} - (a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca) + 3abc + 3(ab + bc + ca) \end{aligned}$$

AM-GM

$$\stackrel{\text{AM-GM}}{\geq} 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 3abc + 3abc = 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc).$$

Equality holds iff $a = b = c = 1$.