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

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{b + c} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{c + a} \leq \frac{6(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 9abc}{(a + b + c)^2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (a + b + c)^2 \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a + b} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{b + c} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{c + a} \right) &= \sum_{cyc} [(b + c)^2 + 2a(b + c) + a^2] \cdot \frac{b^2 + c^2}{b + c} \\ &= \sum_{cyc} (b + c)(b^2 + c^2) + 2 \sum_{cyc} a(b^2 + c^2) + \sum_{cyc} a^2 \cdot \frac{(b + c)^2 - 2bc}{b + c} \\ &= 2 \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3 \sum_{cyc} a^2(b + c) + \sum_{cyc} (a^2(b + c) - 2abc \cdot \frac{a}{b + c}) \\ &\stackrel{Nesbitt}{\geq} 2 \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 4 \sum_{cyc} a^2(b + c) - 2abc \cdot \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{Schur}{\geq} 2 \sum_{cyc} a^3 + 4 \left(\sum_{cyc} a^3 + 3abc \right) - 3abc \\ &= 6(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) + 9abc, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Equality holds iff $(a = b = c > 0)$ and $(a = b > 0, c = 0)$ and permutation.