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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $ab + bc + ca = 3$, then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{1 + a^2(b + c)} + \frac{1}{1 + b^2(c + a)} + \frac{1}{1 + c^2(a + b)} \leq \frac{1}{abc}$$

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$$3 = ab + bc + ca \stackrel{\text{A-G}}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} \Rightarrow abc \leq 1 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{Now, LHS} = \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{1 + a(3 - bc)} \quad (\because a(b + c) = 3 - bc \text{ and analogs})$$

$$= \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{1 - abc + 3a} \stackrel{\text{via (i)}}{\leq} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{3a} = \frac{1}{3abc} \cdot \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab = \frac{3}{3abc}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{1 + a^2(b + c)} + \frac{1}{1 + b^2(c + a)} + \frac{1}{1 + c^2(a + b)} \leq \frac{1}{abc}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid ab + bc + ca = 3, " = " \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$