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If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $ab(a + b) + bc(b + c) + ca(c + a) \geq 6$ ,

then prove that :  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 3$

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$$\begin{aligned} 6 &\leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} bc(b + c) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 b^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{\text{cyc}} (b + c)^2} \\ &\leq \sqrt{\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + 2 \sum_{\text{cyc}} ab} \leq \sqrt{\frac{(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt{4 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \Rightarrow \frac{4(\sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2)^3}{3} \geq 36 \\ &\Rightarrow \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \geq 3 \text{ (QED)} \end{aligned}$$