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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c \geq 6$ , then prove that :

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b+c}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{c+a}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{a+b}} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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$$6 \leq a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c \leq \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 + \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} = \frac{x^2}{3} + x$$

$$\left( x = \sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2} \right) \Rightarrow x^2 + 3x - 18 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x+6)(x-3) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 3 \rightarrow (1)$$

Now, WLOG assuming  $a \geq b \geq c \Rightarrow a^2 \geq b^2 \geq c^2$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{c+a}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{a+b}}$

$$\therefore \text{via Chebyshev, } \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b+c}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{c+a}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{a+b}} \geq \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{b+c}} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left( \frac{9}{\sum_{\text{cyc}} \sqrt{b+c}} \right) \stackrel{\text{CBS}}{\geq} \left( 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{2} \sum_{\text{cyc}} a} \right)$$

$$= \left( 3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{6} \cdot \sqrt{\sqrt{3 \sum_{\text{cyc}} a^2}}} \right) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{6x}} = \frac{x\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{6}} \stackrel{\text{via (1)}}{\geq} \frac{3 \cdot \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b+c}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{c+a}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{a+b}} \geq \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + a + b + c \geq 6$  (QED)