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If $a, b, c > 0$, $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ then:

$$\frac{a^5 - 2a^3 + a}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^5 - 2b^3 + b}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^5 - 2c^3 + c}{a^2 + b^2} \leq \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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$$(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = 1$$

By Cebyshev: $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 \geq \frac{1}{3}(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(a + b + c) = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)$ (1)

By CBS: $(a + b + c) = \sqrt{(a + b + c)^2} \leq \sqrt{3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)} = \sqrt{3}$ (2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^5 - 2a^3 + a}{b^2 + c^2} + \frac{b^5 - 2b^3 + b}{c^2 + a^2} + \frac{c^5 - 2c^3 + c}{a^2 + b^2} = \\ & = \sum \frac{a^5 - 2a^3 + a}{b^2 + c^2} = \sum \frac{a(a^4 - 2a^2 + 1)}{1 - a^2} = \\ & = \sum \frac{a(a^2 - 1)^2}{1 - a^2} = \sum a(1 - a^2) = (a + b + c) - (a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} \\ & \leq \sum a - \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c) = \frac{2}{3} \sum a \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Equality $a = b = c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.