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If $a, b, c > 0$, $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \leq 2$ then:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5a^2 + 2ab + 2b^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5b^2 + 2bc + 2c^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5c^2 + 2ca + 2a^2}} \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

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$$5a^2 + 2ab + 2b^2 = 4a^2 + 2ab + b^2 + (a^2 + b^2) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq}$$

$$\geq 4a^2 + 4ab + b^2 = (2a + b)^2$$

$$LHS \leq \sum \frac{1}{2a + b} = \sum \frac{1}{a + a + b} \stackrel{AM-HM}{\leq}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{9} \sum \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = \frac{3}{9} \sum \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = c = \frac{3}{2}$.