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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2abc = 1$, then prove that :

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} \geq 2 \left(\frac{a}{bc} + \frac{b}{ca} + \frac{c}{ab} \right)$$

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Let $x := \frac{bc}{a}$, $y := \frac{ca}{b}$, $z := \frac{ab}{c}$. The given condition becomes $xy + yz + zx + 2xyz = 1$ or

$$\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1+y} + \frac{1}{1+z} = 2, \text{ and we need to prove that } x + y + z \geq 2(xy + yz + zx).$$

By CBS inequality, we have :

$$1 = \frac{x}{1+x} + \frac{y}{1+y} + \frac{z}{1+z} \geq \frac{(x+y+z)^2}{x(1+x) + y(1+y) + z(1+z)}$$

$$\text{then } x + y + z \geq 2(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$\text{Equality holds iff } a = b = c = \frac{1}{2}.$$