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If $a, b, c > 0, a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 3$ then:

$$\sum (a + b)\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} \leq 18 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (a + b)\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} &= \sqrt{4(a^2 + b^2) \cdot 2(a + b)^2} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \\ &\leq \frac{4(a^2 + b^2) + 2(a + b)^2}{2} = 3a^2 + 3b^2 + 2ab \\ \sum (a + b)\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} &\leq 6 \sum a^2 + 2 \sum ab = 6 \cdot 3 + 2 \sum ab \\ \sum (a + b)\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} &\leq 18 + 2(ab + bc + ca) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum (a + b)\sqrt{8(a^2 + b^2)} &\stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \sqrt{\sum (a + b)^2} \cdot \sqrt{8 \sum (a^2 + b^2)} = \\ &= \sqrt{2 \sum ab + 2 \sum a^2} \cdot \sqrt{8(3 + 3)} = \sqrt{(2x + 6) \cdot 48} \leq 18 + 2x \text{ (to prove)} \\ &\sum ab = x \end{aligned}$$

$$\sqrt{(2x + 6) \cdot 48} \leq 18 + 2x \Leftrightarrow (x + 9)^2 \geq 24(x + 3) \Leftrightarrow (x - 3)^2 \geq 0$$