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

$$6 \left( \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2+3}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{b^2+3}} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{c^2+3}} \right) \geq (a+b+c)^2$$

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**Solution 1 by Dimitris Kastriotis-Athens-Greece**

$$(a+b+c)^2 \leq 3(a^2+b^2+c^2) \Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{3} \leq 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{If } a \leq b \leq c \text{ then } a^2 \leq b^2 \leq c^2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2+3}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{b^2+3}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{c^2+3}}$$

By the Rearrangement Inequality we deduce

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

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2+3}}, x \in (0, \sqrt{3}), f'(x) = \frac{(x^2+6)x}{(x^2+3)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{3(x^2-6)}{(x^2+3)^{\frac{5}{2}}} > 0, \forall x \in (0, \sqrt{3}) \Rightarrow f: \text{convex on the interval } (0, \sqrt{3})$$

By Jensen's inequality we deduce

$$\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{a^2+3}} + \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{b^2+3}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{c^2+3}} \geq 3f\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right) = 3 \frac{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^2}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{a+b+c}{3}\right)^2+3}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{6} \quad (3)$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} (2) \\ (3) \end{matrix} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2+3}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{b^2+3}} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{c^2+3}} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \left( \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2+3}} + \frac{c^2}{\sqrt{b^2+3}} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{c^2+3}} \right) \geq (a+b+c)^2$$

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**Solution 2 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijan**

If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $\sum a^2 = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On it } (\sum \sqrt{a^2 + 3})^2 &\leq 3(a^2 + 3 + b^2 + 3 + c^2 + 3) = 36 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \sum \sqrt{a^2 + 3} \leq 6 \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

Prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} &6 \left( \sum \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3}} \right) \geq (\sum a)^2 \\ \text{LHS} = 6 \left( \sum \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3}} \right) &\stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 6 \cdot \frac{(a + b + c)^2}{\sum \sqrt{a^2 + 3}} \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} (a + b + c)^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by Lazaros Zachariadis-Thessaloniki-Greece**

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{a^2 + 3} &= \sqrt{\frac{(a^2 + 3) \cdot 4}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{(a^2 + 3) \cdot 4}}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{a^2 + 3 + 4}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 + 3} \leq \frac{a^2 + 7}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 + 3}} \geq \frac{4}{a^2 + 7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Likewise } \left. \begin{aligned} &\stackrel{b^2 > 0}{\Rightarrow} \frac{b^2}{\sqrt{a^2 + 3}} \geq \frac{4b^2}{a^2 + 7} \\ &\frac{c^2}{\sqrt{b^2 + 3}} \geq \frac{4c^2}{b^2 + 7} \\ &\frac{a^2}{\sqrt{c^2 + 3}} \geq \frac{4a^2}{c^2 + 7} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{aligned} &\stackrel{(+)}{\Rightarrow} \sum_{\text{cyc}} \frac{4a^2}{c^2 + 7} \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{(2a + 2b + 2c)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3 \cdot 7} = \frac{4(a + b + c)^2}{3 + 21} \end{aligned}$$

$$\stackrel{6}{\Rightarrow} \text{LHS} \geq \frac{24(a + b + c)^2}{24} = (a + b + c)^2 = \text{RHS}$$

"="  $a = b = c = 1$