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If $a, b, c > 0$ and $a + b + c = 3$, then prove that :

$$\frac{25a^2}{\sqrt{2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2}} + \frac{25b^2}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}} + \frac{c^2(3+a)}{a} \geq 14$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2} &\stackrel{?}{\leq} 3b + 2a \Leftrightarrow 9b^2 + 4a^2 + 12ab \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2(a-b)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2} \stackrel{①}{\leq} 3b + 2a \text{ and also,} \\ \sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2} &\stackrel{?}{\leq} 3c + 2b \Leftrightarrow 9c^2 + 4b^2 + 12bc \stackrel{?}{\geq} 2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2(b-c)^2 \stackrel{?}{\geq} 0 \rightarrow \text{true} \therefore \sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2} \stackrel{②}{\leq} 3c + 2b \text{ and so, } ① \text{ and } ② \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{25a^2}{\sqrt{2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2}} + \frac{25b^2}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}} + \frac{c^2(3+a)}{a} \geq \\ &\geq \frac{25a^2}{3b+2a} + \frac{25b^2}{3c+2b} + \frac{9c^2}{3a} + c^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \frac{(5a+5b+3c)^2}{5b+5a+3c} + c^2 \stackrel{a+b+c=3}{=} 14 \end{aligned}$$

$$5(3-c) + 3c + c^2 = 14 + c^2 - 2c + 1 = 14 + (c-1)^2 \geq 14$$

$$\therefore \frac{25a^2}{\sqrt{2a^2 + 16ab + 7b^2}} + \frac{25b^2}{\sqrt{2b^2 + 16bc + 7c^2}} + \frac{c^2(3+a)}{a} \geq 14$$

$$\forall a, b, c > 0 \mid a + b + c = 3, '' = '' \text{ iff } a = b = c = 1 \text{ (QED)}$$