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

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + 1} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2 + 1} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b^2 + 1} \geq 3$$

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We know that $3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq (a + b + c)^2 = 9$ (as $a + b + c = 3$) or
 $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 3$ (1)

We need to show,:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + 1} + \frac{b^2 + c^2}{a^2 + 1} + \frac{c^2 + a^2}{b^2 + 1} \geq 3 \\ \text{or } & \sum \frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + 1} \geq 3 \text{ or } \sum \left(\frac{a^2 + b^2}{c^2 + 1} + 1 \right) \geq 6 \\ \text{or } & \sum \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + 1}{c^2 + 1} \geq 6 \text{ or } (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \sum \frac{1}{c^2 + 1} + \sum \frac{1}{c^2 + 1} \geq 6 \\ \text{or } & (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3} + \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)^2}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 3} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 6 \\ \text{or } & \frac{9x + 9}{x + 3} \stackrel{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) = x}{\geq} 6 \text{ or } 9x + 9 \geq 6x + 18 \text{ or } x \geq 3 \\ \text{or } & (a^2 + b^2 + c^2) \geq 3 \text{ true by (1)} \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds for $a=b=c=1$.