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

$$\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{15x^2 + 26xy + 8y^2}} + \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{15y^2 + 26yz + 8z^2}} + \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{15z^2 + 26zx + 8x^2}} \geq \frac{3}{7}$$

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Lemma:

$$\forall a, b > 0, \sqrt{15a^2 + 26ab + 8b^2} \leq 4a + 3b$$

Proof:

We need to show:

$$\sqrt{15a^2 + 26ab + 8b^2} \leq 4a + 3b$$

$$\text{or, } 15a^2 + 26ab + 8b^2 \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{\leq} 16a^2 + 24ab + 9b^2$$

$$\text{or, } a^2 - 2ab + b^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } (a - b)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true.}$$

$$\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{15x^2 + 26xy + 8y^2}} + \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{15y^2 + 26yz + 8z^2}} + \frac{z^2}{\sqrt{15z^2 + 26zx + 8x^2}} =$$

$$= \sum \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{15x^2 + 26xy + 8y^2}} \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\geq} \sum \frac{x^2}{4x + 3y} \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq}$$

$$\geq \frac{(x + y + z)^2}{4(x + y + z) + 3(x + y + z)} = \frac{x + y + z}{7} \stackrel{x+y+z=3}{=} \frac{3}{7}$$

Equality holds for $x = y = z = 1$.