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If $a, b, c > 0$, $\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} = 3$ then:

$$\sqrt{3a^2 + 2ab + 3b^2} + \sqrt{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} + \sqrt{3c^2 + 2ca + 3a^2} \geq 6\sqrt{2}$$

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$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} = 3 \text{ or } \sqrt{3(a+b+c)} \stackrel{CBS}{\geq} 3$$

$$3(a+b+c) \geq 9 \text{ or } a+b+c \geq 3 \quad (1)$$

Lemma :

$$\forall x, y > 0, \sqrt{3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2} \geq \sqrt{2}(x+y)$$

Proof:

We need to show:

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2} \geq \sqrt{2}(x+y)$$

$$3x^2 + 2xy + 3y^2 \stackrel{\text{squaring}}{\geq} 2(x^2 + 2xy + y^2)$$

$$x^2 - 2xy + y^2 \geq 0 \text{ or } (x-y)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{3a^2 + 2ab + 3b^2} + \sqrt{3b^2 + 2bc + 3c^2} + \sqrt{3c^2 + 2ca + 3a^2} = \\ &= \sum \sqrt{3a^2 + 2ab + 3b^2} \stackrel{\text{lemma}}{\geq} \sum \sqrt{2}(a+b) = 2\sqrt{2}(a+b+c) \stackrel{(1)}{\geq} 6\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

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