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If  $a, b, c > 0$  and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 3$  then prove

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

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Cauchy – Schwarz inequality:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i^2}{y_i} \geq \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = a, x_2 = b, x_3 = c \\ y_1 = a(b+c), y_2 = b(a+c), y_3 = c(a+b) \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{a(b+c)} + \frac{b^2}{b(a+c)} + \frac{c^2}{c(a+b)} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^2}{2(ab+ac+bc)}$$

$$LHS \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab+ac+bc)}{2(ab+ac+bc)}$$

$$LHS \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2(ab+ac+bc)} + 1$$

$$(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (a-c)^2 \geq 0$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + ac + bc$$

$$LHS \geq \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \leq 3 \rightarrow RHS = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2}$$

$$LHS \geq \frac{3}{2} \geq RHS \rightarrow LHS \geq RHS$$

$$\frac{a}{b+c} + \frac{b}{a+c} + \frac{c}{a+b} \geq \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}{2} \quad Q.E.D$$

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