O404. Let a, b, c be positive numbers such that abc = 1. Prove that

$$(a+b+c)^2 \left(\frac{1}{a^2+2} + \frac{1}{b^2+2} + \frac{1}{c^2+2}\right) \ge 9$$

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$$ab + bc + ca > 3\sqrt[3]{a^2b^2c^2} = 3$$

then

$$(a+b+c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab+bc+ca) \ge a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 6 = \sum_{cuc} (a^2 + 2)$$

and by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\sum_{cyc} (a^2 + 2) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2 + 2} \ge 9.$$

Therefore,

$$(a+b+c)^2 \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2+2} \ge \sum_{cyc} (a^2+2) \cdot \sum_{cyc} \frac{1}{a^2+2} \ge 9.$$

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