

## Homework 1 Part 1

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## Problem 1: Block 1

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## Solution

Since

$$y_i = \gamma \hat{x}_i + \beta$$

, we have

$$\frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \beta} = 1, \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \gamma} = \hat{x}_i$$

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## Solution

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  denote the input vector of the dropout layer, and let  $\mathbf{y}$  denote the output vector. We have:

$$\mathbf{y}_i = \begin{cases} 0, & r_i < p \\ \mathbf{x}_i / (1 - p), & r_i \geq p \end{cases}.$$

So the gradients are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} &= 0, i \neq j \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} &= \begin{cases} 0, & r_i < p \\ 1/(1 - p), & r_i \geq p \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the gradients of the output of a dropout layer with respect to the input is

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \text{diag}(\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_1}{\partial \mathbf{x}_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_n}{\partial \mathbf{x}_n})$$

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## Solution

Let  $\mathbf{x}$  denote the input vector of the softmax layer, and let  $\mathbf{y}$  denote the output vector.

- When  $i = j$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{\mathbf{x}_k}} = e^{\mathbf{x}_i} \left( -\frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{\mathbf{x}_k})^2} \right) + \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{\mathbf{x}_k}} = \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_i^2$$

- When  $i \neq j$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i}}{\sum_{k=1}^n e^{\mathbf{x}_k}} = e^{\mathbf{x}_i} \left( -\frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_j}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{\mathbf{x}_k})^2} \right) = -\frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i} e^{\mathbf{x}_j}}{(\sum_{k=1}^n e^{\mathbf{x}_k})^2} = -\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j$$

We have:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}_i}{\partial \mathbf{x}_j} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_i^2, & i = j \\ -\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j, & i \neq j \end{cases}.$$

Therefore, the gradients of the output of a Softmax function with respect to the input of a Softmax function is

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{y}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{W}, \text{ where } \mathbf{W}_{ij} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}_i^2, & i = j \\ -\mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_j, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

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## Problem 2: Block 2

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#### Solution

Let's denote the output of a fully connected layer  $FC_i$  before activation as  $\mathbf{z}_i$  and denote that after activation as  $\mathbf{a}_i$ .

After  $FC_{1A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}_{1A} &= \theta_{1A} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_{1A} &= \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{z}_{1A}) \end{aligned}$$

After dropout layer:

$$\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{a}_{1A} \circ \mathbf{M}$$

, where  $\circ$  is element-wise multiplication and  $\mathbf{M}$  is the mask tensor.

After  $FC_{2A}$ :

$$\hat{y}_a = \mathbf{z}_{2A} = \theta_{2A} \mathbf{d}$$

After  $FC_{1B}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}_{1B} &= \theta_{1B} \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{a}_{1B} &= \text{ReLU}(\mathbf{z}_{1B}) \end{aligned}$$

After batchnorm layer:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_B &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m a_{1Bi} \\ \sigma_B &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (a_{1Bi} - \mu_B)^2 \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_{1Bi}$  the  $i$ th output in the batch. Then we get the output denoted as  $\mathbf{c}$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x} &= \frac{a_{1B} - \mu_B}{\sqrt{\mu_B^2 + \epsilon}} \\ \mathbf{c} &= \gamma \hat{x} + \beta \end{aligned}$$

Merge the output of two branches:

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{z}_{2A}$$

After  $FC_{2B}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}_{2B} &= \theta_{2B} \mathbf{s} \\ \hat{y}_b &= \text{Softmax}(\mathbf{z}_{2B}) \end{aligned}$$

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## Solution

With the loss function  $\mathbf{L}$  given, we first consider its gradients with respect to  $\hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})\|_2^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} y_{bi}^{(k)} \log(\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)}) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} y_{bi}^{(k)} \log(\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)}) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}} y_{bi}^{(j)} \log(\hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} \frac{y_{bi}^{(j)}}{\hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

According to the result about the gradients of Softmax in Block 1, we have the gradients of  $\hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}$  with respect to  $\mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} = \begin{cases} \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}(1 - \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}), & k = j \\ -\hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)} \hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)}, & k \neq j \end{cases}.$$

Then apply the chain rule and get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} &= \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} \frac{y_{bi}^{(j)}}{\hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \hat{y}_{bi}^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} y_{bi}^{(j)} \hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)} - \frac{1}{m} y_{bi}^{(k)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)} - y_{bi}^{(k)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Here we reach the gradients of the loss function with respect to the parameters in  $\mathbf{FC}_{2B}$ , namely  $\theta_{2b}^{(kj)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{2b}^{(kj)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}}{\partial \theta_{2b}^{(kj)}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)} - y_{bi}^{(k)}) \mathbf{s}^{(j)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So we get an vectorial form of the gradients of the loss function with respect to  $\theta_{2b}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{2b}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{\mathbf{y}}_{bi} - \mathbf{y}_{bi}) \mathbf{s}^T.$$

Next we can solve the residual of the BN layer. Since

$$\mathbf{z}_{2B} = \theta_{2B} \mathbf{s} = \theta_{2B} \mathbf{c} + \theta_{2B} \mathbf{z}_{2A}$$

, we have:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2B}}{\partial \mathbf{c}} = \theta_{2B}.$$

Thus the residual of the BN layer is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} (\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)} - y_{bi}^{(k)}) \theta_{2b}^{(kj)} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,j)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the result in Block 1 and we can get the gradients of the loss with respect to the BN layer's parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \beta} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}}{\partial \beta} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,j)} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b} \mathbf{R}, \\
\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \gamma} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}}{\partial \gamma} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^{n_{yb}} (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,j)} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^{(j)} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^T,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n_{yb} \times 1}.$$

Then we consider the residual of  $FC_{1B}$  layer:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(j)}} &= \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(j)}} \\
&= \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{c}_i^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1Bi}^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1Bi}^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(j)}} \\
&= \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,j)} \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \epsilon}} \text{sgn}(\mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(j)}).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the gradients of the loss with respect to parameters in  $\mathbf{FC}_{1B}$ , namely  $\theta_{1b}^{(kj)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{1b}^{(kj)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(k)}}{\partial \theta_{1b}^{(kj)}} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,k)} \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \epsilon}} \text{sgn}(\mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(k)}) \mathbf{x}_i^{(j)} \\ &= \frac{\gamma}{m\sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \epsilon}} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,k)} \text{sgn}(\mathbf{z}_{1Bi}^{(k)}) \mathbf{x}_i^{(j)}.\end{aligned}$$

So we get an vectorial form of the gradients of the loss function with respect to  $\theta_{1b}$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{1b}} = \frac{\gamma}{m\sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \epsilon}} \sum_{i=1}^m ((\theta_{2b}^T (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})) \circ \text{sgn}(\mathbf{z}_{1Bi})) \mathbf{x}_i^T.$$

So far we have finished the gradients in branch B and we can solve for the gradients in Branch A. We first consider its gradients with respect to  $\mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \frac{1}{2} \|(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})\|_2^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} y_{bi}^{(k)} \log(\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)}) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}} \|(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} y_{bi}^{(k)} \log(\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)}) \\ &\text{note that } \mathbf{z}_{2Ai} = \hat{y}_{ai} \\ &= \frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}} (\mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)} - y_{ai}^{(j)})^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Bi}^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} (\mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(j)} - y_{ai}^{(j)}) + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{yb}} (\hat{y}_{bi}^{(k)} - y_{bi}^{(k)}) \theta_{2b}^{(kj)} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}_{ai}^{(j)} - y_{ai}^{(j)}) + \frac{1}{m} (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,j)}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the gradients of the loss with respect of  $\theta_{2a}$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{2a}^{(kj)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(k)}}{\partial \theta_{2a}^{(kj)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(\hat{y}_{ai}^{(k)} - y_{ai}^{(k)}) + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,k)}] \mathbf{d}_i^{(j)}.\end{aligned}$$

In vectorial form:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{2a}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai}) + \theta_{2b}^T (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})] \mathbf{d}_i.$$

Next we consider the residual of the dropout layer:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{d}_i^{(j)}} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ya}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{2Ai}^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{d}_i^{(j)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{ya}} [(\hat{y}_{ai}^{(k)} - y_{ai}^{(k)}) + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}^{(:,k)}] \theta_{2a}^{(kj)} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})^T + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}] \theta_{2a}^{(:,j)}.\end{aligned}$$

Then we look at the residual of  $\mathbf{FC}_{1A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Ai}^{(j)}} &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{1a}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{d}_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{d}_i^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Ai}^{(j)}} \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{n_{1a}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{d}_i^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{d}_i^{(k)}}{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1Ai}^{(j)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{a}_{1Ai}^{(j)}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Ai}^{(j)}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{n_{1a}} [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})^T + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}] \theta_{2a}^{(:,k)} \mathbf{M}_j \text{sgn}(\mathbf{a}_{1Ai}^{(j)}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})^T + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}] \theta_{2a} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}_j \text{sgn}(\mathbf{a}_{1Ai}^{(j)}),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{U} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{n_{1a} \times 1}.$$

Using the chain rule and we can get the gradients of the loss with respect to  $\theta_{1a}^{(kj)}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{1a}^{(kj)}} &= \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Ai}^{(k)}} \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}_{1Ai}^{(k)}}{\partial \theta_{1a}^{(kj)}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})^T + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}] \theta_{2a} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{M}_k \text{sgn}(\mathbf{a}_{1Ai}^{(k)}) \mathbf{x}_i^{(j)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

In vectorial form:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{1a}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})^T + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}] \theta_{2a} \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{M} \circ \text{sgn}(\mathbf{a}_{1Ai})) \mathbf{x}_i^T.$$

**To sum up**, the gradients of the overall loss function with respect to the parameters at each layer corresponding to a batch of samples are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{2b}} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi}) \mathbf{s}^T \\
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{2a}} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai}) + \theta_{2b}^T (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})] \mathbf{d}_i \\
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{1b}} &= \frac{\gamma}{m \sqrt{\sigma_B^2 + \epsilon}} \sum_{i=1}^m ((\theta_{2b}^T (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})) \circ \text{sgn}(\mathbf{z}_{1Bi})) \mathbf{x}_i^T \\
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \theta_{1a}} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [(\hat{y}_{ai} - y_{ai})^T + (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b}] \theta_{2a} \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{M} \circ \text{sgn}(\mathbf{a}_{1Ai})) \mathbf{x}_i^T \\
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \beta} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b} \mathbf{R} \\
 \frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \gamma} &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\hat{y}_{bi} - y_{bi})^T \theta_{2b} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_i^T
 \end{aligned}$$

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