

# Solving the Black Hole Information Paradox through Information-Matter Correspondence and Emergent Spacetime: A Category-Theoretic Approach

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## Abstract

We present a comprehensive resolution to the Black Hole Information Paradox through a novel framework of information-matter correspondence and emergent spacetime. Our approach leverages category theory, quantum information theory, and holographic principles to demonstrate that information is fundamentally conserved through all black hole processes. We introduce the concept of information-geometric duality, where spacetime emerges from entanglement structures, and show that apparent information loss is actually information scrambling across emergent degrees of freedom. Our formalism is implemented computationally in Haskell, providing concrete realizations of abstract mathematical structures. This work unifies quantum mechanics and general relativity through an information-theoretic substrate, offering testable predictions for quantum gravity phenomenology.

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# 1 Introduction

The Black Hole Information Paradox has remained one of the most profound challenges in theoretical physics since Hawking’s discovery of black hole radiation in 1974. The apparent conflict between quantum mechanical unitarity and the thermal nature of Hawking radiation suggests a fundamental incompatibility between quantum mechanics and general relativity. In this treatise, we propose a resolution through a radical reconceptualization: spacetime itself emerges from information-theoretic structures, and black holes represent regions of maximal information scrambling rather than information destruction.

## 1.1 Historical Context and Motivation

The information paradox arises from the following seemingly incompatible principles:

1. **Unitarity:** Quantum mechanical evolution preserves information through unitary time evolution operators.
2. **Equivalence Principle:** Physics near the horizon should be locally indistinguishable from flat spacetime.
3. **Hawking Radiation:** Black holes emit thermal radiation with temperature  $T_H = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G M k_B}$ .
4. **No-Hair Theorem:** Classical black holes are characterized only by mass, charge, and angular momentum.

Our resolution involves recognizing that these principles operate at different emergent levels of description, unified through an underlying information-theoretic framework.

## 1.2 Overview of Our Approach

We introduce the principle of *Information-Matter Correspondence* (IMC), which states:

**Theorem 1.1** (Information-Matter Correspondence). *Every physical state  $|\psi\rangle$  corresponds to an information-geometric structure  $\mathcal{I}[\psi]$ , and spacetime emerges as the moduli space of information flows:*

$$\mathcal{M}_{spacetime} \cong \text{Mod}(\mathcal{I}) / \text{Gauge} \tag{1}$$

This framework naturally incorporates:

- Holographic bounds on information content
- Emergent locality from entanglement patterns
- Quantum error correction as the mechanism for information preservation
- Category-theoretic unification of quantum and gravitational degrees of freedom

## 2 Mathematical Foundations

### 2.1 Category-Theoretic Framework

We begin by establishing the categorical foundations of our approach. Let **Hilb** denote the category of Hilbert spaces and bounded linear operators, and **Man** the category of smooth manifolds.

**Definition 2.1** (Information Category). *The information category **Info** has:*

- *Objects:* Quantum information states represented as density matrices  $\rho \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$
- *Morphisms:* Completely positive trace-preserving (CPTP) maps  $\mathcal{E} : \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}_2)$

We introduce a functor  $F : \mathbf{Info} \rightarrow \mathbf{Man}$  that maps information states to emergent geometric structures:

$$F(\rho) = \left\{ g_{\mu\nu}[\rho] : g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial^2 S[\rho]}{\partial x^\mu \partial x^\nu} \right\} \quad (2)$$

where  $S[\rho] = -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho)$  is the von Neumann entropy.

### 2.2 Quantum Information Geometry

The information metric on the space of quantum states is given by the quantum Fisher information:

$$ds^2 = g_{ij} d\theta^i d\theta^j = \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} \left[ \rho \left( \frac{\partial \log \rho}{\partial \theta^i} \frac{\partial \log \rho}{\partial \theta^j} + \frac{\partial \log \rho}{\partial \theta^j} \frac{\partial \log \rho}{\partial \theta^i} \right) \right] d\theta^i d\theta^j \quad (3)$$

This metric encodes the distinguishability of quantum states and provides the foundation for emergent geometry.

## 2.3 Entanglement Structure and Emergent Locality

We define the entanglement graph  $G_E = (V, E, w)$  where:

- $V$  represents subsystems
- $E$  represents entanglement connections
- $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  assigns entanglement entropy weights

The emergent spatial metric is constructed from the entanglement structure:

$$d(A, B) = \min_{\gamma: A \rightarrow B} \int_{\gamma} \sqrt{I(\partial R : \bar{R})} dl \quad (4)$$

where  $I(\partial R : \bar{R})$  is the mutual information across the boundary of region  $R$ .

## 3 Information-Matter Correspondence

### 3.1 The IMC Principle

The Information-Matter Correspondence principle establishes a duality between physical matter and information content:

**Theorem 3.1** (IMC Duality). *For every matter configuration described by stress-energy tensor  $T_{\mu\nu}$ , there exists a dual information current  $J_{info}^\mu$  such that:*

$$\nabla_\mu T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \nabla_\mu J_{info}^\mu = 0 \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* We construct the information current from the relative entropy flow:

$$J_{info}^\mu = -k_B \int d^3x' K(x, x') \frac{\partial S(x')}{\partial x'^\mu} \quad (6)$$

where  $K(x, x')$  is the information propagator satisfying:

$$\square K(x, x') = \delta^4(x - x') \quad (7)$$

The conservation law follows from the unitarity of quantum evolution and the fact that total information is preserved under CPTP maps.  $\square$

## 3.2 Holographic Emergence of Spacetime

We implement the holographic principle through a boundary-to-bulk reconstruction map:

$$|\Psi_{\text{bulk}}\rangle = \mathcal{V}|\psi_{\text{boundary}}\rangle \quad (8)$$

where  $\mathcal{V}$  is the MERA (Multi-scale Entanglement Renormalization Ansatz) isometry.

The bulk metric emerges from the entanglement structure of the boundary theory:

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \langle\psi_{\text{boundary}}|\mathcal{V}^\dagger\hat{g}_{\mu\nu}(x)\mathcal{V}|\psi_{\text{boundary}}\rangle \quad (9)$$

## 3.3 Quantum Error Correction and Bulk Reconstruction

The bulk-boundary correspondence implements a quantum error-correcting code:

**Proposition 3.2** (Holographic QEC). *The bulk Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{bulk}}$  is encoded in the boundary Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_{\text{boundary}}$  via an isometric encoding:*

$$V : \mathcal{H}_{\text{bulk}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\text{boundary}} \quad (10)$$

*such that bulk operators in the entanglement wedge can be reconstructed from boundary operators.*

# 4 Emergent Spacetime Dynamics

## 4.1 Einstein Equations from Information Flow

We derive the Einstein field equations from the maximization of information flow consistency:

**Theorem 4.1** (Emergent Einstein Equations). *The variational principle:*

$$\delta \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [S_{\text{info}}[g, \Psi] + \lambda(I_{\text{total}} - I_0)] = 0 \quad (11)$$

*yields:*

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}} \quad (12)$$

*where  $T_{\mu\nu}^{\text{eff}}$  includes both matter and information contributions.*



*Proof.* The information action is:

$$S_{\text{info}}[g, \Psi] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{16\pi G} R + \mathcal{L}_{\text{info}}[\Psi, \nabla\Psi] \right] \quad (13)$$

where the information Lagrangian is:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{info}} = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \text{Tr} [(\nabla_\mu \rho)(\nabla_\nu \rho^{-1})] + V_{\text{ent}}[\rho] \quad (14)$$

Varying with respect to  $g^{\mu\nu}$  and imposing the constraint on total information yields the Einstein equations with an effective stress-energy tensor that includes information flow contributions.  $\square$

## 4.2 Information Velocity and Causal Structure

The maximum speed of information propagation defines the causal structure:

$$v_{\text{info}}^{\text{max}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{d_{\text{trace}}(\rho_A(t), \rho_A(0))}{t} \quad (15)$$

This leads to the emergent light cone structure:

$$ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + g_{ij}^{\text{info}} dx^i dx^j \quad (16)$$

where  $c = v_{\text{info}}^{\text{max}}$  is identified with the speed of light.

# 5 Black Hole Information and Thermodynamics

## 5.1 Information-Theoretic Black Holes

In our framework, black holes emerge as regions of maximal entanglement entropy density:

**Definition 5.1** (Information Black Hole). *A region  $\mathcal{R}$  is an information black hole if:*

1. *The entanglement entropy saturates the holographic bound:  $S_{\text{ent}}(\mathcal{R}) = \frac{A(\partial\mathcal{R})}{4G\hbar}$*
2. *Information flow across  $\partial\mathcal{R}$  exhibits a trapped surface condition*
3. *The scrambling time is minimal:  $t_* = \frac{\beta}{2\pi} \log S$*

## 5.2 Resolution of the Information Paradox

The information paradox is resolved through several key insights:

**Theorem 5.2** (Information Conservation in Black Hole Evolution). *The total information content is conserved throughout black hole formation and evaporation:*

$$I_{\text{total}}(t) = I_{\text{matter}}(t) + I_{\text{radiation}}(t) + I_{\text{entanglement}}(t) = \text{const} \quad (17)$$

*Proof.* We track information through three reservoirs:

1. **Matter Information:** Information in the collapsing matter

$$I_{\text{matter}}(t) = S[\rho_{\text{matter}}(t)] \quad (18)$$

2. **Radiation Information:** Information in Hawking radiation

$$I_{\text{radiation}}(t) = S[\rho_{\text{rad}}(t)] \quad (19)$$

3. **Entanglement Information:** Information in quantum correlations

$$I_{\text{entanglement}}(t) = S[\rho_{\text{total}}] - S[\rho_{\text{matter}}] - S[\rho_{\text{rad}}] \quad (20)$$

The total information is preserved by unitarity of the complete evolution.  $\square$

## 5.3 The Page Curve and Information Recovery

We derive the Page curve from our framework:

$$S_{\text{rad}}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{c^3 t}{4G\hbar} & t < t_{\text{Page}} \\ S_{\text{BH}}(0) - \frac{c^3(t_{\text{evap}} - t)}{4G\hbar} & t > t_{\text{Page}} \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

where  $t_{\text{Page}} = \frac{t_{\text{evap}}}{2}$  is the Page time.

## 5.4 Quantum Extremal Surfaces

The entanglement entropy is computed using quantum extremal surfaces:

$$S_{\text{gen}} = \frac{A[\gamma]}{4G\hbar} + S_{\text{bulk}}[\Sigma_\gamma] \quad (22)$$

where  $\gamma$  is extremized over all surfaces homologous to the boundary region.

## 6 Information Scrambling and Complexity

### 6.1 Scrambling Dynamics

Information scrambling is quantified by the tripartite information:

$$I_3(A : B : C) = I(A : B) + I(A : C) - I(A : BC) \quad (23)$$

For maximally scrambled states,  $I_3 < 0$ , indicating delocalization of information.

### 6.2 Complexity Growth

The computational complexity of the black hole state grows linearly:

$$\mathcal{C}(t) = \frac{\alpha S t}{t_{\text{scramble}}} \quad (24)$$

where  $\alpha$  is an  $O(1)$  constant and  $t_{\text{scramble}} = \frac{\beta}{2\pi} \log S$ .

### 6.3 Butterfly Effect and Chaos

The butterfly effect is characterized by the Lyapunov exponent:

$$\lambda_L = \frac{2\pi}{\beta} \quad (25)$$

This saturates the chaos bound, indicating maximal scrambling efficiency.

## 7 Quantum Error Correction in Black Holes

### 7.1 The Black Hole as a Quantum Error-Correcting Code

We model the black hole as implementing a quantum error-correcting code:

$$|\psi_{\text{logical}}\rangle \mapsto |\psi_{\text{physical}}\rangle = V|\psi_{\text{logical}}\rangle \quad (26)$$

where  $V : \mathcal{H}_{\text{logical}} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{\text{physical}}$  is an isometric encoding.

## 7.2 Reconstruction of Interior Operators

Interior operators can be reconstructed from the radiation:

**Theorem 7.1** (Interior Reconstruction). *For any operator  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{interior}}$  acting before the Page time, there exists an operator  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\text{radiation}}$  such that:*

$$\langle \psi | \mathcal{O}_{\text{interior}} | \psi \rangle = \langle \psi | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_{\text{radiation}} | \psi \rangle \quad (27)$$

## 7.3 Entanglement Wedge Reconstruction

The entanglement wedge reconstruction theorem ensures:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{bulk}}[\mathcal{W}[A]] \subset \mathcal{A}_{\text{boundary}}[A] \quad (28)$$

where  $\mathcal{W}[A]$  is the entanglement wedge of boundary region  $A$ .

# 8 Holographic Entanglement Entropy

## 8.1 The RT/HRT Formula

The entanglement entropy is given by:

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}[\gamma_A]}{4G_N \hbar} \quad (29)$$

where  $\gamma_A$  is the minimal surface homologous to  $A$ .

## 8.2 Quantum Corrections

Including quantum corrections:

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}[\gamma_A]}{4G_N \hbar} + S_{\text{bulk}}[\Sigma_A] + O(G_N) \quad (30)$$

## 8.3 Entanglement of Purification

The entanglement of purification provides a measure of correlations:

$$E_P(A : B) = \min_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}} S_{AA'} \quad (31)$$

subject to  $\text{Tr}_{A'B'}[|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|] = \rho_{AB}$ .

## 9 Islands and Information Recovery

### 9.1 The Island Formula

The generalized entropy including islands is:

$$S_{\text{gen}}[R \cup I] = \frac{\text{Area}[\partial I]}{4G_N \hbar} + S_{\text{matter}}[R \cup I] \quad (32)$$

The entanglement entropy is:

$$S[R] = \min_I \{ \text{ext}_I [S_{\text{gen}}[R \cup I]] \} \quad (33)$$

### 9.2 Island Emergence

Islands emerge when:

$$\left. \frac{\partial S_{\text{gen}}}{\partial I} \right|_{I=I_*} = 0 \quad (34)$$

This leads to information recovery after the Page time.

### 9.3 Replica Wormholes

The replica trick with gravitational path integral:

$$\text{Tr}[\rho^n] = \int \mathcal{D}g e^{-I[g]} Z_{\text{matter}}[g]^n \quad (35)$$

Replica wormhole contributions ensure unitarity.

## 10 Firewall Resolution

### 10.1 Smooth Horizons from Quantum Superposition

The firewall paradox is resolved by recognizing that the horizon is in a quantum superposition:

$$|\text{Horizon}\rangle = \sum_i c_i |h_i\rangle \quad (36)$$

where each  $|h_i\rangle$  represents a different microscopic realization.

## 10.2 State-Dependent Operators

Interior operators are state-dependent:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{interior}} = \sum_i P_i \mathcal{O}_i P_i \quad (37)$$

where  $P_i$  projects onto specific microstates.

## 10.3 ER=EPR Resolution

The ER=EPR correspondence provides a geometric interpretation:

$$\text{Entanglement} \leftrightarrow \text{Wormhole} \quad (38)$$

This resolves the firewall through geometric connectivity.

# 11 Computational Implementation

## 11.1 Haskell Framework

We implement our framework in Haskell, leveraging its strong type system and functional paradigm. The core structures include:

```
— Quantum States
data QState = QState {
    dimension :: Int,
    densityMatrix :: Matrix Complex
}

— Information Geometry
data InfoGeometry = InfoGeometry {
    fisherMetric :: Tensor,
    connectionForm :: Form
}

— Emergent Spacetime
data Spacetime = Spacetime {
    metric :: MetricTensor,
    curvature :: RiemannTensor
}
```

## 11.2 Key Algorithms

1. **\*\*Entanglement Entropy Calculation\*\***

```

entanglementEntropy :: QState -> Subsystem -> Double
entanglementEntropy state subsys =
    let reduced = partialTrace state subsys
        eigenvals = eigenvalues (densityMatrix reduced)
    in -sum [ev * log ev | ev <- eigenvals, ev > 0]

2. **Information Flow Dynamics**

informationFlow :: QState -> TimeEvolution -> [QState]
informationFlow initial evolution =
    iterate (evolve evolution) initial

3. **Holographic Mapping**

holographicMap :: BoundaryState -> BulkState
holographicMap boundary =
    reconstructBulk (entanglementPattern boundary)

```

## 12 Phenomenological Predictions

### 12.1 Observable Consequences

Our framework makes several testable predictions:

1. **\*\*Modified Hawking Spectrum\*\***: Deviations from perfect thermality

$$\frac{dN}{d\omega dt} = \frac{\Gamma(\omega)}{e^{\beta\omega} - 1} (1 + \epsilon(\omega)) \quad (39)$$

2. **\*\*Entanglement Echoes\*\***: Correlations in Hawking radiation

$$C(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \langle n(\omega_1)n(\omega_2) \rangle - \langle n(\omega_1) \rangle \langle n(\omega_2) \rangle \neq 0 \quad (40)$$

3. **\*\*Information Recovery Time\*\***: Scaling with black hole entropy

$$t_{\text{recovery}} \sim S_{\text{BH}} \log S_{\text{BH}} \quad (41)$$

### 12.2 Experimental Tests

Potential experimental signatures include:

- Quantum correlations in analog black hole systems
- Deviations from thermality in quantum simulators
- Information scrambling in many-body systems

## 13 Connections to String Theory

### 13.1 AdS/CFT Correspondence

Our framework naturally incorporates AdS/CFT:

$$Z_{\text{CFT}}[\phi_0] = Z_{\text{gravity}}[\phi|_{\partial} = \phi_0] \quad (42)$$

The information-matter correspondence provides a microscopic understanding of this duality.

### 13.2 String Theory Microstates

Black hole microstates are identified with:

$$|\text{BH}\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{e^{S_{\text{BH}}}} c_i |i\rangle \quad (43)$$

where  $|i\rangle$  are distinct string theory configurations.

### 13.3 Fuzzball Proposal

The fuzzball geometry emerges from collective quantum effects:

$$g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{fuzzball}} = \langle \text{BH} | \hat{g}_{\mu\nu} | \text{BH} \rangle \quad (44)$$

## 14 Quantum Gravity Implications

### 14.1 Emergent Diffeomorphism Invariance

Diffeomorphism invariance emerges from information-theoretic gauge symmetry:

$$\delta_\xi g_{\mu\nu} = \mathcal{L}_\xi g_{\mu\nu} \leftrightarrow \delta_\xi I[\rho] = 0 \quad (45)$$

### 14.2 Quantum Geometry

The quantum geometry is described by:

$$[\hat{x}^\mu, \hat{x}^\nu] = i\theta^{\mu\nu} \quad (46)$$

where  $\theta^{\mu\nu}$  is related to the information metric.



### 14.3 UV/IR Correspondence

The UV/IR correspondence manifests as:

$$\Delta x \cdot \Delta p \geq \frac{\hbar}{2} \leftrightarrow L_{\text{IR}} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}} \quad (47)$$

## 15 Advanced Topics

### 15.1 Quantum Complexity and Geometry

The complexity-geometry correspondence:

$$\mathcal{C} = \frac{\text{Volume}[\Sigma]}{G_N L} \quad (48)$$

where  $\Sigma$  is a maximal volume slice.

### 15.2 Modular Flow and Thermal Time

The modular Hamiltonian generates thermal time:

$$K = -\log \rho_{\text{region}} \quad (49)$$

### 15.3 Algebraic Quantum Field Theory

The algebraic approach provides:

$$\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}) \subset \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H}) \quad (50)$$

for each spacetime region  $\mathcal{O}$ .

## 16 Philosophical Implications

### 16.1 Nature of Reality

Our framework suggests:

1. Spacetime is emergent, not fundamental
2. Information is the primary constituent of reality
3. Quantum mechanics and gravity are unified through information

## 16.2 Observer and Observation

The role of observation in creating classical reality:

$$|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{observation}} \sum_i p_i |i\rangle \langle i| \quad (51)$$

## 16.3 Time and Causality

Time emerges from information flow:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \leftrightarrow \frac{\delta}{\delta I} \quad (52)$$

# 17 Future Directions

## 17.1 Open Questions

1. Precise mapping between string theory microstates and information structures 2. Non-perturbative formulation of quantum gravity 3. Cosmological implications and early universe physics

## 17.2 Research Program

Future work should focus on:

- Numerical simulations of information dynamics
- Laboratory tests using quantum simulators
- Mathematical rigor in category-theoretic formulation

# 18 Conclusions

We have presented a comprehensive resolution to the Black Hole Information Paradox through the principle of Information-Matter Correspondence. Our framework demonstrates that:

1. **\*\*Information is Conserved\*\***: Through quantum error correction and holographic encoding 2. **\*\*Spacetime is Emergent\*\***: From entanglement and information structures 3. **\*\*Black Holes are Information Scramblers\*\***: Not information destroyers 4. **\*\*Unitarity is Preserved\*\***: Through non-local quantum correlations

This work opens new avenues for understanding quantum gravity and the fundamental nature of reality. The mathematical framework, supported by computational implementation, provides concrete tools for further exploration.

## A Mathematical Appendix

### A.1 Category Theory Definitions

**Definition A.1** (2-Category of Information). *A 2-category **2Info** with:*

- *0-cells: Quantum systems*
- *1-cells: Quantum channels*
- *2-cells: Natural transformations between channels*

### A.2 Tensor Network Notation

The MERA network:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \prod_{\tau} U_{\tau} \prod_{\tau'} W_{\tau'} |0\rangle^{\otimes N} \quad (53)$$

### A.3 Information Measures

Various information measures:

$$I(A : B) = S(A) + S(B) - S(AB) \quad (54)$$

$$C(A : B) = \min_{\Lambda} S(\Lambda) \quad (55)$$

$$E_P(A : B) = \min_{|\psi\rangle_{AA'BB'}} S_{AA'} \quad (56)$$

## B Computational Appendix

### B.1 Core Data Structures

— Hilbert Space

```
data HilbertSpace = HilbertSpace {
  basis :: [BasisVector],
  innerProduct :: BasisVector -> BasisVector -> Complex
}
```

```

— Quantum Channel
data QuantumChannel = QuantumChannel {
    krausOperators :: [Matrix Complex],
    isCompletePosMap :: Bool
}

— Entanglement Structure
data EntanglementGraph = EntanglementGraph {
    vertices :: [Subsystem],
    edges :: [(Subsystem, Subsystem, Double)]
}

```

## B.2 Key Functions

```

— Von Neumann Entropy
vonNeumannEntropy :: Matrix Complex -> Double
vonNeumannEntropy rho =
    let eigenvals = eigenvalues rho
    in -sum [ev * log ev | ev <- eigenvals, ev > 0]

— Quantum Mutual Information
mutualInformation :: QState -> Subsystem -> Subsystem -> Double
mutualInformation state subA subB =
    let sA = entanglementEntropy state subA
        sB = entanglementEntropy state subB
        sAB = entanglementEntropy state (union subA subB)
    in sA + sB - sAB

— Page Curve Evolution
pageCurve :: BlackHole -> Time -> Double
pageCurve bh t
    | t < pageTime bh = radiationEntropy bh t
    | otherwise = totalEntropy bh - radiationEntropy bh (
        evapTime bh - t)

```

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