# L5b Singular Value Decomposition - Perturbation Theory

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## 1.1 Prerequisites

The reader should be familiar with eigenvalue decomposition, singular value decomposition, and perturbation theory for eigenvalue decomposition.

## 1.2 Competences

The reader should be able to understand and check the facts about perturbations of singular values and vectors.

#### 1.3 Peturbation bounds

For more details and the proofs of the Facts below, see [Li14] and the references therein.

### References

[Li14] R. C. Li, Matrix Perturbation Theory, in L. Hogben, ed., 'Handbook of Linear Algebra', pp. 21.6-21.8, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 2014.

#### 1.3.1 Definitions

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  and let  $A = U\Sigma V^*$  be its SVD.

The set of *A*'s singular values is  $sv(B) = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots\}$ , with  $\sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2 \ge \cdots \ge 0$ , and let  $sv_{ext}(B) = sv(B)$  unless m > n for which  $sv_{ext}(B) = sv(B) \cup \{0, \ldots, 0\}$  (additional |m - n| zeros).

Triplet  $(u, \sigma, v) \in \times \mathbb{C}^m \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{C}^n$  is a **singular triplet** of A if  $||u||_2 = 1$ ,  $||v||_2 = 1$ ,  $\sigma \geq 0$ , and  $Av = \sigma u$  and  $A^*u = \sigma v$ .

 $\tilde{A} = A + \Delta A$  is a **perturbed matrix**, where  $\Delta A$  is **perturbation**. The same notation is adopted to  $\tilde{A}$ , except all symbols are with tildes.

**Spectral condition number** of *A* is  $\kappa_2(A) = \sigma_{\max}(A)/\sigma_{\min}(A)$ .

Let  $X, Y \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times k}$  with rank $(X) = \operatorname{rank}(Y) = k$ . The **canonical angles** between their column spaces are  $\theta_i = \cos^{-1} \sigma_i$ , where  $\sigma_i$  are the singular values of  $(Y^*Y)^{-1/2}Y^*X(X^*X)^{-1/2}$ . The **canonical angle matrix** between X and Y is

$$\Theta(X,Y) = \operatorname{diag}(\theta_1,\theta_2,\ldots,\theta_k).$$

#### 1.3.2 Facts

- 1. Mirsky Theorem.  $\|\Sigma \tilde{\Sigma}\|_2 \le \|\Delta A\|_2$  and  $\|\Sigma \tilde{\Sigma}\|_F \le \|\Delta A\|_F$ .
- 2. **Residual bounds.** Let  $\|\tilde{u}\|_2 = \|\tilde{v}\|_2 = 1$  and  $\tilde{\mu} = \tilde{u}^* A \tilde{v}$ . Let residuals  $r = A \tilde{v} \tilde{\mu} \tilde{u}$  and  $s = A^* \tilde{u} \tilde{\mu} \tilde{v}$ , and let  $\varepsilon = \max\{\|r\|_2, \|s\|_2\}$ . Then  $|\tilde{\mu} \mu| \leq \varepsilon$  for some singular value  $\mu$  of A.
- 3. The smallest error matrix  $\Delta A$  for which  $(\tilde{u}, \tilde{\mu}, \tilde{v})$  is a singular triplet of  $\tilde{A}$  satisfies  $\|\Delta A\|_2 = \varepsilon$ .
- 4. Let  $\mu$  be the closest singular value in  $sv_{ext}(A)$  to  $\tilde{\mu}$  and  $(u, \mu, v)$  be the associated singular triplet, and let

$$\eta = \operatorname{gap}(\tilde{\mu}) = \min_{\mu \neq \sigma \in \operatorname{sv}_{\operatorname{ext}}(A)} |\tilde{\mu} - \sigma|.$$

If  $\eta > 0$ , then

$$|\tilde{\mu} - \mu| \le \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\eta'},$$

$$\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta(u, \tilde{u}) + \sin^2 \theta(v, \tilde{v})} \le \frac{\sqrt{\|r\|_2^2 + \|s\|_2^2}}{\eta}.$$

5. Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} M & E \\ F & H \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} M & 0 \\ 0 & H \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $M \in \mathbb{C}^{k \times k}$ , and set  $\eta = \min |\mu - \nu|$  over all  $\mu \in sv(M)$  and  $\nu \in sv_{ext}(H)$ , and  $\varepsilon = \max\{\|E\|_2, \|F\|_2\}$ . Then

$$\max |\sigma_j - \tilde{\sigma}_j| \le \frac{2\varepsilon^2}{\eta + \sqrt{\eta^2 + 4\varepsilon^2}}.$$

6. Let  $m \ge n$  and let

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_1^* \\ U_2^* \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ & A_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_1^* \\ \tilde{U}_2^* \end{bmatrix} \tilde{A} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_1 & \tilde{V}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 \\ & \tilde{A}_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_1 & \tilde{U}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_1 & \tilde{V}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  are unitary, and  $U_1, \tilde{U}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times k}$ ,  $V_1, \tilde{V}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times k}$ . Set

$$R = A\tilde{V}_1 - \tilde{U}_1\tilde{A}_1, \quad S = A^*\tilde{U}_1 - \tilde{V}_1\tilde{A}_1.$$

Let  $\eta = \min |\tilde{\mu} - \nu|$  over all  $\tilde{\mu} \in sv(\tilde{A}_1)$  and  $\nu \in sv_{ext}(A_2)$ . If  $\eta > 0$ , then

$$\sqrt{\|\sin\Theta(U_1,\tilde{U}_1)\|_F^2 + \|\sin\Theta(V_1,\tilde{V}_1)\|_F^2} \leq \frac{\sqrt{\|R\|_F^2 + \|S\|_F^2}}{\eta}.$$

#### 1.3.3 Example

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In [1]: m=8
        s=srand(421)
        k=min(m,n)
        A=rand(-9:9,m,n)
Out[1]: 8×5 Array{Int64,2}:
         -8 -1
                 -2
                       2 -9
         -6
              7
                   1
                            5
                       1
          3
              2
                   9
                      -3
                            1
          7 -4 -8
                       0 -5
         -7
             1 -4
                          -1
          0
              0 -2
                      3
                          -8
              2 -2 -7 -6
         -7 -3 -8 -8 -5
In [2]: \Delta A = rand(m,n)/100
        B=A+\Delta A
Out[2]: 8×5 Array{Float64,2}:
         -7.99884
                       -0.993217
                                      -1.99292
                                                  2.00887
                                                               -8.9908
         -5.99699
                        7.00114
                                      1.00599
                                                 1.00344
                                                                5.00415
          3.00058
                        2.0068
                                      9.00169 -2.99631
                                                               1.00099
          7.00973
                       -3.99895
                                     -7.99876
                                                0.00214899 -4.9979
         -6.99657
                        1.0013
                                     -3.99663 3.00789
                                                               -0.994583
                        0.00909776 -1.99083
                                                 3.00391
                                                               -7.99085
          0.00280957
          2.00282
                        2.00033
                                     -1.99167 -6.9938
                                                               -5.99554
                                      -7.99155 -7.99737
                                                               -4.99452
         -6.99697
                       -2.99003
In [3]: U, \sigma, V=svd(A)
        U_1, \sigma_1, V_1=svd(B)
Out[3]: ([-0.447204 -0.338019 ... 0.537286 -0.206075; 0.185802 -0.545543 ... -0.147543 0.633483;
In [4]: # Mirsky's Theorems
        maximum(abs,\sigma-\sigma<sub>1</sub>), norm(\DeltaA), vecnorm(\sigma-\sigma<sub>1</sub>), vecnorm(\DeltaA)
Out[4]: (0.02113859742292945, 0.03196314118428111, 0.022004821983059253, 0.035347859375243)
In [5]: # Residual bounds - how close is (x,\zeta,y) to (U[:,j],\sigma[j],V[:,j])
        j=rand(2:k-1)
        x=round.(U[:,j],3)
        y=round.(V[:,j],3)
        x=x/norm(x)
        y=y/norm(y)
        \zeta = (x \cdot *A*y)[]
        \sigma, j, \zeta
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Out[5]: ([21.167, 16.1921, 11.6027, 10.1944, 6.01866], 3, 11.602684964155396)
In [6]: # Fact 2
        r = A * y - \zeta * x
         s=A'*x-\zeta*y
        \epsilon = \max(\text{norm}(r), \text{norm}(s))
Out[6]: 0.012738790322717082
In [7]: minimum(abs,\sigma-\zeta), \epsilon
Out[7]: (5.33004160274686e-6, 0.012738790322717082)
In [8]: # Fact 4
         \eta = \min(abs(\zeta - \sigma[j-1]), abs(\zeta - \sigma[j+1]))
Out[8]: 1.4082960857652687
In [9]: \zeta-\sigma[j], \epsilon^2/\eta
Out[9]: (-5.33004160274686e-6, 0.00011522916276371607)
In [10]: # Eigenvector bound
          # cos(\theta)
          cos\theta U = dot(x, U[:,j])
          cos\theta V = dot(y, V[:,j])
          # Bound
          sqrt(1-cos\theta U^2+1-cos\theta V^2), sqrt(norm(r)^2+norm(s)^2)/\eta
Out[10]: (0.0008779073741076272, 0.011499971182415613)
In [11]: # Fact 5 - we create small off-diagonal block perturbation
          j=3
         M=A[1:j,1:j]
          H=A[j+1:m,j+1:n]
          B=cat([1,2],M,H)
Out[11]: 8×5 Array{Int64,2}:
           -8 -1 -2
                         0 0
                        0
                              0
           -6
                     1
            3
               2
                   9 0 0
            0
               0 0 0 -5
                   0 3 -1
            0
                0 0 3 -8
                0
                   0 -7 -6
                0 0 -8 -5
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In [12]: E=rand(size(A[1:j,j+1:n]))/100
         F=rand(size(A[j+1:m,1:j]))/100
         C=map(Float64,B)
         C[1:j,j+1:n]=E
         C[j+1:m,1:j]=F
Out[12]: 8×5 Array{Float64,2}:
          -8.0
                        -1.0
                                     -2.0
                                                   0.00782879 0.00361801
          -6.0
                        7.0
                                      1.0
                                                   0.00546641 0.00490995
           3.0
                                      9.0
                                                   0.00801844 0.00382256
                         2.0
           0.0073099
                         0.00245328 0.00521644
                                                   0.0
                                                               -5.0
                                                               -1.0
           0.000391762
                         0.00951957 0.00368332
                                                   3.0
           0.0096813
                        0.0070503 0.00130663
                                                   3.0
                                                               -8.0
                                                               -6.0
           0.00175984
                        0.00405742 0.00229319 -7.0
           -5.0
In [13]: svdvals(M)
Out[13]: 3-element Array{Float64,1}:
          11.701
           9.71185
           4.21514
In [14]: svdvals(H)'
Out[14]: 1×2 RowVector{Float64, Array{Float64,1}}:
          14.0322 9.22487
In [15]: svdvals(M).-svdvals(H)'
Out[15]: 3×2 Array{Float64,2}:
          -2.3312
                     2.47609
          -4.32032 0.486977
          -9.81703 -5.00974
In [16]: \epsilon=max(norm(E), norm(F))
         \beta=svdvals(B)
         \gamma=svdvals(C)
         \eta=minimum(abs,svdvals(M).-svdvals(H)')
         [\beta \gamma], maximum(abs,\beta-\gamma), 2*\epsilon^2/(\eta+\operatorname{sqrt}(\eta^2+4*\epsilon^2))
Out[16]: ([14.0322 14.0322; 11.701 11.701; ...; 9.22487 9.22485; 4.21514 4.21514], 2.9571432486
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## 1.4 Relative perturbation theory

#### 1.4.1 Definitions

Matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$  is **multiplicatively pertubed** to  $\tilde{A}$  if  $\tilde{A} = D_L^* A D_R$  for some  $D_L \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  and  $D_R \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .

Matrix *A* is (highly) **graded** if it can be scaled as A = GS such that  $\kappa_2(G)$  is of modest magnitude. The **scaling matrix** *S* is often diagonal. Interesting cases are when  $\kappa_2(G) \ll \kappa_2(A)$ .

**Relative distances** between two complex numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\tilde{\alpha}$  are:

$$\zeta(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) = \frac{|\alpha - \tilde{\alpha}|}{\sqrt{|\alpha \tilde{\alpha}|}}, \quad \text{for } \alpha \tilde{\alpha} \neq 0,$$

$$\varrho(\alpha, \tilde{\alpha}) = \frac{|\alpha - \tilde{\alpha}|}{\sqrt{|\alpha|^2 + |\tilde{\alpha}|^2}}, \quad \text{for } |\alpha| + |\tilde{\alpha}| > 0.$$

#### 1.4.2 Facts

1. If  $D_L$  and  $D_R$  are non-singular and  $m \ge n$ , then

$$\frac{\sigma_j}{\|D_L^{-1}\|_2 \|D_R^{-1}\|_2} \leq \tilde{\sigma}_j \leq \sigma_j \|D_L\|_2 \|D_R\|_2, \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$\|\operatorname{diag}(\zeta(\sigma_1, \tilde{\sigma}_1), \dots, \zeta(\sigma_n, \tilde{\sigma}_n))\|_{2,F} \leq \frac{1}{2} \|D_L^* - D_L^{-1}\|_{2,F} + \frac{1}{2} \|D_R^* - D_R^{-1}\|_{2,F}.$$

2. Let  $m \ge n$  and let

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_1^* \\ U_2^* \end{bmatrix} A \begin{bmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ & A_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_1^* \\ \tilde{U}_2^* \end{bmatrix} \tilde{A} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_1 & \tilde{V}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 \\ & \tilde{A}_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\begin{bmatrix} U_1 & U_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} V_1 & V_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{U}_1 & \tilde{U}_2 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{V}_1 & \tilde{V}_2 \end{bmatrix}$  are unitary, and  $U_1, \tilde{U}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times k}$ ,  $V_1, \tilde{V}_1 \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times k}$ . Set

$$R = A\tilde{V}_1 - \tilde{U}_1\tilde{A}_1, \quad S = A^*\tilde{U}_1 - \tilde{V}_1\tilde{A}_1.$$

Let  $\eta = \min \varrho(\mu, \tilde{\mu})$  over all  $\mu \in sv(A_1)$  and  $\tilde{\mu} \in sv_{ext}(A_2)$ . If  $\eta > 0$ , then

$$\sqrt{\|\sin\Theta(U_1, \tilde{U}_1)\|_F^2 + \|\sin\Theta(V_1, \tilde{V}_1)\|_F^2} 
\leq \frac{1}{\eta} (\|(I - D_L^*)U_1\|_F^2 + \|(I - D_L^{-1})U_1\|_F^2 
+ \|(I - D_R^*)V_1\|_F^2 + \|(I - D_R^{-1})V_1\|_F^2)^{1/2}.$$

3. Let A = GS and  $\tilde{A} = \tilde{G}S$ , and let  $\Delta G = \tilde{G} - G$ . Then  $\tilde{A} = DA$ , where  $D = I + (\Delta G)G^{\dagger}$ , and Fact 1 applies with  $D_L = D$ ,  $D_R = I$ , and

$$||D^* - D^{-1}||_{2,F} \le \left(1 + \frac{1}{1 - ||(\Delta G)G^{\dagger}||_2}\right) \frac{||(\Delta G)G^{\dagger}||_{2,F}}{2}.$$

According to the notebook on Jacobi Method and High Relative Accuracy, nearly optimal diagonal scaling is such that all columns of G have unit norms,  $S = \text{diag}(\|A_{:,1}\|_2, \dots, \|A_{:,n}\|_2)$ .

4. Let A be an real upper-bidiagonal matrix with diagonal entries  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$  and the super-diagonal entries  $b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_{n-1}$ . Let the diagonal entries of  $\tilde{A}$  be  $\alpha_1 a_1, \alpha_2 a_2, \ldots, \alpha_n a_n$ , and its super-diagonal entries be  $\beta_1 b_1, \beta_2 b_2, \ldots, \beta_{n-1} b_{n-1}$ . Then  $\tilde{A} = D_L^* A D_R$  with

$$D_{L} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\alpha_{1}, \frac{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}}{\beta_{1}}, \frac{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}\alpha_{3}}{\beta_{1}\beta_{2}}, \cdots\right),$$

$$D_{R} = \operatorname{diag}\left(1, \frac{\beta_{1}}{\alpha_{1}}, \frac{\beta_{1}\beta_{2}}{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}}, \cdots\right).$$

Let 
$$\alpha = \prod_{j=1}^{n} \max\{\alpha_j, 1/\alpha_j\}$$
 and  $\beta = \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \max\{\beta_j, 1/\beta_j\}$ . Then

$$(\alpha\beta)^{-1} \le \|D_L^{-1}\|_2 \|D_R^{-1}\|_2 \le \|D_L\|_2 \|D_R\|_2 \le \alpha\beta,$$

and Fact 1 applies. This is a result by Demmel and Kahan.

5. Consider the block partitioned matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & D \end{bmatrix} = A \begin{bmatrix} I & -B^{-1}C \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \equiv AD_R.$$

By Fact 1,  $\zeta(\sigma_j, \tilde{\sigma}_j) \leq \frac{1}{2} \|B^{-1}C\|_2$ . This is used as a deflation criterion in the SVD algorithm for bidiagonal matrices.

#### 1.4.3 Example - Bidiagonal matrix

In order to illustrate Facts 1 to 3, we need an algorithm which computes the singular values with high relative acuracy. Such algorithm, the one-sided Jacobi method, is discussed in the following notebook.

The algorithm actually used in the function svdvals() for Bidiagonal is the zero-shift bidiagonal QR algorithm, which attains the accuracy given by Fact 4: if all  $1 - \varepsilon \le \alpha_i$ ,  $\beta_i \le 1 + \varepsilon$ , then

$$(1-\varepsilon)^{2n-1} \le (\alpha\beta)^{-1} \le \alpha\beta \le (1-\varepsilon)^{2n-1}.$$

In other words,  $\varepsilon$  relative changes in diagonal and super-diagonal elements, cause at most  $(2n-1)\varepsilon$  relative changes in the singular values.

**However**, if singular values and vectors are desired, the function svd() calls the standard algorithm, described in the next notebook, which **does not attain this accuracy**.

```
In [17]: n=50
         \delta = 100000
         # The starting matrix
         a=exp.(50*(rand(n)-0.5))
         b=exp.(50*(rand(n-1)-0.5))
         A=Bidiagonal(a,b, true)
         # Multiplicative perturbation
         DL=ones(n)+(rand(n)-0.5)/\delta
         DR=ones(n)+(rand(n)-0.5)/\delta
         # The perturbed matrix
         \alpha = DL.*a.*DR
         \beta = DL[1:end-1].*b.*DR[2:end]
         B=Bidiagonal(\alpha, \beta, true)
         (A.dv-B.dv)./A.dv
Out[17]: 50-element Array{Float64,1}:
           3.39812e-6
           -3.61322e-6
          -3.25847e-6
           1.31523e-6
           5.93668e-6
           7.9479e-6
           4.54888e-6
           -9.73189e-7
           1.0755e-6
           2.96194e-6
          -7.34928e-6
           2.99746e-7
           -1.35595e-6
           -4.0277e-6
           5.48266e-6
           4.66065e-6
           2.08409e-6
           4.37049e-6
           3.43698e-6
           7.09017e-6
           8.261e-6
           1.13622e-6
           -2.21721e-6
           -2.26233e-6
           -5.49369e-6
In [18]: (a-\alpha)./a, (b-\beta)./b
Out[18]: ([3.39812e-6, -3.61322e-6, -3.25847e-6, 1.31523e-6, 5.93668e-6, 7.9479e-6, 4.54888e-6,
In [19]: @which svdvals(A)
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Out[19]: svdvals(A::AbstractArray{#s268,2} where #s268<:Union{Complex{Float32}, Complex{Float64}}
In [20]: \sigma=svdvals(A)
         \mu=svdvals(B)
         [\sigma (\sigma - \mu) . / \sigma]
Out[20]: 50×2 Array{Float64,2}:
          3.71809e9
                        2.99746e-7
                        1.31523e-6
          1.1309e9
          7.36508e8
                       -5.84417e-6
          4.7042e8
                        6.50936e-6
          3.44534e8
                        9.3746e-6
          1.27054e8
                       -4.04487e-6
          9.8205e7
                       -5.2759e-7
          5.52383e7
                       -1.68669e-6
          5.3739e7
                       2.65906e-6
          1.85736e7
                       2.77895e-6
          1.34581e7
                       -2.26233e-6
          1.16407e7
                       -1.02195e-9
          3.3998e6
                        -5.11021e-6
          0.000135607 -1.17994e-6
          5.92811e-5 -1.69424e-6
          1.43836e-6
                       9.1791e-6
          1.02905e-6 -1.77238e-6
          2.56819e-8 -9.38028e-6
          2.22915e-8 -1.83292e-6
          3.12743e-9 -5.49369e-6
          4.11692e-10 5.96403e-7
          2.41415e-11 -1.4086e-6
          2.03616e-25 3.67804e-6
          1.77974e-27 8.8293e-7
          4.00726e-50 -1.18825e-7
In [21]: cond(A)
Out[21]: 9.278376847680432e58
In [22]: # The standard algorithm
         U, \nu, V=svd(A);
In [23]: (\sigma - \nu) . / \sigma
Out[23]: 50-element Array{Float64,1}:
             0.0
             2.10823e-16
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```
0.0
  0.0
 -1.73001e-16
   0.0
   4.55206e-16
   0.0
   0.0
   0.0
   2.76807e-16
   0.0
   1.36967e-16
   1.65358e-7
   2.28615e-16
 -5.08431e-10
 -2.0578e-16
-13.4659
-15.6661
-117.791
-901.316
-17.9171
-31.1363
-136.616
 -5.09731e8
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## In []: