IntroProp Mini-project: Recommendation System

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 - Utility matrix
 - Representation of utility matrix in JAVA
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 - isMatrix
 - createMatrix

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 - Netflix data set
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 - optimizeU/optimizeV
 - recommend

Motivation

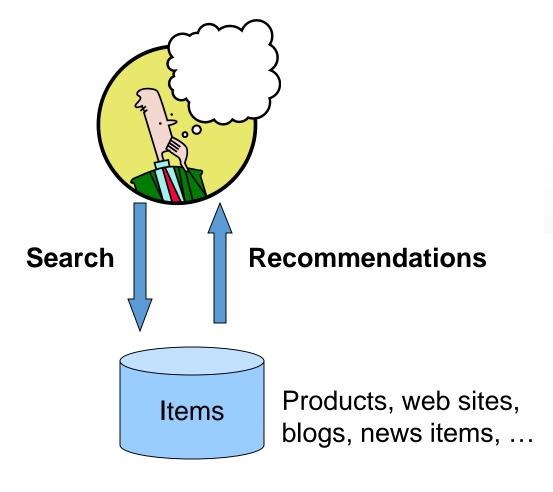
Recommendation Systems



- Customer 1
 - Buys X-men
 - Buys Captain America
- Customer 2
 - Searches for X-men
 - Recommendation system suggests Captain America from data collected about customer 1



Recommendations



Examples:

















Nowadays: Customers Spoilt for Choice

- Shelf space is limited for traditional shop owners
 - Also: TV networks, movie theaters,...
 - Resulting into limit choice for customers (shop owner was preselecting products)
- Web enables near-zero-cost distribution of information about products
 - Explosion of available products
- More choice implies the need for better filters
 - Recommendation engines
- How Into Thin Air made Touching the Void a bestseller:

Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought



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Jon Krakauer



The Art and Science of Leadership (7th Edition) Afsaneh Nahavandi



In Patagonia (Penguin Classics) > Bruce Chatwin



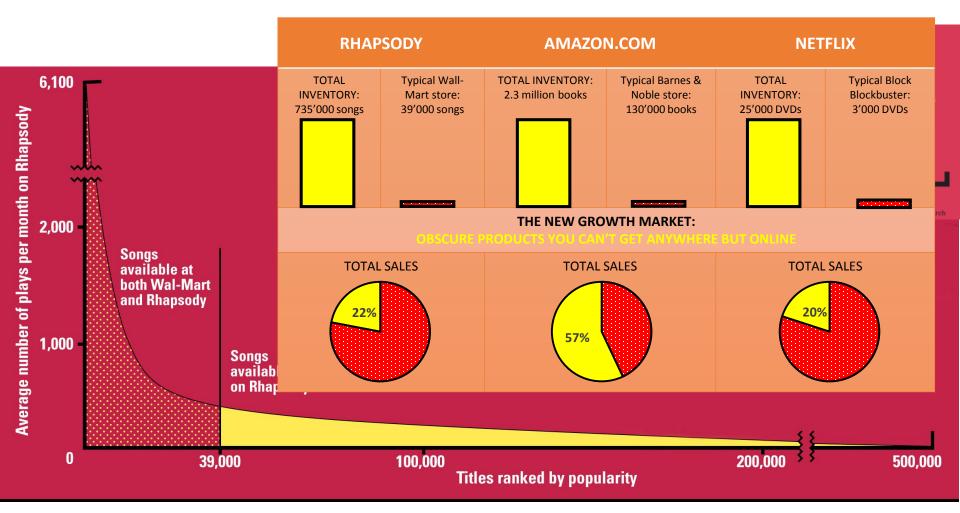
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The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly...



Touching the Void: The True Story of One.8

The New Marketplace: The Long Tail



Source: Erik Brynjolfsson and Jeffrey Hu, MIT, and Michael Smith, Carnegie Mellon; Barnes & Noble; Netflix; RealNetworks

Types of Recommendations

- Editorial and managed by one or several individuals
 - List of favorites
 - Lists of "essential" items

- Simple aggregates
 - Top 10, Most Popular, Recent Uploads
- Tailored to individual users
 - Amazon, Netflix, ...

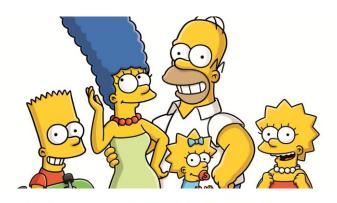


Formal Model

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•X = set of Customers

•S = set of Items





- •Utility function u: $X \times S \rightarrow R$
 - •R = set of ratings
 - R is a totally ordered set,
 e.g., 0-5 stars, real number in [0,1]

Utility Matrix M

	Avatar	LOTR	Matrix	Pirates	
Alice	10		2		estion: like Matrix?
Bob		5	?	3	
Carlo	2		1		
David				4	

Representation of Utility Matrix

- Matrix: two-dimensional double array
- For example:

	Avatar	LOTR	Matrix	Pirates	double[][] M = {{10, 0, 2, 0}, { 0, 5.5, 0, 3},
Alice	10		2		{ 2, 0, 1, 0},
Bob		5.5		3	{ 0, 0, 0, 4.5}}
Carlo	2		1		
David	+			4.5	Blank entries translate into 0s

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- Matrix: two-dimensional double array
- For example:

	0	1	2	3
0	10		2	
1		5.5		3
2	4		1	
3				4.5

```
n users = n rows
(numbered from 0 to n-1)
m items = m columns
(numbered from 0 to m-1)
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```
double[][] M = \{\{10, 0, 2, 0\},\
             { 0, 5.5, 0, 3},
                { 4, 0, 1, 0},
                \{0, 0, 0, 4.5\}\};
//Access: M[row][column],
//e.g., M[0][2]; row 0, column 2
System.out.println(M[0][2]); //2.0
//Size: M.length
//number of rows in M
int n = M.length;
//number of columns in row 2 of M
int m = M[2].length;
//new array of size n x m
double[][] C = new double[n][m];
double[][] N = M.clone();
```

Tasks (Part 1)

Getting familiar with matrices that are represented as two-dimensional arrays

Task: matrixToString

Task: isMatrix

Task: createMatrix

Task: Matrix to String (1)

- Create a String representing a matrix (twodimensional double array) in Java syntax
 - Input: two-dimensional double array
 - Result value: String
- Signature:

```
public static String matrixToString(double[][] A)
```

• Propose: help with debugging (e.g., print intermediate results, create test data,...)

Task: Matrix to String (2)

Example:

• Outcome:

 Requirement: valid Java syntax and "same matrix" (i.e., entries are similar B[i][j] = A[i][j] ± 10⁻⁶)

Task: Check if Array is Matrix (1)

- Check if given two-dimensional double array is a valid matrix, i.e.,
 - 1. it is not empty (size zero or having the value null),
 - none of the rows are empty and
 - 3. all of them have the same length.
 - Input: two-dimensional double array
 - Return value: Boolean (true if array is matrix, otherwise false)
- Signature:

```
public static boolean isMatrix( double[][] A )
```

• Purpose: sanity check of input data (to avoid null pointer errors), e.g., if matrix A is multiplied with B.

Task: Check if Array is Matrix (2)

Example of arrays:

```
//false: array is null
double [][] A1 = null;

//false: empty array
double [][] A2 = {{}};

//false: rows have different lengths
double [][] A3 = {{1.0,2},{1,2,3.3}};

//true: this is a valid matrix
double [][] A4 = {{1.0,2,0},{1,2,3.3}};
```

Task: Create Random Matrix (1)

- Create a two-dimensional double array that represent a matrix with n rows and m columns and random entries in the interval [k;l].
 - Inputs: Integers n, m, k, l
 - Return value: two-dimensional double array A
 - with A.length=n and A[i].length=m for all i=0,..,n-1 and
 - k ≤ A[i][j] ≤ I for all i=0,..,n-1 and j=0,..,m-1
 - If m = 0, n = 0, or k > l, the method should return null.
 - If the method is called twice with the same arguments the results should be different.

Signature:

```
public static double[][] createMatrix( int n, int m, int k, int l)
```

Task: Create Random Matrix (2)

- Propose: create test date for the following tasks
- Useful Java methods:

Example	Functionality
Random random = new Random();	Create a pseudorandom number generator
random.nextInt(100);	Returns a pseudorandom, uniformly distributed int value between 0 (inclusive) and 100 (exclusive)
random.nextDouble();	Returns the next pseudorandom, uniformly distributed double value between 0.0 and 1.0.

• Example:

```
double[][] A = createMatrix(3,5,0,10);
System.out.println(matrixToString(A));
```

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Key Problems Main Approaches

Recall

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Carlo	2		1		
David				4	

Key Problems

- 1. Gathering "known" ratings for matrix
 - How to collect the data in the utility matrix
- 2. Extrapolate unknown ratings from known ones
 - Mainly interested in high unknown ratings. We are not interested in knowing what you don't like but what you like
- 3. Evaluating extrapolation methods

 How to measure success/performance of recommendation methods

			Does bod like Matrix!		
		Avatar	LOTR	Matrix	
	Alice	10		2	
	Bob		5	? _	3
	Carlo			1	How good is the
_ / (does Bob	rate LOTR?			recommendation?

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Focus of this mini-project

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Do you want to learn more about this or similar topics?

- Visit http://www.mmds.org: an online book and course on
 "Mining of Massive Datasets" by J. Leskovec, A. Rajaraman, J. Ullman
- Check out courses offered by the Data Analysis Theory and Application lab http://data.epfl.ch

Extrapolation

- Difficulties: Utility matrix U is sparse
 - Most people have not rated most items
 Netflix: 99% of entries in Utility matrix are empty
 - Cold start:
 New items have no ratings,
 New users have no history
- Basic approaches:
 - 1. Collaborative-Filtering Systems
 - 2. Content-Based Systems
 - 3. Dimensionality Reduction

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Real-life systems combine approaches

Collaborative-Filtering Systems

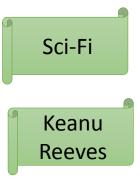
- Recommend items based on similarities between users and items.
 - The items recommended to a user are those preferred by similar users. Similarity is derived from similar ratings.

Avatar	LOTR	Matrix	Pirates
1	8		3
2			3

Content-Based Systems

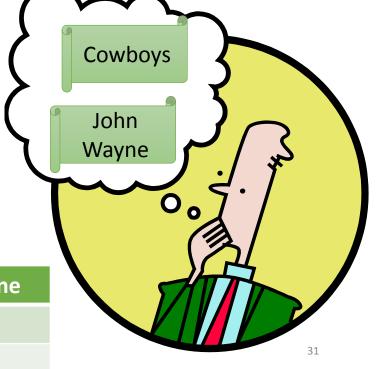
- Focus on properties of items.
 - E.g., if a user has seen many cowboy movies, then recommend another cowboy movie.
 - Create item/user profiles (list of properties/features)





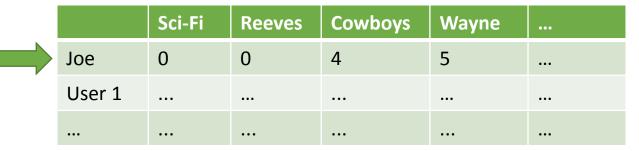


		Sci-Fi	Reeves	Cowboys	Wayne
>	Joe	0	0	4	5
	Matrix	5	5	0	0



Profile/Feature Vectors

• User Profile Matrix $U_{n\times d}$: n users and d features



• Item Prolle Matrix $V_{d\times m}$: d features, m items

	Matrix	Item 1	Item 2	Item 3					
Sci-Fi	5	•••							/>
Reeves	5								$\binom{5}{5}$
Cowboys	0				u(Joe, Ma	atrix) = (0	0	4	$5) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
Wayne	0								\setminus_0

• Idea: Rating ≈ User Profile · Item Profile

Dimensionality Reduction Systems

- Recommend items based on the conjecture that the utility matrix is actually a product of two long, thin matrices U and V.
 - Matrix $U_{n\times d}$ mapping users to features
 - Matrix V_{d×m} mapping features to items
- Key idea: $M_{n\times m} \approx U_{n\times d} \cdot V_{d\times m}$
- **Goal**: find matrices $U_{n\times d}$ and $V_{d\times m}$ (given $M_{n\times m}$ and d) such that their product $P_{n\times m} = U_{n\times d} \cdot V_{d\times m}$ is **similar** to M on all **non-zero** entries (actual rating).
- One approach: UV-decomposition algorithm

Example: UV-decomposition

What does similar mean?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \\ u_{31} & u_{32} \\ u_{41} & u_{42} \\ u_{51} & u_{52} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & v_{13} & v_{14} & v_{15} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} & v_{23} & v_{24} & v_{25} \end{pmatrix}$$

 m_{ij} ... element in M u_{ij} ... element in U v_{ij} ... element in V p_{ij} ... element in $P = U \cdot V$

Similarity: Root-Mean-Square-Error

- We could use any measure of how close P is to M to define "similar". We take the typical choice.
- Root-Mean-Square-Error (RMSE), where we
 - 1. Sum over all non-zero entries in M, the square of the difference between that entry in M and the corresponding entry in P, i.e.,

$$S = \sum_{i} \sum_{j} \begin{cases} (m_{ij} - p_{ij})^{2} & \text{if } m_{ij} \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 2. Take the mean (average) S_{mean} of these squares by dividing by the number of terms in the sum (i.e., the number of non-zero entries)
- 3. Take the square root of the mean, i.e.,

$$RMSE = \sqrt{S_{\text{mean}}}$$

Example: RMSE computation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & & 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & u_{12} \\ u_{21} & u_{22} \\ u_{31} & u_{32} \\ u_{41} & u_{42} \\ u_{51} & u_{52} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & v_{13} & v_{14} & v_{15} \\ v_{21} & v_{22} & v_{23} & v_{24} & v_{25} \end{pmatrix}$$

Assume all elements of U and V are 1

Example: RMSE Computation

• 1st row:
$$(5-2)^2 + (2-2)^2 + (4-2)^2 + (4-2)^2 + (3-2)^2 = 9+4+4+1=18$$

• 2nd row:
$$(1)^2 + (-1)^2 + (0)^2 + (2)^2 + (-1)^2 = 7$$

• 3rd row:
$$(0)^2$$
 + $+(1)^2$ + $(-1)^2$ + $(2)^2$ = 6

•
$$4^{th}$$
 row: $0 + 9 + 4 + 1 + 9 = 23$

•
$$5^{th}$$
 row: $4 + 4 + 9 + 4 + = 21$

$$\bullet$$
 S = 18 + 7 + 6 + 23 + 21 = 75

•
$$S_{mean} = 75 / (25-2) \approx 3.26$$

• RMSE =
$$\sqrt{3.26} \approx 1.8$$

Note that if we minimize the sum of squares for row 1 is smaller, so is the RMSE because mean and square root does not change the order.

UV-Decomposition: Iterative Approach

- Start with arbitrary matrices U and V
- Modify U and V locally to improve RMSE
- Local improvement means, e.g., one element
- Question: how does one element of U (or V) contribute to the error?

• Note that if we minimize the sum of squares (Step 1 of the RMSE computation), we also minimize the RMSE. So, we don't need to worry about the average (Step 2) or the square root (Step 3).

Example : Adjusting Element $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\
3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\
2 & & 3 & 1 & 4 \\
2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\
4 & 4 & 5 & 4
\end{pmatrix}$$

• 1st row:

$$(5-(x+1))^2 + (2-(x+1))^2 + (4-(x+1))^2 + (4-(x+1))^2 + (3-(x+1))^2$$

= $(4-x)^2 + (1-x)^2 + (3-x)^2 + (3-x)^2 + (2-x)^2$

 We want the value of x that minimizes the sum, so we take the derivative and set it equal to 0:

$$-2\cdot(4-x) - 2\cdot(1-x) - 2\cdot(3-x) - 2\cdot(3-x) - 2\cdot(2-x) = 0$$

 $4-x+1-x+3-x+3-x+2-x = 0$
 $13 = 5\cdot x$
 $x = 13/5 = 2.6$

• 1st row: $(1.4)^2 + (-1.6)^2 + (0.4)^2 + (0.4)^2 + (-0.6)^2 = 5.2$ (old value=18)

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$$\begin{pmatrix}
5 & 2 & 4 & 4 & 3 \\
3 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\
2 & 3 & 1 & 4 \\
2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\
4 & 4 & 5 & 4
\end{pmatrix}$$

Empty for 2nd column • 3rd row:

$$(2-(x+1))^2 + (3-(x+1))^2 + (1-(x+1))^2 + (4-(x+1))^2$$
= $(1-x)^2 + (2-x)^2 + (-x)^2 + (3-x)^2$

• Derivative and set it equal to 0:

$$-2\cdot(1-x) - 2\cdot(2-x) - 2\cdot(-x) - 2\cdot(3-x) = -2\cdot(6-4\cdot x) = 0$$

 $x = 6/4 = 1.5$

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2 & & 3 & 1 & 4 \\
2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 5 \\
4 & 4 & 5 & 4
\end{pmatrix}$$

• 5rd column:

$$(3-(x+1))^2 + (1-(x+1))^2 + (4-(x+1))^2 + (5-(x+1))^2$$

= $(2-x)^2 + (-x)^2 + (3-x)^2 + (4-x)^2$

Derivative and set it equal to 0:

$$-2\cdot(2-x-x+3-x+4-x) = -2\cdot(9-4\cdot x) = 0$$

 $x = 9/4 = 2.25$

Adjusting Arbitrary Element (1)

- Given: $M_{n\times m}$, $U_{n\times d}$, $V_{d\times m}$
- Suppose we want to vary u_{rs} (we call new value x)
- u_{rs} affects only elements in row r of product $P = U \cdot V$
- Elements in row r:

$$p_{rj} = \sum_{k} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} = \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} + x \cdot v_{sj}$$

• Error due to element p_{ri} (for nonblank entry m_{ri}):

$$(m_{rj} - p_{rj})^2 = (m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} - x \cdot v_{sj})^2$$

• Sum of squares:

$$\sum_{j} (m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} - x \cdot v_{sj})^2$$

where \sum_i mean sum over nonblank entries of M

Adjusting Arbitrary Element (2)

•Goal: minimize sum of squares, i.e.,

$$\sum_{j} (m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} - x \cdot v_{sj})^2$$

• Find minimum? Take derivative and set it = 0

$$\sum_{j} -2 \cdot v_{sj} \cdot \left(m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} - x \cdot v_{sj} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{j} v_{sj} \cdot \left(m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} \right) - \sum_{j} v_{sj} \cdot x \cdot v_{sj} = 0$$

$$\sum_{j} v_{sj} \cdot \left(m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} \right) = \sum_{j} v_{sj} \cdot x \cdot v_{sj}$$

$$x = \frac{\sum_{j} v_{sj} \cdot \left(m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} \right)}{\sum_{j} v_{sj}^{2}}$$

 \sum_{i} stands for the sum over all j s.t. m_{rj} is nonblank

Adjusting Arbitrary Element (3)

• To update element u_{rs} use

$$x = \frac{\sum_{j} v_{sj} \cdot \left(m_{rj} - \sum_{k \neq s} u_{rk} \cdot v_{kj} \right)}{\sum_{j} v_{sj}^{2}}$$

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• To update element v_{rs} use

$$x = \frac{\sum_{i} u_{ir} \cdot (m_{is} - \sum_{k \neq r} u_{ik} \cdot v_{ks})}{\sum_{i} u_{ir}^{2}}$$

 \sum_i stands for the sum over all i s.t. m_{is} is nonblank

Tasks (Part 2)

Compute how "good" your current estimates for U and V are. Improve an element in U or V.

Task: multiplyMatrix

Task: RMSE

Task: updateUElem/updateVElem

Task: Multiply two Matrices

- Compute product of two given matrices
 - Input: two two-dimensional double arrays A and B
 - Return value: two-dimensional double array representing the matrix product $P = A \cdot B$, i.e., element $P_{ij} = \sum_{x} A_{ix} \cdot B_{xj}$
 - If A and B have different dimensions, return null.
- Signature:

• Example: see slide 34

Task: Compute RMSE

- Compute the Root-Mean-Square-Error between M and P (for all non-zero elements of M)
 - Input: two-dimensional double arrays M and P
 - Return value: double value representing the RMSE
 - If M and P have different dimensions, return value -1.

Signature:

```
public static double rmse(double[][] M, double[][] P)
```

• Example: see slide 35

Task: Update Element in U or V

- Compute improve value of element in U (or V)
 - Input: two-dimensional arrays for M, U, V
 - Input: two indices r and s
 - Return value: new value of u_{rs} (or v_{rs} , respectively) that improves the RMSE between M and P (see slide 42)

Signatures:

Examples:

- See slides 39-41 (show also intermediate results)
- updateUElem(M, U, V, 0, 0) is in [5.999;6.001] and
- updateVElem(M, U, V, 0, 0) is in [7.749;7.751] with
- M={{ 0, 8, 9, 8, 7 }, { 18, 0, 18, 18, 18 },
 { 29, 28, 27, 0, 25 }, { 6, 6, 0, 6, 6 }, { 17, 16, 15, 14, 0 }};

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