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Chebyshev polynomials of the second, third and fourth kinds in approximation, indefinite integration, and integral transforms *

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Abstract

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Chebyshev polynomials of the third and fourth kinds, orthogonal with respect to $(1+x)^{1/2}(1-x)^{-1/2}$ and $(1-x)^{1/2}(1+x)^{-1/2}$, respectively, on [-1,1], are less well known than traditional first- and second-kind polynomials. We therefore summarise basic properties of all four polynomials, and then show how some well-known properties of first-kind polynomials extend to cover second-, third- and fourth-kind polynomials. Specifically, we summarise a recent set of first-, second-, third- and fourth-kind results for near-minimax constrained approximation by series and interpolation criteria, then we give new uniform convergence results for the indefinite integration of functions weighted by $(1+x)^{-1/2}$ or $(1-x)^{-1/2}$ using third- or fourth-kind polynomial expansions, and finally we establish a set of logarithmically singular integral transforms for which weighted first-, second-, third- and fourth-kind polynomials are eigenfunctions.

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1. Definitions and basic properties

The Chebyshev polynomials $T_n(x)$, $U_n(x)$, $V_n(x)$ and $W_n(x)$ of the first, second, third and fourth kinds are defined, respectively, on [-1, 1] according to the following trigonometric

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formulae:

$$T_n(x) = \cos n\theta, \qquad U_n(x) = \frac{\sin(n+1)\theta}{\sin \theta},$$

$$V_n(x) = \frac{\cos(n+\frac{1}{2})\theta}{\cos\frac{1}{2}\theta}, \qquad W_n(x) = \frac{\sin(n+\frac{1}{2})\theta}{\sin\frac{1}{2}\theta},$$
(1)

where $x = \cos \theta$, $0 \le \theta \le \pi$.

The nomenclature of "third- and fourth-kind Chebyshev polynomials" appears to have been first used by Gautschi (e.g., [2]). Since $\sin \theta = (1-x^2)^{1/2}$, $\cos \frac{1}{2}\theta = [\frac{1}{2}(1+x)]^{1/2}$, $\sin \frac{1}{2}\theta = [\frac{1}{2}(1-x)]^{1/2}$, it follows that $T_n(x)$, $(1-x^2)^{1/2}U_n(x)$, $(1+x)^{1/2}V_n(x)$, $(1-x)^{1/2}W_n(x)$ are proportional to cosine or sine functions in θ , namely $\cos n\theta$, $\sin(n+1)\theta$, $\cos(n+\frac{1}{2})\theta$, $\sin(n+\frac{1}{2})\theta$, each of which oscillates between precisely n+1 extrema of equal magnitude. We may therefore deduce the following minimax property.

Property 1.1 (minimax property). The polynomials $2^{1-n}T_n(x)$, $2^{-n}U_n(x)$, $2^{-n}V_n(x)$ and $2^{-n}W_n(x)$ have the smallest Chebyshev norm (i.e., maximum magnitude) on [-1, 1] amongst all monic polynomials weighted by 1, $(1-x^2)^{1/2}$, $(1+x)^{1/2}$ and $(1-x)^{1/2}$, respectively.

The 4 polynomials are in fact Jacobi polynomials, orthogonal with respect to $(1-x)^{\alpha}(1+x)^{\beta}$ for α , $\beta = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ according to the following property.

Property 1.2 (orthogonality property). $\{T_n(x)\}$, $\{U_n(x)\}$, $\{V_k(x)\}$, $\{W_n(x)\}$ are orthogonal on [-1, 1] with respect to $(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$, $(1-x^2)^{1/2}$, $(1+x)^{1/2}(1-x)^{-1/2}$, $(1-x)^{1/2}(1+x)^{-1/2}$, respectively.

We only have space to give a few of the formulae that hold for these polynomials. In particular, all four polynomials share the same recurrence relation

$$p_n = 2xp_{n-1} - p_{n-2}, \quad p_0 = 1,$$

but with different starting polynomials p_1 , namely $p_1 = x$, 2x, 2x - 1, 2x + 1 for first, second, third and fourth kinds. It is also clear that the third- and fourth-kind polynomials are essentially the same polynomial, but viewed from different ends of the interval, and specifically it is readily seen that

$$W_n(x) = (-1)^n V_n(-x). (2)$$

Hence, it is normally sufficient to establish properties for third-kind polynomials, and then deduce analogous properties for fourth kind (by replacing x by -x).

A key pair of formulae, for the third and fourth polynomials, establishes a strong link with first and second kinds:

$$V_n(x) = u^{-1}T_{2n+1}(u), W_n(x) = U_{2n}(u),$$
 (3)

where $u = [\frac{1}{2}(1+x)]^{1/2} = \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta$ for $x = \cos \theta$. A further pair of formulae may be added to (3), namely

$$T_n(x) = T_{2n}(u), \qquad U_n(x) = \frac{1}{2}u^{-1}U_{2n+1}(u).$$

It is clear from these formulae and (3) that T_n , U_n , V_n and W_n together form all first- and second-kind polynomials in the new variable u (weighted by u^{-1} in two cases).

It is finally useful to give simple formulae for differentiation of suitably weighted polynomials, as follows:

$$T'_{n}(x) = nU_{n-1}(x), \qquad \left[(1-x^{2})^{1/2}U_{n-1}(x) \right]' = -n(1-x^{2})^{-1/2}T_{n}(x),$$

$$\left[(1+x)^{1/2}V_{n}(x) \right]' = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)(1+x)^{-1/2}W_{n}(x),$$

$$\left[(1-x)^{1/2}W_{n}(x) \right]' = -\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)(1-x)^{-1/2}V_{n}(x).$$
(4)

2. Near-minimax constrained approximation

The common minimax property (Property 1.1) suggests that a partial sum of a series expansion in weighted Chebyshev polynomials (of first, second, third or fourth kind) should be close to a minimax weighted polynomial approximation, and a similar property should hold for interpolation at Chebyshev polynomial zeros. Indeed, in [6], a set of such results is obtained, which extend existing results for first-kind Chebyshev polynomials. Any projection P_n of a function f in a space F onto a polynomial of degree n satisfies

$$||f - P_n f||_{\infty} \le (1 + ||P_n||_{\infty}) ||f - B_n f||_{\infty},$$

where B_n is the (nonlinear) best minimax approximation operator, and $P_n f$ may therefore be described as near-minimax within a relative distance $\|P_n\|_{\infty}$. The latter constant is thus important in measuring a bound on the distance from $B_n f$.

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Mason and Elliott [6] define series projections $S^{(1)}$, $S^{(2)}$, $S^{(3)}$ and $S^{(4)}$ from spaces C[-1, 1], $C_{\pm 1}[-1, 1]$, $C_{-1}[-1, 1]$ and $C_{1}[-1, 1]$ to partial sums of degree n of expansions in $\{T_{n}(x)\}$, $\{(1-x^2)^{1/2}U_{n-1}(x)\}$, $\{(1+x)^{1/2}V_{n}(x)\}$ and $\{(1-x)^{1/2}W_{n}(x)\}$, respectively. Here $C_{a,b,...}[-1, 1]$ denotes continuous functions vanishing at a, b, They also define analogous projections $L^{(1)}$, $L^{(2)}$, $L^{(3)}$ and $L^{(4)}$ by interpolation at zeros of $T_{n+1}(x)$, $U_{n+1}(x)$, $V_{n+1}(x)$ and $W_{n+1}(x)$, respectively. They then show that all eight projection norms are apparently asymptotically proportional to $\log n$; in some cases the behaviour is only demonstrated numerically, but a formula for the projection norm is obtained in all cases. The numerical values of all projection norms are less than 5 for all $n \le 500$, and so the corresponding approximations may justifiably be described as "near-minimax".

3. Indefinite integration by third- and fourth-kind polynomials

Consider the determination of the indefinite integral

$$h(x) = \int_{-1}^{x} (1+x)^{-1/2} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x,\tag{5}$$

where f is a given function and the integrand is square integrable. Similar integrals were determined in [5] for weights 1 and $(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$ (in place of $(1+x)^{-1/2}$), using Chebyshev

polynomials of the first and second kind, and we adopt an analogous approach for (5) using third- and fourth-kind polynomials. Precisely the same approach can also be adopted for the weight $(1-x)^{-1/2}$, but with x replaced by -x, and with third- and fourth-kind polynomials interchanged.

Suppose that f_n is the polynomial of degree n obtained as a partial sum of the expansion of f in fourth-kind Chebyshev polynomials

$$f_n = \sum_{k=0}^n C_k W_k(x), \tag{6}$$

where

$$C_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{1} (1-x)^{1/2} (1+x)^{-1/2} f(x) W_k(x) \, \mathrm{d}x,$$

and define

$$h_n(x) = \int_{-1}^{x} (1+x)^{-1/2} f_n(x) \, \mathrm{d}x. \tag{7}$$

Then, from (4), (6),

$$h_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} C_k \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1} (1+x)^{1/2} V_k(x). \tag{8}$$

Thus, an approximation h_n to h has been determined explicitly and simply. From (1), (5) and (8), setting $x = \cos \theta$, $0 \le \theta \le \pi$,

$$h(x) - h_n(x) = \int_{-1}^{x} \left[(1+x)^{-1/2} f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n} C_k (1+x)^{-1/2} W_k(x) \right] dx$$
$$= \int_{\theta}^{\pi} \left[2^{1/2} \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta \ f(\cos \theta) - \sum_{k=0}^{n} 2^{1/2} C_k \sin \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right) \theta \right] d\theta.$$

Hence, since the integral from θ to π of a positive function is bounded by the integral from 0 to π ,

$$||h - h_n||_{\infty} \le \int_0^{\pi} \left| 2^{1/2} \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta \ f(\cos \theta) - \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{1/2} C_k \sin(k + \frac{1}{2}) \theta \right| d\theta$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \left| g(\phi) - \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{1/2} C_k \sin(2k + 1) \phi \right| d\phi, \tag{9}$$

where $g(\phi) = 2^{1/2} \sin \phi \ f(\cos 2\phi)$. Now, if we form the natural extension of $g(\phi)$ to $[-\pi, \pi]$ of ϕ , by defining it to be even about $\phi = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ and odd about $\phi = 0$, then $g(\phi)$ has a Fourier series expansion in ϕ with terms only in $\sin(2k+1)\phi$.

Hence, the right-hand side of (9) is the L_1 norm of the error in the Fourier partial sum of an L_2 function, and this tends to zero with n (since such a series is L_2 convergent and hence L_1 convergent). Thus, $\|h - h_n\|_{\infty} \to 0$, as $n \to \infty$, and the approximation method is *uniformly convergent*. We have therefore proved the following theorem.

Theorem 3.1. The indefinite integral from -1 to x of $(1+x)^{-1/2}$ times the partial sum of the expansion of f(x) in Chebyshev series of the fourth kind converges uniformly to the indefinite integral of $(1+x)^{-1/2}f(x)$, provided the latter function is L_2 integrable.

We note that the coefficients C_k in (6), which are Fourier series coefficients of $g(\phi)$, may be determined by a fast Fourier transform technique. Alternatively, we can expect to obtain comparably accurate results by using, in place of f_n , the polynomial which interpolates f in the zeros of $W_{n+1}(x)$. This can be rapidly determined by a discrete Fourier transform technique.

In the special case in which f(x) is a monic polynomial of degree n+1, $h-h_n$ is a constant multiple of

$$(1+x)^{1/2}V_{n+1}(x)$$
.

From Property 1.1 this is a minimax approximation to zero, and hence the integration method is optimal in this case.

4. Integral transforms

4.1. Hilbert-type kernels

It is well known that the Chebyshev polynomials of first and second kinds are integral transforms of each other with respect to weighted Hilbert kernels, as follows:

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} \frac{T_n(x)}{x - y} dx = \pi U_{n-1}(y), \tag{10}$$

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{1/2} \frac{U_{n-1}(x)}{x - y} dx = -\pi T_n(y).$$
 (11)

Here the integral f is to be interpreted as a Cauchy principal value integral. These two formulae correspond, under the transformation $x = \cos \theta$, $y = \cos \phi$ to the trigonometric formulae

$$\int_0^{\pi} \frac{\cos n\theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi} d\theta = \pi \frac{\sin n\phi}{\sin \phi}, \qquad \int_0^{\pi} \frac{\sin n\theta \sin \theta}{\cos \theta - \cos \phi} d\theta = -\pi \cos n\phi,$$

which may readily be proved by induction.

It is further known (see, e.g., [1]) that the third- and fourth-kind polynomials are similarly related:

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right)^{1/2} \frac{V_n(x)}{x-y} \, \mathrm{d}x = \pi W_n(y), \tag{12}$$

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x} \right)^{1/2} \frac{W_n(x)}{x-y} dx = -\pi V_n(y).$$
 (13)

Note that (10)-(13) all adopt a Hilbert kernel with a weight function, and that the latter weight is precisely that with respect to which the left-hand side Chebyshev polynomial system is

orthogonal. The formulae (12) and (13) are easily obtained from (10) and (11) by using (3). For example, setting $x = 2u^2 - 1$ and $y = 2v^2 - 1$, where $u = \cos \frac{1}{2}\theta$ and $v = \cos \frac{1}{2}\phi$,

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^{1/2} \frac{V_n(x)}{x-y} dx = \int_{0}^{1} \frac{u}{(1-u^2)^{1/2}} \frac{T_{2n+1}(u)}{u^2-v^2} 2 du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^{1} (1-u^2)^{-1/2} T_{2n+1}(u) \left(\frac{1}{u+v} + \frac{1}{u-v}\right) du$$

$$= \int_{-1}^{1} (1-u^2)^{-1/2} \frac{T_{2n+1}(u)}{u-v} du = \pi U_{2n}(v), \text{ by (10)},$$

$$= \pi W_n(y).$$

The four formulae (10)–(13) suggest obvious orthogonal expansion techniques for obtaining Hilbert-type transforms for "arbitrary" functions. Indeed, provided all relevant expansions are convergent, we may link f and g by Chebyshev series expansions, as follows.

(i) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k T_k(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k U_{k-1}(y)$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} \frac{f(x)}{x - y} dx = g(y).$$
 (14)

(ii) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k U_{k-1}(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k T_k(y)$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{1/2} \frac{f(x)}{x - y} dx = -g(y).$$
 (15)

(iii) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k V_k(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k W_k(y)$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^{1/2} \frac{f(x)}{x-y} dx = g(y).$$
 (16)

(iv) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k W_k(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k V_k(y)$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x} \right)^{1/2} \frac{f(x)}{x-y} dx = -g(y). \tag{17}$$

These provide us with procedures for determining, in principle, either g(y) from f(x) or f(x) from g(y).

For practical implementation the given function f(x) may be replaced by the partial sum of degree n of the relevant expansion, and g(y) may then be defined similarly. Alternatively, the polynomial of degree n interpolating at the zeros of the relevant Chebyshev polynomial of degree n+1 may be adopted and expressed in the form of a sum of Chebyshev polynomials. Analogous procedures may be adopted if g(y) is the given function.

4.2. Logarithmic kernels

If the formulae (10)–(13) are integrated with respect to y, then new results, also linking Chebyshev polynomials, are obtained.

Theorem 4.1. The integral equation

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{-1/2} \phi(x) K(x, y) \, \mathrm{d}x = \lambda \phi(y)$$
 (18)

has the following eigensolutions ϕ and corresponding eigenvalues λ for the following kernels K:

(i)
$$\phi(x) = T_n(x), \quad \lambda = \frac{-\pi}{n},$$
 $K = K_1(x, y) = \log|x - y|,$

(ii) $\phi(x) = (1 - x^2)^{1/2} U_{n-1}(x), \quad \lambda = \frac{\pi}{n},$
 $K = K_2(x, y) = \log|x - y| - \log|1 - xy - (1 - x^2)^{1/2} (1 - y^2)^{1/2}|,$

(iii) $\phi(x) = (1 + x)^{1/2} V_n(x), \quad \lambda = \frac{\pi}{n + \frac{1}{2}},$
 $K = K_3(x, y) = \log|x - y| - \log|2 + x + y - 2(1 + x)^{1/2} (1 + y)^{1/2}|,$

(iv) $\phi(x) = (1 - x)^{1/2} W_n(x), \quad \lambda = \frac{\pi}{n + \frac{1}{2}},$
 $K = K_4(x, y) = \log|x - y| - \log|2 - x - y - 2(1 - x)^{1/2} (1 - y)^{1/2}|.$

Proof. (i) Integrating (10) with respect to y from -1 to y gives (18) for $\phi = T_n(x)$, once we have observed that the values at -1 match each other exactly. This result is well known, see [3, p.337], for example. (The order of integration may be reversed, if the integrals are regarded in a Lebesgue sense.)

(ii) Multiplying (11) by $(1-y^2)^{-1/2}$, and integrating from -1 to y, using (4), we deduce (18) for $\phi(x) = (1-x^2)^{1/2}U_{n-1}(x)$ with $\lambda = \pi/n$ and

$$K(x, y) = (1 - x^2)^{1/2} \int_{-1}^{y} (1 - y^2)^{-1/2} (x - y)^{-1} dy.$$

Writing $x = \cos 2\phi$, $y = \cos 2\psi$, we may deduce after some algebra that

$$K(x, y) = \log \left| \frac{\sin(\phi + \Psi)}{\sin(\phi - \Psi)} \right| = \log \left| \frac{1 - xy + (1 - x^2)^{1/2} (1 - y^2)^{1/2}}{x - y} \right|$$
$$= \log \left| \frac{x - y}{1 - xy - (1 - x^2)^{1/2} (1 - y^2)^{1/2}} \right| = K_2(x, y).$$

(iii) Multiplying (12) by $(1+y)^{-1/2}$, and integrating, using (4), we deduce (18) for $\phi(x) = (1+x)^{1/2}V_n(x)$ with $\lambda = \pi/(n+\frac{1}{2})$ and

$$K(x, y) = \int_{-1}^{y} \left(\frac{1+x}{1+y}\right)^{1/2} (x-y)^{-1} dy \quad (\text{set } x = 2u^{2} - 1, \ y = 2v^{2} - 1)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{v} \frac{2u}{u^{2} - v^{2}} dv = \log\left|\frac{u+v}{u-v}\right| = \log\left|\frac{u^{2} + v^{2} + 2uv}{u^{2} - v^{2}}\right|$$

$$= \log\left|\frac{2+x+y+2(1+x)^{1/2}(1+y)^{1/2}}{x-y}\right|$$

$$= \log\left|\frac{x-y}{2+x+y-2(1+x)^{1/2}(1+y)^{1/2}}\right| = K_{3}(x, y).$$

(iv) follows similarly. □

Note that $K_2(x, y)$ has not only a (log) singularity on the line x = y, but also two additional point (log) singularities at $x = y = \pm 1$.

Note also that $K_3(x, y)$ has not only a (log) singularity on the line x = y, but also an additional point (log) singularity at x = y = -1, while K_4 is similar but has its additional point singularity at x = y = +1.

The results (i)–(iv) of Theorem 4.1 suggest an obvious orthogonal expansion technique for obtaining log-type transforms of "arbitrary" functions. Again, provided that all of the relevant expansions converge, we may link f and g by formal Chebyshev series expansions, as follows.

Corollary 4.2. (i) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k T_k(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim -\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k T_k(y)}{k}$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1-x^2)^{-1/2} f(x) K_1(x, y) dx = g(y).$$

(ii) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k U_{k-1}(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi (1-y^2)^{1/2} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_k U_{k-1}(y)}{k}$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} f(x) K_2(x, y) dx = g(y).$$

(iii) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k V_k(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi (1+y)^{1/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_k V_k(y)}{k+\frac{1}{2}}$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1-x)^{-1/2} f(x) K_3(x, y) \, \mathrm{d}x = g(y).$$

(iv) If

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} d_k W_k(x)$$
 and $g(y) \sim \pi (1-y)^{1/2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d_k W_k(y)}{k+\frac{1}{2}}$,

then

$$\int_{-1}^{1} (1+x)^{-1/2} f(x) K_4(x, y) \, \mathrm{d}x = g(y).$$

As in Section 4.1, for a practical implementation, each of the series (in Corollary 4.2) may be replaced by an appropriate series partial sum, or alternatively f (or g) may be replaced by that Chebyshev sum (i.e., polynomial) of degree n which interpolates f (or g) at the zeros of the corresponding Chebyshev polynomial. Precisely the latter approach has been adopted in [7].

4.3. Hypersingular equations

We may also obtain a set of results by differentiating (10)–(13), after premultiplying by $(1-y^2)^{1/2}$, 1, $(1-y)^{1/2}$, $(1+y)^{1/2}$, respectively. However, these do not give simple kernels, except in the second-kind case, where we obtain

$$\oint_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{1/2} \frac{U_{n-1}(x)}{(x - y)^2} dx = -\pi n U_{n-1}(y).$$
(19)

Moreover, if

$$f(x) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k U_{k-1}(x), \qquad g(y) \sim -\pi \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k U_{k-1}(y),$$

then

$$\oint_{-1}^{1} (1 - x^2)^{1/2} \frac{f(x)}{(x - y)^2} dx = g(y).$$
(20)

The integrals in (19) and (20) are to be interpreted as Hadamard finite-part integrals.

For a practical implementation we may again replace each series by a partial series sum or by a Chebyshev sum which interpolates in Chebyshev zeros. Indeed, in [8], such an approach is successfully adopted.

Appendix

After completion of the paper, we noticed that result (ii) of Theorem 4.1 appears in a modified form as [4, equation (4.7)] where also (19) is quoted. (However, results (iii) and (iv) of Theorem 4.1 remain original.)

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