

# LAB 2: FIR ON DSP BOARD DSK6713

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### 0.1 Introduction

#### **Objective**

The objective of this lab is to learn how to program a real-time dsp FIR block in C. Following all dsp coding and oriented programming practices.

#### **Background**

• Structured Programming of DSP Blocks in C

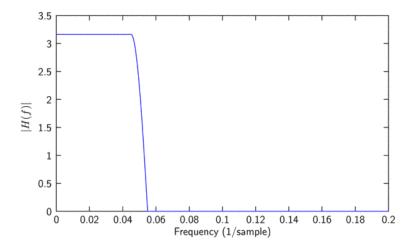
An individual DSP block can be coded by writing the following functions:

- 1. blockname\_init(): A function that initializes the block and returns a new state structure for the block.
- 2. blockname(): A function that processes buffers of input samples to generate buffers of output samples.
- 3. blockname\_modify(): An optional function that allows the operation of the block to be modified at runtime.
- File Organization For each block, you write it in two files:
  - 1. blockname.h: A "header" file that contains global definitions for the block. This file can then be "included" in other C files that need to use the block.
  - 2. blockname.c: The actual code that implements the block.

# 0.2 Tasks

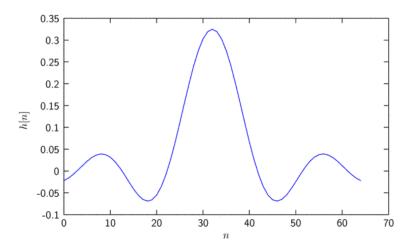
Task 1: Read the chapter FIR Filter Design (Window Method) at this webpage[2] and understand how to design an FIR filter by window method. Describe the procedure to design an FIR filter in the lab report.

In order to design an FIR filter first we design the filter in the frequency domain depending on the desire cuttoff frequencies as shown in Figure 1.



**Figure 1:** Desire FIR FIlter H(f) with cuttoff at 0.05[4]

Next, the signal H(f) in Figure 1 is converted in time domain with IDFT (i.e.,  $h_f[n]$ ) and multiplied by a rectangular window function  $w_r[n]$  of length M resulting in a sinc function in the time domain (Figure 2).



**Figure 2:** Response of a rectangular window (i.e.,  $h[n] = h_f[n] \times w_r[n]$ )

The signal in Figure 2 can be the final FIR filter, but rectangular windows have high side lobes. In order to avoid this, the Hamming window (i.e.,  $w_h[n]$ ) is used instead of a rectangular window.

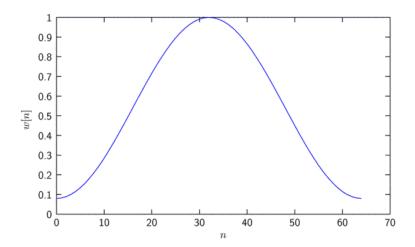
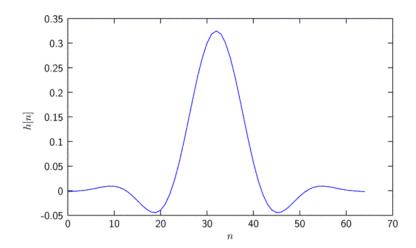


Figure 3: Hamming window (i.e.,  $w_h[n]$ )



**Figure 4:** Response of a Hamming window (i.e.,  $h[n] = h_f[n] \times w_h[n]$ )

Task 2: Download dsp\_lab.zip extract it and read the file "win\_method.m", explain what "Hp" denotes in "win\_method.m" and which lines of the code try to calculate the time domain filter's coefficients  $h_k$  by IDFT.

Note that the formula for IDFT is:

$$h_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} H_n \cdot e^{\frac{j2\pi kn}{N}}, n, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

```
function [hw, f, Ha, Hi, win] = win_method(H_func, p, f_max, fs, M,
      wtype);
3 % Creates a filter using the window method.
4 %
5 % Inputs:
6 % H_func
              User-supplied function that gives H(f, p)
        Options to pass to the user function
          Maximum integration frequency
8 % f_max
9 % fs
         Sample rate
_{10} % M Number of filter taps (-1)
11 % wtype Window to use: 0=rect, 1=hamming
12 %
13 % Outputs:
_{14} % h Time domain filter taps
15 % f Frequency samples used
16 % Ha
         Actual response of filter
17 % Hi Ideal response of filter
18 % win Window applied
20 % Response is real (H is symmetric)
21 op_real = 1;
22 op_lin_phase = 1;
24 % Get the frequency samples
_{25} K = 1000;
_{26} f = ([0:K-1]+0.5)/K*f_max;
w = 2*pi*f;
29 % Time samples
_{30} m = [0:M].;
31 om = ones(size(m));
```

```
33 % Evaluate the user function at the sample points
eval(sprintf('Hp = %s(f, p);', H_func));
36 % Get negative frequencies if necessary
37 if ~op_real,
  sprintf('Hm = %s(f, p);', H_func);
39 else
Hm = conj(Hp);
41 end
43 % Get discrete frequencies
44 \text{ wd} = \text{w/fs};
dw = 2*pi*f_max/K/fs;
47 % Put in the delay (lin phase) to make causal.
48 if (op_lin_phase),
19 lp = \exp(-j*wd*M/2);
50 else
1 lp = ones(size(Hp));
52 end
54 % Do integration
55 hp = 1/(2*pi)*sum(((om*(1p.*Hp)).*exp(j*m*wd)).')*dw;
56 hm = 1/(2*pi)*sum(((om*(conj(lp).*Hm)).*exp(-j*m*wd)).')*dw;
h = (hp + hm).;
60 % Do window
61 if wtype == 0,
win = ones(1,M+1).;
63 elseif (wtype == 1),
   % Hamming window
   win = 0.54 - 0.46*\cos(2*pi*m/M);
66 else
  error('Invalid window type');
68 end
_{70} hw = h.*win;
72 % Compute the response back in the frequency domain
73 Hi = Hp;
```

```
75 Ha = zeros(size(f));
76 for ii=1:length(f),
77 Ha(ii) = sum(hw.*exp(j*2*pi*f(ii)/fs*m));
78 end
```

"Hp" denotes the values of the desire filter. In the 34<sup>th</sup> codeline "Hp" is created depeding on the variable H\_func. This variable decides if is a rectangular or a raise cosine filter.

Next, in codelines 36-41 we get the negative frequencies if necessary depending if we want the function at frequency domain to be full real or imaginary. Then, in codelines 47-52 we implement the linear phase to make casuality and store it in the vaiable  $l_p$ .

Finally, in codelines 54-58 we do the integration. This part is when we implement the IDFT formula, we use "Hp" in order to simplify the terms in the formula, but at the end the time domain function h is giving by code line 58:

$$h = (h_p + h_m).';$$
 (58) codeline

This calculate the time domain filter's coefficients  $h_k$  by IDFT where:

$$h_p = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \sum l_p \cdot H_p \cdot e^{\frac{j2\pi kn}{T}} \right) dw$$
 (55) codeline

$$h_m = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \sum_{p} l_p^* \cdot H_m \cdot e^{-\frac{j2\pi kn}{T}} \right) dw$$
 (56) codeline

and,

$$H_m = \operatorname{conj}(H_p); \iff op \ real \neq 0$$

$$l_p^* = \operatorname{conj}(l_p);$$

In codelines 60 - 68 we create the Rectangular or Hamming window depending in the wtype value. In codeline 70, we multiply the filter time domain with the window function and at the end in codelines 72 - 78, we compute the response back in the frequency domain.

Task 3: Read "Getting Filter Coefficients into C".[3] Read the file "make\_fir.m" and explain how the filter time domain coefficients to be produced in the file "make\_fir.m" and which file these coefficients will be stored after running the file?

The file "Make file.m" is the following:

```
make_fir.m
_{2} % Generates the coefficients for an RC filter.
4 % Generate filter coefficients
5 p.beta = 0.5;
6 p.fs = 0.333; % Make stop freq at 0.25 = 2000Hz
7 p.root = 0; % 0=rc 1=root rc
8 M = 128;
9 [h f H Hi] = win_method('rc_filt', p, 0.5, 1, M, 0);
11 % For this lab, make filter have unit gain in passband
12 scale = abs(H(1));
h = h/scale;
H = H/scale;
15 Hi = Hi/scale;
_{17} % Write the data out to a file that can be used in C code
write_real_array('rc1_taps', 'rc1_taps', 'float', h);
20 % Write the filter response to a file so it's actual
21 % response can be tested
22 save rc1_taps.mat h Hi H f
```

First, codelines 5-7 creates a struct "p" with the variables that are needed in order to design the filter. Later, a variable "M" is created, which is the size of the filter. Next, in codeline 9, the function "win\_method()" is called. This function input parameters are: Name of the function that creates the filter, in this case is 'rc\_filt', the p struct, max frequency = 0.5, sample rate = 1, M = Number of filter taps, Variable that decides if the window use is rectangluar or hamming.

The parameters that we received from the function are: h = Actual Time domain filter. H = Actual Frequency domain filter. Hi = Ideal Frequency domain filter. f = frequency samples. The explanation on how the "win\_method()" function calculates the time domain filter is explained in Task 2. Then, in codelines 12-15 the output functions are being scaled.

Finally, by using the write\_real\_array() function, two output files are created. In this case rc1\_taps.h, and rc1\_taps.c. These files are going to contain the values of the time domain filter function "h". The "rc1\_taps.h" file is the header of the c script file, and this will only contain #define codelines, and the "rc1\_taps.c" file contains a float array named "float rc1\_taps[rc1\_taps\_len]" with the values of the time domain filter. At the end, in codeline 22, we are going to save the variables h,Hi,H,f in a file name rc1\_taps.mat.

Task 4: Copy the file "make\_fir.m" into the same directory where you extract dsp\_lab.zip. Run the matlab file "make\_fir.m" and provide the resulting filter coefficients in your report or in a seperate file.

```
"rc1 taps.h"
```

It defines the length of the array and defines the array as an extern float variable

```
/* File automatically generated by write_real_array.m. */

#define rc1_taps_LEN 129

extern float rc1_taps[rc1_taps_LEN];
```

"rc1 taps.c"

Stores the filter coefficients inside the array rc1\_taps.

```
/* File automatically generated by write_real_array.m. */

#define rc1_taps_LEN 129

float rc1_taps[rc1_taps_LEN] = {
    -4.29059e-06,
    -2.50174e-08,
    -5.7139e-06,
    -9.30198e-06,
    8.36137e-07,
    1.06655e-05,
    5.82568e-06,
    2.76694e-08,
    7.69509e-06,
```

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15 1.27289e-05,
-1.0331e-06,
-1.47046e-05,
-8.17011e-06,
-3.09507e-08,
-1.07297e-05,
-1.80581e-05,
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-1.71189e-06,
-3.17492e-05,
-1.83474e-05,
-4.05843e-08,
-2.40986e-05,
-4.22556e-05,
2.33475e-06,
5.10674e-05,
36.02313e-05,
37 4.80818e-08,
38 4.01146e-05,
39 7.22072e-05,
-3.37287e-06,
-8.99477e-05,
-5.48521e-05,
-5.90149e-08,
-7.44859e-05,
45 -0.000138671,
46 5.30083e-06,
0.000181184,
48 0.000114988,
7.65071e-08,
50 0.000163752,
0.000319973,
-9.54251e-06,
-0.000454532,
-0.000306926,
-1.09306e-07,
-0.000484863,
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-0.00103095,
58 2.22688e-05,
0.0017534,
0.00134552,
1.9679e-07,
0.00286003,
0.00767583,
64 -0.000111408,
65 -0.0269819,
66 -0.0442377,
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-9.30198e-06,
-5.7139e-06,
-2.50174e-08,
-4.29059e-06;
```

Task 5: Explain why we don't need to just use ptr - 1 in codeline 9?

We don't need to use ptr-1 or tail-1, because we need to implement it in a circular way since is a buffer. Instead ptr = (ptr + L - 1) bitmask& (L - 1) and ptr = (tail + L - 1) bitmask& (L - 1) (where L = buffer size) should be used.

#### Algorithm 1 Pseudocode of Convolution in a Circular Buffer

```
1: procedure CONVOLUTION(x_buffer, h)
        for n = 0 to M - 1 do
2:
             x \text{ buffer}(tail) \leftarrow n^{th}sample
3:
             Increment tail.
4:
             ptr \leftarrow tail - 1.
5:
             sum \leftarrow 0.0
6:
             for i = 0 to N - 1 do
7:
                 sum \leftarrow sum + x\_buffer(ptr)^* h(i)
8:
                 ptr \leftarrow ptr - 1
9:
10:
             y(n) \leftarrow sum.
```

These formulas are based on updating the tail in a circular buffer using bitwise operators (i.e., " $tail = (tail + 1) \& buffer\_Cmask$ " where  $buffer\_Cmask = L - 1$ ), but since this time we are not updating foward (+1) instead we are updating it backward (-1) we could encounter a problem. (Tail - 1) & (L - 1) could work, but if tail is at position 0, and in here L = 512 then the expression will be (-1) & (511) this -1 could give us errors. So, in order to solve this, we need a way to not reach negatives values (-1). Therefore, if we add the size of the buffer due to the circular form it will end at the same position as started (i.e., 0 &  $511 = 0 \rightarrow (0 + 512) \& 511 = 0$ ) and since we want to reduce one position then we subtract one (i.e., 0 + 512 - 1 & 511 = 511) and that's why they work. Therefore the convolution should be:

#### **Algorithm 2** Pseudocode of Convolution in a Circular Buffer

```
1: procedure Convolution(x buffer, h)
        L \leftarrow \text{Length of x buffer}
 2:
        for n = 0 to M - 1 do
 3:
            x_buffer(tail) \leftarrow n^{th}sample
 4:
            buffer Cmask = L - 1
 5:
            tail \leftarrow (tail + 1) bitmask& buffer Cmask
 6:
            ptr \leftarrow (tail + L - 1) bitmask& buffer_Cmask
 7:
            sum \leftarrow 0.0
 8:
            for i = 0 to N - 1 do
 9:
                sum \leftarrow sum + x\_buffer(ptr)^* h(i)
10:
                ptr \leftarrow (ptr + L - 1) bitmask& buffer_Cmask
11:
12:
            y(n) \leftarrow sum.
```

Task 6: Read the file "fir.h"[3] and understand the code. Comment the following part:

```
typedef struct {
    float buffer[FIR_BUFFER_SIZE];

float len;

float *h;

unsigned int t;

}fir_state_def;
```

The part above is a small part of the "fir.h" file. This is just the part that declares the struct fir state def;.

It declares that the struct fir\_state\_def will contain: a buffer with the size that was define at the top of the "fir.h" file that is "FIR\_BUFFER\_SIZE" = 512. A variable named "len" which will contain the size of the filter. Then, it contains the variable "\*h", this will be a pointer to the coefficients that are store in a c file that was created with the matlab code. Finally, the variable "t" will hold the position of the tail. Later in the fir.h file the functions that are used in fir.c file were declared, which are:

```
fir_state_def *fir_init(int len, float *h);
void fir(fir_state_def *s, const float x_in[], float y_out[]);
```

Task 7: Similiar to delay.c[1], write your own fir.c where you need write two functions:

```
fir_state_def *fir_init(int len, float *h);
void fir(fir_state_def *s, const float x_in[], float y_out[]);
```

The fir.h is the header of the fir.c block code, in here we define all the needed variables, structures, and function prototypes.

```
#define FIR_BUFFER_CMASK
                            (FIR_BUFFER_SIZE-1)
     // Which memory segment the data should get stored in
16
     //#define FIR_SEG_ID 0 // IDRAM - fastest, but smallest
17
     #define FIR_SEG_ID 1 // SRAM - a bit slower, but bigger
19
     /* Allows alignment of buffer on specified boundary. */
     #define FIR_BUFFER_ALIGN
21
22
     /*----*/
     typedef struct
25
         float buffer[FIR_BUFFER_SIZE];
        float len;
        float *h;
         unsigned int t;
29
     } fir_state_def;
     /*----*/
32
     /* Initializes the fir block */
     fir_state_def *fir_init(int len, float *h);
35
     /* Processes a buffer of samples for the fir block */
     void fir(fir_state_def *s, const float x_in[], float y_out[]);
38
40 #endif /* _fir_h_ */
```

The fir.c is the script who has the init() and fir() block functions.

```
#include "dsp_ap.h"
16
18 fir_state_def *fir_init(int len, float *h){
      /* fir_init()
19
          This function initializes a fir block.
          Inputs:
21
          len = length of the filter
22
          *h = pointer to coefficients
          Returns:
                   An error ocurred
25
          other A pointer to a new delay structure */
26
      // Creating a struct named s
      fir_state_def *s;
29
30
      // Allocating te struct in te memory segment FIR_SEG_ID
      s = (fir_state_def *)MEM_calloc(FIR_SEG_ID, sizeof(
32
     fir_state_def), FIR_BUFFER_ALIGN);
      //Checking if the struct was created correctly and sending a
34
     message of error if not
      if(s == NULL){
          SYS_error("Unable to create an input delay floating-point
     buffer.", SYS_EUSER, 0);
          return(0);
37
      }
39
      // Setting all variables inside the struct, so it can be
     returned in one variable.
      s->len = len; //Length of the filter
      s \rightarrow h = h; //coefficients
42
      s \rightarrow t = 0; // tail
43
      /* Success. Return a pointer to the new state structure. */
      return(s);
47 }
49 void fir(fir_state_def *s, const float x_in[], float y_out[]){
      /* fir_init()
          This Function was explained in task 5
```

```
it initializes a fir block.
52
           Inputs:
           len = length of the filter
54
           *h = pointer to coefficients
           Returns:
56
                    An error ocurred
57
                    A pointer to a new delay structure */
59
      /* This Function was explained in task 5
60
            This loop walks between y_out array */
      for(int i = 0; i < BUFFER_SAMPLES; i++)</pre>
62
63
           x_{in}[s\rightarrow t] = s\rightarrow h[i]; //Coefficients into buffer
           //updating tail in a circular way
66
           s->t = (s->t + 1) \& FIR_BUFFER_CMASK;
67
           //updating ptr in a circular way
69
           int ptr = (s->t + FIR_BUFFER_SIZE - 1) & FIR_BUFFER_CMASK;
70
           float sum = 0;// sum variable needed
71
           /* This loop does the convolution*/
73
           for (int j = 0; j < s -> len; <math>j ++)
74
           {
               sum = sum + s \rightarrow h[j] * x_in[ptr]; //convolution of h&x
76
               //updating ptr in a circular way
               ptr = (ptr + FIR_BUFFER_SIZE - 1) & FIR_BUFFER_CMASK;
           }
           y_out[i] = sum; //FINAL RESULT in y_out[n]
80
      }
81
82 }
```

In the fir\_init() function we create a struct and allocated in the memory and named it "s" and it pointer is "\*s". Then we checked for errors. Finally, we insert all initial values to the struct "s" and return the address of the struct.

In the fir() function, we do convolution in a circular way (because we are working with buffers) between the x\_in array and the coefficients stored in the received struct "s". The result is stored in the y out array.

For more details see the comments that I added in the code.

Task 8: Similiar to dsp\_ap.c[1] in your delay project, write your dsp\_ap.c. You need to initialize your filter and implement your filter there.

The dsp\_ap.h is the header of the dsp\_ap.c block code, in here we define all the needed variables, structures, and function prototypes.

```
*********
                              dsp_ap.h
    Contains global definitions for your DSP application.
    Here you can control the size and number of
    audio buffers (if needed), the sample rate, and
    the audio source.
   **************************
  #ifndef _dsp_ap_h_
      #define _dsp_ap_h_
10
11
      #include "math.h"
      #include "aic23.h"
      #include "dsk_registers.h"
14
      /* DSP_SOURCE
      * -----
17
      * The following lines control whether Line_In or Mic_In is
18
      * the source of the audio samples to the DSP board. Use Mic_In
19
      * if you want to use the headset, or Line_In if you want to use
20
      * the PC to generate signals. Just uncomment one of the lines
21
      * below.
22
      */
23
      //#define DSP_SOURCE
                             AIC23_REG4_LINEIN
24
      #define DSP_SOURCE
                           AIC23_REG4_MIC
25
26
      /* DSP_SAMPLE_RATE
28
      * The following lines control the sample rate of the DSP board.
      * Just uncomment one of the lines below to get sample rates
      * 8000 Hz up to 96kHz.
31
      */
      #define DSP_SAMPLE_RATE
                                 AIC23_REG8_8KHZ
33
      //#define DSP_SAMPLE_RATE
                                   AIC23_REG8_32KHZ
34
      //#define DSP_SAMPLE_RATE
                                   AIC23_REG8_48KHZ
35
     //#define DSP_SAMPLE_RATE AIC23_REG8_96KHZ
```

```
37
     /* You can probably leave the stuff below this line alone. */
     // Number of samples in hardware buffers. Must be a multiple
    of 32.
    #define BUFFER_SAMPLES
                         128
43
44
    // Number of buffers to allocate. Need at least 2.
    #define NUM_BUFFERS
                       2
47
    // Scale used for FP<->Int conversions
48
    #define SCALE
                       16384
    int dsp_init();
51
    void dsp_process(const float inL[], const float inR[], float
    outL[], float outR[]);
#endif /* _dsp_ap_h_ */
```

The dsp\_ap.c is the script who has the dsp\_init() and dsp\_process() block functions.

```
/************************
             dsp_ap.c
  /* We include the header dsp_ap. because
       is the header of this file.
7 #include "dsp_ap.h"
        We include the header fir.h in order
       to implement the fir block
                                 */
#include "fir.h"
        We include the header rc1_taps.h in order
       to have acces to the rc1_taps array */
#include "rc1_taps.h"
16
         // FIR struct states declared
18 fir_state_def *FIR_Left;
19 fir_state_def *FIR_Right;
```

```
// Global Declarations. Add as needed.
22 float mybuffer[BUFFER_SAMPLES];
23
24 int dsp_init(){
25
    /*
26
     dsp_init
27
      This function will be called when the board first starts.
28
      In here you should allocate buffers or global things
29
        you will need later during actual processing.
     Inputs:
31
      None
32
     Outputs:
33
      0 Success
      1 Error
35
    */
36
37
    // Initialize the Left FIR block for the left channel
    FIR_Left = fir_init(rc1_taps_LEN, rc1_taps);
39
40
    //Checks if it was initialized correctly
      if (FIR_Left == 0){
42
           /* Error */
43
          return(1);
      }
45
46
    // Initialize the Right FIR block for the right channel
47
    FIR_Right = fir_init(rc1_taps_LEN, rc1_taps);
48
49
    //Checks if it was initialized correctly
50
      if (FIR_Right == 0){
51
          /* Error */
          return(1);
      }
54
      /* Success */
      return(0)
57
58 }
60 void dsp_process(
    const float inL[],
  const float inR[],
```

```
float outL[],
    float outR[]){
64
65
    /*
66
    * dsp_process
67
    * This function is what actually processes input samples
68
    * and generates output samples .
    * Inputs :
70
    * inL ,inR Array of left and Right input samples .
71
    * outL , outR Array of left and Right output samples .
73
    * Outputs :
74
    * 0 Success
    * 1 Error
78
    /* Implements the left FIR block to the left input
      array, and stores it in the left out array
80
    fir(FIR_Left, inL[], outL[]);
81
82
    /* Implements the right FIR block to the right input
      array, and stores it in the right out array
84
    fir(FIR_Right, inR[], outR[]);
85
```

In the dsp\_init() function we initialize two FIR blocks, one for the left input channel and another one for the right channel. Also, it checks for error every time a block was initialized.

In the dsp\_process() function implement the FIR blocks to the left and right channel.

For more details see the comments that I added in the code.

### 0.3 Conclusion

In conclusion for programming in C a dsp block we need to follow always the same procedure of the circular buffing and the object oriented programming. The only thing that changes is the dsp operation algorithm, but then is basicly the same structure for every implemented dsp operation. Also, I notice that programming a dsp block in C is really similar to do it in Matlab. The difference is that the code runs faster in C but is more complicated to program it than in Maltab, but after this lab I saw that in reality is not that dificult to code it, is basically the same structure than the Matlab code and also every time we call a function in C we do it in a more efficient way than in matlab because we use pointers to the struct instead of passing the state to every function. I didn't meet any problems in the lab.

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