Homework 1: ISYE 6501 - Introduction to Analytics Modeling

Question 2.1

Prompt

Describe a situation or problem from your job, everyday life, current events, etc., for which a classification model would be appropriate. List some (up to 5) predictors that you might use.

Solution

Considering American football (i.e. National Football League, NFL), a classification model would be appropriate for determining the type of offensive play that will be run. In this instance, the binary classification problem is important for a defensive coordinator as the ability to determine whether the play will be a run or pass provides strategic insight for their own play of choice to stop the offense. This would allow for the defensive side of the team to anticipate upcoming plays more effectively. Classification of type of play could help coaches make real-time decisions for their own defensive formations. This could also be used in pre-game or post-game to identify offensive strategies based upon patterns.

Predictors for the classification model that would be appropriate include:

- Formations: The alignment of offensive players prior to the snap can provide insight on whether it is a run or pass play.
- Down and distance: Depending on the current down (4 downs total) and yards to achieve a first down, the play selection may be influenced.
- Player personnel: Different players are utilized based on their skillsets. Depending on the personnel on the field could indicate the play type.
- Field position: Depending on where the team is on the field may influence their choice on run or pass plays.
- Game situation: Depending on the score and time remaining, a team could be likely to run the ball to make time expire or pass the ball in an effort to even the score quickly.

In order to evaluate this problem, historical play-by-play data from games can be used for run and pass plays that include predictor variables. This approach is not novel, as it has been discussed by several references such as previous literature [1]. This study shows the large amount of data to consider, using data from 2013-2014 and 2016-2017 totalling 130,244 pass/rush plays.

Question 2.2

The files credit_card_data.txt (without headers) and credit_card_data-headers.txt (with headers) contain a dataset with 654 data points, 6 continuous and 4 binary predictor variables. It has anonymized credit card applications with a binary response variable (last column) indicating if the application was positive or negative. The dataset is the "Credit Approval Data Set" from the UCI Machine Learning Repository (https://archive.ics.uci.edu/ml/datasets/Credit+Approval) without the categorical variables and without data points that have missing values.

2.2.1. Support Vector Machine Classifiers

Prompt

Using the support vector machine function ksvm contained in the R package kernlab, find a good classifier for this data. Show the equation of your classifier, and how well it classifies the data points in the full data set. (Don't worry about test/validation data yet; we'll cover that topic soon.)

Notes on ksvm:

- You can use scaled=TRUE to get ksvm to scale the data as part of calculating a classifier.
- The term λ we used in the SVM lesson to trade off the two components of correctness and margin is called C in ksvm. One of the challenges of this homework is to find a value of C that works well; for many values of C, almost all predictions will be "yes" or almost all predictions will be "no".
- ksvm does not directly return the coefficients a0 and a1...am. Instead, you need to do the last step of the calculation yourself. Here's an example of the steps to take (assuming your data is stored in a matrix called data):1

```
# call ksvm. Vanilladot is a simple linear kernel.
model <- ksvm(data[,1:10],data[,11],type="C-svc",kernel="vanilladot",C=100,scaled=TRUE)
# calculate a1...am
a <- colSums(model@xmatrix[[1]] * model@coef[[1]])
a
# calculate a0
a0 <- -model@b
a0
# see what the model predicts
pred <- predict(model,data[,1:10])
pred
# see what fraction of the model's predictions match the actual classification
sum(pred == data[,11]) / nrow(data)</pre>
```

Hint: You might want to view the predictions your model makes; if C is too large or too small, they'll almost all be the same (all zero or all one) and the predictive value of the model will be poor. Even finding the right order of magnitude for C might take a little trial-and-error.

Note: If you get the error "Error in vanilladot(length = 4, lambda = 0.5): unused arguments (length = 4, lambda = 0.5)", it means you need to convert data into matrix format:

¹I know I said I wouldn't give you exact R code to copy, because I want you to learn for yourself. In general, that's definitely true – but in this case, because it's your first R assignment and because the ksvm function leaves you in the middle of a mathematical calculation that we haven't gotten into in this course, I'm giving you the code.

Solution

##

For C classification, C-svc is utilized with the vanilladot linear kernel for simplicity. The model was ran with varied values of different orders of magnitude for C from 1E-5 to 1E5. In addition, ksvm was considered with and without scaling for a comparison of accuracy. For C=0.1, the highest accuracies were recorded for both scaled and unscaled models. For unscaled models, there was only one optimal value for highest accuracy for C. It should be noted, however, that for scaled models the accuracy was the same for several C values (1e-2, 1e-1, 1, 1e1, 1e2). For simplicity, this section will go through the a model using scaled=TRUE and C=0.1, and later will display the full code to show the optimal C values. First, the kernlab library is loaded to use ksvm and the data is imported, shown below.

```
# Load the kernlab package - ksvm
library(kernlab)
# Set the working directory
setwd("~/projects/ISYE6501/HW1-SVM")
# Read txt file
data <- read.table("data/credit card data.txt", stringsAsFactors = FALSE, header = FALSE)
# Show the first 10 rows of data
head(data, 10)
##
      ۷1
            ٧2
                   VЗ
                         V4 V5 V6 V7 V8
                                          ۷9
                                               V10 V11
## 1
       1 30.83 0.000 1.250
                                0
                                    1
                                         202
                                                 0
                                                     1
                             1
                                       1
## 2
       0 58.67 4.460 3.040
                                    6
                                               560
                                                     1
## 3
       0 24.50 0.500 1.500
                             1
                                    0
                                       1
                                         280
                                               824
                                                     1
                                1
## 4
       1 27.83 1.540 3.750
                             1
                                       0 100
                                                 3
                                                     1
## 5
       1 20.17 5.625 1.710
                                       1 120
                             1
                                1
                                    0
                                                 0
                                                     1
## 6
       1 32.08 4.000 2.500
                             1
                                1
                                    0
                                         360
                                                     1
## 7
       1 33.17 1.040 6.500
                             1
                                   0
                                       0 164 31285
                                1
                                                     1
## 8
       0 22.92 11.585 0.040
                             1
                                1
                                    0
                                       1
                                          80
                                                     1
       1 54.42 0.500 3.960
## 9
                                    0
                                       1 180
                                               314
                             1
                                1
                                                     1
## 10 1 42.50 4.915 3.165 1 1
                                         52
                                              1442
```

Next, we prepare the data to ensure that the target variable, R1, is a factor. Once the data is prepared, the scaled model is created with ksvm using type="C-svc" and the vanilladot linear kernel. General information about the model is printed after computing.

```
# Ensure the target variable is a factor
data[, 11] <- as.factor(data[, 11]) # Assuming R1 is the 11th column

# Create an SVM model w/ scaling
model_scaled <- ksvm(V11~., data=data, type = "C-svc", kernel = "vanilladot", C = 0.1, scaled = TRUE)

## Setting default kernel parameters

# Print the model information
print(model_scaled)

## Support Vector Machine object of class "ksvm"</pre>
```

```
## SV type: C-svc (classification)
## parameter : cost C = 0.1
##
## Linear (vanilla) kernel function.
##
## Number of Support Vectors : 197
##
## Objective Function Value : -18.3976
## Training error : 0.136086
```

To calculate the coefficients $a_1...a_m$ we perform the following:

```
# Calculate the coefficients a_1 to a_m
a_scaled <- colSums(model_scaled@xmatrix[[1]] * model_scaled@coef[[1]])
print(a_scaled)</pre>
```

```
## V1 V2 V3 V4 V5
## -0.0011608980 -0.0006366002 -0.0015209679 0.0032020638 1.0041338724
## V6 V7 V8 V9 V10
## -0.0033773669 0.0002428616 -0.0004747021 -0.0011931900 0.1064450527
```

To calculate a_0 the model value for b is utilized.

```
# Calculate a0, which is -model@b
a0_scaled <- -model_scaled@b
print(a0_scaled)</pre>
```

[1] 0.08155226

With the coefficients calculated for a_0 and $a_1...a_m$ we can now apply the values to the support vector machines line defined by:

$$a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n = 0$$

SVM can also be noted as:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j x_j + a_0 = 0$$

In result, the equation of the classifier is the following:

```
-0.0011608980a_1 + -0.0006366002a_2 + -0.0015209679a_3 + 0.0032020638a_4 + \\ 1.0041338724a_5 + -0.0033773669a_6 + 0.0002428616a_7 + -0.0004747021a_8 + \\ -0.0011931900a_9 + 0.1064450527a_10 + 0.08155226a_0 = 0
```

Next, we use the predictor for the model to view our binary results (0 or 1).

```
# See what the model predicts
pred_scaled <- predict(model_scaled,data[,1:10])
pred_scaled</pre>
```

```
##
##
## [556] 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
## Levels: 0 1
```

Finally, we can evaluate the fraction of the model's predictions that match the actual classification with the predicted data.

```
# Fraction of the model's predictions match the actual classification
class_frac_scaled <- sum(pred_scaled == data[,11]) / nrow(data)</pre>
# Print the fraction to the console
cat("Fraction of model predictions matching classification: (scaled)", class_frac_scaled, "\n")
```

Fraction of model predictions matching classification: (scaled) 0.8639144

In order to determine an adequate value for C, several values were considered. The model was ran with varied values of different orders of magnitude for C from 1E-5 to 1E5. In addition, ksvm was considered with and without scaling for a comparison of accuracy. The results for scaled and unscaled models with varied values for C are recorded in the table below.

C Value	Accuracy (Scaled)	Accuracy (Unscaled
1e-05	0.5474006	0.6574924

Table 1: Accuracy with varied C constants

C Value	Accuracy (Scaled)	Accuracy (Unscaled)
1e-05	0.5474006	0.6574924
1e-04	0.5474006	0.6926606
1e-03	0.8379205	0.7599388
1e-02	0.8639144	0.8333333
1e-01	0.8639144	0.8623853
1e+00	0.8639144	0.7079511
1e+01	0.8639144	0.6590214
1e + 02	0.8639144	0.7217125
1e + 03	0.8638530	0.5642202
1e + 04	0.8638530	0.3516820
1e+05	0.8639144	0.6590214

Comparing the results in the table above, it is clear that using scaling is most helpful for improving accuracy. Scaling also provides more stability in this case to obtain high accuracy with different C values. Observing the accuracy result with scaling, there are several values for C that would result in an accuracy of 0.8639144. Accuracy without using scaling is not as consistent over the side range of C values, but still can achieve a similar accuracy result of 0.86232853. To illustrate the results presented in the table above, a plot is created to compare the accuracy of unscaled and scaled models against their corresponding C values.

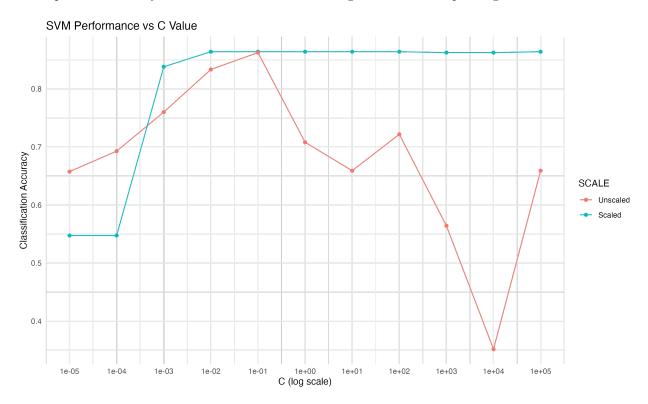


Figure 1: Accuracy of C-svc with varied C values and scaling

Note that there is no strict maximum value for C, however as C values increase so does the computational resources required to solve the problem. Also increasing C values can lead to overfitting risks as the very large C values (e.g., 1e3, 1e4, 1e5) emphasize minimizing training errors.

R Code - Optimizing C

The code below is similar to the process above, but utilizes a function to loop over all C values you may want to consider that are stored in a list. The final results are recorded to a dataframe, $results_df$, including the coefficients for a_0 and $a_1...a_m$. For simplicity, only three columns are presented, which are C, the accuracy or fraction of the model's predictions match the actual classification, and whether the model was scaled or not.

```
# Load required libraries
library(kernlab)
library(dplyr)

# Read data
data <- read.table("data/credit_card_data.txt", stringsAsFactors = FALSE, header = FALSE)

# Ensure the target variable is a factor
data[, 11] <- as.factor(data[, 11])</pre>
```

```
# Create a function that runs ksvm looping over C values
opt_ksvm_c <- function(C, data, scaled = TRUE) {</pre>
  model <- ksvm(V11 ~ ., data = data, type = "C-svc", kernel = "vanilladot", C = C, scaled = scaled)</pre>
  \# Calculate the coefficients a_1 to a_m
  a <- colSums(model@xmatrix[[1]] * model@coef[[1]])
  \# a_1 to a_m need to be labeled instead of V1-V10
  names(a) <- paste0("a", 1:10)</pre>
  # Calculate a0, which is -model@b
  a0 <- -model@b
  # Predict
  pred <- predict(model, data[, 1:10])</pre>
  # Fraction of the model's predictions match the actual classification
  accuracy <- sum(pred == data[, 11]) / nrow(data)</pre>
  # Return a data frame with C, scaled, a0, accuracy, and coefficients
  result <- data.frame(</pre>
    C = C
    scaled = scaled,
   a0 = a0,
   accuracy = accuracy,
    t(a) # Transpose the coefficients to be in separate columns
  return(result)
# Define C values
c_values <- c(1e-5, 1e-4, 1e-3, 1e-2, 1e-1, 1, 10, 1e2, 1e3, 1e4, 1e5)
# Run the function to use ksvm over a range of C values
# Combine the results to a data frame using lapply() and bind_rows()
results_scaled <- bind_rows(lapply(c_values, opt_ksvm_c, data = data, scaled = TRUE))
## Setting default kernel parameters
results_unscaled <- bind_rows(lapply(c_values, opt_ksvm_c, data = data, scaled = FALSE))
## Setting default kernel parameters
```

```
## Setting default kernel parameters
# Combine scaled and unscaled results into one data frame
results_df <- bind_rows(results_scaled, results_unscaled)</pre>
# Print results table
print(results_df %>% select(C, scaled, accuracy))
##
          C scaled accuracy
## 1 1e-05
             TRUE 0.5474006
## 2 1e-04
             TRUE 0.5474006
## 3 1e-03
             TRUE 0.8379205
## 4 1e-02
            TRUE 0.8639144
## 5 1e-01
             TRUE 0.8639144
## 6 1e+00
             TRUE 0.8639144
## 7 1e+01
             TRUE 0.8639144
## 8 1e+02
             TRUE 0.8639144
## 9 1e+03
             TRUE 0.8623853
## 10 1e+04
             TRUE 0.8623853
## 11 1e+05
            TRUE 0.8639144
## 12 1e-05 FALSE 0.6574924
## 13 1e-04 FALSE 0.6926606
## 14 1e-03 FALSE 0.7599388
## 15 1e-02 FALSE 0.8333333
## 16 1e-01 FALSE 0.8623853
## 17 1e+00 FALSE 0.7079511
## 18 1e+01 FALSE 0.6590214
## 19 1e+02 FALSE 0.7217125
## 20 1e+03 FALSE 0.5642202
## 21 1e+04 FALSE 0.3516820
## 22 1e+05 FALSE 0.6590214
# Filtering w/ the pipe operator %>%
# Find best C value for scaled models
best_scaled <- results_df %>%
  filter(scaled == TRUE) %>%
  arrange(desc(accuracy)) %>%
  slice(1)
# Find best C value for unscaled models
best_unscaled <- results_df %>%
 filter(scaled == FALSE) %>%
 arrange(desc(accuracy)) %>%
 slice(1)
```

```
cat("Best C value (Scaled):", best_scaled$C, "with accuracy:", best_scaled$accuracy, "\n")
## Best C value (Scaled): 0.01 with accuracy: 0.8639144

cat("Best C value (Unscaled):", best_unscaled$C, "with accuracy:", best_unscaled$accuracy, "\n")
## Best C value (Unscaled): 0.1 with accuracy: 0.8623853
```

2.2.2. Alternative Kernels

Prompt

You are welcome, but not required, to try other (nonlinear) kernels as well; we're not covering them in this course, but they can sometimes be useful and might provide better predictions than vanilladot.

Solution

The package kvsm includes the implementation of several kernels discussed in [2]. The most simple is the linear kernel, vanilladot. The Gaussian radial basis function (RBF) kernel, rbfdot is a general purpose kernel. The polynomial kernel, polydot, is typically used in the classification of images. Primarily used as a proxy for neural networks, tanhdot is a hyperbolic tangent kernel. Another general purpose kernel is besseldot, which uses Bessel function of the first kind. The final general purpose kernel considered is laplacedot which uses the Laplace radial basis. Last, the ANOVA radial basis kernel, anovadot, is considered and is known to perform well in multidimensional regression problems.

Each kernel described above was considered using kvsm with C-svc or C classification and the accuracy was recorded. Each kernel accuracy is determined assuming that C=100 is an adequate value, and scaled=TRUE is appropriate. Default values for sigma, order, offset and degree were used if the argument was applicable to each kernel (e.g., order defines the order of the bessel function).

Table 2:	Accuracy	of	Different	Kernels
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Kernel	Accuracy
rbfdot	0.9541284
polydot	0.8639144
vanilladot	0.8639144
tanhdot	0.7217125
laplacedot	1.0000000
besseldot	0.9250765
anovadot	0.9067278
splinedot	0.9785933

From the results, it is determined that different kernels may be more optimal to improve the accuracy of the model compared to vanilladot, such as rbdot, laplacedot or splinedot.

R Code - Kernels

The full code is shown below, which utilizes a function to loop over a list of kernels.

```
# Load the kernlab package
library(kernlab)

# Function to optimize C value for SVM

optimize_svm_kernels <- function(data, kernels, scaling) {

  results <- data.frame(kernel = character(), accuracy = numeric())

  for (k in kernels) {

    # Create an SVM model with options for kernel and scaling

    model <- ksvm(V11 ~ ., data = data, type = "C-svc", kernel = k, C = 100, scaled = scaling)</pre>
```

```
# Make predictions
   predictions <- predict(model, data[, 1:10])</pre>
    # Calculate accuracy
   accuracy <- sum(predictions == data[, 11]) / nrow(data)</pre>
    # Add the current kernel and accuracy to the results data frame
   results <- rbind(results, data.frame(kernel = k, accuracy = accuracy))
  }
  # Find the best kernel and accuracy from the results data frame
  best_row <- results[which.max(results$accuracy), ]</pre>
  cat("Best Kernel:", best_row$kernel, "with accuracy:", best_row$accuracy, "\n")
 return(results)
# Set the working directory
setwd("~/projects/ISYE6501/HW1-SVM")
# Read data
credit_card_data <- read.table("data/credit_card_data-headers.txt", header = TRUE, sep = " ")</pre>
data <- read.table("data/credit_card_data.txt", stringsAsFactors = FALSE, header = FALSE)
# Define a range of kernels to test
kernels <- c("rbfdot", "polydot", "vanilladot", "tanhdot", "laplacedot", "besseldot", "anovadot", "splinedot
# Analyze kernels
results <- optimize_svm_kernels(data, kernels, scaling=TRUE)</pre>
## Setting default kernel parameters
## Best Kernel: laplacedot with accuracy: 1
# Print the results data frame
results
##
         kernel accuracy
## 1
        rbfdot 0.9525994
       polydot 0.8639144
## 3 vanilladot 0.8639144
       tanhdot 0.7217125
## 5 laplacedot 1.0000000
## 6 besseldot 0.9250765
     anovadot 0.9067278
## 7
## 8 splinedot 0.9785933
```

2.2.3 K-Nearest-Neighbors (KNN) Classification

Prompt

Using the k-nearest-neighbors classification function kknn contained in the R kknn package, suggest a good value of k, and show how well it classifies that data points in the full data set. Don't forget to scale the data (scale=TRUE in kknn).

Notes on kknn: - You need to be a little careful. If you give it the whole data set to find the closest points to i, it'll use i itself (which is in the data set) as one of the nearest neighbors. A helpful feature of R is the index -i, which means "all indices except i". For example, data[-i,] is all the data except for the ith data point. For our data file where the first 10 columns are predictors and the 11th column is the response, data[-i,11] is the response for all but the ith data point, and data[-i,1:10] are the predictors for all but the ith data point. - (There are other, easier ways to get around this problem, but I want you to get practice doing some basic data manipulation and extraction, and maybe some looping too) - Note that kknn will read the responses as continuous, and return the fraction of the k closest responses that are 1 (rather than the most common response, 1 or 0).

Solution

The k-nearest-neighbors (KNN) classification function differs from the support vector machine (SVM) function. KNN does not build a model during training like SVM, but instead stores training data and then performs classification during prediction by calculating the distance to the nearest neighbors. KNN is not formed by the same two-step approach as shown earlier for SVM where the model is fit and then used to make predictions [3].

A function is created, kknn_accuracy that reads the data and a maximum amount for k to loop through 1 to the max k (e.g., 1-50). Initially, an empty dataframe is created, results to store the results for each k calue. Within the for loop for varying k values, the kknn model is looped through each row in the data and stores the predictions in a list. The key to obtaining appropriate accuracy values is to use round for the model values. For classification tasks, rounding allows the continuous outputs from KNN to be discretized into distinct class labels. This is necessary to produce a final classification decision. The code and accuracy output for each k value are attached below.

```
k = k,
                    kernel = "optimal",
                    scale = TRUE)
      # Store the predicted value using fitted.values()
      # kknn is continuous so use round() for classifications 0 or 1
      predictions[i] <- round(fitted.values(model))</pre>
    }
    # Store the accuracy value in the results dataframe
    results$accuracy[k] <- sum(predictions == data[, 11]) / nrow(data)
 return(results)
# Look at k-values from 1 to 50
max_k \leftarrow 50
# Calculate accuracies for k from 1 to 20
results <- kknn_accuracy(data, max_k = max_k)
# Print the results data frame
print(results)
```

```
##
      k accuracy
## 1
      1 0.8149847
## 2
     2 0.8149847
## 3 3 0.8149847
      4 0.8149847
## 4
## 5
      5 0.8516820
## 6
      6 0.8455657
## 7
      7 0.8470948
## 8
     8 0.8486239
## 9
      9 0.8470948
## 10 10 0.8501529
## 11 11 0.8516820
## 12 12 0.8532110
## 13 13 0.8516820
## 14 14 0.8516820
## 15 15 0.8532110
## 16 16 0.8516820
## 17 17 0.8516820
## 18 18 0.8516820
## 19 19 0.8501529
## 20 20 0.8501529
## 21 21 0.8486239
## 22 22 0.8470948
## 23 23 0.8440367
## 24 24 0.8455657
## 25 25 0.8455657
## 26 26 0.8440367
## 27 27 0.8409786
```

```
## 28 28 0.8379205
## 29 29 0.8394495
## 30 30 0.8409786
## 31 31 0.8379205
## 32 32 0.8363914
## 33 33 0.8348624
## 34 34 0.8333333
## 35 35 0.8318043
## 36 36 0.8318043
## 37 37 0.8318043
## 38 38 0.8318043
## 39 39 0.8318043
## 40 40 0.8318043
## 41 41 0.8318043
## 42 42 0.8348624
## 43 43 0.8348624
## 44 44 0.8363914
## 45 45 0.8394495
## 46 46 0.8409786
## 47 47 0.8379205
## 48 48 0.8394495
## 49 49 0.8394495
## 50 50 0.8379205
```

The results are also illustrated in the figure below. It is noteworthy that increasing k does not ensure that the accuracy will increase, as observed in the highest accuracy values at k=12 and k=15 of 0.8532110 or 85.3211%.

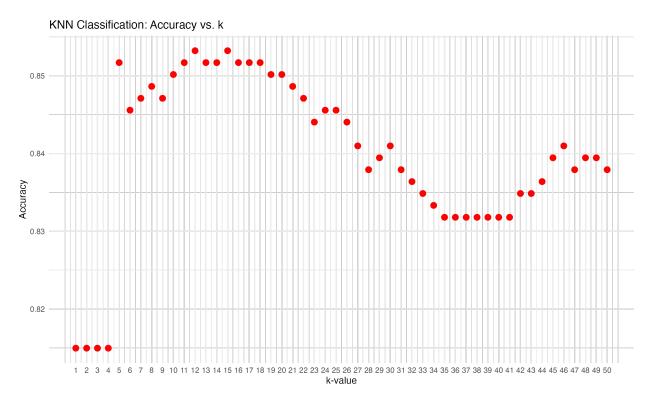


Figure 2: Accuracy of k-values using k-nearest-neighbors classification

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