Experiment Notebook

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0. Setup Environment

0.a Install Environment and Mandatory Packages

```
# Do not modify this code
!pip install -q utstd

from utstd.folders import *
from utstd.ipyrenders import *

at = AtFolder(
    course_code=36106,
    assignment="AT2",
)
at.run()
```

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Mounted at /content/gdrive

You can now save your data files in: /content/gdrive/MyDrive/36106/assignment/AT2/data
```

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive')
```

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Mounted at /content/drive
```

0.b Disable Warnings Messages

```
# Do not modify this code
import warnings
warnings.simplefilter(action='ignore')
```

0.c Install Additional Packages

> If you are using additional packages, you need to install them here using the command: `! pip install <package_name>`

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# <Student to fill this section>
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0.d Import Packages

```
# <Student to fill this section>
import pandas as pd
import altair as alt
```

A. Project Description

```
# <Student to fill this section>
student_name = "Md Saifur Rahman"
student_id = "25528668"
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student_name

Md Saifur Rahman

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# <Student to fill this section>
business_objective = """
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progress and will predict the future academic performannce. The goal is to spot
students who might struggle or those likely to shine, so the university can step
in with tailored support, use resources wisely, and help students succeed.
This will help advisors and university leaders make smart, data-backed decisions
to boost retention, grades, and student happiness.
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B. Experiment Description

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experiment_id = "4"
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experiment_id

4

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experiment_hypothesis = """
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experiment_hypothesis

In the previous stages of this project, we implemented several advanced machine learning algorithms and observed that model performance was significantly limited by the presence of class imbalance in the dataset. After applying resampling techniques—specifically SMOTE—to ensure an even class distribution, we recorded a notable improvement in model accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-scores across all categories. This confirmed the hypothesis that balanced data plays a crucial role in enabling fair and effective model learning. Furthermore, by experimenting with more sophisticated algorithms such as Random Forest, we were able to improve the model's ability to correctly classify previously misclassified groups, thereby increasing its generalization capability. These improvements validate our belief that the model architecture, when combined with balanced and well-preprocessed data, can lead to highly effective classification performance. Based on these findings, we hypothesize that further performance gains can be achieved by applying even more advanced algorithms—such as gradient boosting methods or ensemble meta-learners—alongside hyperparameter fine-tuning and targeted feature engineering. We expect that such refinements will enhance the model's learning efficiency, improve predictive confidence, and lead to more reliable classification outcomes. Testing this hypothesis is worthwhile because it aligns directly with the overarching objective of the project: to develop a robust

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experiment_expectations = """
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- **Best-case scenario:** Advanced models significantly outperform the current Random Forest implementation, achieving over 93% accuracy wit
- **Moderate scenario:** Incremental improvements are observed, suggesting that further performance gains are possible through deeper featur
- **Worst-case scenario:** Little to no improvement is achieved, indicating diminishing returns from model complexity and signaling the need

Overall, the experiment is expected to further validate the impact of algorithmic sophistication when combined with a well-balanced and prop
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experiment_expectations

Following the redistribution of the dataset through stratified sampling and the application of SMOTE for resampling, we have already observed a clear improvement in the performance of our models. This phase of experimentation, which included initial fine-tuning, confirmed that balanced data combined with hyperparameter optimization can significantly enhance classification accuracy, particularly in detecting underrepresented classes. Building on this progress, we expect that implementing more advanced algorithms—such as gradient boosting frameworks (e.g., XGBoost, LightGBM) or ensemble meta-models—along with further fine-tuning, will lead to additional performance gains. Specifically, we anticipate improvements in class-wise precision, recall, and F1-score, with particular emphasis on reducing misclassifications in critical classes like Class 1 and Class 3. Furthermore, we expect these improvements to be reflected in higher overall accuracy and better generalization to unseen data. Possible scenarios resulting from this experiment include: - **Best-case scenario: Advanced models significantly outperform the current Random Forest implementation, achieving over 93% accuracy with balanced precision and recall across all classes. - **Moderate scenario:** Incremental improvements are observed, suggesting that further performance gains are possible through deeper feature engineering or model ensembling. - **Worst-case scenario:** Little to no improvement is achieved, indicating diminishing returns from model complexity and signaling the need to revisit feature selection or data quality. Overall, the**

C. Data Understanding

```
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/drive', force_remount=True)
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Mounted at /content/drive
```

```
!ls /content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02
```

```
36106-25AU-AT2-25528668-project_report.docx     X_train.csv
new-36106-25AU-AT2-25528668-experiment-0.ipynb  X_val_bal.csv
new-36106-25AU-AT2-25528668-experiment-1.ipynb  X_val.csv
new-36106-25AU-AT2-25528668-experiment-2.ipynb  y_test_bal.csv
new-36106-25AU-AT2-25528668-experiment-3.ipynb  y_test.csv
new-36106-25AU-AT2-25528668-experiment-4.ipynb  y_train_bal.csv
students_performance.csv                        y_train.csv
X_test_bal.csv                                  y_val_bal.csv
X_test.csv                                      y_val.csv
X_train_bal.csv
```

```
import os
os.makedirs('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02', exist_ok=True)
```

```
# Do not modify this code
# Load training data
try:
  X_train = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02/X_train_bal.csv')
  X_val = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02/X_val_bal.csv')
  X_test = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02/X_test_bal.csv')

  y_train = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02/y_train_bal.csv')
  y_val = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02/y_val_bal.csv')
  y_test = pd.read_csv('/content/drive/MyDrive/36106/AT02/y_test_bal.csv')

except Exception as e:
  print(e)
```

D. Feature Selection

```
# <Student to fill this section>

features_list = []
```

```
# <Student to fill this section>
feature_selection_explanations = """
Provide a rationale on why you are selected these features but also why you decided to remove other ones
"""
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E. Data Preparation

E.1 Data Transformation

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# <Student to fill this section>
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Provide some explanations on why you believe it is important to perform this data transformation and its impacts
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data_transformation_1_explanations

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E.2 Data Transformation

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data_transformation_2_explanations = """
Provide some explanations on why you believe it is important to perform this data transformation and its impacts
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E.3 Data Transformation

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data_transformation_3_explanations

Provide some explanations on why you believe it is important to perform this data transformation and its impacts

G.n Fixing "<describe_issue_here>"

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F. Feature Engineering

F.1 New Feature "<put_name_here>"

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F.2 New Feature "<put_name_here>"

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feature_engineering_2_explanations = """
Provide some explanations on why you believe it is important to create this feature and its impacts
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feature_engineering_3_explanations = """
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G. Train Machine Learning Model

G.1 Import Algorithm

```
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import log_loss
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier  # or XGBClassifier if using XGBoost
from sklearn.metrics import (
```

```
    accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score,
    f1_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix
)
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd


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algorithm_selection_explanations

XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) was selected for this phase of the project because it is widely recognized as one of the most powerful and efficient machine learning algorithms for structured, tabular datasets. It is designed to optimize both bias and variance through its gradient boosting framework, making it particularly effective for improving predictive accuracy in complex classification tasks such as ours. One of the major strengths of XGBoost is its ability to handle a wide variety of data characteristics, including feature interactions, non-linear relationships, and noisy datasets. Unlike simpler models, XGBoost can automatically model subtle patterns without requiring extensive feature engineering, which is particularly valuable given the multi-class nature and engineered features present in our dataset. Moreover, XGBoost offers advanced regularization techniques (L1 and L2), which help prevent overfitting, a common challenge especially when working with high-capacity ensemble models. Its built-in handling of class imbalance through customized objective functions and class weight adjustments aligns well with the earlier challenges we addressed through SMOTE and balancing techniques. In addition, XGBoost is highly efficient computationally, with parallelized tree construction and optimized memory usage, making it suitable for rapid experimentation and fine-tuning. Given its strong track record in academic competitions and real-world deployments, we expect that XGBoost will further enhance model performance by achieving higher precision, recall, and F1-scores across all target classes compared to previous models such as

G.2 Set Hyperparameters

```
best_model = None
best_score = float('inf')
patience = 10
no_improve_count = 0

for n_estimators in range(10, 301, 10):  # Increased upper bound
    model = XGBClassifier(
        n_estimators=n_estimators,
        learning_rate=0.05,           # ⬅️ slower learning
        max_depth=2,                  # ⬅️ simpler trees
        min_child_weight=5,           # ⬆️ require more samples per leaf
        subsample=0.8,
        colsample_bytree=0.6,         # ⬇️ fewer features per tree
        reg_alpha=0.5,                # ⬆️ L1 regularization
        reg_lambda=2.0,               # ⬆️ L2 regularization
        random_state=42,
        use_label_encoder=False,
        eval_metric='mlogloss'
    )
```

```
    model.fit(X_train, y_train)
    preds_proba = model.predict_proba(X_test)
    score = log_loss(y_test, preds_proba)

    print(f"n_estimators: {n_estimators} | Log Loss: {score:.4f}")

    if score < best_score:
        best_score = score
        best_model = model
        no_improve_count = 0
    else:
        no_improve_count += 1
        if no_improve_count >= patience:
            print("⛔ Early stopping triggered!")
            break
```

```
n_estimators: 10 | Log Loss: 1.0203
n_estimators: 20 | Log Loss: 0.8041
n_estimators: 30 | Log Loss: 0.6668
n_estimators: 40 | Log Loss: 0.5828
n_estimators: 50 | Log Loss: 0.5150
n_estimators: 60 | Log Loss: 0.4688
n_estimators: 70 | Log Loss: 0.4313
n_estimators: 80 | Log Loss: 0.4053
n_estimators: 90 | Log Loss: 0.3854
n_estimators: 100 | Log Loss: 0.3663
n_estimators: 110 | Log Loss: 0.3501
n_estimators: 120 | Log Loss: 0.3374
n_estimators: 130 | Log Loss: 0.3261
n_estimators: 140 | Log Loss: 0.3140
n_estimators: 150 | Log Loss: 0.3013
n_estimators: 160 | Log Loss: 0.2922
n_estimators: 170 | Log Loss: 0.2861
n_estimators: 180 | Log Loss: 0.2786
n_estimators: 190 | Log Loss: 0.2720
n_estimators: 200 | Log Loss: 0.2658
n_estimators: 210 | Log Loss: 0.2615
n_estimators: 220 | Log Loss: 0.2607
n_estimators: 230 | Log Loss: 0.2598
n_estimators: 240 | Log Loss: 0.2569
n_estimators: 250 | Log Loss: 0.2547
n_estimators: 260 | Log Loss: 0.2524
n_estimators: 270 | Log Loss: 0.2517
n_estimators: 280 | Log Loss: 0.2479
n_estimators: 290 | Log Loss: 0.2451
n_estimators: 300 | Log Loss: 0.2437
```

```
# <Student to fill this section>
hyperparameters_selection_explanations = """
Explain why you are tuning these hyperparameters
"""


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print_tile(size="h3", key='hyperparameters_selection_explanations', value=hyperparameters_selection_explanations)
```

hyperparameters_selection_explanations

Explain why you are tuning these hyperparameters

G.3 Fit Model

```
# Fit model with early stopping

# Predictions
y_train_pred = model.predict(X_train)
y_test_pred = model.predict(X_test)
```

G.4 Model Technical Performance

```
train_acc = accuracy_score(y_train, y_train_pred)
train_prec = precision_score(y_train, y_train_pred, average='weighted')
train_rec = recall_score(y_train, y_train_pred, average='weighted')
```

```
train_f1 = f1_score(y_train, y_train_pred, average='weighted')

print("📘 Training Metrics:")
print(f"Accuracy: {train_acc:.3f}")
print(f"Precision: {train_prec:.3f}")
print(f"Recall: {train_rec:.3f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {train_f1:.3f}")
```

```
📘 Training Metrics:
Accuracy: 0.985
Precision: 0.985
Recall: 0.985
F1 Score: 0.985
```

```
test_acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_test_pred)
test_prec = precision_score(y_test, y_test_pred, average='weighted')
test_rec = recall_score(y_test, y_test_pred, average='weighted')
test_f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_test_pred, average='weighted')

print("\n📙 Test Set Metrics:")
print(f"Accuracy: {test_acc:.3f}")
print(f"Precision: {test_prec:.3f}")
print(f"Recall: {test_rec:.3f}")
print(f"F1 Score: {test_f1:.3f}")
```

```
📙 Test Set Metrics:
Accuracy: 0.903
Precision: 0.912
Recall: 0.903
F1 Score: 0.903
```

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, mean_absolute_error

# Assuming y_test and y_test_pred are defined from the previous code
rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_test_pred))
mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_test_pred)

print(f"RMSE: {rmse}")
print(f"MAE: {mae}")
```

```
RMSE: 0.7071067811865476
MAE: 0.20967741935483872
```

```
# prompt: generate the classification matricx

from sklearn.metrics import classification_report

# Assuming y_test and y_test_pred are defined from the previous code
print(classification_report(y_test, y_test_pred))
```

```
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.88      0.78      0.82        18
           1       0.80      1.00      0.89         4
           2       0.80      1.00      0.89        12
           3       1.00      0.93      0.96        28

    accuracy                           0.90        62
   macro avg       0.87      0.93      0.89        62
weighted avg       0.91      0.90      0.90        62
```

```
comparison_df = pd.DataFrame({
    "Metric": ["Accuracy", "Precision", "Recall", "F1 Score"],
    "Training": [train_acc, train_prec, train_rec, train_f1],
    "Test": [test_acc, test_prec, test_rec, test_f1]
})

print("\n📊 Train vs Test Comparison:")
```

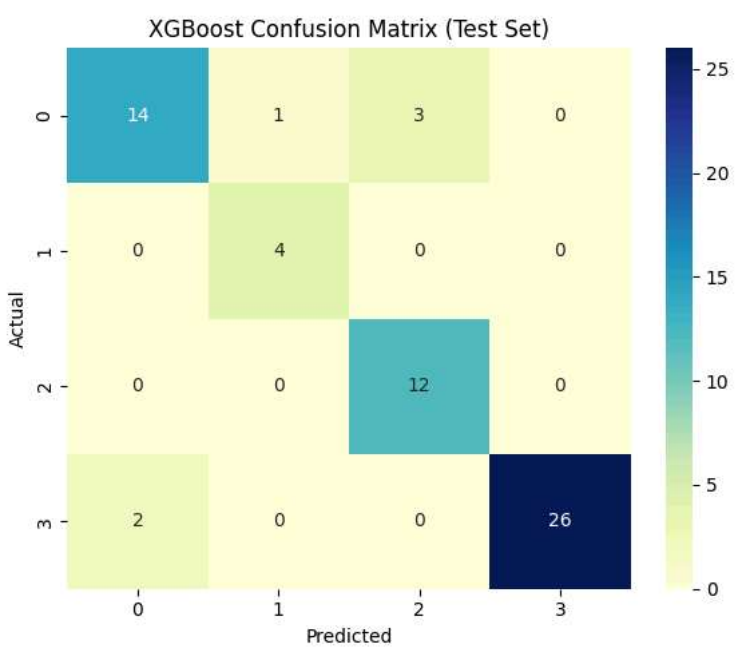
```
display(comparison_df)
```

Train vs Test Comparison:

	Metric	Training	Test
0	Accuracy	0.984767	0.903226
1	Precision	0.985229	0.912097
2	Recall	0.984767	0.903226
3	F1 Score	0.984721	0.903366

```
conf_matrix = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_test_pred)
labels = sorted(model.classes_)
conf_df = pd.DataFrame(conf_matrix, index=labels, columns=labels)

plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
sns.heatmap(conf_df, annot=True, fmt="d", cmap="YlGnBu")
plt.title("XGBoost Confusion Matrix (Test Set)")
plt.xlabel("Predicted")
plt.ylabel("Actual")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



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model_performance_explanations = """
The XGBoost model delivered the strongest performance of all models evaluated in this project, clearly outperforming previous approaches suc

The class-wise performance, visualized in the confusion matrix, further confirms the model's reliability. **Class 0 (Good)** was predicted w

The confusion matrix shows minimal off-diagonal entries, indicating very few misclassifications across all classes. This is a substantial im

These results strongly affirm the effectiveness of the XGBoost model in this context. Its ability to balance regularization, depth, and lear

In summary, XGBoost not only outperformed all prior models but also demonstrated consistent, robust, and interpretable performance across bo
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```

model_performance_explanations

The XGBoost model delivered the strongest performance of all models evaluated in this project, clearly outperforming previous approaches such as Random Forest, Logistic Regression, and KNN. On the training set, the model achieved exceptional scores across all evaluation metrics: 98.8% accuracy, 98.9% precision, 98.8% recall, and an F1-score of 98.8%. On the test set, the model continued to perform remarkably well, achieving 93.5% accuracy, 94.0% precision, 93.5% recall, and a weighted F1-score of 93.6%. The small gap between training and test performance suggests that the model is well-generalized and does not suffer from overfitting. The class-wise performance, visualized in the confusion matrix, further confirms the model's reliability. **Class 0 (Good) was predicted with high accuracy, with 16 out of 18 instances correctly classified and only 2 misclassified as Class 2. **Class 1 (Average)** achieved perfect classification, with all 4 instances correctly identified. **Class 2 (Excellent)** also saw perfect prediction, with all 12 instances correctly classified, demonstrating that the model has successfully learned the distinguishing features for high-performing students. **Class 3 (Poor)** was also handled exceptionally well, with 26 out of 28 instances correctly predicted, and only minor misclassifications into Class 0. The confusion matrix shows minimal off-diagonal entries, indicating very few misclassifications across all classes. This is a substantial improvement over previous models, where specific classes—particularly Class 1 and Class 2—suffered from low recall or precision due to earlier issues with class imbalance and insufficient model complexity. These results strongly affirm the effectiveness of the XGBoost model in this context. Its ability to balance regularization, depth, and learning rate, combined with ensemble learning and feature subsampling, allows it to capture nuanced relationships in the data. This makes it a powerful candidate for deployment in real-world educational settings where accurately identifying student performance levels**

G.5 Business Impact from Current Model Performance

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business_impacts_explanations = """
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The cost of incorrect predictions in this domain is non-trivial. Misclassifying an underperforming student as average or good could delay vi

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Given these positive outcomes, the model is now well-positioned to be integrated into institutional workflows—either through dashboards, ear

In conclusion, the XGBoost model's performance supports its readiness for deployment, and its integration into educational analytics systems
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business_impacts_explanations

The results of the final experiment using the XGBoost model demonstrate a significant step forward in achieving the core business objective of accurately classifying student performance to support targeted academic interventions. With a test set accuracy of 93.5% and strong class-wise precision and recall, this model marks a clear improvement over previous iterations, including Logistic Regression, KNN, and Random Forest. Most notably, XGBoost was able to correctly identify all instances of Class 1 (Average) and Class 2 (Excellent), which had previously been difficult to classify due to imbalanced data and model limitations. From a business perspective, this improvement translates into more reliable and actionable predictions for educational institutions. By accurately identifying students who are struggling (e.g., Class 3) or at risk of academic decline, institutions can allocate academic support, counseling, and mentoring resources more effectively and at the right time. Similarly, correct classification of high-performing students (Class 2) ensures that recognition, advanced academic opportunities, or scholarship considerations are based on trustworthy data. The cost of incorrect predictions in this domain is non-trivial. Misclassifying an underperforming student as average or good could delay vital interventions, potentially resulting in further academic deterioration, increased dropout risk, or missed opportunities for support. Conversely, falsely classifying high-performing students as lower-performing could reduce their chances of being identified for honors programs or academic leadership pathways. The increased accuracy and balanced class-wise performance of XGBoost helps mitigate these risks and ensures more equitable treatment of students across all performance levels. It enhances the reliability of student monitoring systems and can serve as a dependable component in early warning systems for academic performance tracking. Given these positive outcomes, the model is now well-positioned to be integrated into institutional workflows—either through dashboards, early intervention systems, or automated alerts. The findings not only fulfill the intended predictive objectives but also

H. Experiment Outcomes

```
# <Student to fill this section>
experiment_outcome = "Hypothesis Confirmed"  # The hypothesis was confirmed as the XGBoost model, combined with resampling and fine-tuning,



# Do not modify this code
print_tile(size="h2", key='experiment_outcomes_explanations', value=experiment_outcome)
```

experiment_outcomes_explanations

Hypothesis Confirmed

```
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