

## Quantum graphs with symmetry

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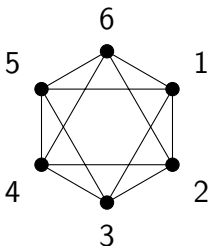


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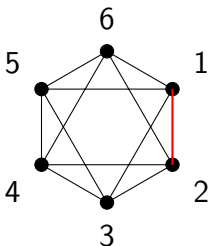


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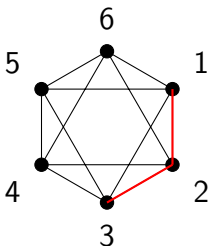


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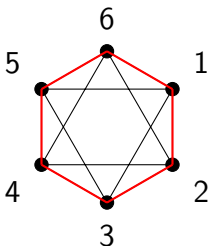


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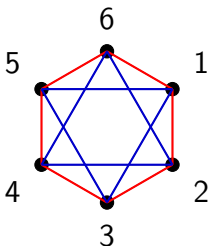


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- Circulant graphs share rotation symmetry with star graphs.
- Let  $\sigma(j) = j + 1$ ;  $i \sim j$  iff  $\sigma(i) \sim \sigma(j)$ .

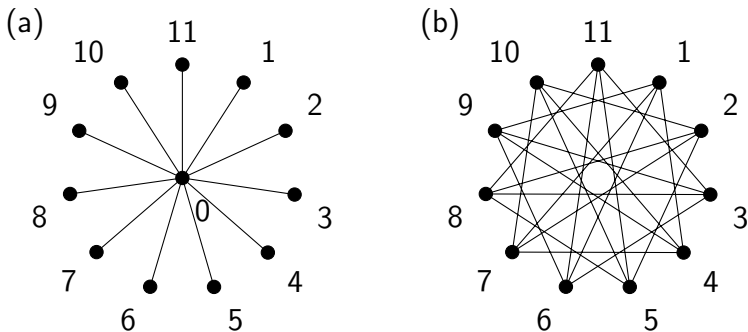


Figure: (a) Star graph with 11 edges. (b) Circulant graph  $C_{11}(3,5)$ .



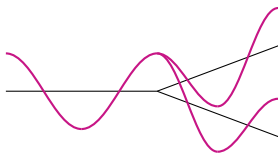
## Quantum graph

- *Metric graph*: associate edge  $(i, j)$  with interval  $[0, L_{i,j}]$ .
- *Total length*:  $\mathcal{L} = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{E}} L_{i,j}$ .
- *Laplace equation* on  $[0, L_{i,j}]$ ,

$$-\frac{d^2}{dx_{i,j}^2} \psi_{i,j}(x_{i,j}) = k^2 \psi_{i,j}(x_{i,j}) .$$

- *Domain*  $H^2[0, L_{i,j}]$  on each edge with Neumann-like vertex conditions;  $\psi$  continuous and

$$\sum_{j \sim i} \psi'_{i,j}(i) = 0 . \quad (1)$$



## Quantum circulant graphs

- 1  $C_n(\vec{L}; \vec{a})$  *quantum circulant graph* edge lengths  $\vec{L}$ .
- 2  $C_n(\vec{I}; \vec{a})$  *quantum circulant graph symmetric edge lengths*;  
fix  $\vec{I} = \{I_1, \dots, I_d\}$ , assign edge lengths to  $C_n(\vec{L}; \vec{a})$  s.t.  $(i, j)$   
has length  $I_h$  when  $|i - j| \equiv a_h \pmod{n}$ .

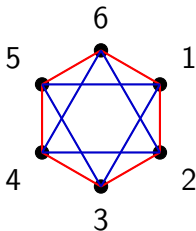


Figure: Quantum circulant graph symmetric edge lengths  $C_6(\vec{I}; 1, 2)$ .

## Secular equation

- $\Phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)^T$  values of  $\psi$  at vertices,

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- In matrix form  $M(k)\Phi = \mathbf{0}$ ,

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$$[M]_{ij} = \csc kL_{i,j} \quad i \sim j$$

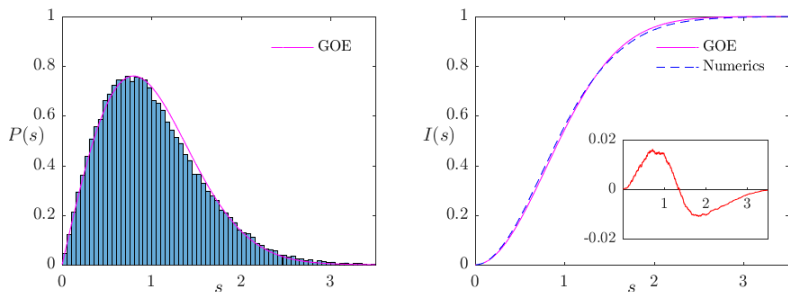
### Theorem 1 (Secular equation)

Let  $k \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathcal{D}$ . Then  $k^2$  is an eigenvalue of the negative Laplace op. on  $C_n(\vec{L}; \vec{a})$  with multiplicity  $m$  iff  $k$  is an  $m$ 'th root of,

$$\det M(k) = 0 .$$

### Dirichlet spectrum

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ \frac{m\pi}{L_{i,j}} : m \in \mathbb{N}, (i,j) \in \mathcal{E} \right\}$$



**Figure:** Histogram of nearest-neighbor spacing distribution, 50,036 eigenvalues of  $C_{49}(\vec{L}; (3, 4, 9, 12, 15, 19, 20))$  compared to Wigner surmise for the GOE and corresponding integrated nearest-neighbor spacing distribution.

# Circulant matrix

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 & c_{n-1} & \cdots & c_2 & c_1 \\ c_1 & c_0 & c_{n-1} & & c_2 \\ \vdots & c_1 & c_0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n-2} & & \ddots & \ddots & c_{n-1} \\ c_{n-1} & c_{n-2} & \cdots & c_1 & c_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Adjacency matrix of circulant graph is circulant matrix.

## Representer

$$p(z) = c_0 + c_1 z + \cdots + c_{n-1} z^{n-1}$$

$$\det C = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} p(\omega^j) \quad \omega = \exp(2\pi i/n)$$



# Secular equation with symmetric edge lengths

Consider secular equation  $\det M(k) = 0$  for  $C_n(\vec{l}; \vec{a})$  with symmetric edge lengths.

$$[M]_{ii} = - \sum_{h=1}^d \cot kl_h$$

$$[M]_{ij} = \csc kL_h \quad |i - j| = a_h \pmod n$$

Let  $A_h$  be the adjacency matrix of the subgraph  $C_n(a_h)$ .

$$M(k) = \left( -2 \sum_{h=1}^d \cot kl_h \right) I_n + \sum_{h=1}^d (\csc kl_h) A_h$$

So  $M(k)$  is a circulant matrix.

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## Quotient graph

Isolate subspace associated to irreducible representation of graph symmetry.

- Isospectral graphs - Band, Parzanchevski, Ben-Shach ('09), Parzanchevski, Band ('10).
- GSE statistics without spin - Joyner, Müller, Sieber ('14).

## Quotient graph of circulant graph

- Add dummy vertices at  $l_h/2$ .
- *Fundamental domain*; vertex & neighbouring dummy vertices.
- *Quotient graph*; identify pairs of dummy vertices of fundamental domain on edges length  $l_h/2$ .

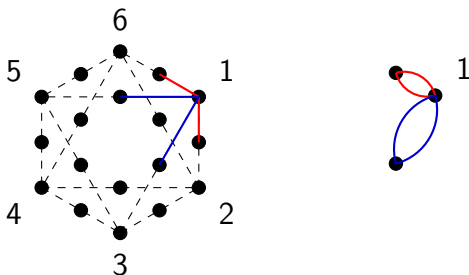


Figure:  $C_6(\vec{l}; 1, 2)$  with dummy vertices and quotient graph.

- Symmetry group  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  generated by  $\sigma(v) = v + 1$ .
- Irreps.  $\mathcal{S}_j$  for  $j = 0, \dots, n - 1$ ;  $\mathcal{S}_j(\sigma) = e^{i\theta_j}$  where  $\theta_j = 2\pi j/n$ .
- Spectrum decomposes into subspectra whose eigenfunctions transform according to  $\mathcal{S}_j$ .

Subspectrum transforming according to  $\mathcal{S}_j$  is spectrum of quotient graph with matching conditions at  $h$ 'th degree two vertex,

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{h-}(l_h/2) &= e^{ia_h\theta_j}\psi_{h+}(l_h/2) , \\ \psi'_{h-}(l_h/2) &= e^{ia_h\theta_j}\psi'_{h+}(l_h/2) .\end{aligned}$$

$\psi_{h-}$  function on  $[0, l_h/2]$  and  $\psi_{h+}$  function on  $[l_h/2, l_h]$ .

Let  $\phi$  be value of  $\psi$  at central vertex of quotient graph,

$$\psi_{h-}(x) = \phi \left[ \cos(kx) + (e^{ia_h\theta_j} \csc(kl_h) - \cot(kl_h)) \sin(kx) \right]$$

$$\psi_{h+}(x) = \phi e^{-ia_h\theta_j} \left[ \cos(kx) + (e^{ia_h\theta_j} \csc(kl_h) - \cot(kl_h)) \sin(kx) \right]$$

Neumann-like condition at central vertex requires,

$$\sum_{h=1}^d \cos(a_h\theta_j) \csc(kl_h) - \cot(kl_h) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Equivalently  $p_j(k) = 0$ .

(Note:  $p_j(k) = p_{n-j}(k)$  as  $\theta_{n-j} = 2\pi - \theta_j$ .)

# Dirichlet spectrum

Eigenvalues in Dirichlet spectrum of  $C_n(\vec{l}; \vec{a})$  also appear with Neumann-like vertex conditions.

## Lemma 3

For a.e.  $\vec{l} \in (1 - \epsilon, 1 + \epsilon)^d$  and all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m^2\pi^2/l_h^2$  is in the spectrum of the graph with multiplicity  $|J|$  where,

$$J = \{j \in \{0, \dots, n-1\} : 2ja_h = qn$$

for some odd/even  $q$  when  $m$  is odd/even

- For any  $n$ ,  $m^2\pi^2/l_g^2$  is in the spectrum for even  $m$ .
- For odd  $n$ ,  $m^2\pi^2/l_g^2$  is not in the spectrum for odd  $m$ .

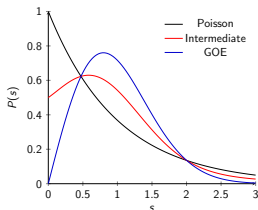
**Proof.** Use quotient graph with  $k = m\pi/l_h$ .



## Intermediate statistics

### Spectral statistics between RMT ensembles and Poisson.

- Šeba billiards - Šeba ('90), Alveverio, Šeba ('91).
- Aharonov-Bohm int. billiards - Date, Jain, Murthy ('94), Bolgomolny, Giraud, Schmidt ('01), Rahav, Fishman ('01).
- Polygonal billiards rational angles - Parab, Jain ('96), Grémaud, Jain ('98), Bogomolny, Gerland, Schmidt ('01).
- Quantum map eigenphases - Giraud, Marklof, O'Keefe ('04).
- Anderson model at metal-insulator transition point.



# Two-point correlation function

Two-point correlation function  $R_2(x)$  defined by,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N g(k_i - k_j) = g(0) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) R_2(x) dx$$

for suitable test function  $g$ .

Note: if  $g$  approximates characteristic function of an interval  $R_2$  is a measure of pairs of eigenvalues whose separation falls in the interval.

## Star graph

- Bogomolny, Gerland & Schmit ('99,'01)

$$R_2(x) \sim \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{2}x \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

- Berkolaiko & Keating ('99), Berkolaiko, Bogomolny & Keating ('01)

$$R_2(x) \sim 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2 x^2} + \frac{76}{\pi^4 x^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^6}\right) \quad x \rightarrow \infty$$

- Dirac op. on rose graph - H & Winn ('12)

$$R_2(x) \sim \frac{\pi c}{6}x \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

$$R_2(x) \sim 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2 x^2} - \frac{13}{8\pi^4 x^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^6}\right) \quad x \rightarrow \infty$$

## Small parameter asymptotic

$$\mathbb{E}(R_2(x)) \sim \frac{1}{\pi} \ln^2\left(\frac{x}{c}\right) x \quad x \rightarrow 0$$

- Secular eqn. similar to star graph (set  $\theta_h = 0$ ),

$$\sum_{h=1}^d \cos(\theta_h) \csc(kl_h) - \cot(kl_h) = 0$$

$$\cos \theta \csc k - \cot k = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} ((-1)^m \cos \theta - 1) \left( \frac{1}{k + \pi m} - \frac{m\pi}{1 + m^2\pi^2} \right)$$

- Statistics of small spacing's approximated by zeros of,

$$\frac{r_1}{k - c_1} + \frac{r_2}{k - c_2} + \frac{r_3}{k - c_3} = 0.$$

- $r_i = 1 - \cos \theta_i$ ;  $\theta_i$  randomly chosen  $a_h$  multiples of  $2\pi j/n$ .

## Large parameter asymptotic

$$\mathbb{E}(R_2(x)) \sim 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2 x^2} - \frac{1}{2\pi^4 x^4} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^6}\right) \quad x \rightarrow \infty$$

- Use small parameter behavior of *form factor*. Fourier transform of  $R_2(x)$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(K(\tau)) = \lim_{\substack{d \rightarrow \infty \\ t/2d \rightarrow \tau}} \sum_{h=1}^d \tilde{K}_h(t, d)$$

$$\tilde{K}_h(t, d) = \frac{d}{2L^2} \sum_{\substack{L \text{ restricted} \\ \text{to } h \text{ edges}}} L^2 \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_t \\ L_p = L}} \frac{A_p}{r_p} \right)^2$$

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$$\tilde{K}_1(t, d) = \frac{d}{2\mathcal{L}^2} \sum_{\substack{L \text{ restricted} \\ \text{to 1 edge}}} L^2 \mathbb{E} \left( \sum_{\substack{p \in \mathcal{P}_t \\ L_p = L}} \frac{A_p}{r_p} \right)^2$$

- Scattering coefficients center;  $1/d$  or  $1/d - 1$  back scattering.
- Scattering dummy vertex;  $e^{\pm i\theta_e}$ , no back scattering.
- Orbit length  $t$  even and maximum back scattering

$$p = e\bar{e}e\bar{e} \cdots e\bar{e}e\bar{e}$$

$$\tilde{K}_1(t, d) \approx 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right)^{2t}$$

$$\lim_{\substack{d \rightarrow \infty \\ t/2d \rightarrow \tau}} \tilde{K}_1(t, d) \approx \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right)^{4d\tau} = 2e^{-4\tau}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\substack{d \rightarrow \infty \\ t/2d \rightarrow \tau}} \tilde{K}_1(t, d) &\approx \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} 2\tau^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{d}\right)^{4d\tau-2} \mathbb{E} \{ 4 \cos^2 \theta_e \} \\ &= 4\tau^2 e^{-4\tau} \end{aligned}$$

- Average contribution from  $t$  even and  $t$  odd,

$$(1 + 2\tau^2)e^{-4\tau}$$

Periodic orbits on  $h > 1$  edges

- Maximal back scattering;  $h$  transitions between edges.
- Choose  $h - 1$  transition points from  $t - 1$  locations.
- Scattering at central vertex,

$$\left(\frac{1}{d} - 1\right)^{t-h} \frac{1}{d^j} .$$

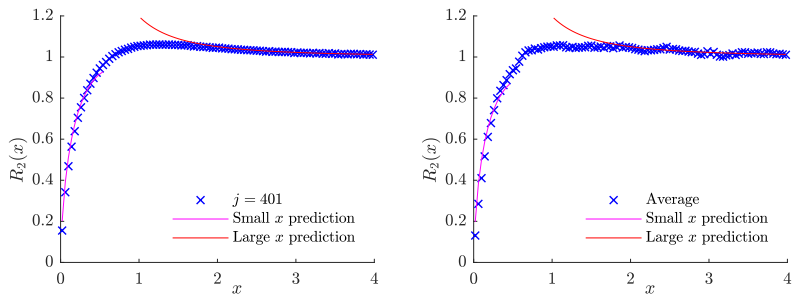
- Phase from  $r$  edges with odd bounces,

$$2^{2(h-r)} \mathbb{E} \left\{ 2^{2r} \cos^2 \theta_{e_{i_1}} \cdots \cos^2 \theta_{e_{i_r}} \right\} = 2^{2h-r} .$$

- Combine results for all  $h$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(K(\tau)) \approx (1 - \tau - 4\tau^2) e^{-4\tau} + \tau e^{2\tau} .$$





**Figure:** Two-point correlation function for subspectrum of  $C_{7919}(\vec{l}; \vec{a})$  transforming according to irrep.  $S_{401}$ , 20 000 089 evals.,  $c = 5.51$  (left) and two-point correlation function of subspectra of  $C_{7919}(\vec{l}; \vec{a})$  averaged over all non-trivial irreps., 5 362 evals. per spectrum,  $c = 5.26$  (right).

# Cayley graph

- $G$  finite group generated by  $\{a, b\}$ .
- $a, b$  order  $\geq 3$ ,  $b \notin \{a, a^{-1}\}$ .
- **Example:**  $G = \text{SL}(2, p)$ ,  $p \geq 5$  prime.

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\Gamma$  Cayley graph of  $G$  wrt  $S = \{a, a^{-1}, b, b^{-1}\}$ ,

$$V = G \quad E = \{(g, gs) : g \in G, s \in S\}$$

- **Metric graph:** length  $2\alpha$  for edges  $(g, gs)$  for  $s \in \{a, a^{-1}\}$ , length  $2\beta$  for edges  $(g, gs)$  for  $s \in \{b, b^{-1}\}$ .
- **Quantum graph:** negative Laplace op. on metric graph with Neumann-like vertex conditions.

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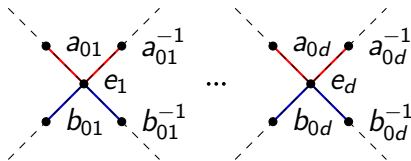
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- Fundamental domain about vertex  $e$ ; four edges,

$$(e, a_0) \quad (e, a_0^{-1}) \quad (e, b_0) \quad (e, b_0^{-1}) .$$

- Take  $d$  fundamental domains.
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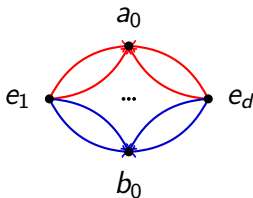
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# Vertex conditions

- $a$  maps  $a_0^{-1}$  to  $a_0$  on  $\Gamma$ .
- $h_j$  function on  $(e, a_0^{-1})$  and  $f_j$  function on  $(e, a_0j)$
- At vertex  $a_0$  Neumann-like conditions require,

$$h_j(\alpha) = \sum_{k=1}^d A_{jk} f_k(\alpha) ,$$

$$h'_j(\alpha) = - \sum_{k=1}^d A_{jk} f'_k(\alpha) .$$

- Similarly  $B$  defines conditions at  $b_0$ .
- Neumann-like conditions at  $e_1, \dots, e_d$ .

## Example: $SL(2, 7)$

$G = SL(2, 7)$  with 6-dim irrep. generated by,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Secular equation,

$$-\frac{1}{4} \csc(\alpha k) \csc(2\alpha k) \csc^2(2\beta k) \sin(\beta k) \times \left( \sin((\alpha + \beta)k) + 4 \sin(3(\alpha + \beta)k) + 2 \sin((\alpha + 3\beta)k) + 4 \sin((3\alpha + 5\beta)k) \right) = 0.$$

Replace vertices  $e_j$  with subgraphs to remove factorization.

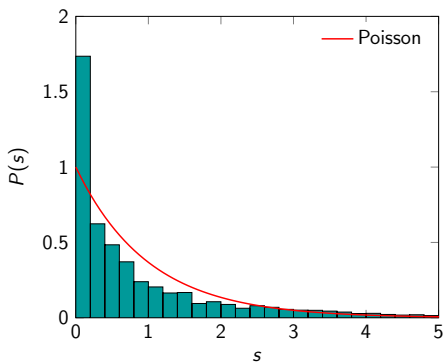


Figure: Histogram of nearest-neighbor spacings for  $SL(2, 7)$  example with  $K_4$  subgraph.

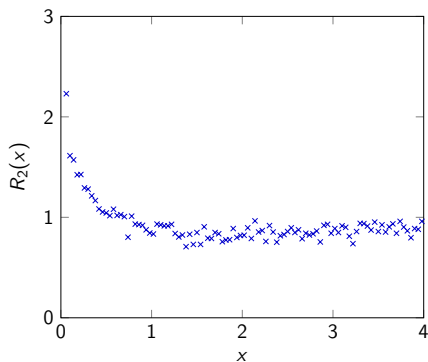


Figure: Two-point correlation function for  $SL(2, 7)$  example with  $K_4$  subgraph.



## Summary

- Secular equations of circulant graphs exhibit features of star graph equation.
- Intermediate statistics of subspectra transforming according to typical irreps. differs from those associated to trivial representation (and star graph).
- Results for spectral zeta function, spectral determinant and vacuum energy of circulant graphs.



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