HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF THE QUADRATIC AND JENSEN FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS ON UNBOUNDED DOMAINS

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Abstract

In the present paper, we investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of the quadratic functional equation and the Jensen functional equation on unbounded domains.

1. Introduction

In 1940, Ulam [30] gave a wide ranging talk before the mathematics club of the University of Wisconsin, in which he discussed a number of important unsolved problems. Among those was the question concerning the stability of group homomorphisms:

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Let G_1 be a group and let G_2 be a metric group with the metric d. Given $\epsilon > 0$, does there exist a $\delta > 0$ such that, if a function $f: G_1 \to G_2$ satisfies the inequality $d(f(xy), f(x)f(y)) \leq \delta$ for all x, y in G_1 , then there exists a homomorphism $a: G_1 \to G_2$ such that $d(a(x), f(x)) \leq \epsilon$ for all x in G_1 ?

The case of approximately additive functions was solved by Hyers [8] under the condition that G_1 and G_2 are Banach spaces. Taking this fact into account, the Cauchy functional equation f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) is said to have *Hyers-Ulam stability* on (G_1, G_2) . The result of Hyers was significantly generalized by Rassias [19]. Since then, the stability of several functional equations have been investigated. The terminology Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability originates from these historical backgrounds.

It should be remarked that, we can find in [5], [11], [24], and [25] a lot of references concerning the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability of functional equations, (see also [3], [4], [6], [7], [9], [14], [20], [21], and [23]).

A stability problem for the quadratic functional equation

$$f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2f(x) + 2f(y), \quad x, y \in E,$$
(1.1)

was proved by Skof [26], and later by Jung [13] on unbounded domains.

Equation (1.1) has been generalized by Stetkaer [29] to the more general equation

$$f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) = 2f(x) + 2f(y), \quad x, y \in E,$$
(1.2)

where $\sigma: E \to E$ is an automorphism of the normed space *E* such that $\sigma \circ \sigma = I$, (*I* denotes the identity).

Recently, the stability theorem of Equation (1.2) and the Jensen functional equations

$$f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) = 2f(x), \quad x, y \in E,$$
(1.3)

$$f(x + y) - f(x + \sigma(y)) = 2f(y), \quad x, y \in E,$$
(1.4)

has been proved, (see [2], [16], and [17]).

In [18], the authors investigated the stability of Equations (1.2) and (1.3) on unbounded domains: $\{(x, y) \in E^2 : ||y|| \ge d\}$.

The stability problems of several functional equations on a restricted domains have been extensively investigated by a number of authors, we refer, for example, to [9], [12], [15], [27], and [28].

Our main goal in this paper is to investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability problem for the Equations (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4) on unbounded domains: $\{(x, y) \in E^2 : ||x|| \ge d\}.$

2. Hyers-Ulam Stability of Equation (1.2) on Unbounded Domains

In this section, we will investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of Equation (1.2) on unbounded domains: $\{(x, y) \in E^2 : ||x|| \ge d\}$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $d \ge 0$, $\delta \ge 0$, and $\gamma \ge 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \to F$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \le \delta,$$
(2.1)

$$\|f(x) - f(\sigma(x))\| \le \gamma, \tag{2.2}$$

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique solution $q: E \to F$ of Equation (1.2) such that

$$||f(x) - q(x)|| \le \frac{5\delta}{2} + \frac{5\gamma}{2},$$
 (2.3)

for all $x \in E$.

Proof. First, we will prove that the function $x \mapsto ||f(x) - f(\sigma(x))||$ is bounded on *E*. Let $x \in E$ such that ||x|| < d and $\sigma(x) \neq x$, and let $z = 2^n x$ with *n* large enough, so ||z|| > d, $||\sigma(z)|| > d$, and ||x - z|| > d. By using now, the inequalities (2.1), (2.2), the triangle inequality, and the following equation

$$f(x) - f(\sigma(x)) = -[f(\sigma(z) + x - z) + f(\sigma(x)) - 2f(\sigma(z)) - 2f(x - z)] + [f(z + \sigma(x) - \sigma(z)) + f(x) - 2f(z) - 2f(\sigma(x) - \sigma(z))]$$

$$+2[f(z) - f(\sigma(z))] + [f(\sigma(z) + x - z) - f(z + \sigma(x) - \sigma(z))]$$
$$+2[f(\sigma(x) - \sigma(z)) - f(x - z)],$$

we get

$$\|f(x) - f(\sigma(x)\| \le 2\delta + 5\gamma, \qquad (2.4)$$

for all $x \in E$. Now, we will show that the function: $(x, y) \mapsto ||f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)||$ is bounded on *E*. Let $x, y \in E$ such that ||x|| < d. If x = 0, then we have $||f(0 + y) + f(0 + \sigma(y)) - 2f(0) - 2f(y)||$ = $||f(\sigma(y)) - f(y) - 2f(0)|| \le 2\delta + 5\gamma + 2||f(0)||$. For $x \ne 0$, we choose $z = 2^n x, n \in \mathbb{N}$, and we discuss the following cases.

Case 1. $\sigma(x) \neq -x$.

With *n* large enough, we have ||z|| > d, ||x + z|| > d, $||\sigma(x) + z|| > d$, $||y + \sigma(z)|| > d$, and $||z + \sigma(z)|| > d$. By using (2.1), (2.2), the triangle inequality, and the following decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned} &2[f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)] \\ &= [f(x + z + y + \sigma(z)) + f(x + z + \sigma(y) + z) - 2f(x + z) - 2f(y + z)] \\ &- [f(2z + x + \sigma(y)) + f(2z + \sigma(x) + y) - 2f(2z) - 2f(x + \sigma(y))] \\ &+ [f(\sigma(x) + z + y + z) + f(\sigma(x) + z + \sigma(y) + \sigma(z)) - 2f(\sigma(x) + z) - 2f(y + z)] \\ &+ 2[f(z + x) + f(z + \sigma(x)) - 2f(z) - 2f(x)] \\ &+ 2[f(z + y) + f(z + \sigma(y)) - 2f(z) - 2f(y)] \\ &- 2[f(2z) + f(z + \sigma(z)) - 2f(z) - 2f(z)] + 2[f(y + \sigma(z)) - f(z + \sigma(y))] \\ &- [f(z + \sigma(z) + x + y) + f(z + \sigma(z) + \sigma(x) + \sigma(y)) - 2f(z + \sigma(z)) - 2f(x + y)], \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \le 5\delta + \gamma.$$
(2.5)

Case 2. $\sigma(x) = -x$.

In this case, we use the following relation:

$$2[f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)]$$

= -[f(2z + x + y) + f(2z - x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(2z) - 2f(x + y)]
-[f(2z + x + \sigma(y)) + f(2z - x + y) - 2f(2z) - 2f(x + \sigma(y))]
+[f(-x + 2z + y) + f(-x + 2z + \sigma(y)) - 2f(-x + 2z) - 2f(y)]
+[f(x + 2z + y) + f(x + 2z + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x + 2z) - 2f(y)]
+2[f(2z + x) + f(2z - x) - 2f(2z) - 2f(x)],

and we get

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \le 3\delta.$$
(2.6)

If x = y = 0, then we choose an arbitrary $z \in E$ with ||z|| = d. So, by using the above decomposition (Case 2), we get $||2f(0)|| \le 3\delta$. Consequently, the inequality

$$||f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)|| \le 5\delta + 5\gamma,$$

holds for all $x, y \in E$. Now, in view of [1], we get the rest of the proof. \Box

Corollary 2.2. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of Equation (1.2), if and only if

$$\|f(x) - f(\sigma(x))\| \to 0 \text{ and } \sup_{y \in E} \|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \to 0,$$

(2.7)

as $||x|| \to +\infty$.

Proof. According to our asymptotic condition, there exist two sequences (δ_n) and γ_n , monotonically decreasing to zero such that

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \le \delta_n,$$
$$\|f(x) - f(\sigma(x))\| \le \gamma_n,$$

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge n$. By Theorem 2.1, it follows that there exists a unique solution of Equation (1.2): $q_n : E \to F$ such that

$$||f(x) - q_n|| \le \frac{5\delta_n}{2} + \frac{5\gamma_n}{2},$$
 (2.8)

for all $x \in E$. Let *n* and *m* be integers satisfying m > n > 0. In view of (2.8), we get

$$\|f(x) - q_m\| \le \frac{5\delta_m}{2} + \frac{5\gamma_m}{2} \le \frac{5\delta_n}{2} + \frac{5\gamma_n}{2}, \qquad (2.9)$$

for all $x \in E$. Consequently, by using the uniqueness of q_n , we obtain $q_m = q_n$ for all $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Finally, by letting $n \to +\infty$, we get that f is a solution of Equation (1.2). The reverse assertion is obvious.

Corollary 2.3 ($\sigma = -I$). Let $d \ge 0, \gamma \ge 0$, and $\delta \ge 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \to F$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \le \delta,$$
(2.10)

$$||f(x) - f(-x)|| \le \gamma,$$
 (2.11)

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique solution $q: E \to F$ of the quadratic functional equation (1.1) such that

$$||f(x) - q(x)|| \le \frac{5\delta}{2} + \frac{5\gamma}{2},$$
 (2.12)

(2.13)

for all $x \in E$.

Corollary 2.4. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of (1.1), if and only if

$$||f(x) - f(-x)|| \to 0 \text{ and } \sup_{y \in E} ||f(x + y) + f(x - y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)|| \to 0,$$

as $||x|| \to +\infty$.

Corollary 2.5 ($\sigma = I$). Let d > 0 and $\delta > 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \to F$ satisfies the inequality

$$|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \le \delta,$$
(2.14)

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $A : E \to F$ such that

$$||f(x) - A(x)|| \le 5\delta,$$
 (2.15)

for all $x \in E$.

Corollary 2.6. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is additive, if and only if

$$\sup_{y \in E} \|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \to 0,$$
(2.16)

as $||x|| \to +\infty$.

By using the proof of Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 2.2, we get the following results.

Corollary 2.7 [18]. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of Equation (1.2), if and only if

$$\sup_{x \in E} \|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)\| \to 0,$$
(2.17)

as $\|y\| \to +\infty$.

Corollary 2.8 [18]. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of Equation (1.2), if and only if

$$||f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)|| \to 0, \qquad (2.18)$$

 $as \|x\| + \|y\| \to +\infty.$

Corollary 2.9 [13]. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of Equation (1.1), if and only if

$$||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y)|| \to 0,$$
(2.19)

 $as \|x\| + \|y\| \to +\infty.$

Corollary 2.10 [28]. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is additive, if and only if

$$||f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)|| \to 0, \qquad (2.20)$$

as $||x|| + ||y|| \rightarrow +\infty$.

3. Hyers-Ulam Stability of Equation (1.3) on Unbounded Domains

In this section, we establish the Hyers-Ulam stability theorem for Equation (1.3) on unbounded domains: $\{(x, y) \in E^2 : ||x|| \ge d\}$.

Theorem 3.1. Let $d \ge 0$, $\delta \ge 0$, and $\gamma \ge 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \to F$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x)\| \le \delta,$$
(3.1)

$$\|f(x) + f(\sigma(x))\| \le \gamma, \tag{3.2}$$

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $J : E \to F$ as a solution of Equation (1.3) such that $J(\sigma(x)) = -J(x)$, and

$$\|f(x) - f(0) - J(x)\| \le 12\delta + 9\gamma, \tag{3.3}$$

for all $x \in E$.

Proof. Let us show that the function $x \mapsto ||f(x) + f(\sigma(x))||$ is bounded on *E*. For each $x \in E$, such that 0 < ||x|| < d and for $z = 2^n x$ with *n* large enough, we have.

Case 1. $\sigma(x) \neq x$. From ||z|| > d, $||\sigma(z)|| > d$, and $||x + \sigma(z) - z|| > d$, the inequalities (3.1), (3.2), the triangle inequality, and the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) + f(\sigma(x)) &= \left[f(\sigma(z) + x - z) + f(\sigma(x)) - 2f(\sigma(z)) \right] \\ &+ \left[f(z + \sigma(x) - \sigma(z)) + f(z + x - z) - 2f(z) \right] \\ &+ 2 \left[f(z) + f(\sigma(z)) \right] - \left[f(\sigma(z) + x - z) + f(z + \sigma(x) - \sigma(z)) \right], \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\|f(x) + f(\sigma(x)\| \le 2\delta + 3\gamma. \tag{3.4}$$

Case 2. $\sigma(x) = x$. From the following relation,

$$f(x) + f(\sigma(x)) = [f(z + x - z) + f(z + \sigma(x) - (z)) - 2f(z)] + [f(z) + f(\sigma(z))],$$

we get

$$\|f(x) + f(\sigma(x)\| \le \delta + \gamma. \tag{3.5}$$

Consequently, we have

$$\|f(x) + f(\sigma(x)\| \le 2\delta + 3\gamma, \tag{3.6}$$

for all $x \in E - \{0\}$.

Now, we prove that the function: $(x, y) \mapsto ||f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x)||$ is bounded on *E*. Let $x, y \in E$ such that ||x|| < d. If x = 0, then by using (3.6), we obtain

$$\|f(0+y) + f(0+\sigma(y)) - 2f(0)\| \le 2\delta + 3\gamma + 2\|f(0)\|.$$
(3.7)

For $x \neq 0$, we choose $z = 2^n x$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and we discuss the following cases.

Case 1. $\sigma(x) \neq x$. For *n* large enough, we can easily verify that $||x - z|| \geq d$, $||x - \sigma(z)|| \geq d$, $||x - z + \sigma(z)|| \geq d$, and $||x - \sigma(z) + y + z|| \geq d$. Therefore, from (3.1), (3.2), the triangle inequality, and the following relation,

$$f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x)$$

= $[f(x + y) + f(x - z + \sigma(y) + \sigma(z)) - 2f(x - z)]$
+ $[f(x - \sigma(z) + y + z) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x - \sigma(z))]$
- $[f(x) + f(x - z + \sigma(z)) - 2f(x - z)]$
- $[f(x) + f(\sigma(x) - \sigma(z) + z) - 2f(z)]$
- $[f(x - z + \sigma(y) + \sigma(z)) + f(\sigma(x) + y) - 2f(\sigma(z))]$

+
$$[f(\sigma(x) + y) + f(\sigma(x) - z + \sigma(y) + \sigma(z)) - 2f(\sigma(x) - z)]$$

+ $2[f(x - \sigma(z)) + f(\sigma(x) - z)] - 2[f(z) + f(\sigma(z))]$
+ $[f(x - z + \sigma(z)) + f(\sigma(x) - \sigma(z) + z)]$
- $[f(x - \sigma(z) + y + z) + f(\sigma(x) - z + \sigma(y) + \sigma(z))],$

we get

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x)\| \le 6\delta + 6\gamma.$$
(3.8)

Case 2. $\sigma(x) = x$. By using (3.1), (3.2), and the following decomposition

$$f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x)$$

= $[f(x - z + y + z) + f(x - z + \sigma(y) + z) - 2f(x - z)]$
 $-[f(-z + x + z) + f(-z + \sigma(x) + z) - 2f(-z)]$
 $+[f(-z + x) + f(-z + x) - 2f(-z)],$

we get

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x)\| \le 3\delta.$$
(3.9)

If x = 0 = y, then we choose an arbitrary $z \in E$ such that ||z|| = d. By using the above decomposition (Case 2), we obtain $||f(0)|| \le 3\delta$.

Finally, the inequality

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x)\| \le 8\delta + 6\gamma, \tag{3.10}$$

holds true for all $x, y \in E$. Now, from [16], one gets that there exists a unique additive mapping $J : E \to F$, which satisfies the inequality (3.3). Furthermore, $J(\sigma(x)) = -J(x)$ for all $x \in E$. This completes the proof of theorem.

Corollary 3.2. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of Equation (1.3), if and only if

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$$\|f(x) + f(\sigma(x))\| \to 0 \text{ and } \sup_{y \in E} \|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x)\| \to 0, \quad (3.11)$$

 $as \|x\| \to +\infty.$

Corollary 3.3 ($\sigma = -I$). Let $d > 0, \gamma \ge 0$, and $\delta > 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \to F$ satisfies the inequalities

$$\|f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)\| \le \delta, \tag{3.12}$$

$$||f(x) + f(-x)|| \le \gamma,$$
 (3.13)

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $J : E \to F$ solution of the Jensen functional equation (1.3) such that J(-x) = -J(x), and

$$\|f(x) - f(0) - J(x)\| \le 12\delta + 9\gamma, \tag{3.14}$$

for all $x \in E$.

Corollary 3.4. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of (1.3), if and only if

$$||f(x) + f(-x)|| \to 0 \text{ and } \sup_{y \in E} ||f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x)|| \to 0, \quad (3.15)$$

as $||x|| \to +\infty$.

Corollary 3.5 [18]. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of (1.3), if and only if

$$\sup_{x \in E} \|f(x+y) + f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(x)\| \to 0,$$
 (3.16)

as $\|y\| \to +\infty$.

Corollary 3.6 [18]. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of (1.3), if and only if

$$||f(x + y) + f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x)|| \to 0, \qquad (3.17)$$

 $as \|x\| + \|y\| \to +\infty.$

4. Hyers-Ulam Stability of Equation (1.4) on Unbounded Domains

In this section, we investigate the stability of the Jensen functional equation (1.4) on a restricted domain: $\{(x, y) \in E^2 : ||x|| \ge d\}$.

Theorem 4.1. Let $d \ge 0$ and $\delta \ge 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \rightarrow F$ satisfies the inequality

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(y)\| \le \delta,$$
(4.1)

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $j : E \to F$ solution of the Jensen functional equation (1.4) such that $j(\sigma(x)) = -j(x)$, and

$$\|f(x) - j(x)\| \le 3\delta, \tag{4.2}$$

for all $x \in E$.

Proof. Let $x, y \in E$ such that 0 < ||x|| < d. We choose $z = 2^n x$, where *n* is large enough, so $||z|| \ge d$, $||x + z|| \ge d$, and $||z + \sigma(x)|| \ge d$. From (4.1), the triangle inequality, and the following decomposition,

$$2[f(x + y) - f(x + \sigma(y)) - 2f(y)]$$

= -[f(z + x + y) - f(z + \sigma(x) + \sigma(y)) - 2f(x + y)]
+[f(z + x + \sigma(y)) - f(z + \sigma(x) + y) - 2f(x + \sigma(y))]
+[f(x + z + y) - f(x + z + \sigma(y)) - 2f(y)]
+[f(z + \sigma(x) + y) - f(z + \sigma(x) + \sigma(y)) - 2f(y)],

we have

$$\|f(x+y) - f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(y)\| \le 2\delta, \tag{4.3}$$

for all $x, y \in E$ with $x \neq 0$. Now, if x = 0, the following relation with an arbitrary $z \in E$ such that ||z|| = d

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$$2[f(0 + y) - f(0 + \sigma(y)) - 2f(y)]$$

= -[f(z + x + y) - f(z + \sigma(y)) - 2f(y)]
+[f(z + \sigma(y)) - f(z + y) - 2f(\sigma(y))]
+2[f(z + y) - f(z + \sigma(y)) - 2f(y)],

implies that

$$||f(0+y) - f(0+\sigma(y)) - 2f(y)|| \le 2\delta,$$

for all $y \in E$. Consequently,

$$\left\|f(x+y) - f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(y)\right\| \le 2\delta,$$

for all $x, y \in E$, so from [17], there exists a unique additive mapping $j: E \to F$ such that $j(\sigma(x)) = -j(x)$ and $||f(x) - j(x)|| \le 3\delta$. This ends our proof.

Corollary 4.2. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of Equation (1.4), if and only if

$$\sup_{y \in E} \|f(x+y) - f(x+\sigma(y)) - 2f(y)\| \to 0,$$
(4.4)

as $||x|| \to +\infty$.

Corollary 4.3 ($\sigma = -I$). Let d > 0 and $\delta > 0$ be given. Assume that a mapping $f : E \to F$ satisfies the inequality

$$|f(x + y) - f(x - y) - 2f(y)|| \le \delta,$$
(4.5)

for all $x, y \in E$ with $||x|| \ge d$. Then, there exists a unique additive mapping $j : E \to F$ solution of the Jensen functional equation (1.4) such that j(-x) = j(x) and

$$||f(x) - j(x)|| \le 3\delta,$$
 (4.6)

for all $x \in E$.

Corollary 4.4. A mapping $f : E \to F$ is a solution of (1.4), if and only if

$$\sup_{y \in E} \|f(x+y) - f(x-y) - 2f(y)\| \to 0,$$
(4.7)

as $||x|| \to +\infty$.

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