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RMM-SOLVED PROBLEMS

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01. Solve in \mathbb{R} :

$$(2^x + 3^x)\sqrt{6^{1-x}} = 5$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(2^x + 3^x)\sqrt{6^{1-x}} = 5 &\Leftrightarrow (2^x + 3^x)^2 6^{1-x} = 25 \Leftrightarrow \frac{2^{2x} + 3^{2x} + 2 \cdot 6^x}{6^x} = \frac{25}{6} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2^{2x}}{2^x 3^x} + \frac{3^{2x}}{2^x 3^x} + 2 = \frac{25}{6} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{2^x}{3^x} + \frac{3^x}{2^x} = \frac{13}{6} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x = \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1\end{aligned}$$

The set of the solutions is $S = \{-1, 1\}$.

Remark: The problem can be developed.

Let $a > b > 1$ fixed. Solve in \mathbb{R}

$$(a^x + b^x)\sqrt{(ab)^{1-x}} = a + b$$

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}(a^x + b^x)\sqrt{(ab)^{1-x}} = a + b &\Leftrightarrow (a^x + b^x)^2 (ab)^{1-x} = (a + b)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{a^{2x} + b^{2x} + 2 \cdot (ab)^x}{(ab)^x} = \frac{(a + b)^2}{ab} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{a^{2x}}{a^x b^x} + \frac{b^{2x}}{a^x b^x} + 2 &= \frac{a^2 + b^2 + 2ab}{ab} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a^x}{b^x} + \frac{b^x}{a^x} = \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^x = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1\end{aligned}$$

The set of the solution is $S = \{-1, 1\}$.

Note:

For $a = 3, b = 2$ we obtain the proposed problem by Daniel Sitaru in RMM 11/2022.

02. In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum (a + 2b)(a + 2c) \leq 81R^2$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution: Lemma:

If $x, y, z > 0$

$$(x + 2y)(x + 2z) \leq (x + y + z)^2.$$

Proof:

$$(x + 2y)(x + 2z) \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \left[\frac{(x + 2y) + (x + 2z)}{2} \right]^2 = (x + y + z)^2$$

with equality for $(x + 2y) = (x + 2z) \Leftrightarrow y = z$.

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Let's get back to the main problem.

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = (a, b, c)$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum (a + 2b)(a + 2c) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum (a + b + c)^2 = \sum (2p)^2 = 12p^2 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} 12 \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} = 81R^2 = RHS$$

The equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way:

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum (m_a + 2m_b)(m_a + 2m_c) \leq 3(4R + r)^2$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = (m_a, m_b, m_c)$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum (m_a + 2m_b)(m_a + 2m_c) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum (m_a + m_b + m_c)^2 \stackrel{\text{Leuenberger}}{\leq} \sum (4R + r)^2 = 3(4R + r)^2 = RHS$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way:

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum (h_a + 2h_b)(h_a + 2h_c) \leq \frac{243R^2}{4}$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = (h_a, h_b, h_c)$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum (h_a + 2h_b)(h_a + 2h_c) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum (h_a + h_b + h_c)^2 \stackrel{\text{Santalo}}{\leq} \sum (p\sqrt{3})^2 = 9p^2 \leq \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} 9 \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} = \frac{243R^2}{4} = RHS$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum (w_a + 2w_b)(w_a + 2w_c) \leq \frac{243R^2}{4}$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = (w_a, w_b, w_c)$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum (w_a + 2w_b)(w_a + 2w_c) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum (w_a + w_b + w_c)^2 \stackrel{\text{Santalo}}{\leq} \sum (p\sqrt{3})^2 = 9p^2 \leq \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} 9 \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} = \frac{243R^2}{4} = RHS$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

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In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum (s_a + 2s_b)(s_a + 2s_c) \leq \frac{243R^2}{4}.$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = (s_a, s_b, s_c)$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum (s_a + 2s_b)(s_a + 2s_c) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum (s_a + s_b + s_c)^2 \stackrel{s_a \leq h_a}{\leq} \sum (h_a + h_b + h_c)^2 \leq \\ &\stackrel{\text{Santaló}}{\leq} \sum (p\sqrt{3})^2 = 9p^2 \stackrel{\text{Mitrinović}}{\leq} 9 \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4} = \frac{243R^2}{4} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum (r_a + 2r_b)(r_a + 2r_c) \leq \frac{243R^2}{4}$$

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Solution:

Using Lemma for $(x, y, z) = (r_a, r_b, r_c)$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum (r_a + 2r_b)(r_a + 2r_c) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum (r_a + r_b + r_c)^2 = \sum (4R + r)^2 = RHS$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq 3 \left(1 + \frac{R}{r} \right)$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = \left(\tan \frac{A}{2}, \tan \frac{B}{2}, \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + 2 \tan \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum \left(\tan \frac{A}{2} + \tan \frac{B}{2} + \tan \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 = \\ &= \sum \left(\frac{4R + r}{p} \right)^2 = 3 \cdot \frac{(4R + r)^2}{p^2} \stackrel{\text{Gerretsen}}{\leq} 3 \cdot \frac{(4R + r)^2}{r(4R + r)^2} = 3 \cdot \frac{R + r}{r} = 3 \left(1 + \frac{R}{r} \right) = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq 81 \left(\frac{R}{2r} \right)^2$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = \left(\cot \frac{A}{2}, \cot \frac{B}{2}, \cot \frac{C}{2} \right)$ we obtain:

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$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cot \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cot \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum \left(\cot \frac{A}{2} + \cot \frac{B}{2} + \cot \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 = \\ &= \sum \left(\frac{p}{r} \right)^2 = 3 \cdot \frac{p^2}{r^2} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\leq} 3 \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4r^2} = \frac{81R^2}{4r^2} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{27}{4}$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = \left(\sin \frac{A}{2}, \sin \frac{B}{2}, \sin \frac{C}{2} \right)$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sin \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum \left(\sin \frac{A}{2} + \sin \frac{B}{2} + \sin \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \sum \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{27}{4} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cos \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{81}{4}.$$

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Solution:

Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = \left(\cos \frac{A}{2}, \cos \frac{B}{2}, \cos \frac{C}{2} \right)$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cos \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + 2 \cos \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum \left(\cos \frac{A}{2} + \cos \frac{B}{2} + \cos \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \sum \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 = 3 \cdot \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{81}{4} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way:

In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sec \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{9R^2}{r^2}$$

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Solution:

Using Lemma for $(x, y, z) = \left(\sec \frac{A}{2}, \sec \frac{B}{2}, \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)$ we obtain:

$$LHS = \sum \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sec \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + 2 \sec \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Lemma}}{\leq} \sum \left(\sec \frac{A}{2} + \sec \frac{B}{2} + \sec \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq}$$

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$$\stackrel{Jensen}{\leq} \sum \left(\frac{2p}{3r}\right)^2 = 3 \cdot \frac{4p^2}{9r^2} \stackrel{Mitrinovic}{\leq} 3 \cdot \frac{4 \cdot \frac{27R^2}{4}}{9r^2} = \frac{9R^2}{r^2} = RHS.$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: In the same way.

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum \left(\csc \frac{A}{2} + 2 \csc \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\csc \frac{A}{2} + 2 \csc \frac{C}{2} \right) \leq \frac{27R^2}{r^2}$$

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Solution: Using the Lemma for $(x, y, z) = \left(\csc \frac{A}{2}, \csc \frac{B}{2}, \csc \frac{C}{2} \right)$ we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \left(\csc \frac{A}{2} + 2 \csc \frac{B}{2} \right) \left(\csc \frac{A}{2} + 2 \csc \frac{C}{2} \right) \stackrel{Lemma}{\leq} \sum \left(\csc \frac{A}{2} + \csc \frac{B}{2} + \csc \frac{C}{2} \right)^2 \stackrel{Jensen}{\leq} \\ &\stackrel{Jensen}{\leq} \sum \left(\frac{3R}{r} \right)^2 = 3 \cdot \frac{9R^2}{r^2} = \frac{27R^2}{r^2} = RHS. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

03. If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$2^{a-b} + 2^{b-c} + 2^{c-a} \geq \frac{2^a + 2^b + 2^c}{\sqrt[3]{2^{a+b+c}}}$$

Daniel Sitaru

Solution:

$$2^{a-b} + 2^{b-c} + 2^{c-a} \geq \frac{2^a + 2^b + 2^c}{\sqrt[3]{2^{a+b+c}}} \Leftrightarrow \frac{2^a}{2^b} + \frac{2^b}{2^c} + \frac{2^c}{2^a} \geq \frac{2^a + 2^b + 2^c}{\sqrt[3]{2^a} \sqrt[3]{2^b} \sqrt[3]{2^c}}$$

With the substitution $(\sqrt[3]{2^a}, \sqrt[3]{2^b}, \sqrt[3]{2^c}) = (x, y, z)$ the conclusion can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^3}{y^3} + \frac{y^3}{z^3} + \frac{z^3}{x^3} &\geq \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{xyz} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^6 z^3 + y^6 x^3 + z^6 y^3}{x^3 y^3 z^3} \geq \frac{x^3 + y^3 + z^3}{xyz} \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow x^6 z^3 + y^6 x^3 + z^6 y^3 &\geq x^2 y^2 z^2 (x^3 + y^3 + z^3), (*) \text{ which follows from means inequality:} \end{aligned}$$

$$x^6 z^3 + x^6 z^3 + y^6 x^3 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{x^6 z^3 \cdot x^6 z^3 \cdot y^6 x^3} = 3 \sqrt[3]{x^{15} y^6 z^6} = 3x^5 y^2 z^2 \quad (1)$$

we write the other two analog inequalities $y^6 x^3 + y^6 x^3 + z^6 y^3 \geq 3y^5 z^2 x^2$ (2),

$$z^6 y^3 + z^6 y^3 + z^6 z^3 \geq 3z^5 x^2 y^2 \quad (3).$$

We add the inequalities (1), (2), (3), we divide by 3 and we obtain (*).

Equality holds if and only if $x = y = z \Leftrightarrow a = b = c$.

04. If $x, y, z > 0$ then in ΔABC

$$\sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \frac{a\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{h_a}} \geq \sqrt{6F}$$

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Solution:

$$LHS = \sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \frac{a\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{h_a}} = \sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{ah_a}} = \sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{2F}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2F}} \sum \frac{x}{y+z} \cdot a^2 \geq$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{Tsintsifas}}{\geq} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2F}} \cdot 2\sqrt{3F} = \sqrt{6F} = \text{RHS}$$

Lemma (G. Tsintsifas).

In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\frac{x}{y+z}a^2 + \frac{y}{z+x}b^2 + \frac{z}{x+y}c^2 \geq 2\sqrt{3}S, \text{ where } x, y, z > 0$$

G. Tsintsifas

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We have } \sum \frac{x}{y+z}a^2 &= \sum \left(\frac{x}{y+z} + 1 - 1 \right) a^2 = \sum \frac{x+y+z}{y+z}a^2 - \sum a^2 \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} \\ &\geq (x+y+z) \frac{(\sum a)^2}{\sum(y+z)} - \sum a^2 = (x+y+z) \frac{(2p)^2}{2(x+y+z)} - 2(p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = \\ &= 2p^2 - 2(p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr) = 2(r^2 + 4Rr) \end{aligned}$$

Above, we've used the known identities in triangle:

$$\sum a = 2p \text{ and } \sum a^2 = 2(p^2 - r^2 - 4Rr).$$

It remains to prove that $2(r^2 + 4Rr) \geq 2\sqrt{3}S \Leftrightarrow r^2 + 4Rr \geq \sqrt{3}rp \Leftrightarrow 4R + r \geq p\sqrt{3}$, which is Doucet's inequality. Equality holds if and only if $a = b = c$ and $x = y = z$.

05. In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} \geq 2\sqrt{3}F$$

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} = \sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^3}{3\sum(b+c)} = \frac{(\sum a)^3}{3 \cdot 2\sum a} = \frac{(\sum a)^2}{6} = \frac{(2p)^2}{6} = \frac{4p^2}{6} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} 2\sqrt{3}pr \\ &= 2\sqrt{3}F = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Remark: The problem can be developed.

In $\triangle ABC$ holds:

$$\sum \frac{a^3}{b+\lambda c} \geq \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\lambda+1}F, \lambda \geq 0$$

Marin Chirciu

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} = \sum \frac{a^3}{b+\lambda c} &\stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^3}{3\sum(b+\lambda c)} = \frac{(\sum a)^3}{3(\lambda+1)\sum a} = \frac{(\sum a)^2}{3 \cdot (\lambda+1)} = \frac{(2p)^2}{3 \cdot (\lambda+1)} = \\ &= \frac{4p^2}{3 \cdot (\lambda+1)} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\lambda+1}pr = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{\lambda+1}F = \text{RHS}. \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral

Note: For $\lambda = 1$ we obtain the problem J.2104 from RMM-40 Spring Edition 2024, proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu, Dan Nănuți.

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In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum \frac{a^3}{b+c} \geq 2\sqrt{3}F.$$

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Remark: The problem can be developed.

In ΔABC holds:

$$\sum \frac{a^n}{b+\lambda c} \geq \left(\frac{2p}{3}\right)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{3}{\lambda+1}, \lambda \geq 0.$$

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \sum \frac{a^n}{b+\lambda c} \stackrel{\text{Holder}}{\geq} \frac{(\sum a)^n}{3^{n-2} \sum (b+\lambda c)} = \frac{(\sum a)^n}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1) \sum a} = \frac{(\sum a)^{n-1}}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1)} = \\ &= \frac{(2p)^{n-1}}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1)} = \left(\frac{2p}{3}\right)^{n-1} \frac{3}{\lambda+1} = \frac{2^{n-1}p^{n-1}}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1)} = \frac{2^{n-1}p^{n-3}p^2}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1)} \stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Mitrinovic}}{\geq} \frac{2^{n-1}p^{n-3} \cdot 3\sqrt{3}pr}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1)} = \frac{2^{n-1}p^{n-3} \cdot 3\sqrt{3}F}{3^{n-2}(\lambda+1)} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Equality holds if and only if the triangle is equilateral.

Note: For $\lambda = 1$ and $n = 3$ we obtain the problem J.2104 from RMM-40 Spring Edition 2024, proposed by D.M. Bătinețu-Giurgiu, Dan Nănuți.

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