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## STUDY OF $L$ -FUNCTION USING WEAKLY WEIGHTED SHARING DEFINED OVER AN EXTENDED SELBERG CLASS

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**Abstract.** In this article, the concept of weakly weighted sharing is used to prove the uniqueness results of a meromorphic function and an  $L$ -function described in Selberg class  $\mathbb{S}$ . Our result will improve the result due to D.C. Pramanik and Ja. Roy [4].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

We use the basic notations of Nevanlinna theory as described in [1, 8, 9, 10]. We define,  $F = \{h_1 : h_1 \text{ is a non-constant meromorphic function}\}$ , where meromorphic function is always defined in the complex plane. A meromorphic function  $a$  is a small function with respect to  $h_1 \in F$ , if either  $a \equiv \infty$  or  $T(r, a) = S(r, h_1)$ .  $S(h_1)$  is the set of all small functions with respect to  $h_1$  that are specified in the complex plane.

In 19th century, A. Selberg introduced a class known as Selberg Class in order to understand the value distribution of  $L$ -functions, since then Selberg Class has been an important field of research. For the concept of  $L$ -function, we encourage the reader to refer [6].

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**Definition 1.** [9] For  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , the quantity

$$\delta(a, h_1) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; h_1)}{T(r, h_1)},$$

is called the deficiency of ‘ $a$ ’ for the function  $h_1$ .

**Definition 2.** [9] The quantity

$$\Theta(a, h_1) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{N}(r, a; h_1)}{T(r, h_1)},$$

for  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  is the ramification index of  $a$  for the function  $h_1$ .

The first comprehensive review of the principle of weighted sharing to prove the uniqueness of meromorphic functions was proposed by Indrajit Lahiri in 2001. We steer the reader to [2](see p.195, Definition 7) for a discussion on weighted sharing.

The argument of Shanhua Lin and Weichuan Lin in 2006 touched upon the principle of weakly weighted sharing. For the definition, reader can refer [3](see p.274, Definition 4).

We denote with the notation  $\bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1)$ , the reduced counting function which are 1–points of  $H_1$  whose multiplicities are greater than 1–points of  $L$  when  $H_1$  and  $L$  share 1 “ $IM$ ”.  $\bar{N}_L(r, 1; L)$  is described similarly. We denote the reduced counting function for the poles for the function  $h_1$  by  $N_1(r, h_1) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; h_1)$ . Similarly,  $N_1\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) = \bar{N}(r, 0; h_1)$ ,  $N_1(r, L) = \bar{N}(r, L)$ ,  $N_1\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) = \bar{N}(r, 0; L)$ .

In 2006, S. Lin and W. Lin (see [3], p. 272, Theorem 1 – 3) defined and used the concept of weakly weighted sharing of functions to prove the uniqueness of a meromorphic functions and its derivatives for the first time. By contributing three theorems, they proved the uniqueness of  $h_1$  and  $h_1^{(n)}$  when they both share “ $(a, m)$ ”, “ $(a, 1)$ ”, “ $(a, 0)$ ” with some relative conditions.

Later in 2011, H-Y. Xu and Y. Hu (see [7], p. 104, Theorem 1 – 3) generalized the theorems proved by S. Lin and W. Lin by proving the uniqueness of a non-constant meromorphic function  $h_1$  and  $L(h_1) = h_1^{(n_1)} + a_{n_1-1}h_1^{(n_1-1)} + \dots + a_0h_1$  where  $a_i (\neq 0, \infty) \in S(h_1)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n_1 - 1$ , sharing “ $(a, k_1)$ ”, “ $(a, 1)$ ”, “ $(a, 0)$ ” with some conditions of suitability.

Recently, in 2019, D. C. Pramanik and Ja. Roy (see [4], p. 44, Theorem 7) considered the issue more broadly with consideration of non-constant homogeneous differential polynomials  $P[h_1]$  and  $P[g]$ , where  $f$  and  $g$  are two functions having non-constant meromorphic properties

and showed that if  $P[h_1]$  and  $P[g]$  share “ $(a, l)$ ” with some appropriate conditions, then  $P[h_1] = P[g]$ .

Inspired by such study, it is normal to inquire that what will be the relation between a non-constant meromorphic function  $h_1$  and an  $L$ -function  $L$  when they share “ $(a, l)$ ” and weakly weighted sharing is taken into account where  $a \in S(h_1) \cap S(L)$ ,  $a \neq 0, \infty$ . As an answer for this, we have proved the result as stated in the Section 3 of this paper.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

We highlight only those lemmas that are needed to prove our conclusion.

We consider

$$(2.1) \quad \Psi = \left( \frac{H_1''}{H_1'} - 2 \frac{H_1'}{H_1 - 1} \right) - \left( \frac{H_2''}{H_2'} - 2 \frac{H_2'}{H_2 - 1} \right).$$

Here, the notations  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are used and they are considered to be non-constant meromorphic functions. For Second Fundamental Theorem (SFT), we redirect the reader to [1].

If suppose  $h_1 \in F$  defined in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then we have

$$(2.2) \quad N(r, 0; h_1^{(p)}) \leq N(r, 0; h_1) + pN_1(r, h_1) + O(\log(T(r, h_1)) + \log r),$$

refer [9].

Suppose,

(1)  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  share “ $(1, l)$ ” then

$$(2.3) \quad \bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1) \leq \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; H_1) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + S(r, H_1),$$

refer [7], [p. 106, Lemma 4].

(2)  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  share “ $(1, 0)$ ” then

$$(2.4) \quad \bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1) \leq \bar{N}(r, 0; H_1) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + S(r, H_1),$$

refer [7], [p. 106, Lemma 6].

Also, letting a non-negative integer or  $\infty$  as ‘ $l$ ’,  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  sharing “ $(1, l)$ ”, if  $\Psi$  as defined in (2.1) is not equal to zero then we have the following cases.

(1) Whenever  $2 \leq l \leq \infty$ ,

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, H_1) &\leq N_2(r, \infty; H_1) + N_2(r, \infty; H_2) + N_2(r, 0; H_1) \\ &\quad + N_2(r, 0; H_1) + S(r, H_1) + S(r, H_2). \end{aligned}$$

(2) Whenever  $l = 1$ ,

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, H_1) &\leq N_2(r, \infty; H_1) + N_2(r, \infty; H_2) + N_2(r, 0; H_1) + N_2(r, 0; H_2) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1) + S(r, H_1) + S(r, H_2). \end{aligned}$$

(3) Whenever  $l = 0$ ,

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, H_1) &\leq N_2(r, \infty; H_1) + N_2(r, \infty; H_2) + N_2(r, 0; H_1) + N_2(r, 0; H_1) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_2) + S(r, H_1) + S(r, H_2). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can define for  $T(r, H_2)$ , refer [3] [p. 273, Lemma 3].

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 1.** Considering,  $h_1 \in F$  defined in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $L$  be an  $L$ -function,  $a \in S(h_1) \cap S(L)$ , where  $a \neq 0, \infty$ . If  $h_1$  and  $L$  share “ $(a, l)$ ” with one of the conditions mentioned below

(i)  $l \geq 2$  and

$$(3.1) \quad \min \left\{ \frac{2}{p+1} \delta_{p+1}(0, h_1) + \frac{4+2p}{p+1} \Theta(\infty, f), \frac{2}{p+1} \delta_{p+1}(0, L) + \frac{4+2p}{p+1} \Theta(\infty, L) \right\} > \frac{3p+7}{p+1},$$

(ii)  $l = 1$  and

$$(3.2) \quad \min \left\{ \frac{5}{2p+2} \delta_{p+1}(0, h_1) + \frac{5p+9}{2p+2} \Theta(\infty, f), \frac{5}{2p+2} \delta_{p+1}(0, L) + \frac{5p+9}{2p+2} \Theta(\infty, L) \right\} > \frac{3p+12}{2p+2},$$

(iii)  $l = 0$  and

$$(3.3) \quad \min \left\{ \frac{5}{p+1} \delta_{p+1}(0, h_1) + \frac{5p+7}{p+1} \Theta(\infty, f), \frac{5}{p+1} \delta_{p+1}(0, L) + \frac{5p+7}{p+1} \Theta(\infty, L) \right\} > \frac{4p+11}{p+1},$$

then  $f \equiv L$ .

*Proof.* Let

$$H_1 = \frac{h_1^{(p)}}{a}, \quad H_2 = \frac{L^{(p)}}{a}.$$

Since  $h_1^{(p)}$  and  $L^{(p)}$  share  $(a, l)$ , it follows that  $H_1, H_2$  share  $(1, l)$  except at the zeros and poles of  $a$ .

Suppose that  $\Psi \neq 0$ . Now we will consider the cases as below:

**Case 1:** If  $2 \leq l \leq \infty$ . From (2.5), we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad T(r, h_1^{(p)}) \leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; h_1^{(p)}) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; L^{(p)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; h_1^{(p)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; L^{(p)}) \\ + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L).$$

From (2.2) and (3.4), we obtain

$$(p+1)T(r, h_1) \leq (2+p)N_1(r, h_1) + (2+p)N_1(r, L) + N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) \\ + N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L).$$

So,

$$(3.5) \quad T(r, h_1) \leq \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, L) + \frac{1}{p+1}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) \\ + \frac{1}{p+1}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L).$$

Similarly,

$$(3.6) \quad T(r, L) \leq \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, L) + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{1}{p+1}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) \\ + \frac{1}{p+1}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + S(r, L) + S(r, h_1).$$

Now, from (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain

$$T(r, h_1) + T(r, L) \leq \left(\frac{4+2p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \left(\frac{4+2p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, L) \\ + \frac{2}{p+1}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + \frac{2}{p+1}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + S(r, L) + S(r, h_1) \\ \left\{ \frac{2}{p+1}\delta_{p+1}(0, h_1) + \left(\frac{4+2p}{p+1}\right)\Theta(\infty, f) - \left(\frac{3p+7}{p+1}\right) \right\} T(r, h_1) \\ + \left\{ \frac{2}{p+1}\delta_{p+1}(0, L) + \left(\frac{4+2p}{p+1}\right)\Theta(\infty, L) - \left(\frac{3p+7}{p+1}\right) \right\} T(r, L) \\ \leq S(r, h_1) + S(r, L),$$

which conflicts our assumption (3.1). Therefore  $\Psi \equiv 0$  and now from (2.1) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{H_2 - 1} = \frac{I_1}{H_1 - 1} + I_2,$$

where  $I_1 (\neq 0)$  and  $I_2$  are constants. This gives

$$(3.7) \quad H_2 = \frac{(I_2 + 1)H_1 + (I_1 - I_2 - 1)}{I_2 H_1 + (I_1 - I_2)},$$

$$(3.8) \quad H_1 = \frac{(I_2 - I_1)H_2 + (I_1 - I_2 - 1)}{I_2 H_2 + (I_2 + 1)}.$$

Next we consider three subcases:

**Subcase 1:**  $I_2 \neq 0, -1$ . Then from (3.8),

$$\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{I_2 + 1}{I_2}; H_2\right) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1).$$

By using the Second Fundamental Theorem (SFT) of Nevanlinna and (2.2),

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, H_2) &< \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_2) + \bar{N}(r, 0; H_2) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{I_2 + 1}{I_2}; H_2\right) + S(r, H_2), \\ T(r, L) &\leq \frac{1}{(p+1)}\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + N_1(r, L) + S(r, h_1) \\ &\quad + S(r, L). \end{aligned}$$

If  $I_1 - I_2 - 1 \neq 0$ , then it follows from (3.7) that

$$N\left(r, \frac{-I_1 + I_2 + 1}{I_2 + 1}; H_1\right) = N(r, 0; H_2).$$

Applying SFT of Nevanlinna and (2.2), subsequently we obtain

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, H_1) &< \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + \bar{N}(r, 0; H_1) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{-I_1 + I_2 + 1}{I_2 + 1}; H_1\right) + S(r, H_1) \\ T(r, f) &\leq N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}\bar{N}(r, 0; L) \\ &\quad + S(r, h_1). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.9) and (3.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, h_1) + T(r, L) &\leq \frac{2}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + 2N_1(r, h_1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + N_1(r, L) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L), \end{aligned}$$

which again contradicts (3.1).

Therefore  $I_1 - I_2 - 1 = 0$ . Then from (3.7),

$$\bar{N}\left(r, 0; H_1 + \frac{1}{I_2}\right) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_2).$$

By applying the SFT of Nevanlinna and (2.2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, H_1) &< \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + \bar{N}(r, 0; H_1) + \bar{N}\left(r, 0; H_1 + \frac{1}{I_2}\right) + S(r, H_1), \\ (p+1)T(r, h_1) &\leq N_1(r, h_1) + pN_1(r, h_1) + N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + N_1(r, L) \\ &\quad + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$(3.11) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, h_1) &\leq N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_1(r, L) \\ &\quad + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.9) and (3.11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, h_1) + T(r, L) &\leq \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + \left(\frac{p+2}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, h_1) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, L) \\ &\quad + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L), \end{aligned}$$

which violates assumption (3.1).

**Subcase 2:**  $I_2 = -1$ . Then from (3.7) and (3.8) we obtain

$$H_2 = \frac{I_1}{I_1 + 1 - H_1}, \quad H_1 = \frac{(1 + I_1)H_2 - I_1}{H_2}.$$

If  $I_1 + 1 \neq 0$ , then

$$\bar{N}(r, I_1 + 1; H_1) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; H_2), \quad \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{I_1}{I_1 + 1}; H_2\right) = \bar{N}(r, 0; H_1).$$

By similar argument as in previous subcase, we arrive at a contradiction. Hence  $I_1 + 1 = 0$ , then  $H_1 H_2 = 1$ .

**Subcase 3:**  $I_2 = 0$ . Then (3.7) and (3.8) gives  $H_2 = \frac{H_1 + I_1 - 1}{I_1}$  and  $H_1 = I_1 H_2 + 1 - I_1 \neq 0$ ,  $N(r, 0; I_1 - 1 + H_1) = N(r, 0; H_2)$  and  $N(r, \frac{I_1 - 1}{I_1}; H_2) = N(r, 0; H_1)$ . Proceeding in the same direction as in Subcase 1 we obtain a paradox. Therefore  $I_1 - 1 = 0$ , then  $H_1 = H_2$ .

**Case 2:** For  $l = 1$ , from (2.6) we have

$$T(r, H_1) \leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_2) + N(r, 0; H_1) + N(r, 0; H_2) \\ + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1) + S(r, H_1) + S(r, H_2).$$

Now, by using (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain

$$(3.12) \quad T(r, H_1) \leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_2) + pN_1(r, h_1) + N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) \\ + pN_1(r, L) + N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; H_1) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) \\ + S(r, H_1) + S(r, H_2) \\ T(r, h_1) \leq \left(\frac{3p+5}{2p+2}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{3}{2(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) \\ + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, L) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) \\ + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L).$$

Likewise,

$$(3.13) \quad T(r, L) \leq \left(\frac{3p+5}{2p+2}\right)N_1(r, L) + \frac{3}{2(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) \\ + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) \\ + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L).$$

From (3.12) and (3.13), we obtain

$$T(r, h_1) + T(r, L) \leq \left(\frac{3p+5}{2p+2}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{3}{2(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, L) \\ + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) + \left(\frac{3p+5}{2p+2}\right)N_1(r, L) + \frac{3}{2(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{L}\right) \\ + \left(\frac{2+p}{p+1}\right)N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{1}{(p+1)}N_{p+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_1}\right) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L),$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{5}{2p+2} \delta_{p+1}(0, h_1) + \frac{5p+9}{2p+2} \Theta(\infty, f) - \frac{3p+12}{2p+2} \right\} T(r, h_1) \\ & + \left\{ \frac{5}{2p+2} \delta_{p+1}(0, L) + \frac{5p+9}{2p+2} \Theta(\infty, L) - \frac{3p+12}{2p+2} \right\} T(r, L) \\ & \leq S(r, h_1) + S(r, g), \end{aligned}$$

that conflicts with our assumption (3.2). Following the procedure of case (i), we obtain the result for this case.

**Case 3:**  $l = 0$ . Now, from (2.7), we have

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, H_1) & \leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_1) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; H_2) + N(r, 0; H_1) + N(r, 0; H_2) \\ & \quad + 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_1) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; H_2) + S(r, H_1) + S(r, H_2). \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.2), (2.4) and (3.14) we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, h_1) & \leq \frac{4p+5}{p+1} N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{4}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{h_1} \right) + \frac{2+p}{p+1} N_1(r, L) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{L} \right) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, L) & \leq \frac{4p+5}{p+1} N_1(r, L) + \frac{4}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{L} \right) + \frac{2+p}{p+1} N_1(r, h_1) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{h_1} \right) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.15) and (3.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, h_1) + T(r, L) & \leq \frac{4p+5}{p+1} N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{4}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{h_1} \right) + \frac{2+p}{p+1} N_1(r, L) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{L} \right) + \frac{4p+5}{p+1} N_1(r, L) + \frac{4}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{L} \right) \\ & \quad + \frac{2+p}{p+1} N_1(r, h_1) + \frac{1}{p+1} N_{p+1} \left( r, \frac{1}{h_1} \right) + S(r, h_1) + S(r, L) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{5}{p+1} \delta_{p+1}(0, h_1) + \left( \frac{5p+7}{p+1} \right) \Theta(\infty, f) - \frac{4p+11}{p+1} \right\} T(r, h_1) \\ & + \left\{ \frac{5}{p+1} \delta_{p+1}(0, L) + \left( \frac{5p+7}{p+1} \right) \Theta(\infty, L) - \frac{4p+11}{p+1} \right\} T(r, L) \\ & \leq S(r, h_1) + S(r, L), \end{aligned}$$

that conflicts with our assumption (3.3).

We obtain the requisite inference for this case in the same way as in Case 1.  $\square$

### CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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