A generalization of Ostrowski inequality on time scales for $k$ points

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1. Introduction

In 1938, Ostrowski proved the following interesting integral inequality which has received considerable attention from many researchers [10–12,14,15].

**Theorem 1.** Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable in $(a, b)$ and its derivative $f': (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded in $(a, b)$, that is, $\|f'\|_{\infty} := \sup_{x \in (a, b)} |f'(x)| < \infty$. Then for any $x \in [a, b]$, we have the inequality

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) \, dt - f(x)(b - a) \right| \leq \frac{(b - a)^2}{4} + \frac{(x - a + b)^2}{2} \|f'\|_{\infty}.$$  

The inequality is sharp in the sense that the constant $\frac{1}{4}$ cannot be replaced by a smaller one.

The development of the theory of time scales was initiated by Hilger [8] in 1988 as a theory capable to contain both difference and differential calculus in a consistent way. Since then, many authors have studied the theory of certain integral inequalities or dynamic equations on time scales. For example, we refer the reader to [1,4,5,7,13,16–18]. In [5], Bohner and Matthews established the following so-called Ostrowski inequality on time scales.

**Theorem 2 (See [5], Theorem 3.5).** Let $a, b, x, t \in \mathbb{T}$, $a < b$ and $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. Then

$$\left| \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t - f(x)(b - a) \right| \leq M(h_2(x, a) + h_2(x, b)), \quad \text{(1)}$$

where $h_2(\cdot, \cdot)$ is defined by Definition 7 and $M = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)|$. This inequality is sharp in the sense that the right-hand side of (1) cannot be replaced by a smaller one.

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In the present paper we shall first generalize the above Ostrowski inequality on time scales for \( k \) points \( x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k \) and then unify corresponding continuous and discrete versions. We also point out some particular Ostrowski type inequalities on time scales as special cases.

### 2. Time scales essentials

Now we briefly introduce the time scales theory and refer the reader to Hilger [8] and the books [2,3,9] for further details.

**Definition 1.** A time scale \( \mathbb{T} \) is an arbitrary nonempty closed subset of real numbers.

**Definition 2.** For \( t \in \mathbb{T} \), we define the forward jump operator \( \sigma : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{T} \) by \( \sigma(t) = \inf \{ s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t \} \), while the backward jump operator \( \rho : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{T} \) is defined by \( \rho(t) = \sup \{ s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t \} \). If \( \sigma(t) > t \), then we say that \( t \) is right-scattered, while if \( \rho(t) < t \) then we say that \( t \) is left-scattered.

Points that are right-scattered and left-scattered at the same time are called isolated. If \( \sigma(t) = t \), the \( t \) is called right-dense, and if \( \rho(t) = t \) then \( t \) is called left-dense. Points that are both right-dense and left-dense are called dense.

**Definition 3.** Let \( t \in \mathbb{T} \), then two mappings \( \mu, v : \mathbb{T} \to [0, +\infty) \) satisfying

\[
\mu(t) := \sigma(t) - t, \quad v(t) := t - \rho(t)
\]

are called the graininess functions.

We now introduce the set \( \mathbb{T}^\kappa \) which is derived from the time scales \( \mathbb{T} \) as follows. If \( \mathbb{T} \) has a left-scattered maximum \( t \), then \( \mathbb{T}^\kappa := \mathbb{T} - \{ t \} \), otherwise \( \mathbb{T}^\kappa := \mathbb{T} \). Furthermore for a function \( f : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R} \), we define the function \( f^\kappa : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R} \) by \( f^\kappa(t) = f(\sigma(t)) \) for all \( t \in \mathbb{T} \).

**Definition 4.** Let \( f : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R} \) be a function on time scales. Then for \( t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa \), we define \( f^\Delta(t) \) to be the number, if one exists, such that for all \( \epsilon > 0 \) there is a neighborhood \( U \) of \( t \) such that for all \( s \in U \)

\[
|f^\kappa(t) - f(s) - f^\Delta(t)(\sigma(t) - s)| \leq \epsilon |\sigma(t) - s|.
\]

We say that \( f \) is \( \Delta \)-differentiable on \( \mathbb{T}^\kappa \) provided \( f^\Delta(t) \) exists for all \( t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa \).

**Definition 5.** A mapping \( f : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R} \) is called rd-continuous (denoted by \( C_{rd} \)) provided if it satisfies

1. \( f \) is continuous at each right-dense point or maximal element of \( \mathbb{T} \).
2. The left-sided limit \( \lim_{t \to a^-} f(s) = f(t^-) \) exists at each left-dense point \( t \) of \( \mathbb{T} \).

**Remark 1.** It follows from Theorem 1.74 of Bohner and Peterson [2] that every rd-continuous function has an antiderivative.

**Definition 6.** A function \( F : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R} \) is called a \( \Delta \)-antiderivative of \( f : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R} \) provided \( F^\Delta(t) = f(t) \) holds for all \( t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa \). Then the \( \Delta \)-integral of \( f \) is defined by

\[
\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = F(b) - F(a).
\]

**Proposition 1.** Let \( f, g \) be rd-continuous, \( a, b, c \in \mathbb{T} \) and \( \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} \). Then

1. \( \int_a^b (\alpha f(t) + \beta g(t)) \Delta t = \alpha \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t + \beta \int_a^b g(t) \Delta t \)
2. \( \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = -\int_a^b f(t) \Delta t \)
3. \( \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t + \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t \)
4. \( \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = (f(b) - f(a) - \int_a^b f^\Delta(t)g(\sigma(t)) \Delta t \)
5. \( \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t = 0 \)

**Definition 7.** Let \( h_k : \mathbb{T}^2 \to \mathbb{R} \), \( k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \) be defined by

\[
h_0(t, s) = 1 \quad \text{for all } s, t \in \mathbb{T}
\]

and then recursively by

\[
h_{k+1}(t, s) = \int^t_s h_k(\tau, s) \Delta \tau \quad \text{for all } s, t \in \mathbb{T}.
\]
3. The generalized Ostrowski inequality on time scales

Throughout this section, we suppose that \( T \) is a time scale and an interval means the intersection of real interval with the given time scale. We are in a position to state our main result.

**Theorem 3.** Suppose that

1. \( a, b \in T, I_k : a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_{k-1} < x_k = b \) is a division of the interval \([a, b]\) for \( x_0, x_1, \ldots, x_k \in T\);
2. \( \alpha \in T (i = 0, \ldots, k + 1) \) is “\( k + 2 \)” points so that \( \alpha_0 = a, \alpha_i \in [\alpha_{i-1}, x_i] (i = 1, \ldots, k) \) and \( \alpha_{k+1} = b; \)
3. \( f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) is differentiable.

Then we have

\[
\left| \int_a^b f''(x) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i)f'(x_i) \right| \leq M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (h_2(x_i, \alpha_{i+1}) + h_2(x_{i+1}, \alpha_i)),
\]

where

\[
M = \sup_{a < x < b} |f^{(4)}(x)|.
\]

This inequality is sharp in the sense that the right-hand side of (2) cannot be replaced by a smaller one.

To prove **Theorem 3**, we need the following generalized Montgomery identity.

**Lemma 1** (Generalized Montgomery identity). Under the assumptions of **Theorem 3**, we have

\[
\sum_{i=0}^{k} (\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f(x_i) = \int_a^b f''(x) \Delta t + \int_a^b K(t, I_k)f^{(4)}(t) \Delta t,
\]

where

\[
K(t, I_k) = \begin{cases} 
  t - \alpha_1, & t \in [a, x_1), \\
  t - \alpha_2, & t \in [x_1, x_2), \\
  \cdots \cdots \\
  t - \alpha_{k-1}, & t \in [x_{k-2}, x_{k-1}), \\
  t - \alpha_k, & t \in [x_{k-1}, b].
\end{cases}
\]

**Proof.** Integrating by parts and applying **Proposition 1**, we have

\[
\int_a^b K(t, I_k)f^{(4)}(t) \Delta t = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} K(t, I_k)f^{(4)}(t) \Delta t \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (t - \alpha_i)f^{(4)}(t) \Delta t
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( (x_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f'(x_{i+1}) - (x_i - \alpha_i)f'(x_i) - \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f''(t) \Delta t \right)
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( (x_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f'(x_i) + (x_i - \alpha_{i+1})f'(x_{i+1}) - \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} f''(t) \Delta t \right)
\]

\[
= (x_1 - a)f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f'(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-2} (x_{i+1} - \alpha_{i+1})f'(x_{i+1}) + (b - \alpha_k)f(b) - \int_a^b f''(t) \Delta t
\]

\[
= (x_1 - a)f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f'(x_i) + (b - \alpha_k)f(b) - \int_a^b f''(t) \Delta t = \sum_{i=0}^{k} (x_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f(x_i) - \int_a^b f''(t) \Delta t,
\]

i.e., (3) holds. \( \square \)

**Proof of Theorem 3.** By applying **Lemma 1**, we get

\[
\left| \int_a^b f''(x) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k} (x_{i+1} - \alpha_i)f(x_i) \right| = \left| \int_a^b K(t, I_k)f^{(4)}(t) \Delta t \right| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} |K(t, I_k)||f^{(4)}(t)| \Delta t
\]

\[
\leq M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} |t - \alpha_i| \Delta t = M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} (x_{i+1} - t) \Delta t + \int_{x_{i+1}}^{x_i} (t - x_{i+1}) \Delta t \right)
\]

\[
= M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (h_2(x_i, \alpha_{i+1}) + h_2(x_{i+1}, \alpha_i)).
\]
To prove the sharpness of this inequality, let \( f(t) = t, x_0 = a, x_1 = b, x_0 = a, x_1 = b, x_2 = b \). It follows that \( M = 1 \). Starting with the left-hand side of (2), we have

\[
\left| \int_a^b f^{(a)}(t) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) f(x_i) \right| = \left| \int_a^b \sigma(t) \Delta t - ((b - a)a + (b - b)b) \right| = \left| \int_a^b (\sigma(t) + t) \Delta t - \int_a^b t \Delta t - (b - a)a \right|
\]

Starting with the right-hand side of (2), we have

\[
M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (h_2(x, x_{i+1}) + h_2(x_{i+1}, x_i)) = h_2(x_0, x_1) + h_2(x_1, x_2) = h_2(a, b) + h_2(b, b) = \int_a^b (t - b) \Delta t + \int_b^a (t - b) \Delta t
\]

Therefore in this particular case

\[
\left| \int_a^b f^{(a)}(t) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) f(x_i) \right| \geq M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (h_2(x_{i+1}, x_i) + h_2(x_i, x_{i+1}))
\]

and by (2) also

\[
\left| \int_a^b f^{(a)}(t) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) f(x_i) \right| \leq M \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (h_2(x_{i+1}, x_i) + h_2(x_i, x_{i+1})).
\]

So the sharpness of the inequality (2) is shown. □

If we apply the inequality (2) to different time scales, we will get some well-known and some new results.

**Corollary 1** (Continuous case). Let \( T = \mathbb{R} \). Then our delta integral is the usual Riemann integral from calculus. Hence,

\[
h_2(t, s) = \frac{(t - s)^2}{2}
\]

for all \( t, s \in \mathbb{R} \).

This leads us to state the following inequality:

\[
\left| \int_a^b f(t) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i) f(x_i) \right| \leq M \left( \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (x_{i+1} - x_i)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( x_{i+1} - \frac{x_i + x_{i+1}}{2} \right)^2 \right),
\]

where \( M = \sup_{a \leq t \leq b} |f'(x)| \) and the constant \( \frac{1}{4} \) in the right-hand side is the best possible.

**Remark 2.** The inequality (5) is exactly the generalized Ostrowski inequality shown in [6].

**Corollary 2** (Discrete case). Let \( T = \mathbb{Z}, a = 0, b = n \). Suppose that

1. \( J_k : 0 = j_0 < j_1 < \cdots < j_{k-1} < j_k = n \) is a division of \([0, n] \cap \mathbb{Z}\) for \( J_0, J_1, \ldots, J_k \in \mathbb{Z} \);
2. \( p_i \in \mathbb{Z} \) (\( i = 0, \ldots, k + 1 \)) is “\( k + 2 \)” points so that \( p_0 = 0, p_i \in [J_i - 1, J_i] \cap \mathbb{Z} \) (\( i = 1, \ldots, k \)) and \( p_{k+1} = n \);
3. \( f(k) = x_k \).

Then, we have

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{k} x_i - \sum_{i=0}^{k} (p_{i+1} - p_i) x_i \leq M \left( \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (j_{i+1} - j_i)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( p_{i+1} - \frac{j_i + j_{i+1}}{2} \right)^2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left( p_{i+1} - \frac{j_i + j_{i+1}}{2} \right)^2 \right)
\]

for all \( i = \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{n} \), where \( M = \sup_{i=1, n} |\Delta x_i| \) and the constant \( \frac{1}{4} \) in the right-hand side is the best possible.

**Proof.** It is known that

\[
h_k(t, s) = \binom{t - s}{k}
\]

for all \( t, s \in \mathbb{Z} \).

Therefore,

\[
h_2(j_i, p_{i+1}) = \frac{j_i - p_{i+1}}{2} = \frac{(j_i - p_{i+1})(j_i - p_{i+1} - 1)}{2}
\]
and
\[ h_2(j_{i+1}, p_{i+1}) = \left( j_{i+1} - p_{i+1} \right) = \frac{(j_{i+1} - p_{i+1})(j_{i+1} - p_{i+1} - 1)}{2}. \]

The conclusion is obtained by some easy calculation. \( \Box \)

**Corollary 3** (Quantum calculus case). Let \( T = q^{\infty}, q > 1, a = q^n, b = q^m \) with \( m < n \). Suppose that

1. \( I_q : q^m = q^n < q^k < \cdots < q^k < q^i \) is a division of \([q^n, q^m] \cap q^{\infty} \) for \( j_0, k_1, \ldots, j_k \in \mathbb{N}_0 \);
2. \( q^b \in q^{\infty} \) (\( i = 0, \ldots, k + 1 \)) is “\( k + 2 \)” points so that \( q^b = q^n \), \( q^b \in [q^i, q^j] \cap q^{\infty} \) (\( i = 1, \ldots, k \)) and \( q^b = q^m \);
3. \( f : [q^m, q^n] \to \mathbb{R} \) is differentiable.

Then, we have
\[
\left| \int_{q^m}^{q^n} f(t) \Delta t - \sum_{i=0}^{k} (q^{p_{i+1}} - q^{p_i}) f(q^i) \right| \leq 2M + \frac{2}{1+q} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \left( \frac{q^i - \frac{1}{2}(q^{p_{i+1}} + q^{p_i})}{2} \right)^2 + 2(q^{2q_{i+1}} + q^{2q_{i+1}}) - \frac{(1+q)^2}{4}(q^{p_i} + q^{p_{i+1}})^2 + q^{2q_i} (q - 1),
\]
where
\[
M = \sup_{q^m < t < q^n} \left| \frac{f(qt) - f(t)}{(q - 1)(t)} \right|
\]
and the constant \( \frac{1}{4} \) in the right-hand side is the best possible.

**Proof.** In this situation, one has
\[
h_3(t, s) = \prod_{i=0}^{k} \frac{t - q^s}{\sum_{i=0}^{k} q^i} \quad \text{for all } t, s < q^m.
\]
Therefore,
\[
h_2(q^i, q^{p_{i+1}}) = \frac{(q^{p_{i+1}} - q^{p_{i+1}})(q^i - q^{p_{i+1}})}{1+q}
\]
and
\[
h_2(q^{p_{i+1}}, q^{p_{i+1}}) = \frac{(q^{p_{i+1}} - q^{p_{i+1}})(q^{p_{i+1}} - q^{p_{i+1}})}{1+q}.
\]
The conclusion is easy obtained by some simple calculation. \( \Box \)

**4. Some particular Ostrowski type inequalities on time scales**

In this section we point out some particular Ostrowski type inequalities on time scales as special cases, such as: *trapezoid inequality* on time scales, *mid-point inequality* on time scales, *Simpson inequality* on time scales, *averaged mid-point-trapezoid inequality* on time scales and others.

Throughout this section, we always assume \( T \) is a time scale; \( a, b \in T \) with \( a < b \); \( f : [a, b] \to \mathbb{R} \) is differentiable. We denote
\[
M = \sup_{a < x < b} |f'(x)|.
\]

**Proposition 2.** Suppose that \( x \in [a, b] \cap T \). Then we have the sharp rectangle inequality on time scales
\[
\left| \int_{a}^{b} f^{\Delta}(t) \Delta t - [(x - a)f(a) + (b - x)f(b)] \right| \leq M(h_2(a, x) + h_2(b, x)). \tag{6}
\]

**Proof.** We choose \( k = 1, x_0 = a, x_1 = b, x_0 = a, x_1 = x \) and \( x_2 = b \) in Theorem 3 to get the result. \( \Box \)
Remark 3

(a) If we choose \( x = b \) in (6), we get the sharp left rectangle inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - (b - a)f(a) \leq M h_2(a, b). \tag{7}
\]

(b) If we choose \( x = a \) in (6), we get the sharp right rectangle inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - (b - a)f(b) \leq M h_2(a, b). \tag{8}
\]

(c) If we choose \( x = \frac{a + b}{2} \) in (6), we get the sharp trapezoid inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2} (b - a) \leq M \left( h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, a \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, b \right) \right). \tag{9}
\]

Proposition 3. Suppose that \( x \in [a, b] \cap \mathbb{T}, x_1 \in [a, x] \cap \mathbb{T}, x_2 \in [x, b] \cap \mathbb{T}. \) Then we have the sharp inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - \left( (x_1 - a)f(a) + (x_2 - x_1)f(x) + (b - x_2)f(b) \right) \leq M (h_2(a, x_1) + h_2(x, x_1) + h_2(x, x_2) + h_2(b, x_2)). \tag{10}
\]

Proof. We choose \( k = 2, x_0 = a, x_1 = x, x_2 = b \) and \( x_i (i = \{0, 1, 2\}) \) is as in Theorem 3 to get the result. \( \square \)

Remark 4

(a) If we choose \( x_1 = a \) and \( x_2 = b \) in Proposition 3, we get exactly Theorem 2. Therefore, Theorem 3 is a generalization of Theorem 3.5 in [5].

(b) If we choose \( x = \frac{a + b}{2} \) in (1), we get the sharp mid-point inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - f \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) (b - a) \leq M \left( h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, a \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, b \right) \right). \tag{11}
\]

Corollary 4. Suppose that \( x_1 = \frac{5a + b}{6} \in \mathbb{T}, x_2 = \frac{a + 5b}{6} \in \mathbb{T}, \) and \( x \in \left[ \frac{5a + b}{6}, \frac{a + 5b}{6} \right] \cap \mathbb{T}. \) Then we have the sharp inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - \frac{b - a}{3} \left( f(a) + f(b) + 2f(x) \right) \leq M \left( h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, \frac{5a + b}{6} \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, \frac{a + 5b}{6} \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, b \frac{a + 5b}{6} \right) \right). \tag{12}
\]

Remark 5. If we choose \( x = \frac{a + b}{2} \) in (12), we get the sharp Simpson inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - \frac{b - a}{3} \left( f(a) + f(b) + 2f \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) \right) \leq M \left( h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, \frac{5a + b}{6} \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, \frac{a + 5b}{6} \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, b \right) \right). \tag{13}
\]

Corollary 5. Suppose that \( x_1 \in [a, \frac{a + b}{2}] \cap \mathbb{T} \) and \( x_2 \in [\frac{a + b}{2}, b] \cap \mathbb{T}. \) Then we have the sharp inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - \left( (x_1 - a)f(a) + (x_2 - x_1)f \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) + (b - x_2)f(b) \right) \leq M \left( h_2(a, x_1) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, x_1 \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, x_2 \right) + h_2(b, x_2) \right). \tag{13}
\]

Remark 6. If we choose \( x_1 = \frac{3a + b}{4} \) and \( x_2 = \frac{a + 3b}{4} \) in (13), we get the sharp averaged mid-point-trapezoid inequality on time scales
\[
\int_a^b f^\sigma(t) \Delta t - \frac{b - a}{2} \left( f(a) + f(b) + f \left( \frac{a + b}{2} \right) \right) \leq M \left( h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, \frac{3a + b}{4} \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, \frac{a + 3b}{4} \right) + h_2 \left( \frac{a + b}{2}, b \frac{a + 3b}{4} \right) \right). \tag{14}
\]
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