

## Real Hypersurfaces in Complex Projective Space Whose Structure Jacobi Operator Is Cyclic-Ryan Parallel

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ABSTRACT. We classify real hypersurfaces in complex projective space whose structure Jacobi operator satisfies a certain cyclic condition.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , be a complex projective space endowed with the metric  $g$  of constant holomorphic sectional curvature 4. Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  without boundary. Let  $J$  denote the complex structure of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  and  $N$  a locally defined unit normal vector field on  $M$ . Then  $-JN = \xi$  is a tangent vector field to  $M$  called the structure vector field on  $M$ . We also call  $\mathbb{D}$  the maximal holomorphic distribution on  $M$ , that is, the distribution on  $M$  given by all vectors orthogonal to  $\xi$  at any point of  $M$ .

The study of real hypersurfaces in nonflat complex space forms is a classical topic in Differential Geometry. The classification of homogeneous real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  was obtained by Takagi, see [14], [15], [16], and is given by the following list:  $A_1$  : Geodesic hyperspheres.  $A_2$  : Tubes over totally geodesic complex projective spaces.  $B$  : Tubes over complex quadrics and  $\mathbb{R}P^m$ .  $C$  : Tubes over the Segre embedding of  $\mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^n$ , where  $2n + 1 = m$  and  $m \geq 5$ .  $D$  : Tubes over the Plucker embedding of the complex Grassmann manifold  $G(2, 5)$ . In this case  $m = 9$ .  $E$  : Tubes over the canonical embedding of the Hermitian symmetric space  $SO(10)/U(5)$ . In this case  $m = 15$ .

Other examples of real hypersurfaces are ruled real ones, that were introduced by Kimura, [5]: Take a regular curve  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  with tangent vector field  $X$ . At each

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point of  $\gamma$  there is a unique complex projective hyperplane cutting  $\gamma$  so as to be orthogonal not only to  $X$  but also to  $JX$ . The union of these hyperplanes is called a ruled real hypersurface. It will be an embedded hypersurface locally although globally it will in general have self-intersections and singularities. Equivalently a ruled real hypersurface is such that  $\mathbb{D}$  is integrable or  $g(A\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{D}) = 0$ , where  $A$  denotes the shape operator of the immersion. For further examples of ruled real hypersurfaces see [7].

Except these real hypersurfaces there are very few examples of real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}P^n$ .

On the other hand, Jacobi fields along geodesics of a given Riemannian manifold  $(\tilde{M}, \tilde{g})$  satisfy a very well-known differential equation. This classical differential equation naturally inspires the so-called Jacobi operator. That is, if  $\tilde{R}$  is the curvature operator of  $\tilde{M}$ , and  $X$  is any tangent vector field to  $\tilde{M}$ , the Jacobi operator (with respect to  $X$ ) at  $p \in \tilde{M}$ ,  $\tilde{R}_X \in \text{End}(T_p\tilde{M})$ , is defined as  $(\tilde{R}_X Y)(p) = (\tilde{R}(Y, X)X)(p)$  for all  $Y \in T_p\tilde{M}$ , being a selfadjoint endomorphism of the tangent bundle  $T\tilde{M}$  of  $\tilde{M}$ . Clearly, each tangent vector field  $X$  to  $\tilde{M}$  provides a Jacobi operator with respect to  $X$ .

The study of Riemannian manifolds by means of their Jacobi operators has been developed following several ideas. For instance, in [1], it is pointed out that (locally) symmetric spaces of rank 1 (among them complex space forms) satisfy that all the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{R}_X$  have constant multiplicities and are independent of the point and the tangent vector  $X$ .

Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface in a complex projective space and let  $\xi$  be the structure vector field on  $M$ . We will call the Jacobi operator on  $M$  with respect to  $\xi$  the structure Jacobi operator on  $M$ . Then the structure Jacobi operator  $R_\xi \in \text{End}(T_p M)$  is given by  $(R_\xi(Y))(p) = (R(Y, \xi)\xi)(p)$  for any  $Y \in T_p M$ ,  $p \in M$ , where  $R$  denotes the curvature operator of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ . Some papers devoted to study several conditions on the structure Jacobi operator of a real hypersurface in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  are [2], [3], [4].

Recently, [9], we have proved the non-existence of real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$  with parallel structure Jacobi operator. Also in [10], [11], [12], [13] we have studied distinct conditions on the structure Jacobi operator (Lie parallelism, Lie  $\xi$ -parallelism,  $\mathbb{D}$ -parallelism, and so on).

For any vector fields  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ ,  $R(X, Y)$  operates as a derivation on the algebra of tensor fields on  $M$ . For a tensor field  $F$  of type  $(r, s)$ ,  $R(X, Y).F = \nabla_X \nabla_Y F - \nabla_Y \nabla_X F - \nabla_{[X, Y]} F$ . In the case of  $F = R_\xi$ , we get  $(R(X, Y).R_\xi)Z = R(X, Y)(R_\xi(Z)) - R_\xi(R(X, Y)Z)$ , for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ .

The purpose of the present paper is to study a weaker condition than structure Jacobi operator being parallel for a real hypersurface of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ . In fact we will study the condition

$$(1.1) \quad (R(X, Y).R_\xi)Z + (R(Y, Z).R_\xi)X + (R(Z, X).R_\xi)Y = 0$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ . Due to the literature we propose to call them real hypersurfaces with cyclic-Ryan parallel structure Jacobi operator.

We will obtain the following

**Theorem.** *Let  $M$  be a real hypersurface of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$ . Then  $M$  has cyclic-Ryan parallel structure Jacobi operator if and only if  $M$  is locally congruent either to a geodesic hypersphere or to a tube of radius  $\pi/4$  over a complex submanifold in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ .*

**2. Preliminaries**

Throughout this paper, all manifolds, vector fields, etc., will be considered of class  $C^\infty$  unless otherwise stated. Let  $M$  be a connected real hypersurface in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ ,  $m \geq 2$ , without boundary. Let  $N$  be a locally defined unit normal vector field on  $M$ . Let  $\nabla$  be the Levi-Civita connection on  $M$  and  $(J, g)$  the Kaehlerian structure of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ .

For any vector field  $X$  tangent to  $M$  we write  $JX = \phi X + \eta(X)N$ , and  $-JN = \xi$ . Then  $(\phi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is an almost contact metric structure on  $M$ . That is, we have

$$(2.1) \quad \phi^2 X = -X + \eta(X)\xi, \quad \eta(\xi) = 1, \quad g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \eta(X)\eta(Y)$$

for any tangent vectors  $X, Y$  to  $M$ . From (2.1) we obtain

$$(2.2) \quad \phi\xi = 0, \quad \eta(X) = g(X, \xi).$$

From the parallelism of  $J$  we get

$$(2.3) \quad (\nabla_X \phi)Y = \eta(Y)AX - g(AX, Y)\xi$$

and

$$(2.4) \quad \nabla_X \xi = \phi AX$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ , where  $A$  denotes the shape operator of the immersion. As the ambient space has holomorphic sectional curvature 4, the equations of Gauss and Codazzi are given, respectively, by

$$(2.5) \quad R(X, Y)Z = g(Y, Z)X - g(X, Z)Y + g(\phi Y, Z)\phi X - g(\phi X, Z)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi Z + g(AY, Z)AX - g(AX, Z)AY,$$

and

$$(2.6) \quad (\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = \eta(X)\phi Y - \eta(Y)\phi X - 2g(\phi X, Y)\xi$$

for any tangent vectors  $X, Y, Z$  to  $M$ , where  $R$  is the curvature tensor of  $M$ .

In the sequel we need the following results:

**Theorem 2.1 ([6]).** *A real hypersurface  $M$  of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$  satisfies  $R(X, Y)AZ + R(Y, Z)AX + R(Z, X)AY = 0$ , for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$  if and only if it is*

locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere.

**Theorem 2.1 ([9]).** *There exist no real hypersurfaces  $M$  in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$ , such that the shape operator is given by  $A\xi = \xi + \beta U$ ,  $AU = \beta\xi + (\beta^2 - 1)U$ ,  $A\phi U = -\phi U$ ,  $AX = -X$ , for any tangent vector  $X$  orthogonal to  $\text{Span}\{\xi, U, \phi U\}$ , where  $U$  is a unit vector field in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\beta$  is a nonvanishing smooth function defined on  $M$ .*

### 3. Proof of the theorem

Bearing in mind Bianchi identity, (1.1) is equivalent to have  $R(X, Y)(R_\xi(Z)) + R(Y, Z)(R_\xi(X)) + R(Z, X)(R_\xi(Y)) = 0$ . As  $R_\xi(Z) = Z - g(Z, \xi)\xi + g(A\xi, \xi)AZ - g(AZ, \xi)A\xi$ , we get  $R(X, Y)(R_\xi(Z)) = R(X, Y)Z - g(Z, \xi)R(X, Y)\xi + g(A\xi, \xi)R(X, Y)AZ - g(AZ, \xi)R(X, Y)A\xi$ . So our condition is equivalent to  $-g(Z, \xi)R(X, Y)\xi - g(X, \xi)R(Y, Z)\xi - g(Y, \xi)R(Z, X)\xi + g(A\xi, \xi)[R(X, Y)AZ + R(Y, Z)AX + R(Z, X)AY] - g(AZ, \xi)R(X, Y)A\xi - g(AY, \xi)R(Z, X)A\xi - g(AX, \xi)R(Y, Z)A\xi = 0$ . From Gauss equation we obtain

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & -g(Z, \xi)(g(AY, \xi)AX - g(AX, \xi)AY) - g(X, \xi)(g(AZ, \xi)AY - g(AY, \xi)AZ) \\ & -g(Y, \xi)(g(AX, \xi)AZ - g(AZ, \xi)AX) + g(A\xi, \xi)(g(\phi Y, AZ)\phi X \\ & -g(\phi X, AZ)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi AZ + g(\phi Z, AX)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, AX)\phi Z \\ & -2g(\phi Y, Z)\phi AX + g(\phi X, AY)\phi Z - g(\phi Z, AY)\phi X - 2g(\phi Z, X)\phi AY) \\ & -g(AZ, \xi)(g(\phi Y, A\xi)\phi X - g(\phi X, A\xi)\phi Y - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi A\xi \\ & +g(AY, A\xi)AX - g(AX, A\xi)AY) - g(AX, \xi)(g(\phi Z, A\xi)\phi Y - g(\phi Y, A\xi)\phi Z \\ & -2g(\phi Y, Z)\phi A\xi + g(AZ, A\xi)AY - g(AY, A\xi)AZ) - g(AY, \xi)(g(\phi X, A\xi)\phi Z \\ & -g(\phi Z, A\xi)\phi X - 2g(\phi Z, X)\phi A\xi + g(AX, A\xi)AZ - g(AZ, A\xi)AX) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ . First we suppose that  $M$  is Hopf, that is,  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ , for a certain function  $\alpha$ . Then (3.1) becomes

$$(3.2) \quad \alpha(R(X, Y)AZ + R(Y, Z)AX + R(Z, X)AY) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ . Thus if  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $R(X, Y)AZ + R(Y, Z)AX + R(Z, X)AY = 0$ . From Theorem 2.1,  $M$  must be locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere. If  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $M$  is locally congruent to a tube of radius  $\pi/4$  over a complex submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ .

From now on we suppose that  $M$  is not Hopf. Thus locally we can write  $A\xi = \alpha\xi + \beta U$ , where  $U$  is a unit vector field in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\beta$  a nonnull function. Introducing this expression into (3.1) we get

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & -\beta g(Z, \xi)(g(Y, U)AX - g(X, U)AY) - \beta g(X, \xi)(g(Z, U)AY - g(Y, U)AZ) \\ & -\beta g(Y, \xi)(g(X, U)AZ - g(Z, U)AX) + \alpha(g((A\phi + \phi A)Y, Z)\phi X \\ & -2g(\phi Y, Z)\phi AX + g((A\phi + \phi A)Z, X)\phi Y - 2g(\phi Z, X)\phi AY) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+g((A\phi + \phi A)X, Y)\phi Z - 2g(\phi X, Y)\phi AZ) - g(AZ, \xi) \\
 &(\beta g(\phi Y, U)\phi X - \beta g(\phi X, U)\phi Y - 2\beta g(\phi X, Y)\phi U \\
 &+g(AY, A\xi)AX - g(AX, A\xi)AY) - g(AX, \xi)(\beta g(\phi Z, U)\phi Y \\
 &-\beta g(\phi Y, U)\phi Z - 2\beta g(\phi Y, Z)\phi U + g(AZ, A\xi)AY \\
 &-g(AY, A\xi)AZ) - g(AY, \xi)(\beta g(\phi X, U)\phi Z - \beta g(\phi Z, U)\phi X \\
 &-2\beta g(\phi Z, X)\phi U + g(AX, A\xi)AZ - g(AZ, A\xi)AX) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X, Y, Z$  tangent to  $M$ . From now on we will call  $\mathbb{D}_U$  the subspace of  $TM$  orthogonal to the subspace spanned by  $\xi, U, \phi U$ . Taking  $Z = \xi, Y = U, X = \phi U$  in (3.3) we obtain  $\beta g(A\phi U, U) = 0$ . Thus

$$(3.4) \quad g(AU, \phi U) = 0.$$

Taking  $Z = \xi, Y = U, X \in \mathbb{D}_U$  in (3.3) we have

$$(3.5) \quad g(AU, X) = 0$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . From(3.4) and (3.5) we obtain  $AU = \beta\xi + g(AU, U)U$ . If we take  $Z = U, Y = \phi U, X \in \mathbb{D}_U$  in (3.3) we get  $-\alpha g(AU, U)\phi X - \alpha g(A\phi U, \phi U)\phi X + 2\alpha\phi AX - \alpha g(A\phi U, X)U + \alpha g(A\phi X, \phi U)\phi U + \beta^2\phi X = 0$ . If  $\alpha = 0$  this yields  $\beta^2\phi X = 0$  which is impossible. Thus  $\alpha \neq 0$ . Taking the scalar product with  $\phi U$ ,

$$(3.6) \quad g(A\phi X, \phi U) = 0$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . Thus  $\phi U$  is principal and the above expression reduces to  $-\alpha g(AU, U)\phi X - \alpha g(A\phi U, \phi U)\phi X + 2\alpha\phi AX + \beta^2\phi X = 0$ , for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . If we apply  $\phi$  we obtain  $\alpha g(AU, U)X + \alpha g(A\phi U, \phi U)X - 2\alpha AX - \beta^2 X = 0$  for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . It follows

$$(3.7) \quad AX = ((g(AU, U) + g(A\phi U, \phi U))/2) - (\beta^2/2\alpha)X$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . If we take  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U, Y = \phi X, Z = U$  in (3.3) and its scalar product with  $\phi U$  we get

$$(3.8) \quad \alpha(g(A\phi X, \phi X) + g(AX, X) - 2g(AU, U)) + 2\beta^2 = 0$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . From (3.7) and (3.8) we obtain

$$(3.9) \quad g(AU, U) = g(A\phi U, \phi U) + (\beta^2/\alpha).$$

Taking  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U, Y = \phi X, Z = \phi U$  in (3.3) and its scalar product with  $U$  it follows

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} g(A\phi U, \phi U) &= g(AX, X), \\ g(AU, U) &= g(AX, X) + (\beta^2/\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . If we call  $A\phi U = \gamma\phi U$ , then  $g(AU, U) = \gamma + (\beta^2/\alpha)$ .

Consider two orthonormal vector fields  $X, Y \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . Codazzi equation gives  $(\nabla_X A)Y - (\nabla_Y A)X = -2g(\phi X, Y)\xi$ . That is,  $X(\gamma)Y - Y(\gamma)X + \gamma[X, Y] - A[X, Y] = -2g(\phi X, Y)\xi$ . Taking the scalar product of this expression and  $\xi$  we get

$$(3.11) \quad (\gamma - \alpha)g([X, Y], \xi) - \beta g([X, Y], U) = -2g(\phi X, Y).$$

And its scalar product with  $U$  gives

$$(3.12) \quad \alpha g([X, Y], \xi) + \beta g([X, Y], U) = 0.$$

As  $g([X, Y], \xi) = g(X, \nabla_Y \xi) - g(Y, \nabla_X \xi) = g(X, \phi AY) - g(Y, \phi AX) = -2\gamma g(\phi X, Y)$ , from (3.11) and (3.12) we have

$$(3.13) \quad \gamma^2 = 1.$$

Now if we take  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ ,  $Y = U$ ,  $Z = \xi$  in (3.3) we obtain  $(1 + \gamma\alpha)\beta\gamma X = 0$ . This yields

$$(3.14) \quad 1 + \alpha\gamma = 0.$$

From (3.13) and (3.14) we have two possibilities: i)  $\gamma = -1$ ,  $\alpha = 1$  or ii)  $\gamma = 1$ ,  $\alpha = -1$ .

From Theorem 2.2 case i) cannot occur. So we consider case ii), that is,  $A\xi = -\xi + \beta U$ ,  $AU = \beta\xi + (1 - \beta^2)U$ ,  $A\phi U = U$ ,  $AX = X$ , for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . Take  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . Codazzi equation gives  $(\nabla_X A)U - (\nabla_U A)X = 0$ . This yields  $X(\beta)\xi + \beta\phi X + X(1 - \beta^2)U + (1 - \beta^2)\nabla_X U - A\nabla_X U - \nabla_U X + A\nabla_U X = 0$ . Taking the scalar product of this equality and  $U$  we get

$$(3.15) \quad g(\nabla_U U, X) = 2X(\beta)/\beta,$$

and the scalar product with  $\xi$  yields

$$(3.16) \quad g(\nabla_U U, X) = X(\beta)/\beta.$$

From (3.15) and (3.16) we get

$$(3.17) \quad X(\beta) = 0$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ . The scalar product of the above expression and  $X$  gives

$$(3.18) \quad g(\nabla_X U, X) = 0$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ .

If we develop  $(\nabla_{X+U} A)\xi - (\nabla_\xi A)(X + U) = -\phi X - \phi U$  and take its scalar product with  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$  we obtain  $\beta g(\nabla_X U, X) + \beta g(\nabla_U U, X) + \beta^2 g(\nabla_\xi U, X) = 0$ . From (3.17) and (3.18) this yields

$$(3.19) \quad g(\nabla_\xi U, X) = 0$$

for any  $X \in \mathbb{D}_U$ .

Developing  $(\nabla_{X+\phi U}A)\xi - (\nabla_\xi A)(X + \phi U) = -\phi X + U$  and taking its scalar product with  $U$ , bearing in mind (3.17), (3.18) and (3.19) we have

$$(3.20) \quad (\phi U)(\beta) + (1 - 2\beta^2) - \beta^2 g(\nabla_\xi \phi U, U) = 0.$$

and taking its scalar product with  $\xi$  it follows

$$(3.21) \quad g(\nabla_\xi \phi U, U) = -4.$$

From (3.20) and (3.21) we get

$$(3.22) \quad (\phi U)(\beta) = -(2\beta^2 + 1).$$

If we develop  $(\nabla_U A)\xi - (\nabla_\xi A)U = -\phi U$  and take its scalar product with  $U$  we obtain

$$(3.23) \quad U(\beta) = -2\beta\xi(\beta)$$

and its scalar product with  $\xi$  gives

$$(3.24) \quad \xi(\beta) = 0.$$

From (3.17), (3.22), (3.23) and (3.24) we get

$$(3.25) \quad grad(\beta) = -(2\beta^2 + 1)\phi U.$$

Thus  $\nabla_X grad(\beta) = -4\beta X(\beta)\phi U - (2\beta^2 + 1)\nabla_X \phi U$  for any  $X$  tangent to  $M$ . Therefore, for any  $Y$  tangent to  $M$  we have  $g(\nabla_X grad(\beta), Y) = -4\beta X(\beta)g(\phi U, Y) - (2\beta^2 + 1)g(\nabla_X \phi U, Y)$ . Thus  $g(\nabla_X grad(\beta), Y) - g(\nabla_Y grad(\beta), X) = 4\beta(Y(\beta)g(\phi U, X) - X(\beta)g(\phi U, Y)) + (2\beta^2 + 1)(g(\nabla_Y \phi U, X) - g(\nabla_X \phi U, Y))$ .

As  $g(\nabla_X grad(\beta), Y) - g(\nabla_Y grad(\beta), X) = 0$ , it follows

$$(3.26) \quad 4\beta(Y(\beta)g(\phi U, X) - X(\beta)g(\phi U, Y)) + (2\beta^2 + 1)(g(\nabla_Y \phi U, X) - g(\nabla_X \phi U, Y)) = 0$$

for any  $X, Y$  tangent to  $M$ . Taking  $Y = \xi$  in (3.26), for any  $X$  tangent to  $M$  we get  $g(\nabla_\xi \phi U, X) = g(\nabla_X \phi U, \xi)$ . Taking  $X = U$  we get

$$(3.27) \quad g(\nabla_\xi \phi U, U) = \beta^2 - 1.$$

From (3.21) and (3.27) we obtain  $\beta^2 = -3$ , which is impossible, finishing the proof.

As a consequence we obtain

**Corollary 3.1.** *There exist no real hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{C}P^m$ ,  $m \geq 3$  satisfying  $R.R_\xi = 0$ .*

*Proof.* As this condition implies that  $M$  has cyclic-Ryan parallel structure Jacobi

operator, it must be Hopf. So  $A\xi = \alpha\xi$ . Then if we develop  $R_\xi(R(X, \xi)\xi) = 0$ , with  $X \in \mathbb{D}$  such that  $AX = \lambda X$ , we get

$$(3.28) \quad \alpha^2\lambda^2 + 2\alpha\lambda + 1 = 0.$$

If  $\alpha = 0$ , (3.28) gives a contradiction. Thus  $M$  must be locally congruent to a geodesic hypersphere. In this case,  $\alpha = 2\cot(2r)$ ,  $\lambda = \cot(r)$ ,  $r \neq \pi/4$ ,  $0 < r < \pi/2$ . Thus (3.28) does not hold and we finish the proof.  $\square$

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