

## MULTIOBJECTIVE FRACTIONAL VARIATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH $(\rho, b)$ -QUASIINVEXITY

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Necessary conditions for normal efficient solutions to a class of multiobjective fractional variational problems (MFP) with nonlinear equality and inequality constraints are established using a parametric approach to relate efficient solutions of a fractional problem and a non-fractional problem. Based on these normal efficiency criteria a Mond-Weir type dual is formulated and appropriate duality theorems are proved assuming  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvexity of the functions involved.

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### 1. NOTATION AND STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional Euclidean space. Throughout the paper, the following conventions for vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  will be adopted.

For vectors  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ ,  $w = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$  the relations  $v = w$ ,  $v < w$ ,  $v \leq w$ , and  $v \leq w$  are defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} v = w &\Leftrightarrow v_i = w_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; \quad v < w \Leftrightarrow v_i < w_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; \\ v \leq w &\Leftrightarrow v_i \leq w_i, \quad i = \overline{1, n}; \quad v \leq w \Leftrightarrow u \leq w \text{ and } u \neq v. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $I = [a, b]$  be a real interval and  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_p): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $k = (k_1, \dots, k_p): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_m): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $h = (h_1, \dots, h_q): I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  be twice differentiable functions.

Consider a vector-valued function  $f(t, x, \dot{x})$ , where  $t \in I$  and  $x: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ , with derivative  $\dot{x}$  with respect to  $t$ . Denote by  $f_x$  and  $f_{\dot{x}}$  the  $p \times n$  matrices of first-order partial derivatives of  $f$  with respect to  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$ , i.e.  $f_x = (f_{1x}, f_{2x}, \dots, f_{px})$  and  $f_{\dot{x}} = (f_{1\dot{x}}, f_{2\dot{x}}, \dots, f_{p\dot{x}})$ , with

$$f_{ix} = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_n} \right) \text{ and } f_{i\dot{x}} = \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{x}_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial \dot{x}_n} \right), i=1, 2, \dots, p.$$

Similarly,  $k_x, g_x, h_x$  and  $k_{\dot{x}}, g_{\dot{x}}, h_{\dot{x}}$  denote the  $p \times n, m \times n, q \times n$  matrices of the first partial derivatives of  $k, g$  and  $h$  respectively, with respect to  $x$  and  $\dot{x}$ . Let  $C(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$  denote the space of piecewise smooth (continuously differentiable) functions  $x$  with the norm  $\|x\| := \|x\|_\infty + \|Dx\|_\infty$ , where the differential operator  $D$  is given by

$$u = Dx \Leftrightarrow x(t) = x(a) + \int_a^t u(s) ds ,$$

where  $x(a)$  is a given boundary value. Therefore,  $D = d / dt$ , except at discontinuities.

Consider the multiobjective variational problem

$$(\text{MFP}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } \left( \frac{\int_a^b f_1(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b k_1(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}, \dots, \frac{\int_a^b f_p(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b k_p(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \right) \\ \text{subject to} \\ x(a) = a_0, \quad x(b) = b_0, \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, \quad \forall t \in I \end{array} \right.$$

Assume that  $\int_a^b k_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt > 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$ .

Let  $\mathbf{D} = \{x \in C(I, \mathbb{R}^n) \mid x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0, f(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, \forall t \in I\}$  be the set of all feasible solutions to (MFP).

## 2. PRELIMINARIES. THE MULTIOBJECTIVE VARIATIONAL PROBLEM

In this section we recall some definitions and auxiliary results that will be needed later in our discussion of efficiency conditions and Mond-Weir duality to (MFP).

Consider the multiobjective variational problem

$$(\text{MP}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min \int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt = \left( \int_a^b f_1(t, x, \dot{x}) dt, \dots, \int_a^b f_p(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \right) \\ \text{subject to } x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0 \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, \quad t \in I. \end{array} \right.$$

The domain of (MP) is also  $\mathbf{D}$ .

**Definition 2.1.** A feasible solution  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  is said to be an *efficient solution* to (MP) iff for all feasible solutions  $x \in \mathbf{D}$

$$\int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \leq \int_a^b f(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt \quad \Rightarrow \quad \int_a^b f(t, x, \dot{x}) dt = \int_a^b f(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt$$

Let  $s : I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a scalar continuously differentiable function and consider now the scalar variational problem

$$(\text{SP}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Minimize } \int_a^b s(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \\ \text{subject to } x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0 \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, \quad h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, \quad t \in I. \end{array} \right.$$

**Definition 2.2.** The optimal solution  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  to (SP) is called *normal* if  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

According to this definition, without loss of generality, in what follows we can take  $\lambda = 1$ .

The next result gives necessary Valentine's conditions [4] for the optimality of  $x^0$  to (SP).

**Theorem 2.1** (Necessary Valentine's conditions). *Let  $x^0$  be a (normal) optimal solution to (SP) and let  $s$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  be continuously differentiable functions. Then there exists a scalar  $\lambda$  and piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0(t)$  and  $\nu^0(t)$  satisfying the conditions*

$$(\mathbf{VC}) \begin{cases} \lambda s_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \mu^0(t)' g_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu^0(t)' h_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = \\ = \frac{d}{dt} [\lambda s_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \mu^0(t)' g_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu^0(t)' h_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0)] \\ \mu^0(t)' g(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = 0, \quad \mu^0(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in I, \quad (\lambda = 1). \end{cases}$$

We have

**Lemma 2.2** (Chankong, Haimes [1]).  *$x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  is an efficient solution to problem (MP) if and only if  $x^0$  is an optimal solution to the scalar problem*

$$\mathbf{P}_i(x^0) \begin{cases} \text{Minimize } \int_a^b f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \\ \text{subject to } x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0 \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, \quad t \in I \\ \int_a^b f_j(t, x, \dot{x}) dt \leq \int_a^b f_j(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt, \quad j = \overline{1, p}, j \neq i. \end{cases}$$

for each  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *If  $x^0$  is a (normal) optimal solution to the scalar problem  $\mathbf{P}_i(x^0)$ , then there exist a scalar  $\lambda_i$  ( $\lambda_i = 1$ ) and functions  $\mu_i$  and  $\nu_i$  such that*

$$\begin{cases} \lambda_i f_{ix}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \mu_i(t)' g_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu_i(t)' h_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = \\ = \frac{d}{dt} [\lambda_i f_{i\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \mu_i(t)' g_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu_i(t)' h_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0)] \\ \mu_i(t)' g(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = 0, \quad \mu_i(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in I \\ \lambda_i \geq 0, (\lambda_i = 1). \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

**Theorema 2.4.** *Let  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  be a normal efficient solution to (MP). Then there exist a vector  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbf{R}^p$  and piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0 : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0 : I \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^q$  that satisfy the Valentine's conditions*

$$(\mathbf{MV}) \begin{cases} \lambda^0' f_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \mu^0(t)' g_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu^0(t)' h_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = \\ = \frac{d}{dt} [\lambda^0' f_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \mu^0(t)' g_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu^0(t)' h_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0)] \\ \mu^0(t)' g(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = 0, \quad \mu_i(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in I \\ \lambda^0 \geq 0, \quad e' \lambda^0 = 1, \quad e = (1, \dots, 1)' \in \mathbf{R}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\rho \in \mathbf{R}$  and a function  $b : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ . Put

$$H(x) = \int_a^b h(t, x, \dot{x}) dt$$

**Definition 2.3.** The function  $H$  is said to be (strictly)  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $x^0$  if there exist vector functions  $\eta: I \times X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\eta(t, x(t), \dot{x}(t)) = 0$  for  $x(t) = x^0(t)$  and  $\theta: X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  such that for any  $x (x \neq x^0)$ ,  $H(x) \leq H(x^0) \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow b(x, x^0) \int_a^b [\eta' h_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + (D\eta)' h_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0)] dt (<) \leq -\rho b(x, x^0) \|\theta(x, x^0)\|^2.$$

### 3. EFFICIENCY NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR (MFP)

Consider now the problem

$$(\text{FP})_i(x^0) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_x \frac{\int_a^b f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b k_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \\ \text{subject to } x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0 \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, t \in I \\ \frac{\int_a^b f_j(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b k_j(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \leq \frac{\int_a^b f_j(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt}{\int_a^b k_j(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt}, j = \overline{1, p}, j \neq i. \end{array} \right.$$

Denoting

$$R_i^0 = \frac{\int_a^b f_i(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt}{\int_a^b k_i(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt} = \min_x \frac{\int_a^b f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b k_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}, i = \overline{1, p},$$

problem  $(\text{FP})_i(x^0)$  can be written as

$$(\text{FPR})_i \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_x \frac{\int_a^b f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt}{\int_a^b k_i(t, x, \dot{x}) dt} \quad [= R_i^0] \\ \text{subject to } x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0 \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, t \in I \\ \int_a^b [f_j(t, x, \dot{x}) - R_j^0 k_j(t, x, \dot{x})] dt \leq 0, j = \overline{1, p}, j \neq i. \end{array} \right.$$

Consider now the problem

$$(\text{SPR})_i \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min_{x,u} \int_a^b [f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) - R_i^0 k_i(t, x, \dot{x})] dt \\ \text{subject to } x(a) = a_0, x(b) = b_0 \\ g(t, x, \dot{x}) \leq 0, h(t, x, \dot{x}) = 0, t \in I \\ \int_a^b [f_j(t, x, \dot{x}) - R_j^0 k_j(t, x, \dot{x})] dt \leq 0, j = \overline{1, p}, j \neq i. \end{array} \right.$$

**Lemma.3.1** (Jaganathan [2]).  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  is optimal to  $(\text{FPR})_i$  if and only if  $x^0$  is optimal to  $(\text{SPR})_i$ .

**Theorem 3.2.**  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  is an efficient solution for (MFP) if and only if it is an optimal solution for each of the problems  $(\text{SPR})_i$ ,  $i = \overline{1, p}$ .

**Definition 3.1.**  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  is said to be a normal efficient solution of (MP) if it is a normal optimal solution to at least one of the scalar problems  $(\text{FP})_i(x^0)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, p}$ .

Let a vector  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p)' \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and functions  $\mu: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  and  $\nu: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ . Consider the function  $V: I \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$V(t, x, \lambda, \mu, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i \left[ f_i(t, x, \dot{x}) - R_i^0 k_i(t, x, \dot{x}) \right] + \mu(t)' g(t, x, \dot{x}) + \nu(t)' h(t, x, \dot{x}).$$

**Theorem 3.3** (Necessary efficiency conditions). Let  $x^0 \in \mathbf{D}$  be a normal efficient solution to problem (MFP). Then there exist  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  that satisfy the conditions

$$(\text{MFV}) \begin{cases} V_x(t, x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0) = \frac{d}{dt} V_{\dot{x}}(t, x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0) \\ \mu^0(t) g(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = 0, \quad \mu^0(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in I \\ \lambda^0 \geq 0, \quad e' \lambda^0 = 1, \quad e = (1, \dots, 1)' \in \mathbb{R}^p. \end{cases}$$

Denote

$$F_i(x^0) = \int_a^b f_i(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt, \quad K_i(x^0) = \int_a^b k_i(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) dt.$$

We then have

$$R_i^0 = \frac{F_i(x^0)}{K_i(x^0)}, \quad i = \overline{1, p}$$

**Theorem 3.4** (Necessary efficiency conditions). Let  $x^0$  be a normal efficient solution to problem (MFP). Then there exist  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$  and  $\nu^0: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  that satisfy the conditions

$$(\text{MFV}) \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^0 [K_i(x^0) f_{ix}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) - F_i(x^0) k_{ix}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0)] + \mu^0(t)' g_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu^0(t)' h_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = \\ \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^0 [K_i(x^0) f_{ix}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) - F_i(x^0) k_{ix}(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0)] + \mu^0(t)' g_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) + \nu^0(t)' h_x(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) \right\} \\ \mu^0(t)' g(t, x^0, \dot{x}^0) = 0, \quad \mu^0(t) \geq 0, \quad \forall t \in I \\ \lambda^0 \geq 0, \quad e' \lambda^0 = 1. \end{cases}$$

#### 4. MOND-WEIR TYPE DUALITY

Let  $\{J_1, \dots, J_r\}$  be a partition of  $\{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $\{K_1, \dots, K_r\}$  a partition of  $\{1, \dots, q\}$ . Consider functions  $y, \nu \in C(I, \mathbb{R}^n)$ . We associate with (MFP) the multiobjective variational problem (MFD)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Maximize} \\ \left( \frac{\int_a^b f_1(t, y, \dot{y}) dt}{\int_a^b k_1(t, y, \dot{y}) dt}, \dots, \frac{\int_a^b f_p(t, y, \dot{y}) dt}{\int_a^b k_p(t, y, \dot{y}) dt} \right) \end{array} \right) \\
& \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{subject to } y(a) = a_0, y(b) = b_0 \\ \\ \text{(MFD)} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i [K_i(y) f_{i_y}(t, y, \dot{y}) - F_i(y) k_{i_y}(t, y, \dot{y})] + \mu(t)' g_y(t, y, \dot{y}) + \nu(t)' h_y(t, y, \dot{y}) = \\ = \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i [K_i(y) f_{i_{\dot{y}}}(t, y, \dot{y}) - F_i(y) k_{i_{\dot{y}}}(t, y, \dot{y})] + \mu(t)' g_{\dot{y}}(t, y, \dot{y}) + \nu(t)' h_{\dot{y}}(t, y, \dot{y}) \right\} \\ \mu_{J_\alpha}(t)' g_{J_\alpha}(t, y, \dot{y}) + \nu_{K_\alpha}(t) h_{K_\alpha}(t, y, \dot{y}) \geq 0, \quad \alpha = \overline{1, r}, \quad \forall t \in I \\ \lambda \geq 0, \quad e' \lambda = 1. \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

Denote by  $\pi(\text{MFP}) = \pi(x)$  the value of problem (MFP) at  $x \in \mathbf{D}$  and let  $\delta(\text{MFD}) = \delta(y, \lambda, \eta, \nu)$  be the value of the dual (MFD) at  $(y, \lambda, \eta, \nu) \in \Delta$ , where  $\Delta$  is the domain of (MFD).

**Theorem 4.1** (Weak duality). *Let  $x$  and  $(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  be feasible points of problems (MFP) and (MFD). Assume that are satisfied the conditions :*

- for each  $i = \overline{1, p}$  we have  $F_i(x) > 0, K_i(x) > 0, \forall x \in X$ .
- for each  $i = \overline{1, p}, F_i(x)$  is  $(\rho'_i, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$  and  $-K_i(x)$  is  $(\rho''_i, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$ , all with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .
- $\int_a^b [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)' g_{J_\alpha}(t, x, u) + \nu_{K_\alpha}(t) h_{K_\alpha}(t, x, \dot{x})] dt$  is  $(\rho'''_\alpha, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $y$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .
- one of the functions of b)-c) is strictly  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex
- $\sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i [\rho'_i K_i(y) + \rho''_i F_i(y)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho'''_\alpha \geq 0$ .

Then  $\pi(x) \leq \delta(y, \lambda, \mu, \nu)$  is false.

**Theorem 4.2** (Direct duality). *Let  $x^0$  be a normal efficient solution to the primal (MFP) and assume the hypotheses of Theorem 4.1. Then there exist  $\lambda^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and piecewise smooth functions  $\mu^0 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\nu^0 : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  such that  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  is an efficient solution to the dual problem (MFD) and, moreover,  $\pi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .*

**Theorem 4.3** (Converse duality). *Let  $(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$  be an efficient solution to the dual problem (MFD) and assume the conditions:*

- $\bar{x}$  is a normal efficient solution to the primal (MFP).
- for each  $i = \overline{1, p}, F_i(x^0) > 0, K_i(x^0) > 0$ .
- for each  $i = \overline{1, p}, F_i(x)$  is  $(\rho'_i, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $x^0$ , and  $-K_i(x)$  is  $(\rho''_i, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $x^0$ , all with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .

$d^0$ )  $\int_a^b [\mu_{J_\alpha}(t)' g_{J_\alpha}(t, x, \dot{x}) + \nu_{K_\alpha}(t)' h_{K_\alpha}(t, x, \dot{x})] dt$  is  $(\rho_\alpha^m, b)$ -quasiinvex at  $(x^0, u^0)$  with respect to  $\eta$  and  $\theta$ .

$e^0$ ) one of the functions of  $b^0) - c^0)$  is strictly  $(\rho, b)$ -quasiinvex.

$$f^0) \sum_{i=1}^p \lambda_i^0 [\rho_i' K_i(x^0) + \rho_i'' F_i(x^0)] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^r \rho_\alpha^m \geq 0.$$

Then  $\bar{x} = x^0$  and, moreover,  $\pi(x^0) = \delta(x^0, \lambda^0, \mu^0, \nu^0)$ .

The proofs will appear in [3].

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