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Curvature and torsion of a legendre curve in (ε, δ) Trans-Sasakian manifolds

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Abstract

In present paper, we obtain curvature and torsion of Legendre curves in 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds. Also important theorems concerning about biharmonic Legendre curves of (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds have been given.

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1. Introduction

The concept of (ε) -Sasakian manifolds were introduced by A. Bejancu and K. L. Duggal [1] and X. Xufeng and C. Xiaoli [23] proved that these manifolds are real hypersurfaces of indefinite Kahlerian manifolds. After, curvature conditions of these manifolds were obtained in [18] and (ε) -almost paracontact manifolds were defined in [17]. Also U. C. De and A. Sarkar [22] established (ε) -Kenmotsu manifolds and studied curvature conditions on such manifolds. H. G. Nagaraja et. al. [12] have studied (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian structures which generalize both (ε) -Sasakian and (ε) -Kenmotsu manifolds.

Harmonic maps $\Psi : (M,g) \rightarrow (N,h)$ between Riemannian manifolds are the critical points of the energy

$$E(\Psi):\frac{1}{2}\int_M |d\Psi|^2 \,\vartheta_g,$$

and therefore the solutions of the corresponding Euler-Lagrange equation. Harmonic equation is given by the vanishing of the tension field given by

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$$\tau(\Psi) = trace \nabla d\Psi.$$

As suggested by J. Eells and J. H. Sampson [14], one can define the bienergy of a map $\Psi : (M,g) \to (N,h)$ by

$$E_2(\Psi) = rac{1}{2} \int_M | \ au(\Psi) |^2 \ artheta_g,$$

and say that Ψ is biharmonic if it is critical point of the bienergy.

In [10], G. Y. Jiang derived the first and second variation formula for the bienergy, showing that the Euler-Lagrange equation associated to E_2 is

$$\tau_2(\Psi) = -\triangle \tau(\Psi) - trace \mathbb{R}^N(d\Psi, \tau(\Psi))d\Psi$$

= 0.

The equation $\tau_2(\Psi) = 0$ is called biharmonic equation. Since any harmonic maps is biharmonic, we are interested in proper biharmonic maps, that is non-harmonic biharmonic maps. Biharmonic maps have been studied intensively in the last decade (see [7], [8], [9], [24], [25], [26], [2], [19], [20], [21]).

In the study of almost contact manifolds, Legendre curves play an important role, e. g., a diffeomorphism of a contact manifold is a contact transformation if and only if it maps Legendre curve to Legendre curve. In [4], the notion of Legendre curves in almost contact metric manifolds was introduced. J. Inoguchi [13] classified the proper biharmonic Legendre curves and Hopf cylinders in 3-dimensional Sasakian space form and in [6] the explicit formulas were obtained. C. Özgür and M. M. Tripathi [3] proved that a Legendre curve in an α -Sasakian manifold is biharmonic if and only if its curvature is zero.

Moreover J. Welyczko have studied Legendre curve on quasi Sasakian manifolds [15] and almost paracontact metric manifolds [16]. Motivated by these works, in this paper we study Legendre curves on 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds.

Our paper is structured as follows. The first section is a very brief review of (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds and Frenet curves in Riemannian manifolds. The next section is devoted to the examine of curvature and torsion of Legendre curves in 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds. Finally we give necessary and sufficient conditions for Legendre curve of 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds being biharmonic.

2. Preliminaries

2.1 (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds

Let (M,g) be a *n*-dimensional almost contact metric manifold equipped with an almost contact metric structure (ϕ, ξ, η, g) consisting of a (1,1) tensor field ϕ , a vector field ξ , a 1-form η and a Riemannian metric *g* satisfying the following conditions

$$\phi^2 = I - \eta \otimes \xi, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\eta(\xi) = 1, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\phi \xi = 0, \quad \eta \circ \phi = 0. \tag{2.3}$$

An almost contact metric manifold *M* is called an (ε) -almost contact metric manifold if

$$g(\xi,\xi) = \varepsilon, \tag{2.4}$$

$$\eta(X) = \varepsilon g(X, \xi), \tag{2.5}$$

$$g(\phi X, \phi Y) = g(X, Y) - \varepsilon \eta(X) \eta(Y), \qquad (2.6)$$

where $\varepsilon = g(\xi, \xi) = \pm 1$.

An (ε) -almost contact metric manifold is called an (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian if

$$(\nabla_X \phi)Y = \alpha(g(X,Y)\xi - \varepsilon \eta(Y)X)$$

+ $\beta(g(\phi X,Y)\xi - \delta \eta(Y)\phi X),$ (2.7)

holds for some smooth functions α and β on M and $\varepsilon = \pm 1 = \delta$. For $\beta = 0$, $\alpha = 1$ (*resp.*, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 1$) an (ε , δ) trans-Sasakian reduces to an (ε)–Sasakian (resp., a (δ)–Kenmotsu) manifold.

From (2.7), it can be easily seen that

$$\nabla_X \xi = -\alpha \varepsilon \phi X - \beta \delta \phi^2 X. \tag{2.8}$$

For a 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold, the curvature tensor is given by [11]

$$R(X,Y)Z = \left(\frac{r}{2} - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\right) \left(g(Y,Z)X - g(X,Z)Y\right) (2.9)$$
$$-\left(\varepsilon \frac{r}{2} - 3(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\right) \left(\begin{array}{c}g(Y,Z)\eta(X)\xi\\-g(X,Z)\eta(Y)\xi\end{array}\right)$$
$$-\left(\varepsilon \frac{r}{2} - 3(\alpha^2 - \beta^2)\right) \left(\begin{array}{c}\eta(Y)\eta(Z)X\\-\eta(X)\eta(Z)Y\end{array}\right),$$

where *r* is the scalar curvature.

2.2 Frenet Curve

Let (M, g) be a 3-dimensional semi-Riemannian manifold. Let $\gamma: I \to M$ be a curve in M such that $g(\dot{\gamma}, \dot{\gamma}) = \varepsilon_1 = \pm 1$, and let $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}$ denotes the covariant differentiation. We say that γ is a Frenet curve if one of the following three cases hold *a*) γ is osculating order 1, i.e., $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = 0$,

b) γ is osculating order 2, i.e., there exist two ortonormal vector fields $\{E_1 = \dot{\gamma}, E_2\}, (g(E_2, E_2) = \varepsilon_2 = \pm 1 \text{ and a positive function } \kappa_1 \text{ along } \gamma \text{ such that}$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_1 &= \kappa_1 \varepsilon_2 E_2, \\ \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_2 &= -\kappa_1 \varepsilon_1 E_1, \end{aligned}$$

c) γ is osculating order 3, i.e., there exist three ortonormal vector fields { $E_1 = \dot{\gamma}, E_2, E_3$, }, $g(E_2, E_2) = \varepsilon_2 = \pm 1$, $(g(E_3, E_3) = \varepsilon_3 = \pm 1$ and two positive functions κ_1 and κ_2 along γ such that

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_1 = \kappa_1 \varepsilon_2 E_2,$$

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_2 = -\kappa_1 \varepsilon_1 E_1 + \kappa_2 \varepsilon_3 E_3,$$

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} E_3 = -\kappa_2 \varepsilon_2 E_2.$$

$$(2.10)$$

3. Curvature and Torsion of Legendre Curves

Let $\gamma: I \to M$ be a curve parametrized by arclength in a 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold *M* with Frenet frame $(E_1 = \dot{\gamma}, E_2, E_3)$.

Definition 3.1. A Frenet curve γ in 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold M is called to be Legendre if it is an integral curve of the contact distribution $D = \ker \eta$, equivalently

$$\eta(\dot{\gamma}) = 0. \tag{3.1}$$

Assume that γ is Legendre curve on a 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold *M*. Then $\eta(\dot{\gamma}) = 0$. Hence $\dot{\gamma}, \phi \dot{\gamma}$ and ξ are orthonormal vector fields along γ .

It is well-known that the Levi-Civita connection ∇ is a metric connection. So differentiating (3.1) and using (2.8), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma},\xi) + g(\dot{\gamma},\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\xi) \\ &= g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma},\xi) + g(\dot{\gamma},-\alpha\varepsilon\phi\dot{\gamma}-\beta\delta\phi^{2}\dot{\gamma}) \\ &= g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma},\xi) + \beta\delta g(\dot{\gamma},\dot{\gamma}), \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma},\xi) = -\beta\delta\varepsilon_1. \tag{3.2}$$

From the last equation one can see that $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}$ is not orthogonal to ξ .

Since γ is a curve parametrized by arclenght, then we write

$$g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma},\dot{\gamma}) = 0, \tag{3.3}$$

which implies that $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}$ orthogonal to $\dot{\gamma}$ Therefore, $\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}$ lies in a plane spanned by ξ and $\phi\dot{\gamma}$.

By use of (2.4) and (3.2) we arrive at

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma} = -\frac{\beta\delta\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon}\xi + f\phi\dot{\gamma},\tag{3.4}$$

where f is a scalar valued function.

In view of (3.4), we have

$$g(\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}, \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}) = \beta^2 \varepsilon + f^2.$$
(3.5)

Equation (3.5) gives

$$\kappa = \sqrt{\beta^2 \varepsilon + f^2}.\tag{3.6}$$

Thus we have the following.

Theorem 3.2. The curvature of a Legendre curve γ in a 3dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold is given by (3.6).

Now using (2.10) with (3.4), we can write

$$E_2 = \frac{1}{\kappa} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} = -\frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon \varepsilon_2} \frac{\beta}{\kappa} \xi + \frac{f}{\kappa \varepsilon_2} \phi \dot{\gamma}.$$

Differentiating the equation above and using (2.7), (2.8) and (3.4), we have

$$\nabla_{E_{1}}E_{2} = -\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon\varepsilon_{2}}\left(\frac{\dot{\beta}\kappa - \beta\dot{\kappa}}{\kappa^{2}}\xi + \frac{\beta}{\kappa}\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\xi\right) \\
+ \left(\frac{\dot{f}\kappa\varepsilon_{2} - f\dot{\kappa}\varepsilon_{2}}{\kappa^{2}}\right)\phi\dot{\gamma} \\
+ \frac{f}{\kappa\varepsilon_{2}}\left((\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\phi)\dot{\gamma} + \phi\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}}\dot{\gamma}\right) \\
= \left(-\frac{\beta^{2}\varepsilon_{1}}{\kappa\varepsilon\varepsilon_{2}} - \frac{f^{2}}{\kappa\varepsilon_{2}}\right)\dot{\gamma} \\
+ \left(-\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon\varepsilon_{2}}\left(\frac{\dot{\beta}\kappa - \beta\dot{\kappa}}{\kappa^{2}}\right) + \frac{\alpha f\varepsilon_{1}}{\kappa\varepsilon_{2}}\right)\xi \\
+ \left(\frac{\alpha\beta\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\kappa\varepsilon_{2}} + \frac{\dot{f}\kappa\varepsilon_{2} - f\dot{\kappa}\varepsilon_{2}}{\kappa^{2}}\right)\phi\dot{\gamma}.$$
(3.7)

By use of (2.10), (3.6) and (3.7), we obtain

$$\tau E_3 = \left(-\frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon \varepsilon_2} \left(\frac{\dot{\beta} \kappa - \beta \dot{\kappa}}{\kappa^2}\right) + \frac{\alpha f \varepsilon_1}{\kappa \varepsilon_2}\right) \xi \\ + \left(\frac{\alpha \beta \delta \varepsilon_1}{\kappa \varepsilon_2} + \frac{\dot{f} \kappa \varepsilon_2 - f \dot{\kappa} \varepsilon_2}{\kappa^2}\right) \phi \dot{\gamma}.$$

So, we get

$$\tau = \sqrt{\frac{\left(\frac{\alpha_f \varepsilon_1}{\kappa \varepsilon_2} - \frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon \varepsilon_2} \left(\frac{\dot{\beta} \kappa - \beta \dot{\kappa}}{\kappa^2}\right)\right)^2}{+\left(\frac{\alpha_f \beta \delta \varepsilon_1}{\kappa \varepsilon_2} + \frac{\dot{f} \kappa \varepsilon_2 - f \dot{\kappa} \varepsilon_2}{\kappa^2}\right)^2}}.$$
(3.8)

Theorem 3.3. The torsion of a Legendre curve γ in a 3dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold is given by (3.8).

4. Biharmonic Curves

In this section we investigate biharmonic curves on 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifolds.

Suppose that $\gamma: I \to M$ be a Frenet Legendre curve in a 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold. Then from (3.4), (2.7) and (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} &= \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} (-\frac{\beta \delta \varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} \xi + f \phi \dot{\gamma}) \\ &= -\frac{\delta \varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} (\dot{\beta} \xi + \beta \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \xi) + \dot{f} \phi \dot{\gamma} \\ &+ f((\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \phi) \dot{\gamma} + \phi \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma}) \\ &= (-\frac{\beta^{2} \varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} - f^{2}) \dot{\gamma} \\ &+ (-\dot{\beta} \frac{\delta \varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} + \alpha f \varepsilon_{1}) \xi \\ &+ (\alpha \beta \delta \varepsilon_{1} + \dot{f}) \phi \dot{\gamma}. \end{aligned}$$
(4.1)

Differentiating (4.1) along γ and again using (2.7) and (2.8), we have

$$\begin{split} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} &= \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} ((-\frac{\beta^2 \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} - f^2) \dot{\gamma} + (-\dot{\beta} \frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} + \alpha f \varepsilon_1) \xi \\ &+ (\alpha \beta \delta \varepsilon_1 + \dot{f}) \phi \dot{\gamma}) \\ &= (-\frac{2\beta \dot{\beta} \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} - 2f \dot{f}) \dot{\gamma} - (\frac{\beta^2 \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} + f^2) \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \dot{\gamma} \\ &+ (-\ddot{\beta} \frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} + \dot{\alpha} f \varepsilon_1 + \alpha f \varepsilon_1) \xi \\ &+ (-\dot{\beta} \frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} + \alpha f \varepsilon_1) \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \xi \\ &+ (\dot{\alpha} \beta \delta \varepsilon_1 + \alpha \dot{\beta} \delta \varepsilon_1 + \dot{f}) \phi \dot{\gamma} \\ &+ (\alpha \beta \delta \varepsilon_1 + \dot{\alpha} \dot{f} \delta \varepsilon_1 + \dot{f}) \dot{\gamma} \phi \dot{\gamma} \\ &= -3 (\frac{\beta \dot{\beta} \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} + f \dot{f}) \dot{\gamma} \\ &+ \left(\begin{array}{c} \beta^3 \delta + \beta f^2 \frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} - \ddot{\beta} \frac{\delta \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} \\ + \dot{\alpha} f \varepsilon_1 + 2\alpha f \varepsilon_1 + \alpha^2 \beta \delta \end{array} \right) \xi \quad (4.2) \\ &+ \left(\begin{array}{c} -\frac{\beta^2 f \varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} - f^3 + 2\alpha \dot{\beta} \delta \varepsilon_1 \\ -\alpha^2 f \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon + \dot{\alpha} \beta \delta \varepsilon_1 + \dot{f} \end{array} \right) \phi \dot{\gamma}. \end{split}$$

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Hence, we get biharmonic equation for a Frenet Legendre curve in a 3-dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold *M* as follows:

$$0 = -3\left(\frac{\beta\beta\epsilon_{1}}{\epsilon} + f\dot{f}\right)\dot{\gamma} + \left(\begin{array}{cc} \beta^{3}\delta + \beta f^{2}\frac{\delta\epsilon_{1}}{\epsilon} - \ddot{\beta}\frac{\delta\epsilon_{1}}{\epsilon} \\ + \dot{\alpha}f + 2\alpha\dot{f}\epsilon_{1} + \alpha^{2}\beta\delta \end{array}\right)\xi \qquad (4.3)$$
$$+ \left(\begin{array}{cc} -\frac{\beta^{2}f}{\epsilon}\epsilon_{1} - f^{3} + 2\alpha\dot{\beta}\delta\epsilon_{1} \\ -\alpha^{2}f\epsilon_{1}\epsilon + \dot{\alpha}\beta\delta\epsilon_{1} + \ddot{f} \end{array}\right)\phi\dot{\gamma} + \beta\frac{\delta\epsilon_{1}}{\epsilon}R(\dot{\gamma},\xi)\dot{\gamma} - fR(\dot{\gamma},\phi\dot{\gamma})\dot{\gamma},$$

where R is the curvature tensor of M.

By use of (2.9), we get

$$R(\dot{\gamma},\xi)\dot{\gamma} = (\frac{r}{2}(\varepsilon-1) - (\alpha^2 - \beta^2))\xi, \qquad (4.4)$$

and

$$R(\dot{\gamma},\phi\dot{\gamma})\dot{\gamma} = -(\frac{r}{2} - 2(\alpha^2 - \beta^2))\phi\dot{\gamma}.$$
(4.5)

Then replacing (4.4) with (4.5) in (4.3), bitension field of γ is in the following:

$$\tau_2(\gamma) = -3\left(\frac{\beta\dot{\beta}\varepsilon_1}{\varepsilon} + f\dot{f}\right)\dot{\gamma}$$
(4.6)

$$+ \begin{pmatrix} \beta^{3}\delta + \beta f^{2}\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} - \ddot{\beta}\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} \\ + \dot{\alpha}f\varepsilon_{1} + 2\alpha f\varepsilon_{1} + \alpha^{2}\beta\delta \\ + \frac{r}{2}(\varepsilon - 1)\beta\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} - (\alpha^{2} - \beta^{2})\beta\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} \xi \\ + \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{\beta^{2}f\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} - f^{3} + 2\alpha\dot{\beta}\delta\varepsilon_{1} \\ -\alpha^{2}f\varepsilon_{1}\varepsilon + \dot{\alpha}\beta\delta\varepsilon_{1} + \ddot{f} \\ + \frac{r}{2}f - 2f(\alpha^{2} - \beta^{2}) \end{pmatrix} \phi \dot{\gamma}.$$

So we can state the following.

Theorem 4.1. Let $\gamma: I \to M$ be a Frenet Legendre curve in a 3dimensional (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold with $\alpha, \beta = constant$. Then γ is biharmonic if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} f\dot{f} &= 0\\ \begin{pmatrix} \beta^{3}\delta + \beta f^{2}\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\xi} + 2\alpha\dot{f}\varepsilon_{1} + \alpha^{2}\beta\delta\\ + \frac{r}{2}(\varepsilon - 1)\beta\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} - (\alpha^{2} - \beta^{2})\beta\frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} &= 0\\ \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\beta^{2}f\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} + f^{3} + \alpha^{2}f\varepsilon_{1}\varepsilon - \ddot{f}\\ - \frac{r}{2}f - 2f(\alpha^{2} - \beta^{2}) \end{pmatrix} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We know that, an (ε, δ) trans-Sasakian manifold reduces *i*) an (δ) -Kenmotsu manifold for $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$, *ii*) an (ε) -Sasakian manifold for $\beta = 0, \alpha = 1$. Hence, we can give the followings:

Proposition 4.2. Let $\gamma: I \to M$ be a Frenet Legendre curve in a 3-dimensional (δ) -Kenmotsu manifold. Then γ is proper

biharmonic if and only if

$$f = constant \neq 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta^{3}\delta + \beta f^{2} \frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} + \frac{r}{2}(\varepsilon - 1)\beta \frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} \\ + \beta^{3} \frac{\delta\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\beta^{2} f\varepsilon_{1}}{\varepsilon} + f^{3} - \frac{r}{2}f + 2f\beta^{2} \end{pmatrix} = 0.$$

Proposition 4.3. Let $\gamma: I \to M$ be a Frenet Legendre curve in a 3-dimensional (ε) -Sasakian manifold. Then γ is proper biharmonic if and only if

$$f = constant \neq 0$$
$$\left(f^3 + \alpha^2 f \varepsilon_1 \varepsilon - \frac{r}{2} f - 2f \alpha^2\right) = 0.$$

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