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## Sums of near-rings (\*\*)

### 1 - Introduction

In this paper sums of near-rings are defined and studied in order to characterize near-rings whose additive group is the direct sum or the semidirect sum of additive groups.

### 2 - Preliminaries

A left near-ring is indicated by  $N$ ; for the definitions and the fundamental notations we refer to [3]<sub>2</sub> without express recall. In particular the additive group of  $N$  is indicated by  $N^+$ ; if  $A$  is a substructure of  $N$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(A) \subseteq \text{AUT}(N^+)$  denotes the subset of automorphisms of  $N^+$  which transforms  $A$  in itself. If  $f, g$  are functions from  $S$  to  $T$  and  $H \subseteq T$ , we write  $f =_{HG} g$  for  $f(x) - g(x) \in H \ \forall x \in S$ .

Moreover  $\gamma_a: x \rightarrow ax \ \forall x \in N$  is a left translation of  $N$  determined by  $a$ ;  $A_d(N) = \{x \in N/Nx = 0\}$  ( $A_s(N) = \{x \in N/xN = 0\}$ ) is right (left) annihilator of  $N$ . In the following we call a near-ring  $N = N_0 + N_c$  with  $N_0 \neq \{0\} \neq N_c$  *mixed*.

### 3 - Semidirect sum of groups

We recall (see [4]) that if  $A$  and  $B$  are additive groups and  $\varphi: B^+ \rightarrow \text{AUT}(A^+)$  is a homomorphism with  $\varphi(b) = \varphi_b$ , the structure  $[A \times B, +]$  with  $\langle a, b \rangle + \langle a', b' \rangle = \langle a + \varphi_b(a'), b + b' \rangle$  is an additive group, called the *semi-*

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rect sum of  $A$  and  $B$  with homomorphism  $\varphi$  and we will indicate it with  $A + \varphi B$ . If  $A^0 = \{\langle a, 0 \rangle / a \in A\}$  and  ${}^0B = \{\langle 0, b \rangle / b \in B\}$  we know that:

- (a)  $A^0$  and  ${}^0B$  are subgroups of  $A + \varphi B$ ;      (b)  $A + \varphi B = A^0 + {}^0B$ ;  
 (c)  $A^0 \cap {}^0B = \{\langle 0, 0 \rangle\}$ ;      (d)  $A^0 \cong A$  and  $A + B/A^0 \cong B$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $G = A + \varphi B$ ,  $\bar{A} \subseteq A$  and  $\bar{B} \subseteq B$ , then:  $[\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}, +]$  is a subgroup of  $G$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are subgroups of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively and  $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ;  $\bar{N}$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are normal subgroups of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\varphi(B) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$  and  $\varphi(\bar{b}) = \bar{a} \text{id} \quad \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ .*

**Proof.** Easy verification.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $G = A + \varphi B$ , then  ${}^0B$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  iff  $\ker \varphi = B$ .*

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $G = A + \varphi B$  and  $\varphi(B) = \{\text{id}\}$ , then:  $G$  is a direct sum of  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\bar{N} = [\bar{A} \times \bar{B}, +]$  is a (normal) subgroup of  $G$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are (normal) subgroups of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.*

#### 4 - Near-rings whose additive group is a semidirect or direct sum

**Def. 1.** Let  $N = A + \varphi B$  be a semidirect sum of  $A$  of  $B$  with homomorphism  $\varphi$ ; we define in  $N$ :  $\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle a', b' \rangle = \langle f_{a,b}(a'), b' \rangle$  where  $f_{a,b} = \psi(\langle a, b \rangle)$  and  $\psi: A \times B \rightarrow \text{END}(A^+)$  is a function for which the following conditions hold:

- (1)  $f_{a,b} \cdot f_{a',b'} = f_{f_{a,b}(a'),b'}$       (2)  $f_{0,0} = \underline{0}$   
 (3)  $f_{a,b} \cdot \varphi_{b'} = \varphi_{b'} \cdot f_{a,b}$ .

**Proposition 2.** *The structure  $N = [A + \varphi B, \cdot]$  as in Def. 1, is a left near-ring in which  $A^0 = N_0$ ,  ${}^0B = N_c$  and  $N_0$  is a two-sided ideal.*

**Proof.** Easy verification.

The structure above mentioned will be called  $\alpha$ -sum of  $A$  and  $B$  and will be indicated by  $A + \varphi B$ .

**Theorem 1.** *A mixed near-ring  $N$  has  $N_0$  as a two-sided ideal iff it is isomorphic to an  $\alpha$ -sum of  $N_0$  and  $N_c$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $N$  be a mixed near-ring and  $N_0$  a two-sided ideal of  $N$ ; then  $N^+$  is isomorphic to  $N_0 + {}_x N_c$ , where  $\varphi: N_c^+ \rightarrow \text{AUT}(N_0^+)$  is defined by  $[\varphi(n_c)](n_0) = n_c + n_0 - n_c$ .

Moreover we consider the function  $\psi: N_0 \times N_c \rightarrow \text{END}(N_0^+)$  defined by  $\psi(\langle n_0, n_c \rangle) = \gamma_n$  where  $n = n_0 + n_c$ ;  $\psi$  fulfills the conditions of Def. 1:

- (1)  $(\gamma_n \cdot \gamma_{n'})(\bar{n}_0) = (n_0 + n_c)[(n'_0 + n'_c)\bar{n}_0] = [(n_0 + n_c)n'_0 + n'_c]\bar{n}_0 = \gamma_{\gamma_n(n'_0) + n'_c}(\bar{n}_0)$
- (2)  $\gamma_0(n_0) = 0 \quad \forall n_0 \in N_0$
- (3)  $(\gamma_n \cdot \varphi_{\bar{n}_c})(\bar{n}_0) = (n_0 + n_c)(\bar{n}_c + \bar{n}_0 - \bar{n}_c) = \bar{n}_c + (n_0 + n_c)\bar{n}_0 - \bar{n}_c$   
 $= \varphi_{\bar{n}_c}(\gamma_n(\bar{n}_0)) = (\varphi_{\bar{n}_c} \cdot \gamma_n)(\bar{n}_0).$

We can easily verify that the correspondence  $h: n_0 + n_c \rightarrow \langle n_0, n_c \rangle$  is an isomorphism from  $N$  to  $N_0 + {}_x N$ .

The converse follows from Proposition 2.

Obviously the multiplication of  $N$  infers a multiplication in  $A$  and  $B$  if we define  $a \cdot a' = \pi_A(\langle a, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle)$  and  $b \cdot b' = \pi_B(\langle 0, b \rangle \cdot \langle 0, b' \rangle)$  and with respect to such operations  $A$  and  $B$  are a zero-symmetric and a constant near-ring respectively.

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $A$  be a zero-symmetric near-ring,  $B$  a constant near-ring and  $N = A + {}_x B$ . The multiplication inferred in  $A$  by multiplication of  $N$  and multiplication of  $A$  coincide iff we define  $f_{a,0} = \gamma_a \quad \forall a \in A$ .*

**Proof.** Easy verification.

**Proposition 4.** *Let  $N = A + {}_x B$ ; a subset  $\bar{N}$  of  $N$  is:*

- (a) *a subnear-ring of  $N$  iff  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  where  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are subnear-rings of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$  and  $\psi(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ;*
- (b) *a left ideal of  $N$  iff  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  where  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are left ideals of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ,  $\varphi(\bar{b}) = {}_A \text{id} \quad \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ ,  $\psi(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ;*
- (c) *a right ideal of  $N$  iff  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  where  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are right ideals of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ,  $\varphi(\bar{b}) = {}_A \text{id} \quad \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ ,  $f_{a+\tau_0(\bar{a}), b+\bar{b}} = {}_A f_{a,b} \quad \forall a \in A, \forall \bar{a} \in \bar{A}, \forall b \in B, \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ .*

Proof. (a) Let  $\bar{N}$  be a subnear-ring of  $N$ ; since  $\forall \langle a, b \rangle \in \bar{N}$   
 $\langle 0, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle a, b \rangle = \langle 0, b \rangle \in N$ , it follows that  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$ , where  $\bar{A} = \{a \in A / \exists b \in B,$   
 $\langle a, b \rangle \in \bar{N}\}$  and  $\bar{B} = \{b \in B / \exists a \in A, \langle a, b \rangle \in \bar{N}\}$ .

In this case, by Proposition 1, we know that  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are additive subgroups  
of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively and  $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ .

Moreover  $\langle a, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle = \langle f_{a,0}(a'), 0 \rangle \in N \quad \forall a, a' \in \bar{A}$ , so  $f_{a,0}(a')$   
 $= \gamma_a(a') = a \cdot a' \in \bar{A}$  and  $\bar{A}$  is a subnear-ring of  $A$ . Lastly  $\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle$   
 $= \langle f_{a,b}(a'), 0 \rangle \in \bar{N} \quad \forall \langle a, b \rangle, \langle a', 0 \rangle$  of  $N$ , so  $\psi(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ .

The converse follows easily by Proposition 1 and  $\psi(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ .

(b) Let  $\bar{N}$  be a left ideal of  $N$ ; obviously, by Proposition 1 and Proposition  
4(a), we have  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  where  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are subnear-rings of  $A$  and  $B$   
respectively,  $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$  and  $\varphi(\bar{b}) = \bar{a} \text{id} \quad \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ , moreover  $\langle a, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle$   
 $= \langle f_{a,0}(a'), 0 \rangle \in \bar{N} \quad \forall a \in A$  and  $\forall a' \in \bar{A}$ , so  $f_{a,0}(a') = \gamma_a(a') = a \cdot a' \in \bar{A}$   
and  $\bar{A}$  is a left ideal; obviously  $\bar{B}$  is a left ideal of  $B$ ; lastly  $\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle$   
 $= \langle f_{a,b}(a'), 0 \rangle \in \bar{N} \quad \forall \langle a, b \rangle \in n$  and  $\forall \langle a', 0 \rangle \in \bar{N}$ , so we have  $f_{a,b}(a') \in \bar{A}$  and  
 $\psi(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ .

The converse follows easily by Proposition 1 and Proposition 4(a).

(c) Let  $\bar{N}$  be a right ideal of  $N$ ; by Proposition 1 and Proposition 4(a), we  
have  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  where  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are subnear-rings of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  
 $\varphi(\bar{B}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$  and  $\varphi(\bar{b}) = \bar{a} \text{id} \quad \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ .

Lastly, if  $\langle \bar{a}, \bar{b} \rangle \in \bar{N}$  we have  $(\langle a, b \rangle + \langle \bar{a}, \bar{b} \rangle) \cdot \langle a', b' \rangle - \langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle a', b' \rangle$   
 $= \langle f_{a+\bar{a}, b+\bar{b}}(a'), b' \rangle + \langle \varphi_{-\bar{b}}(-f_{a,b}(a')), -b \rangle = \langle f_{a+\bar{a}, b+\bar{b}}(a') - f_{a,b}(a'), 0 \rangle \in N$ , so  
 $f_{a+\bar{a}, b+\bar{b}} = \bar{A} f_{a,b}$ .

The converse is as above.

Corollary 1. Let  $N = A + {}_z B$ ;  ${}^0 B$  is a left ideal of  $N$  iff  $B = \ker \varphi$  and it is a  
right ideal of  $N$  iff  $B = \text{Ker } \varphi$  and  $f_{a,b} = f_{a,0} \quad \forall b \in B$ .

Def. 2. Let  $N = A \oplus B$  be a direct sum of additive groups  $A$  and  $B$ ; we  
define in  $N$   $\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle a', b' \rangle = \langle f_{a,b}(a'), \tilde{f}_{a,b}(b') \rangle \quad \forall a, a' \in A, \forall b, b' \in B$ , where  
 $f_{a,b} = \psi(\langle a, b \rangle)$ ,  $\tilde{f}_{a,b} = \tilde{\psi}(\langle a, b \rangle)$  and where  $\psi: A \times B \rightarrow \text{END}(A^+)$ ,  
 $\tilde{\psi}: A \times B \rightarrow \text{END}(B^+)$  are functions for which

$$(1) \quad f_{a,b} \cdot f_{a',b'} = f_{f_{a,b}(a'), \tilde{f}_{a,b}(b')} \quad \tilde{f}_{a,b} \cdot \tilde{f}_{a',b'} = \tilde{f}_{f_{a,b}(a'), \tilde{f}_{a,b}(b')}; \quad (2) \quad f_{0,0} = \underline{0} = \tilde{f}_{0,0}.$$

Proposition 5. The structure  $N = [A \oplus B, \cdot]$  as in Def. 2, is a zero-  
symmetric left near-ring in which  $A^0$  and  ${}^0 B$  are left ideals.

Proof. Easy verification.

The structure above mentioned will be called  $\beta$ -sum of  $A$  and  $B$  and will be indicated by  $A +_{\beta} B$ .

**Theorem 2.** *A near-ring  $N$  is zero-symmetric with  $N^+ = I \oplus J$ , where  $I$  and  $J$  are left ideals with trivial intersection, iff it is isomorphic to a  $\beta$ -sum of  $I$  and  $J$ .*

Proof. Let  $N$  be a zero-symmetric near-ring with  $N^+ = I \oplus J$  where  $I$  and  $J$  are left ideals of  $N$  and  $I \cap J = \{0\}$ .

We consider the functions  $\psi: I \times J \rightarrow \text{END}(I^+)$  and  $\bar{\psi}: I \times J \rightarrow \text{END}(J^+)$  defined by:  $\psi(\langle i, j \rangle) = \gamma_{i+j}/I^+$  and  $\bar{\psi}(\langle i, j \rangle) = \gamma_{i+j}/J^+ = \bar{\gamma}_{i+j}$ , that is we consider the left translation  $\gamma_{i+j}$  restricted to  $I$  and  $J$  respectively.

Such restrictions are obviously endomorphism of  $I^+$  and  $J^+$  respectively, because  $I$  and  $J$  are left ideals of  $N$ ;  $\psi$  and  $\bar{\psi}$  fulfil the conditions of the Def. 2:

$$(1) \quad (\gamma_{i+j} \cdot \gamma_{i'+j'})(i'') = (i+j)(i'+j')i'' = [(i+j)i' + (i+j)j']i'' \\ = (\gamma_{i+j}(i') + \gamma_{i+j}(j'))i'' = \gamma_{\gamma_{i+j}(i') + \bar{\gamma}_{i+j}(i')}(i'').$$

We can prove the same for  $\bar{\gamma}$ ;

$$(2) \quad \gamma_{0+0}(i) = 0 \cdot i = 0 \quad \forall i \in I \quad \bar{\gamma}_{0+0}(j) = 0 \cdot j = 0 \quad \forall j \in J.$$

Called  $f_{i,j} = \gamma_{i+j}/I^+$  and  $\bar{f}_{i,j} = \gamma_{i+j}/J^+$ , we can easily verify that the correspondence  $h: i+j \rightarrow \langle i, j \rangle$  from  $N$  to  $I +_{\beta} J$  is an isomorphism.

The converse follows directly from Proposition 5.

The multiplication of  $N$  infers a multiplication in  $A$  and  $B$  if we define  $a \cdot a' = \pi_A(\langle a, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle)$  and  $b \cdot b' = \pi_B(\langle 0, b \rangle \cdot \langle 0, b' \rangle)$  and with respect to such operations  $A$  and  $B$  are zero-symmetric near-rings.

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $A$  and  $B$  be zero-symmetric near-rings and  $N = A +_{\beta} B$ . The multiplications inferred in  $A$  and  $B$  by multiplication of  $N$  and the multiplications of  $A$  and  $B$  coincide iff we define  $f_{a,0} = \gamma_a$  and  $\bar{f}_{0,b} = \bar{\gamma}_b \quad \forall a \in A, \forall b \in B$ .*

Proof. Easy verification.

Proposition 7. Let  $N = A + {}_p B$ ; a subset  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  of  $N$  is:

(a) a subnear-ring of  $N$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are subnear-rings of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\psi(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ,  $\bar{\psi}(\bar{N}) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{B})$ ;

(b) a left ideal of  $N$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are left ideals of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\psi(N) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{A})$ ,  $\bar{\psi}(N) \subseteq \mathcal{F}(\bar{B})$ ;

(c) a right ideal of  $N$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are right ideals of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $f_{a+a, b+b} = {}_A f_{a, b}$ ;  $\bar{f}_{a+a, b+b} = {}_{\bar{B}} \bar{f}_{a, b} \quad \forall a \in A, \forall \bar{a} \in \bar{A}, \forall b \in B, \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ .

Proof. Analogous to Proposition 4.

Def. 3. Let  $N = A \oplus B$  be a direct sum of additive groups  $A$  and  $B$ ; we define in  $N$   $\langle a, b \rangle \cdot \langle a', b' \rangle = \langle \lambda_{b'}(a), f_b(b') \rangle$ , where  $\lambda_b = \lambda(b)$  with  $\lambda: B^+ \rightarrow F(A)^+$  is a homomorphism such that  $\lambda_b \cdot \lambda_{b'} = \lambda_{f_b(b)}(1)$  and  $f_b = \psi(b)$  with  $\psi: B \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \text{AUT}(B^+)$  is a function such that  $f_b \cdot f_{b'} = f_{f_b(b')}(2)$  and  $f_0 = \underline{0}(3)$ .

Proposition 8. The structure  $N = [A \oplus B, \cdot]$ , as in Def. 3, is a left zero-symmetric near-ring in which  $A^0 = A_d(N)$  and  ${}^0 B$  is an integral right ideal of  $N$ ;  ${}^0 B$  is a two-sided ideal iff  $B = \ker \lambda$ .

Proof. Easy verification.

The structure above mentioned will be called  $\gamma$ -sum of  $A$  and  $B$  and will be indicated by  $A + {}_\gamma B$ .

Theorem 3. A near-ring  $N$  is a zero-symmetric near-ring with  $N^+ = A \oplus B$ , where  $A = A_d(N)$  and  $B$  is a right ideal without zero divisors iff it is isomorphic to a  $\gamma$ -sum of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Proof. Let  $N$  be a zero-symmetric near-ring with  $N^+ = A \oplus B$ , where  $A = A_d(N)$  and  $B$  is a right ideal without zero divisors. Consider the homomorphism  $\lambda: B^+ \rightarrow F(A)^+$  defined by:  $\lambda(b) = \lambda_b: A \rightarrow A$  with  $\lambda_b(a) = a \cdot b$  and the function  $\psi: B \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \text{AUT}(B^+)$  defined by:  $\psi(b) = \gamma_b$  and  $\psi(0) = \underline{0}$ .  $\psi$  fulfills (2) and (3) of Def. 3, moreover  $(\lambda_b \cdot \lambda_{b'})(a) = \lambda_b(ab') = (ab')b = a(bb') = a\gamma_b(b) = \lambda_{\gamma_b(b)}(a)$  and (1) of Def. 3 holds.

Now we can easily prove that the correspondence  $h: a + b \rightarrow \langle a, b \rangle$  from  $N$  to  $A + {}_\gamma B$  is an isomorphism.

The converse follows directly from Proposition 8.

The multiplication of  $N$  infers a multiplication in  $A$  and  $B$  if we define  $a \cdot a' = \pi_A(\langle a, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle a', 0 \rangle)$  and  $b \cdot b' = \pi_B(\langle 0, b \rangle \cdot \langle 0, b' \rangle)$  and with respect to such operations  $A$  and  $B$  are near-rings.

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $A$  be a zero-near-ring,  $B$  an integral near-ring and  $N = A + {}_B$ . The multiplications inferred in  $A$  and  $B$  by multiplication of  $N$  and the multiplications of  $A$  and  $B$  coincide iff we define  $f_b = \gamma_b \forall b \in B$ .*

**Proof.** Easy verification.

**Proposition 10.** *Let  $N = A + {}_B$  be a zero-symmetric near-ring; a subset  $\bar{N} = \bar{A} \times \bar{B}$  of  $N$  is:*

(a) *a subnear-ring of  $N$  iff  $\bar{A}$  and  $\bar{B}$  are subnear-rings of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively,  $\lambda_{\bar{b}}(\bar{A}) \subseteq \bar{A} \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ ,  $f_b \in \mathcal{F}(\bar{B}) \forall b \in \bar{B}$ ;*

(b) *a left ideal of  $N$  iff  $\bar{A}$  is a normal subgroup of  $A^+$ ,  $\bar{B}$  is a left ideal of  $B$  and  $\lambda_{\bar{b}}(\bar{A}) \subseteq \bar{A} \forall \bar{b} \in \bar{B}$ ;*

(c) *a right ideal of  $N$  iff  $\bar{A}$  is a normal subgroup of  $A^+$ ,  $\bar{B}$  is a right ideal of  $B$  and  $\lambda_b(a + \bar{a}) = {}_{\bar{A}}\lambda_b(a) \forall b \in B, \forall a \in A, \forall \bar{a} \in \bar{A}$ .*

**Proof.** Analogous to Proposition 4.

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### Summary

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