

#### **Chapter 1 Representing Motion**



**Chapter Goal:** To introduce the fundamental concepts of motion and to review related basic mathematical principles.

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# **Chapter 1 Preview**

Looking Ahead: Describing Motion

• This series of images of a skier clearly shows his motion. Such visual depictions are a good first step in describing motion.



• You'll learn to make **motion diagrams** that provide a simplified view of the motion of an object.

# Chapter 1 Preview

Looking Ahead: Numbers and Units

• Quantitative descriptions involve numbers, and numbers require units. This speedometer gives speed in mph and km/h.



• You'll learn the units used in science, and you'll learn to convert between these and more familiar units.

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# Chapter 1 Preview Looking Ahead



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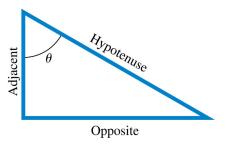
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#### **Chapter 1 Preview**

Looking Back: Trigonometry

• In a previous course, you learned mathematical relationships among the sides and the angles of triangles.



• In this course you'll use these relationships to analyze motion and other problems.

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#### **Reading Question 1.1**

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# Section 1.1 Motion: A First Look

#### **Types of Motion**

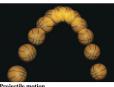
• **Motion** is the change of an object's position or orientation with time.





Straight-line mot

Circular motion



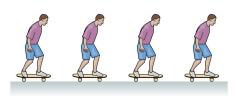


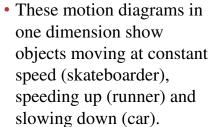
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• The path along which an object moves is called the object's **trajectory**.

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#### **Making a Motion Diagram**









# **Making a Motion Diagram**

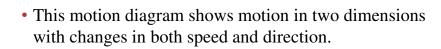








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#### QuickCheck 1.1



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#### **The Particle Model**

- The particle model of motion is a simplification in which we treat a moving object as if all (b) Same motion diagram using the of its mass were concentrated at a single point
  - (a) Motion diagram of a car stopping



particle model

The same amount of time elapses between each frame and the next.



Numbers show the order in which the frames were taken. A single dot is used to represent the object.

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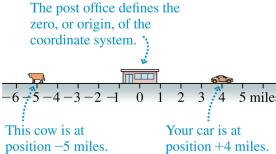
> **Section 1.2 Position and Time: Putting Numbers on Nature**

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#### **Position and Coordinate Systems**

• To specify **position** we need a reference point (the **origin**), a **distance** from the origin, and a **direction** from the origin.

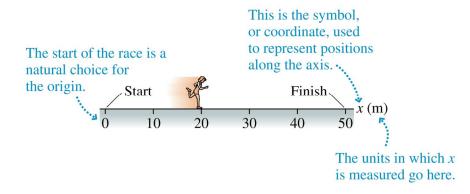
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 The combination of an origin and an axis marked in both the positive and negative directions makes a coordinate system.

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#### **Position and Coordinate Systems**

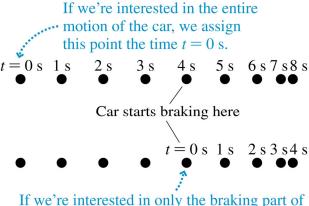


• The symbol that represents a position along an axis is called a **coordinate**.

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#### **Time**

• For a complete motion diagram we need to label each frame with its corresponding time (symbol *t*) as read off a clock.



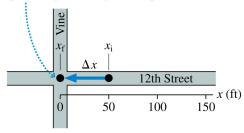
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the motion, we assign t = 0 s here.

#### **Changes in Position and Displacement**

• A *change* of position is called a **displacement**.

A final position to the left of the initial position gives a negative displacement.

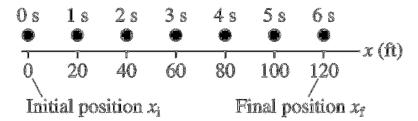


• Displacement is the *difference* between a final position and an initial position:

$$\Delta x = x_f - x_i = 150 \text{ ft} - 50 \text{ ft} = 100 \text{ ft}$$

# **Change in Time**

• In order to quantify motion, we'll need to consider changes in *time*, which we call **time intervals**.



• A time interval  $\Delta t$  measures the elapsed time as an object moves from an initial position  $x_i$  at time  $t_i$  to a **final position**  $x_f$  at time  $t_f$ .  $\Delta t$  is always positive.

QuickCheck 1.4

Maria is at position x = 23 m. She then undergoes a displacement  $\Delta x = -50$  m. What is her final position?

B. 
$$-50 \text{ m}$$

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✓ A. –27 m

B. -50 m

C. 23 m

D. 73 m

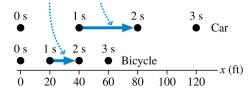
**Section 1.3 Velocity** 

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#### **Velocity and Speed**

 Motion at a constant speed in a straight line is called uniform motion.

> During each second, the car moves twice as far as the bicycle. Hence the car is moving at a greater speed.



$$speed = \frac{distance traveled in a given time interval}{time interval}$$

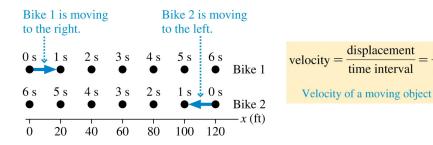
$$Speed of an object in uniform motion$$

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#### **Velocity and Speed**

• Speed measures only how fast an object moves, but velocity tells us both an object's speed *and its direction*.



• The velocity defined by Equation 1.2 is called the *average* velocity.

Section 1.4 A Sense of Scale: Significant Figures, Scientific Notation, and Units

Jane walks to the right at a constant rate, moving 3 m in 3 s.

At t = 0 s she passes the x = 1 m mark. Draw her motion

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**Example Problem** 

diagram from t = -1 s to t = 4 s.

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#### **Measurements and Significant Figures**

• When we measure any quantity we can do so with only a certain *precision*.





• We state our knowledge of a measurement through the use of **significant figures**: digits that are reliably known.

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#### TACTICS Using significant figures



• When you multiply or divide several numbers, or when you take roots, the number of significant figures in the answer should match the number of significant figures of the *least* precisely known number used in the calculation:

Three significant figures

$$3.73 \times 5.7 = 21$$
Two significant figures

Answer should have the *lower* of the two, or two significant figures

When you add or subtract several numbers, the number of decimal places in the answer should match the smallest number of decimal places of any number used in the calculation:

**8** Exact numbers have no uncertainty and, when used in calculations, do not change the number of significant figures of measured numbers. Examples of exact numbers are  $\pi$  and the number 2 in the relation d = 2r between a circle's diameter and radius.

There is one notable exception to these rules:

It is acceptable to keep one or two extra digits during intermediate steps of a calculation to minimize round-off errors in the calculation. But the final answer must be reported with the proper number of significant figures.

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#### QuickCheck 1.7

Rank in order, from the most to the least, the number of significant figures in the following numbers. For example, if b has more than c, c has the same number as a, and a has more than d, you would give your answer as b > c = a > d.

a. 8200

b. 0.0052

c. 0.430

d.  $4.321 \times 10^{-10}$ 

A. 
$$d > c > b = a$$

B. 
$$a = b = d > c$$

C. 
$$b = d > c > a$$

D. 
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E. 
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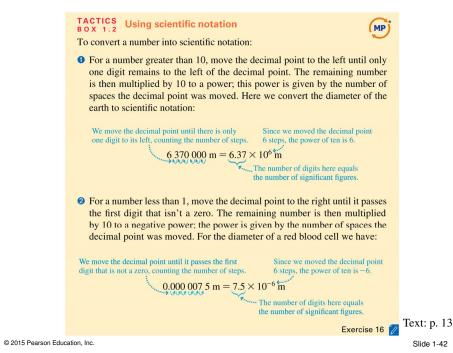
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#### **Scientific Notation**

 Writing very large (much greater than 1) and very small (much less than 1) numbers is cumbersome and does not make clear how many significant figures are involved.

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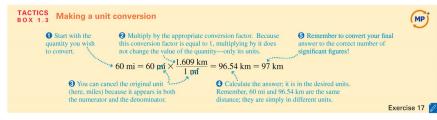
#### Units

• Scientists use a system of units called *le Système International d'Unités*, commonly referred to as **SI Units**.

#### **TABLE 1.1** Common SI units

Quantity	Unit	Abbreviation
time	second	S
length	meter	m
mass	kilogram	kg

#### **Unit Conversions**



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#### **Estimation**

- A one-significant-figure estimate or calculation is called an order-of-magnitude estimate.
- An order-of-magnitude estimate is indicated by the symbol ~, which indicates even less precision than the "approximately equal" symbol ≈.

**TABLE 1.4** Some approximate conversion factors

Quantity	SI unit	Approximate conversion
Mass	kg	$1 \text{ kg} \approx 2 \text{ lb}$
Length	m	$1 \text{ m} \approx 3 \text{ ft}$
	cm	$3 \text{ cm} \approx 1 \text{ in}$
	km	$5 \text{ km} \approx 3 \text{ mi}$
Speed	m/s	$1 \text{ m/s} \approx 2 \text{ mph}$
	km/h	$10 \mathrm{km/h} \approx 6 \mathrm{mph}$

Example 1.5 How fast do you walk?

Estimate how fast you walk, in meters per second.

**PREPARE** In order to compute speed, we need a distance and a time. If you walked a mile to campus, how long would this take? You'd probably say 30 minutes or so—half an hour. Let's use this rough number in our estimate.

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#### Example 1.5 How fast do you walk? (cont.)

**SOLVE** Given this estimate, we compute your speed as

speed = 
$$\frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} \sim \frac{1 \text{ mile}}{1/2 \text{ hour}} = 2 \frac{\text{mi}}{\text{h}}$$

But we want the speed in meters per second. Since our calculation is only an estimate, we use an approximate conversion factor from Table 1.4:

$$1\frac{\text{mi}}{\text{h}} \sim 0.5\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

This gives an approximate walking speed of 1 m/s.

## Example 1.5 How fast do you walk? (cont.)

ASSESS Is this a reasonable value? Let's do another estimate. Your stride is probably about 1 yard long—about 1 meter. And you take about one step per second; next time you are walking, you can count and see. So a walking speed of 1 meter per second sounds pretty reasonable.

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#### Section 1.5 Vectors and Motion: A First Look

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#### **Scalars and Vectors**

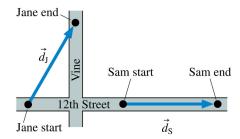
- When a physical quantity is described by a single number (with a unit), we call it a **scalar quantity**.
- A **vector quantity** is a quantity that has both a size (How far? or How fast?) and a direction (Which way?).
- The size or length of a vector is called its **magnitude**.
- We graphically represent a vector as an *arrow*.



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#### **Displacement Vectors**

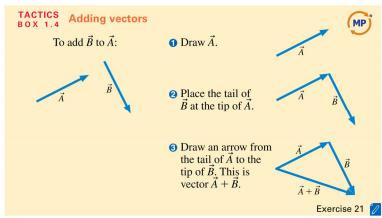
• The displacement vector represents the distance and direction of an object's motion.



• An object's displacement vector is drawn from the object's initial position to its final position, regardless of the actual path followed between these two points.

#### **Vector Addition**

• The net displacement for a trip with two legs is the sum of the two displacements that made it up.



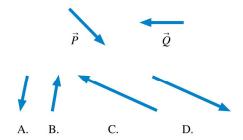
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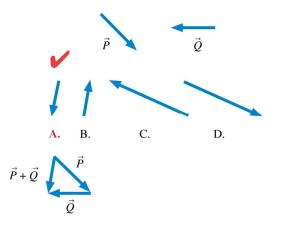
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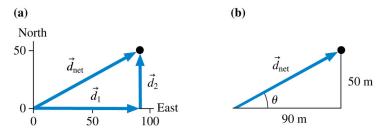


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# **Example 1.7 How far away is Anna?**

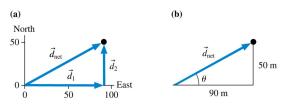
Anna walks 90 m due east and then 50 m due north. What is her displacement from her starting point?

**PREPARE** Let's start with the sketch in FIGURE 1.25a. We set up a coordinate system with Anna's original position as the origin, and then we drew her two subsequent motions as the two displacement vectors  $\vec{d}_1$  and  $\vec{d}_2$ .



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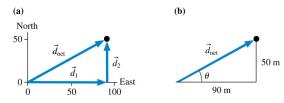
# **Example 1.7 How far away is Anna? (cont.)**



**SOLVE** We drew the two vector displacements with the tail of one vector starting at the head of the previous one—exactly what is needed to form a vector sum. The vector  $\vec{d}_{\text{net}}$  in FIGURE 1.25a is the vector sum of the successive displacements and thus represents Anna's net displacement from the origin.

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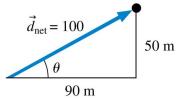


Anna's distance from the origin is the length of this vector  $\mathbf{d}_{net}$ . FIGURE 1.25b shows that this vector is the hypotenuse of a right triangle with sides 50 m (because Anna walked 50 m north) and 90 m (because she walked 90 m east). We can compute the magnitude of this vector, her net displacement, using the Pythagorean theorem (the square of the length of the hypotenuse of a triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the lengths of the sides):

$$d_{\text{net}}^2 = (50 \text{ m})^2 + (90 \text{ m})^2$$
$$d_{\text{net}} = \sqrt{(50 \text{ m})^2 + (90 \text{ m})^2} = 103 \text{ m} \approx 100 \text{ m}$$

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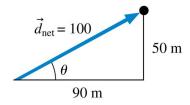
We have rounded off to the appropriate number of significant figures, giving us 100 m for the magnitude of the displacement vector. How about the direction? Figure 1.25b identifies the angle that gives the angle north of east of Anna's displacement. In the right triangle, 50 m is the opposite side and 90 m is the adjacent side, so the angle is given by  $\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{50 \text{ m}}{90 \text{ m}}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{5}{9}\right) = 29^{\circ}$ 

Putting it all together, we get a net displacement of

$$\vec{d}_{\text{ant}} = (100 \text{ m}, 20^{\circ} \text{ month of east})$$

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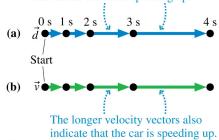


ASSESS We can use our drawing to assess our result. If the two sides of the triangle are 50 m and 90 m, a length of 100 m for the hypotenuse seems about right. The angle is certainly less than 45°, but not too much less, so 29° seems reasonable.

#### **Velocity Vectors**

• We represent the velocity of an object by a velocity vector that points in the direction of the object's motion, and whose magnitude is the object's speed.

The displacement vectors are lengthening. This means the car is speeding up.



The motion diagram for a car starting from rest

#### **Example 1.8 Drawing a ball's motion diagram**

Jake hits a ball at a  $60^{\circ}$  angle from the horizontal. It is caught by Jim. Draw a motion diagram of the ball that shows velocity vectors rather than displacement vectors.



The motion diagram of a ball traveling from Jake to Jim

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#### **Summary and Organization of Chapters**

- This chapter has been an introduction to some of the fundamental ideas about motion and some of the basic techniques that you will use.
- Each new chapter depends on those that preceded it.
- Each chapter begins with a chapter preview that will let you know which topics are especially important to review.
- The last element in each chapter will be an integrated example that brings together the principles and techniques you have just learned with those you learned previously.

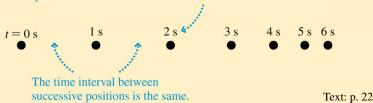
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#### **Summary: Important Concepts**

#### **Motion Diagrams**

The **particle model** represents a moving object as if all its mass were concentrated at a single point. Using this model, we can represent motion with a **motion diagram**, where dots indicate the object's positions at successive times. In a motion diagram, the time interval between successive dots is always the same.

Each dot represents the position of the object. Each position is labeled with the time at which the dot was there.



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#### **Summary: Important Concepts**

#### Text: p. 22 **Scalars and Vectors** Scalar quantities have only a magnitude and can be represented by a single number. Temperature, time, and mass Direction are scalars. A vector is a quantity The length of a vector described by both a magnitude is proportional to its magnitude. and a direction. Velocity and displacement are vectors. Velocity vectors span Velocity vectors can be successive points in .... drawn on a motion diagram a motion diagram. by connecting successive Start F..... The velocity points with a vector. vectors are getting longer,

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so the object is speeding up.

#### **Summary: Important Concepts**

#### **Describing Motion**

**Position** locates an object with respect to a chosen coordinate system. It is described by a **coordinate**.

A change in position is called a **displacement**. For motion along a line, a displacement is a signed quantity. The displacement from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$  is  $\Delta x = x_f - x_i$ .

**Time** is measured from a particular instant to which we assign t = 0. A **time interval** is the elapsed time between two specific instants  $t_i$  and  $t_f$ . It is given by  $\Delta t = t_f - t_i$ .

**Velocity** is the ratio of the displacement of an object to the time interval during which this displacement occurs:

$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

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#### **Summary: Important Concepts**

#### **Units**

Every measurement of a quantity must include a unit.

The standard system of units used in science is the **SI system**. Common SI units include:

• Length: meters (m)

• Time: seconds (s)

• Mass: kilograms (kg)

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#### **Summary: Applications**

#### **Working with Numbers**

In **scientific notation**, a number is expressed as a decimal number between 1 and 10 multiplied by a power of ten. In scientific notation, the diameter of the earth is  $1.27 \times 10^7$  m.

A prefix can be used before a unit to indicate a multiple of 10 or 1/10. Thus we can write the diameter of the earth as 12,700 km, where the k in km denotes 1000.

We can perform a **unit conversion** to convert the diameter of the earth to a different unit, such as miles. We do so by multiplying by a conversion factor equal to 1, such as 1 = 1 mi/1.61 km.

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# **Summary: Applications**

**Significant figures** are reliably known digits. The number of significant figures for:

- Multiplication, division, and powers is set by the value with the fewest significant figures.
- Addition and subtraction is set by the value with the smallest number of decimal places.

An **order-of-magnitude estimate** is an estimate that has an accuracy of about one significant figure. Such estimates are usually made using rough numbers from everyday experience.

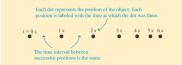
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Temperature, time, and mass are scalars.
A vector is a quantity

The length of a vector

A **vector** is a quantity described by both a magnitude and a direction. Velocity and displacement are vectors.

Velocity vectors can be drawn on a motion diagram by connecting successive points with a vector.

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#### **Describing Motion**

Position locates an object with respect to a chosen coordinate system. It is described by a coordinate.

The coordinate is the variable used to describe the position. x = -5This cow is at x = -5 miles.

This car is at x = +4 miles.

A change in position is called a **displacement**. For motion along a line, a displacement is a signed quantity. The displacement from  $x_i$  to  $x_f$  is  $\Delta x = x_f - x_i$ .

**Time** is measured from a particular instant to which we assign t = 0. A **time interval** is the elapsed time between two specific instants  $t_i$  and  $t_f$ . It is given by  $\Delta t = t_f - t_i$ .

**Velocity** is the ratio of the displacement of an object to the time interval during which this displacement occurs:

$$v = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$$

#### Units

Every measurement of a quantity must include a unit.

The standard system of units used in science is the SI system.

- · Length: meters (m)
- · Time: seconds (s)
- Mass: kilograms (kg)

#### **Summary**

#### **APPLICATIONS**

#### **Working with Numbers**

In scientific notation, a number is expressed as a decimal number between 1 and 10 multiplied by a power of ten. In scientific notation, the diameter of the earth is  $1.27 \times 10^7$  m.

A prefix can be used before a unit to indicate a multiple of 10 or 1/10. Thus we can write the diameter of the earth as 12,700 km, where the k in km denotes 1000.

We can perform a unit conversion to convert the diameter of the earth to a different unit, such as miles. We do so by multiplying by a conversion factor equal to 1, such as 1 = 1 mi/1.61 km.

Significant figures are reliably known digits. The number of significant figures for:

- Multiplication, division, and powers is set by the value with the fewest significant figures.
- Addition and subtraction is set by the value with the smallest number of decimal places.

An **order-of-magnitude estimate** is an estimate that has an accuracy of about one significant figure. Such estimates are usually made using rough numbers from everyday experience.

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