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E04RHF

Note: before using this routine, please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of **bold italicised** terms and other implementation-dependent details.

1 Purpose

E04RHF is a part of the NAG optimization modelling suite and defines bounds on the variables of the problem.

2 Specification

SUBROUTINE E04RHF (HANDLE, NVAR, BL, BU, IFAIL)

INTEGER NVAR, IFAIL

REAL (KIND=nag_wp) BL(NVAR), BU(NVAR)

TYPE (C_PTR) HANDLE

3 Description

After the initialization routine E04RAF has been called, E04RHF may be used to define the variable bounds $l_x \le x \le u_x$ of the problem unless the bounds have already been defined. This will typically be used for problems, such as quadratic programming (QP)

nonlinear programming (NLP)

linear semidefinite programming (SDP)

or semidefinite programming with bilinear matrix inequalities (BMI-SDP)

where l_x and u_x are n-dimensional vectors. Note that upper and lower bounds are specified for all the variables. This form allows full generality in specifying various types of constraint. If certain bounds are not present, the associated elements of l_x or u_x may be set to special values that are treated as $-\infty$ or $+\infty$. See the description of the optional parameter **Infinite Bound Size** of the solvers in the suite, E04STF and E04SVF. Its value is denoted as bigbnd further in this text. Note that the bounds are

interpreted based on its value at the time of calling this routine and any later alterations to **Infinite Bound Size** will not affect these constraints.

See E04RAF for more details.

4 References

Candes E and Recht B (2009) Exact matrix completion via convex optimization Foundations of Computation Mathematics (Volume 9) 717-772

5 Arguments

1: HANDLE – TYPE (C PTR)

Input

On entry: the handle to the problem. It needs to be initialized by E04RAF and must not be changed.

2: NVAR – INTEGER

Input

On entry: n, the number of decision variables x in the problem. It must be unchanged from the value set during the initialization of the handle by E04RAF.

3: BL(NVAR) - REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array

Input

4: BU(NVAR) – REAL (KIND=nag_wp) array

Input

On entry: l_x , BL and u_x , BU define lower and upper bounds on the variables, respectively. To specify a nonexistent lower bound (i.e., $l_j = -\infty$), set $\mathrm{BL}(j) \leq -bigbnd$; to specify a nonexistent upper bound (i.e., $u_j = \infty$), set $\mathrm{BU}(j) \geq bigbnd$. Fixing of the variables is not allowed in this release, however, this limitation will be removed in a future release.

Constraints:

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BL(j) < BU(j), for j = 1, 2, ..., NVAR; BL(j) < bigbnd, for j = 1, 2, ..., NVAR; BU(j) > -bigbnd, for j = 1, 2, ..., NVAR.
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5: IFAIL – INTEGER

Input/Output

On entry: IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. If you are unfamiliar with this argument you should refer to Section 3.4 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for details.

For environments where it might be inappropriate to halt program execution when an error is detected, the value -1 or 1 is recommended. If the output of error messages is undesirable, then the value 1 is recommended. Otherwise, the recommended value is -1. When the value -1 or 1 is used it is essential to test the value of IFAIL on exit.

On exit: IFAIL = 0 unless the routine detects an error or a warning has been flagged (see Section 6).

6 Error Indicators and Warnings

If on entry IFAIL = 0 or -1, explanatory error messages are output on the current error message unit (as defined by X04AAF).

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

IFAIL = 1

The supplied HANDLE does not define a valid handle to the data structure for the NAG optimization modelling suite. It has not been initialized by E04RAF or it has been corrupted.

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IFAIL = 2

The problem cannot be modified in this phase any more, the solver has already been called.

IFAIL = 3

Variable bounds have already been defined.

IFAIL = 4

On entry, NVAR = $\langle value \rangle$, expected value = $\langle value \rangle$. Constraint: NVAR must match the value given during initialization of HANDLE.

IFAIL = 10

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On entry, j = \langle value \rangle, BL(j) = \langle value \rangle, bigbnd = \langle value \rangle. Constraint: BL(j) < bigbnd.

On entry, j = \langle value \rangle, BL(j) = \langle value \rangle and BU(j) = \langle value \rangle. Constraint: BL(j) < BU(j).

On entry, j = \langle value \rangle, BU(j) = \langle value \rangle, bigbnd = \langle value \rangle. Constraint: BU(j) > -bigbnd.
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IFAIL = -99

An unexpected error has been triggered by this routine. Please contact NAG.

See Section 3.9 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

IFAIL = -399

Your licence key may have expired or may not have been installed correctly.

See Section 3.8 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

IFAIL = -999

Dynamic memory allocation failed.

See Section 3.7 in How to Use the NAG Library and its Documentation for further information.

7 Accuracy

Not applicable.

8 Parallelism and Performance

E04RHF is not threaded in any implementation.

9 Further Comments

None.

10 Example

There is a vast number of problems which can be reformulated as SDP. This example follows Candes and Recht (2009) to show how a rank minimization problem can be approximated by SDP. In addition, it demonstrates how to work with the monitor mode of E04SVF.

The problem can be stated as follows: Let's have m respondents answering k questions where they express their preferences as a number between 0 and 1 or the question can be left unanswered. The task is to fill in the missing entries, i.e., to guess the unexpressed preferences. This problem falls into the category of matrix completion. The idea is to choose the missing entries to minimize the rank of the

matrix as it is commonly believed that only a few factors contribute to an individual's tastes or preferences.

Rank minimization is in general NP-hard but it can be approximated by a heuristic, minimizing the nuclear norm of the matrix. The nuclear norm of a matrix is the sum of its singular values. A rank deficient matrix must have (several) zero singular values. Given the fact that the singular values are always non-negative, a minimization of the nuclear norm has the same effect as ℓ_1 norm in compress sensing, i.e., it encourages many singular values to be zero and thus it can be considered as a heuristic for the original rank minimization problem.

Let \hat{Y} denote the partially filled in $m \times k$ matrix with the valid responses on $(i,j) \in \Omega$ positions. We are looking for Y of the same size so that the valid responses are unchanged and the nuclear norm (denoted here as $\|\cdot\|_*$) is minimal.

This is equivalent to

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{W_1,W_2,Y}{\text{minimize}} & \operatorname{trace}(W_1) + \operatorname{trace}(W_2) \\ \text{subject to} & Y_{ij} = \hat{Y}_{ij} \quad \text{for all} \quad (i,j) \in \varOmega \\ & \begin{pmatrix} W_1 & Y \\ Y^{\mathsf{T}} & W_2 \end{pmatrix} \succeq 0 \end{array}$$

which is the linear semidefinite problem solved in this example, see Candes and Recht (2009) and the references therein for details.

This example has m = 15 respondents and k = 6 answers. The obtained answers are

$$\hat{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * & * & 0.4 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 & 0.8 & * & * & * \\ * & * & 0.8 & * & 0.2 & * \\ 0.8 & 0.2 & * & * & * & * \\ * & 0.4 & * & 0.0 & * & 0.2 \\ 0.4 & * & * & 0.2 & * & 0.2 \\ * & 0.8 & 0.2 & 0.6 & * & * \\ * & * & 0.2 & * & * & * \\ * & * & 0.2 & * & * & * \\ * & * & 0.4 & * & * & * \\ * & * & 0.4 & * & * & * \\ * & * & 0.2 & 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \\ * & * & * & * & * & 1.0 & 0.8 \\ 1.0 & * & 0.2 & * & * & 0.6 \\ * & * & * & * & * & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & * & 0.2 & 0.4 & * & * \end{pmatrix}$$

where * denotes missing entries (-1.0 is used instead in the data file). The obtained matrix has rank 4 and it is shown below printed to 1-digit accuracy:

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```
0.5
    0.3 0.2
              0.2
                  0.4
                       0.4
              0.2
0.6
    0.4
         0.8
                  0.3
                       0.4
0.4
    0.3
         0.8
              0.0
                  0.2
                       0.2
0.8 0.2
         0.3
              0.4
                  0.3
                       0.4
0.0 0.4
        0.2
              0.0
                  0.2
                       0.2
0.4 0.1
        0.2 0.2
                  0.1
                       0.2
0.6 0.8 0.2 0.6
                  0.2 0.4
0.1 0.1 0.2 0.0
                  0.0 0.1
0.6 0.4 0.1 0.6
                  0.0 0.3
0.2 0.1 0.4 0.0
                  0.1 0.1
0.5 0.3 0.2 0.2
                  0.4 0.4
0.7 0.4 0.3 0.0
                  1.0 0.8
1.0 0.3 0.2 0.5
                  0.5 0.6
    0.1
0.2
         0.1
              0.1
                  0.2
                       0.2
0.6
    0.3
         0.2
              0.4
                  0.2
                       0.3
```

The example also turns on monitor mode of E04SVF, there is a time limit introduced for the solver which is being checked at the end of every outer iteration. If the time limit is reached, the routine is stopped by setting INFORM = 0 within the monitor step.

See also Section 10 in E04RAF for links to further examples in the suite.

10.1 Program Text

```
Program e04rhfe
      E04RHF Example Program Text
!
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      Matrix completion problem (rank minimization) solved approximately
1
      by SDP via nuclear norm minimization formulated as:
                trace(X1) + trace(X2)
1
         min
                [ X1, Y; Y', X2 ] >=0
!
         s.t.
                0 <= Y_ij <= 1
!
!
      .. Use Statements ..
      Use nag_library, Only: e04raf, e04rff, e04rhf, e04rnf, e04rzf, e04svf,
                              e04zmf, f08kbf, nag_wp, x04cbf
                                         :: iso_c_binding, Only: c_null_ptr,
      Use, Intrinsic
                                            c_ptr
       . Implicit None Statement ..
1
      Implicit None
      .. Parameters ..
                                       :: stol = 1E-5_nag_wp
      Real (Kind=nag_wp), Parameter
      Real (Kind=nag_wp), Parameter
                                         :: time_limit = 120.0_nag_wp
                                         :: nin = 5, nout = 6
      Integer, Parameter
!
      .. Local Scalars ..
      Type (c_ptr)
                                         :: h
                                         :: dima, i, idblk, idx, idxobj, idxx, &
   ifail, info, inform, j, lwork, m, n, &
      Integer
                                            nblk, nnz, nnzasum, nnzc, nnzh,
                                            nnzu, nnzua, nnzuc, nvar, rank
      .. Local Arrays ..
     Real (Kind=nag_wp), Allocatable :: a(:), bl(:), bu(:), c(:), s(:),
                                                                                    &
                                            work(:), x(:), y(:,:)
      Real (Kind=naq_wp)
                                         :: rdummy(1), rinfo(32), stats(32)
      Integer, Allocatable
                                         :: blksizea(:), icola(:), idxc(:),
                                            irowa(:), nnza(:)
                                         :: idummy(1)
      Integer
      Character (1)
                                         :: cdummy(1)
      .. Intrinsic Procedures ..
!
                                         :: int, max, min, sum
      Intrinsic
      .. Executable Statements ..
      Continue
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Write (nout,*) 'E04RHF Example Program Results'

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Write (nout,*)
     Flush (nout)
     Skip heading in data file.
     Read (nin,*)
     Read in the problem size and allocate space for the input data.
     Read (nin,*) m, n
     Allocate (y(m,n))
!
     Read in the matrix Y.
     Read (nin,*)(y(i,1:n),i=1,m)
     Count the number of specified elements (i.e., nonnegative)
     nnz = 0
     Do i = 1, m
       Do j = 1, n
If (y(i,j)>=0.0_nag_wp) Then
           nnz = nnz + 1
         End If
        End Do
     End Do
     Initialize handle.
     h = c_null_ptr
     There are as many variables as missing entries in the Y matrix
     plus two full symmetric matrices m x m and n x n.
     nvar = m*(m+1)/2 + n*(n+1)/2 + m*n - nnz
     Allocate (x(nvar),bl(nvar),bu(nvar))
     Initialize an empty problem handle with NVAR variables.
      ifail = 0
     Call e04raf(h,nvar,ifail)
     Create bounds for the missing entries in Y matrix to be between 0 and 1
!
     bl(:) = -1E+20_nag_wp
     bu(:) = 1E+20_nag_wp
     bl(m*(m+1)/2+n*(n+1)/2+1:nvar) = 0.0_nag_wp
     bu(m*(m+1)/2+n*(n+1)/2+1:nvar) = 1.0_nag_wp
      ifail = 0
     Call e04rhf(h,nvar,bl,bu,ifail)
     Allocate space for the objective - minimize trace of the matrix
     constraint. There is no quadratic part in the objective.
     nnzc = m + n
     nnzh = 0
     Allocate (idxc(nnzc),c(nnzc))
     Construct linear matrix inequality to request that
1
      [ X1, Y; Y', X2] is positive semidefinite.
     How many nonzeros do we need? As many as number of variables
     and the number of specified elements together.
     nnzasum = m*(m+1)/2 + n*(n+1)/2 + m*n
     Allocate (nnza(nvar+1),irowa(nnzasum),icola(nnzasum),a(nnzasum))
     nnza(1) = nnz
     nnza(2:nvar+1) = 1
     Copy Y to the upper block of A\_0 with the different sign
!
      (because of the sign at A_0!)
      (upper triangle)
      idx = 1
     Do i = 1, m
Do j = 1, n
          If (y(i,j) \ge 0.0_{nag_wp}) Then
            irowa(idx) = i
            icola(idx) = m + j
            a(idx) = -y(i,j)
            idx = idx + 1
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End If
        End Do
     End Do
!
      One matrix for each variable, A_i has just one nonzero - it binds
      x_i with its position in the matrix constraint. Set also the objective.
1
      1,1 - block, X1 matrix (mxm)
      idxobj = 1
      idxx = 1
      Do i = 1, m
!
       the next element is diagonal ==> part of the objective as a trace()
        idxc(idxobj) = idxx
        c(idxobj) = 1.0_nag_wp
        idxobj = idxobj + 1
        Do j = i, m
          irowa(idx) = i
          icola(idx) = j
          a(idx) = 1.0_nag_wp
          idx = idx + 1
          idxx = idxx + 1
        End Do
     End Do
      2,2 - block, X2 matrix (nxn)
     Do i = 1, n
       the next element is diagonal ==> part of the objective as a trace()
        idxc(idxobj) = idxx
        c(idxobj) = 1.0_naq_wp
        idxobj = idxobj + 1
        Do j = i, n
          irowa(idx) = m + i
          icola(idx) = m + j
          a(idx) = 1.0_nag_wp
          idx = idx + 1
          idxx = idxx + 1
        End Do
     End Do
!
      1,2 - block, missing element in Y we are after
      Do i = 1, m
        Do j = 1, n
          If (y(i,j)<0.0_nag_wp) Then
            irowa(idx) = i
            icola(idx) = m + j
            a(idx) = 1.0_nag_wp
            idx = idx + 1
          End If
        End Do
     End Do
     Add the sparse linear objective to the handle.
      ifail = 0
      Call e04rff(h,nnzc,idxc,c,nnzh,idummy,idummy,rdummy,ifail)
     Just one matrix inequality of the dimension of the extended matrix.
      nblk = 1
     Allocate (blksizea(nblk))
      dima = m + n
     blksizea(:) = (/dima/)
     Add the constraint to the problem formulation.
     idblk = 0
      ifail = 0
     Call e04rnf(h,nvar,dima,nnza,nnzasum,irowa,icola,a,nblk,blksizea,idblk, &
     Set optional arguments of the solver.
      Completely turn off printing, allow timing and
1
      turn on the monitor mode to stop every iteration.
      ifail = 0
      Call e04zmf(h,'Print File = -1',ifail)
      ifail = 0
      Call e04zmf(h,'Stats Time = Yes',ifail)
      ifail = 0
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```
Call e04zmf(h,'Monitor Frequency = 1',ifail)
      ifail = 0
      Call e04zmf(h,'Initial X = Automatic',ifail)
      ifail = 0
      Call e04zmf(h,'Dimacs = Check',ifail)
     Pass the handle to the solver, we are not interested in
     Lagrangian multipliers.
     nnzu = 0
     nnzuc = 0
     nnzua = 0
loop: Do
        ifail = -1
        Call e04svf(h,nvar,x,nnzu,rdummy,nnzuc,rdummy,nnzua,rdummy,rinfo,
          stats, inform, ifail)
        If (inform==1) Then
1
          Monitor stop
          Write (nout,99998) int(stats(1)), rinfo(1),
                                                                                 δ
            sum(rinfo(2:4))/3.0_nag_wp
          Flush (nout)
          Check time limit and possibly stop the solver.
!
          If (stats(8)>time_limit) Then
            inform = 0
          End If
        Else
          Final exit, solver finished.
          Write (nout, 99997) int(stats(1)), rinfo(1),
                                                                                 &
            sum(rinfo(2:4))/3.0_nag_wp
          Flush (nout)
         Exit loop
        End If
      End Do loop
      If (ifail==0 .Or. ifail==50) Then
        Successful run, fill the missing elements in the matrix {\tt Y.}
1
        idx = m*(m+1)/2 + n*(n+1)/2 + 1
        Do i = 1, m
          Do j = 1, n
            If (y(i,j)<0.0_nag_wp) Then
              y(i,j) = x(idx)
              idx = idx + 1
            End If
          End Do
        End Do
!
        Print the matrix.
        ifail = 0
        Call x04cbf('General','N',m,n,y,m,'F7.1','Completed Matrix','Integer', &
          cdummy,'Integer',cdummy,80,0,ifail)
        Compute rank of the matrix via SVD, use the fact that the order
        of the singular values is descending.
        lwork = 20 * max(m,n)
        Allocate (s(min(m,n)),work(lwork))
        Call f08kbf('No','No',m,n,y,m,s,rdummy,1,rdummy,1,work,lwork,info)
        If (info==0) Then
lp\_rank: Do rank = 1, min(m,n)
            If (s(rank) <= stol) Then
              Exit lp_rank
            End If
          End Do lp_rank
          Write (nout, 99999) 'Rank is', rank - 1
99999
          Format (1X,A,I20)
        End If
      Else If (ifail==20) Then
        Write (nout,*) 'The given time limit was reached, run aborted.'
      End If
```

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```
! Destroy the handle.
    ifail = 0
    Call e04rzf(h,ifail)

99998 Format (1X,'Monitor at iteration ',I2,': objective ',F7.2,
        ', avg.error ',Es9.2e2)

99997 Format (1X,'Finished at iteration ',I2,': objective ',F7.2,
        ', avg.error ',Es9.2e2)
    End Program e04rhfe
```

10.2 Program Data

```
E04RHF Example Program Data
        :: m, n - number of respondents and questions
  -1.0
              -1.0 -1.0 -1.0
                                0.4
        -1.0
   0.6
        0.4
               0.8
                     -1.0
                          -1.0
                                 -1.0
                                 -1.0
               0.8 -1.0
                           0.2
  -1.0
        -1.0
                                -1.0
   0.8
        0.2
              -1.0 -1.0
                          -1.0
  -1.0
              -1.0
                    0.0
                          -1.0
        0.4
                                 0.2
   0.4
        -1.0
              -1.0
                     0.2
                          -1.0
                                 0.2
  -1.0
        0.8
              0.2
                     0.6
                          -1.0
                                 -1.0
  -1.0
        -1.0
              0.2
                   -1.0
                          -1.0
                                 -1.0
  -1.0
        0.4
             -1.0
                    0.6
                           0.0
                                 -1.0
             0.4
  -1.0
        -1.0
                     -1.0
                          -1.0
                                 -1.0
  -1.0
        -1.0
               0.2
                     0.2
                           0.4
                                 0.4
             -1.0
                   -1.0
  -1.0
        -1.0
                           1.0
                                 0.8
  1.0
        -1.0
              0.2
                    -1.0
                         -1.0
                                 0.6
  -1.0
        -1.0
             -1.0 -1.0 -1.0
                                 0.2
   0.6
        -1.0
              0.2
                    0.4
                          -1.0 -1.0 :: -1.0 for missing entries
```

10.3 Program Results

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```
Monitor at iteration
                                  O: objective
                                                        0.00, avg.error 3.14E+01
Monitor at iteration 1: objective 154.74, avg.error 4.98E+01 Monitor at iteration 2: objective 71.71, avg.error 2.15E+01 Monitor at iteration 3: objective 36.88, avg.error 9.13E+00
Monitor at iteration 4: objective 22.50, avg.error 3.84E+00
Monitor at iteration 5: objective 16.47, avg.error 1.61E+00 Monitor at iteration 6: objective 13.88, avg.error 6.87E-01 Monitor at iteration 7: objective 12.76, avg.error 2.97E-01
Monitor at iteration 8: objective 12.27, avg.error 1.29E-01
Monitor at iteration 9: objective 12.06, avg.error 5.63E-02
Monitor at iteration 10: objective 11.97, avg.error 2.50E-02
Monitor at iteration 11: objective 11.93, avg.error 1.17E-02
Monitor at iteration 12: objective 11.91, avg.error 5.77E-03
Monitor at iteration 13: objective 11.91, avg.error 3.33E-03
Monitor at iteration 14: objective 11.90, avg.error 9.11E-04
Monitor at iteration 15: objective 11.90, avg.error 3.77E-04
Monitor at iteration 16: objective 11.90, avg.error 1.64E-04
Monitor at iteration 17: objective 11.90, avg.error 7.07E-05
Monitor at iteration 18: objective 11.90, avg.error 3.05E-05
Monitor at iteration 19: objective 11.90, avg.error 1.31E-05
Monitor at iteration 20: objective 11.90, avg.error 5.60E-06
Monitor at iteration 21: objective 11.90, avg.error 2.38E-06
Monitor at iteration 22: objective 11.90, avg.error 1.01E-06
Finished at iteration 23: objective 11.90, avg.error 4.31E-07
Completed Matrix
                                                      5
                                                                  6
            1
 1
          0.5
                     0.3
                               0.2
                                         0.2
                                                    0.4
                                                                0.4
                               0.8
                                       0.2
                                                    0.3
 2
          0.6
                    0.4
                                                               0.4
 3
          0.4
                    0.3
                               0.8
                                         0.0
                                                    0.2
                                                               0.2
  4
          0.8
                    0.2
                               0.3
                                          0.4
                                                    0.3
                                                               0.4
 5
          0.0
                    0.4
                               0.2
                                         0.0
                                                    0.2
                                                               0.2
 6
          0.4
                    0.1
                              0.2
                                         0.2
                                                    0.1
                                                               0.2
                              0.2
          0.6
                    0.8
                                                    0.2
 7
                                         0.6
                                                               0.4
 8
          0.1
                    0.1
                               0.2
                                          0.0
                                                    0.0
                                                               0.1
 9
          0.6
                               0.1
                                                    0.0
                                                               0.3
                    0.4
                                         0.6
10
          0.2
                    0.1
                              0.4
                                         0.0
                                                    0.1
                                                                0.1
```

11	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
12	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.8
13	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.6
14	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
15	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Rank	is 4					

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