

## On $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$ rings and their extensions

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ABSTRACT. Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$ . We recall that  $R$  is called an  $(S, 1)$ -ring if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies  $aRb = 0$ . We involve  $\sigma$  and  $\delta$  to generalize this notion and say that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies  $aRb = 0$ ,  $\sigma(a)Rb = 0$ ,  $aR\sigma(b) = 0$  and  $\delta(a)Rb = 0$ . In case  $\sigma$  is identity,  $R$  is called a  $\delta - (S, 1)$  ring.

In this paper we study the associated prime ideals of Ore extension  $R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  and we prove the following in this direction:

Let  $R$  be a semiprime right Noetherian ring, which is also an algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$  ( $\mathbb{Q}$  is the field of rational numbers),  $\sigma$  an automorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $P$  is an associated prime ideal of  $R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  (viewed as a right module over itself) if and only if there exists an associated prime ideal  $U$  of  $R$  (viewed as a right module over itself) such that  $(P \cap R)[x; \sigma, \delta] = P$  and  $P \cap R = U$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

All rings are associative with identity  $1 \neq 0$  unless otherwise stated. The ring of integers, the field of rational numbers and the field of real numbers are denoted by  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  respectively, unless otherwise stated.  $Spec(R)$  denotes the set of prime ideals of  $R$ .  $MinSpec(R)$  denotes the set of minimal prime ideals of  $R$ . The Prime radical and the set of nilpotent elements of  $R$  are denoted by  $P(R)$  and  $N(R)$  respectively. For any subset  $J$  of a right  $R$ -module  $M$ , annihilator of  $J$  is denoted by  $Ann(J)$ . The set of associated prime ideals of  $R$  (viewed as a right module over itself) is denoted by  $Ass(R_R)$ . Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian ring. For any uniform right  $R$ -module  $J$ , the assassinator of  $J$  is denoted by  $Assas(J)$ . Let  $M$  be a right  $R$ -module. Consider the set

$$\{Assas(J) \mid J \text{ is a uniform right } R\text{-submodule of } M\}.$$

We denote this set by  $\mathbb{A}(M_R)$ .

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**Remark 1.1.** If  $R$  is viewed as a right module over itself, we note that  $\text{Ass}(R_R) = \mathbb{A}(R_R)$  (5Y of Goodearl and Warfield [3]).

### Endomorphisms and derivations.

Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\sigma$  be an endomorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  be a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$ . Then  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  is an additive map such that  $\delta(ab) = \delta(a)\sigma(b) + a\delta(b)$ , for all  $a, b \in R$ .

**Example 1.1.** (1) Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of a ring  $R$  and  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  any map. Let  $\phi : R \rightarrow M_2(R)$  be a defined by

$$\phi(r) = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma(r) & 0 \\ \delta(r) & r \end{pmatrix}, \text{ for all } r \in R.$$

Then  $\delta$  is a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$  if and only if  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.

(2) For any endomorphism  $\tau$  of a ring  $R$  and for any  $a \in R$ ,  $\varrho : R \rightarrow R$  defined as  $\varrho(r) = ra - a\tau(r)$  is a  $\tau$ -derivation of  $R$ .

In case  $\sigma$  is the identity map,  $\delta$  is called just a derivation of  $R$ . For example let  $F$  be a field and  $R = F[X]$ . Then the usual differential operator  $\frac{d}{dx}$  is a derivation of  $R$ .

### Ore extensions.

Ore extension (skew polynomial ring) over  $R$  in an indeterminate  $x$  is:  $R[x; \sigma, \delta] = \{f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n x^i a_i \mid a_i \in R\}$  with addition as usual and multiplication subject to the relation  $ax = x\sigma(a) + \delta(a)$  for all  $a \in R$ . We take any  $f(x) \in R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  to be of the form  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n x^i a_i$  as followed in McConnell and Robson [6]. This definition of non-commutative polynomial rings was first introduced by Ore in 1933, who combined earlier ideas of Hilbert (in the case  $\delta = 0$ ) and Schlessinger (in the case  $\sigma = 1$ ). We denote the Ore extension  $R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  by  $O(R)$ . An ideal  $I$  of a ring  $R$  is called  $\sigma$ -stable if  $\sigma(I) \subseteq I$  and is called  $\delta$ -invariant if  $\delta(I) \subseteq I$ . If an ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is  $\sigma$ -stable and  $\delta$ -invariant, then  $I[x; \sigma, \delta]$  is an ideal of  $O(R)$  and as usual we denote it by  $O(I)$ .

**Theorem 1.1.** (Hilbert Basis Theorem, namely Theorem 2.6 of Goodearl and Warfield [3]). Let  $R$  be a right/left Noetherian ring. Let  $\sigma$  and  $\delta$  be as above. Then the Ore extension  $O(R) = R[x; \sigma, \delta]$  is right/left Noetherian.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### Completely prime ideals.

**Definition 2.1.** (McCoy [7]) An ideal  $P$  of a ring  $R$  is said to be completely prime if  $ab \in P$  implies  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$  for  $a, b \in R$ .

Let  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $P = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is completely prime ideal of  $R$ .

**Note:** In commutative case completely prime ideal and prime have the same meaning. In general (non-commutative) situation every completely prime ideal of a ring  $R$  is a prime ideal, but converse is not be true.

Let  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \mathbb{Z} \end{pmatrix} = M_2(\mathbf{Z})$ . If  $p$  is a prime number, then the ideal  $P = M_2(p\mathbf{Z})$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , but is not completely prime, since for  $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , we have  $ab \in P$ , even though  $a \notin P$  and  $b \notin P$ .

**$\sigma(*)$ -rings.**

**Definition 2.2.** (Kwak [4]). Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is said to be a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring if  $a\sigma(a) \in P(R)$  implies  $a \in P(R)$  for  $a \in R$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}; a, b, c \in F, \text{ a field} \right\}$ .

Now  $P(R) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}; a, c \in F \right\}$ .

Define  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  a map by  $\sigma \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\sigma$  is an

endomorphism of  $R$ , and it can be easily seen that  $R$  is a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring.

**Remark 2.1.** It can be seen that a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring  $R$  is 2-primal, for let  $a \in R$  be such that  $a^2 \in P(R)$ . Then

$$a\sigma(a)\sigma(a\sigma(a)) = a\sigma(a)\sigma(a)^2(a) \in \sigma(P(R)) = P(R).$$

Therefore,  $a\sigma(a) \in P(R)$  and hence  $a \in P(R)$ . So  $P(R)$  is completely semiprime and hence  $R$  is 2-primal.

**Weak  $\sigma$ -rigid rings.**

Ouyang in [8] introduced weak  $\sigma$ -rigid rings, where  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of ring  $R$ . These rings are related to 2-primal rings.

**Definition 2.3.** (Ouyang [8]). Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  such that  $a\sigma(a) \in N(R)$  if and only if  $a \in N(R)$  for  $a \in R$ . Then  $R$  is called a weak  $\sigma$ -rigid ring.

**Example 2.2.** Assume that  $W_1[F]$  is the first Weyl algebra over a field  $F$  of characteristic zero. Then  $W_1[F] = F[\mu, \lambda]$ , the polynomial ring with

indeterminates  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda\mu = \mu\lambda + 1$ .

Now let  $R$  be the ring

$$\begin{pmatrix} W_1[F] & W_1[F] \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Now the prime radical  $P(R)$  of  $R$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & W_1[F] \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define an endomorphism  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  by

$$\sigma\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu & \lambda \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $R$  is a weak  $\sigma$ -rigid ring.

### 3. $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$ RINGS

**Definition 3.1.** (Kim and Lee [5]). A ring  $R$  is called an  $(S, 1)$ -ring if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies  $aRb = 0$ .

This notion was actually introduced by Shin (i.e. a ring satisfying  $SI$  property, Lemma 1.2 of [9]). In this article we generalize the notion of  $(S, 1)$ -rings by involving a derivation  $\delta$  of  $R$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $\delta$  a derivation of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is called a  $\delta - (S, 1)$  ring if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies that  $aRb = 0$  and  $\delta(a)Rb = 0$ .

**Example 3.1.** Let  $R = S \times S$ ,  $S$  a ring and  $A = (u, v) \in R$ . Define  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  by  $\delta_A(a, b) = (au - ua, bv - vb)$ . Then  $\delta_A$  is a derivation of  $R$ .

Now the only elements  $\alpha, \beta \in R$  such that  $\alpha\beta = 0$  are of the form  $\alpha = (a, 0)$ , and  $\beta = (0, b)$  and for all  $\gamma = (r, s) \in R$ ,

$$\alpha\gamma\beta = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_A(\alpha)\gamma\beta &= \delta((a, 0))(r, s)(0, b) \\ &= (au - ua, 0)(r, s)(0, b) \\ &= ((au - ua)r, 0)(0, b) \\ &= (0, 0) \end{aligned}$$

So,  $R$  is a  $\delta_A - (S, 1)$  ring.

We note that a  $\delta - (S, 1)$  ring is an  $(S, 1)$ -ring.

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $R$  be a ring (not necessarily with 1),  $\sigma$  an endomorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$  derivation of  $R$ . Then  $R$  is called a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring if for  $a, b \in R$ ,  $ab = 0$  implies that  $aRb = 0$ ,  $\sigma(a)Rb = 0$ ,  $aR\sigma(b) = 0$  and  $\delta(a)Rb = 0$ . In case  $\delta$  is the zero map,  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  is called a  $\sigma - (S, 1)$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $S$  be a ring ((not necessarily with 1) and  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}; a, b \in S \right\}$ .

Define  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  a map by  $\sigma \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ .

Define  $\delta : R \rightarrow R$  a map by  $\delta \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\delta$  is a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$ .

Now the only matrices  $A \in R$  and  $B \in R$  satisfying  $AB = 0$  are of the type

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix}; u, v \in \mathbb{H}.$$

$$\text{Now for all } J = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \in R,$$

$$AJB = \begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$(1) \sigma(A)JB = \begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(2) AJ\sigma(B) = \begin{pmatrix} u & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$(3) \delta(A)JB = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore,  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring.

By definition, we see that a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring is an  $(S, 1)$  ring, but the converse is not true.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $S$  be a domain and  $R = S \times S$ . Let  $\sigma : R \rightarrow R$  be defined by  $\sigma(a, b) = (b, a)$ . Then  $\sigma$  is an endomorphism of  $R$ . Let  $A = (u, v) \in R$ , define  $\delta_A : R \rightarrow R$  a map by

$$\delta_A((a, b)) = (au - ub, bv - va)$$

Then  $\delta_A$  is a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$ .

Now the only elements  $p, q \in R$  such that  $pq = 0$  are of the form  $p = (a, 0)$  and  $q = (0, b)$ , for all  $a, b \in S$ . Now for all  $t = (r, s) \in R$ ,  $ptq = (0, 0)$ . So  $R$  is an  $(S, 1)$ -ring, but for nonzero  $a, b, u, v, r, s \in S$ ,

$$\sigma(p)tq = \sigma((a, 0))(r, s)(0, b) = (0, a)(r, s)(0, b) = (0, asb) \neq 0,$$

$$pt\sigma(q) = (a, 0)(r, s)\sigma((0, b)) = (a, 0)(r, s)(b, 0) = (arb, 0) \neq 0, \text{ and}$$

$$\delta_A(p)tq = \delta_A((a, 0))(r, s)(0, b) = (au, -va)(r, s)(0, b) = (0, -vasb) \neq 0.$$

Thus,  $R$  is not a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring.

#### 4. COMPLETELY PRIME IDEALS OF $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$ RINGS

**Proposition 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\sigma$  an automorphism of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $\sigma - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $R$  is 2-primal.*

*Proof.*  $R$  is a  $\sigma - (S, 1)$  ring. Therefore by Theorem 1.5 of [9]  $R$  is 2-primal, which implies that  $P(R)$  is completely semiprime. We give a sketch of proof.

Let  $a \in N(R)$ , say  $a^n = 0$ . If  $a \notin P$  for some prime ideal  $P$ , then  $ax_1a \notin P$  for some element  $x_1 \in R$ . Continuing the process we can find elements  $x_i \in R$  such that  $P$  does not contain  $b = ax_1a \dots x_{n-1}a$ . But,  $R$  is an  $(S, 1)$ -ring, so  $a^n = 0$  implies  $b = 0$ , hence  $b \in P$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $R$  be a ring,  $\sigma$  an automorphism of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $\sigma - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $R$  is a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring.*

*Proof.*  $R$  is 2-primal and  $P(R)$  is completely semiprime by Proposition 4.1.

We will show that  $R$  is a weak  $\sigma$ -rigid ring. Let  $a \in R$  be such that  $a\sigma(a) \in N(R)$ . Now  $a\sigma(a)\sigma^{-1}(a\sigma(a)) \in N(R)$  implies that  $a^2 \in N(R)$ , and so  $a \in N(R)$ . Therefore,  $R$  is a weak  $\sigma$ -rigid ring, and is also a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring.  $\square$

**Remark 4.1.** Converse of Proposition 4.1 and Proposition 4.2 is not true. For example, the ring in Example 2.1 is a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring and, therefore, is also a 2-primal ring, but it is not a  $\sigma - (S, 1)$  ring (even not an  $(S, 1)$  ring).

**Proposition 4.3.** *Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian which is also an algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $\sigma(U) = U$  and  $\delta(U) \subseteq U$  for all  $U \in \text{MinSpec}(R)$ .*

*Proof.*  $R$  is 2-primal by Proposition 4.1 and is a  $\sigma(*)$ -ring by Proposition 4.2.

Now the result follows by Proposition 2.1 of [2].  $\square$

**Proposition 4.4.** *Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian ring which is also an algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $U \in \text{MinSpec}(R)$  implies that  $U$  is a completely prime ideal of  $R$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $U$  is not completely prime. Then there exist  $a, b \in R \setminus U$  with  $ab \in U$ . Consider  $U_i$  as in 4.3. Let  $c$  be any element of  $b(U_2 \cap U_3 \cap \dots \cap U_n)a$ . Then  $c^2 \in \cap_{i=1}^n U_i = P(R)$ . So  $c \in P(R)$  and, thus  $b(U_2 \cap U_3 \cap \dots \cap U_n)a \subseteq U$ . Therefore,  $bR(U_2 \cap U_3 \cap \dots \cap U_n)Ra \subseteq U$  and, as  $U$  is prime,  $a \in U$ ,  $U_i \subseteq U$  for some  $i \neq 1$  or  $b \in U$ . None of these can occur, so  $U$  is completely prime.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.5.** *Let  $R$  be a right Noetherian ring which is also an algebra over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  and  $\delta$  a  $\sigma$ -derivation of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $U \in \text{Min.Spec}(R)$  implies that  $O(U)$  is a completely prime ideal of  $O(R)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U \in \text{Min.Spec}(R)$ . Now Proposition 4.3 implies that  $\sigma(U) = U$  and  $\delta(U) \subseteq U$ . Also Now Proposition 4.4 implies that  $U$  is a completely prime ideal of  $R$ . Now the result follows by Theorem 2.4 of [1].  $\square$

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a semiprime right Noetherian ring. Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of  $R$  such that  $R$  is a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring. Then  $P \in \text{Ass}(O(R)_{O(R)})$  if and only if there exists  $U \in \text{Ass}(R_R)$  such that  $O(P \cap R) = P$  and  $P \cap R = U$ .*

*Proof.*  $R$  being right Noetherian implies that  $\text{Ass}(R_R) = \mathbb{A}(R_R)$  (Remark 1.1). Now  $R$  a  $(\sigma, \delta) - (S, 1)$  ring implies that  $\sigma(U) = U$  and  $\delta(U) \subseteq U$  for all  $U \in \text{Min.Spec}(R)$  by Proposition 4.3.

$O(R)$  is right Noetherian by Hilbert Basis Theorem. Let  $J \in \text{Ass}(O(R)_{O(R)})$ . Now by Remark 1.1  $\text{Ass}(O(R)_{O(R)}) = \mathbb{A}(O(R)_{O(R)})$ . Let  $P = \text{Ann}(I) = \text{Assas}(I)$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $O(R)$  such that  $I$  is uniform as a right  $O(R)$ -module. Choose  $f \in I$  to be nonzero of minimal degree (with leading coefficient  $a_n$ ). Let  $U = \text{Ann}(a_n R) = \text{Assas}(a_n R)$ . Now  $R$  is right Noetherian implies that  $\text{Ass}(R_R) = \mathbb{A}(R_R)$  and since  $R$  is semiprime,  $U \in \text{Min.Spec}(R)$  by Proposition (2.2.14) of McConnell and Robson [6]. Now  $\sigma(U) = U$ , and  $\delta(U) \subseteq U$  by Proposition 4.3. So  $O(U)$  is an ideal of  $O(R)$ . Now  $fU = 0$ . Therefore  $fO(R)U \subseteq fUO(R) = 0$ . So  $U \subseteq P \cap R$ . But it is clear that  $P \cap R \subseteq U$ . Thus  $P \cap R = U$ .

Conversely let  $U = \text{Ann}(cR) = \text{Assas}(cR)$ ,  $c \in R$ . Now  $R$  is right Noetherian implies that  $\text{Ass}(R_R) = \mathbb{A}(R_R)$ . Now  $\sigma(U) = U$ ,  $\delta(U) \subseteq U$  and it can be easily seen that  $O(U) = \text{Ann}(chO(R))$  for all  $h \in O(R)$ . Therefore  $O(U) = \text{Ann}(cO(R)) = \text{Assas}(cO(R))$ .  $\square$

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