

LINEARY COMPACT INJECTIVE MODULES

AND A THEOREM OF VAMOS

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A ring R will denote a commutative associative ring with unit. After Vámos, R is a SISI Ring if every subdirectly irreducible factor ring is self-injective.

Let M be a maximal ideal of R and let $E = E(R/M)_R$ denote the injective hull of the simple R -module R/M , and let $A(M)$ denote the endomorphism ring. Now E is canonically a module over the local ring R_M of R at M , and the unique simple R_M -module embeds in E canonically. Moreover:

$$E = E(R/M)_R = E(R_M/MR_M)_{R_M} \quad (A)$$

We call the module (A) the local injective hull of R at M , and its endomorphism ring

$$A(M) = \text{End } E(R/M)_R = \text{End } E_{R_M} \quad (B)$$

the local endomorphism ring of R at M .

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R is Vamosian (classical in [1]) if every local injective hull of R is linearly compact (in the discrete topology). In [1] Vamos proved that every Vamosian ring is SISI, and that every local endomorphism ring of a SISI ring is commutative. We shall prove the converse here, and number of subsidiary results:

1. Any SISI chain ring is Vamosian, in fact, an almost maximal valuation ring (Theorem 9).

As a consequence, we prove:

2. A ring R that is locally a SISI chain ring is Vamosian (Theorem 10).

Von Neumann regular rings are locally Noetherian rings, and are examples of Vamosian rings ([1]); we show that polynomial rings over them are also Vamosian (Theorem 12 and Corollary).

A number of unsolved problems are listed. One of the main ones asks if R Vamos (SISI) is inherited by the polynomial ring $R[x]$. This is unknown even for an almost maximal valuation ring R .

1. THEOREM. The following are equivalent conditions on a ring R :

- (1) R is SISI.
- (2) Every local endomorphism ring of R is commutative.
- (3) Every R -submodule of every local injective hull of R is quasi-injective.
- (4) Every R -submodule of every local injective module

E is an $\text{End}_R E$ -submodule, i.e. is fully invariant. When any of these hold, then R_M is SISI for every maximal ideal M .

Remark: When this is so, then every local endomorphism ring of R is "almost" SISI; See Proposition 4.

For the proof, we need a result implicit in [1].

2. PROPOSITION. Let E be an indecomposable injective R -module.

The following are equivalent conditions.

- (1) Every submodule of E is quasi-injective.
- (2) Every submodule of E is fully invariant (FI).
- (3) Every cyclic submodule of E is quasi-injective.
- (4) Every cyclic submodule of E is FI.
- (5) If a cyclic module R/I embeds in E then R/I is a self-injective ring.
- (6) For each $a \in A = \text{End } E_R$ and $x \in E$, there exists $r \in R$ such that $a(x) = xr$.

When this is so, then $A = \text{End}_R E$ is commutative.

PROOF. (1) \Leftrightarrow (2) by a theorem of Johnson and Wong ([7], p.63. Cor 19.3), which states that an R -module M is quasi-injective iff M is fully invariant in $E(M_R)$. If every cyclic submodule of E is fully-invariant (quasi-injective) then every submodule is, hence (1) - (4) are equivalent.

Obviously (4) \Leftrightarrow (6). Furthermore (5) \Rightarrow (3), because

R/I self-injective implies R/I is quasi-injective (since every R -submodule is an R/I -submodule).

(3) \Rightarrow (5). If R/I is quasi-injective qua R -module, it is quasi-injective qua R/I -module, equivalently, self-injective by Baer's criterion ([6], p.157, Theorem 3.41.)

Evidently, (6) implies that A is commutative.

3. COROLLARY. (Vámos) A ring R is SISI iff every local injective module $E = E(R/M)_R$ satisfies any of the equivalent conditions of the proposition.

PROOF. This follows since every subdirectly irreducible factor ring R/I embeds in $E(R/M)_R$, where $R/M = \text{socle } R/I$; and conversely, if $R/I \rightarrow E(R/M)$, where M is maximal, then R/I is subdirectly irreducible.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1.

(1) \Rightarrow (2) by Vámos [1], and (1) \Leftrightarrow (3) by Corollary 3. Moreover in view of (A) and (B), Corollary 3 also yields (3) \Rightarrow (4).

(2) \Rightarrow (1). It suffices to prove that R_M is SISI for every maximal ideal M , hence suppose R is local with maximal ideal M . In this case $E = E(R/M)_R$ is an injective cogenerator of $\text{mod-}R$.

Now let $M = R/I$ be a subdirectly irreducible factor ring, and let $\bar{E} = E(M_R)$ be its injective hull taken in E .

This can be done because \bar{E} is also essential over M as an R -module, and $E = E(M_R)$, since $M \rightarrow E$ and E is indecomposable. Furthermore $\bar{M} = \text{ann}_E I \supseteq \bar{E}$, and \bar{M} is essential over M as an R , whence as an \bar{R} -module, so therefore $\bar{M} = \bar{E}$. This shows that \bar{E} is a fully invariant submodule of E since obviously $a\bar{M} \subseteq \bar{M} \forall a \in A$. Thus

$$\bar{A} = A/K \approx \text{End } \bar{E}_{\bar{R}}$$

where $K = \text{ann}_A \bar{E}$.

The fact that $M \rightarrow \bar{E}$ implies that \bar{E} is a cyclic \bar{A} -module (e.g., see [8], p.15, Prop. 5.5), whence $\bar{E} \approx \bar{A}$ in $\text{mod-}\bar{A}$. Furthermore,

$$E \approx \bar{A} \approx \text{Biend } \bar{E}_{\bar{R}} = Q \quad (C)$$

so that $Q = Q_{\max}(\bar{R}) \hookrightarrow \bar{A}$ canonically (e.g. [7], p.81, Prop. 19.21.).

Since $\bar{E}_{\bar{R}}$ is injective, then it is quasi-injective over $Q = \text{Biend } \bar{E}_{\bar{R}}$ by Corollary 5.6A, p.15 of [8]. Using (C) we see that \bar{A} is self-injective. We also need the fact that \bar{A} is an injective cogenerator over \bar{R} (since \bar{E} is). Thus every ideal H of \bar{R} is the annihilator of an \bar{A} -submodule of $\bar{E} \approx \bar{A}$, say $H = \text{ann}_{\bar{R}} G$ for an ideal G of \bar{A} . (See [7], p. 190, Corollary 23.23.)

But if H is chosen to be a dense ideal of \bar{R} ($= \bar{R}$ is a rational extension of H), then the only ideal in $\bar{A} = Q_{\max}(\bar{R})$

that annihilates it is zero. See, e.g. [7], p.80, 19.32(b), which implies that

$$\text{ann}_{\bar{E}} \text{ann}_{\bar{A}} H = \bar{E}$$

for any dense ideal H of \bar{R} . In our context, this means that $\text{ann}_{\bar{A}} H = 0$, so $G = 0$ whence $H = \bar{R}$.

But, then $\bar{R} = \bar{A}$, since for every $q \in Q$ there exists a dense ideal I of \bar{R} with $qI \rightarrow \bar{R}$.

This proves that \bar{R} is self-injective, and hence R is SISI.

Partially Different Proof

Remark: (1) A proof of (2) \Rightarrow (1) has kindly been provided by Professor Vámos, who also supplied the following example (2) of a locally Vamosian ring that is not SISI.

Suppose (2) holds but (1) fails. As before, we may assume that R is a local subdirectly irreducible ring embedded in $E = E(R)$. Since $E \neq R$ there exists $x \in E \setminus R$, and since E is an injective cogenerator, there exist homomorphisms

$$\alpha : E \rightarrow E \text{ and } \beta : E \rightarrow E$$

such that

$$\alpha(1) = x, \quad \beta(1) = 0, \quad \beta(x) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$0 \neq \beta(x) = \alpha(1) \neq \alpha\beta(1) = 0$$

contradicting commutativity of $\text{End}_R E$.

(2) Let R be a subdirectly irreducible almost maximal torch ring, i.e. a ring R with: (i) at least two maximal ideals such that R_M is an almost maximal valuation ring for each $M \in \max R$, (ii) a waist P , where P is a minimal prime and a uniserial module, and such that R/P is an h -local domain [i.e. every nonzero prime is contained in a unique maximal ideal, and every nonzero ideal of R/P is contained in just finitely many maximal ideals.] Such rings exist (see [15]) but can not be SISI since R is not self-injective. (An indecomposable self-injective ring is local.)

The next result shows that a local endomorphism ring of a SISI ring is "almost" SISI.

4. PROPOSITION. If E is an injective R -module with commutative endomorphism ring A , any A -submodule of E is quasi-injective, and A modulo any ideal I such that $A/I \hookrightarrow E$ is self-injective; equivalently A/I is self injective for any ideal $I = \text{ann}_A x$ for some $x \in E$.

PROOF. As stated in the proof of Theorem 1, E_A is quasi-injective, and $A = \text{End}_A E$. If $S \subseteq M$ are A -submodules of E , and $f : S \rightarrow M$ an A -map, then by quasi-injectivity

of E over A , f is induced by $a_f \in A$. Since M is an A -submodule, $a_f M \subseteq M$, hence f extends to an endomorphism of M_A .

This proves quasi-injectivity of any A -submodule M of E . The self-injectivity of A/I follows from its quasi-injectivity as in the proof of Proposition 2. If $f : A/I \rightarrow E$ is an embedding of A -modules, then $I = \text{ann}_A x$, where $x = f(1+I)$. Conversely, if $I = \text{ann}_A x$ then there is an embedding $A/I \rightarrow E$ sending $A + I \rightarrow ax \quad \forall a \in A$.

Note, if R is SISI, then every local endomorphism ring, $A = \text{End } E(R/M)_R$, is commutative, and the unique simple A -module W embeds in E and coincides with $V = R/M$. Thus, the proposition would imply that A is SISI provided only that E is injective over A . This is not in general true for a SISI ring R . In fact, Vámos singles out a class of rings (called classical in [1]) to rectify this deficiency.

We say that R is a Vámos ring, or Vamosian (formerly classical) provided that every local injective hull is linearly compact (l.c.) over R . We employ the terminology injectivendo to indicate when a module F over R is injective over its endomorphism ring A . An ideal I is co-subdirectly irreducible (co-SDI) if R/I is a subdirectly irreducible ring.

VÁMOS THEOREM [1]. If R is Vamosian then:

(V1) R is SISI.

(V2) The local endomorphism ring A at any maximal ideal M is the completion of R_M in the topology

generated by the co-SDI ideals of R_M , and is a l.c. ring.

(V3) Every local injective hull E is injectivendo, and l.c. over its endomorphism ring A , equivalently $\text{Hom}_A(-, E)$ induces a Morita duality in $\text{mod-}A$ (on the full subcategory of l.c. A -modules).

(V3) Follows from theorems of Morita [4] and Mueller [3], which imply that a commutative ring A has a Morita duality iff the least injective cogenerator E over A satisfies $A = \text{End}_A E$. By Mueller [3] this is equivalent to requiring that both A and E be l.c. A -modules.

5. THEOREM. The following are equivalent conditions on a ring R

- (1) R is Vamosian.
- (2) R is SISI and every local endomorphism ring is Vamosian.
- (3) R is SISI and every local injective module is injectivendo.

PROOF. (1) \Rightarrow (2). By Vamos' theorem, R is SISI, and every local endomorphism ring $A = \text{End } E_R$ has l.c. injective hull E by (V3).

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Let E be a local injective module of R , and $A = \text{End}_R E$. Since A is Vamosian, then the injective hull F of its unique simple module W is l.c. over A . But, $W \hookrightarrow E$ and, in fact, coincides with the unique simple R -mod-

ule V embedded in E , hence $E \hookrightarrow F$ in $\text{mod-}A$. This implies that E is l.c. over A . But, by (5) of Theorem 1, every R -submodule of E is an A -submodule of E , hence E is l.c. over R . This proves that R is Vamosian.

(1) \Rightarrow (3) follows from Vámos' theorem.

(3) \Rightarrow (1). Let E be a local injective R -module, and $A = \text{End } E_R$. By the proof of (2) \Rightarrow (1), E is the least injective cogenerator over A (assuming injectivendo) hence l.c. over A by Mueller's theorem. But, since R is SISI, every R -submodule of E is an A -submodule, so E is l.c. over R . This proves R is Vamosian.

EXAMPLES OF VÁMOS RINGS

The following examples of Vámos rings are culled from [1].

- (E1) R locally Noetherian (at maximal ideals) that is, R_M Noetherian for all maximal ideals M .
- (E2) (Matlis - Vámos) Any almost maximal valuation ring (=AMVR).
- (E3) Any commutative ring A with a Morita duality.

In [1] Vámos proved that a ring R (E2) satisfies (E3), provided that R is either not a domain, or R is a complete local in. (For domains, this belongs to Matlis). In (E3), if A has a duality then the least injective cogenerator is l.c. by Mueller [3]. Then every local injective hull is l.c.

In connection with (E1), consult Beck [9]: R_M is Noetherian iff $E(R/M)_R$ is Σ -injective.

APPLICATION TO FPF RINGS

Commutative FPF rings are studied in [10] (and in articles cited there, where we raised a question: does the existence of injective module E over a commutative ring $A = \text{End}_A E$, imply A is FPF? Following Corollary 8, we show the answer is no in general.

First consider any Vámosian ring R , and local endomorphism ring

$$A = \text{End } E(R/M)_R.$$

e.g., let R be any local Noetherian ring, and A be its completion. We next remark that a domain A is FPF iff A is Prüfer, and hence a local domain A is FPF iff A is a chain domain (= ideals form a chain). However, a complete local domain need not be a chain ring, in fact:

6. PROPOSITION. If $A = \text{End}_R E$ is commutative and E injective over R , then A is a chain ring iff E is a chain module over R (= uniserial = the lattice of submodules is a chain).

This is a special case, namely (3) and (6) of the next theorem. To prove it, we employ the following so-called double annihilator conditions which hold for a module E quasi-injective over a ring R , with $A = \text{End } E_R$.

(dac 1) (N. Jacobson - R.E. Johnson) for a finitely generated
A-submodule S of E,

$$\text{ann}_E \text{ann}_R S = S$$

(dac 2) (Harada-Ishii) for a finitely generated (left) ideal
L of A:

$$\text{ann}_A \text{ann}_E L = L$$

For (dac 1) consult [2] p.66, Prop. 19.10, and for
(dac 2), consult [11].

7. THEOREM. Let E be a quasi-injective right R-module,
 $A = \text{End } E_R$ and $S = \text{End}_A E$.

- (1) If R is a right chain ring, then E is a chain
left A-module.
- (2) If E is an injective cogenerator in mod-R, then
conversely R is a right chain ring if E is a chain
left A-module.
- (3) If R is commutative, then any chain R-module E
is a chain A-module (without assuming quasi-injectiv-
ity).
- (4) If A is commutative, then A is a chain ring iff
E is a chain A-module.
- (5) If R is a right chain ring, and A is commutat-
ive, then A is a chain ring, and, i.e., E is

indecomposable

(6) If R and A are commutative, then the f.a.e.:

(a) E is a chain A -module.

(b) E is a chain R -module.

(c) A is a chain ring.

When this is so, then every A or R submodule of E is quasi-injective.

(7) If R and A are commutative, and R is a chain ring, then 6(a)-(c) hold.

PROOF. (1) follows from the (dac 1), since the finitely generated A -submodules of E form a chain, hence the lattice of all A -submodules do too; (2) follows from the fact that $\text{ann}_R \text{ann}_E I = I$ for any right ideal I when E cogenerates $\text{mod-}R$; (3) is trivial since every A -submodule is an R -submodule when R is commutative; (4) is an immediate consequence of (dac 2), and the fact E is quasi-injective over A by the proof of Proposition 4. This implies (5) via (1). In (6), (3) shows that (b) \Rightarrow (a), and (a) \Leftrightarrow (c) by (4). Then E is indecomposable, so every R -submodule S of E is quasi-injective by the proof of Proposition 4, whence is an A -module as stated in the proof of Proposition 2. Thus, (a) \Rightarrow (b). Moreover, any A -submodule is quasi-injective by Proposition 4. Finally (1) implies (7) via (6).

8. COROLLARY. If R is a SISI ring, then a local endomorphism ring $A = \text{End } E(R/M)_R$ is a chain ring iff $E(R/M)$ is

a chain module. In this case, R_M is an almost maximal valuation ring (=AMVR), and \hat{A} is its completion (and an AMVR).

PROOF. As stated, $E = E(M/M)$ is a canonical R_M -module, and by a result in [1], Prop. 4.4, the f.a.e.:

- (i) E is a chain module over R .
- (ii) R_M is an AMVR
- (iii) R_M is FGC ring (= finitely generated modules are direct sums of cyclic modules).
- (iv) R_M is a Vamosian chain ring.

In this case, the completion of R_M is $\text{End } E_R$ and is an AMVR.

PROOF. Assume R is SISI. Then A is commutative and by the proposition, E is a chain module iff A is a chain ring. Then, assuming this, the rest follows from Vamos' equivalences (i) \leftrightarrow (iv).

Remark the equivalence of (i)-(iii) constitutes a theorem of D.T. Gill. (See [1]).

Thus, if R is any local Noetherian domain not a valuation domain, with local injective module E then $A = \text{End}_R E$ is the completion of R ; a complete local domain but not FPF.

9. THEOREM. If R is a SISI ring, and if R is locally a chain ring, then R is locally an AMVR, hence R is locally Vamosian.

PROOF. By Theorem 8, every local injective hull is a

chain module and hence by Corollary 9, every local ring R_M is an AMVR, equivalently Vamosian (since R_M is a chain ring).

A theorem of Kaplansky and Warfield (see. e.g.[7], p.131, Theorem 20.45) characterizes a locally chain ring R by the property that finitely presented modules are direct summands of direct sums of cyclics. Any flat-ideal ring is an example, in particular, any semi-hereditary ring.

10 COROLLARY. A SISI flat-ideal ring (e.g. semi-hereditary SISI ring) is locally Vamosian.

PROBLEMS.

1. If R is Vámos, is the polynomial ring $R[x]$?
2. If R is SISI or Vámos, is $R[x]$ SISI?
3. If R is an AMVR, is $R[x]$ Vámos? (SISI?).
4. If R is linearly compact (l.c.), does R have a duality, equivalently, by ([3]), is the minimal injective cogenerator over R also l.c.?

Note: #4 is a question of Mueller [3], and partially solved in the affirmative by Vámos in [2], so its affirmation is denoted MVC (the Mueller-Vámos "conjecture").

5. Does MVC imply that $R[x]$ is (a) Vamosian, (b) SISI assuming R is l.c.?
6. If R a SISI ring such that every factor ring is of finite uniform dimension, is R Vamosian?

11 LEMMA. If P is a prime ideal of $R[x]$, and P_0 is the contracted ideal in R , then

$$R[x]_P \approx R_{P_0}[x]_{P^{ex}}$$

where P^{ex} is the extension of P to $R_{P_0}[x]$ (i.e. $P^{ex} = PR_{P_0}[x]$).

PROOF. P^{ex} consists of all $g(x)$ in $R_{P_0}[x]$ with coefficients in PR_{P_0} , and P^{ex} is prime since, in general, for any ring A and prime ideal L of A , we have $A[x]/L[x] \approx A/L[x]$ is a domain.

Let $f(x) = h(x)/g(x)$ denote an element of the right side, i.e. Let $h(x), g(x) \in R_{P_0}[x]$, with $g(x) \notin P^{ex}$. We can write

$$h(x) = h_0(x)/c \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = g_0(x)/d$$

with $c, d \in R \setminus P_0$, and $g_0(x), h_0(x) \in R[x]$. Since $c, d \notin P_0$, then $cdg_0 \notin P$, hence $h(x) = h_0(x)/cdg_0(x) \in R[x]_P$. The reverse inclusion is proved similarly, i.e., if $h, g \in R[x]$, and $g \notin P$, then we may view h and g as elements of $R_{P_0}[x]$, and moreover, $g \notin P^{ex}$ so $h/g \in R_{P_0}[x]_{P^{ex}}$.

12. THEOREM. If R is locally Noetherian, then so is any polynomial ring over R in finitely many variables x_1, \dots, x_n . In particular, then $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is Vámosian.

PROOF. Since R is locally Noetherian, then $R_{P_0}[x]$ is Noetherian for any prime ideal P of $R[x]$, and hence, by Lemma 13, so is the local ring at P .

13. COROLLARY. If R is von Neumann regular, then $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is Vamosian.

14. REMARK. $R[x]$ is then semihereditary, and conversely, if the polynomial ring $R[x]$ over a (not necessarily commutative) ring is semihereditary, then R must be von Neumann regular. (See [12, 13, and 14]. (However, general von Neumann regular ring R does not imply $R[x]$ semihereditary).

15 PROPOSITION. If R is Vamosian (resp. SISI), then so is every factor ring.

PROOF. If R is SISI, then every factor ring obviously is, so suppose that R is Vamosian, and I is an ideal, and V a simple R/I module, and E the injective hull of V in $\text{mod-}R$. It is easy to see that the annihilator \bar{E} of I in E is the injective hull of V in $\text{mod-}R/I$ (cf. the proof of (2) \Rightarrow (1) of Theorem 1). It follows that \bar{E} is l.c. over R/I , since E is l.c. over R , hence R/I is also Vamosian.

16. COROLLARY. If $R[x]$ is Vamosian (SISI), then so is R .

$R[x]$ is monic if it contains a monic polynomial

An ideal I of $R[x]$ is monic if I contains a monic polynomial, equivalently, $R[x]/I$ is a finitely generated R -module. A ring R is called a Monica ring if every co-subdirectly irreducible ideal of $R[x]$ is monic.

An ideal I of R is colocal if R/I is a local ring.

Example. Any co-SDI ideal I of a SISI ring is colocal, since R/I is then indecomposable injective, hence has local endomorphisin ring which is isomorphic to R/I .

In this example I is also co-PF in the sense that R/I is PF. Thus, R/I has a Morita duality, and hence R/I is Vámos.

If P is a subcategory of the category RINGS, then for any ideal H of a ring A , we say that H is a co-P-ideal if $A/H \in P$. In this paper interalia we have been interested in subcategories of RINGS consisting of: irreducible (i.e. uniform) rings, local rings, semilocal rings, semiperfect rings, self-injective rings, PF-rings, and (locally) Noetherian rings.

17. Theorem. If R is l.c., then every monic ideal I of $R[x]$ is co-semiperfect, i.e.

$$R[x]/I = R[x]/I_1x \dots xR[x]/I_t$$

for co-local ideals $I_i \supseteq I$, $i = 1, \dots, t$, and $t \geq 1$.

Consequently, any monic co-irreducible ideal of $R[x]$ is co-local.

Proof. Since I is monic, then $R[x]/I$ is finitely

generated over R , and hence by [1] or [3], is l.c. as an R -module. By [16], any l.c. ring is semiperfect, so $R[x]/I$ has the stated decomposition.

18. THEOREM (VÁMOS [2]). If R is a Morita ring (i.e., has a Morita duality), then so does any algebra A over R that is l.c. over R , in particular, that is a finitely generated R -module.

19. COROLLARY. If R is a Morita ring, then $R[x]/I$ is a Morita ring for any monic ideal I , and hence $R[x]/I$ is self-injective for any monic co-SDI ideal I .

Proof. Obvious from the above theorem of Vamos and the proof of Theorem 17.

20. COROLLARY. If R is a Morita ring, then $R[x]$ is SISI.

Proof. By Corollary 19, $R[x]/I$ is Morita, hence Vamos, and therefore SISI, for every co-SDI ideal.

21. COROLLARY. If R is a l.c. Vamosian Morita ring, then $R[x]$ is SISI.

Proof. A ring R is Morita iff R is l.c. and Vamosian, according to Mueller's Theorem stated earlier so

$R[x]$ is SISI by Corollary 20.

22. PROPOSITION. If R is a l.c. ring, then the Mueller-Vamos conjecture implies that $R[x]/I$ is Morita for any monic ideal I .

Proof. Obvious, since $R[x]/I$ is a finitely generated module over the Morita ring R .

23. COROLLARY. If R is a l.c. Monica ring, then MVC implies that $R[x]$ is SISI.

Proof. Clear from the proof of Corollary 21.

24. QUESTION. Is every Morita, Vámosian, or SISI ring Monica?

25. REMARK. If R is SISI, if I is a co-SDI ideal of $R[x]$ and if $I \cap R$ is a co-SDI ideal of R , then I can show that I is monic iff I is co-local. This result will appear elsewhere.

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