

## 微分的應用 (二)

### Applications of Differentiation II

Material	Vocabulary
<p><b>極大值、極小值、最大值與最小值</b></p> <p>設 <math>f(x)</math> 為多項式函數，且 <math>a, b, c, d</math> 是區間 <math>I</math> 中的數。</p> <p>(1) 當在 <math>a</math> 的附近且在 <math>I</math> 上的每一個數 <math>x</math> 都滿足 <math>f(a) \geq f(x)</math> 時，稱 <math>f(a)</math> 為 <math>f(x)</math> 在區間 <math>I</math> 上的一個極大值。</p> <p>當區間 <math>I</math> 的每一個數 <math>x</math> 都滿足 <math>f(b) \geq f(x)</math>，稱 <math>f(b)</math> 為 <math>f(x)</math> 在區間 <math>I</math> 上的極大值。</p> <p>(2) 當在 <math>c</math> 的附近且在 <math>I</math> 上的每一個數 <math>x</math> 都滿足 <math>f(c) \leq f(x)</math> 時，稱 <math>f(c)</math> 為 <math>f(x)</math> 在區間 <math>I</math> 上的一個極小值。</p> <p>當區間 <math>I</math> 的每一個數 <math>x</math> 都滿足 <math>f(d) \leq f(x)</math>，稱 <math>f(d)</math> 為 <math>f(x)</math> 在區間 <math>I</math> 上的極小值。</p> <p>又當我們討論多項式函數的極值時，若未特別提及區間 <math>I</math>，是指在整個實數 <math>\mathbb{R}</math> 討論。</p>	<p>1. interval (區間), 2. relative (相對的), 3. maximum (極大值), 4. endpoint (端點), 5. y-coordinate (y 坐標), 6. absolute (絕對的), 7. minimum (極小值), 8. local (局部的), 9. global (全域), 10. extreme (極端), 11. extrema (極值), 12. occur (發生).</p>
Illustrations I	
<p>Let function <math>f</math> be defined on an <b>interval</b><sup>1</sup> <math>I</math> containing <math>a, b, c</math> and <math>d</math>.</p> <p>1. See Figure 1, point B is higher than any other points nearby and it is called a <b>relative maximum</b><sup>3</sup>. Point D is an <b>endpoint</b><sup>4</sup> and is also higher than any other points around point D. So, point D is called <b>endpoint maximum</b>. The <b>y-coordinates</b><sup>5</sup> <math>f(b)</math> and <math>f(d)</math> are maxima of <math>f</math> on <math>I</math>. Moreover, point D is the highest point of <math>f</math> on <math>I</math>, so <math>f(d)</math> is called the <b>absolute</b><sup>6</sup> <b>maximum</b> of <math>f</math> on <math>I</math>.</p> <p>見圖 1，點 B 高於在其附近上的每個點，因此點 B 稱為<b>極大值</b>；點 D 是一端點且點 D 高於在其附近上的每個點，因此點 D 稱為<b>端點極大值</b>。其 <math>y</math> 坐標 <math>f(b)</math> 和 <math>f(d)</math> 皆為 <math>f(x)</math> 在區間 <math>I</math> 上的極大值。</p> <p>然而，點 D 在區間 <math>I</math> 上為最高的點，稱 <math>f(d)</math> 為在區間 <math>I</math> 上的<b>最大值</b>。</p> <p>2. Point C is lower than any other points nearby and it is called a <b>relative minimum</b><sup>7</sup>. Point A is an endpoint and is also lower than any other point around point A. So, point A is called <b>endpoint minimum</b>. The y-coordinates <math>f(a)</math> and <math>f(c)</math> are a minimum of <math>f</math> on <math>I</math>. Moreover, point C is the lowest point on <math>I</math>, so <math>f(c)</math> is called the <b>absolute minimum</b> of <math>f</math> on <math>I</math>.</p> <p>點 C 低於在其附近上的每個點，因此點 C 稱為<b>極小值</b>；點 A 是一端點且點 A 低於在其附近上的每個點，因此點 A 稱為<b>端點極小值</b>。其 <math>y</math> 坐標 <math>f(a)</math> 和 <math>f(c)</math> 皆為 <math>f(x)</math> 在區間 <math>I</math> 上的極小值。</p> <p>然而，點 C 在區間 <math>I</math> 上為最低的點，稱 <math>f(c)</math> 為在區間 <math>I</math> 上的<b>最小值</b>。</p>	

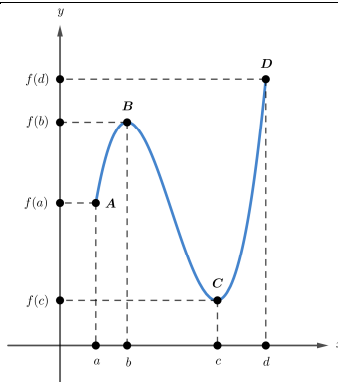


Figure 1

### Definition of Extrema

Let function  $f$  be defined on an interval  $I$  containing  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ .

- $f(a)$  is a **maximum** (or **local<sup>8</sup> maximum**) of  $f$  on  $I$  when  $f(a) \geq f(x)$  for  $x$  around  $a$  in  $I$ .

當在  $a$  的附近且在區間  $I$  上的每一個數  $x$  都滿足  $f(a) \geq f(x)$  時，稱  $f(a)$  為  $f(x)$  在區間上的一個**極大值**（**局部極大值**）。

$f(b)$  is the **absolute maximum** (or **global<sup>9</sup> maximum**) of  $f$  on  $I$  when  $f(b) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ . 當區間  $I$  上的每一個數  $x$  都滿足  $f(b) \geq f(x)$  時，稱  $f(b)$  為  $f(x)$  在區間  $I$  上的**最大值**（**絕對極大值**或**全域極大值**）。

- $f(c)$  is a **minimum** (or **local minimum**) of  $f$  on  $I$  when  $f(c) \leq f(x)$  for  $x$  around  $c$  in  $I$ .

當在  $c$  的附近且在區間  $I$  上的每一個數  $x$  都滿足  $f(c) \leq f(x)$  時，稱  $f(c)$  為  $f(x)$  在區間上的一個**極小值**（**局部極小值**）。

$f(d)$  is the **absolute minimum** (or **global minimum**) of  $f$  on  $I$  when  $f(d) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $I$ . 當區間  $I$  上的每一個數  $x$  都滿足  $f(d) \leq f(x)$  時，稱  $f(d)$  為  $f(x)$  在區間  $I$  上的**最小值**（**絕對極小值**或**全域極小值**）。

The minimum and maximum of a function on an interval are the **extreme<sup>10</sup> values**, or **extrema<sup>11</sup>** of the function on the interval. Extrema that **occur<sup>12</sup>** at the endpoints are called **endpoint extrema**.

極小值和極大值發生在區間內稱為**極值**，若極值發生在區間的端點則稱**端點極值**。

Material	Vocabulary
<p><b>極值可能發生的點</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>多項式函數 <math>f(x)</math> 的極值只會發生在導數為 0 的點。</li> <li>若將多項式函數 <math>f(x)</math> 限制在閉區間 <math>[a, b]</math> 上，則 <math>f(x)</math> 的極值只可能發生在底下這二種點。               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>導數為 0 的點，即滿足 <math>f'(x) = 0</math> 的點。</li> <li>閉區間 <math>[a, b]</math> 的端點。</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>13. continuous (連續的), 14. horizontal (水平的), 15. tangent (切線), 16. derivative (導數的), 17. domain</p>

(定義域), 18. polynomial (多項式), 19. differentiable (可微分的).

## Illustrations II

### Extrema and Extreme Candidates

See Figure 2, for a **continuous**<sup>13</sup> function, a maximum occurs on a “hill” on the graph (like point C and F); a minimum occurs in a “valley” on the graph (like point E and G). The graph has a **horizontal**<sup>14</sup> **tangent**<sup>15</sup> line at the high point (or the low point). Hence, the common characteristic of these points is that they have horizontal tangent lines. And, the **derivative**<sup>16</sup> of the function at these points is equal to zero.

觀察圖 2，連續函數圖形的極大值發生在波峰（C, F 兩點）且極小值發生在波谷（E, G 兩點）；這些點的共同特徵為切線為水平切線，這四個發生極值的點其導數皆為 0。

In general, the **domain**<sup>17</sup> of the **polynomial**<sup>18</sup> function is all real numbers, which is an open interval. The extrema of a polynomial function can occur only at the numbers which the derivative of  $x$  is zero of the function. But, when it changes the domain to a closed interval  $[a, b]$ , the extrema can occur at the endpoints (like point A and B), where  $f$  is not **differentiable**<sup>19</sup> at.

一般而言，多項式函數的定義域為所有實數為一開區間，它的極值只會發生在導數為 0 的點。但若將定義域限制在閉區間  $[a, b]$  上，則端點 A、B 也有可能是發生極值的點。

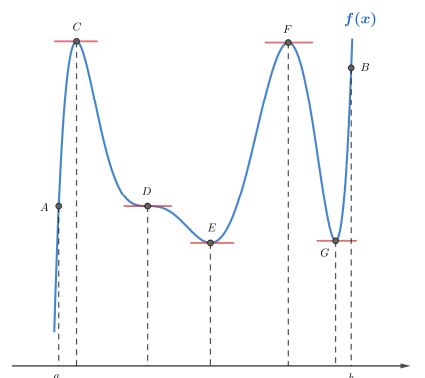


Figure 2

### Points Where Extrema Might Occur

1. The extrema (maxima and minima) of a polynomial function  $f(x)$  can occur at points where its derivative is zero. 多項式函數  $f(x)$  的極值只會發生在導數為 0 的點。
2. There are two types of points where extrema might occur for a polynomial function  $f(x)$  on a

closed interval  $[a,b]$ . 若將多項式函數限制在閉區間  $[a,b]$  上，則  $f(x)$  的極值只可能發生在下面兩種情形。

- (1) The points where the derivative of the function is zero, denoted by  $f'(x)=0$ . 導數為 0 的點，則滿足  $f'(x)=0$  的點。
- (2) The endpoints of the closed interval  $[a,b]$ . 閉區間  $[a,b]$  的端點。

### Examples I

Find the extrema of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2$  on the interval  $[-3, 3]$ .

#### Solution

Begin with differentiating the function.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 \quad \text{Differentiate.}$$

Find all  $x$ -values for which  $f'(x)=0$ .

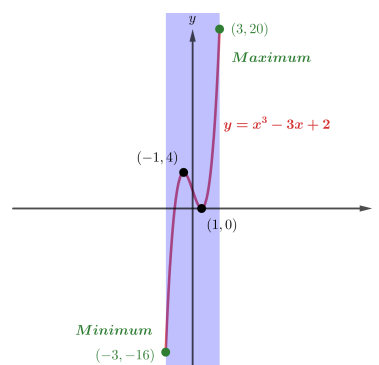
$$3x^2 - 3 = 0 \quad \text{Set } f'(x) \text{ equal to 0.}$$

$$3(x-1)(x+1) = 0 \quad \text{Factor.}$$

$$x = 1 \vee -1 \quad \text{Solve the equation.}$$

By evaluating  $f$  at these two numbers and at the endpoints of  $[-3, 3]$ , we can determine that the maximum is  $f(3) = 20$  and the minimum is  $f(-3) = -16$ , as shown in the table. The graph of  $f$  is shown in Figure 3.

Left Endpoint $x = -3$	$f'(x) = 0$ $x = -1$	$f'(x) = 0$ $x = 1$	Right Endpoint $x = 3$
$f(-3) = -16$	$f(-1) = 4$	$f(1) = 0$	$f(3) = 20$
Minimum			Maximum



Material	Vocabulary
<p><b>極值的一階檢定法</b></p> <p>對於多項式函數 <math>f(x)</math>，先找出所有滿足 <math>f'(c)=0</math> 的 <math>c</math>，再用下列方式針對這些 <math>c</math> 作檢定。</p> <p>(1) 若 <math>x=c</math> 的附近滿足「當 <math>x &lt; c</math> 時，<math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math>；當 <math>x &gt; c</math> 時，<math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math>」，則 <math>f(c)</math> 是極大值。</p> <p>(2) 若 <math>x=c</math> 的附近滿足「當 <math>x &lt; c</math> 時，<math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math>；當 <math>x &gt; c</math> 時，<math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math>」，則 <math>f(c)</math> 是極小值。</p>	<p>20. particular (特別的), 21. candidate (候選的), 22. identify (辨認), 23. increasing (遞增), 24. decreasing (遞減).</p>
<b>Illustrations III</b>	
<p>When <math>f'(x)=0</math> at a <b>particular</b><sup>20</sup> point, we want to identify whether that point is an extreme <b>candidate</b><sup>21</sup>. How can we <b>identify</b><sup>22</sup> whether an extremum is a maximum or a minimum?</p> <p>如何判斷滿足 <math>f'(x)=0</math> 的「候選點」是否為發生極值的點？又如何區分一個極值是極大值或極小值？</p> <p>After determining the intervals on which a function is <b>increasing</b><sup>23</sup> or <b>decreasing</b><sup>24</sup>, it is not difficult to locate the relative extrema of the function.</p> <p>在決定區間為遞增還是遞減之後，就可以容易的找到函數的極值。</p> <p>1. In Figure 4(a), <math>f</math> has a relative maximum at <math>(c, f(c))</math> because <math>f</math> is increasing immediately to the left of <math>x=c</math> and decreasing immediately to the right of <math>x=c</math>. That is <math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math> to the left of <math>x=c</math>, and <math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math> to the right of <math>x=c</math>.</p> <p>圖 4(a) 中，函數在點 <math>(c, f(c))</math> 有極大值，因為在函數 <math>f</math> 的左邊為嚴格遞增，右邊為嚴格遞減。即在 <math>x=c</math> 處的左側 <math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math>，右側 <math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math>，此時 <math>f(c)</math> 是極大值。</p> <p>2. Similarly, in Figure 4(b), <math>f</math> has a relative minimum at <math>(c, f(c))</math> because <math>f</math> is decreasing immediately to the left of <math>x=c</math> and increasing immediately to the right of <math>x=c</math>. That is <math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math> to the left of <math>x=c</math>, and <math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math> to the right of <math>x=c</math>.</p> <p>圖 4(b) 中，函數在點 <math>(c, f(c))</math> 有極小值，因為在函數 <math>f</math> 的左邊為嚴格遞減，右邊為嚴格遞增。即在 <math>x=c</math> 處的左側 <math>f'(x) &lt; 0</math>，右側 <math>f'(x) &gt; 0</math>，此時 <math>f(c)</math> 是極小值。</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="459 1666 734 1883" style="text-align: center;"> <p>(a) 極大值</p> </div> <div data-bbox="853 1666 1133 1883" style="text-align: center;"> <p>(b) 極小值</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 4</p>	

## The First Derivative Test

Let  $c$  be the number of point  $C$  where  $f'(c)=0$  for a polynomial function  $f(x)$ . The value  $f(c)$  can be classified as follows. 我們將多項式函數  $f(x)$  中所有滿足  $f'(c)=0$  的點  $C$ ，其函數值  $f(c)$  分類如下。

1. If  $f'(x)$  changes from positive to negative at  $c$ , then  $f$  has a **relative maximum** at  $(c, f(c))$ .

若  $f'(x)$  在  $x=c$  從左至右的值從正變負，則函數在點  $(c, f(c))$  有極大值。若  $x=c$  的附近滿足「當  $x < c$  時， $f'(x) > 0$ ；當  $x > c$  時， $f'(x) < 0$ 」，則是  $f(c)$  極大值。

2. If  $f'(x)$  changes from negative to positive at  $c$ , then  $f$  has a **relative minimum** at  $(c, f(c))$ .

若  $f'(x)$  在  $x=c$  從左至右的值從負變正，則函數在點  $(c, f(c))$  有極小值。若  $x=c$  的附近滿足「當  $x < c$  時， $f'(x) < 0$ ；當  $x > c$  時， $f'(x) > 0$ 」，則是  $f(c)$  極小值。

Note that if  $f'(x)$  is positive on both side of  $c$  or negative on both side of  $c$ , then  $f(c)$  is neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum. 若  $f'(x)$  在  $x=c$  的左右兩側值皆正或皆負，則其值  $f(c)$  不是極小值也不是極大值。

## Examples II

### Applying the First Derivative Test

Find the relative extrema of  $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 5$

#### Solution

Note that  $f$  is continuous on the entire real number line. The derivative of  $f$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x \quad \text{Differentiate.}$$

$$4x^3 - 12x = 0 \quad \text{Set } f'(x) \text{ equal to 0.}$$

$$4x(x - \sqrt{3})(x + \sqrt{3}) = 0 \quad \text{Factor.}$$

$$x = 0 \vee \sqrt{3} \vee -\sqrt{3} \quad \text{Solve the equation.}$$

The table summarizes the testing of the four intervals determined by these three numbers. By applying the First Derivative Test, we can conclude that  $f$  has a relative minimum at the point  $(-\sqrt{3}, -4)$ , and another relative minimum at the point  $(\sqrt{3}, -4)$ , a relative maximum at the

point  $(0,5)$ , as shown in Figure 5.

Interval	$(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$	$-\sqrt{3}$	$(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$	0	$(0, \sqrt{3})$	$\sqrt{3}$	$(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$
Sign of $f'(x)$	-	0	+	0	-	0	+
Conclusion $f(x)$	Decreasing	-4	Increasing	5	Decreasing	-4	Increasing

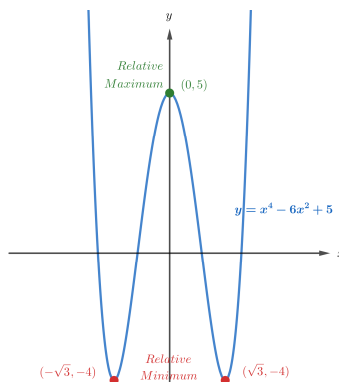


Figure 5

### Material

**極值的二階檢定法**  
 設  $f(x)$  為多項式函數，且  $f'(c) = 0$ 。  
 (1) 若  $f''(c) < 0$ ，則  $f(c)$  是極大值。  
 (2) 若  $f''(c) > 0$ ，則  $f(c)$  是極小值。

### Vocabulary

25. concavity (凹向性).

### Illustrations IV

The first derivative helps locate extrema by finding where a function is decreasing or increasing. Now, we introduce another test, the second derivative test, which is used to analyze the **concavity**<sup>25</sup> of a function and determine whether a point is a relative maximum or minimum.

極值的一階檢定法是利用函數的遞增遞減情形來判定極值。現在我們介紹二階檢定法，它是一個利用函數的凹向性來判定極值的方法。

When  $f'(c) = 0$ ,

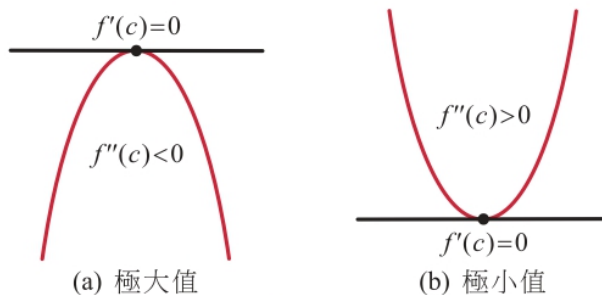


Figure 6

1. In figure 6(a), the graph of a function  $f$  is concave downward on an open interval containing  $c$ , and  $f'(c) = 0$ , then  $f(c)$  must be a relative maximum of  $f$ . 圖6(a)中，在  $x = c$  處附近

的圖形是凹向下，此時  $f(c)$  是極大值。

2. In figure 6(b), the graph of a function  $f$  is concave upward on an open interval containing  $c$ , and  $f'(c)=0$ , then  $f(c)$  must be a relative minimum of  $f$ . 圖6(b)中，在  $x=c$  處附近的圖形是凹向上，此時  $f(c)$  是極小值。

### Second Derivative Test

Let  $f$  be a polynomial function such that  $f'(c)=0$  and the second derivative of  $f$  exists on an open interval containing  $c$ . 設  $f(x)$  為多項式函數，且  $f'(c)=0$ 、函數的二階導數在包含  $c$  的開區間存在。

1. If  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a relative maximum at  $(c, f(c))$ . 若  $f''(c) < 0$ ，則  $f(c)$  是極大值。
2. If  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a relative minimum at  $(c, f(c))$ . 若  $f''(c) > 0$ ，則  $f(c)$  是極小值。

### Examples III

#### Using the Second Derivative Test

Find the relative extrema of  $f(x) = -x^4 + 8x^2 - 3$ .

#### Solution

Differentiating twice produces the following.

$$f'(x) = -4x^3 + 16x \quad \text{Find the first derivative.}$$

$$f''(x) = -12x^2 + 16 \quad \text{Find the second derivative.}$$

Set  $f'(x) = 0$ , then we get  $x = -2, 0$ , and  $2$ .

We apply the Second Derivative Test as shown below.

Point	$(-2, 13)$	$(0, -3)$	$(2, 13)$
Sing of $f''(x)$	$f''(-2) < 0$	$f''(0) > 0$	$f''(2) < 0$
Conclusion	Relative maximum	Relative minimum	Relative maximum

Hence,  $f$  has relative maxima at  $(-2, 13)$  and  $(2, 13)$ , and a relative minimum at  $(0, -3)$ .

The graph of  $f$  is shown in Figure 7.



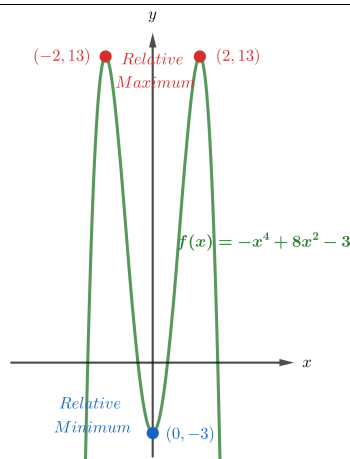


Figure 7

### Examples IV

#### Using the Second Derivative Test

Find the relative extrema of  $f(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 + 2$ .

#### Solution

Differentiating twice produces the following.

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 + 12x^2 \quad \text{Find the first derivative.}$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 + 24x \quad \text{Find the second derivative.}$$

Set  $f'(x) = 0$ , and we get  $x = -3$  and  $0$ .

We apply the Second Derivative Test as shown below.

Point	$(-3, -25)$	$(0, 2)$
Sign of $f''(x)$	$f''(-3) > 0$	$f''(0) = 0$
Conclusion	Relative minimum	Test fails

Because the Second Derivative Test fails at  $(0, 2)$ , we can use the First Derivative Test and observe that  $f$  increase to the left and right of  $x = 0$ .

Interval	$(-\infty, -3)$	$-3$	$(-3, 0)$	$0$	$(0, \infty)$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$-$	$0$	$+$	$0$	$+$
Conclusion $f(x)$	Decreasing	$-25$	Increasing	$2$	Increasing

So,  $(0, 2)$  is neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum. The graph of  $f$  is shown in

Figure 8.

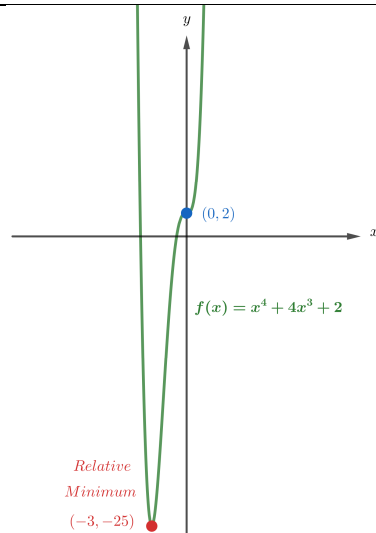


Figure 8

Thus,  $f$  has a minimum at  $(-3, -25)$  and does not have a maximum.

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