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Quantum Theory in Real Hilbert Space II (Addenda and Errata)

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Abstract: A more concise demonstration of the necessity of the thermodynamic signature of the metric $g^{\mu\nu}$ and of the pseudo-chronous character of $\overset{\circ}{J}$ (corresponding to $i = \sqrt{-1}$) is given (§ 4 of I¹). Furthermore, the anti-unitary operator (Annex 3 of I) is wrong. A more concise demonstration in terms of observables is given, showing the perfect correspondence between RHS (Real Hilbert Space) and CHS (Complex Hilbert Space).

A more concise demonstration for the *thermodynamic signature* and the *pseudo-chronous character of $\overset{\circ}{J}$* is:

§ 4 bis. The Thermodynamic Signature of $g^{\mu\nu}$ and the Pseudo-Chronous Character of $J = \overset{\circ}{J}$

For a *local scalar observable*, we have the identity ($\alpha\beta\dots = 12\dots n$):

$$\begin{aligned} {}'F('x) &= F(x) = F(L^{-1}{}'x) = O^{-1} F('x) O, \\ L \leftarrow O: {}'x &= L x = \{{}'x'^\alpha = L'^\alpha_\alpha (x^\alpha + L^\alpha)\}, \\ g'^\mu{}'\nu &= L'^\mu_\mu L'^\nu_\nu g^{\mu\nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 1)$$

We form the *bilocal observable*

$$\overset{\circ}{G}(x y) = \overset{\circ}{J} [F(x), F(y)] \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 2)$$

appearing in the UP:

$$\langle \Delta F(x)^2 \rangle_\Psi \langle \Delta F(y)^2 \rangle_\Psi \geq \frac{1}{4} \langle \overset{\circ}{G}(x y) \rangle_\Psi^2. \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 3)$$

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The hypothesis, that an *L-invariant vacuum state* Ψ^0 exists

$$\langle \overset{\circ}{G}(x y) \rangle_{\Psi^0} = \overset{\circ}{f}(x y) = - \overset{\circ}{f}(y x) \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 4)$$

requires that

$$\overset{\circ}{f}'(x'y) = c(L) \overset{\circ}{f}(x y) = c(L) \overset{\circ}{f}(L^{-1}x L^{-1}y) \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 5)$$

is the same function in every frame, i.e.

$$\overset{\circ}{f}'(x'y) = \overset{\circ}{f}(x'y) \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 6)$$

because *vacuum is a frame-invariant concept*.

$c(L)$ is a (real) *number*, satisfying the representation condition

$$c(L_2) C(L_1) = c(L_2 L_1) . \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 7)$$

From the identity, following from (4 bis. 5) and (4 bis. 6)

$$c(L) \overset{\circ}{f}(L^{-1}x L^{-1}y) = \overset{\circ}{f}(x'y) = - \overset{\circ}{f}(y'x) \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 8)$$

follows, that $\overset{\circ}{f}(xy)$ is, except for the factor $c(L)$, an invariant anti-symmetric function. Such a function exists certainly, if we choose a metric

$$\text{signat } (g^{\alpha\beta}) = \pm (11 \dots 1 - 1) . \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 9)$$

We call $\{x^i\} = \vec{x}$ ($i k \dots = 12 \dots d$, $d = n - 1$) *space* and $x^n = t$ *time* and define

$$\overset{\circ}{f}(x y) = \text{sig}(x^n - y^n) \cdot f((x - y)^2) = - \overset{\circ}{f}(y x) \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 10)$$

$$f(z^2) = 0 \quad \text{for } z = x - y = \text{spatial.}$$

We have therefore

$$\begin{aligned} c(L) \overset{\circ}{f}(L^{-1}x L^{-1}y) &= c(L) \text{sig}(L^{-1}{}^n{}_n(x'^n - y'^n)) \cdot f((x - y)^2) \\ &= c(L) \text{sig}(L'{}^n{}_n) \cdot \text{sig}(x'^n - y'^n) \cdot f((x - y)^2) \\ &= c(L) \text{sig}(L'{}^n{}_n) \cdot \overset{\circ}{f}(x'y) \equiv \overset{\circ}{f}(x'y), \end{aligned} \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 11)$$

i.e.

$$c(L) = \text{sig}(L'{}^n{}_n) . \quad (4 \text{ bis. } 12)$$

This means, that $\overset{\circ}{f}(xy)$ is a *pseudo-chronous number*, characterising the *vacuum*. Therefore $\overset{\circ}{G}(xy)$ must be a *pseudochronous observable* i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \breve{G}'(x'y) = \text{sig}(L'^n_n) \breve{G}(x'y) = \text{sig}(L'^n_n) \breve{G}(L^{-1}x L^{-1}y) = \\
 & = O^{-1} \breve{G}'(x'y) O = (O^{-1} \breve{J} O) [O^{-1} F(x) O, O^{-1} F(y) O] = \\
 & = (O^{-1} \breve{J} O) [F(x), F(y)] = (O^{-1} \breve{J} O) [F(x), F(y)] = \\
 & = (O^{-1} \breve{J} O \breve{J}^{-1}) \breve{J} [F(x), F(y)] = (O^{-1} \breve{J} O \breve{J}^{-1}) \breve{G}(x'y)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4 bis. 13}$$

where we have made use of (4 bis. 1). Comparing the second and the last member, we have $O^{-1} \breve{J} O \breve{J}^{-1} = \text{sig}(L'^n_n) \cdot 1$

$$O^{-1} \breve{J} O = \text{sig}(L'^n_n) \breve{J} \equiv 'J \tag{4 bis. 14}$$

which is equation (4.14) of I. \breve{J} is thus a *pseudochronous operator*. Writing $L_{(\text{ochr})} \leftarrow O_{(\text{ochr})}$ and $L_{(\text{pchr})} \leftarrow O_{(\text{pchr})}$ for *ortho-chronous* ($\text{sig}(L'^n_n) = +1$) and *pseudo-chronous* ($\text{sig}(L'^n_n) = -1$) *Lorentz-transformations*, we have

$$[O_{(\text{ochr})}, \breve{J}] = [O_{(\text{ochr})}, \breve{J}]_- = 0, \tag{4 bis. 15_-}$$

$$(O_{(\text{pchr})}, \breve{J}) = [O_{(\text{pchr})}, \breve{J}]_+ = 0. \tag{4 bis. 15_+}$$

We are left to show, that (4 bis. 9) are the only two possible signatures of $g^{\mu\nu}$. To show this, let us assume a metric, in which $z = \{z^\alpha\}$ has $d = n - r$ space components and $r \leq 1/2 n$ time components $\vec{t} = \{t^\alpha\} = \{z^\alpha\}$ ($i, k, \dots = 1, 2, \dots, n - r, a, b, \dots = (n - r + 1), (n - r + 2), \dots, n$).

We have to build a function $\breve{f}(z) = \breve{f}(\vec{x}, \vec{t})$ which is *invariant* under *homogeneous continuous transformations* $L_{(\text{cont})}$ (= *proper Lorentz-transformations*) and *changes sign* under *reflections* ($'x = (PT)x = -x$). Thus, we look for a vector $z_0 = \{z_0^\alpha\}$, which changes sign under the transformation $L = PT$ but does not change sign under any continuous transformation. If $r > 1$, it is evident, at least for *space-like* and *time-like vectors* z , that no such vector z_0 exists, because every vector $z = (\vec{t}, \vec{z})$ can be transformed into $-z$ by rotations in \vec{z} -space and \vec{t} -space. For null-vectors ($g_{\alpha\beta} z^\alpha z^\beta = 0$) we use the theorem²⁾, that in n dimensional space time with $r \leq 1/2 n$, there exist exactly r two-by-two orthogonal linearly independent null vectors z . Therefore, for $r > 1$, a rotation of this r -dimensional 'frame', transforms z into $-z$ (for instance z on the 'frame'). Thus only in the case $r = 1$, time-like vectors and null vectors (on the light cone) exist, which change sign under $L = PT$.

The text of I is correct, if we write, on page 748, under b):

'We pose...' instead of 'We try, posing...' and leave out, on p. 749, the text following (A-3.20). (A-3.20) is the correct formula, the text following (A-3.20) is erroneous. However, a more logical deduction, using only observables $F^X = F^{XT} = F^{\alpha\beta\dots}(xy\dots)$ ($X = \{\alpha\beta\dots xy\dots\}$) shall be given below in:

Annex 3bis. Unitary (\hat{U}) and Anti-Unitary (\hat{V}) Operators in CHS

We rewrite the operator identity of (I 3.9) in RHS

$$F'_{a'b}^X = L'^X_X O'_{aa} F_{ab} O^T_{b'b}; \quad F_{ab}^X = F_{(ab)}^X. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 1})$$

For:

a) Orthochronous Lorentz Transformations

We decompose the RHS (a -space) in the direct product of a two-dimensional ((r) (i)-space) and a $\omega_C = (1/2) \omega_R$ dimensional p -space, using the two-dimensional matrices (in (r) (i)-space)

$$1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 2})$$

On account of (4 bis. 15_), we have ($O = O_{(\text{ochr})}$):

$$\begin{aligned} F'_{a'b}^X &= 1 \times F'_{(r)p'q}^X + j \times F'_{(i)p'q}^X \\ &= L'^X_X (1 \times O_{(r)p'p} + j \times O_{(i)p'p}) (1 \times F_{(r)pq}^X + j \times F_{(i)pq}^X) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (1 \times O_{(r)q'q}^T - j \times O_{(i)q'q}^T, \\ F_{(r)pq}^X &= F_{(r)(pq)}^X; \quad F_{(i)pq}^X = F_{(i)[pq]}^X \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 3})$$

formula, which, may be rewritten in CHS, using the correspondence RHS \rightleftarrows CHS, $A \rightleftarrows \hat{A}$ given in (I A-2.3) \rightleftarrows (I A-2.5) in the form

$$\hat{F}'_{p'q}^X = L'^X_X \hat{O}_{p'p} \hat{F}_{pq}^X \hat{O}_{q'q}^\dagger = L'^X_X \hat{U}_{p'p} \hat{F}_{pq}^X \hat{U}_{q'q}^\dagger \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 4})$$

with:

$$\hat{F}^\dagger = \hat{F} = \hat{F}^{T*} = \hat{F}^{*T},$$

$$\hat{U} = \hat{O}; \quad \hat{U}^\dagger \hat{U} = \hat{U} \hat{U}^\dagger = 1; \quad \hat{U}^\dagger = \hat{U}^{-1} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 5})$$

where \widehat{A}^* is the *complex conjugate operator* ($(\widehat{A}\widehat{B})^* = \widehat{A}^*\widehat{B}^*$) and $\widehat{A}^\dagger = \widehat{A}^{*T} = \widehat{A}^{T*}$ is the *hermitian conjugate operator* ($(\widehat{A}\widehat{B})^\dagger = \widehat{B}^\dagger\widehat{A}^\dagger$) in CHS. Explicitly written, and omitting the indices $p q \dots = 12 \dots \omega_C$ referring to a frame in ω_C -dimensional CHS, the identity

$$\widehat{F}'^\alpha{}^\beta \dots ('x'y\dots) = c(L) L'{}^\alpha_\alpha L'{}^\beta_\beta \dots \widehat{U} F^\alpha{}^\beta \dots (L^{-1} 'x L^{-1} 'y \dots) \widehat{U}^{-1}$$

holds, with $c(L) = 1$, $\text{sig}(\det(L'i_i))$ and $\text{sig}(\det(L'{}^\alpha_\alpha))$ for *ortho* (\widehat{F}), *pseudo-chronous* ($\overset{\circ}{\widehat{F}}$), *pseudochorous* (\widehat{F}) and *pseudo*-($\overset{\circ}{\widehat{F}}$) observables. The *transformed operators* are given by

$$\begin{aligned} ' \widehat{F}'^\alpha{}^\beta \dots ('x'y\dots) &= c(L) L'{}^\alpha_{(\text{ochr})\alpha} L'{}^\beta_{(\text{ochr})\beta} \dots \widehat{F}^\alpha{}^\beta \dots (L^{-1} 'x L^{-1} 'y \dots) \\ &= \widehat{U}^{-1} F^\alpha{}^\beta \dots ('x'y\dots) \widehat{U}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 6})$$

They lead to the identity, for expectation values:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \widehat{\Psi}, ' \widehat{F}^\alpha \dots ('x \dots) \widehat{\Psi} \rangle &= c(L) L'{}^\alpha_\alpha \dots \langle \widehat{\Psi}, \widehat{F}^\alpha \dots (L^{-1} 'x \dots) \widehat{\Psi} \rangle \\ &= \langle ' \widehat{\Psi}, \widehat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x \dots) ' \widehat{\Psi} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 7})$$

with

$$' \widehat{\Psi} = \widehat{U} \Psi; \quad L_{(\text{ochr})} \leftarrow \widehat{U}_{(\text{ochr})}. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 8})$$

b) Pseudo-Chronous Lorentz-Transformations

We need an operator

$$K = k \times 1; \quad K^T = K = K^{-1}; \quad K^2 = 1 \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 8})$$

which transforms

$$' \overset{\circ}{J} = K^{-1} \overset{\circ}{J} K = - \overset{\circ}{J}; \quad \overset{\circ}{J} = j \times 1. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 9} *)$$

Such an operator can be given in terms of the pseudoquaternions (I A-4.8). We chose, for example, the two-dimensional matrix in (r) (i)-space

$$k = k^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad k^2 = 1, \quad k^T = k, \quad (k, j) = 0. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 10})$$

) In CHS $K \rightleftharpoons \widehat{K} : \widehat{K} i \widehat{K} = -i$ (A-3 bis 9).

The operator $O_{(\text{pchr})} = O$ can now be given in terms of

$$\begin{aligned} O &= O' K; \quad O^T = O^{-1} = K^T O'^T = K O'^T; \quad [O', \bar{J}] = 0, \\ O'^T O' &= O' O'^T = 1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 11})$$

and the identity (A-3 bis. 1) can be written, using the decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} F'_{a'b}^X &= 1 \times F'_{(r)p'q}^X + j \times F'_{(i)p'q}^X \\ &= L'^X_X (1 \times O'_{(r)p'p} + j \times O'_{(i)p'p}) (k \times 1) (1 \times F'_{(r)pq}^X + j \times F'_{(i)pq}^X) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (k \times 1) (1 \times O'^T_{(r)q'q} - j \times O'^T_{(i)q'q}) \\ &= L'^X_X (1 \times O'_{(r)p'p} + j \times O'_{(i)p'p}) (1 \times F'_{(r)pq}^X - j \times F'_{(i)pq}^X) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot (1 \times O'^T_{(r)q'q} - j \times O'^T_{(i)q'q}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 12})$$

We have the correspondence RHS \rightleftharpoons CHS.

$$1 \times F'_{(r)pq}^X - j \times F'_{(i)pq}^X \rightleftharpoons F'_{pq}^X - i F'_{pq}^X = \hat{F}'_{pq}^X. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 13})$$

Now, using again the RHS \rightleftharpoons CHS correspondence (I A-2.3) \rightleftharpoons (I A-2.5), we may write (A-3 bis. 12) in CHS, omitting again the p -space indices,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}'^X &= F'_{(r)}^X + i F'_{(i)}^X = L'^X_X \hat{O}' \hat{F}'^{X*} \hat{O}'^{-1} \\ &= L'^X_X \hat{U}' \hat{F}'^{X*} \hat{U}'^{-1}; \quad \hat{U}'^{-1} = U'^\dagger \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 14})$$

or, explicitly

$$\hat{F}'^{\alpha'\beta} \dots ('x'y\dots) = c(L) L'^\alpha_\alpha L'^\beta_\beta \dots \hat{U}' \hat{F}'^{\alpha\beta\dots*} (L^{-1}x L^{-1}y\dots) \hat{U}'^{-1}. \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 15})$$

The transformed operator is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x\dots) &= c(L_{(\text{pchr})}) L'^\alpha_{(\text{pchr})\alpha} \dots \hat{F}'^\alpha \dots (L^{-1}x\dots) \\ &= \hat{U}'^{-1*} \hat{F}'^{\alpha\dots*} ('x\dots) \hat{U}'^*. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 16})$$

The identity for expectation values takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\Psi}, \hat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x\dots) \hat{\Psi} \rangle &= c(L) L'^\alpha_\alpha \dots \langle \hat{\Psi}, \hat{F}'^\alpha \dots (L^{-1}x\dots) \hat{\Psi} \rangle \\ &= \langle \hat{\Psi}, \hat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x\dots) \hat{\Psi} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 17})$$

Defining the anti-unitary operator \widehat{V} by

$$'\widehat{\Psi} = \widehat{V} \widehat{\Psi} = \widehat{U}' \widehat{\Psi}^* \rightarrow ' \Psi_p = U'_{p,p} \Psi_p^*; \quad L_{(pchr)} \leftarrow \widehat{V}, \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 18})*$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle ' \widehat{\Psi}, \widehat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x \dots) ' \Psi \rangle &= c(L) L'^\alpha_\alpha \dots \langle \widehat{\Psi}, \widehat{F}^\alpha \dots (L^{-1} 'x \dots) \widehat{\Psi} \rangle = \\ &= \widehat{\Psi}_p \widehat{U}'_{p,p}^T \widehat{F}'^\alpha_{p,q} ('x) \widehat{U}'_{q,q} \Psi_q^* = \widehat{\Psi}_q^* \widehat{U}'_{q,q}^T \widehat{F}'^\alpha_{q,p} ('x) \widehat{U}'_{p,p}^* \widehat{\Psi}_p = \\ &= \langle \widehat{\Psi}, \widehat{U}'^{\dagger *} \widehat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x) \widehat{U}'^* \widehat{\Psi} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 19})$$

By definition, $F^\alpha \dots (x \dots)$ is an observable. Therefore it follows, from (A-3 bis. 5), that in (A-3 bis. 19), we have

$$\widehat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x \dots) = \widehat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x \dots) \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 20})$$

and, from (A-3 bis. 16) ($\widehat{U}'^{\dagger *} = U'^{-1}$)

$$\widehat{U}'^{\dagger *} \widehat{F}'^\alpha \dots ('x \dots) \widehat{U}'^* = c(L) L'^\alpha_\alpha \dots \widehat{F}^\alpha \dots (L^{-1} 'x \dots). \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 21})$$

Thus, formula (A-3 bis. 19) is identical with the second equation (A-3 bis. 17) and with (A-3 bis. 16).

In order to show the physical significance of (A-3 bis. 16) let us consider the '*real scalar free field*'**) considered as an observable:

$$w(x) = w^T(x); \quad \widehat{w}(x) = \widehat{w}^\dagger(x), \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 22})$$

expanded in plane waves (signat $(g^{\alpha\beta}) = (11 \dots 1 - 1)$).

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{w}(x) &= (2)^{-1/2} (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int d\sigma(\breve{k}) (\widehat{a}(\breve{k}) e^{i(\breve{k}, x)} + \widehat{a}^\dagger(\breve{k}) e^{-i(\breve{k}, x)}), \\ \breve{k}^2 + M^2 &= 0; \quad \breve{k}^n > |M|, \\ d\sigma(\breve{k}) &= (\breve{k}^n)^{-1} d^d \breve{k}; \quad d^d \breve{k} = \prod_{i=1}^d d\breve{k}^i, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 23}***)$$

) $'\widehat{\Psi} = \widehat{U}' \widehat{K} \Psi = \widehat{U}' \widehat{\Psi}^$.

**) 'Field Quantization in Real Hilbert Space' will be the object of a forthcoming paper in this journal (referred to as III).

***) The surface integral is to be extended over the *positive shell* of the hyperboloid $\breve{k}^2 + M^2 = 0$. $\breve{k} = \{\breve{k}^\alpha\}$ is therefore a *pseudochronous vector* (see III).

where, if the sum over plane waves is made denumerable, $\widehat{a}(\vec{k})$ and $\widehat{a}^\dagger(\vec{k})$ are the usual annihilation and creation operators of quanta in a state \vec{k} . Using (A-3 bis. 16) for the transformation $L = PT$

$$'x = (PT)x = -x; \quad 'x'^\alpha = -x'^\alpha \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 24})$$

we have (A-3 bis. 16):

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{w}'(x) &= \widehat{w}(x) \equiv \widehat{w}(-'x) \\ &= (2)^{-1/2} (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int d\sigma(\vec{k}) (\widehat{a}(\vec{k}) e^{-i(\vec{k}, x)} + \widehat{a}^\dagger(\vec{k}) e^{i(\vec{k}, x)}) \\ &= \widehat{U}'^{-1*} \widehat{w}^*(x) \widehat{U}'^* \\ &= (2)^{-1/2} (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int d\sigma(\vec{k}) ((\widehat{U}'^*{}^{-1} \widehat{a}^*(\vec{k}) \widehat{U}'^*) e^{-i(\vec{k}, x)} + \\ &\quad + \widehat{U}'^*{}^{-1} \widehat{a}^\dagger(\vec{k}) \widehat{U}'^*) e^{i(\vec{k}, x)}) . \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 25})$$

Thus, we have

$$\widehat{U}'^{-1*} \widehat{a}^*(\vec{k}) \widehat{U}'^* = \widehat{a}(\vec{k}), \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 26})$$

$$\widehat{U}'^{-1*} \widehat{a}^\dagger(\vec{k}) \widehat{U}'^* = \widehat{a}^\dagger(\vec{k}). \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 26})$$

As the relations

$$[\widehat{a}(\vec{k}), \widehat{a}^\dagger(\vec{k}')] = \delta(\vec{k}, \vec{k}'); \quad \delta(\vec{k}, \vec{k}') = \vec{k}^n \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}'), \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 27})$$

$$[\widehat{a}(\vec{k}), \widehat{a}(\vec{k}')] = 0, \quad (\text{A-3 bis. 28})$$

are invariant, if we go over to the conjugate complex operators, an unitary matrix \widehat{U}'^* exists always, satisfying (A-3 bis. 26). In particular, if the annihilation and creation operators are chosen real, $\widehat{U}'^* = 1$ is the unit operator.

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