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LIST OF SYMBOLS

L	periodic inter rib spacing
Δ	offset of one set of rib stiffeners to another set
Q	number of sets of attached rib stiffeners, (1)
D	rigidity of plate, (1)
w(x)	transverse plate displacement, (1)
m	mass per unit area of plate, (1)
ω	applied excitation frequency (radians/second), (1)
Pe(x)	external pressure due to line-force, (1)
$P_{a}(x,0)$	acoustic pressure on upper surface of plate, (1)
P _q (x)	total pressure exerted by q-th set of rib stiffeners
k	wavenumber, (2)
W(k)	wavenumber response, (2)
F(k)	auxiliary function, (2)
Y(k)	auxiliary function, (2)
k _L	wavenumber defined by periodic spacing, (2)
Bq	dynamic structural mass of q-th rib stiffener set, (2)
Δ _q	q-th offset distance, (2)
Fo	magnitude of applied line force, (3)
×o	point of application of line force, (3)
S(k)	auxiliary function, (4)
k _b	free in-vacuum plate wavenumber, (4)
٩٥	mass density of acoustic fluid, (4)
k _o	acoustic wavenumber ω/c_0 , (4)
m'q	mass per unit length of q-th set of rib stiffeners

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m,n,p,q integers

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3	real nonzero variable, (5)
{A _n }	given sequence, (5)
۵q	q-th exponential factor, (6)
<u>W</u> q ^(k)	auxiliary summation function, (8)
$\frac{\mathbf{F}}{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{k})$	auxiliary summation function, (13)
$\underline{Y}_{pq}(k)$	auxiliary summation function, (14)
N(k)	numerator term for $Q = 2$, (20)
D(k)	denominator term for $Q = 2$, (21)
B(u)	Fourier sum, (22)
<u>W</u> (u,k)	auxiliary summation function, (24)
<u>F</u> (u,k)	auxiliary summation function, (29)
<u>Y</u> (v-u,k)	auxiliary summation function, (30)
W _p (u,k)	p-th order approximation to $\underline{W}(u,k)$, (33)

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EXPLICIT SOLUTION OF DIFFERENCE EQUATION FOR THE WAVENUMBER RESPONSE OF FLUID-LOADED STIFFENED PLATE

INTRODUCTION*

Acoustic radiation from the upper surface of a fluid-loaded stiffened plate has been examined by Cray [1]. The formulation developed there produces an implicit algebraic equation for the Fourier transformed plate wavenumber response. This response must be manipulated into an explicit form in order to obtain a solution for the plate's structural response and to obtain the near- and far-field generated acoustic response. The following is a brief synopsis of the formulation for the acoustic radiation from a stiffened plate.

The infinite plate investigated in [1] was configured to have two infinite sets of attached rib stiffeners. The stiffeners composing a given set were identical and were spaced periodically with distance L. One set of stiffeners, however, was shifted by an amount Δ from the other set. In this manner, portions of the plate were configured with repeating sections having nonperiodic rib spacing.

The governing equation of motion for the surface displacement of the fluid-loaded isotropic plate for an applied line-force, with Q sets of attached rib stiffeners, is given by

$$D \frac{d^4 w(x)}{dx^4} - m \omega^2 w(x) = P_e(x) - P_a(x,0) - \sum_{q=1}^{Q} P_q(x) , \qquad (1)$$

"The introduction was contributed by Dr. Benjamin A. Cray.

where D is the rigidity of the plate, w(x) is the transverse plate displacement, m is the mass per unit area of the plate, ω is the applied excitation frequency, $P_e(x)$ is the external pressure due to the applied line-force, $P_a(x,0)$ is the acoustic pressure acting on the upper surface of the plate, and $\{P_q(x)\}$ are the total pressures exerted by each set of attached rib stiffeners.

Rotary inertia and shear deformation effects within the plate and rib stiffeners were neglected. The stiffeners exerted reactive forces upon the plate but applied no angular moments.

Equation (1) was transformed, term by term, using exponential Fourier transforms. The spatial transform variable, k, has the physical significance of wavenumber. It was assumed that the transforms are well defined and exist over the entire domain of integration.

Upon transforming (1) into the wavenumber domain, the implicit form of the wavenumber response, for the fluid-loaded stiffened plate, can be written as

$$W(k) = F(k) - Y(k) \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} W(k + nk_{L}) \times \left(B_{1} + B_{2} \exp\left(ink_{L}\Delta_{1}\right) + \cdots + B_{Q} \exp\left(ink_{L}\Delta_{Q-1}\right)\right), \quad (2)$$

where W(k) is the (transformed) wavenumber response. The quantities on the right-hand side of (2) are defined as

$$F(k) = \frac{F_{0} \exp(-ikx_{0})}{S(k)} , \quad Y(k) = \frac{1}{S(k)} , \quad (3)$$

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where

$$S(k) = \begin{cases} D(k^{4} - k_{b}^{4}) - \frac{i \rho_{o} \omega^{2}}{\sqrt{k_{o}^{2} - k^{2}}} & \text{for } |k| < k_{o} \\ D(k^{4} - k_{b}^{4}) - \frac{\rho_{o} \omega^{2}}{\sqrt{k^{2} - k_{o}^{2}}} & \text{for } |k| > k_{o} \end{cases}, \qquad (4)$$

where $k_b = (m \omega^2/D)^{\frac{1}{4}}$ is the free in-vacuum plate wavenumber, $k_L = 2\pi/L$ is the wavenumber defined by the periodic spacing, and $B_q = m'_q \omega^2/L$ is the dynamic structural mass of the q-th rib stiffener set. Also, Δ_q is the q-th offset distance.

Notice in (2) that the wavenumber or spectral response W(k)appears implicitly. The difficulty now lies in determining an <u>explicit</u> expression for the plate's wavenumber response W(k). That is, it is necessary to manipulate (2) such that the summation which contains the shifted wavenumber responses $\{W(k + nk_L)\}$ may be rewritten in terms of known quantities.

In [1], Cray obtained an explicit expression for W(k) for the case of a single offset, that is, Q = 2 in (2). This corresponds to two sets of rib stiffeners, where one set is offset from the other. The following development is a significant extension of the configuration of two sets of rib stiffeners to the case of an arbitrary number of rib stiffener sets, each with different offsets $\{\Delta_q\}$, and to arbitrary excitation functions.

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DESCRIPTION AND SOLUTION OF DIFFERENCE EQUATION

In the following mathematical development, k and ε are arbitrary real variables, while m,n,p,q are integers. Also, summations without limits are from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$. We are interested in finding the solution W(k) to the difference equation

$$W(k) = F(k) - Y(k) \sum_{n} A_{n} W(k + \epsilon n) , \qquad (5)$$

where F(k) and Y(k) are given known functions of k, and sequence $\{A_n\}$ is also known. For $\varepsilon = 0$, the solution to (5) is immediate; hence, ε is nonzero and fixed in the following.

In fact, we are interested in the particular case where A_n is a finite sum of Q complex exponentials in n (compare with the second line of (2)):

$$A_n = \sum_{q=1}^{Q} B_q \exp(in\alpha_q) \text{ for all } n, \qquad (6)$$

where $\{\alpha_q\}$, $1 \le q \le Q$, are arbitrary (complex) <u>distinct</u> constants, and $\{B_q\}$ are arbitrary complex constants. The $\{B_q\}$ and $\{\alpha_q\}$ are given. Furthermore, since

$$\exp(in\alpha_{\alpha}) = \exp(in[\alpha_{\alpha} - p2\pi]) \quad \text{for all } p , \qquad (7)$$

there is <u>no loss</u> of generality in assuming that $|\operatorname{Re}(\alpha_q)| \leq \pi$ for all $1 \leq q \leq Q$. If $\operatorname{Im}(\alpha_q)$ is nonzero for any q, then $|A_n|$ cannot remain bounded at both limits of $n = \pm \infty$. The earlier case solved in [1] corresponded to Q = 2 and the special value of $\alpha_1 = 0$.

DEFINITION AND PROPERTIES OF AUXILIARY FUNCTIONS

Define functions

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$$\underline{W}_{q}(k) = \sum_{n} W(k + \varepsilon n) \exp(in\alpha_{q}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq q \leq Q .$$
 (8)

(The additional dependence of $\underline{W}_{q}(k)$ on ϵ is suppressed notationally.) It then follows that

$$\frac{W}{q}(k + \epsilon m) = \sum_{n} W(k + \epsilon m + \epsilon n) \exp(in\alpha_{q}) =$$

$$= \sum_{p} W(k + \epsilon p) \exp(i(p-m)\alpha_{q}) = \exp(-im\alpha_{q}) \frac{W}{q}(k) , \qquad (9)$$

where we let p = m + n and used (8). This is the key relation regarding the functions $\underline{W}_{q}(k)$ defined in (8), namely

$$\underline{W}_{q}(k + \varepsilon m) = \exp(-im\alpha_{q}) \underline{W}_{q}(k) \text{ for } 1 \le q \le Q.$$
(10)

With the aid of (6) and (8), the summation on n in (5) can now be manipulated into the form

$$\sum_{n} A_{n} W(k + \epsilon n) = \sum_{n} W(k + \epsilon n) \sum_{q=1}^{Q} B_{q} \exp(in\alpha_{q}) = \sum_{q=1}^{Q} B_{q} \frac{W}{q}(k) .$$
(11)

This enables us to express (5) in the alternative form

$$W(k) = F(k) - Y(k) \sum_{q=1}^{Q} B_q \underline{W}_q(k) . \qquad (12)$$

SOLUTION OF EQUATION (12)

At this point, in analogy to (8), it is convenient to define two additional functions, namely,

$$\underline{F}_{q}(k) = \sum_{n} F(k + \epsilon n) \exp(in\alpha_{q}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq q \leq Q , \quad (13)$$

$$\underline{Y}_{pq}(k) = \sum_{n} Y(k + \varepsilon n) \exp\left(in(\alpha_{p} - \alpha_{q})\right) \text{ for } 1 \le p,q \le Q. \quad (14)$$

Now, replace k by $k + \epsilon m$ in (12) and use (10), obtaining

$$W(k + \varepsilon m) = F(k + \varepsilon m) - Y(k + \varepsilon m) \sum_{q=1}^{Q} B_q \exp(-im\alpha_q) \underline{W}_q(k) . (15)$$

When this equation is multiplied by $exp(im\alpha_p)$ and summed over all m, there follows, by use of (8), (13), and (14),

$$\underline{W}_{p}(k) = \underline{F}_{p}(k) - \sum_{q=1}^{Q} \underline{Y}_{pq}(k) \quad B_{q} \quad \underline{W}_{q}(k) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq p \leq Q \quad (16)$$

This relation constitutes Q linear equations (at each k) in the Q unknown functions $\underline{W}_{q}(k)$, $1 \leq q \leq Q$. The remaining quantities in (16) can be obtained from (6), (13), and (14).

When (16) is solved for all the $\{\underline{W}_{q}(k)\}$, then (12) directly yields the original quantity of interest, namely W(k) in (5), for that <u>particular</u> value of k. Although this procedure appears to require the solution of a new set of Q simultaneous linear equations for each k of interest, there is a shortcut that might be useful in some cases. Namely, reference to (15) reveals that

 $W(k + \epsilon m)$ can now be calculated easily for nonzero m, for <u>that</u> k, once $F(k + \epsilon m)$ and $Y(k + \epsilon m)$ have been computed, without the need for another solution set. The <u>same</u> solutions { $\underline{W}_{q}(k)$ } are used on the right-hand side of (15), regardless of the value of m under consideration; only the finite summation in (15) need be redone. Thus, the solution W to (5) at arguments k, k ± ϵ , k ± 2ϵ ,... can be found from the solution of one set of Q simultaneous equations, (16).

For the special case of Q = 1, (16) can be immediately solved to yield [1]

$$\underline{W}_{1}(k) = \frac{\underline{F}_{1}(k)}{1 + B_{1} \underline{Y}_{11}(k)} = \frac{\sum_{n} F(k + \epsilon n) \exp(in\alpha_{1})}{1 + B_{1} \sum_{n} Y(k + \epsilon n)} .$$
(17)

Then (12) yields the explicit result (for Q = 1)

$$W(k) = F(k) - B_{1} Y(k) \frac{\sum_{n} F(k + \epsilon n) \exp(in\alpha_{1})}{1 + B_{1} \sum_{n} Y(k + \epsilon n)} .$$
(18)

In this form, it is possible to directly evaluate W(k) at any k of interest merely by computing the terms encountered on the right-hand side of (18). However, shortcut (15) is still better for the particular arguments $\{k + \epsilon m\}$.

For Q = 2, when the solutions of (16) are substituted into (12), the function W(k) is given by the explicit expression

$$W(k) = F(k) - Y(k) \frac{N(k)}{D(k)}$$
, (19)

where

$$N(k) = B_{1} \underline{F}_{1}(k) + B_{2} \underline{F}_{2}(k) + B_{1} B_{2} \times \left[\underline{F}_{1}(k) \underline{Y}_{22}(k) + \underline{F}_{2}(k) \underline{Y}_{11}(k) - \underline{F}_{1}(k) \underline{Y}_{21}(k) - \underline{F}_{2}(k) \underline{Y}_{12}(k) \right]$$
(20)

and

$$D(k) = 1 + B_1 \underline{Y}_{11}(k) + B_2 \underline{Y}_{22}(k) + B_1 B_2 [\underline{Y}_{11}(k) \underline{Y}_{22}(k) - \underline{Y}_{12}(k) \underline{Y}_{21}(k)] .$$
(21)

A program for the evaluation of (19) - (21), for the case where Y(k) is real, is presented in the appendix; also, B_1 , B_2 , α_1 , and α_2 are real. Then D(k) is real, but N(k), F(k), and W(k) are complex. Also, $\underline{Y}_{22}(k) = \underline{Y}_{11}(k)$ is real, while $\underline{F}_1(k)$, $\underline{F}_2(k)$, and $\underline{Y}_{21}(k)^* = \underline{Y}_{12}(k)$ are complex. The program uses these properties.

In general, for any Q, if (16) is solved <u>analytically</u> for the set $\{\underline{W}_{q}(k)\}$ in terms of $\{B_{q}\}$, $\{\underline{F}_{q}(k)\}$, and $\{\underline{Y}_{pq}(k)\}$, these results can be substituted or utilized in (12) to get an explicit expression for W(k) that is valid for all k. For large Q, this will be impractical; instead, numerical solution of the Q simultaneous equations, (16), will be required at each k of interest. The only exception is to use (15) for the particular arguments $\{k + \epsilon m\}$. (All results above actually hold for k and ϵ complex.)

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SOLUTION FOR GENERAL SEQUENCE {A_n}

In this section, we no longer restrict sequence $\{A_n\}$ to have exponential form (6). Rather, for bounded given sequence $\{A_n\}$, define function

$$B(u) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n} A_{n} \exp(-inu) \quad \text{for } |u| < \pi , \qquad (22)$$

where u is real. Then, the sequence values can be found from

$$A_{n} = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} du B(u) \exp(inu) \text{ for all } n. \qquad (23)$$

The fastest variation with n that (23) allows for A_n is exp(±in\pi); however, this is no loss of generality, as seen by reference to (7). The case considered earlier in (6) corresponds to B(u) being composed of a set of Q impulses of area B_q located at $u = \alpha_q$, with $|\alpha_q| \leq \pi$, when α_q is real.

Now, define function

$$\underline{W}(u,k) = \sum_{n} W(k + \varepsilon n) \exp(inu) \text{ for } |u| \le \pi.$$
 (24)

(Again, the notational dependence on ε is suppressed.) The key relation that <u>W</u>(u,k) satisfies is

$$\underline{W}(u,k + \varepsilon m) = \sum_{n} W(k + \varepsilon m + \varepsilon n) \exp(inu) =$$

$$= \sum_{p} W(k + \varepsilon p) \exp(i(p-m)u) = \exp(-imu) \underline{W}(u,k) , \quad (25)$$

where we let p = m + n and used (24). This relation,

$$\underline{W}(u,k + \varepsilon m) = \exp(-imu) \underline{W}(u,k) , \qquad (26)$$

is the analogue of (10) earlier.

The summation in (5) can now be expressed as

$$\sum_{n} A_{n} W(k + \epsilon n) = \sum_{n} W(k + \epsilon n) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} du B(u) \exp(inu) =$$
$$= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} du B(u) \underline{W}(u,k) , \qquad (27)$$

where we used (23) and (24). Therefore, the equation of interest, (5), now takes the form

$$W(k) = F(k) - Y(k) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} du B(u) \underline{W}(u,k) . \qquad (28)$$

We now define, in analogy to (13) and (14), the two functions

$$\underline{F}(u,k) = \sum_{n} F(k + \varepsilon n) \exp(inu) \text{ for } |u| \leq \pi , \qquad (29)$$

$$\underline{Y}(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{n} Y(\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon n) \exp(in(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{u})) \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{u}|, |\mathbf{v}| \leq \pi . \quad (30)$$

When we replace k by $k + \epsilon m$ in (28), and use (26), there follows

$$W(k + \varepsilon m) = F(k + \varepsilon m) - Y(k + \varepsilon m) \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} du B(u) \underline{W}(u,k) \exp(-imu) .$$
(31)

We now multiply (31) by exp(imv), v real, and sum over all m, to

obtain

$$\underline{W}(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{k}) = \underline{F}(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{k}) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\mathbf{u} \ \underline{Y}(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k}) \ \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}) \ \underline{W}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k}) \quad \text{for } |\mathbf{v}| \le \pi \ , \ (32)$$

where we used (24), (29), and (30). This is a linear integral equation, with kernel $\underline{Y}(v-u,k)$ B(u), for unknown $\underline{W}(u,k)$; that is, for each k of interest, a new linear integral equation must be solved. Then, $\underline{W}(u,k)$ will be known for $|u| \leq \pi$ at that particular k.

Once $\underline{W}(u,k)$ is known, (28) gives desired solution W(k) at that particular k value, since F(k), Y(k), and B(u) are known functions. If a large number of k values are of interest, (32) can involve a great deal of computational effort; however, arbitrary bounded sequence $\{A_n\}$ is now allowed in (5). Furthermore, (31) then yields the solution for W at arguments k, k ± ε , k ± 2ε ,... without the need to solve another integral equation.

The linear integral equation in (32) could be solved by recursion; for example, the p-th order approximation is given by

$$\underline{\underline{W}}_{p}(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{k}) \equiv \underline{F}(\mathbf{v},\mathbf{k}) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\mathbf{u} \ \underline{\underline{Y}}(\mathbf{v}-\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k}) \ \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{u}) \ \underline{\underline{W}}_{p-1}(\mathbf{u},\mathbf{k}) \ \text{for } |\mathbf{v}| \le \pi .$$
(33)

A possible starting value for this recursion is $\underline{W}_{0}(u,k) = \underline{F}(u,k)$.

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SUMMARY

When the governing differential equation of motion for the surface displacement of the fluid-loaded isotropic plate for an applied line-force, with Q sets of attached rib stiffeners, is transformed into the wavenumber domain, a difference equation is encountered. Solution of this latter equation for exponential excitation, for a particular value of wavenumber k, is accomplished through the definition of auxiliary functions involving sums of displaced wavenumber responses with exponential factors. Finally, solution of a simultaneous set of Q linear equations completes the required calculations. For the most general excitation, the set of equations becomes infinite, that is, a linear integral equation must be solved.

APPENDIX. PROGRAM FOR (19) - (21)

In the following program for solution W(k) given by (19) - (21), specified function Y(k) is presumed real; however, F(k) is allowed to be complex. The following example corresponds to

$$F(k) = \exp(-.71 \ k^2) + i \ \exp(-.91 \ k^2 - k) ,$$
$$Y(k) = \exp(-.63 \ k^2 + k) .$$

10	K=.7 ! k,	wavenumber	
20	E=.4 leps	ilon	
30	L1=.1 lalp	hal	
40	L2=.2 ! alp	ha2	
50	B1=1.1		
60	B2=1.3		
70	CALL Fak(K,E,L1,L2,F1r,F	11,F2r,F2i) ! (13))
80	CALL Ypgk(K,E,L1,L2,Y11,	Y12r, Y12i> ! (14))
90	B=B1*B2	-	
100	Y=Y11-Y12r		
110	D=Y11*Y11-Y12r*Y12r-Y12i	*Y12i	
120	D=1.+(B1+B2)*Y11+B*D	! (21))
130	Nr=(F1r+F2r)*Y-(F1i-F2i)	*Y12i	
140	Nr=B1*F1r+B2*F2r+B*Nr	! (20))
150	Ni=(F1i+F2i)*Y+(F1r-F2r)	*Y12i	
160	Ni=B1*F1i+B2*F2i+B*Ni	! (20))
170	PRINT		
180	PRINT "DENOMINATOR = ";D		
190	Y=FNY(K)/D		
200	CALL F(K,Fr,Fi)		
210	Wr=Fr-Y#Nr		
220	Wi=Fi-Y*Ni	! (19))
230	PRINT Wr,Wi		
240	END		
250	!		

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SUB Fqk(K,E,L1,L2,F1r,F1i,F2r,F2i) ! (13)
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270
       DOUBLE N
                          ! INTEGER
       F1r=F1i=F2r=F2i=0.
280
       FOR N=-40 TO 40
290
300
       CALL F(K+E*N, Fr, Fi)
       IF ABS(N)=40 THEN PRINT ABS(Fr)+ABS(Fi);
310
320
       C=COS(N*L1)
       S=SIN(N*L1)
330
340
       F1r=F1r+Fr*C-Fi*S
350
       F1i=F1i+Fr*S+Fi*C
360
       C=COS(N+L2)
370
       S=SIN(N+L2)
380
       F2r=F2r+Fr*C-Fi*S
390
       F2i=F2i+Fr*S+Fi*C
400
       NEXT N
410
       SUBEND
420
       1
430
       SUB Ypqk(K,E,L1,L2,Y11,Y12r,Y12i)
                                               ! (14)
440
       DOUBLE N
                         I INTEGER
450
       Y11=Y12r=Y12i=0.
460
       FOR N=-40 TO 40
470
       T=FNY(K+E*N)
480
       IF ABS(N)=40 THEN PRINT T;
490
       A=N*(L1-L2)
500
       Y11=Y11+T
510
       Y12r=Y12r+T*COS(A)
520
       Y12i=Y12i+T*SIN(A)
530
       NEXT N
540
       SUBEND
550
                                                 ! E(k)
560
       SUB F(K, Fr, Fi)
570
       Fr=Fi=0.
580
       A=.71*K*K
590
       IF R>100. THEN 610
600
       Fr=EXP(-A)
610
       A=.91*K*K+K
620
       IF R>100. THEN 640
630
       Fi=EXP(-A)
640
       SUBEND
650
       DEF FNY(K)
                                                 ! real Y(k)
660
670
       A=.63*K*K-K
       IF A>100. THEN RETURN 0.
680
690
       RETURN EXP(-A)
700
       FNEND
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