

## ON SOME NEW CLASSES OF SETS AND A NEW DECOMPOSITION OF CONTINUITY VIA GRILLS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we present and study some new classes of sets and give a new decomposition of continuity in terms of grills.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The idea of grill on a topological space was first introduced by Choquet [4]. The concept of grills has shown to be a powerful supporting and useful tool like nets and filters, for getting a deeper insight into further studying some topological notions such as proximity spaces, closure spaces and the theory of compactifications and extension problems of different kinds ([2], [3], [9]). In [8], Roy and Mukherjee defined and studied a typical topology associated rather naturally to the existing topology and a grill on a given topological space. We are utilizing the same procedure in this paper. (For other advances on topological spaces obtained by our research group we recommend [1], [5]).

Throughout this paper,  $X$  or  $(X, \tau)$  represent a topological space with no separation axioms assumed unless explicitly stated. For a subset  $A$  of a space  $X$ , the closure of  $A$  and the interior of  $A$  are denoted by  $\text{Cl}(A)$  and  $\text{Int}(A)$ , respectively. The power set of  $X$  will be denoted by  $\wp(X)$ . A collection  $G$  of a nonempty subsets of a space  $X$  is called a grill [4] on  $X$  if (i)  $A \in G$  and  $A \subset B \Rightarrow B \in G$ , (ii)  $A, B \subset X$  and  $A \cup B \in G \Rightarrow A \in G$  or  $B \in G$ . For any point  $x$  of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\tau(x)$  denote the collection of all open neighborhoods of  $x$ . Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space. A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be a  $t$ -set ([7] and [10]) if  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \text{Int}(A)$ . A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be a  $B$ -set [10] if there is a  $U \in \tau$  and a  $t$ -set  $A$  in  $(X, \tau)$

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such that  $H = U \cap A$ , respectively. A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be preopen [6] (resp. regular open) if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A))$  (resp.  $\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = A$ ).

**Definition 1.1** ([8]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  be a grill on  $X$ . The mapping  $\Phi: \wp(X) \rightarrow \wp(X)$ , denoted by  $\Phi_G(A, \tau)$  for  $A \in \wp(X)$  or simply  $\Phi(A)$  called the operator associated with the grill  $G$  and the topology  $\tau$  and is defined by  $\Phi G(A) = \{x \in X \mid A \cap U \in G, \forall U \in \tau(x)\}$ .

**Proposition 1.1** ([8]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  be a grill on  $X$ . Then for all  $A, B \subset X$ :

- i)  $\Phi(A \cup B) = \Phi(A) \cup \Phi(B)$ ;
- ii)  $\Phi(\Phi(A)) \subset \Phi(A) = \text{Cl}(\Phi(A)) \subset \text{Cl}(A)$ .

Let  $G$  be a grill on a space  $X$ . Then a map  $\Psi: \wp(X) \rightarrow \wp(X)$  is defined by  $\Psi(A) = A \cup \Phi(A)$ , for all  $A \in \wp(X)$ . The map  $\Psi$  satisfies Kuratowski closure axioms. Corresponding to a grill  $G$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ , there exists a unique topology  $\tau_G$  on  $X$  given by  $\tau_G = \{U \subset X \mid \Psi(X - U) = X - U\}$ , where for any  $A \subset X$ ,  $\Psi(A) = A \cup \Phi(A) = \tau_G - \text{Cl}(A)$ . For any grill  $G$  on a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $\tau \subset \tau_G$  [8]. If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space and  $G$  is a grill on  $X$ , then we denote a grill topological space by  $(X, \tau, G)$ .

Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  be any grill on  $X$ . Then  $A \subset B \subset X$  implies  $\Phi(A) \subset \Phi(B)$  [8].

**Theorem 1.1** ([8]). i) If  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two grills on a space  $X$  with  $G_1 \subset G_2$ , then  $\tau_{G_1} \subset \tau_{G_2}$ .

- ii) If  $G$  is a grill on a space  $X$  and  $B \notin G$ , then  $B$  is closed in  $(X, \tau, G)$ .
- iii) For any subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  and any grill  $G$  on  $X$ ,  $\Phi(A)$  is  $\tau_G$ -closed.

**Theorem 1.2** ([8]). Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  be a grill on  $X$ . If  $U \in \tau$ , then  $U \cap \Phi(A) = U \cap \Phi(U \cap A)$  for any  $A \subset X$ .

## 2. SOME NEW CLASSES OF SETS

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  be a grill on  $X$ . A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be:

- i)  $\Phi$ -open if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\Phi(A))$ ;
- ii)  $g$ -set if  $\text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Int}(A)$ ;
- iii)  $g\Phi$ -set if  $\text{Int}(\Phi(A)) = \text{Int}(A)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** It should be noted that:

- i) Open set and  $\Phi$ -open set are independent from each other.
- ii) Every  $g\Phi$ -set is a  $g$ -set, but it is not conversely.

**Example 2.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, d\}, \{a, b, d\}\}$ . If  $G = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ , then  $G$  is a grill on  $X$  such that  $\tau - \{\emptyset\} \subset G$ . Take  $A = \{a, b, d\} \in \tau$ , but it is not  $\Phi$ -open, since  $\Phi(\{a, b, d\}) = \{a\}$ . And take  $B = \{a, b\} \notin \tau$ , but it is a  $\Phi$ -open since  $\Phi(\{a, b\}) = X$ . Furthermore,  $A = \{a, b, d\}$  is a  $g$ -set, but it is not a  $g\Phi$ -set.

**Proposition 2.1.** *A  $\tau_G$ -closed set is equivalent to a  $g$ -set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a subset in  $(X, \tau, G)$ . Then  $\Phi(A)$  is  $\tau_G$ -closed by Theorem 1.1 (iii).  $\text{Int}(\Psi(\Phi(A))) = \text{Int}(\Phi(A) \cup \Phi(\Phi(A))) = \text{Int}(\Phi(A))$ , i.e.  $\Phi(A)$  is a  $g$ -set. □

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $A$  of  $(X, \tau, G)$  is said to be  $G$ -regular if  $\text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = A$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Every  $G$ -regular open set is a  $g$ -set.*

*Proof.* Obvious. □

**Example 2.2** ([8]). Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . If  $G = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ , then  $G$  is a grill on  $X$  such that  $\tau - \{\emptyset\} \subset G$ . Take  $A = \{a, c\}$ , then  $A$  is a  $g$ -set but it is not a  $G$ -regular set.

**Proposition 2.3.** *A  $t$ -set is a  $g$ -set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $t$ -set. Then

$$\text{Int}(A) \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Int}(A \cup \Phi(A)) \subset \text{Int}(A \cup \text{Cl}(A)) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = \text{Int}(A).$$

Therefore,  $A$  is a  $g$ -set. □

**Remark 2.2.** The converse of Proposition 2.3 is false. By the same conditions as in Example 2.2, take  $A = \{a, c\}$ . Then  $A$  is a  $g$ -set and also a  $g\Phi$ -set, but it is not a  $t$ -set.

**Proposition 2.4.** *If  $A, B$  are two  $g$ -sets, then  $A \cap B$  is a  $g$ -set.*

*Proof.*  $\text{Int}(A \cap B) \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A \cap B)) = \text{Int}(\Psi(A \cap B) \cap \Psi(A \cap B)) = \text{Int}(\Psi(A \cap B)) \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(A \cap B)) \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(B)) = \text{Int}(A) \cap \text{Int}(B) = \text{Int}(A \cap B)$ . Then  $A \cap B$  is a  $g$ -set. □

**Definition 2.3.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  be a grill on  $X$ . A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be  $G$ -preopen set if  $A \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A))$ .

**Example 2.3.** In Example 2.2, take  $A = \{a, c\}$ . Then  $A$  is preopen, but it is not  $G$ -preopen.

**Proposition 2.5.** *A  $G$ -preopen set  $A$  is a preopen set.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -preopen. Then

$$A \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Int}(A \cup \Phi(A)) \subset \text{Int}(A \cup \text{Cl}(A)) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)).$$

Therefore,  $A$  is a preopen set.  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.** By Example 2.9 in [8], since if  $G = \wp(X) - \{\emptyset\}$  in  $(X, \tau)$ , then  $\tau_G = \tau$ ,  $G$ -preopen and preopen sets are equivalent.

**Proposition 2.6.** *If  $A$  is a  $G$ -preopen, then  $\text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\Psi(A))) = \text{Cl}(A)$*

*Proof.*  $\text{Cl}(A) \subset \text{Cl}(\text{Int}(\Psi(A))) \subset \text{Cl}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Cl}(A \cup \Phi(A)) = \text{Cl}(A) \cup \text{Cl}(\Phi(A)) = \text{Cl}(A) \cup \Phi(A) \subset \text{Cl}(A)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.7.** *Every  $\Phi$ -open set  $A$  is  $G$ -preopen.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be a  $\Phi$ -open. Then  $A \subset \text{Int}(\Phi(A)) \subset \text{Int}(A \cup \Phi(A)) = \text{Int}(\Psi(A))$ . Therefore  $A$  is  $G$ -preopen.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.8.** *Let  $(X, \tau, G)$  be a grill topological space with  $I$  arbitrary index set. Then:*

- i) *If  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  are  $G$ -preopen sets, then  $\cup\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a  $G$ -preopen set.*
- ii) *If  $A$  is a  $G$ -preopen set and  $U \in \tau$ , then  $(A \cap U)$  is a  $G$ -preopen set.*

*Proof.* i) Let  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  be  $G$ -preopen sets, then  $A_i \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A_i))$  for every  $i \in I$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \cup A_i &\subset \cup(\text{Int}(\Psi(A_i))) \subset \text{Int}(\cup(\Psi(A_i))) = \text{Int}(\cup(A_i \cup \Phi(A_i))) = \\ &\text{Int}(\cup A_i \cup (\cup \Phi(A_i))) = \text{Int}(\cup A_i \cup \Phi(\cup A_i)) = \text{Int}(\Psi(\cup A_i)). \end{aligned}$$

- ii) Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -preopen set and  $U \in \tau$ . By Theorem 1.2,

$$\begin{aligned} U \cap A &\subset U \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = U \cap \text{Int}(A \cup \Phi(A)) = \text{Int}(U \cap (A \cup \Phi(A))) \\ &= \text{Int}(U \cap A) \cup (U \cap \Phi(A)) = \text{Int}(U \cap A) \cup (U \cap \Phi(U \cap A)) \\ &\subset \text{Int}((U \cap A) \cup \Phi(U \cap A)) = \text{Int}(\Psi(U \cap A)), \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.  $\square$

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and  $G$  a grill on  $X$ . A subset  $A$  in  $X$  is said to be  $G$ -set (resp.  $G\Phi$ -set) if there is a  $U \in \tau$  and a  $g$ -set (resp.  $g\Phi$ -set)  $A$  in  $(X, \tau, G)$  such that  $H = U \cap A$ , respectively.

**Proposition 2.9.** i) *A  $g$ -set  $A$  is a  $G$ -set.*

- ii) *A  $g\Phi$ -set  $A$  is a  $G\Phi$ -set.*

*Proof.* Obvious.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.10.** *An open set  $U$  is a  $G$ -set (resp.  $G\Phi$ -set).*

*Proof.*  $U = U \cap X$ ,  $\text{Int}(\Psi(X)) = \text{Int}(X)$ . □

**Proposition 2.11.** *A  $\tau_G$ -closed set  $C$  is a  $G$ -set*

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 2.1 and Proposition 2.9. □

**Proposition 2.12.** i) *A  $B$ -set is a  $G$ -set.*

ii) *A  $G$ -set is a  $G\Phi$ -set.*

*Proof.* i) Let  $H$  be a  $B$ -set. Then  $H = U \cap A$ , where  $U \in \tau$  and  $A$  is a  $t$ -set.  
 $H = U \cap \text{Int}(A) = U \cap \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = U \cap \text{Int}(A \cup \text{Cl}(A)) \supset U \cap \text{Int}(A \cup \Phi(A)) =$   
 $U \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) \supset U \cap \text{Int}(A) = H$ . Therefore  $H$  is a  $G$ -set.

ii) Similar to i). □

The converse of Proposition 2.12 is false as it is shown by the following example.

**Example 2.4.** In Example 2.2  $A = \{a, c\}$  is a  $G$ -set and also a  $G\Phi$ -set, but it is not  $B$ -set. In Example 2.1,  $A = \{a, b, d\}$  is a  $G$ -set, but it is not  $G\Phi$ -set.

**Proposition 2.13.** *A subset  $S$  in a space  $(X, \tau, G)$  is open if and only if it is a  $G$ -preopen and a  $G$ -set.*

*Proof. Necessity.* It follows from Proposition 2.10 and the obvious fact that every open set is  $G$ -preopen.

*Sufficiency.* Since  $S$  is a  $G$ -set, then  $S = U \cap A$  where  $U$  is an open set and  $\text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Int}(A)$ . Since  $S$  is also  $G$ -preopen, we have

$$\begin{aligned} S \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(S)) &= \text{Int}(\Psi(U \cap A)) = \text{Int}(\Psi(U \cap A) \cap \Psi(U \cap A)) \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(U) \cap \Psi(A)) \\ &= \text{Int}(\Psi(U) \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(A))) = \text{Int}(U \cup \Phi(U)) \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) \\ &\subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap \text{Int}(A). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} S = U \cap A &= (U \cap A) \cap U \subset (\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap \text{Int}(A)) \cap U \\ &= (\text{Int}(\text{Cl}(U)) \cap U) \cap \text{Int}(A) = U \cap \text{Int}(A). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $S = U \cap A \supset U \cap \text{Int}(A)$  and  $S = U \cap \text{Int}(A)$ . Thus  $S$  is an open set. □

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $S$  is both  $G\Phi$ -set and  $\Phi$ -open set in  $(X, \tau, G)$ , then  $S$  is open.*

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, \tau, G)$  be a grill space and  $A \subset X$ . A set  $A$  is said to be  $G$ -dense in  $X$ , if  $\Psi(A) = X$ .

**Proposition 2.14.** *A subset  $A$  of a grill  $G$  in a space  $(X, \tau, G)$  is  $G$ -dense if and only if for every open set  $U$  containing  $x \in X$ ,  $A \cap U \in G$ .*

*Proof. Necessity.* Let  $A$  be a  $G$ -dense set. Then, for every open set  $U$  containing  $x$  in a space  $X$ ,  $x \in \Psi(A) = A \cup \Phi(A)$ . Hence if  $x \in A$ , then  $A \cap U \in G$  and if  $x \in \Phi(A)$ , then  $A \cap U \in G$ .

*Sufficiency.* Let every  $x \in X$ . Moreover, let every open subset  $U$  of  $X$  containing  $x$  such that  $A \cap U \in G$ . Then if  $x \in A$  or  $x \in \Phi(A)$ , we have  $A \cap U \in G$ . It follows that  $x \in \Psi(A)$  and thus  $X \subset \Psi(A)$ . Therefore  $\Psi(A) = X$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.15.** *If  $U$  is an open set and  $A$  is a  $G$ -dense set in  $(X, \tau, G)$ , then  $\Psi(U) = \Psi(U \cap A)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $A \cap U \subset U$ , we have  $\Psi(U \cap A) \subset \Psi(U)$ . Conversely, if  $x \in \Psi(U)$ ,  $x \in U$  and  $x \in \Phi(U)$ . Then for every open set  $V$  containing  $x$ ,  $U \cap V \in G$ . Put  $W = U \cap V \in \tau(x)$ . Since  $\Psi(A) = X$ ,  $W \cap A \in G$ , i.e.  $W = (U \cap A) \cap V \in G$ . Therefore,  $x \in \Psi(U \cap A)$  and  $\Psi(U) = \Psi(U \cap A)$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.16.** *For any subset  $A$  of a space  $(X, \tau, G)$ , the following are equivalent:*

1.  $A$  is  $G$ -preopen;
2. there is a  $G$ -regular open set  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $A \subset U$  and  $\Psi(A) = \Psi(U)$ ;
3.  $A$  is the intersection of  $G$ -regular open set and a  $G$ -dense set;
4.  $A$  is the intersection of an open set and a  $G$ -dense set.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A$  be  $G$ -preopen in  $(X, \tau, G)$ , i.e.  $A \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A))$ . Let  $U = \text{Int}(\Psi(A))$ . Then  $U$  is  $G$ -regular open such that  $A \subset U$  and  $\Psi(A) \subset \Psi(U) = \Psi(\text{Int}(\Psi(A))) \subset \Psi(\Psi(A)) = \Psi(A)$ . Hence  $\Psi(A) = \Psi(U)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3): Suppose (2) holds. Let  $D = A \cup (X - U)$ . Then  $D$  is a  $G$ -dense set. In fact  $\Psi(D) = \Psi(A \cup (X - U)) = \Psi(A) \cup \Psi(X - U) = \Psi(U) \cup \Psi(X - U) = \Psi(U \cup (X - U)) = \Psi(X) = X$ . Therefore,  $A = D \cap G$ ,  $D$  is a  $G$ -dense set and  $U$  is a  $G$ -regular open set.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4): Every  $G$ -regular open set is open.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (1): Suppose  $A = U \cap D$  with  $U$  and  $D$   $G$ -dense. Then  $\Psi(A) = \Psi(U)$  since  $A = U \cap D$ ,  $\Psi(A) = \Psi(U \cap D) = \Psi(U)$ . Hence  $A \subset U \subset \Psi(U) = \Psi(A)$ , that is,  $A \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A))$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.17.** *If  $A$  is both regular open and  $G$ -preopen set in  $(X, \tau, G)$ , then it is  $G$ -regular open.*

*Proof.*  $A \subset \text{Int}(\Psi(A)) = \text{Int}(A \cup \Phi(A)) \subset \text{Int}(\text{Cl}(A)) = A$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.4.** It should be noted that open sets and  $g$ -sets are independent and regular open sets and  $G$ -regular open sets are also independent. Every  $G$ -regular open set is open. Regular openness implies openness and  $G$ -regular open sets imply  $g$ -sets.

### 3. DECOMPOSITION OF CONTINUITY

**Definition 3.1.** A function  $f: (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $B$ -continuous [10] if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $B$ -set in  $X$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $f: (X, \tau, G) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is said to be  $G$ -continuous (resp.  $G\Phi$ -continuous,  $\Phi$ -continuous,  $G$ -precontinuous) if for each open set  $V$  in  $Y$ ,  $f^{-1}(V)$  is a  $G$ -set (resp.  $G\Phi$ -set,  $\Phi$ -open,  $G$ -preopen) in  $(X, \tau, G)$ , respectively.

**Proposition 3.1.** i) A  $B$ -continuous function is  $G$ -continuous.  
 ii) A  $G$ -continuous function is  $G\Phi$ -continuous.

**Example 3.1.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . If  $G = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ , then  $G$  is a grill on  $X$  such that  $\tau - \{\emptyset\} \subset G$  [8]. Let  $Y = \{a, b\}$  with topology  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$ . Define a function  $f(a) = f(c) = a$  and  $f(b) = b$ . Then  $f$  is  $G$ -continuous, but it is neither  $B$ -continuous nor  $G$ -precontinuous.

**Remark 3.1.**  $G$ -precontinuous and  $G$ -continuous are independent from each other as in the following example.

**Example 3.2.** Let  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, X, \{a\}, \{b, c\}\}$ . If  $G = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$ , then  $G$  is a grill on  $X$  such that  $\tau - \{\emptyset\} \subset G$  [8]. Let  $Y = \{a, b\}$  with topology  $\sigma = \{\emptyset, Y, \{a\}\}$ . Define a function  $f(a) = f(b) = a$  and  $f(c) = b$ . Then  $f$  is  $G$ -precontinuous, but it is not  $G$ -continuous. In Example 3.1,  $f$  is  $G$ -continuous, but it is not  $G$ -precontinuous.

We have the following decomposition of continuity inspired by Proposition 2.13.

**Proposition 3.2.** A function  $f: (X, \tau, G) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is continuous if and only if it is both  $G$ -precontinuous and  $G$ -continuous.

*Proof.* It follows from Proposition 2.13. □

**Proposition 3.3.** If a function  $f: (X, \tau, G) \rightarrow (Y, \sigma)$  is both  $\Phi$ -continuous and  $G\Phi$ -continuous, then  $f$  is continuous.

*Proof.* It follows from Corollary 2.1. □

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