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Abstract. In this paper the problem of the homogeneity of the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ of sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^*$ having the Darboux property in the generalized metric spaces (E, l) is considered. In Introduction of this paper we shall give the definition of the homogeneity of the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ in some class of the functions. Some sufficient conditions for the homogeneity of this tangency relation will be given in Section 2 of the present paper.

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1 Introduction

Let E be an arbitrary non-empty set and let l be a non-negative real function defined on the Cartesian product $E_0 \times E_0$ of the family E_0 of all non-empty subsets of the set E.

Let l_0 be a function defined by the formula

(1.1)
$$l_0(x,y) = l(\{x\},\{y\})$$
 for $x, y \in E$.

If we put some conditions on the function l, then the function l_0 defined by (1.1) will be a metric of the set E. For this reason the pair (E, l) can be treated as a certain generalization of a metric space and we shall call it (see [9]) the generalized metric space. Using (1.1) we may define in the space (E, l), similarly as in a metric space, the following notions: the sphere $S_l(p, r)$ and the ball $K_l(p, r)$ with the centre at the point p and the radius r.

Let $S_l(p,r)_u$ denote here the so-called *u*-neighbourhood of the sphere $S_l(p,r)$ in the space (E,l) defined by the formula:

(1.2)
$$S_l(p,r)_u = \begin{cases} \bigcup_{q \in S_l(p,r)} K_l(q,u) & \text{for } u > 0\\ S_l(p,r) & \text{for } u = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let k be any but fixed positive real number and let a, b be arbitrary non-negative real functions defined in a certain right-hand side neighbourhood of 0 such that

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(1.3)
$$a(r) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0 \text{ and } b(r) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0$$

We say that the pair (A, B) of the sets $A, B \in E_0$ is (a, b)-clustered at the point p of the space (E, l), if 0 is the cluster point of the set of all real numbers r > 0 such that the sets $A \cap S_l(p, r)_{a(r)}$ and $B \cap S_l(p, r)_{b(r)}$ are non-empty. Let (see [9])

(1.4)
$$T_{l}(a, b, k, p) = \{(A, B) : A, B \in E_{0}, \text{ the pair } (A, B) \text{ is } (a, b) \text{-clustered} \\ \text{at the point } p \text{ of the space } (E, l) \text{ and} \\ \frac{1}{r^{k}} l(A \cap S_{l}(p, r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_{l}(p, r)_{b(r)}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^{+}]{} 0\}.$$

If $(A, B) \in T_l(a, b, k, p)$, then we say that the set $A \in E_0$ is (a, b)-tangent of order k to the set $B \in E_0$ at the point p of the space (E, l).

We call $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ defined by (1.4) the (a, b)-tangency relation of order k at the point $p \in E$ or briefly: the tangency relation of sets in the generalized metric space (E, l).

We say that the set $A \in E_0$ has the Darboux property at the point p of the generalized metric space (E, l), what we write: $A \in D_p(E, l)$ (see [3]), if there exists a number $\tau > 0$ such that the set $A \cap S_l(p, r) \neq \emptyset$ for $r \in (0, \tau)$.

Let ρ be an arbitrary metric of the set E. We shall denote by $d_{\rho}A$ the diameter of the set $A \in E_0$, and by $\rho(A, B)$ the distance of sets $A, B \in E_0$ in the metric space (E, ρ) .

Let f be any subadditive increasing real function defined in a certain right-hand side neighbourhood of 0, such that f(0) = 0. By $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ we denote the class of all functions l fulfilling the conditions:

 $1^0 \quad l: E_0 \times E_0 \longrightarrow \langle 0, \infty \rangle,$

$$2^0 \qquad f(\rho(A,B)) \le l(A,B) \le f(d_\rho(A \cup B)) \quad \text{for} \quad A, B \in E_0.$$

Because

$$f(\rho(x,y)) = f(\rho(\{x\},\{y\})) \le l(\{x\},\{y\}) \le f(d_{\rho}(\{x\}\cup\{y\})) = f(\rho(x,y)),$$

then from here and from (1.1) it follows that

(1.5)
$$l_0(x,y) = l(\{x\},\{y\}) = f(\rho(x,y)) \text{ for } l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho} \text{ and } x, y \in E.$$

It is easy to check that the function l_0 defined by (1.5) is the metric of the set E.

We say that the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ defined by (1.4) is additive in the class of functions $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$, if

$$(1.6) \qquad (A,B) \in T_{l_1+l_2}(a,b,k,p) \ \Leftrightarrow \ (A,B) \in (T_{l_1}(a,b,k,p) \cup T_{l_2}(a,b,k,p))$$

for $A, B \in E_0$ and $l_1, l_2 \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$.

In the paper [8] there were considered the problem of the additivity of the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ in the classes of sets $A_{p,k}^*$ having the Darboux property at the point p of the generalized metric space (E, l), where $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$.

If in Corollary 1 of Theorem 1 of the paper [8] we assume that the functions $l_1, l_2, ..., l_m \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ are equal to the function $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$, then

(1.7)
$$(A,B) \in T_{ml}(a,b,k,p) \text{ if and only if } (A,B) \in T_l(a,b,k,p)$$

for $A, B \in A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E,l), m \in N$, and for the functions a, b fulfilling the condition

$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{b(r)}{r^k} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

In connection with the above, arises the question: is the equivalence (1.7) true for an arbitrary $m \in R_+$? The answer to this question is positive, what will be proved in the present paper.

The tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ we shall call homogeneous of order 0 in the class of the functions $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$, if $(A, B) \in T_{ml}(a, b, k, p)$ if and only if $(A, B) \in T_l(a, b, k, p)$ for m > 0, $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ and $A, B \in E_0$.

In this paper the problem of the homogeneity of the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ in the class of the functions $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ for sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^*$ having the Darboux property in the generalized metric space (E, l) is considered. Some sufficient conditions for the homogeneity of order 0 of this tangency relation of sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^*$ will be given in Section 2 of this paper.

2 The homogeneity of the tangency relation of sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^*$

Let ρ be a metric of the set E and let A be an arbitrary set of the family E_0 . Let A' denote the set of all cluster points of the set $A \in E_0$ and

(2.1)
$$\rho(x,A) = \inf\{\rho(x,y): y \in A\} \text{ for } x \in E.$$

Let us put (see [3])

(2.2)
$$A_{n,k}^* = \{A \in E_0 : p \in A' \text{ and there exists a number } \lambda > 0 \text{ such that}$$

$$\limsup_{\substack{[A,p;k] \ni (x,y) \to (p,p)}} \frac{\rho(x,y) - \lambda \ \rho(x,A)}{\rho^k(p,x)} \le 0\},$$

where

(2.3)
$$[A, p; k] = \{(x, y) : x \in E, y \in A \text{ and } \rho(x, A) < \rho^k(p, x) = \rho^k(p, y)\}.$$

Lemma 21.. If the non-decreasing function a fulfils the condition

(2.4)
$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

then for an arbitrary set $A \in A_{p,k}^*$ having the Darboux property at the point p of the metric space (E, ρ) and m > 0

(2.5)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} d_\rho (A \cap S_\rho(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

Proof. In the proof of this lemma we shall consider two cases:

- 0 < m < 1, (i)
- (ii) $m \ge 1$.

Let us suppose that 0 < m < 1. From here, from the assumption (2.4) and from Lemma 1 of the paper [3]

$$\frac{1}{r^k} d_\rho(A \cap S_\rho(p, r)_{a(r)/m}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

whence it follows that

(2.6)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} d_\rho (A \cap S_\rho(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)/m}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

From the fact that a is the non-decreasing function and from the condition (i) it follows that $a(r) \leq a(r/m)$ for r > 0. Hence and from the definition of the set $S_l(p,r)_u$ we get the inequality

$$0 \le d_{\rho}(A \cap S_{\rho}(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m}) \le d_{\rho}(A \cap S_{\rho}(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)/m})$$

From here and from (2.6) it follows the condition (2.5) of this lemma for $m \in (0, 1)$. Now we assume that $m \ge 1$. From (2.4) it follows that

$$\frac{a(mt)}{t^k} \xrightarrow[t \to 0^+]{} 0$$

Hence and from Lemma 1 of the paper [3] we obtain

(2.7)
$$\frac{1}{t^k} d_\rho (A \cap S_\rho(p, t)_{a(mt)}) \xrightarrow[t \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

Setting r = mt, from (2.7) we get

(2.8)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} d_\rho (A \cap S_\rho(p, r/m)_{a(r)}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

Because $A \cap S_{\rho}(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m} \subseteq A \cap S_{\rho}(p, r/m)_{a(r)}$ for $m \ge 1$, then

$$0 \le d_{\rho}(A \cap S_{\rho}(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m}) \le d_{\rho}(A \cap S_{\rho}(p, r/m)_{a(r)}).$$

From here and from (2.8) we get the condition (2.5) of this lemma for $m \in (1, \infty)$. Therefore, the thesis of Lemma 2.1 is true for an arbitrary m > 0.

Because every function $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ generates on the set $A \in E_0$ the metric (see (1.5)), then from Lemma 2.1 it follows that

(2.9)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} d_l (A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

if $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$, $A \in A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E,l)$, and the function *a* fulfils the condition (2.4). Let us put by the definition:

(2.10)(ml)(A,B) = ml(A,B) for $m > 0, l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ and $A, B \in E_0$.

Lemma 22.. If $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$, then

(2.11)
$$S_{ml}(p,r)_{u} = S_{l}(p,r/m)_{u/m} \quad for \ m > 0$$

Proof. Using (2.10) we have

$$S_{ml}(p,r) = \{x \in E : (ml)(\{p\}, \{x\}) = r\}$$

= $\{x \in E : ml(\{p\}, \{x\}) = r\} = \{x \in E : l(\{p\}, \{x\}) = r/m\}$
= $S_l(p, r/m),$

i.e.

(2.12)
$$S_{ml}(p,r) = S_l(p,r/m) \quad \text{for } l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho} \text{ and } m > 0.$$

Analogously

(2.13)
$$K_{ml}(p,r) = K_l(p,r/m) \quad \text{for } l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho} \text{ and } m > 0.$$

From (2.12), (2.13) and from the definition (1.2) of the set $S_l(p, r)_u$ we get the thesis of this lemma.

Theorem 21.. If the non-decreasing functions a, b fulfil the condition

(2.14)
$$\frac{a(r)}{r^k} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0 \quad and \quad \frac{b(r)}{r^k} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

then the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ is homogeneous of order 0 in the class of the functions $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ for the sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E, l)$.

Proof. Let us assume that $(A,B) \in T_{ml}(a,b,k,p)$ for $A,B \in A^*_{p,k} \cap D_p(E,l)$. From here it follows

$$\frac{1}{r^k}(ml)(A \cap S_{ml}(p,r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_{ml}(p,r)_{b(r)}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

Hence, from (2.10) and from Lemma 2.2 we obtain

(2.15)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} l(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)/m}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

From (2.15) and from the fact that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ it results

$$\frac{1}{r^k}f(\rho(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r)/m},B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r)/m}))\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0.$$

Hence and from Theorem 2.2 of the paper [7] on the compatibility of the tangency relations of sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E,l)$ we get

(2.16)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(\rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)})) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0$$

If 0 < m < 1, then from the definition of the set $S_l(p, r)_u$ and from the assumption that a and b are non-decreasing functions it follows the inequality

$$0 \le \rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r/m)}) \le \rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)}).$$

Hence, from (2.16) and from the properties of the function that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{r^k}f(\rho(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r/m)},B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r/m)}))\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0.$$

From here and from Theorem 2.1 of the paper [7] on the compatibility of the tangency relations of sets of the classes $A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E,l)$ we have

$$\frac{1}{r^k}f(d_\rho((A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r/m)})\cup(B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r/m)})))\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0.$$

Hence and from the fact that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$

$$\frac{1}{r^k}l(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r/m)},B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r/m)})\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0,$$

whence it follows

(2.17)
$$\frac{1}{t^k} l(A \cap S_l(p,t)_{a(t)}, B \cap S_l(p,t)_{b(t)}) \xrightarrow[t \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

From (2.16) and from Theorem 2.1 of the paper [7] it results

(2.18)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(d_{\rho}((A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)}) \cup (B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)}))) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

If $m \ge 1$, then from (2.18) and from the assumption on the functions a, b we get

(2.19)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(d_{\rho}((A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)}) \cup (B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r/m)}))) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

Hence and from the fact that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ it follows

$$\frac{1}{r^k}l(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r/m)},B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r/m)})\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0,$$

which yields the condition (2.17).

From the fact that $A, B \in D_p(E, l)$ for that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ it follows that there exists a real number $\tau > 0$ such that the sets $A \cap S_l(p, r)$ and $B \cap S_l(p, r)$ are non-empty for $r \in (0, \tau)$. This denotes that the pair of sets (A, B) is (a, b)-clustered at the point p of the space (E, l). Hence and from (2.17) it follows that $(A, B) \in T_l(a, b, k, p)$ for $A, B \in A^*_{p,k} \cap D_p(E, l)$.

Now we assume that $(A, B) \in T_l(a, b, k, p)$ for $A, B \in A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E, l)$. From here it follows that

$$\frac{1}{r^k}l(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r/m)},B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r/m)})\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0.$$

Hence and from the fact that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ we obtain

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(2.20)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(\rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r/m)})) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

From here and from Theorem 2.1 of the paper [7] we have

(2.21)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(d_{\rho}((A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)}) \cup (B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r/m)}))) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

If 0 < m < 1, then from the fact that a, b are non-decreasing functions it follows

$$0 \le d_{\rho}((A \cap S_{l}(p, r/m)_{a(r)}) \cup (B \cap S_{l}(p, r/m)_{b(r)}))$$

$$\le d_{\rho}((A \cap S_{l}(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)}) \cup (B \cap S_{l}(p, r/m)_{b(r/m)})).$$

From here and from (2.21) we get

(2.22)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(d_{\rho}((A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)}) \cup (B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)}))) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

Hence and from Theorem 2.2 of the paper [7] we have

$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(d_{\rho}((A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)/m}) \cup (B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)/m}))) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

whence it follows

$$\frac{1}{r^k}l(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r)/m},B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r)/m})\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0,$$

i.e.

(2.23)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} (ml) (A \cap S_{ml}(p,r)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_{ml}(p,r)_{b(r)}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

If $m \geq 1,$ then from the fact that a,b are the non-decreasing functions we get the inequality

$$0 \le \rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)}) \le \rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r/m)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r/m)}).$$

Hence and from (2.20) we have

(2.24)
$$\frac{1}{r^k} f(\rho(A \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{a(r)}, B \cap S_l(p, r/m)_{b(r)})) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0.$$

From (2.24) and from Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 (see also Corollary 2.1) of the paper $\left[7\right]$ we obtain

$$\frac{1}{r^k}f(d_\rho((A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r)/m})\cup(B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r)/m})))\xrightarrow[r\to 0^+]{}0.$$

From here and from the fact that $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ we get

$$\frac{1}{r^k}l(A\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{a(r)/m}), (B\cap S_l(p,r/m)_{b(r)/m}) \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

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whence it follows the condition (2.23).

From the assumption $A, B \in D_p(E, l)$ for $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ it follows that there exists a real number $\tau > 0$ such that

(2.25)
$$A \cap S_l(p,r)_{a(r)} \neq \emptyset$$
 and $B \cap S_l(p,r)_{b(r)} \neq \emptyset$ for $r \in (0,\tau)$

If we set $\tau' = m\tau$, then $r/m \in (0, \tau)$ when $r \in (0, \tau')$. Hence, from (2.25) and from the equality $S_{ml}(p,r) = S_l(p,r/m)$ for m > 0 and $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ it follows that the sets $A \cap S_{ml}(p,r)$, $B \cap S_{ml}(p,r)$ are non-empty for $r \in (0,\tau)$. From here it results that $A, B \in D_p(E, ml)$, what means that the pair of sets (A, B) is (a, b)-clustered at the point p of the space (E, ml). Hence and from the condition (2.23) it follows that $(A, B) \in T_{ml}(a, b, k, p)$ for $A, B \in A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E, l)$. This ends the proof of the theorem.

Let $A, B \in E_0$ and l_1, l_2, \ldots, l_n be arbitrary functions belonging to the class $l \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$. Let by the definition (see [8])

$$(A,B) \in \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} T_{l_i}(a,b,k,p) \iff (A,B) \in T_{l_j}(a,b,k,p) \quad \text{for an } j \in \{1,2,\ldots,n\}$$

From here, from Theorem 2.1 and from Theorem 1 on the additivity of the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ of the paper [8] we get

Corollary 21.. If the non-decreasing functions a, b fulfil the condition (2.14) and $l, l_1, l_2, \ldots, l_n \in \mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$, then $(A, B) \in T_{m_1 l_1 + \cdots + m_n l_n}(a, b, k, p)$ if and only if $(A, B) \in T_{l_j}(a, b, k, p)$ for an $j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$, and for arbitrary $A, B \in A_{p,k}^* \cap D_p(E, l)$ and $m_1, \ldots, m_n > 0$.

Let A_p be the class of the rectifiable arcs with the Archimedean property at the point p of the metric space (E, ρ) .

We say that the rectifiable arc A has the Archimedean property at the point p of the space (E, ρ) if

(2.26)
$$\lim_{A \ni x \to p} \frac{\ell(\widetilde{px})}{\rho(p,x)} = 1,$$

where $\ell(\widetilde{px})$ denotes the lenght of the arc \widetilde{px} .

Because the class A_p is contained in the class of sets $A_{p,1}^* \cap D_p(E,l)$, then from here and from Theorem 1 of this paper follows

Corollary 22.. If the non-decreasing functions a, b fulfil the condition

(2.27)
$$\frac{a(r)}{r} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0 \quad and \quad \frac{b(r)}{r} \xrightarrow[r \to 0^+]{} 0,$$

then the tangency relation $T_l(a, b, k, p)$ is homogeneous of order 0 in the class of the functions $\mathcal{F}_{f,\rho}$ for arcs of the class A_p .

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