

# Time Consistency of Dynamic Risk and Performance Measures

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*“The dynamic consistency axiom turns out to be the heart of the matter.”*

A. Jobert and L. C. G. Rogers

Valuations and dynamic convex risk measures,  
Math Fin 18(1), 2008, 1-22.

- The decisions made at a given point of time have impact on the future resolution of uncertainty;
- Decisions are made through time so that today's decisions account on their temporal impact;
- Assessment of preferences should be done in such a way that future preferences are **consistent** with the present ones.

## Main Goal:

to develop a **unified theory for studying time consistency** for dynamic risk and dynamic performance measures.

- 1 T.R. Bielecki, Ig. Cialenco, M. Pitera, *A unified approach to time consistency of dynamic risk measures and dynamic performance measures in discrete time*, Preprint, 2015.
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# Before the Theory of Risk Measures

- Koopmans [Koo60] - Stationary ordinal utility and impatience
- Kreps and Porteus [KP78] - Temporal resolution of uncertainty and dynamic choice theory
- Duffie and Epstein [DE92] - Stochastic differential utility
- Sarin and Wakker [SW98] - dynamic consistency for non-Expected utilities in a decision theoretic framework

# Illustrative Examples

## Dynamic Entropic Risk Measure (measure of risk)

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**Fact: dGLR<sub>t</sub> does not satisfy (1)**

## Basic notation

- $T$ -fixed time horizon; Discrete time setup  $\mathcal{T} := \{0, 1, \dots, T\}$ ;
- $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_T, \mathbb{F} = (\mathcal{F}_t)_{t \in \mathcal{T}}, \mathbb{P})$  - the underlying filtered probability space;
- $L^p(\mathcal{F}_t) := L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbb{P}; \mathbb{R})$ ;  $\bar{L}_t^p := L^p(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_t, \mathbb{P}; \bar{\mathbb{R}})$ ;  $p \in \{0, 1, \infty\}$ .  
 $X \in L^p(\mathcal{F}_T)$  is interpreted as terminal payoff.
- $\mathbb{V}^p := \{(V_t)_{t \in \mathbb{T}} : V_t \in L_t^p\}$ ;  $V \in \mathbb{V}^p$  is interpreted as a cash flow with dividend payments  $V_t$  at  $t \in \mathcal{T}$ .
- $\mathcal{X}$  will denote either  $L^p(\mathcal{F}_T)$  (case of random variables) or  $\mathbb{V}^p$  (case of stochastic processes). In this talk, mostly focus on  $\mathcal{X} = L^p(\mathcal{F}_T)$ .
- $\infty - \infty = -\infty$  and  $0 \cdot \infty = 0$   
 $E[X|\mathcal{F}_t] := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(X^+ \wedge n)|\mathcal{F}_t] - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E[(X^- \wedge n)|\mathcal{F}_t]$ ,



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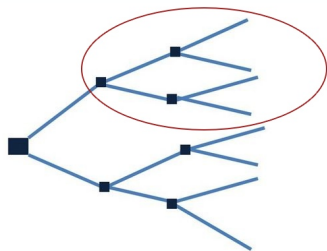
- **Local:**  $1_A f_t(X) = 1_A f_t(1_A \cdot X)$ , for any  $X, Y \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}_t$
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Examples of dynamic LM-measures;  $\mathcal{X} = L_T^p$ ■ **Dynamic monetary utility measures**

$f_t : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$ , Local, Monotone and Cash-Additivity

$$f_t(X + m_t) = f_t(X) + m_t, \quad X \in \mathcal{X}, m \in L_t^p.$$

Dynamic monetary risk measures  $\rho_t = -f_t$ ;

V@R, TV@R, Expected Shortfall, Entropic, etc.

■ **Dynamic acceptability indices**

$f_t : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$ , Local, Monotone and Scale-Invariant

$$f_t(a_t X) = f_t(X), \quad X \in \mathcal{X}, a_t \in L_t^p, a > 0.$$

dGLR, Sortino Ratio, RAROC, etc.

Plus some additional properties to capture diversification, such as concavity, quasi-concavity.

# Generic Approach to time consistency

**Families of benchmark sets**, initiated by Tutsch [Tut08].

$\mathcal{Y} = \{\mathcal{Y}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  is a **benchmark family** if  $\mathcal{Y}_t \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ ,  $0 \in \mathcal{Y}_t$ , and  $\mathcal{Y}_t + \mathbb{R} = \mathcal{Y}_t$ .

## Definition

A dynamic LM-measure  $\varphi$  is **acceptance time consistent** with respect to the benchmark family  $\mathcal{Y}$ , if

$$\varphi_s(X) \geq \varphi_s(Y) \implies \varphi_t(X) \geq \varphi_t(Y),$$

for all  $s \geq t$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $Y \in \mathcal{Y}_s$ .

Respectively, **rejection time consistent**, if

$$\varphi_s(X) \leq \varphi_s(Y) \implies \varphi_t(X) \leq \varphi_t(Y).$$

The larger is  $\{\mathcal{Y}_s\}_{s \in \mathbb{T}}$  the stronger the degree of time consistency.

Selected benchmark sets;  $\mathcal{X} = L_T^p$ 

- $\mathcal{Y}_s = L_T^p$ , for  $s \in \mathbb{T}$ , then **strong** accept/reject time consistency.
- $\mathcal{Y}_s = L_s^p$ , for  $s \in \mathbb{T}$ , then **middle** accept/reject time consistency.
- If  $\mathcal{Y}_s = \mathbb{R}$ , for  $s \in \mathbb{T}$ , then **weak** accept/reject time consistency.

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- strong time consistent iff  $\varphi_t(X) = \varphi_t(\varphi_s(X))$

**Dynamic Programming Principle!**

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**Fact: Performance measures do not fit in this framework.**

## Idiosyncratic Approaches for dynamic monetary utility measure

A dynamic monetary utility measure  $\varphi$  is *representable*, if

$$\varphi_t(X) = \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{Q \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{P})} (\mathbb{E}_Q[X \mid \mathcal{F}_t] + \alpha_t^{\min}(\mathbb{Q})), \quad X \in \mathcal{X},$$

where  $\alpha_t^{\min}(\mathbb{Q})$  is the minimal penalty function.

Describe/define time consistency in terms of

- *conditional acceptance sets*  $\mathcal{A}_{t,s} := \{X \in L^p \cap \bar{L}_s^0 : \varphi_t(X) \geq 0\}$ .
- *minimal penalty functions*  $\alpha_{t,s}^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) := -\operatorname{ess\,inf}_{X \in \mathcal{A}_{t,s}} \mathbb{E}_Q[X \mid \mathcal{F}_t]$ .  
 $\alpha_t := \alpha_{t,T}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}_{t,T}$

**Ex:** strong time consistency:  $\varphi_t(X) = \varphi_t(\varphi_s(X))$  iff  $\mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}_{t,s} + \mathcal{A}_s$  iff  $\alpha_t^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) = \alpha_{t,s}^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) + \mathbb{E}_Q[\alpha_s^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) \mid \mathcal{F}_t]$ .

**Ex:** middle acceptance time consistency:  $\varphi_t(X) \geq \varphi_t(\varphi_s(X))$  iff  $\mathcal{A}_t \supseteq \mathcal{A}_{t,t+1} + \mathcal{A}_{t+1}$  iff  $\alpha_t^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) \geq \alpha_{t,t+1}^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) + \mathbb{E}_Q[\alpha_{t+1}^{\min}(\mathbb{Q}) \mid \mathcal{F}_t]$ .

- Cocycle condition,  $g$ -expectation, dynamics of penalty function, recursive construction, rectangular property, prudence, etc

Update Rules Approach;  $\mathcal{X} = L_T^p$ 

## Definition

A family  $\mu = \{\mu_{t,s} : t, s \in \mathbb{T}, t < s\}$  of maps  $\mu_{t,s} : \bar{L}_s^0 \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$  is called an **update rule** if  $\mu$  satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) (Local)  $\mathbb{1}_A \mu_{t,s}(m) = \mathbb{1}_A \mu_{t,s}(\mathbb{1}_A m)$ ;
  - 2) (Monotone) if  $m \geq m'$ , then  $\mu_{t,s}(m) \geq \mu_{t,s}(m')$ ;
- for any  $s > t$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}_t$  and  $m, m' \in \bar{L}_s^0$ .

## Definition

Dynamic LM-measure  $\varphi$  is  **$\mu$ -acceptance/rejection** time consistent if

$$\varphi_s(X) \geq m_s \quad (\text{resp. } \leq) \implies \varphi_t(X) \geq \mu_{t,s}(m_s) \quad (\text{resp. } \leq),$$

for all  $s > t$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ , and  $m_s \in \bar{L}_s^0$ .

If satisfied for  $s = t + 1$ , then we say that  $\varphi$  is *one-step  $\mu$ -accept/reject time consistent*.



## Proposition

The LM-measure  $\varphi$  is  $\mu$ -acceptance time consistent if and only if

$$\varphi_t(X) \geq \mu_{t,s}(\varphi_s(X)),$$

for any  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $s > t$ .

The update rule  $\mu$  is called

- **$s$ -invariant** if  $\mu_{t,s}(m) = \mu_t(m)$ , for  $s \geq t$ ,  $m \in \bar{L}_s^0$ .
- **projective** if it is  $s$ -invariant and  $\mu_t(m_t) = m_t$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $m_t \in \bar{L}_t^0$ .

## Example

The families  $\mu^1 = \{\mu_t^1\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  and  $\mu^2 = \{\mu_t^2\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  given by

$$\mu_t^1(m) = \mathbb{E}[m | \mathcal{F}_t], \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_t^2(m) = \text{ess inf}_t m, \quad m \in \bar{L}^0,$$

are projective update rules.

# Connection between Benchmark Sets and Update Rules

## Proposition

*For any LM-measure  $\varphi$  and for any benchmark family  $\mathcal{Y}$ , there exists an update rule  $\mu$  such that  $\varphi$  is time consistent with respect to  $\mathcal{Y}$  if and only if it is  $\mu$ -time consistent.*

*Proof.* Put

$$\mu_{t,s}(m_s) := \text{ess sup}_{A \in \mathcal{F}_t} \left[ \mathbb{1}_A \text{ess sup}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}_{A,s}^-(m_s)} \varphi_t(Y) + \mathbb{1}_{A^c}(-\infty) \right],$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_{A,s}^-(m_s) := \{Y \in \widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_s : \mathbb{1}_A m_s \geq \mathbb{1}_A \varphi_s(Y)\} \text{ and}$$

$$\widehat{\mathcal{Y}}_t := \{Y \in \mathcal{X} : Y = \mathbb{1}_A Y_1 + \mathbb{1}_{A^c} Y_2, \text{ for some } Y_1, Y_2 \in \mathcal{Y}_t \text{ and } A \in \mathcal{F}_t\}.$$

## Remark

*The converse implication does not hold true, in general. For example, time consistency for dynamic acceptability index cannot be expressed in terms of a single benchmark family.*

### Proposition ( Update Rule $\mu_t(m) = \text{ess inf}_t m$ )

Let  $\varphi$  be a dynamic LM-measure on  $L_T^p$ . The following are equivalent:

1)  $\varphi$  is **weakly acceptance** time consistent, i.e.

$$\varphi_t(X) \geq \text{ess inf}_t \varphi_s(X).$$

2)  $\varphi$  is  $\mu$ -acceptance time consistent, i.e. for any  $X \in L_T^p$ ,  $s > t$ ,

$$\varphi_s(X) \geq m_s \implies \varphi_t(X) \geq \text{ess inf}_t m_s.$$

3) For any  $X \in L_T^p$ ,  $s > t$ , with  $\mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{P}) := \{\mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{P}) : \mathbb{Q}|_{\mathcal{F}_t} = \mathbb{P}|_{\mathcal{F}_t}\}$ ,

$$\varphi_t(X) \geq \text{ess inf}_{\mathbb{Q} \in \mathcal{M}_t(\mathbb{P})} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbb{Q}}[\varphi_s(X)|\mathcal{F}_t].$$

4) For any  $X \in L_T^p$ ,  $s > t$ , and  $m_t \in \bar{L}_t^0$ ,

$$\varphi_s(X) \geq m_t \implies \varphi_t(X) \geq m_t.$$

Most of the known examples are weakly acceptance or rejection time consistent.

### Proposition

*Let  $\varphi$  be a dynamic LM-measure on  $L_T^p$ , and let  $\mu$  be any projective update rule. If  $\varphi$  is  $\mu$ -acceptance time consistent, then  $\varphi$  is weakly acceptance time consistent.*

A dynamic LM-measure  $\varphi$  is **strongly time consistent** if

$$\varphi_s(X) = \varphi_s(Y) \implies \varphi_t(X) = \varphi_t(Y),$$

for any  $X, Y \in L^p$  and  $s > t$ .

### Proposition

- 1)  $\varphi$  is strongly time consistent.
- 2) There exist an update rule  $\mu$  such that  $\varphi$  is both  $\mu$ -acceptance and  $\mu$ -rejection time consistent.
- 3)  $\varphi$  is acceptance time consistent with respect to  $\{\mathcal{Y}_t = L_T^p\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ .
- 4) There exists an update rule  $\mu$  such that

$$\mu_{t,s}(\varphi_s(X)) = \varphi_t(X), \quad X \in L_T^p, \quad s > t.$$

- 5) There exists a one-step update rule  $\mu$  such that for any

$$\mu_{t,t+1}(\varphi_{t+1}(X)) = \varphi_t(X), \quad X \in L^p, \quad t < T.$$

## Time consistency induced by LM-measures

## Definition

Let  $\varphi$  be a dynamic LM-measure on  $L^p$ . A family  $\widehat{\varphi} = \{\widehat{\varphi}_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  of maps  $\widehat{\varphi}_t : \bar{L}^0 \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$  is **an LM-extension of  $\varphi$** , if for any  $t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\widehat{\varphi}_t|_{\mathcal{X}} \equiv \varphi_t$ , and  $\widehat{\varphi}_t$  is local and monotone on  $\bar{L}_0$ .

Define the collection of functions  $\varphi^\pm = \{\varphi_t^\pm\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ , where  $\varphi_t^\pm : \bar{L}^0 \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$  and

$$\varphi_t^+(X) := \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{A \in \mathcal{F}_t} \left[ \mathbb{1}_A \operatorname{ess\,inf}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}_A^+(X)} \varphi_t(Y) + \mathbb{1}_{A^c} (+\infty) \right],$$

$$\varphi_t^-(X) := \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{A \in \mathcal{F}_t} \left[ \mathbb{1}_A \operatorname{ess\,sup}_{Y \in \mathcal{Y}_A^-(X)} \varphi_t(Y) + \mathbb{1}_{A^c} (-\infty) \right],$$

is called the *upper/lower LM-extension of  $\varphi$* , where

$$\mathcal{Y}_A^+(X) := \{Y \in \mathcal{X} \mid \mathbb{1}_A Y \geq \mathbb{1}_A X\}, \quad \mathcal{Y}_A^-(X) := \{Y \in \mathcal{X} \mid \mathbb{1}_A Y \leq \mathbb{1}_A X\}.$$

## Proposition

The functions  $\varphi^-$  and  $\varphi^+$  are LM-extensions of  $\varphi$ . Moreover, for any  $\widehat{\varphi}$  LM-extension of  $\varphi$  we have

$$\varphi_t^-(X) \leq \widehat{\varphi}_t(X) \leq \varphi_t^+(X).$$

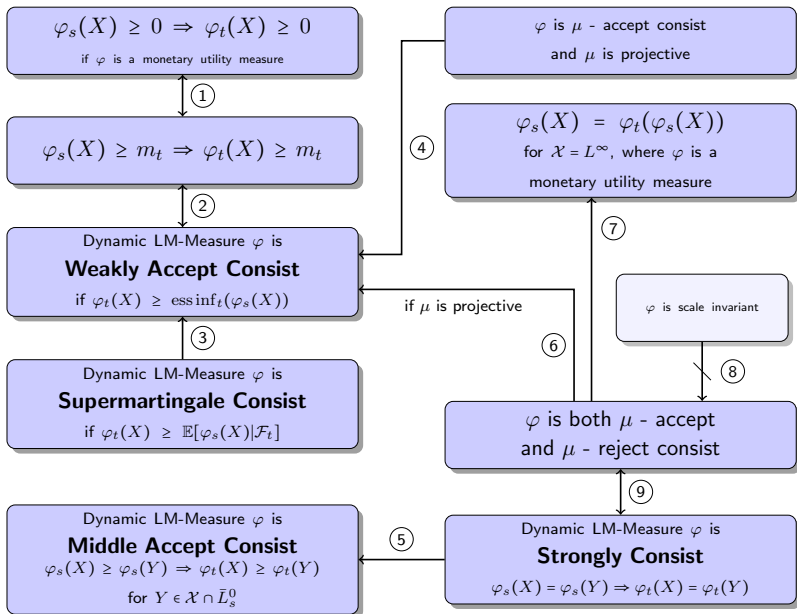
## Proposition

Any LM-extension  $\widehat{\varphi}$  of a dynamic LM-measure  $\varphi$  is an  $s$ -invariant update rule. Moreover,  $\widehat{\varphi}$  is projective if and only if  $\varphi_t(X) = X$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $X \in L^p \cap \bar{L}_t^0$ .

## Definition

$\varphi$  is **strongly\* time consistent**, if there exists an LM-extension  $\widehat{\varphi}$ , of  $\varphi$ , such that  $\varphi$  is both  $\widehat{\varphi}$ -acceptance and  $\widehat{\varphi}$ -rejection time consistent, or equivalently  $\varphi_t(X) = \widehat{\varphi}_t(\varphi_s(X))$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $s, t \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $s > t$ .

**Figure:** Summary of results for acceptance time consistency for random variables





## Time consistency for stochastic processes

If  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{V}$ , the space of adapted stochastic processes, then the update rule may/should depend on the intermediate values of the underlying process.

## Definition

A family of maps  $\mu_{t,s} : \bar{L}_s^0 \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$  is an **update rule** if

- (locality)  $1_A \mu_{t,s}(m, V) = 1_A \mu_{t,s}(1_A m, V)$ ;
- (monotonicity)  $m \geq m' \Rightarrow \mu_{t,s}(m, V) \geq \mu_{t,s}(m', V)$ ;

for  $V \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{F}_t$  and  $m, m' \in \bar{L}_s^0$ ,  $s > t$ .

## Definition

As before, we say that a dynamic  $LM$ -measure  $f = \{f_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  is  $\mu$ -acceptance time consistent if

$$f_s(V) \geq m_s \implies f_t(V) \geq \mu_{t,s}(m_s, V),$$

for all  $s > t$ ,  $V \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $m_s \in \bar{L}_s^0$ .

We deal only with one-step update rules  $s = t + 1$ .

## Selected update rules

- $\mu_{t,t+1}(V) = \text{ess inf}_t(V_{t+1}) + V_t.$

Weak acceptance time consistency for dynamic risk measures for stochastic processes:  $\varphi_{t+1}(V) \geq m_t \Rightarrow \varphi_t(V) \geq m_t + V_t.$

- $\mu_{t,t+1}(V) = E(V_{t+1}|\mathcal{F}_t)] + V_t.$

Supermartingale property for stochastic processes.

- $\mu_{t,t+1}(V) = 1_{\{V_t \geq 0\}} \text{ess inf}_t(V_{t+1}) + 1_{\{V_t < 0\}}(-\infty).$

Semi-weak acceptance time consistency (suitable for scale invariant measures)

$$\varphi_{t+1}(V) \geq m_t, \text{ and } V_t \geq 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \varphi_t(V) \geq m_t.$$

## Theorem

Let  $\{\varphi_t^x\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$  be a decreasing family of weakly acceptance/rejection time consistent dynamic LM-measures. Then  $\alpha_t : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \bar{L}_t^0$  defined by

$$\alpha_t(V) = \sup\{x \in \mathbb{R}_+ : \varphi_t^x(V) \geq 0\},$$

is a semi-weakly acceptance/rejection time consistent dynamic LM-measure.

## Theorem

Let  $\{\alpha_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  be a semi-weakly acceptance/rejection time consistent dynamic LM-measure, which is independent of the past and translation invariant. Then for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$  the family  $\{\varphi_t^x\}_{t \in \mathbb{T}}$  defined by

$$\varphi_t^x(V) = \inf\{c \in \mathbb{R} : \alpha_t(V - c1_{\{t\}}) \leq x\},$$

is a weakly rejection/acceptance time consistent dynamic LM-measure.

## Examples

|                             | $\mathcal{X}$ | WA | WR | sWA | sWR | MA | MR | STR | Sub | Sup |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Cond. WV@R                  | $L^p$         | ✓  |    | ✓   |     |    |    |     |     | ✓   |
| TV@R AI                     | $V^p$         |    |    | ✓   |     |    |    |     |     |     |
| RAROC                       | $V^p$         |    |    | ✓   |     |    |    |     |     |     |
| dGLR                        | $V^p$         |    |    | ✓   | ✓   |    |    |     |     |     |
| dEnt $\gamma \geq 0$        | $L^p$         | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |     | ✓   |
| $\gamma \leq 0$             |               | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   |     |
| dEnt+ $\gamma_t \downarrow$ | $L^p$         | ✓  |    | ✓   |     | ✓  |    |     |     | ✓*  |
| $\gamma_t \uparrow$         |               |    | ✓  |     | ✓   |    | ✓  |     | ✓** |     |
| RSC                         | $L^p$         | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓  | ✓  | ✓   |     |     |

\*if  $\gamma_t \geq 0$ , \*\*if  $\gamma_t \leq 0$ 

RSC = Risk Sensitive Criterion

**Thank You !**

The end of the talk . . .  
but not of the story . . .

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