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ABSTRACT. Let X be a nonempty convex compact subset of some Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S . The well known Bauer's maximum principle states that every convex upper semi-continuous function from X into \mathbb{R} attains its maximum at some extremal point of X . We give some extensions of this result when X is assumed to be compact metrizable. We prove that the set of all convex upper semi-continuous functions attaining their maximum at exactly one extremal point of X is a G_δ dense subset of the space of all convex upper semi-continuous functions equipped with a metric compatible with the uniform convergence.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let X be a nonempty convex compact subset of some Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S . By $\text{Aff}(X)$ we denote the space of all affine (i.e. $\varphi(\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y) = \lambda\varphi(x) + (1 - \lambda)\varphi(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$), continuous functions from X into \mathbb{R} . Let K be a nonempty subset of X (not necessarily convex), a point $x \in K$ is said to be an affine exposed point of K , if there exists $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(X)$ such that φ attains its unique maximum at x . The set of all affine exposed points of K is denoted by $\text{AExp}(K)$. It is easy to see that $\text{AExp}(K) \subset \text{Ext}(K)$, where $\text{Ext}(K)$ is the set of all extremal points of K , but this inclusion is strict in general (see [1] for more details about affine exposed points). Recall that a point x of a nonempty subset C of S is extremal in C , if and only if: $y, z \in C, 0 < \alpha < 1; x = \alpha y + (1 - \alpha)z \implies x = y = z$.

If K is a non empty compact subset of X and $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is upper semi-continuous, by $K_{\max}(f)$, we denote the following non empty closed subset of K :

$$\emptyset \neq K_{\max}(f) := \{x \in K : f(x) = \max_K f\}.$$

By $\Sigma(X)$ we denote the space of all convex upper semi-continuous functions from X into \mathbb{R} . Let \mathcal{B} be a subset of $\Sigma(X)$. We say that \mathcal{B} is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -stable if

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and only if

$$(f, \varphi) \in \mathcal{B} \times \text{Aff}(X) \implies f + \varphi \in \mathcal{B}.$$

The space $\Sigma(X)$ of all convex upper semi-continuous (resp. the space of all convex continuous, the space of all affine continuous) functions from X into \mathbb{R} is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -stable. These spaces are equipped with the following metric:

$$\rho_\infty(f, g) := \sup_{x \in X} \frac{|f(x) - g(x)|}{1 + |f(x) - g(x)|}.$$

Recall that a function f is said to be strictly quasi-convex on a convex set X if for all $y, z \in X$ and all $\lambda \in]0, 1[$, we have $f(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z) < \max(f(y), f(z))$.

We state now the Bauer's maximum principle which applies for convex compact not necessarily metrizable subsets of a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space. The classical proof of Bauer's maximum principle is based on Zorn's lemma.

Theorem 1. (Bauer's maximum principle, [2]) *Let S be a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space and X a nonempty convex compact subset of S . Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex upper semi-continuous function. Then,*

$$X_{\max}(f) \cap \text{Ext}(X) \neq \emptyset.$$

The aim of this note is to give with a simple proof and without using Zorn's lemma, some extensions of Bauer's maximum principle in the compact metrizable framework. Indeed, we prove that if X is metrizable, then :

(1) Let \mathcal{B} be an $\text{Aff}(X)$ -stable subset of the space of all convex upper semi-continuous functions from X into \mathbb{R} . Then, for any nonempty compact (not necessarily convex) subset K of X there exists a G_δ dense subset \mathcal{G} of $(\mathcal{B}, \rho_\infty)$ such that for every function $f \in \mathcal{G}$ we have that $\text{Ext}(K) \cap K_{\max}(f)$ is a singleton.

(2) for every nonempty family $(f_i)_{i \in I}$ (I a nonempty set) of convex upper semi-continuous (resp. of strictly quasi-convex upper semi-continuous) functions on X and every nonempty closed (not necessarily convex) subset K of X , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i) \neq \emptyset &\implies \text{AExp}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)) \cap \text{Ext}(K) \neq \emptyset \\ &\implies \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i) \cap \text{Ext}(K) \neq \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, there exists a common extremal point $e \in \text{Ext}(K)$ at which f_i attains its maximum over K , for every $i \in I$. We recover immediately the classical Bauer's maximum principle (in the metrizable case) by taking $K = X$ and I a singleton. As an immediate consequence we have: for every $x \in X$, let Ω_x be the following nonempty closed convex cone of $(\Sigma(X), \rho_\infty)$

$$\Omega_x := \{f \in \Sigma(X) : f(x) = \max_X f\}.$$

Then, there exists a common extremal point $e \in \text{Ext}(X)$ such that every function $f \in \Omega_x$ attains its maximum on X at e .

The main results of this note, are established in the more general context of Φ -convexity (Theorem 2) in the spirit of the works by K. Fan [6], M. W. Grossman [7] and B. D. Khanh [8]. Note that every compact subset of Fréchet space or of metrizable Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S is of course metrizable, but the class of Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S in which every compact subset is metrizable, is more larger (see for instance the paper of B. Cascales and J. Orihuela in [3]).

The proofs of our results are consequences of a new variational principle established recently in [1] and does not use Zorn's lemma. Note that variational principle [1, Lemma 3.] that we will use is similar to that of Deville-Godefroy-Zizler in [4] and Deville-Revalski in [5], it applies to compact metrizable sets but the interest is that it does not use the existence of a bump function. This will allow us to work for example, with the space of affine continuous functions defined on convex compact metrizable set or the space of harmonic functions defined on open connexe set of \mathbb{R}^n , which has no bump functions.

2. BAUER'S MAXIMUM PRINCIPLE.

Let S be any nonempty set, Φ a family of real valued functions on S . A subset $X \subset S$ is said to be Φ -convex if $X = S$ or there exists a nonempty set I , such that

$$X = \bigcap_{i \in I} \{x \in S : \varphi_i(x) \leq \lambda_i\},$$

where $\varphi_i \in \Phi$ and $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $i \in I$. For a nonempty set $A \subset S$, the intersection of all Φ -convex subset of S containing A is said to be the Φ -convex hull of A . By $\text{conv}_\Phi(A)$, we denote the Φ -convex hull of A .

Let $a, x, y \in S$, we say that a is Φ -between x and y , if

$$(\varphi \in \Phi, \varphi(x) \leq \varphi(a), \varphi(y) \leq \varphi(a)) \implies (\varphi(a) = \varphi(x) = \varphi(y)).$$

Let $\emptyset \neq A \subset B \subset S$. The set A is said to be Φ -extremal subset of B , if

$$(a \in A, a \text{ is } \Phi\text{-between the points } x, y \in B) \implies (x \in A, y \in A).$$

If A is a singleton $A = \{a\}$, we say that a is Φ -extremal point of B . The set of all Φ -extremal points of a nonempty set A will be denoted by $\Phi\text{Ext}(A)$.

When S is a Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space and $\Phi = S^*$ is the topological dual of S , then the Φ -extremal points of a set coincides with the classical extremal points (see [8, Proposition 2.] and [1]).

Definition 1. *Let S be a Hausdorff space, C a subset of S and Φ a family of real valued functions defined on S . We say that a point x of C is Φ -exposed in C , and write $x \in \Phi\text{Exp}(C)$, if there exists $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that φ has a strict*

maximum on C at x i.e. $\varphi(x) > \varphi(y)$ for all $y \in C \setminus \{x\}$ (when C has at least two distinct points). Such φ is then said to Φ -expose C at x .

All the subsets considered in this article are assumed having at least two distinct points. The case of sets having only one point is trivial. It is easy to see that $\Phi\text{Exp}(C) \subset \Phi\text{Ext}(C)$, but the converse is not true in general (see [1] for more details).

Definition 2. (see [8]) Let S be any nonempty set, Φ a family of real-valued functions defined on S . Let f be a real-valued function defined on S . We say that f is Φ -convex if and only if for every $a, x, y \in S$ such that a is Φ -between x and y ,

$$(f(x) \leq f(a) \text{ and } f(y) \leq f(a)) \implies (f(x) = f(a) = f(y)).$$

Let S be a Hausdorff space and Φ a family of real-valued functions defined on S . Let K be a nonempty subset of S . By $\Phi\mathcal{C}(K)$ we denote the set of all real-valued Φ -convex upper semi-continuous function on K , equipped with the following metric : $\forall f, g \in \Phi\mathcal{C}(K)$

$$\rho_\infty(f, g) := \sup_{x \in K} \frac{|f(x) - g(x)|}{1 + |f(x) - g(x)|}.$$

The distance ρ_∞ satisfies: for all $0 < \varepsilon < 1$,

$$\rho_\infty(f, g) \leq \varepsilon \iff \sup_{x \in K} |f(x) - g(x)| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \varepsilon}.$$

A subspace \mathcal{B} of $\Phi\mathcal{C}(K)$ is said to be Φ -stable, if and only if

$$(f, \varphi) \in \mathcal{B} \times \Phi \implies f + \varphi \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Clearly, Φ is itself Φ -stable if for example Φ is a vector space.

2.1. Examples. Let X be a nonempty convex compact subset of some Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S and let K be a nonempty closed subset of X (not necessarily convex). We have the following propositions with $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi) = (\text{Aff}(X), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Proposition 1. (see also [8, Proposition 2.]) Let $x, y, z \in K$. Then, x is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -between y, z if and only if $x \in [y, z]$ (where $[y, z]$ denotes the segment in X). Consequently, a point $x \in K$ is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -extremal in K if and only if it is extremal in the classical sens.

Proof. Suppose that $x \in [y, z]$, then there exists $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ such that $x = \lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z$. Let $\varphi \in \text{Aff}(X)$ and suppose that $\varphi(y) \leq \varphi(x)$ and $\varphi(z) \leq \varphi(x)$. Then, $\varphi(y) = \varphi(x) = \varphi(z)$ and so, x is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -between y, z . Indeed, suppose

by contradiction that $\varphi(y) \neq \varphi(x)$ or $\varphi(z) \neq \varphi(x)$. Thus, $\varphi(y) < \varphi(x)$ or $\varphi(z) < \varphi(x)$. Since φ is affine,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(x) = \varphi(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z) &= \lambda\varphi(y) + (1 - \lambda)\varphi(z) \\ &< \lambda\varphi(x) + (1 - \lambda)\varphi(x) \\ &= \varphi(x), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. To see the converse, suppose that x is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -between y, z . We need to prove that $x \in [y, z]$. Suppose by contradiction that $x \notin [y, z]$. By the separation theorem, there exists x^* in the topological dual of S (in particular $x^* \in \text{Aff}(X)$), such that $x^*(x) > x^*(\lambda y + (1 - \lambda)z)$ for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$. In particular, $x^*(y) < x^*(x)$ and $x^*(z) < x^*(x)$, this implies that x is not $\text{Aff}(X)$ -between y, z which is a contradiction. \square

The following proposition is easy to establish.

Proposition 2. *The following assertions hold.*

(1) *Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a convex function, then the restriction of f to K , $f|_K : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -convex. The set of all upper semi-continuous (resp. of all continuous) $\text{Aff}(X)$ -convex functions from K into \mathbb{R} is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -stable.*

(2) *Let $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a strictly quasi-convex function, then the restriction of f to K , $f|_K : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -convex. But the space of all strictly quasi-convex functions from X into \mathbb{R} is not $\text{Aff}(X)$ -stable.*

2.2. The main result. By $(C(K), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ we denote the Banach space of all real-valued continuous functions defined on a compact set K and equipped with the sup-norm.

For reasons of completeness, we recall below the following simplified form of variational principle from [1] that we will use.

Lemma 1. (See [1, Lemma 3.]) *Let (K, d) be a compact metric space and $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi)$ be a Banach space included in $C(K)$ which separates the points of K and such that $\alpha\|\cdot\|_\Phi \geq \|\cdot\|_\infty$ for some real number $\alpha > 0$. Let $f : (K, d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be a proper lower semi-continuous function. Then, the set*

$$N(f) = \{\varphi \in \Phi : f - \varphi \text{ does not have a unique minimum on } K\}$$

is of the first Baire category in Y .

We give now our main result. If K is compact and $f \in \Phi C(K)$, by $K_{\max}(f)$, we denote the following closed subset of K :

$$\emptyset \neq K_{\max}(f) := \{x \in K : f(x) = \max_K f\} \subset K.$$

Theorem 2. *Let (K, d) be a compact metric space and $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi)$ be a Banach space included in $C(K)$ which separates the points of K and such that $\alpha\|\cdot\|_\Phi \geq \|\cdot\|_\infty$ for some real number $\alpha > 0$. Then, the following assertions hold.*

- (1) Let $C \neq \emptyset$ be any closed subset of K , then $\emptyset \neq \Phi\text{Exp}(C) \subset \Phi\text{Ext}(C)$.
(2) Let I be any nonempty set and let $f_i \in \Phi\mathcal{C}(K)$ for all $i \in I$. Suppose that $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i) \neq \emptyset$. Then,

$$\Phi\text{Exp}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)) \cap \Phi\text{Ext}(K) = \emptyset.$$

In particular, there exists a common Φ -extremal point e of K such that f_i attains its maximum at e for all $i \in I$.

- (3) Let \mathcal{B} be any Φ -stable subspace of $(\Phi\mathcal{C}(K), \rho_\infty)$. Then, generically, a function from \mathcal{B} attains its maximum at a unique Φ -extremal point of K . More precisely, the set

$$\mathcal{G} := \{f \in \mathcal{B} : K_{\max}(f) \cap \Phi\text{Ext}(K) \text{ is a singleton}\}$$

is a G_δ dense subset of $(\mathcal{B}, \rho_\infty)$.

Proof. (1) Let $\delta_C : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ be the function such that $\delta_C = 0$ on C and $\delta_C = +\infty$ on $K \setminus C$. This function is lower semi-continuous on K . From Lemma 1, there exists a function $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that $\delta_C - \varphi$ has a unique minimum at some point $e \in K$. Equivalently, φ has a unique maximum on C attained at e , which implies that $\Phi\text{Exp}(C) \neq \emptyset$. Now, it is easy to see that $\Phi\text{Exp}(C) \subset \Phi\text{Ext}(C)$. Indeed, let $e \in \Phi\text{Exp}(C)$, then there exists $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that $\varphi(e) > \varphi(x)$ for all $x \in C \setminus \{e\}$. Let $y, z \in C$ such that e is Φ -between y, z . Since $\varphi(y), \varphi(z) \leq \varphi(e)$ and e is Φ -between y, z , it follows that $\varphi(y) = \varphi(e) = \varphi(z)$ which implies that $y = e = z$, since e is the unique maximum of φ . Thus, e is an Φ -extremal point of C .

- (2) Since f_i is upper semi-continuous then, the set $K_{\max}(f_i)$ is a compact subset of K . By hypothesis, $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i) \neq \emptyset$. Thus, $\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)$ is a nonempty compact subset of K . By part (1),

$$\emptyset \neq \Phi\text{Exp}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)) \subset \Phi\text{Ext}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)).$$

Let $e \in \Phi\text{Ext}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i))$ and let us show that $e \in \Phi\text{Ext}(K)$. Indeed, suppose that the contrary hold, that is there exists $y, z \in K$ such that e is Φ -between y, z and $y \neq e$ or $z \neq e$. Since $e \in \Phi\text{Ext}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i))$ and e is Φ -between y, z , then either $y \in K \setminus \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)$ or $z \in K \setminus \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)$. We can assume without losing generality that is $y \in K \setminus \bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)$. Thus, there exists $i_0 \in I$ such that $y \notin K_{\max}(f_{i_0})$. It follows that e is Φ -between y, z ; $f_{i_0}(y) < \max_K f_{i_0} = f_{i_0}(e)$ and $f_{i_0}(z) \leq \max_K f_{i_0} = f_{i_0}(e)$. This contradicts the fact that f_{i_0} is Φ -convex. Thus, we have

$$\emptyset \neq \Phi\text{Exp}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)) \subset \Phi\text{Ext}(\bigcap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)) \subset \Phi\text{Ext}(K).$$

- (3) For each $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, let

$$O_n := \{f \in \mathcal{B}; \exists x_n \in K / f(x_n) > \sup\{f(x) : d(x, x_n) \geq \frac{1}{n}\}\}.$$

It is easy to see that O_n is an open subset of $(\mathcal{B}, \rho_\infty)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Thanks to Lemma 1, for every $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ and every $f \in \mathcal{B}$, there exists a function $\varphi \in \Phi$ such that $\rho_\infty(\varphi, 0) < \varepsilon$ and $-f - \varphi$ has a unique minimum on K at some point x_0 . This implies that $g := f + \varphi \in \cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n$ (we take $x_n = x_0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$) and $\rho_\infty(g, f) < \varepsilon$. Thus $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n$ is dense in $(\mathcal{B}, \rho_\infty)$. It follows that $\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n$ is a G_δ dense subset of $(\mathcal{B}, \rho_\infty)$. By following the idea of the proof of the variational principle of Devile-Godefroy-Zizler in [4], we see that

$$\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n = \{f \in \mathcal{B} : f \text{ has a unique maximum on } K\}.$$

Using part (2), a unique maximum for a function from \mathcal{B} , is necessarily an extremal point. Hence,

$$\cap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} O_n = \{f \in \mathcal{B} : K_{\max}(f) \cap \Phi\text{Ext}(K) \text{ is a singleton}\}.$$

□

Corollary 1. *Under the hypothesis of Theorem 2, for each $x \in K$, let*

$$\Omega_x := \{f \in \Phi\mathcal{C}(K) : f(x) = \max_X f\}.$$

Then, Ω_x is a nonempty closed cone subset of $(\Phi\mathcal{C}(K), \rho_\infty)$ and there exists $e \in \Phi\text{Ext}(K)$ such that $\Omega_x \subset \Omega_e$.

Proof. It is easy to see that Ω_x is nonempty closed cone subset of $(\Phi\mathcal{C}(K), \rho_\infty)$. From the definition of Ω_x , we have that $x \in \cap_{f \in \Omega_x} K_{\max}(f) \neq \emptyset$. It follows from Theorem 2 that $\cap_{f \in \Omega_x} K_{\max}(f) \cap \Phi\text{Ext}(K) \neq \emptyset$ which gives the proof. □

Let X be a nonempty convex compact subset of some Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S . By considering the classe $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|) = (\text{Aff}(X), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ and a compact subset K of X (not necessarily convex), we obtain from Theorem 2 (using Proposition 1 and Proposition 2) the following extension of the classical Bauer's maximum principle for compact metrizable sets.

Corollary 2. *Let X be a nonempty convex compact metrizable subset of some Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space S . Let K be a any nonempty closed subset of X (not necessarily convex). Then, the following assertions hold.*

(1) $\emptyset \neq \text{AExp}(K) \subset \text{Ext}(K)$.

(2) *Let I be a nonempty set and $f_i : K \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a upper semi-continuous $\text{Aff}(X)$ -convex function, for all $i \in I$. Suppose that $\cap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i) \neq \emptyset$, then*

$$\text{AExp}(\cap_{i \in I} K_{\max}(f_i)) \cap \text{Ext}(K) \neq \emptyset.$$

In particular, there exists a commun extremal point e at which f_i attains its maximum on K , for each $i \in I$.

(3) Let \mathcal{B} be a subset of all $\text{Aff}(X)$ -convex functions which is $\text{Aff}(X)$ -stable. Then, the set

$$\mathcal{G} := \{f \in \mathcal{B} : K_{\max}(f) \cap \text{Ext}(K) \text{ is a singleton} \}$$

is a G_δ dense subset in $(\mathcal{B}, \rho_\infty)$.

We can take for example, in the above corollary, \mathcal{B} equal to the space of restrictions to K of all upper semi-continuous (resp. of all continuous) convex functions from X into \mathbb{R} . We can also take $K = X$ (convex in this case) and \mathcal{B} equal to the space of all upper semi-continuous (resp. of all continuous) convex functions from X into \mathbb{R} .

Some classes of Φ -convexity. The result of this note applies in particular for the following interesting classes of functions (these spaces do not satisfy the hypothesis of the Deville-Godefroy-Zizler variational principle [4], [5]):

(1) $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi) = (\mathcal{H}(\overline{\Omega}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, where Ω is a bounded open convex subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $\mathcal{H}(\overline{\Omega})$ is the space of all harmonic functions on Ω that are continuous on $\overline{\Omega}$, equipped with the sup-norm.

(2) $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi) = (\mathcal{P}_n^d(K), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, where K is a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^n and $\mathcal{P}_n^d(K)$ is the set of all n -variable polynomial functions of degree less or equal to $d \geq 1$, equipped with the sup-norm.

(3) $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi) = (\text{Lip}_0(K), \|\cdot\|_{\text{Lip}})$, where (K, d) is a compact metric space and $\text{Lip}_0(K)$ is the space of all Lipschitz continuous functions that vanish at some point $x_0 \in K$, equipped with the norm:

$$\|f\|_{\text{Lip}} = \sup_{x, y \in K / x \neq y} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{d(x, y)}.$$

(4) $(\Phi, \|\cdot\|_\Phi) = (\text{Aff}(K), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, where K is convex compact metrizable set of some Hausdorff locally convex topological vector space and $\text{Aff}(K)$ is the space of all real-valued affine continuous functions.

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