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spatial.gev.bma-package

*Fit a Hierarchical Spatial Generalized Extreme Value model that allows for Bayesian Model Averaging*

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### Description

This package allows one to fit a hierarchical spatial model for extremes. It enables linear specifications in all three GEV parameters and incorporates Bayesian Model Averaging to account for model uncertainty. Further, it uses recent results in automatic proposal formation of Metropolis-Hastings samplers to avoid requiring the user to have to specify a large number of tuning parameters.

### Details

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**References**

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dmvnorm	<i>Log density of a multivariate normal distribution</i>
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**Description**

This returns the important bits of the log of a multivariate normal distribution, for use in Metropolis-Hastings ratios. One of these functions you wish they would just include in base so you don't have to keep rolling your own or calling some other package.

**Usage**

```
dmvnorm(x, mu, Sigma)
```

**Arguments**

x	A length p vector at which you would like the density to be evaluated
mu	A length p vector which is the mean of the MV normal
Sigma	A p x p matrix for the covariance of the MV normal

**Value**

The log density of a multivariate normal

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f.double.prime	<i>Second derivative of the posterior distribution of a spatial GEV with respect a location random effect</i>
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**Description**

This is the second derivative of the conditional posterior probability of a spital GEV model with respect to a given random effect in the location parameter. It is used to form the proposal for a Metropolis-Hastings update of the given parameter.

**Usage**

```
f.double.prime(tau, tau.hat, varsigma, xi, kappa, R)
```

**Arguments**

tau	The current value of the given random effect
tau.hat	The conditional mean of the random effect given the other random effects and the Gaussian process parameters
varsigma	The conditional variance of the random effect given the Gaussian process parameters
xi	The current shape parameter at this location
kappa	The current precision parameter at this location
R	The residual between the observed values and the linear part of the location parameter

**Value**

A scalar that gives the value of the derivative. This is then used to form the relevant proposal.

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f.prime	<i>First derivative of the posterior of a spatial GEV model with respect to a random effect in the location parameter.</i>
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**Description**

This internal function gives the first derivative of a spatial GEV model with respect to a random effect parameter in order to made a focused update of that variate.

**Usage**

```
f.prime(tau, tau.hat, varsigma, xi, kappa, R)
```

**Arguments**

tau	Current value of the random effect
tau.hat	Conditional mean of that random effect given the Gaussian process and the other random effects
varsigma	Conditional variance of the random effect given the Gaussian process
xi	Current shape parameter for that site
kappa	Current precision parameter for that site
R	Current vector of differences between the observations and the linear part of the location parameter at the site.

**Value**

A scalar giving the first derivative

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g.double.prime	<i>The second derivative of a GEV distribution with respect to a random effect parameter on the precision kappa</i>
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**Description**

This function returns the second derivative of a GEV distribution with respect to the random effect  $\tau_s^\kappa$ . It is used in forming the proposal for the Metropolis-Hastings update of this parameter.

**Usage**

```
g.double.prime(tau, tau.hat, varsigma, xi, kappa.hat, eps)
```

**Arguments**

tau	The current value of the random effect
tau.hat	The conditional fitted value of the random effect given the others according to the Gaussian Process
varsigma	The conditional variance of the fitted value according to the Gaussian Process
xi	The current value of the shape parameter
kappa.hat	This is the linear bit of the precision for this location
eps	The vector of residuals for this site, i.e. $Y_{ts} - \mu_s$

**Value**

A scalar giving the second derivative

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<code>g.prime</code>	<i>The first derivative of the posterior density of a spatial GEV model with respect to a given random effect on the precision parameter.</i>
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**Description**

This returns the first derivative of the posterior density of a spatial GEV model with respect to a random effect on the precision parameter. It is used in forming the Metropolis-Hastings update of this parameter.

**Usage**

```
g.prime(tau, tau.hat, varsigma, xi, kappa.hat, eps)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tau</code>	Current value of the random effect
<code>tau.hat</code>	The conditional mean of the random effect given the others and the current Gaussian process parameters.
<code>varsigma</code>	The conditional variance of the random effect based on the Gaussian process parameters
<code>xi</code>	The current shape parameter for this location
<code>kappa.hat</code>	The linear part of the precision parameters
<code>eps</code>	The vector of residuals based on the observations at this site and the associated location parameter

**Value**

A scalar giving the first derivative, which is used to form the Metropolis-Hasting update.

**Author(s)**

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<code>gev.crps</code>	<i>Compute the Continuous Rank Probability Score (CRPS)</i>
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**Description**

This takes a large sample from a predictive distribution and computes the CRPS for a number of observations. It is used in judging the fit of predictive distributions.

**Usage**

```
gev.crps(Y.obs, Y.samp)
```

**Arguments**

Y.obs	A vector of observed values
Y.samp	A large sample from the posterior predictive distribution.

**Value**

A scalar giving the CRPS

**Author(s)**

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gev.impute	<i>Given the output of the MCMC, return a number of samples for a new site.</i>
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**Description**

This takes the object returned from `spatial.gev.bma` and new information for a given site and returns a large sample of values from the posterior predictive distribution for that site.

**Usage**

```
gev.impute(R, X.drop, S.drop, burn = NULL, n.each = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

R	This is the object returned from <code>spatial.gev.bma</code>
X.drop	This is the vector of covariates for the site that has been left out.
S.drop	This is the 2 dimensional vector of locations for this site
burn	Optional number of repetitions to drop from R as burn in. Defaults to 10 percent.
n.each	Optional number of samples from each repetition under consideration. Defaults to a number such that around 1 million samples are returned.

**Value**

Returns a large number of sample from the posterior predictive distribution.

**Author(s)**

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gev.init                      *Initializes a state object for a Spatial GEV distribution*

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### Description

This utility function just initializes the state object that is then passed around during the course of an MCMC for a hierarchical spatial GEV distribution. It starts the object in a nice spot and fills in the relevant items.

### Usage

```
gev.init(Y.list, X.all, S, prior.user, full, fixed.xi)
```

### Arguments

Y.list	The list of Y values
X.all	The matrix of covariates
S	The matrix of spatial locations
prior.user	The user-specified prior parameters, if there are any
full	A boolean indicating if BMA is to be performed
fixed.xi	An indication if the parameter xi is to be estimated (NULL) or set to a given value.

### Value

This returns a state object that is then used for the MCMC by the main updating routines.

### Author(s)

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gev.like                      *The log likelihood of a GEV distribution*

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### Description

Returns the log likelihood of a GEV distribution according to the parameterization used in spatial.gev.bma

### Usage

```
gev.like(Y, mu, kappa, xi)
```



**Arguments**

$Y$	The outcome at which the log likelihood should be evaluated
$\mu$	The location parameter
$\kappa$	The precision parameter
$\xi$	The shape parameter

**Value**

A scalar giving the log-likelihood

**Author(s)**

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gev.logscore                      *Compute the Log Score*

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**Description**

This takes a large sample from a predictive distribution and computes the log score for a vector of observations, judging the fit of predictive distributions.

**Usage**

```
gev.logscore(Y.obs, Y.samp)
```

**Arguments**

$Y.obs$	A vector of observed values
$Y.samp$	A large sample from the posterior predictive distribution.

**Value**

A scalar giving the mean log score over the observations

**Author(s)**

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gev.process.results     *Outputs some tables from the results of Spatial GEV MCMC run*

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**Description**

This take the output from a spatial GEV run and returns some handy tables given posterior probabilities, effective sample sizes, acceptance probabilities, etc.

**Usage**

```
gev.process.results(R, burn = 100)
```

**Arguments**

R	The output from the spatial.gev.bma function
burn	An optional burn-in amount to be discarded before forming results.

**Value**

Returns a number of tables.

**Author(s)**

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gev.results.init     *Initialize a results object for spatial.bma.gev*

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**Description**

This internal function initializes the object that stores the results of an MCMC run in spatial.bma.gev

**Usage**

```
gev.results.init(n.s, p, n.reps)
```

**Arguments**

n.s	The number of sites
p	The number of covariates in X
n.reps	The total number of repetitions

**Value**

A object that will store the results.

**Author(s)**

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gev.update

*Updates all the parameters in a spatial GEV model*

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**Description**

This internal function updates all the components of a spatial GEV model

**Usage**

gev.update(G)

**Arguments**

G                    The current state of a spatial GEV model

**Value**

This returns an updated state

**Author(s)**

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gev.update.hyper

*Updates the Gaussian Process hyperparameters in the Spatial GEV model*

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**Description**

This function is used internally to update the Gaussian Process hyperparameters of a Spatial GEV model.

**Usage**

gev.update.hyper(G)

**Arguments**

G                    The current state of a Spatial GEV model

**Value**

An updated state of a Spatial GEV model.

**Author(s)**

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gev.update.lambda      *Update the lambda parameter in a Gaussian Process*

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**Description**

This constructs a focused proposal to make a metropolis-hasting update of the lambda parameter in a Gaussian process. It is agnostic to which model component in the spatial GEV the GP belongs to.

**Usage**

```
gev.update.lambda(tau, alpha, lambda, D, a, b)
```

**Arguments**

tau	A vector of the random effects
alpha	The global precision of the Gaussian process
lambda	The current value of lambda
D	The matrix of distances between the points associated with the vector tau
a	The parameter for the prior of lambda
b	The second parameter for the prior of lambda

**Value**

A scalar which is the updated value of lambda.

**Author(s)**

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gev.update.M      *Sample a new model from the current model for any linear regression system*

---

**Description**

This uses a conditional Bayes factor (CBF) to update a model in a linear system given a current model and other information in a spatial GEV model. Note that it is agnostic to which part of the framework (location, precision, scale) you are updating.

**Usage**

```
gev.update.M(Y, X, M, alpha, lambda, D, beta.0, Omega.0)
```

**Arguments**

Y	The current dependent variable, calculated relative to the linear plus random effect terms of the given component.
X	The matrix of covariates
M	The current model. A subset of (1, ..., p) where p is the number of columns in X
alpha	The precision term of the Gaussian process for this component of the model
lambda	The length term of the Gaussian process for this component of the model
D	The distance matrix used in the Gaussian process
beta.0	The prior mean on the linear regression terms
Omega.0	The prior covariance on the linear regression terms

**Value**

This returns an updated model, which is a vector that is a subset of (1, ..., p).

**Author(s)**

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gev.update.tau.kappa    *Update the random effects of the precision parameter in a spatial GEV model*

---

**Description**

This goes through and updates, via M-H, each component in the random effects of a spatial GEV model

**Usage**

```
gev.update.tau.kappa(G)
```

**Arguments**

G	The current state of a spatial GEV model
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**Value**

A new state of the spatial GEV model where the random effects have been updated

**Author(s)**

Alex Lenkoski <alex@nr.no>

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gev.update.tau.mu      *Internal function to update the random effects of the location parameter in a Spatial GEV model.*

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**Description**

This internal function takes the state of a Spatial GEV model, and updates the random effects for the location parameter

**Usage**

```
gev.update.tau.mu(G)
```

**Arguments**

G                      An object holding the current state information for a Spatial GEV model

**Value**

An updated state for use in the Spatial GEV model.

**Author(s)**

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gev.update.tau.xi      *Update the random effects for the shape parameter in a spatial GEV model*

---

**Description**

This goes through the random effects in the shape parameter of a hierarchical spatial GEV model and updates them individually using focused Metropolis-Hastings proposals.

**Usage**

```
gev.update.tau.xi(G)
```

**Arguments**

G                      The current state of the model

**Value**

A new state of the model where the random effects have been updated.

**Author(s)**

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gev.update.theta      *Update the linear parameters in a spatial GEV model*

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**Description**

This internal function updates the linear regression terms of a given component of a spatial GEV model. Due to blocking, the method is agnostic to which component it is updating

**Usage**

```
gev.update.theta(Y, X, M, alpha, lambda, D, beta.0, Omega.0)
```

**Arguments**

Y	The dependent valuesn
X	The matrix of covariates
M	The current model for this component
alpha	The overall variance of the GP
lambda	The scale of the GP
D	The distance matrix of the GP
beta.0	The prior mean for the covariates
Omega.0	The prior precision for the covariates

**Value**

Returns a new set of linear regression terms

**Author(s)**

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gev.z.p      *Calculate the 1/p return level for a GEV distribution*

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**Description**

This simple function returns the 1/p return level for a GEV distribution

**Usage**

```
gev.z.p(p, mu, sigma, xi)
```

**Arguments**

p	The level on a 0 to 1 scale. Note that this is associated with the 1/p return level.
mu	The location parameter of a GEV distribution
sigma	The scale parameter of a GEV distribution
xi	The shape parameter of a GEV distribution

**Value**

A scalar giving the associated return level.

**Author(s)**

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gp.like.lambda	<i>The likelihood of a Gaussian process used to initialize the lambda parameter</i>
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**Description**

This is a utility that is used to initialize the lambda parameter in a Gaussian process when initializing the entire spatial GEV model. Its rather single service.

**Usage**

```
gp.like.lambda(lambda, alpha, tau, D)
```

**Arguments**

lambda	The lambda parameter
alpha	The alpha parameter of a gaussian process
tau	The vector of random effects
D	The distance matrix for the entries in tau

**Value**

The log density of the Gaussian process.



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j.double.prime	<i>The second derivative of a spatial GEV with respect to a random effect in the shape parameter</i>
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**Description**

This internal function helps with the MCMC update of a RE on the shape parameter

**Usage**

```
j.double.prime(tau, tau.hat, varsigma, kappa, xi.hat, eps)
```

**Arguments**

tau	Current value of the RE
tau.hat	Conditional mean given the GP
varsigma	Conditional variance given the GP
kappa	Current precision for this site
xi.hat	Linear part of the shape parameter
eps	The residuals between the observation and the location parameter at this site

**Value**

A scalar giving the second derivative

**Author(s)**

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j.prime	<i>The first derivative of the posterior density of a spatial GEV model with respect to a random effect parameter on the shape.</i>
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**Description**

This internal function calculates the first derivative of a spatial GEV model with respect to a random effect parameter on the shape and is used during the Metropolis-Hastings update of this parameter conditional on everything else.

**Usage**

```
j.prime(tau, tau.hat, varsigma, kappa, xi.hat, eps)
```

**Arguments**

tau	Current value of the random effect
tau.hat	Conditional mean of the random effect given all others and the Gaussian process parameters.
varsigma	Conditional variance of the random effect according to the Gaussian process
kappa	Current value for the GEV scale at this site.
xi.hat	Current linear part of the GEV shape at this site.
eps	Vector of residuals for observations of this site given the current location value.

**Value**

A scalar giving the first derivative of this density

**Author(s)**

Alex Lenkoski <alex@nr.no>

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l.double.prime	<i>The second derivative of a Gaussian process with respect to the parameter lambda.</i>
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**Description**

This utility returns the value of the second derivative of the posterior of lambda in a Gaussian process. It is used to make a focused M-H proposal when updating the lambda parameter.

**Usage**

```
l.double.prime(tau, alpha, lambda, D, a, b)
```

**Arguments**

tau	The vector of current random effects.
alpha	The current state of the precision of the Gaussian process
lambda	The current state of lambda
D	The distance matrix of the relevant entries in tau
a	The prior parameter for lambda
b	The second prior parameter for lambda

**Value**

This returns a scalar that is then used in the focused update. Its a pretty internal function.

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l.prime	<i>First derivative of a GP with respect to lambda</i>
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**Description**

This internal function gives the first derivative of a GP with respect to the parameter lambda

**Usage**

```
l.prime(tau, alpha, lambda, D, a, b)
```

**Arguments**

tau	The current vector of REs
alpha	The current overall variance of the process
lambda	The current value of lambda
D	The distance matrix
a	The first prior parameter for lambda
b	The second prior parameter for lambda

**Value**

A scalar giving the derivative

**Author(s)**

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logdet	<i>Returns the log determinant for a symmetric positive definite matrix.</i>
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**Description**

This internal function returns the log determinant of a positive definite matrix by using the trace of a the Cholesky trick. Its way faster than what you find in base.

**Usage**

```
logdet(A)
```

**Arguments**

A	A symmetric positive definite matrix.
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**Value**

A scalar giving the log determinant of A

**Author(s)**

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make.D

*Form the distance matrix for use in a Gaussian Process*

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**Description**

This takes two matrices containing the (lat,lon) locations of two collections of points and returns the matrix of euclidean distances between them.

**Usage**

make.D(x.1, x.2)

**Arguments**

x.1            An n1 by 2 matrix of the locations of the first set of points  
x.2            An n2 by 2 matrix of the locations of the second set of points

**Value**

Returns an n1 by n2 matrix with the relevant Euclidean distances

**Author(s)**

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norway

*Extreme Precipitation Data at 69 Sites in Norway*

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**Description**

This dataset provides observations of extreme precipitation in Norway at 69 sites, along with covariate information.

**Usage**

data(norway)

**Format**

A list containing three objects. Y.list is itself a list, with the observations at each site. X is a matrix with the covariates and S is a matrix with their relative position

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spatial.gev.bma	<i>Run an MCMC to fit a hierarchical spatial generalized extreme value (GEV) model with the option for Bayesian model averaging (BMA)</i>
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### Description

This is the main function of the spatial.gev.bma package. It runs an MCMC to sample the posterior distribution of a spatial GEV model that takes a number of covariates for linear interactions as well as a spatial component to model dependent overdispersion.

### Usage

```
spatial.gev.bma(Y.list, X.all, S, n.reps, prior.user = NULL,
full = FALSE, fixed.xi = NULL, print.every = 0)
```

### Arguments

Y.list	This is a list of length n, where n is the total number of sites you have data for. Each element of the list is a vector of observations at that site.
X.all	This is an n by p matrix where n is the total number of sites and p is the total number of variables under consideration. Please supply your own constant in the first column. Note that this model implicitly assumes that at a given site, the covariates are constant throughout the observation period. Email me if you need something more flexible.
S	This is an n by 2 matrix with the coordinates of each of your n sites.
n.reps	The total number of repetitions (i.e. includes burn in) that you would like to run the MCMC.
prior.user	A list containing any priors that the user would like to specify.
full	A boolean indicating if you'd like to force all variables to be included (TRUE) or whether you want to perform BMA (FALSE)
fixed.xi	If set to NULL, the shape parameter is estimated like the location and scale. If a numeric value is provided, the shape parameter is fixed at this level.
print.every	A simple tool to tell you how many iterations you've run. If you set it to 0 then no progress reports will be given. If it is a positive number, say x, then every x iterations it will tell you the total number of iterations.

### Value

TAU	An n by reps by 3 array of the states of the random effects at each iteration
THETA	An reps by p by 3 array of the states of the linear terms at each iteration
ALPHA	A reps by 3 matrix of states of the alpha term at each iteration
LAMBDA	A reps by 3 matrix of states of the lambda term at each iteration

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**Examples**

```
data(norway)
attach(norway)
##To replicate our results, change 2 to 2e5 below
a <- spatial.gev.bma(Y.list,X,S,2)
```

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