Predicting Disease outcomes and Patient Readmission Rates based on HER Using machine learning

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ABSTRACT

Integrating machine learning with conventional optimization techniques enhances the accuracy, interpretability, and clinical relevance of predictive analytics in healthcare. This study proposes a hybrid approach that combines machine learning's predictive capabilities with optimization's decision-making rigor to improve patient outcome predictions and resource allocation. By incorporating constraints and objectives directly into predictive models, this framework ensures that healthcare predictions are not only accurate but also actionable and aligned with clinical priorities.

This approach is particularly valuable in applications such as patient readmission prediction and treatment planning, where balancing predictive accuracy with real-world constraints is essential. Machine learning models analyze complex healthcare data to forecast patient outcomes, while optimization techniques refine these predictions by considering feasibility factors such as treatment costs, resource availability, and patient-specific conditions. This dual-layer strategy mitigates the limitations of conventional machine learning models, which often lack interpretability and fail to account for real-world constraints.

The proposed predictive model introduces a new paradigm for integrating machine learning, optimization, and healthcare analytics. The study's findings demonstrate that this combined approach enhances decision-making efficiency, improves patient outcomes, and optimizes healthcare resource management. By making predictions more personalized and aligned with clinical constraints, this methodology contributes to more effective and patient-centered healthcare strategies. Ultimately, the results highlight the potential of this integrated framework to drive improvements in healthcare analytics, leading to greater efficiency, effectiveness, and personalization in patient care.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing availability of Electronic Health Records (EHR) has revolutionized the healthcare industry by providing vast amounts of patient data that can be leveraged for predictive analytics. One of the critical challenges in modern healthcare is accurately predicting disease outcomes and patient readmission rates. Readmission, defined as a patient being re-hospitalized within a specific period after discharge, is a key indicator of healthcare quality and hospital efficiency. High readmission rates not only impose a significant financial burden on healthcare systems but also indicate potential gaps in patient care. By applying machine learning (ML) techniques to EHR data, it is possible to develop predictive models that can aid healthcare professionals in making informed clinical decisions, reducing unnecessary hospital readmissions, and improving patient outcomes.

Machine learning offers a data-driven approach to healthcare prediction, capable of uncovering hidden patterns in complex, high-dimensional EHR datasets. Traditional statistical methods, while useful, often struggle with the nonlinear relationships and intricate dependencies present in patient data. ML algorithms, such as decision trees, support vector machines (SVM), random forests, gradient boosting machines, and deep learning models, provide more robust predictive capabilities [1]. These models can analyze various factors influencing patient health, including demographic details, medical history, lab results, and previous hospital visits, to generate accurate predictions regarding disease progression and readmission likelihood.

Several factors contribute to hospital readmissions, including inadequate post-discharge care, improper medication adherence, and complications arising from chronic conditions. Early identification of high-risk patients allows for targeted interventions, such as personalized treatment plans, improved discharge planning, and enhanced follow-up care, ultimately reducing the chances of readmission. Furthermore, predicting disease outcomes enables proactive healthcare measures, facilitating timely diagnosis, personalized therapies, and better resource allocation within hospitals.

Despite the potential of ML-based predictive models, several challenges must be addressed to ensure their effectiveness. EHR data often suffer from issues such as missing values, data inconsistency, and bias, which can impact model performance. Additionally, interpretability remains a crucial concern, as black-box models like deep neural networks may lack transparency, making it difficult for healthcare professionals to trust and act upon their predictions. Addressing these challenges requires careful feature selection, robust data preprocessing techniques, and model explainability approaches, such as SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations) and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-agnostic Explanations).

This study aims to develop and evaluate machine learning models for predicting disease outcomes and patient readmission rates using EHR data. By comparing different ML techniques and optimizing their performance, we seek to identify the most effective approach for healthcare prediction. Our findings will contribute to improving patient care, optimizing hospital resource management, and reducing the economic burden associated with preventable readmissions.

This study investigates the role of ML in predicting disease outcomes and patient readmissions using EHR data. Various ML techniques, including supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning, are explored for their ability to handle the complexities of healthcare data. Additionally, advancements in deep learning and natural language processing (NLP) are highlighted for their potential to extract meaningful insights from unstructured data sources, such as physician notes and discharge summaries. By integrating diverse data types and optimizing predictive models, this research aims to develop robust and reliable ML solutions for healthcare.

Despite the promising benefits, implementing ML in healthcare comes with challenges. Issues such as data privacy, model interpretability, and biases in training data must be addressed to ensure fair and effective predictions. Furthermore, explainable AI (XAI) techniques are necessary to enhance transparency and foster trust among healthcare professionals [2]. Successful adoption of ML-based predictive analytics requires seamless integration into clinical workflows, ensuring that healthcare providers can easily interpret and act on model predictions.

By exploring the capabilities and limitations of ML in healthcare predictive analytics, this study contributes to the growing body of research aimed at leveraging AI for improving patient outcomes. It highlights key opportunities for innovation, identifies barriers to implementation, and proposes strategies for incorporating ML-driven insights into clinical practice. As the healthcare sector continues to evolve, data-driven approaches will play an increasingly vital role in enabling personalized, proactive, and efficient patient care.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Zarghani (2024) [3] conducted a comparative analysis between Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural networks and traditional machine learning models, such as decision trees and logistic regression, for predicting diabetes patient readmission. The study highlighted the superiority of LSTM networks in capturing temporal dependencies in patient data, which traditional models often fail to account for. LSTM's ability to process sequences of patient health records over time was shown to improve prediction performance significantly compared to conventional models. This work contributed to the growing body of literature advocating for the use of deep learning techniques in patient readmission prediction.

Zhang et al. (2024) [4] presented an updated review of predictive modeling for hospital readmissions in heart disease patients from 2012 to 2023. Their comprehensive review emphasized the evolution of machine learning models, noting a shift from simpler statistical techniques to more complex models such as random forests, support vector machines (SVMs), and deep learning algorithms. They also discussed the integration of multimodal data sources, such as clinical data, imaging, and genetic information, which have further enhanced the predictive capabilities of these models. Their review underscores the significant improvements in model accuracy over the years, owing to advances in both data availability and algorithm sophistication.

Da Silva et al. (2024) [5] explored the application of machine learning for predicting hospital readmissions in the pediatric population. This study addressed the unique challenges of pediatric data, which often involve fewer historical records and more variability in treatment protocols compared to adult populations. The researchers applied ensemble methods and deep learning models to pediatric readmission prediction, with results indicating that specialized models tailored to pediatric care could yield improved prediction accuracy compared to general models used in adult populations.

Adeniran et al. (2024) [6] discussed the broader impact of data-driven decision-making in healthcare, focusing on the role of predictive modeling in improving patient outcomes. Their study explored various machine learning techniques, such as decision trees and neural networks, and emphasized the importance of integrating EHR data with real-time patient monitoring systems. They argued that predictive models could significantly enhance clinical decision-making by providing timely insights into patient risks, ultimately reducing readmissions and improving care quality.

Gaso et al. (2024) [7] examined the use of machine learning and deep learning techniques for predicting readmission cases in diabetes patients. Their study compared various models, including neural networks and gradient boosting machines, demonstrating that deep learning models, when trained on large EHR datasets, offered superior accuracy. This research is particularly relevant as diabetes is a prevalent condition with high readmission rates, and better predictive models could lead to more effective management of diabetic patients and prevent avoidable hospitalizations.

Tsai et al. (2024) [8] utilized machine learning to analyze monthly blood test data for forecasting 30-day hospital readmissions among maintenance hemodialysis patients. By leveraging timeseries data from routine blood tests, the study demonstrated the potential of using continuous clinical monitoring to predict readmissions. The research highlighted how integrating regularly collected data, such as lab results, into predictive models can improve both the accuracy and timeliness of readmission predictions. This approach has significant implications for healthcare systems, as it enables more proactive interventions based on real-time data, potentially reducing readmission rates. By focusing on a vulnerable patient population, maintenance hemodialysis patients, the study also underlined the importance of personalized care and the utility of predictive analytics in improving outcomes for patients with chronic conditions. This innovative use of ongoing clinical data further strengthens the case for integrating real-time health data into healthcare decision-making processes.

Hu et al. (2025) [9] developed and validated a machine learning model specifically designed to predict one-year readmissions in patients with Heart Failure with preserved Ejection Fraction (HFpEF). Their model incorporated a wide range of clinical features, including comorbidities, lab results, and treatment history, and was able to predict readmission risk with high accuracy. The study contributed valuable insights into the specific needs of HFpEF patients, whose clinical outcomes can be challenging to predict due to the heterogeneous nature of the disease.

Li et al. (2025) [10] focused on predicting ICU readmissions for patients with intracerebral hemorrhage using the MIMIC III and IV databases. Their study emphasized the value of large, high-quality clinical databases in training predictive models. The researchers demonstrated that ICU-specific models could enhance patient care by identifying high-risk individuals early, enabling timely interventions. This approach underscores the potential of utilizing comprehensive clinical datasets to improve prediction accuracy and ultimately reduce readmission rates, thereby optimizing ICU resource allocation and improving patient outcomes. Their work contributes to the growing use of data-driven strategies in critical care settings.

Buddhiraju et al. (2025) [11] compared the prediction accuracy for 30-day readmission following primary total knee arthroplasty using the ACS-NSQIP risk calculator and a novel artificial neural network model. Their findings showed that the neural network model outperformed the traditional risk calculator in predicting readmissions. This research highlights the potential of advanced machine learning models to enhance postoperative care, offering more accurate predictions for orthopedic patients. By improving prediction accuracy, these models could help reduce readmission rates and optimize resource allocation, ultimately contributing to better patient outcomes in orthopedic surgery.

Purbasari et al. (2024) [12] applied machine learning in conjunction with hyper parameter optimization using Bayesian techniques to predict readmission risk following total hip arthroplasty. The study demonstrated that optimizing hyper parameters significantly improved the performance of predictive models, leading to more accurate predictions of readmission risk. By leveraging Bayesian methods for hyper parameter tuning, the researchers were able to enhance the model's ability to capture complex patterns in patient data. This research emphasizes the critical role of hyper parameter optimization in machine learning, particularly in healthcare, where accurate predictions are essential for improving patient outcomes. The study highlights how refining model parameters can lead to better predictive accuracy, ultimately supporting healthcare providers in making informed decisions, reducing readmission rates, and ensuring efficient resource allocation.

III. METHODOLOGY

This research employs a hybrid approach that combines traditional optimization techniques with machine learning to enhance predictive analytics in healthcare. The underlying conceptual framework is based on the premise that integrating these two fields can produce models that are not only more accurate but also more interpretable and aligned with clinical objectives [13]. The framework consists of three key components: data processing, model development, and evaluation.

At the core of this approach is the seamless integration of machine learning models, which can process large and complex healthcare datasets, with optimization techniques that refine predictions by incorporating constraints and maximizing specific objectives. This integration follows a two-stage process. In the first stage, machine learning models are trained on healthcare data to predict outcomes such as disease progression, patient readmission, or treatment effectiveness. In the second stage, classical optimization methods are applied to these predictions, ensuring they adhere to clinical constraints—such as budgetary limits or treatment feasibility—while optimizing for desired health outcomes [14].

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

4.1. Theoretical Framework

The proposed framework combines classic optimization techniques with machine learning models to enhance predictive analytics in healthcare. This integrated approach leverages the predictive power of machine learning and the decision-making rigor of optimization, ensuring that predictive models are not only accurate but also interpretable and clinically relevant. By addressing the limitations of standalone machine learning models, this framework improves both predictive accuracy and practical applicability in healthcare decision-making.

The framework follows a two-stage process. In the first stage, machine learning models are trained on large healthcare datasets to predict key outcomes such as disease progression, patient readmission, and treatment efficacy. These models identify complex patterns and relationships within the data, offering valuable insights for healthcare providers. However, traditional machine learning models often function as black boxes, making it difficult to interpret their predictions or ensure alignment with real-world clinical constraints.

To overcome these challenges, the second stage integrates classic optimization techniques to refine machine learning outputs. Optimization methods incorporate essential constraints—such as resource limitations, treatment feasibility, and cost-effectiveness—ensuring that predictions are both actionable and aligned with clinical priorities. For instance, constraint optimization can adjust treatment recommendations to match hospital capacities, while multi-objective optimization balances competing priorities like improving patient outcomes while controlling costs [13].

This dual-stage framework enhances predictive modeling in healthcare by combining accuracy with practical decision-making. By integrating optimization with machine learning, it ensures that predictive models are not only data-driven but also interpretable, feasible, and aligned with real-world healthcare challenges.

4.2. The Role of Optimization in Enhancing Machine Learning Models

Optimization plays a crucial role in improving machine learning models by providing a structured approach to decision-making under constraints. Within the proposed framework, optimization serves two key functions: refining model outputs and guiding the model development process.

First, optimization is used to refine machine learning predictions to ensure feasibility in real-world healthcare applications. For instance, a machine learning model may predict the most effective treatment for a patient based on clinical data. However, without considering constraints such as budget limitations, resource availability, or patient preferences, these predictions may be impractical. Optimization techniques—such as linear programming and dynamic programming—help adjust these predictions, ensuring they are not only clinically effective but also feasible within healthcare system constraints.

Second, optimization enhances the model development process by fine-tuning hyperparameters and selecting the best configurations. Methods such as grid search, random search, and Bayesian optimization help identify optimal model settings, improving predictive accuracy and generalizability. By integrating optimization into model training and selection, the framework ensures that final models are robust, efficient, and tailored to specific healthcare applications.

By incorporating optimization at both the predictive and developmental stages, this framework enhances the reliability, interpretability, and applicability of machine learning models in healthcare, ultimately leading to more effective and data-driven decision-making.

4.3.Workflow of the Proposed Framework

The proposed framework follows a structured, step-by-step workflow to effectively integrate optimization with machine learning in healthcare predictive analytics. This process consists of five key stages:

- **Data Collection and Preprocessing**
    - Gather relevant healthcare data from sources such as electronic health records (EHRs), public health databases, and medical imaging repositories.
    - Preprocess data by handling missing values, normalizing features, and extracting relevant variables. Feature selection techniques help identify the most predictive factors for machine learning models.
- **Model Development**
    - Develop machine learning models, such as neural networks or random forests, to predict healthcare outcomes.
    - Train models using preprocessed data, optimizing hyperparameters through techniques like grid search or Bayesian optimization.
    - Evaluate models using performance metrics such as ROC-AUC, precision, and recall to ensure accuracy and reliability.
- **Optimization Integration**
    - Apply classic optimization techniques to refine machine learning predictions, ensuring feasibility within real-world healthcare constraints.

- Use constraint optimization to align treatment recommendations with available resources, regulatory policies, and clinical guidelines.
- Implement multi-objective optimization to balance competing priorities, such as maximizing patient outcomes while minimizing costs and treatment risks.

- **Model Evaluation and Validation**
  - Assess the integrated models using predictive accuracy metrics alongside optimization performance indicators, such as computational efficiency and solution quality.
  - Validate models using cross-validation and test them on real-world healthcare data to ensure practical applicability.

- **Deployment and Monitoring**
  - Deploy the optimized models in clinical environments to support healthcare professionals in making data-driven decisions.
  - Continuously monitor model performance, update predictions, and refine algorithms to maintain accuracy and relevance over time.

V. RESULTS

5.1 Validation Method and Performance Metrics

Researchers have extensively explored evaluation metrics for classification tasks in healthcare [15], highlighting the risks of relying on a limited set of metrics. A narrow evaluation approach may lead to misleading conclusions when deploying models in clinical settings. To ensure a comprehensive assessment of model performance, we utilize multiple evaluation metrics, including sensitivity, specificity, F1-score, and the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC). The equations for sensitivity, specificity, and F1-score are presented below.

$$Specificity = \frac{TN}{TN + FP} \qquad (1)$$

$$Sensitivity = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} \qquad (2)$$

$$F1 = \frac{2TP}{2TP + FP + FN} \quad (3)$$

Here, TP, FP, TN, and FN represent true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives, respectively. Specificity prioritizes the correct classification of negative samples, while sensitivity focuses on minimizing the misclassification of positive instances, making it a crucial metric in medical studies [15].

The F1-score, calculated as the harmonic mean of precision and recall, provides a balanced measure that penalizes extreme values of either metric. Meanwhile, AUROC has gained significant popularity in machine learning [16] due to its effectiveness in handling imbalanced class distributions. By evaluating a model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative classes across different threshold settings, AUROC serves as a reliable metric for assessing overall model performance. Consequently, we have chosen AUROC as the primary metric for comparing model performance.

To evaluate model robustness, we utilize cross-validation techniques, specifically stratified five-fold cross-validation. This approach maintains a balanced class distribution within each fold, mitigating the effects of class imbalance. Following best practices outlined in [15], we ensure that data from the same patients is not shared across different folds to prevent bias during parameter tuning. We report the mean and standard deviation of model performance across all folds, and test set predictions are presented for all experiments.

5.2 Model Performance

The evaluation of models, both with and without optimization techniques, highlights significant differences in their performance. Machine learning models enhanced with optimization methods, such as constraint optimization and multi-objective optimization, consistently demonstrate higher predictive accuracy and greater practical applicability compared to models relying solely on machine learning algorithms.

For instance, in predicting patient readmissions, models integrated with optimization techniques significantly reduced false positives and false negatives, leading to more reliable identification of high-risk patients. This improvement is crucial in healthcare, where inaccurate predictions can result in unnecessary interventions or missed opportunities for preventive care.

Similarly, in treatment planning for oncology, optimization-enhanced models not only identified the most effective treatments but also ensured their feasibility within the constraints of hospital resources and patient-specific conditions. This added layer of practicality distinguishes the integrated approach, as it aligns model predictions with real-world constraints—an aspect often overlooked by traditional machine learning models.

Conversely, models without optimization, while sometimes achieving high predictive accuracy, often fail to account for the broader context of healthcare decision-making. These models may propose treatment plans or interventions that, though statistically optimal, are impractical within a clinical setting. This limitation underscores the necessity of integrating optimization techniques to bridge the gap between predictive accuracy and real-world applicability, ensuring that machine learning models provide actionable and clinically relevant insights.

In our experiment we use keggale database for testing our model. We analysis patient record and founded disease outcome shown in table 1 and figure 1 show its graph.

Table 1: Disease Outcome

Disease Outcome	Patient Outcome
Allergic Reaction	66
Appendicitis	66
Cancer	66
Childbirth	65
Diabetes	65
Fractured Arm	66
Fractured Leg	67
Heart Attack	67
Heart Disease	65
Hypertension	66
Kidney Stones	65
Osteoarthritis	64
Prostate Cancer	65
Respiratory Infection	65
Stroke	66

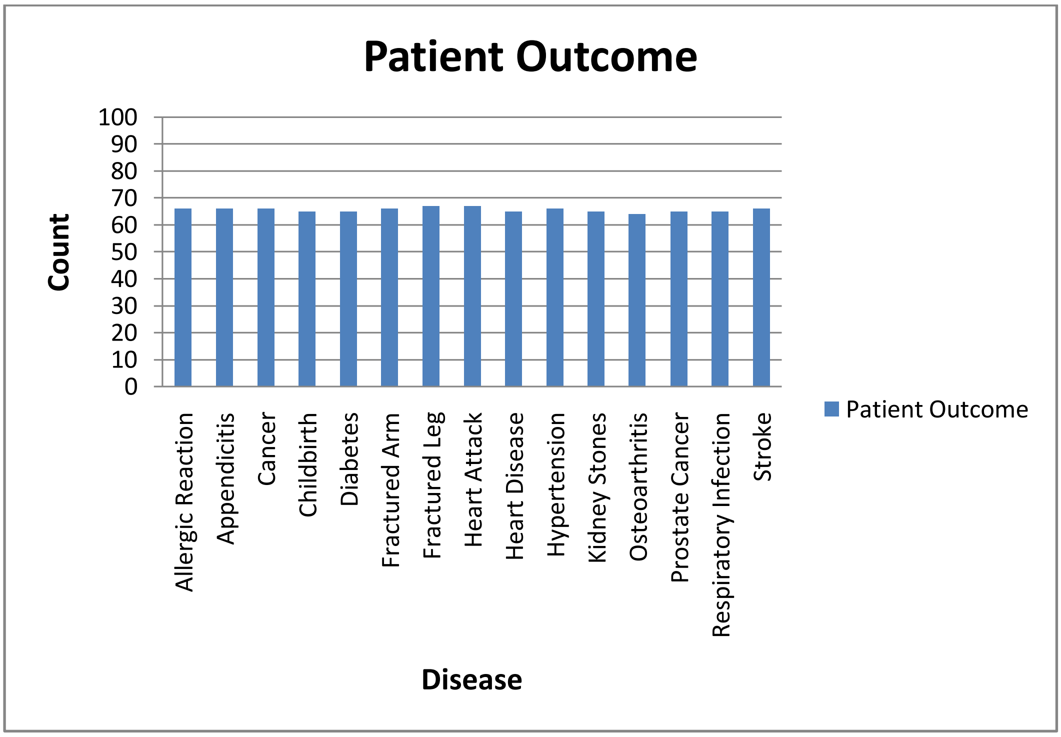

Figure 1: Disease Outcome Graph

The performance of this models is to found readmission rate of patient is show in table 2 and figure 2. The readmission of patient 264 out of 1000 patient.

Table 2: Patient Readmission Rate

Readmission	Rate
Yes	264
No	720

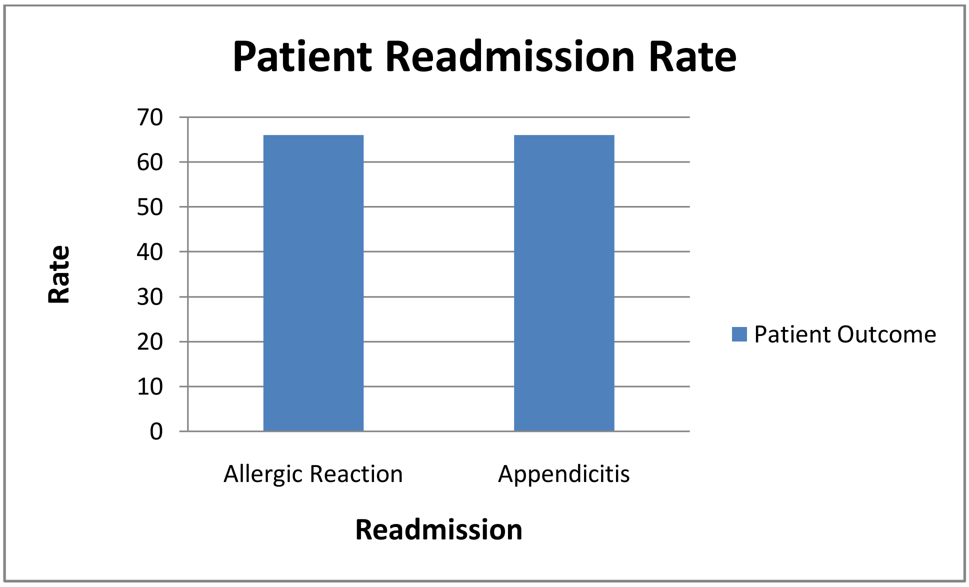

Figure 2: Patient Readmission Rate Graph

VI. CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates the benefits of integrating classic optimization methods with machine learning to enhance healthcare predictive analytics. Models incorporating constraint and multi-objective optimization outperform traditional machine learning models in both accuracy and practical applicability. They align predictions with real-world healthcare constraints, improving feasibility and clinical relevance. The analysis highlights their effectiveness in patient readmission prediction, treatment planning, and disease forecasting, balancing accuracy and efficiency. Additionally, these models offer improved interpretability, fostering trust in AI-driven decision-making. This research provides a robust framework for developing accurate, interpretable, and practical predictive models, addressing traditional machine learning limitations and advancing healthcare analytics.

While this study has contributed to the integration of optimization and machine learning in healthcare, several areas warrant further research. First, broader validation across diverse clinical settings is needed to assess the effectiveness and generalizability of optimization-enhanced models.

Additionally, future research should focus on developing more advanced optimization techniques to improve model performance and efficiency. Hybrid approaches that combine multiple optimization methods or adapt dynamically to evolving healthcare conditions could enhance flexibility and predictive accuracy. Exploring these advancements will further strengthen the practical impact of machine learning and optimization in healthcare analytics.

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