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Mobility Irregularity Detection with Smart Transit Card Data

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Background



❑ What is mobility irregularity?

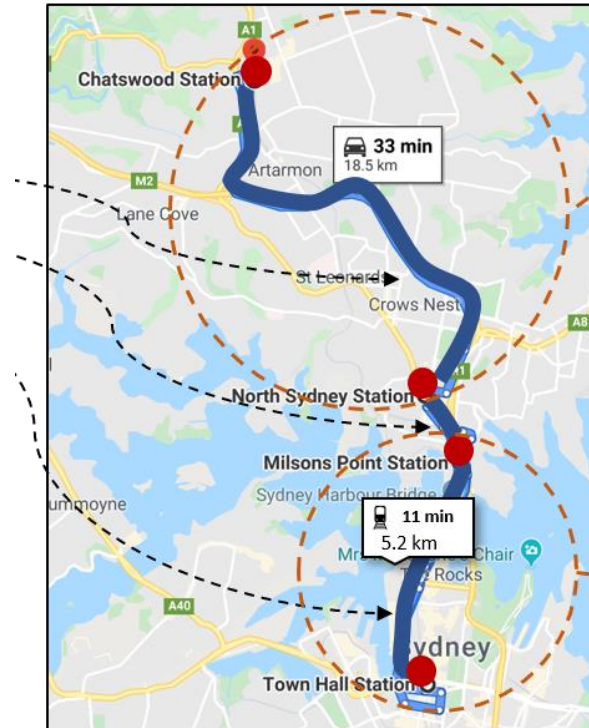
Smart Transit records inconsistent with the normal passenger profiles:

repetitive stops and preferred time slots

❑ Why detecting irregularity is important?

Refine future transit routes and stops

Avoid financial loss of passengers



Chatswood Station	North Sydney Station	Vehicle
4/22 17:27	4/22 18:01	Train 1

Milsons Point Station	Town Hall Station	Vehicle
4/04 8:14	4/04 8:25	Train 9
4/05 8:15	4/05 8:26	Train 1
...
4/19 8:23	4/19 8:32	Train 9
4/20 8:21	4/20 8:31	Train 9

Related Works and Major Challenges



❑ Passenger profiling:

How to represent a passenger profile with route-stop features?

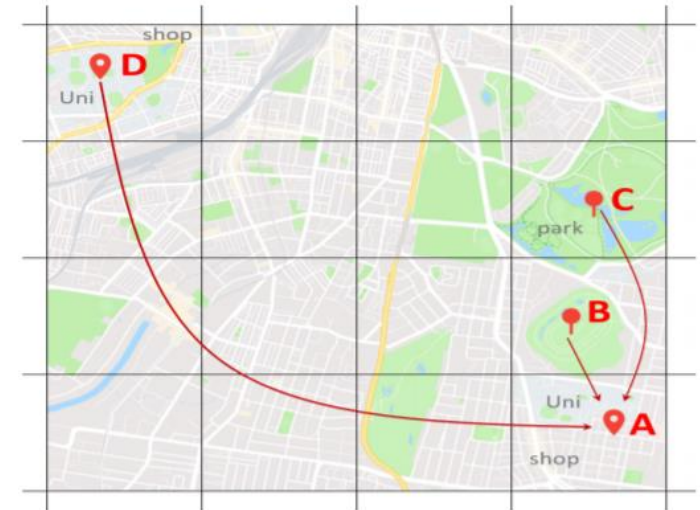
convolutional-based [1] or graph-based methods [2, 3] to extract spatial layout of routes

sequential models [4] to represent temporal relations between historical records

Challenge:

passenger information are fused within a certain region to compute node features

can not provide personalized extraction, typical graph convolutional networks don't work



Related Works and Major Challenges



□ Irregularity detection

How to distinguish irregular patterns from normal patterns of a passenger?

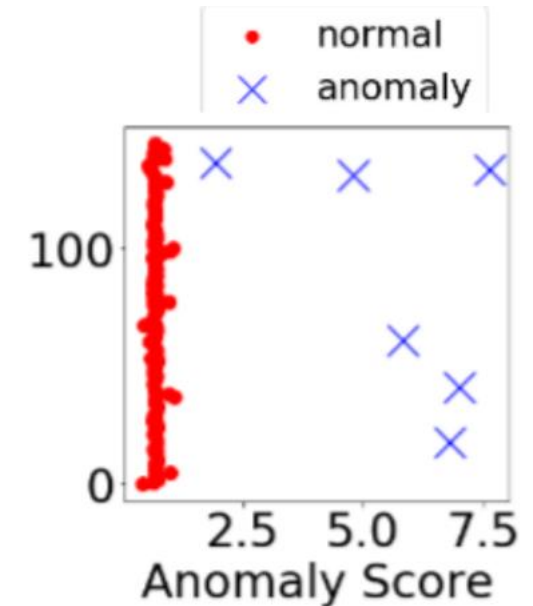
Similarity-based [5] and reconstruction-based [6, 7] methods are proposed to filter out anomalies

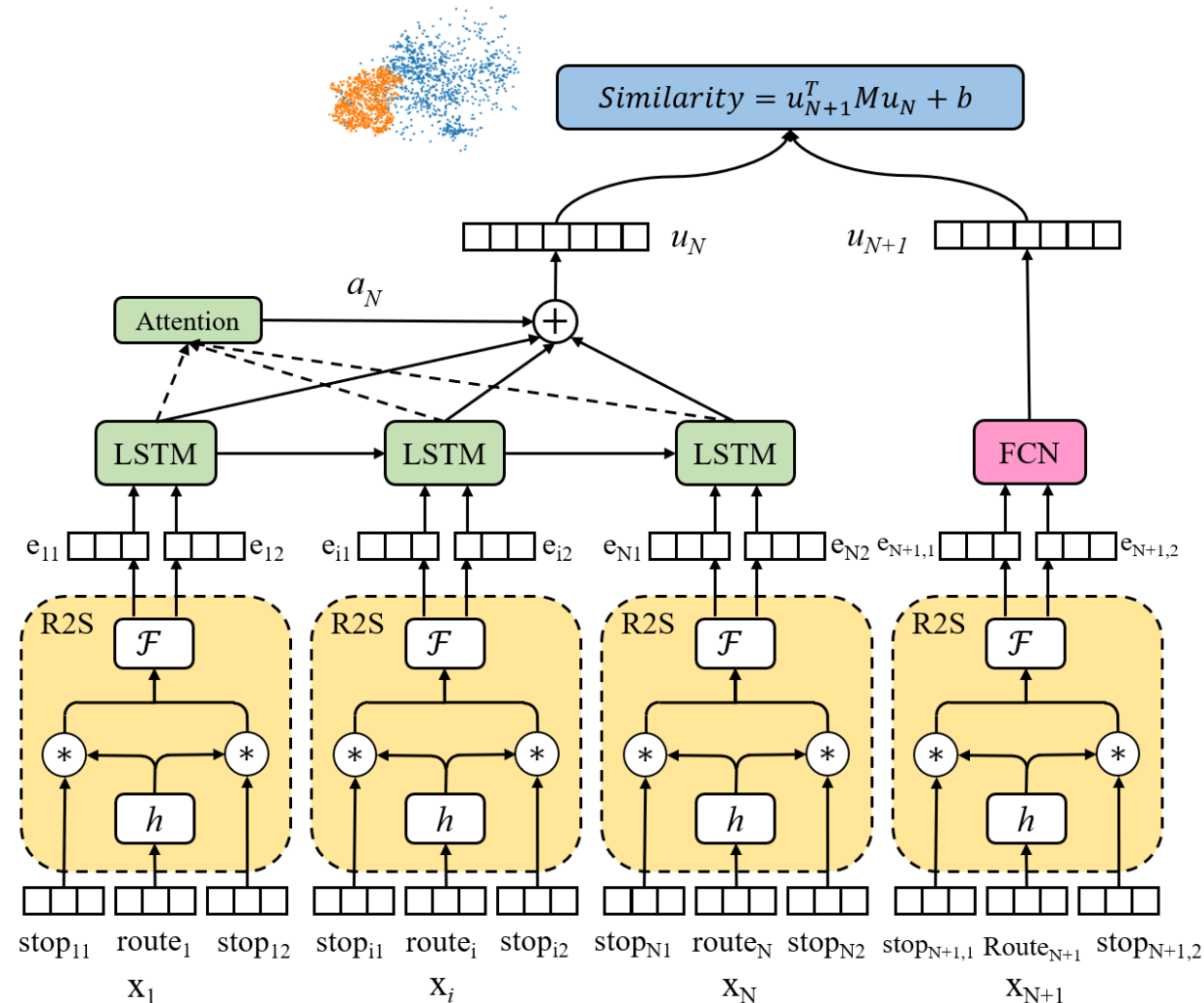
Challenge:

High intra-class variance

A normal record of a passenger can be irregular to other passengers

Hard to detect irregularity within few shots





Personalized spatial-temporal passenger profiling

Route-to-Stop Embedding (R2S)

$$e_i = \mathcal{E}(s_{i1}, s_{i2}, r_i) = (\mathcal{F}[h(r_i) \odot s_{i1}], \mathcal{F}[h(r_i) \odot s_{i2}])$$

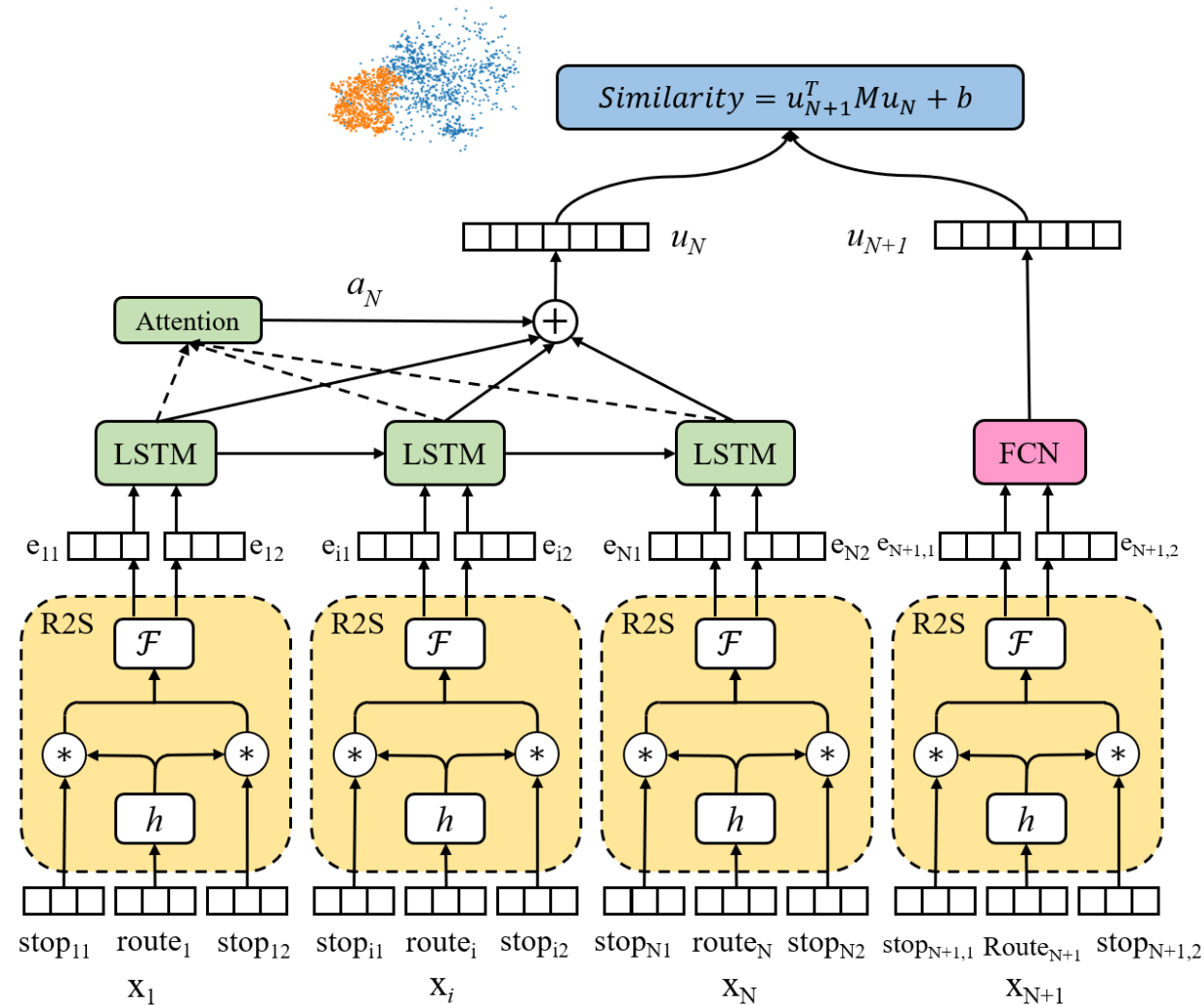
Repetitive and Time Invariant Pattern

$$u_i = LSTM(e_i, u_{i-1}), \quad \text{s.t.} \quad 2 \leq i \leq N, u_1 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$a = \text{softmax}(\mathbf{u} * W^u) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}, \quad u_N = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i u_i$$

Recency Mobility Pattern

$$u_{N+1} = FCN(e_{N+1})$$



□ Few shot similarity learning

$$P_{fraud} = (u_{N+1})^T M_1 u_N + b_1$$

$$P_{normal} = (u_{N+1})^T M_2 u_N + b_2$$

$$P(u_{N+1}, u_N) = \text{softmax}([p_{fraud}, p_{normal}])$$

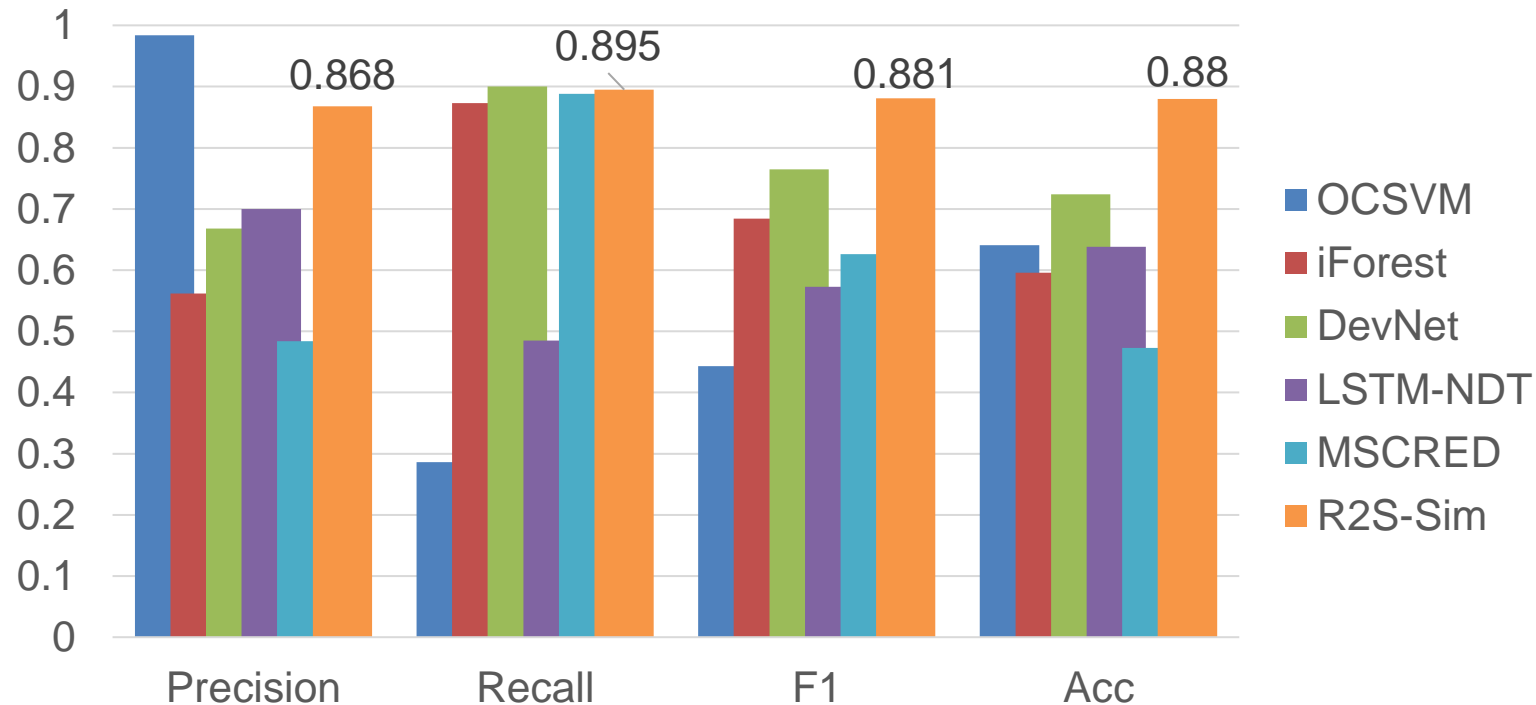
Loss function:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}(u_{N+1}, u_N) = & -\mathbb{E}_{u_{N+1} \sim u_N} \log[P(u_{N+1}, u_N)] \\ & - \mathbb{E}_{u_{N+1} \not\sim u_N} \log[1 - P(u_{N+1}, u_N)] \end{aligned}$$

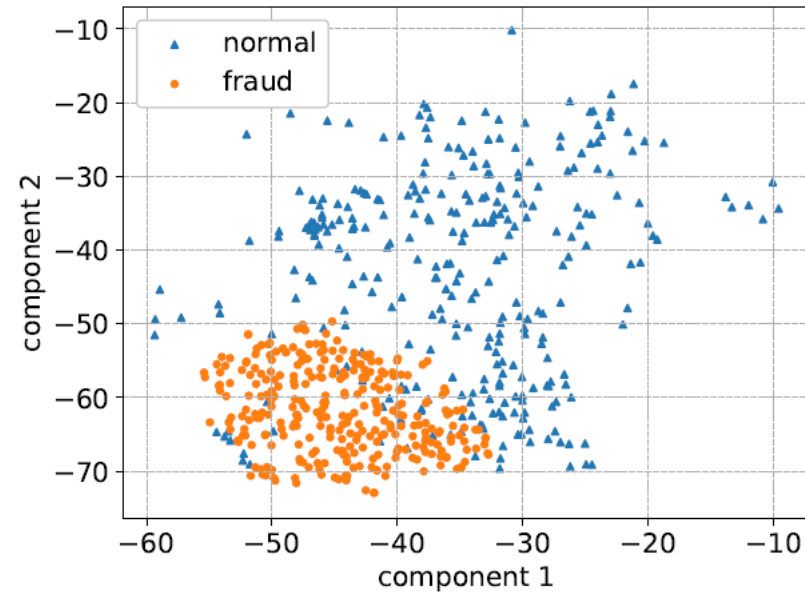
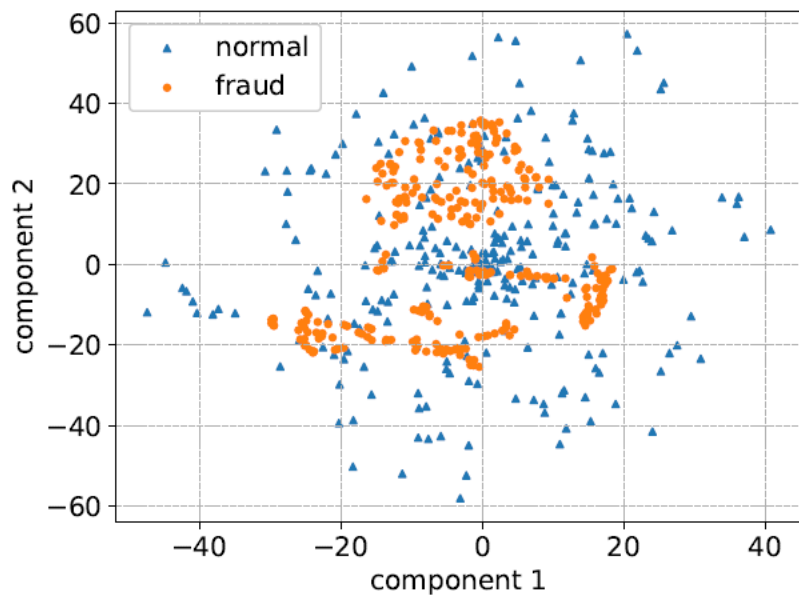
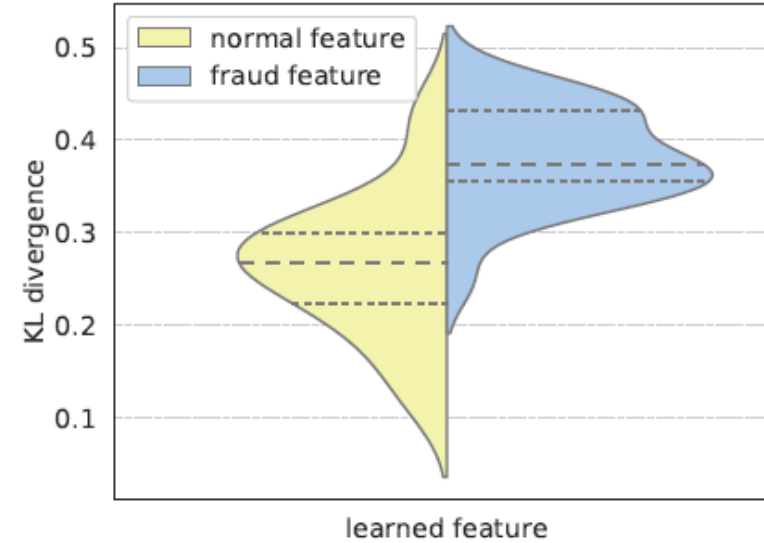
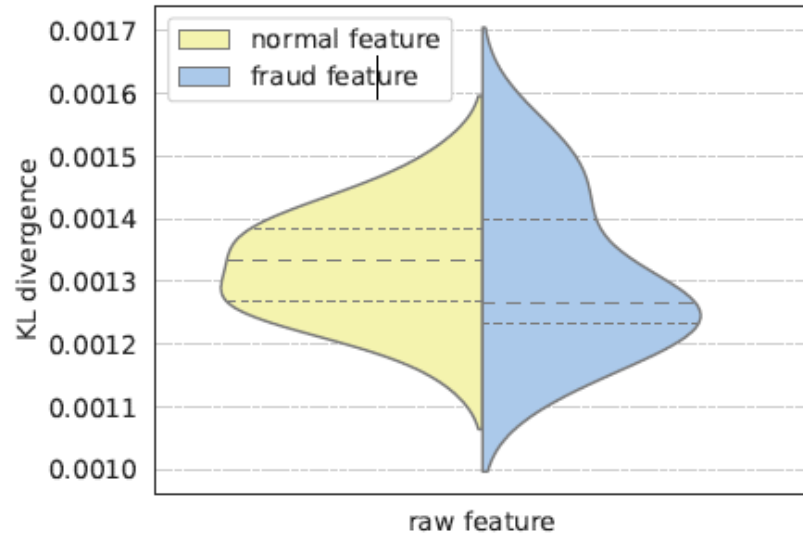
Experiments and Results



- A case study on Sydney Opal Transit Card Data is tested for three months
- Our model (R2S-Sim) model gains significant improvements on F1 and accuracy
- Using only 5 historical records could achieve SOTA results



Experiments and Results



- KL divergence between normal and irregular records are displayed
- A clearer decision boundary is learnt

- ❑ Route-to-stop embedding explores spatial correlations between routes and transit stops
- ❑ A learnable similarity function measures the distance between repetitive invariant mobility pattern and recency pattern
- ❑ We conduct experiments on a large-scale real-world dataset. Using 20% of the total fraudulent data can achieve SOTA performance.

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