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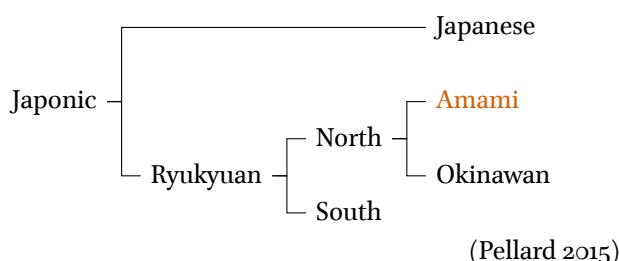
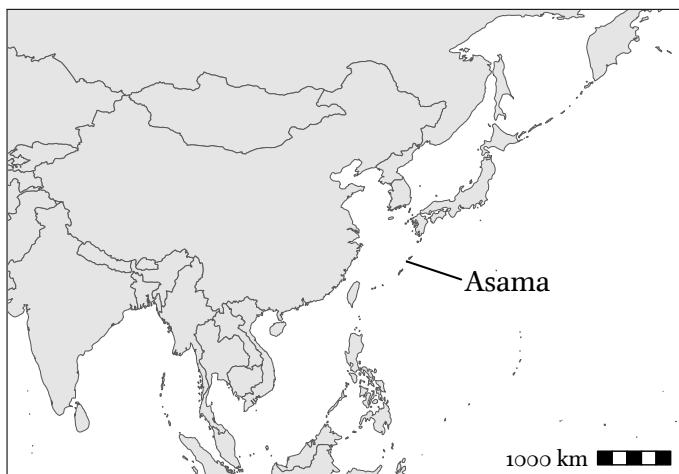
[1] Outline

1. overview of the verb inflectional morphology of Asama, with a focus on non-canonical phenomena
2. computational implementation
3. complexity measures of implicative structure

Introduction

[2] Asama

- endangered variety of Amami Ryukyuan
- spoken in the Asama village of Tokunoshima Island, Japan
- a few hundred of speakers, most > 70 years old
- SOV, dependent-marking
- word-tone, light vs. heavy syllables (CVV, CVC)



[3] Japonic verb morphology

- Japanese has a rather simple and almost canonical agglutinative morphology.
- some other Japonic languages are much more complex and opaque (Pellard & Yamada 2017; Lévéque 2017)

[4] Asama verb morphology exhibits several non-canonical phenomena

- stem allomorphy: segmental & suprasegmental (tone & vowel length)
- suffix allomorphy
- systematic overabundance
- multi-functional exponents

Data & methods

[5] Data collection

- 50 full + 400 near-full inflectional verb paradigms
- data from published sources (Okamura et al. 2009; Uwano 2001)
- supplemented by data collected in the field by D. Lévéque (2018–2019)
- elicitation and natural texts

[6] Methods

Formal description Paradigm Function Morphology (PFM; Bonami & Stump 2016; Stump 2001; 2015; 2018)

Computational implementation finite-state transducers (FSTs, Beesley & Karttunen 2003; Hulden 2009)

Quantitative analysis information-theoretical complexity measures (Ackerman et al. 2009; Ackerman & Malouf 2013; Blevins 2013; Bonami & Beniamine 2016)

The verb morphology of Asama

Non-canonical phenomena

[7] Systematic overabundance

PROG.PST		
#1	#2	
'to begin'	<i>hazimittutan</i> H	<i>hazimittutan</i> H
'to be born'	<i>m'aariitutan</i> H	<i>m'aaritutan</i> H

[8] Multi-functional exponents

IIMP	SEQ
'to read'	<i>juum-i</i> LH
'to meet'	<i>oor-i</i> H

[9] Overview of alternations

	'to sell'	'to knit'	'to take in charge'
NPST	<i>ujui</i> H	<i>amjui</i> H	<i>acikajui</i> LH
CVB2	<i>urug99si</i> H	<i>amjug99si</i> H	<i>acikarug99si</i> LH
NEG	<i>uran</i> H	<i>aman</i> H	<i>acikaran</i> LH
DIMP	<i>uroo</i> H	<i>amoo</i> H	<i>acikaroo</i> LH
IIMP	<i>uriit</i> H	<i>aami</i> HL	<i>acikaari</i> LH
CVB	<i>ui</i> H	<i>amii</i> H	<i>acikai</i> LH
DES	<i>uicjaahai</i> H	<i>amicjaahai</i> H	<i>acikaicjaahai</i> LH
PST	<i>utan</i> H	<i>adan</i> LH	<i>acikatan</i> LH
SEQ	<i>utit</i> H	<i>aadi</i> HL	<i>acikaati</i> LH
PROG	<i>utui</i> LHL	<i>aadui</i> HL	<i>acikaatui</i> LHL
PROG.NEG	<i>utuuran</i> LHL	<i>aaduran</i> HL	<i>acikaaturan</i> LHL

[10] Segmental alternations

	'to laugh'	'to knit'	'to die'
NPST	<i>warojui</i> H	<i>amjui</i> H	<i>moisjui</i> H
CVB2	<i>warorug99si</i> H	<i>amjug99si</i> H	<i>moisjug99si</i> H
NEG	<i>waroran</i> H	<i>aman</i> H	<i>moisjan</i> H
DIMP	<i>waroroo</i> H	<i>amoo</i> H	<i>moisjoo</i> H
IIMP	<i>waroori</i> H	<i>aami</i> H	<i>moisjiti</i> H
CVB	<i>waroi</i> H	<i>amii</i> H	<i>moisii</i> H
DES	<i>waroicjaahai</i> H	<i>amicjaahai</i> H	<i>moisticjaahai</i> H
PST	<i>warotan</i> H	<i>adan</i> LH	<i>moisjan</i> H
SEQ	<i>warooti</i> H	<i>aadi</i> HL	<i>moisjii</i> H
PROG	<i>warotui</i> H	<i>aadui</i> HL	<i>moisjui</i> H
PROG.NEG	<i>warotuuran</i> H	<i>aaduran</i> HL	<i>moisjuran</i> H

[11] Vowel length alternations

	'to laugh'	'to knit'	'to take in charge'
NPST	<i>warojui</i> H	<i>amjui</i> H	<i>acikajui</i> LH
NEG	<i>waroran</i> H	<i>aman</i> H	<i>acikaran</i> LH
DIMP	<i>waroroo</i> H	<i>amoo</i> H	<i>acikaroo</i> LH
IIMP	<i>waroori</i> H	<i>aami</i> HL	<i>acikaari</i> LH
CVB	<i>waroi</i> H	<i>amii</i> H	<i>acikai</i>
DES	<i>waroicjaahai</i> H	<i>amicjaahai</i> H	<i>acikaicjaahai</i> LH
SEQ	<i>warooti</i> H	<i>aadi</i> HL	<i>acikaati</i> LH
PROG	<i>warotui</i> H	<i>aadui</i> HL	<i>acikaatui</i> LHL
PROG.NEG	<i>warotuuran</i> H	<i>aaduran</i> HL	<i>acikaaturan</i> LHL

[12] Tone alternations

	'to sell'	'to knit'	'to take in charge'
NPST	<i>ujui</i> H	<i>amjui</i> H	<i>acikajui</i> LH
NEG	<i>uran</i> H	<i>aman</i> H	<i>acikaran</i> LH
DIMP	<i>uroo</i> H	<i>amoo</i> H	<i>acikaroo</i> LH
IIMP	<i>uriit</i> H	<i>aami</i> HL	<i>acikaari</i> LH
CVB	<i>ui</i> H	<i>amii</i> H	<i>acikai</i> LH
DES	<i>uicjaahai</i> H	<i>amicjaahai</i> H	<i>acikaicjaahai</i> LH
SEQ	<i>utit</i> H	<i>aadi</i> HL	<i>acikaati</i> LH
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PROG.NEG	<i>utuuran</i> LHL	<i>aaduran</i> HL	<i>acikaaturan</i> LHL

A Paradigm Function Morphology (PFM) analysis

[13] Non-canonical phenomena

- problematic for morpheme-based approaches
→ Word-and-Paradigm approach
- Paradigm Function Morphology (PFM)
 - one of the most carefully articulated and formalised theoretical framework of morphology
 - readily handles various non-canonical morphological phenomena
 - readily implementable (Karttunen 2003)
 - good empirical coverage of typologically diverse morphological systems
 - not committed to a particular syntactic framework

[14] Data sample

	'to laugh'	'to knit'	'to take in charge'
NPST	<i>warojui</i> H	<i>amjui</i> H	<i>acikajui</i> LH
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PST	<i>warotan</i> H	<i>adan</i> LH	<i>moisjan</i> H
SEQ	<i>warooti</i> H	<i>aadi</i> HL	<i>moisjii</i> H
PROG	<i>warotui</i> H	<i>aadui</i> HL	<i>moisjui</i> H
PROG.NEG	<i>warotuuran</i> H	<i>aaduran</i> HL	<i>moisjuran</i> H

[15] PFM analysis

Rules of stem choice:	$X_V, \{\}$	$\rightarrow X$
	$X_V, \{\text{IIMP}, \text{SEQ}\}$	$\rightarrow X$
	$X_V, \text{class } 2,3, \{\text{PROG}\}$	$\rightarrow X$
Block 1:	$X_V, \{\text{NPST}, \text{CVB2}\}$	$\rightarrow XT_1$
	$X_{V,\text{class } 1,3}, \{\text{CVB2}\}$	$\rightarrow XT_4$
	$X_V, \{\text{CVB}\}$	$\rightarrow XT_3$
	$X_V, \{\text{NEG}, \text{HORT}, \text{IIMP}\}$	$\rightarrow XT_4$
	$X_V, \{\text{SEQ}, \text{PROG}, \text{NPST}\}$	$\rightarrow XT_5$
Block 2:	$X_V, \{\text{NPST}\}$	$\rightarrow XT_{1i}$
	$X_V, \{\text{NEG}\}$	$\rightarrow X_{an}$
	$X_V, \{\text{CVB}\}$	$\rightarrow X_{ii}$
	$X_V, \{\text{SEQ}, \text{IIMP}\}$	$\rightarrow X_i$
Block 3:	$X_{V,\text{class } 1,2}, \{\}$	$\rightarrow X_H$
	$X_{V,\text{class } 2}, \{\text{IIMP}, \text{SEQ}, \text{PROG}\}$	$\rightarrow X_{HL}$
	$X_{V,\text{class } 3}, \{\}$	$\rightarrow X_{LH}$
	$X_{V,\text{class } 3}, \{\text{PROG}\}$	$\rightarrow X_{LHL}$

[16] Two types of inflectional classes

- PFM analysis → segmental and suprasegmental alternations can be treated separately
- vowel length and tone assumed to be on an autosegmental tier
- behave independently from segmental alternations

[17] Segmental alternations

T_1	T_2	T_3	T_4	T_5
<i>bj</i>	—	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>mj</i>	—	<i>m</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>d</i>
<i>gj</i>	—	<i>g</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>zj</i>
<i>kj</i>	—	<i>k</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>cj</i>
<i>kj</i>	—	<i>k</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>ccj</i>
<i>sj</i>	—	<i>s</i>	<i>sj</i>	<i>cj</i>
<i>sj</i>	—	<i>s</i>	<i>sj</i>	<i>sj</i>
<i>cj</i>	—	<i>c</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>ccj</i>
<i>j</i>	Ø	Ø	<i>r</i>	<i>t</i>
<i>j</i>	Ø	<i>r</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>cj</i>
<i>j</i>	Ø	<i>r</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>ccj</i>
<i>j</i>	Ø	Ø	<i>r</i>	<i>tt</i>

Morphemic sets of forms (Aronoff 1994):

- T_1 : NPST, NPST2, ...
- T_2 : PROH
- T_3 : CVB, DES, ...
- T_4 : NEG, HORT, IIMP, ...
- T_5 : SEQ, PST, PROG, ...

[18] Suprasegmental alternations

Class	A	B	C
I1	$RT_1X H$	$RT_5X H$	$RT_5X:Y H$
I2	$RT_1X H$	$RT_5X H$	$RT_5X H, RT_5X:Y H$
II1	$RT_1X H$	$RT_5X: H$	$RT_5X:Y LHL$
II2	$RT_1X H$	$RT_5X H$	$RT_5X:Y LHL$
III	$RT_1X LH$	$RT_5X HL$	$RT_5X HL$
IV	$RT_1X LH$	$RT_5X LH$	$RT_5X LHL$
V	$RT_1X HL$	$RT_5X HL$	$RT_5X HL$

[19] Suprasegmental alternations (example)

Class	A: {NPST}	B: {SEQ}	C: {PROG}
I1	$RT_1ui H$	$RT_5i H$	$RT_5ui H$
I2	$RT_1ui H$	$RT_5i H$	$RT_5ui H, RT_5X:Y H$
II1	$RT_1ui H$	$RT_5i: H$	$RT_5ui LHL$
II2	$RT_1ui H$	$RT_5i H$	$RT_5ui LHL$
III	$RT_1ui LH$	$RT_5i HL$	$RT_5ui HL$
IV	$RT_1ui LH$	$RT_5i LH$	$RT_5ui LHL$
V	$RT_1ui HL$	$RT_5i HL$	$RT_5ui HL$

Computational implementation

[20] Why an implemented description?

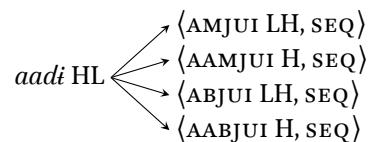
- “the insufficiency of paper-and-pencil linguistics” (Karttunen 2006)
- provide a maximally precise and explicit description
- helpful for testing hypotheses and for verifying the accuracy of the description
- allow to compute complexity measures

[21] Why FSTs?

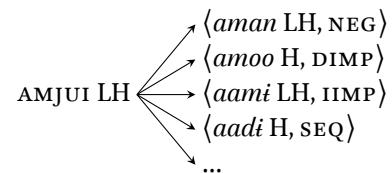
- standard NLP tools
- can handle almost any morphological process (Koskenniemi 1983; Karttunen et al. 1992; Aksénova et al. 2016)
- bidirectional:
production lexeme/root → inflected form
recognition inflected form → lexeme/root
- many free, open-source and well documented implementations
- Foma free software (Hulden 2009)

[22] FSTs

1. content paradigm cell $\langle L, \sigma \rangle \rightarrow$ realised cell w
 $\langle AMJUI LH, SEQ \rangle \rightarrow aadi HL$
2. unlabeled form $w \rightarrow$ all possible morphological analyses $\langle L, \sigma \rangle$

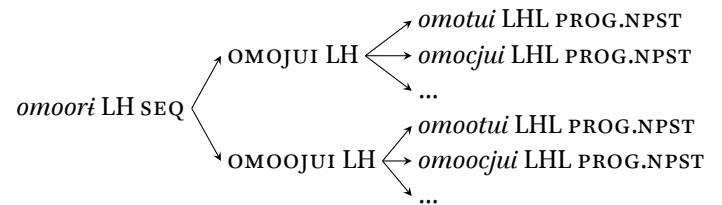


3. $L \rightarrow$ full realised paradigm, i.e. a set of cells $\{\langle w, \sigma \rangle, \langle w', \sigma' \rangle, \dots\}$



[23] FST composition

- composition of 2 FSTs
- any (existing) given realised form → list of all possible realised forms of any other paradigm cell

**Implicative structure & complexity measures**

[24] Implicative structure

- PFM: segmentation between stem and affixes
- implicative structure: no need to segment, whole forms are taken into account (Bonami 2014; Bonami & Luís 2015)
- including non-alternating parts helps reducing the uncertainty

[25] Segmental information reduces uncertainty

- segmental information:

$X_1 = X_{\{a,o,u\}}$
$X_2 = X_{\{i\}}$
$X_3 = X_{\{\{s,z,c\}i\}}$
$X_4 = X_{\{\{C-\{s,z,c\}i\}}$
· without knowledge: $[NPST : Xjui \Rightarrow CVB : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Xr \\ Xrii \end{array} \right\}]$
· with knowledge: $[NPST : X_4jui \Rightarrow CVB : X_4i]$ $[NPST : X_3jui \Rightarrow CVB : X_3rii]$

[26] Length & syllable structure information reduce uncertainty

Class	Length	Structure	Example
I1	2μ	(C)V _i V _i , (C)VCV	<i>warojui</i> H 'to laugh'
I2	$\geq 3\mu$	—	<i>m'aarijui</i> H 'to be born'
II1	$\leq 2\mu$	(C)V, (C)VC] _σ , (C)V _i	<i>tubjui</i> H 'to fly'
II2	2μ	(C)VCV, (C)VN] _σ	<i>asibjui</i> H 'to play'
III	$\leq 2\mu$	(C)V(N ∪ C)] _σ	<i>unjui</i> LH 'to ripen'
IV	—	$\neq (C^2)V(N \cup C)]_\sigma$	<i>tuijui</i> LH 'to go through'
V	2μ	(C)V _i V _i	<i>m'oojui</i> HL 'to be' (honor.)

- without knowledge:
 $[NPST : Xjui \text{ H} \Rightarrow \text{SEQ} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X:T_5i \text{ H} \\ XT_5ii \text{ H} \end{array} \right\}]$
- with knowledge:
 $X = (C)V \Rightarrow [NPST : Xjui \text{ H} \Rightarrow \text{SEQ} : XT_5ii \text{ H}]$
 $X = (C)VCV \Rightarrow [NPST : Xjui \text{ H} \Rightarrow \text{SEQ} : X:T_5i \text{ H}]$

[27] Entropy calculations & sources of uncertainty

Paradigm Cell Filling Problem "What licenses reliable inferences about the inflected (and derived) surface forms of a lexical item?" (Ackerman et al. 2009: 54)

Shannon entropy information quantity delivered by the source, used as a measure of uncertainty

$$H(X) = - \sum_{x \in X} P(x) \log_2(P(x))$$

conditional Shannon entropy how much does knowing a cell help predicting another?

$$H(X|Y) = - \sum_{x \in X} \sum_{y \in Y} P(x,y) \log_2(P(x|y))$$

[28] Distillation of 5 cells (areas of interpredictability; Stump & Finkel 2013)

NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
<i>RT₁ui</i> H	<i>RT₃ii</i> H, <i>RT₄ii</i> H	<i>R:T₄i</i> H	<i>R:T₅i</i> H	<i>RT₅ui</i> H
<i>RT₁ui</i> H	<i>RT₃ii</i> H, <i>RT₄ii</i> H	<i>R:T₄i</i> H	<i>R:T₅i</i> H	<i>R:T₅ui</i> H, <i>RT₅ui</i> H
<i>RT₁ui</i> H	<i>RT₃ii</i> H, <i>RT₄ii</i> H	<i>RT₄ii</i> H	<i>RT₅ii</i> H	<i>RT₅ui</i> LHL
<i>RT₁ui</i> H	<i>RT₃ii</i> H, <i>RT₄ii</i> H	<i>RT₄i</i> H	<i>R:T₅i</i> H	<i>RT₅ui</i> LHL
<i>RT₁ui</i> LH	<i>RT₃ii</i> LH, <i>RT₄ii</i> LH	<i>R:T₄i</i> LH	<i>R:T₅i</i> LH	<i>R:T₅ui</i> LH
<i>RT₁ui</i> LH	<i>RT₃ii</i> LH, <i>RT₄ii</i> LH	<i>R:T₄i</i> LH	<i>R:T₅i</i> LH	<i>RT₅ui</i> LHL
<i>RT₁ui</i> HL	<i>RT₃ii</i> HL, <i>RT₄ii</i> HL	<i>RT₄i</i> HL	<i>R:T₅i</i> HL	<i>RT₅ui</i> HL

[29] Unary implications

- knowledge of only one cell
- type frequencies of classes taken into account

H(C R)	NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
NPST		0.000	0.000	0.222	0.244
CVB	0.928		0.085	0.300	0.559
IIMP	0.951	0.206		0.222	0.529
SEQ	1.360	1.007	0.423		0.322
PROG.NPST	1.244	0.942	0.421	0.000	

[30] Segmental alternations & uncertainty

- unary implications for segmental alternations
- full interpredictability between 2 zones
- entropy remains low because of the uneven frequencies of the segmental classes

H(C R)	NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
NPST		0.000	0.000	0.222	0.222
CVB	0.000		0.000	0.222	0.222
IIMP	0.000	0.000		0.222	0.222
SEQ	0.419	0.419	0.419		0.000
PROG.NPST	0.419	0.419	0.419	0.000	

[31] Unpredictable segmental alternations

- $H(\text{SEQ}|\text{NPST})$:
- $[NPST : Xjui \Rightarrow \text{SEQ} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Xti \\ Xtti \\ Xcji \end{array} \right\}]$
- $H(\text{CVB}|\text{PROG.NPST})$:
- $[\text{PROG.NPST} : Xdui \Rightarrow \text{CVB} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Xmii \\ Xbii \end{array} \right\}]$

[32] Neutralisation of vowel length

H(C R)	NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
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- $H(\text{NPST}|\text{CVB})$:
- $[\text{CVB} : waroi (*warooi) H \Rightarrow \text{NPST} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} warojui H \\ waroojui H \end{array} \right\}]$
- $H(\text{NPST}|\text{IIMP})$:
- $[\text{IIMP} : actiiki LH \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} acitikjui LH \\ acitkjui LH \end{array} \right\}]$

[33] Neutralisation of tonal oppositions

H(C R)	NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
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- **H(NPST|IIMP):**
 $\text{[IIMP : } uuti \text{ (H=HL)} \Rightarrow \text{NPST} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ucjui \text{ LH} \\ uucjui \text{ H} \end{array} \right\} \text{]}$
- **H(SEQ.NPST|SEQ):**
 $\text{[SEQ : } aadi \text{ (H=HL)} \Rightarrow \text{PROG.NPST} : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} aadui \text{ H} \\ aadui \text{ HL} \end{array} \right\} \text{]}$

[34] Summary of the sources of uncertainty

H(C R)	NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
NPST				V, S	V, S
CVB	V		V	V, S	V, S
IIMP	V, T	V, T		V, S	V, T, S
SEQ	V, T, S	V, T, S	V, S		V, T
PROG.NPST	V, S	V, S	V, S		

(V = vowel length, T = tone, S = segment)

[35] Binary implications

- knowledge of two cells
- → identifying the principal parts of the system, i.e. the set of forms from which all the paradigm is predictable (Finkel & Stump 2007; Stump & Finkel 2013).

[36] Principal parts

H(C R)	NPST	CVB	IIMP	SEQ	PROG.NPST
NPST		0.000	0.000	0.222	0.244
{NPST,CVB}	0.000		0.000	0.222	0.250
{NPST,IIMP}	0.000	0.000		0.222	0.250
{NPST,SEQ}	0.000	0.000	0.000		0.023
{NPST,PROG.NPST}	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	

Conclusions

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- PFM: clear framework for morphological description
- computational implementation with FSTs
 - explicitness and accuracy
 - enables complexity measures
- implicative structure with conditional entropy measures
 - identify phonological factors of uncertainty
 - identify the principal parts of the system
- future directions
 - more data for more coverage
 - Information-based Morphology (Crysman & Bonami 2015): no need to introduce a radical, no need for rigid blocks of rules

Abbreviations

CVB = converb, DES = desiderative, DIMP = direct imperative, HORT = hortative, IIMP = indirect imperative, IMP = imperative, NEG = negative, NPST = non-past, PROG = progressive, PROH = prohibitive, PST = past, SEQ = sequential.

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