

A way to obtain 2-uniform on bounded lattice from uninorms defined on subintervals of bounded lattice

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Abstract: In this paper, a way to obtain 2-uniform on bounded lattice from U_1 disjunctive uninorm on $[0, k]$ and U_2 conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$ is presented. When the conditions disjunctive of U_1 or conjunctive of U_2 drop, it is showed that this method is invalid. Additionally, some properties of this construction method are investigated.

Keywords: Uninorm, 2-uniform, bounded lattice, disjunctive, conjunctive.

1 Introduction

Uninorms have attracted great interest because of applications of uninorm like fuzzy logic, expert systems, neural networks, fuzzy system modelling [8, 13]; after being defined on the unit interval $[0, 1]$ by Yager and Rybalov [12]. Since bounded lattice case is more complex, uninorms on bounded lattices has been a challenging problem for many researchers [3, 5, 6, 7, 11]. Besides uninorm on $[0, 1]$, 2-uniforms are defined and studied [1, 2, 4].

2-uniforms are special operators since they covers uninorms and nullnorms. Because of this reason some characterization of 2-uniforms on unit reel interval is done [2]. And also, some properties of 2-uniforms on unit reel interval are studied [1, 4]. Despite being worked on unit reel interval, there is no work for 2-uniforms on bounded lattice.

In this study, a way to obtain 2-uniform in $U_{k(e,f)}$ on bounded lattice from disjunctive uninorm $[0, k]$ and conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$ is presented. If the conditions of disjunctive of U_1 or conjunctive of U_2 are removed, an example is given to show that the proposition is invalid. Under this construction method, it is showed that k is absorbing element of U^2 and U^2 is neither disjunctive nor conjunctive 2-uniform on L . Additionally it is obtained that even if U_1 and U_2 are idempotent, U^2 may not be idempotent 2-uniform on L .

The paper is organized as follows. We shortly recall some basic notions and results in Section 2. In Section 3, we give a method to obtain 2-uniform $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$ on bounded lattice L using disjunctive uninorm on $[0, k]$ and conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$. Some properties of this construction method are also investigated in Section 3.

2 Notations, definitions and a review of previous results

A bounded lattice (L, \leq) is a lattice which has the top and bottom elements, which are written as 1 and 0, respectively, i.e., there exist two elements $1, 0 \in L$ such that $0 \leq x \leq 1$, for all $x \in L$.

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Definition 1. [3] Given a bounded lattice $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$, and $a, b \in L$, if a and b are incomparable, in this case we use the notation $a \parallel b$.

Definition 2. [3] Given a bounded lattice $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$, and $a, b \in L$, $a \leq b$, a subinterval $[a, b]$ of L is a sublattice of L defined as

$$[a, b] = \{x \in L \mid a \leq x \leq b\}.$$

Similarly, $(a, b] = \{x \in L \mid a < x \leq b\}$, $[a, b) = \{x \in L \mid a \leq x < b\}$ and $(a, b) = \{x \in L \mid a < x < b\}$.

Definition 3. [11] Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice. An operation $U : L^2 \rightarrow L$ is called a uninorm on L , if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to the both variables and has a neutral element $e \in L$.

In this study, the notation $\mathcal{U}(e)$ will be used for the set of all uninorms on L with neutral element $e \in L$.

If $U(0, 1) = 0$, U is called conjunctive uninorm and if $U(0, 1) = 1$, U is called disjunctive uninorm.

If $U(x, x) = x$ for all elements $x \in L$, U is called idempotent uninorm.

Consider the set \mathcal{U} of all uninorms on L with the following order. For $U, V \in \mathcal{U}$,

$$U \leq V \iff U(x, y) \leq V(x, y) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in L^2.$$

Corollary 1. [11] Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice and $e \in L \setminus \{0, 1\}$. Then the following uninorms $U_{T_\wedge} : L^2 \rightarrow L$ and $U_{S_\vee} : L^2 \rightarrow L$, respectively, are the greatest and the smallest uninorm on L with neutral element e .

$$U_{T_\wedge}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \wedge y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, e]^2 \\ x \vee y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, e] \times (e, 1] \cup (e, 1] \times [0, e] \\ y, & \text{if } x \in [0, e], y \parallel e \\ x, & \text{if } y \in [0, e], x \parallel e \\ 1, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$U_{S_\vee}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \vee y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [e, 1]^2 \\ x \wedge y, & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, e] \times [e, 1] \cup [e, 1] \times [0, e] \\ y, & \text{if } x \in [e, 1], y \parallel e \\ x, & \text{if } y \in [e, 1], x \parallel e \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition 4. [5] An operation T (S) on a bounded lattice L is called a triangular norm (triangular conorm) if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to the both variables and has a neutral element 1 (0). Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U \in \mathcal{U}(e)$ and $e \in L$. It is known that if it is $e = 1$, uninorm U coincides t -norm and if it is $e = 0$, uninorm U coincides t -conorm on L .

Definition 5. [10] Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice. An operation $V : L^2 \rightarrow L$ is called a nullnorm on L , if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to the both variables and there is an element $a \in L$ such that $V(x, 0) = x$ for all $x \leq a$, $V(x, 1) = x$ for all $x \geq a$. It can be easily obtained that $V(x, a) = a$ for all $x \in L$. So, the element $a \in L$ that provide $V(x, a) = a$ for all $x \in L$ is called (absorbing) zero element for operator V on L .

Definition 6. [4] Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice. An operator $F : L^2 \rightarrow L$ is called 2-uninorm if it is commutative, associative, increasing with respect to both variables and fulfilling

$$\forall x \leq k \ F(e, x) = x \text{ and } \forall x \geq k \ F(f, x) = x,$$

where $e, k, f \in L$ with $0 \leq e \leq k \leq f \leq 1$. By $U_{k(e,f)}$ we denote the class of all 2-uniforms on bounded lattice L . Conjunctive, disjunctive or idempotent 2-uniform can be defined as defined for uninorms.

3 A way to obtain 2-uniform on bounded lattice

In this section, a method has been proposed for generating 2-uniform $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$ on bounded lattice L using U_1 disjunctive uninorm on $[0, k]$ and U_2 conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$. Even if one of conditions U_1 disjunctive uninorm on $[0, k]$ and U_2 conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$ is removed, an example is given to show that the proposition may be invalid.

Proposition 1. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element e and $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ be a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element f . Then, $U_1(x, k) = k$ for all $x \in [0, k]$ and $U_2(y, k) = k$ for all $y \in [k, 1]$.

Proof. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice. Since $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element e , $U_1(0, k) = k$. Then,

$$k = U_1(0, k) \leq U_1(x, k) \leq U_1(1, k) = k$$

for all $x \in [0, k]$. Then, it is obtained that $U_1(x, k) = k$ for all $x \in [0, k]$. Since $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ be a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element f , $U_2(k, 1) = k$. Then,

$$k = U_2(k, k) \leq U_2(y, k) \leq U_2(1, k) = k$$

for all $y \in [k, 1]$. Then, it is obtained that $U_2(y, k) = k$ for all $y \in [k, 1]$.

Theorem 1. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element e and $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ be a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element f . Then, the function $U^2 : L^2 \rightarrow L$ given by

$$U^2(x, y) = \begin{cases} U_1(x, y), & \text{if } (x, y) \in [0, k]^2 \\ U_2(x, y), & \text{if } (x, y) \in [k, 1]^2 \\ k, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

is 2-uniform in $U_{k(e,f)}$.

Proof. (i) Monotonicity: We prove that if $x \leq y$ then for all $z \in L$, $U^2(x, z) \leq U^2(y, z)$. The proof is split into all possible cases.

Let $x \leq k$.

1.1. $y \leq k$,

1.1.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = U_1(x, z) \leq U_1(y, z) = U^2(y, z)$$

1.1.2. $z \geq k$ or $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

1.2. $y \geq k$,

1.2.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = U_1(x, z) \leq U_1(k, k) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

1.2.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U_2(y, z) = U^2(y, z).$$

1.2.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z).$$

1.3. $y \parallel k$,

1.3.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = U_1(x, z) \leq U_1(k, k) = k = U^2(y, z).$$

1.3.2. $z \geq k$ or $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z).$$

2. Let $x \geq k$ Then $y \geq k$.

2.1. $y \geq k$,

2.1.1. $z \leq k$ or $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z).$$

2.1.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = U_2(x, z) \leq U_2(k, k) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

3. Let $x \parallel k$. Then $y \geq k$ or $y \parallel k$.

3.1. $y \geq k$,

3.1.1. $z \leq k$ or $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

3.1.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U_2(k, k) \leq U_2(y, z) = U^2(y, z)$$

3.2. $y \parallel k$,

3.2.1. $z \in L$,

$$U^2(x, z) = k = U^2(y, z)$$

(ii) Associativity. We demonstrate that $U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$ for all $x, y, z \in L$. Again the proof is split into all possible cases considering the relationships of the elements x, y, z and k .

1. Let $x \leq k$.

1.1. $y \leq k$,

1.1.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, U_1(y, z)) = U_1(x, U_1(y, z)) = U_1(U_1(x, y), z) = U_1(U^2(x, y), z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.1.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U^2(U_1(x, y), z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.1.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U_1(U_1(x, y), z) = U^2(U_1(x, y), z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.2. $y \geq k$,

1.2.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.2.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, U_2(y, z)) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.2.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.3. $y \parallel k$,

1.3.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.3.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

1.3.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_1(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2. Let $x \geq k$.

2.1. $y \leq k$,

2.1.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, U_1(y, z)) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.1.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.1.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.2. $y \geq k$,

2.2.1. $z \leq k$ or $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) = k = U^2(U_2(x, y), z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.2.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, U_2(y, z)) = U_2(x, U_2(y, z)) = U_2(U_2(x, y), z) = U_2(U^2(x, y), z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.3. $y \parallel k$,

2.3.1 $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.3.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

2.3.3 $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3. Let $x \parallel k$.

3.1. $y \leq k$,

3.1.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, U_1(y, z)) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.1.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.1.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.2. $y \geq k$,

3.2.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.2.2. $z \geq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, U_2(y, z)) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.2.3. $z \parallel k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.3. $y \parallel k$,

3.3.1. $z \leq k$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U_1(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.3.2. $1 > z > e$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U_2(k, z) = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

3.3.3. $z \parallel e$,

$$U^2(x, U^2(y, z)) = U^2(x, k) = k = U^2(k, z) = U^2(U^2(x, y), z)$$

It is trivial to see the commutativity and the fact that $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$.

Remark. If U_1 is not disjunctive or U_2 is not conjunctive, (3) may not produce a uninorm L . Consider the lattice $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ whose lattice diagram is displayed in Fig 1.

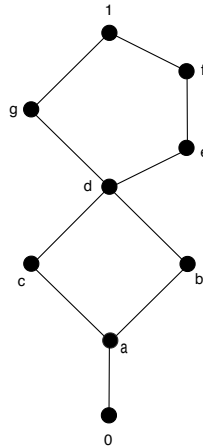


Fig. 1: (L, \leq) .

The function U_1 on $[0, d]$ as follows.

U_1	0	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	b	c	d
a	0	a	b	c	d
b	b	b	b	d	d
c	c	c	d	c	d
d	d	d	d	d	d

Table 1: The uninorm U_1 on $[0, d]$.

and the function U_2 on $[d, 1]$ as follows.

U_2	d	e	f	g	1
d	d	d	d	g	1
e	d	d	e	g	1
f	d	e	f	g	1
g	g	g	g	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1

Table 2: The uninorm U_2 on $[d, 1]$.

It is clear that the function U_1 is an uninorm on $[0, d]$ with neutral element a and U_2 is an uninorm on $[d, 1]$ with neutral element f . It can be seen that U_1 is a disjunctive uninorm and U_2 is not a conjunctive uninorm. U^2 is obtained from (1) as follows.

U	0	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	1
0	0	0	b	c	d	d	d	d	d
a	0	a	b	c	d	d	d	d	d
b	b	b	b	d	d	d	d	d	d
c	c	c	d	c	d	d	d	d	d
d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	g	1
e	d	d	d	d	d	d	e	g	1
f	d	d	d	d	d	e	f	g	1
g	d	d	d	d	g	g	g	1	1
1	d	d	d	d	1	1	1	1	1

Table 3: U^2 on L .

Since U_2 dont satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2, U^2 is not an 2-uniform on L since

$$U^2(U^2(g, b), c) = U^2(d, c) = d \neq g = U^2(g, d) = U^2(g, U^2(b, c)).$$

Corollary 2. (1) in theorem 2 produce an 2-uniform such that neither conjunctive nor disjunctive 2-uniform in $U_{k(e,f)}$.

Proposition 2. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$ such that satisfied conditions of theorem 2. Then, k is absorbing element of U^2 .

Proof. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice, $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$. Then, $U^2(k, k) = k$ for $k \in L$ since $k = U^2(e, k) \leq U^2(k, k) \leq U^2(f, k) = k$. It is satisfied that one of $x \leq k$, $x \geq k$ or $x \parallel k$ for all $x \in L$. Let $x \leq k$. Then,

$$k = U_1(0, k) \leq U_1(x, k) = U^2(x, k) \leq U^2(k, k) = k.$$

So, $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$ such that $x \leq k$. Let $x \geq k$. Then,

$$k = U^2(k, k) \leq U^2(x, k) = U_2(x, k) \leq U_2(1, k) = k.$$

So, $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$ such that $x \geq k$. Let $x \parallel k$. Then, $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$ such that $x \parallel k$ using (1). Then, it is obtained that $U^2(x, k) = k$ for $x \in L$.

Corollary 3. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice such that there is at least one element such that incomparable element with k , $U_1 : [0, k]^2 \rightarrow [0, k]$ be a disjunctive uninorm with neutral element e and $U_2 : [k, 1]^2 \rightarrow [k, 1]$ be a conjunctive uninorm with neutral element f . Then, the function $U^2 : L^2 \rightarrow L$ as mentioned in theorem 2 is not idempotent 2-uniform on L even if U_1 is idempotent uninorm on $[0, k]$ and U_2 is idempotent uninorm on $[k, 1]$.

Consider the set $U_{k(e,f)}$ of all 2-uniforms on L with the following order:

For $G, H \in U_{k(e,f)}$,

$$G \leq H \iff G(x, y) \leq H(x, y) \text{ for all } (x, y) \in L^2.$$

Proposition 3. Let $(L, \leq, 0, 1)$ be a bounded lattice. Let take $U_1 = U_{T_\wedge}$ on $[0, k]$ with neutral element e and $U_2 = U_{S_\vee}$ on $[k, 1]$ with neutral element f . In these constraints, let call 2-uniform in (1) as U^* . Then, U^* satisfies neither $U^* \leq F$ nor $U^* \geq F$ for every $F \in U_{k(e,f)}$ such that $U^* \downarrow [0, k] \neq F \downarrow [0, k]$ and $U^* \downarrow [k, 1] \neq F \downarrow [k, 1]$. So, if $U^* \downarrow [0, k] \neq F \downarrow [0, k]$ and $U^* \downarrow [k, 1] \neq F \downarrow [k, 1]$, U^* is incomparable with F for $F \in U_{k(e,f)}$.

Proof. Let assume that $U^* \leq F$. Then, $U^*(x, y) \leq F(x, y)$ for all $(x, y) \in L^2$. So, it has to be satisfied that $U^*(x, y) = U_{T_\wedge}(x, y) \leq F(x, y)$ for all $(x, y) \in [0, k]^2$. It is known that if $F \in U_{k(e,f)}$, $F \downarrow [0, k]$ is an uninorm on $[0, k]$ with neutral element e . This contradict to $U^*(x, y) = U_{T_\wedge}$ is greatest uninorm on $[0, k]$. Let assume that $U^* \geq F$. Then, $U^*(x, y) \leq F(x, y)$ for all

$(x,y) \in L^2$. So, it has to be satisfied that $U^*(x,y) = U_{S_V}(x,y) \geq F(x,y)$ for all $(x,y) \in [k, 1]^2$. It is known that if $F \in U_{k(e,f)}$, $F \downarrow [k, 1]$ is a uninorm on $[k, 1]$ with neutral element f . This contradicts to $U^*(x,y) = U_{S_V}$ is smallest uninorm on $[0, k]$. So, if $U^* \downarrow [0, k] \neq F \downarrow [0, k]$ and $U^* \downarrow [k, 1] \neq F \downarrow [k, 1]$, U^* is incomparable with F for $F \in U_{k(e,f)}$.

4 Conclusion

2-Uninorms is a generalization of both uninorms and nullnorms. Considering this, it is very important to study 2-uninorms on bounded lattices. 2-uninorms have been characterized on $[0, 1]$ unit real interval as the point of discontinuity [1]. 2-uninorms have not been studied on bounded lattices yet in our best knowledge. In this paper, if there are U_1 disjunctive uninorm $[0, k]$ and U_2 conjunctive uninorm on $[k, 1]$, it is shown that there is a way to obtain 2-uninorms on bounded lattices such that $U^2 \in U_{k(e,f)}$. Moreover, this construction method gives a way to get 2-uninorms on bounded lattices such that neither conjunctive nor disjunctive. Additionally, it is shown that 2-uninorms obtained by this method do not have to be idempotent even if U_1 and U_2 are.

Competing interests

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