ON MOMENTS OF INFINITELY DIVISIBLE DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS¹

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Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with a Lévy-Khintchine function G(u) and let p be any positive number. It is shown that F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an absolute moment of the pth order, and F(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an exponential moment of the pth order. This result generalizes a theorem of J. M. Shapiro. Other related results are also obtained.

1. Introduction and summary. A distribution function F(x) is said to be infinitely divisible if for every positive integer n there exists a distribution function $F_n(x)$ such that F(x) is the convolution of $F_n(x)$ with itself n times. It is well known that a distribution function F(x) is infinitely divisible if and only if its characteristic function $\hat{f}(t)$ has a unique representation of the form

(1)
$$\hat{f}(t) = \exp\left\{i\gamma t + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{iut} - 1 - iut(1 + u^2)^{-1})((1 + u^2)/u^2) dG(u)\right\}$$

where γ is a constant and G(u) is a bounded, non-decreasing function. The constant γ is called the centering constant of F(x), G(u) is called the Lévy-Khintchine function of F(x), and formula (1) is called the Lévy-Khintchine representation of $\hat{f}(t)$.

Let p be a positive constant and let k be a positive integer. A distribution function F(x) is said to have an absolute moment of the pth order if $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^p dF(x) < \infty$ and it is said to have an exponential moment of the pth order if $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{p|x|} dF(x) < \infty$. It is said to have an algebraic moment of the kth order if $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF(x)$ exists, and it is said to have a symmetric moment of the kth order if $\lim_{T\to\infty} \int_{-T}^{T} x^k dF(x)$ exists. A distribution function has an algebraic moment of the kth order if and only if it has an absolute moment of the same order. However, a distribution function may have a symmetric kth moment and not have an absolute kth moment if k is odd.

Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with a Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). J. M. Shapiro (1956) showed that if k is an even positive integer then F(x) has an absolute moment of the kth order if and only if G(u) has an absolute moment of the kth order. In this paper it is shown that if p is any positive number, then F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an absolute moment of the pth order. Also F(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an exponential moment of the pth order. Other related theorems are also obtained.

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2. A theorem concerning convolutions of distribution functions. A. Wintner (1947, Section 23) has shown that if F(x) and G(x) are distribution functions and p is a positive number, then $F^*G(x)$ has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if both F(x) and G(x) have absolute moments of the pth order. In this section a similar result will be obtained.

THEOREM 1. Let F and G be distribution functions. Let p be any positive number. Then $1-F^*G(x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$ if and only if $1-F(x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$ and $1-G(x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$. Also $F^*G(-x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$ if and only if $F(-x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$ and $G(-x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$. The theorem remains true if G is replaced by G.

PROOF. Assume that x > 0 and that x and x/2 are points of continuity of F(y) and G(y). Then

$$\begin{split} 1 - F^*G(x) &= \iint_{u+v>x} dF(u) \, dG(v) \\ &\leq \iint_{u>x/2} dF(u) \, dG(v) + \iint_{v>x/2} dF(u) \, dG(v) = 1 - F(x/2) + 1 - G(x/2). \end{split}$$

It follows from this that for all x > 0,

(2)
$$x^{p}(1 - F^*G(x)) \le 2^{p}(x/2)^{p}(1 - F(x/2)) + 2^{p}(x/2)^{p}(1 - G(x/2)).$$

In a similar manner it can be shown that for all x > 0,

(3)
$$x^{p}(F^{*}G(-x)) \le 2^{p}(x/2)^{p}(F(-x/2)) + 2^{p}(x/2)^{p}(G(-x/2)).$$

Let a be a point of continuity of G(y) such that a < 0 and G(a) < 1. Let b be a point of continuity of G(y) such that b > 0 and G(b) > 0. Let x be chosen so that x and 2x are points of continuity of F(y) and x > -a. Then

$$1 - F^*G(x) = \int \int_{u+v>x} dF(u) \, dG(v)$$

$$\geq \int \int_{u>x-a,v>a} dF(u) \, dG(v) \geq \int \int_{u>2x,v>a} dF(u) \, dG(v) = [1 - F(2x)][1 - G(a)].$$

Thus if x > -2a,

(4)
$$x^{p}(1-F(x)) \leq (2^{p}/(1-G(a)))(x/2)^{p}(1-F^{*}G(x/2)).$$

Similarly, if x > 2b, then

(5)
$$x^{p}(F(-x)) \leq (2^{p}/G(b))(x/2)^{p}(F^{*}G(-x/2)).$$

The theorem follows immediately from inequalities (2) to (5). \Box

It should be pointed out that if F, F_1 , ..., F_n are distribution functions such that $F(x) = F_1^* \cdots *F_n(x)$ and if x > 0, then $1 - F(x) \le n - F_1(x/n) - \cdots - F_n(x/n)$ and $F(-x) \le F_1(-x/n) + \cdots + F_n(-x/n)$. These inequalities are obtained in the same way as (2) and (3) are obtained.

An interesting application of Theorem 1 can be made to the study of the behavior of characteristic functions at the origin. Let F(x), $F_1(x)$, and $F_2(x)$ be distribution functions such that $F(x) = F_1 * F_2(x)$. If $\hat{f}(t)$, $\hat{f}_1(t)$, and $\hat{f}_2(t)$ are the characteristic

functions of F(x), $F_1(x)$, and $F_2(x)$ respectively, then $\hat{f}(t) = \hat{f}_1(t)\hat{f}_2(t)$. It is well known that if k is a positive even integer, then $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if F(x) has an algebraic moment of the kth order. E. J. G. Pitman (1956) has shown that if k is a positive odd integer, then $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if F(x) has a symmetric moment of the kth order and $1 - F(x) + F(-x) = o(x^{-k})$ as $x \to \infty$.

If k is a positive even integer and $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists then $\hat{f}_1^{(k)}(0)$ and $\hat{f}_2^{(k)}(0)$ also exist. This follows from A. Wintner's theorem. However, if k is a positive odd integer and $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists, then it does not follow that $\hat{f}_1^{(k)}(0)$ and $\hat{f}_2^{(k)}(0)$ necessarily exist. To see this, let $f_1(x) = 0$ if x < 2 and let $f_1(x) = c/x^2 \ln x$ if $x \ge 2$ where $c = [\int_2^{\infty} (x^2 \ln x)^{-1} dx]^{-1}$. Let $F_1(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f_1(y) dy$ and let $F_2(x) = 1 - F_1(-x)$. It is easy to see that neither $F_1(x)$ nor $F_2(x)$ have symmetric first moments. Thus it follows that neither $\hat{f}_1'(0)$ nor $\hat{f}_2'(0)$ exist. However, $1 - F_1(x) + F_1(-x) = o(x^{-1})$ as $x \to \infty$ and $1 - F_2(x) + F_2(-x) = o(x^{-1})$ as $x \to \infty$. It follows from Theorem 1 that $1 - F(x) + F(-x) = o(x^{-1})$ as $x \to \infty$. Since F(x) is symmetric it follows that it has a symmetric moment of the first order. Thus it follows from Pitman's theorem that $\hat{f}'(0)$ exists.

3. Three lemmas.

LEMMA 1. Let a_1, \dots, a_n be real numbers and let p > 0. Then $|a_1 + \dots + a_n|^p \le n^p(|a_1|^p + \dots + |a_n|)^p$.

PROOF. Let
$$a = \max_{1 \le j \le n} |a_j|$$
. Then $|a_1 + \dots + a_n|^p \le n^p a^p \le n^p (|a_1|^p + \dots + |a_n|^p)$.

LEMMA 2. Let F(x) be a distribution function with a characteristic function $\hat{f}(t)$. Let H(x) be the distribution function with the characteristic function $\hat{h}(t) = \exp\{\lambda(\hat{f}(t)-1)\}$ where $\lambda > 0$. Let p be any positive number. Then H(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order, and H(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order if and only if F(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order. Also $\hat{h}(t)$ has exactly as many derivatives at the origin as $\hat{f}(t)$.

PROOF. Let E(x) denote the distribution function degenerate at the origin and let $F^{*n}(x)$ denote the convolution of F(x) with itself n times. Then it follows from Tucker (1967, Theorem 6, page 152) that $\hat{h}(t)$ is the characteristic function of a distribution function H(x) and that

(6)
$$H(x) = e^{-\lambda} E(x) + e^{-\lambda} \lambda F(x) + (e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2/2) F^{*2}(x) + \cdots$$

It is obvious that F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if H(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order, and F(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order if H(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order. The converse statements must be proved.

Assume that $u = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^p dF(x) < \infty$. It follows from Lemma 1 that

$$(7) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^p dF^{*n}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x_1 + \cdots + x_n|^p dF(x_1) \cdots dF(x_n)$$

$$\leq n^p \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (|x_1|^p + \cdots + |x_n|^p) dF(x_1) \cdots dF(x_n) = n^{p+1}u.$$

Thus it follows from (6) and (7) that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x|^p dH(x) \leq e^{-\lambda} u \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda^n n^p / (n-1)!) < \infty.$$

Similarly, assume that $v = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{p|x|} dF(x) < \infty$. Then

(8)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{p|x|} dF^{*n}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{p|x_1 + \cdots + x_n|} dF(x_1) \cdots dF(x_n)$$
$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{p(|x_1| + \cdots + |x_n|)} dF(x_1) \cdots dF(x_n) = v^n.$$

It follows from (6) and (8) that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{p|x|} dH(x) \le e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} ((\lambda v)^n / n!) = e^{\lambda(v-1)} < \infty.$$

It is easy to see that $\hat{h}(t)$ has exactly as many derivatives at the origin as $\hat{f}(t)$.

LEMMA 3. Let H(x) and F(x) be the distribution functions of Lemma 2 and let p be any positive number. Then $1 - F(x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ if and only if $1 - H(x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$, and $F(-x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ if and only if $H(-x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$. The lemma remains true if $O(x^{-p})$ is replaced by $O(x^{-p})$.

PROOF. The proof of this lemma is similar to the proof of the first part of Lemma 2. It follows from the inequality given after the proof of Theorem 1 that $1 - F^{*n}(x) \le n(1 - F(x/n))$ if x > 0. Thus it follows from (6) that if x > 0, then

(9)
$$x^{p}(1-H(x)) \leq e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda^{n} n^{p}/(n-1)!) (x/n)^{p} (1-F(x/n)).$$

It is obvious that $1 - F(x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ if $1 - H(x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ and $1 - F(x) = o(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ if $1 - H(x) = o(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$.

If $1-F(x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x\to\infty$ then there exists a constant A>0 such that $x^p(1-F(x)) \le A$ if x>0. But this implies that

(10)
$$x^{p}(1-H(x)) \leq A e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda^{n} n^{p}/(n-1)!) < \infty,$$

and thus $1 - H(x) = O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$. If $1 - F(x) = o(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ then it follows that for each value of k there exists a constant b_k such that

(11)
$$x^{p}(1-H(x)) \leq 2A e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} (\lambda^{n} n^{p}/(n-1)!)$$

if $x > b_k$. But this implies that $1 - H(x) = o(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$. The rest of the theorem follows in the same manner. \Box

4. Main theorems and corollaries.

THEOREM 2. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let p be any positive number. The distribution function F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an absolute moment of the pth order. Also F(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an exponential moment of the pth order.

PROOF. Let γ be the centering constant of F(x). Let

$$G_1(u) = 0$$
 if $u < -1$
 $= G(u) - G(-1)$ if $-1 \le u \le 1$
 $= G(1) - G(-1)$ if $u > 1$
 $G_2(u) = G(u) - G_1(u)$.

Let $F_1(x)$ be the infinitely divisible distribution function with centering constant γ and Lévy-Khintchine function $G_1(u)$. Let $F_2(x)$ be the infinitely divisible distribution function with centering constant 0 and Lévy-Khintchine function $G_2(u)$. It is obvious that $F(x) = F_1 * F_2(x)$.

Since $G_1(u)$ has compact support it follows from a proof of Y. Linnik (1954, page 171) that $F_1(x)$ has a characteristic function that is an entire function. Thus $F_1(x)$ has absolute moments and exponential moments of all orders (see Wintner (1947, Section 17)). A. Wintner has shown (1947, Section 23) that if H(x), $H_1(x)$, and $H_2(x)$ are distribution functions and if $H(x) = H_1 * H_2(x)$, then H(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if both $H_1(x)$ and $H_2(x)$ have absolute moments of the pth order, and H(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order. It follows that F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order, and F(x) has an exponential moment of the pth order. It follows that F(x) has an absolute moment of the pth order if and only if $F_2(x)$ has an exponential moment of the pth order. Finally, it follows from Lemma 2 that $F_2(x)$ has an absolute moment of the pth order and $F_2(x)$ has an exponential moment of the pth order if and only if G(u) has an absolute moment of the pth order and $F_2(x)$ has an exponential moment of the pth order. G(u) has an exponential moment of the pth order. G(u) has an exponential moment of the pth order. G(u) has an exponential moment of the pth order.

COROLLARY 1. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let k be any positive integer. The distribution function F(x) has an algebraic moment of the kth order if and only if G(u) has an algebraic moment of the kth order.

For relationships between the algebraic moments of F(x) and the algebraic moments of G(u) see Shapiro (1956).

COROLLARY 2. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with a characteristic function $\hat{f}(t)$ and a Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let $\hat{g}(t)$ be the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of G(u) and let k be any positive integer. Then $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if $\hat{g}^{(k)}(0)$ exists.

PROOF. Let $F_1(x)$ and $F_2(x)$ be defined as in the proof of Theorem 2. Let $\hat{f}_1(t)$ and $\hat{f}_2(t)$ be the characteristic functions of $F_1(x)$ and $F_2(x)$ respectively. Since $\hat{f}_1(t)$ is an entire function, it follows that $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if $\hat{f}_2^{(k)}(0)$ exists. It follows from Lemma 2 that $\hat{f}_2^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if $\hat{g}^{(k)}(0)$ exists. \square

THEOREM 3. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with a Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let k be any odd positive integer. The distribution function F(x) has a symmetric moment of the kth order and $1 - F(x) + F(-x) = o(x^{-k})$ as $x \to \infty$ if and only if G(u) has a symmetric moment of the kth order and $G(\infty) - G(u) + G(-u) = o(u^{-k})$ as $u \to \infty$.

PROOF. Let $\hat{f}(t)$ be the characteristic function of F(x) and let $\hat{g}(t)$ be the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of G(u). By a theorem of E. J. G. Pitman (1956), F(x) has a symmetric moment of the kth order and $1 - F(x) + F(-x) = o(x^{-k})$ as $x \to \infty$ if and only if $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists. By Corollary 2, $\hat{f}^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if $\hat{g}^{(k)}(0)$ exists. By Pitman's Theorem, $\hat{g}^{(k)}(0)$ exists if and only if G(u) has a symmetric moment of the kth order and $G(\infty) - G(u) + G(-u) = o(u^{-k})$ as $u \to \infty$. \square

THEOREM 4. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let p be any positive number. Then $1-F(x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ if and only if $G(\infty)-G(u)=O(u^{-p})$ as $u \to \infty$, and $F(-x)=O(x^{-p})$ as $x \to \infty$ if and only if $G(-u)=O(u^{-p})$ as $u \to \infty$. The theorem remains true if O(u)=O(u) is replaced by O(u).

PROOF. The proof of this theorem is similar to the proof of Theorem 2. Theorem 1 is used in the proof instead of A. Wintner's theorem, and Lemma 3 is used instead of Lemma 2.

THEOREM 5. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with a characteristic function $\hat{f}(t)$ and a Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let $\hat{g}(t)$ be the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of G(u). Let $\alpha < 0$ and let $\beta > 0$. The characteristic function $\hat{f}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$ if and only if $\hat{g}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$.

PROOF. Let γ be the centering constant of F(x). Let

$$G_1(u) = G(u) \qquad \text{if} \quad u < -1$$

$$= G(-1) \qquad \text{if} \quad u \ge -1$$

$$G_2(u) = 0 \qquad \text{if} \quad u < -1$$

$$= G(u) - G(-1) \qquad \text{if} \quad -1 \le u \le 1$$

$$= G(1) - G(-1) \qquad \text{if} \quad u > 1$$

$$G_3(u) = G(u) - G_1(u) - G_2(u).$$

For $1 \le j \le 3$ let $F_j(x)$ be the infinitely divisible distribution function with characteristic function

$$\hat{f}_{j}(t) = \exp\left\{i\gamma t/3 + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{iut} - 1 - iut(1 + u^{2})^{-1})((1 + u^{2})/u^{2}) dG_{j}(u)\right\}$$

and let $\hat{g}_j(t)$ be the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of $G_j(u)$. It is obvious that $\hat{f}(t) = \hat{f}_1(t)\hat{f}_2(t)\hat{f}_3(t)$, $F(x) = F_1 * F_2 * F_3(x)$, and $\hat{g}(t) = \hat{g}_1(t) + \hat{g}_2(t) + \hat{g}_3(t)$.

It follows from Theorem 2 and Wintner (1947, Section 17) that $\hat{f}(z)$ is analytic if and only if $\hat{g}(z)$ is analytic. Assume that $\hat{f}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$. Then

 $\hat{f}_1(z)$, $\hat{f}_2(z)$, and $\hat{f}_3(z)$ are also analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$. By a theorem of G. Baxter and J. M. Shapiro (1960), $F_1(x)$ has support on an interval of the form $(-\infty, x_1]$ where $x_1 < \infty$ and $F_3(x)$ has support on an interval of the form $[x_2, \infty)$ where $x_2 > -\infty$. It follows from a theorem of E. Lukacs (1960, Theorem 7.2.2., page 139) that $\hat{f}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im (z) < 0 and $\hat{f}_3(z)$ is analytic for Im (z) > 0. By a result of Y. Linnik (1954, page 171), $\hat{f}_2(z)$ is an entire function. It also follows from the same theorem of Lukacs that $\hat{g}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im (z) < 0, $\hat{g}_2(z)$ is an entire function, and $\hat{g}_3(z)$ is analytic for Im (z) > 0.

Since $\hat{f}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) < \beta$ it follows that $F_1(x)$ has exponential moments of all orders less than β . By Theorem 2, $G_1(u)$ has exponential moments of all orders less than β and thus $\hat{g}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) < \beta$. In a similar manner it can be shown that $\hat{g}_3(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) > \alpha$. Thus $\hat{g}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$.

Assume conversely that $\hat{g}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$. Let $\delta = \min(-\alpha, \beta)$. By Wintner (1967, Section 17) G(u), and thus $G_1(u)$, $G_2(u)$ and $G_3(u)$, have exponential moments of all orders less than δ . Thus $\hat{g}_1(z)$, $\hat{g}_2(z)$, and $\hat{g}_3(z)$ are analytic functions.

By a theorem of Lukacs (1960, Theorem 7.2.2., page 139), $\hat{g}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im (z) < 0, $\hat{g}_2(z)$ is an entire function, and $\hat{g}_3(z)$ is analytic for Im (z) > 0. Since $\hat{g}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$ it follows that $\hat{g}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) < \beta$ and $\hat{g}_3(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) > \alpha$. It follows from this that $\hat{f}_1(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) < \beta$ and $\hat{f}_3(z)$ is analytic for Im $(z) > \alpha$. Thus $\hat{f}(z)$ is analytic for $\alpha < \text{Im}(z) < \beta$. \Box

COROLLARY 3. Let F(x) be an infinitely divisible distribution function with a characteristic function $\hat{f}(t)$ and a Lévy-Khintchine function G(u). Let $\hat{g}(t)$ be the Fourier-Stieltjes transform of G(u). The characteristic function $\hat{f}(z)$ is an entire function if and only if $\hat{g}(z)$ is an entire function.

Note that Theorem 4 follows immediately from Theorem 2 in the case when $\beta = -\alpha$. It follows from Theorem 5 and a theorem of E. Lukacs (1960, Theorem 7.1.1., page 132) that $i\alpha$ is a singular point of $\hat{f}(z)$ if and only if it is a singular point of $\hat{g}(z)$, and $i\beta$ is a singular point of $\hat{f}(z)$ if and only if it is a singular point of g(z). Thus f(z) and g(z) have the same strip of regularity.

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