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| calibrate | <i>This function aligns multiple samples so that their location parameters are equal.</i> |
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Description

This function aligns multiple samples so that their location parameters are equal.

Usage

```
calibrate(x, reference.group = NULL)
```

Arguments

- x An object of class COMIX.
- reference.group An integer between 1 and the number of groups in the data (`length(unique(C))`). Defaults to `NULL`. If `NULL`, the samples are aligned so that their location parameters are set to be at the estimated group location parameter. If an integer, the samples are aligned so that their location parameters are the same as the location parameter of sample `reference.group`.

Value

A named list of 3:

- `Y_cal`: a $n_{row}(x\$data\$Y) \times n_{col}(x\$data\$Y)$ matrix, a calibrated version of the original data.
- `calibration_distribution`: an $x\$pmc\$n_{save} \times n_{col}(x\$data\$Y) \times n_{row}(x\$data\$Y)$ array storing the difference between the estimated sample-specific location parameter and the group location parameter for each saved step of the chain.
- `calibration_median`: a $n_{row}(x\$data\$Y) \times n_{col}(x\$data\$Y)$ matrix storing the median difference between the estimated sample-specific location parameter and the group location parameter for each saved step of the chain. This matrix is equal to the difference between the uncalibrated data (`x\$data\$Y`) and the calibrated data (`Y_cal`).

Examples

```
library(COMIX)
# Number of observations for each sample (row) and cluster (column):
njk <-
matrix(
c(
150, 300,
250, 200
),
nrow = 2,
byrow = TRUE
```

```
)  
  
# Dimension of data:  
p <- 3  
  
# Scale and skew parameters for first cluster:  
Sigma1 <- matrix(0.5, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(0.5, nrow = p)  
alpha1 <- rep(0, p)  
alpha1[1] <- -5  
# location parameter for first cluster in first sample:  
xi11 <- rep(0, p)  
# location parameter for first cluster in second sample (aligned with first):  
xi21 <- rep(0, p)  
  
# Scale and skew parameters for second cluster:  
Sigma2 <- matrix(-1/3, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(1 + 1/3, nrow = p)  
alpha2 <- rep(0, p)  
alpha2[2] <- 5  
# location parameter for second cluster in first sample:  
xi12 <- rep(3, p)  
# location parameter for second cluster in second sample (misaligned with first):  
xi22 <- rep(4, p)  
  
# Sample data:  
set.seed(1)  
Y <-  
  rbind(  
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 1], xi = xi11, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),  
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 2], xi = xi12, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2),  
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 1], xi = xi21, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),  
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 2], xi = xi22, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2)  
  )  
  
C <- c(rep(1, rowSums(njk)[1]), rep(2, rowSums(njk)[2]))  
  
prior <- list(zeta = 1, K = 10)  
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 200, nsave = 200) # Reasonable usage  
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 2, nsave = 5) # Minimal usage for documentation  
# Fit the model:  
res <- comix(Y, C, pmc = pmc, prior = prior)  
  
# Relabel to resolve potential label switching issues:  
res_relab <- relabelChain(res)  
  
# Generate calibrated data:  
cal <- calibrateNoDist(res_relab)  
  
# Compare raw and calibrated data: (see plot in vignette)  
# par(mfrow=c(1, 2))  
# plot(Y, col = C, xlim = range(Y[,1]), ylim = range(Y[,2]) )  
  
# Get posterior estimates for the model parameters:  
res_summary <- summarizeChain(res_relab)
```

```
# Check for instance, the cluster assignment labels:
table(res_summary$t)
# Indeed the same as
colSums(njk)

# Or examine the skewness parameter for the non-trivial clusters:
res_summary$alpha[, unique(res_summary$t)]
# And compare those to
cbind(alpha1, alpha2)
```

calibrateNoDist

This function aligns multiple samples so that their location parameters are equal.

Description

This function aligns multiple samples so that their location parameters are equal.

Usage

```
calibrateNoDist(x, reference.group = NULL)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | An object of class COMIX. |
| <code>reference.group</code> | An integer between 1 and the number of groups in the data (<code>length(unique(C))</code>). Defaults to <code>NULL</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , the samples are aligned so that their location parameters are set to be at the estimated group location parameter. If an integer, the samples are aligned so that their location parameters are the same as the location parameter of sample <code>reference.group</code> . |

Value

A named list of 2:

- `Y_cal`: a $n_{row}(x$data$Y) \times n_{col}(x$data$Y)$ matrix, a calibrated version of the original data.
- `calibration_median`: a $n_{row}(x$data$Y) \times n_{col}(x$data$Y)$ matrix storing the median difference between the estimated sample-specific location parameter and the group location parameter for each saved step of the chain. This matrix is equal to the difference between the uncalibrated data (`x$data$Y`) and the calibrated data (`Y_cal`).

Examples

```

library(COMIX)
# Number of observations for each sample (row) and cluster (column):
njk <-
  matrix(
    c(
      150, 300,
      250, 200
    ),
    nrow = 2,
    byrow = TRUE
  )

# Dimension of data:
p <- 3

# Scale and skew parameters for first cluster:
Sigma1 <- matrix(0.5, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(0.5, nrow = p)
alpha1 <- rep(0, p)
alpha1[1] <- -5
# location parameter for first cluster in first sample:
xi11 <- rep(0, p)
# location parameter for first cluster in second sample (aligned with first):
xi21 <- rep(0, p)

# Scale and skew parameters for second cluster:
Sigma2 <- matrix(-1/3, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(1 + 1/3, nrow = p)
alpha2 <- rep(0, p)
alpha2[2] <- 5
# location parameter for second cluster in first sample:
xi12 <- rep(3, p)
# location parameter for second cluster in second sample (misaligned with first):
xi22 <- rep(4, p)

# Sample data:
set.seed(1)
Y <-
  rbind(
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 1], xi = xi11, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 2], xi = xi12, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2),
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 1], xi = xi21, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 2], xi = xi22, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2)
  )

C <- c(rep(1, rowSums(njk)[1]), rep(2, rowSums(njk)[2]))

prior <- list(zeta = 1, K = 10)
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 200, nsave = 200) # Reasonable usage
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 2, nsave = 5) # Minimal usage for documentation
# Fit the model:
res <- comix(Y, C, pmc = pmc, prior = prior)

```

```

# Relabel to resolve potential label switching issues:
res_relab <- relabelChain(res)

# Generate calibrated data:
cal <- calibrateNoDist(res_relab)

# Compare raw and calibrated data: (see plot in vignette)
# par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
# plot(Y, col = C, xlim = range(Y[,1]), ylim = range(Y[,2]) )

# Get posterior estimates for the model parameters:
res_summary <- summarizeChain(res_relab)
# Check for instance, the cluster assignment labels:
table(res_summary$t)
# Indeed the same as
colSums(njk)

# Or examine the skewness parameter for the non-trivial clusters:
res_summary$alpha[ , unique(res_summary$t)]
# And compare those to
cbind(alpha1, alpha2)

```

comix

*This function generates a sample from the posterior of COMIX.***Description**

This function generates a sample from the posterior of COMIX.

Usage

```
comix(Y, C, prior = NULL, pmc = NULL, state = NULL, ncores = 2)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------|--|
| Y | Matrix of the data. Each row represents an observation. |
| C | Vector of the group label of each observation. Labels must be integers starting from 1. |
| prior | A list giving the prior information. If unspecified, a default prior is used. The list includes the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • zeta: Coarsening parameter. A number between 0 and 1. zeta = 1: sample from standard posterior; zeta < 1: sample from power posterior. The lower zeta is, the more flexible the kernels become. • K: Maximal number of mixture components. • eta_prior Parameters for gamma prior for concentration parameter of the stick breaking process prior for the weights. • m0: Number of degrees of freedom for the inverse Wishart prior for Sigma, the covariance matrix of the kernels. |

- **Lambda**: Mean parameter for the inverse Wishart prior for Sigma, the covariance matrix of the kernels.
- **b0**: Mean parameter for the multivariate normal distribution that is the prior for the group mean parameter ξ_{i0} .
- **B0**: Covariance parameter for the multivariate normal distribution that is the prior for the group mean parameter ξ_{i0} .
- **e0**: Number of degrees of freedom for the inverse Wishart prior for E_k , the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal from which $\xi_{j,k}$ are drawn.
- **E0**: Mean parameter for the inverse Wishart prior for E_k , the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal from which $\xi_{j,k}$ are drawn.
- **merge_step**: Introduce step to merge mixture components with small KL divergence. Default is `merge_step = TRUE`.
- **merge_par**: Parameter controlling merging radius. Default is `merge_par = 0.1`.

pmc

A list giving the Population Monte Carlo (PMC) parameters:

- **npart**: Number of PMC particles.
- **nburn**: Number of burn-in steps
- **nsave**: Number of steps in the chain after burn-in.
- **nskip**: Thinning parameter, number of steps to skip between saving steps after burn-in.
- **ndisplay**: Display status of chain after every ndisplay steps.

state

A list giving the initial cluster labels:

- **t**: An integer vector, same length as the number of rows of Y, with cluster labels between 1 and K.

ncores

The number of CPU cores to utilize in parallel. Defaults to 2.

Value

An object of class COMIX, a list of 4:

chain, a named list:

- **t**: an $n_{\text{save}} \times \text{nrow}(Y)$ matrix with estimated cluster labels for each saved step of the chain and each observation in the data Y.
- **z**: a $n_{\text{save}} \times \text{nrow}(Y)$ matrix with estimated values of the latent $z_{i,j}$ variable for the parameterization of the multivariate skew normal distribution used in the sampler for each saved step of the chain and each observation in the data Y.
- **W**: an `length(unique(C)) × K ×`
- **nsave**: array storing the estimated sample- and cluster-specific weights for each saved step of the chain.
- **xi**: an `length(unique(C)) × (ncol(Y) × K) × n_{\text{save}}` array storing the estimated sample- and cluster-specific multivariate skew normal location parameters of the kernel for each saved step of the chain.
- **xi0**: an `ncol(Y) × K ×`
- **nsave**: array storing the estimated cluster-specific group location parameters for each saved step of the chain.

- psi: an $\text{ncol}(Y) \times K \times \text{nsave}$ array storing the estimated cluster-specific skew parameters of the kernels in the parameterization of the multivariate skew normal distribution used in the sampler for each saved step of the chain.
- G: an $\text{ncol}(Y) \times (\text{ncol}(Y) \times K) \times \text{nsave}$ array storing the estimated cluster-specific multivariate skew normal scale matrix (in row format) of the kernel used in the sampler for each saved step of the chain.
- E: an $\text{ncol}(Y) \times (\text{ncol}(Y) \times K) \times \text{nsave}$ array storing the estimated covariance matrix (in row format) of the multivariate normal distribution from which the sample- and cluster-specific location parameters are drawn for each saved step of the chain.
- eta: a $\text{n} \times 1$ matrix storing the estimated Dirichlet Process Mixture concentration parameter for each saved step of the chain.
- Sigma: an $\text{ncol}(Y) \times (\text{ncol}(Y) \times K) \times \text{nsave}$ array storing the estimated cluster-specific multivariate skew normal scale matrix (in row format) of the kernel for each saved step of the chain.
- alpha: an $\text{ncol}(Y) \times K \times \text{nsave}$ array storing the estimated cluster-specific skew parameters of the kernel's multivariate skew normal distribution for each saved step of the chain.
- data, a named list that includes the matrix of the data Y and C the vector of the group label of each observation.
- prior and pmc, the lists, as above, that were provided as inputs to the function.

Examples

```

library(COMIX)
# Number of observations for each sample (row) and cluster (column):
njk <-
matrix(
  c(
    150, 300,
    250, 200
  ),
  nrow = 2,
  byrow = TRUE
)

# Dimension of data:
p <- 3

# Scale and skew parameters for first cluster:
Sigma1 <- matrix(0.5, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(0.5, nrow = p)
alpha1 <- rep(0, p)
alpha1[1] <- -5
# location parameter for first cluster in first sample:
xi11 <- rep(0, p)
# location parameter for first cluster in second sample (aligned with first):
xi21 <- rep(0, p)

# Scale and skew parameters for second cluster:
Sigma2 <- matrix(-1/3, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(1 + 1/3, nrow = p)

```

```

alpha2 <- rep(0, p)
alpha2[2] <- 5
# location parameter for second cluster in first sample:
xi12 <- rep(3, p)
# location parameter for second cluster in second sample (misaligned with first):
xi22 <- rep(4, p)

# Sample data:
set.seed(1)
Y <-
rbind(
  sn::rmsn(njk[1, 1], xi = xi11, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
  sn::rmsn(njk[1, 2], xi = xi12, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2),
  sn::rmsn(njk[2, 1], xi = xi21, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
  sn::rmsn(njk[2, 2], xi = xi22, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2)
)

C <- c(rep(1, rowSums(njk)[1]), rep(2, rowSums(njk)[2]))

prior <- list(zeta = 1, K = 10)
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 200, nsave = 200) # Reasonable usage
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 2, nsave = 5) # Minimal usage for documentation
# Fit the model:
res <- comix(Y, C, pmc = pmc, prior = prior)

# Relabel to resolve potential label switching issues:
res_relab <- relabelChain(res)

# Generate calibrated data:
cal <- calibrateNoDist(res_relab)

# Compare raw and calibrated data: (see plot in vignette)
# par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
# plot(Y, col = C, xlim = range(Y[,1]), ylim = range(Y[,2]) )

# Get posterior estimates for the model parameters:
res_summary <- summarizeChain(res_relab)
# Check for instance, the cluster assignment labels:
table(res_summary$t)
# Indeed the same as
colSums(njk)

# Or examine the skewness parameter for the non-trivial clusters:
res_summary$alpha[ , unique(res_summary$t)]
# And compare those to
cbind(alpha1, alpha2)

```

Description

This function relabels the chain to avoid label switching issues.

Usage

```
relabelChain(res)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|---------------------------|
| res | An object of class COMIX. |
|-----|---------------------------|

Value

An object of class COMIX where res\$chain\$t is replaced with the new labels.

Examples

```
library(COMIX)
# Number of observations for each sample (row) and cluster (column):
njk <-
  matrix(
    c(
      150, 300,
      250, 200
    ),
    nrow = 2,
    byrow = TRUE
  )

# Dimension of data:
p <- 3

# Scale and skew parameters for first cluster:
Sigma1 <- matrix(0.5, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(0.5, nrow = p)
alpha1 <- rep(0, p)
alpha1[1] <- -5
# location parameter for first cluster in first sample:
xi11 <- rep(0, p)
# location parameter for first cluster in second sample (aligned with first):
xi21 <- rep(0, p)

# Scale and skew parameters for second cluster:
Sigma2 <- matrix(-1/3, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(1 + 1/3, nrow = p)
alpha2 <- rep(0, p)
alpha2[2] <- 5
# location parameter for second cluster in first sample:
xi12 <- rep(3, p)
# location parameter for second cluster in second sample (misaligned with first):
xi22 <- rep(4, p)

# Sample data:
set.seed(1)
```

```

Y <-
  rbind(
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 1], xi = xi11, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 2], xi = xi12, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2),
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 1], xi = xi21, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 2], xi = xi22, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2)
  )

C <- c(rep(1, rowSums(njk)[1]), rep(2, rowSums(njk)[2]))

prior <- list(zeta = 1, K = 10)
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 200, nsave = 200) # Reasonable usage
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 2, nsave = 5) # Minimal usage for documentation
# Fit the model:
res <- comix(Y, C, pmc = pmc, prior = prior)

# Relabel to resolve potential label switching issues:
res_relab <- relabelChain(res)

# Generate calibrated data:
cal <- calibrateNoDist(res_relab)

# Compare raw and calibrated data: (see plot in vignette)
# par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
# plot(Y, col = C, xlim = range(Y[,1]), ylim = range(Y[,2]) )

# Get posterior estimates for the model parameters:
res_summary <- summarizeChain(res_relab)
# Check for instance, the cluster assignment labels:
table(res_summary$t)
# Indeed the same as
colSums(njk)

# Or examine the skewness parameter for the non-trivial clusters:
res_summary$alpha[ , unique(res_summary$t)]
# And compare those to
cbind(alpha1, alpha2)

```

summarizeChain*This function provides post-hoc estimates of the model parameters.***Description**

This function provides post-hoc estimates of the model parameters.

Usage

```
summarizeChain(res)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| <code>res</code> | An object of class COMIX. |
|------------------|---------------------------|

Value

A named list:

- `xi0`: a $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ matrix storing the posterior mean of the group location parameter.
- `psi`: a $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ matrix storing the posterior mean of the multivariate skew normal kernels skewness parameter (in the parameterization used in the sampler).
- `alpha`: a $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ matrix storing the posterior mean of the multivariate skew normal kernels skewness parameter.
- `W`: a $\text{length}(\text{unique}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{C})) \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ matrix storing the posterior mean of the mixture weights for each sample and cluster.
- `xi`: an $\text{length}(\text{unique}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{C})) \times \text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ array storing the the posterior mean of the multivariate skew normal kernels location parameter for each sample and cluster.
- `Sigma`: an $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ array storing the the posterior mean of the scaling matrix of the multivariate skew normal kernels for each cluster.
- `G`: an $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ array storing the the posterior mean of the scaling matrix of the multivariate skew normal kernels for each cluster (in the parameterization used in the sampler).
- `E`: an $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ array storing the the posterior mean of the covariance matrix of the multivariate normal distributions for each cluster from which the sample specific location parameters are drawn.
- `meanvec`: an $\text{length}(\text{unique}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{C})) \times \text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ array storing the the posterior mean of the multivariate skew normal kernels mean parameter for each sample and cluster.
- `meanvec0`: a $\text{ncol}(\text{res}[\text{data}] \times \text{res}[\text{prior}] \times K$ matrix storing the posterior mean of the group mean parameter.
- `t`: Vector of length $\text{nrow}(\text{x}[\text{data}] \times \text{Y})$. Each element is the mode of the posterior distribution of cluster labels.
- `eta`: scalar, the mean of the posterior distribution of the estimated Dirichlet Process Mixture concentration parameter.

Examples

```
library(COMIX)
# Number of observations for each sample (row) and cluster (column):
njk <-
matrix(
  c(
    150, 300,
    250, 200
  ),
)
```

```

        nrow = 2,
        byrow = TRUE
    )

# Dimension of data:
p <- 3

# Scale and skew parameters for first cluster:
Sigma1 <- matrix(0.5, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(0.5, nrow = p)
alpha1 <- rep(0, p)
alpha1[1] <- -5
# location parameter for first cluster in first sample:
xi11 <- rep(0, p)
# location parameter for first cluster in second sample (aligned with first):
xi21 <- rep(0, p)

# Scale and skew parameters for second cluster:
Sigma2 <- matrix(-1/3, nrow = p, ncol = p) + diag(1 + 1/3, nrow = p)
alpha2 <- rep(0, p)
alpha2[2] <- 5
# location parameter for second cluster in first sample:
xi12 <- rep(3, p)
# location parameter for second cluster in second sample (misaligned with first):
xi22 <- rep(4, p)

# Sample data:
set.seed(1)
Y <-
  rbind(
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 1], xi = xi11, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
    sn::rmsn(njk[1, 2], xi = xi12, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2),
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 1], xi = xi21, Omega = Sigma1, alpha = alpha1),
    sn::rmsn(njk[2, 2], xi = xi22, Omega = Sigma2, alpha = alpha2)
  )

C <- c(rep(1, rowSums(njk)[1]), rep(2, rowSums(njk)[2]))

prior <- list(zeta = 1, K = 10)
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 200, nsave = 200) # Reasonable usage
pmc <- list(naprt = 5, nburn = 2, nsave = 5) # Minimal usage for documentation
# Fit the model:
res <- comix(Y, C, pmc = pmc, prior = prior)

# Relabel to resolve potential label switching issues:
res_relab <- relabelChain(res)

# Generate calibrated data:
cal <- calibrateNoDist(res_relab)

# Compare raw and calibrated data: (see plot in vignette)
# par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
# plot(Y, col = C, xlim = range(Y[,1]), ylim = range(Y[,2]) )

```

```
# Get posterior estimates for the model parameters:
res_summary <- summarizeChain(res_relab)
# Check for instance, the cluster assignment labels:
table(res_summary$t)
# Indeed the same as
colSums(njk)

# Or examine the skewness parameter for the non-trivial clusters:
res_summary$alpha[ , unique(res_summary$t)]
# And compare those to
cbind(alpha1, alpha2)
```

transform_params

Convert between parameterizations of the multivariate skew normal distribution.

Description

Convert between parameterizations of the multivariate skew normal distribution.

Usage

```
transform_params(Sigma, alpha)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------|----------------------------------|
| Sigma | A scale matrix. |
| alpha | A vector for the skew parameter. |

Value

A list:

- delta: a reparameterized skewness vector, a transformed version of alpha.
- omega: a diagonal matrix of the same dimensions as Sigma, the diagonal elements are the square roots of the diagonal elements of Sigma.
- psi: another reparameterized skewness vector, utilized in the sampler.
- G: a reparameterized version of Sigma, utilized in the sampler.

Examples

```
library(COMIX)
# Scale and skew parameters:
Sigma <- matrix(0.5, nrow = 4, ncol = 4) + diag(0.5, nrow = 4)
alpha <- c(0, 0, 0, 5)
transformed_parameters <- transform_params(Sigma, alpha)
```

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