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Data

speed of light in free space,	$c = 3.00 \times 10^{8}\ \text{m s}^{-1}$
permeability of free space,	$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}\ \text{H m}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space,	$\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}\ \text{F m}^{-1}$
elementary charge,	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19}\ \text{C}$
the Planck constant,	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}\ \text{J s}$
unified atomic mass constant,	$u = 1.66 \times 10^{-27}\ \text{kg}$
rest mass of electron,	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31}\ \text{kg}$
rest mass of proton,	$m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}\ \text{kg}$
molar gas constant,	$R = 8.31\ \text{J K}^{-1}\ \text{mol}^{-1}$
the Avogadro constant,	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23}\ \text{mol}^{-1}$
the Boltzmann constant,	$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}\ \text{J K}^{-1}$
gravitational constant,	$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11}\ \text{N m}^2\ \text{kg}^{-2}$
acceleration of free fall,	$g = 9.81\ \text{m s}^{-2}$

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Formulae

uniformly accelerated motion, $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$

work done on/by a gas, $W = p\Delta V$

gravitational potential, $\phi = -\frac{Gm}{r}$

hydrostatic pressure, $p = \rho gh$

pressure of an ideal gas, $p = \frac{1}{3}\frac{Nm}{V}\langle c^2 \rangle$

simple harmonic motion, $a = -\omega^2 x$

velocity of particle in s.h.m., $v = v_0 \cos \omega t$
$v = \pm \omega \sqrt{(x_0^2 - x^2)}$

electric potential, $V = \frac{Q}{4\pi\varepsilon_0 r}$

capacitors in series, $1/C = 1/C_1 + 1/C_2 + \ldots$

capacitors in parallel, $C = C_1 + C_2 + \ldots$

energy of charged capacitor, $W = \frac{1}{2}QV$

resistors in series, $R = R_1 + R_2 + \ldots$

resistors in parallel, $1/R = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + \ldots$

alternating current/voltage, $x = x_0 \sin \omega t$

radioactive decay, $x = x_0 \exp(-\lambda t)$

decay constant, $\lambda = \frac{0.693}{t_{\frac{1}{2}}}$

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Section A

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Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

1 **(a)** State what is meant by a *field of force*.

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(b) Gravitational fields and electric fields are two examples of fields of force.
State one similarity and one difference between these two fields of force.

similarity: .....

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difference: .....

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[3]

(c) Two protons are isolated in space. Their centres are separated by a distance R.
Each proton may be considered to be a point mass with point charge.
Determine the magnitude of the ratio

$$\frac{\text{force between protons due to electric field}}{\text{force between protons due to gravitational field}}.$$

ratio = ... [3]

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2 **(a)** State what is meant by a *mole*.

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(b) Two containers A and B are joined by a tube of negligible volume, as illustrated in Fig. 2.1.

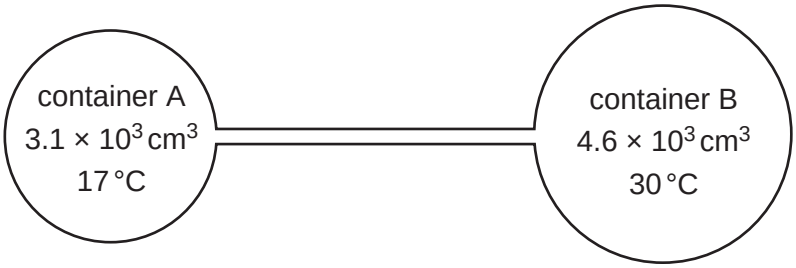


Fig. 2.1

The containers are filled with an ideal gas at a pressure of 2.3×10^5 Pa.
The gas in container A has volume 3.1×10^3 cm^3 and is at a temperature of 17 °C.
The gas in container B has volume 4.6×10^3 cm^3 and is at a temperature of 30 °C.

Calculate the total amount of gas, in mol, in the containers.

amount = ... mol [4]

3 A capacitor consists of two metal plates separated by an insulator, as shown in Fig. 3.1.

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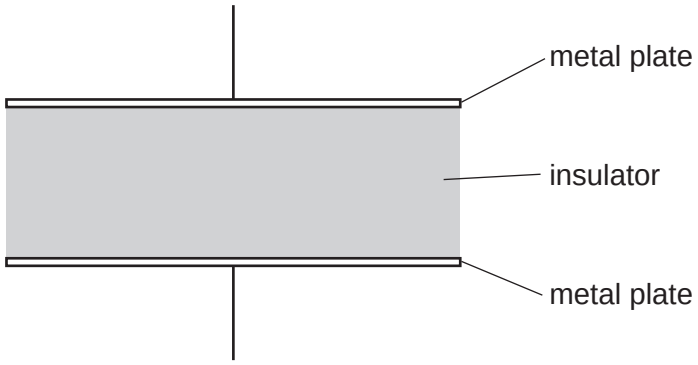


Fig. 3.1

The potential difference between the plates is V. The variation with V of the magnitude of the charge Q on one plate is shown in Fig. 3.2.

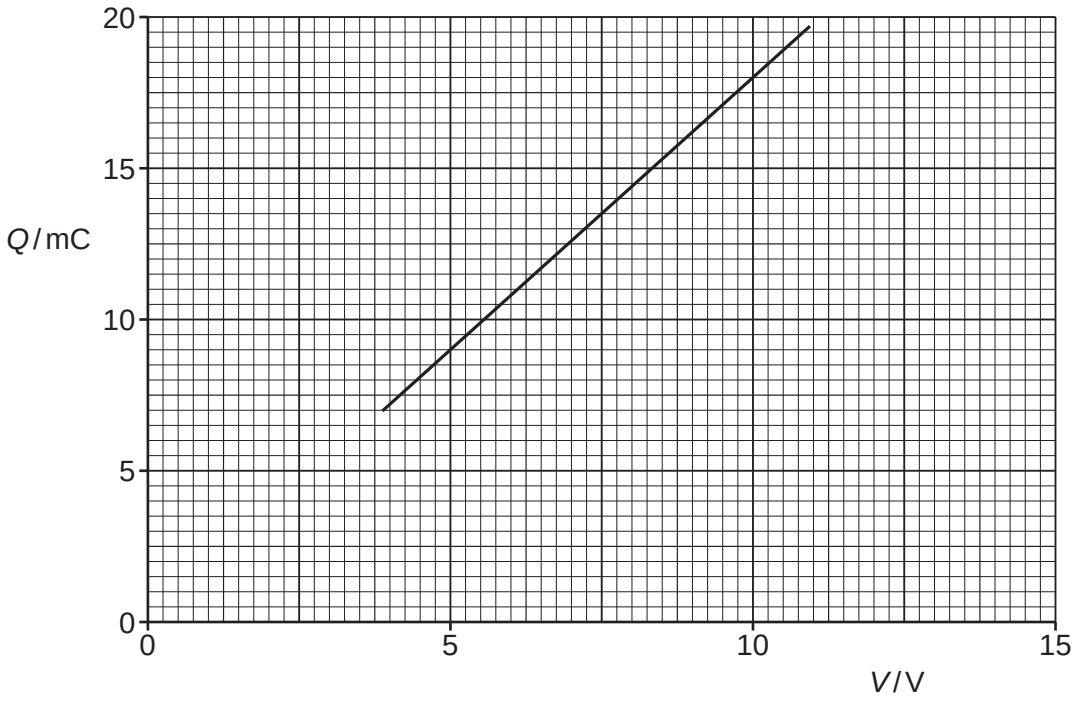


Fig. 3.2

(a) Explain why the capacitor stores energy but not charge.

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(b) Use Fig. 3.2 to determine

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(i) the capacitance of the capacitor,

capacitance = ... μF [2]

(ii) the loss in energy stored in the capacitor when the potential difference V is reduced from 10.0V to 7.5V.

energy = ... mJ [2]

(c) Three capacitors X, Y and Z, each of capacitance 10 μF, are connected as shown in Fig. 3.3.

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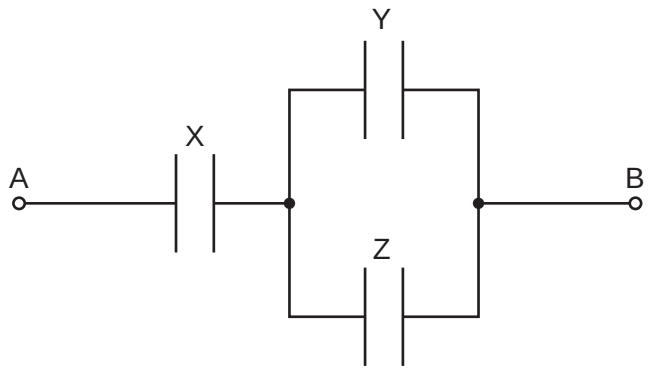


Fig. 3.3

Initially, the capacitors are uncharged.
A potential difference of 12 V is applied between points A and B.
Determine the magnitude of the charge on one plate of capacitor X.

charge = ... μC [3]

4 **(a)** The first law of thermodynamics may be expressed in the form

$$\Delta U = q + w.$$

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Explain the symbols in this expression.

+ ΔU .....

+ q .....

+ w .....
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(b) **(i)** State what is meant by *specific latent heat*.

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(ii) Use the first law of thermodynamics to explain why the specific latent heat of vaporisation is greater than the specific latent heat of fusion for a particular substance.

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5 A bar magnet is suspended vertically from the free end of a helical spring, as shown in Fig. 5.1.

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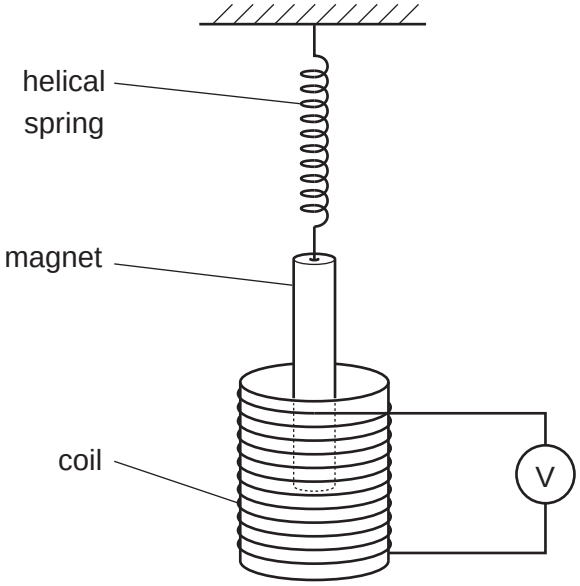


Fig. 5.1

One pole of the magnet is situated in a coil. The coil is connected in series with a high-resistance voltmeter.
The magnet is displaced vertically and then released.
The variation with time t of the reading V of the voltmeter is shown in Fig. 5.2.

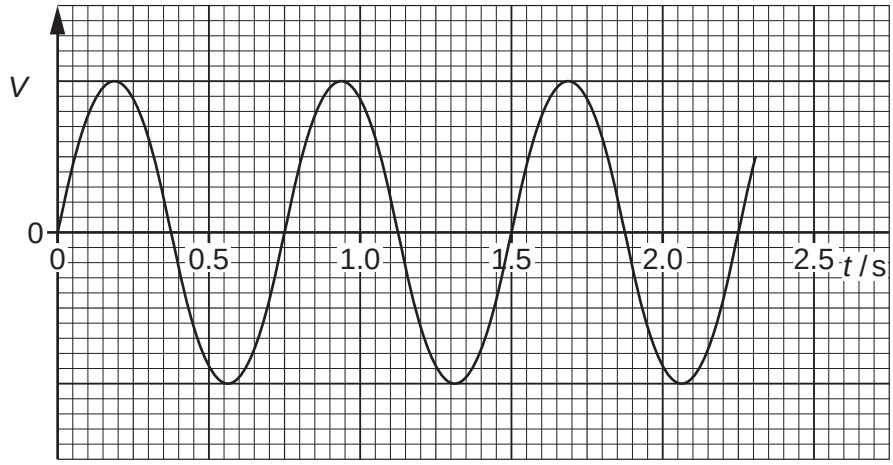


Fig. 5.2

(a) (i) State Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.

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(ii) Use Faraday's law to explain why

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2. this reading varies in magnitude,

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3. the reading has both positive and negative values.

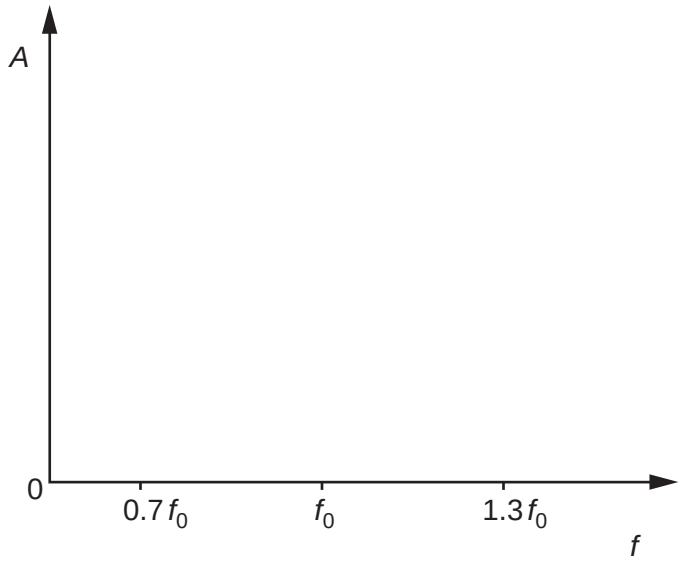
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(b) Use Fig. 5.2 to determine the frequency f_0 of the oscillations of the magnet.

f_0 = ... Hz [2]

(c) The magnet is now brought to rest and the voltmeter is replaced by a variable frequency alternating current supply that produces a constant r.m.s. current in the coil.
The frequency of the supply is gradually increased from $0.7f_0$ to $1.3f_0$, where f_0 is the frequency calculated in **(b)**.
On the axes of Fig. 5.3, sketch a graph to show the variation with frequency f of the amplitude A of the new oscillations of the bar magnet.



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Fig. 5.3

(d) **(i)** Name the phenomenon illustrated on your completed graph of Fig. 5.3.

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(ii) State one situation where the phenomenon named in **(i)** is useful.

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6 An alternating current supply is connected in series with a resistor R, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

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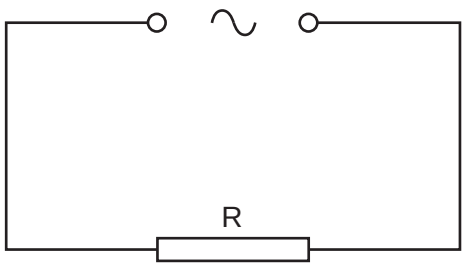


Fig. 6.1

The variation with time t (measured in seconds) of the current I (measured in amps) in the resistor is given by the expression

$$I = 9.9\sin(380t).$$

(a) For the current in the resistor R, determine

(i) the frequency,

frequency = ... Hz [2]

(ii) the r.m.s. current.

r.m.s. current = ... A [2]

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(b) To prevent over-heating, the mean power dissipated in resistor R must not exceed 400 W.
Calculate the minimum resistance of R.

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resistance = ... Ω [2]

7 **(a)** State what is meant by the *de Broglie wavelength*.

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(b) An electron is accelerated in a vacuum from rest through a potential difference of 850V.

(i) Show that the final momentum of the electron is 1.6×10^{-23} N s.

[2]

(ii) Calculate the de Broglie wavelength of this electron.

wavelength = ... m [2]

(c) Describe an experiment to demonstrate the wave nature of electrons.
You may draw a diagram if you wish.

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8 **(a)** State what is meant by the *binding energy* of a nucleus.

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(b) Show that the energy equivalence of 1.0 u is 930 MeV.

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(c) Data for the masses of some particles and nuclei are given in Fig. 8.1.

	mass / u
proton	1.0073
neutron	1.0087
deuterium ($^{2}_{1}$H)	2.0141
zirconium ($^{97}_{40}$Zr)	97.0980

Fig. 8.1

Use data from Fig. 8.1 and information from **(b)** to determine, in MeV,

(i) the binding energy of deuterium,

binding energy = ... MeV [2]

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(ii) the binding energy **per nucleon** of zirconium.

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binding energy per nucleon = ... MeV [3]

Section B

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Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided.

9 **(a)** Describe the structure of a metal wire strain gauge. You may draw a diagram if you wish.

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(b) A strain gauge S is connected into the circuit of Fig. 9.1.

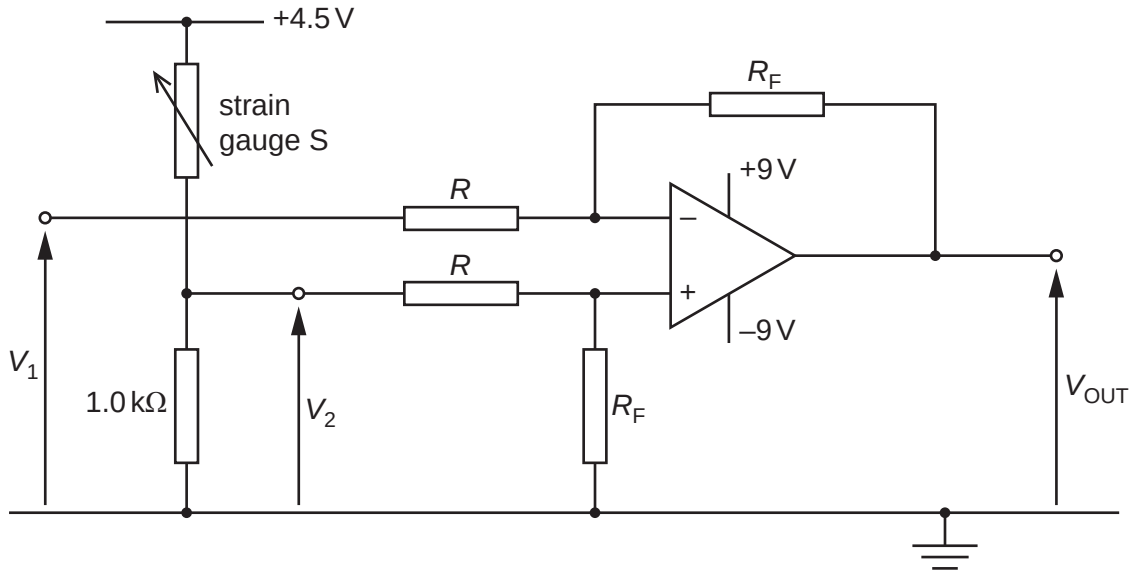


Fig. 9.1

The operational amplifier (op-amp) is ideal.
The output potential V_{OUT} of the circuit is given by the expression

$$V_{OUT} = \frac{R_F}{R} \times (V_2 - V_1).$$

(i) State the name given to the ratio $\frac{R_F}{R}$.

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(ii) The strain gauge S has resistance 125 Ω when not under strain.
Calculate the magnitude of V_1 such that, when the strain gauge S is not strained, the output V_{OUT} is zero.

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V_1 = ... V [3]

(iii) In a particular test, the resistance of S increases to 128 Ω. V_1 is unchanged.
The ratio $\frac{R_F}{R}$ is 12.
Calculate the magnitude of V_{OUT}.

V_{OUT} = ... V [2]

10 Explain briefly the main principles of the use of magnetic resonance to obtain diagnostic information about internal body structures.

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11 The use of ionospheric reflection of radio waves for long-distance communication has, to a great extent, been replaced by satellite communication.

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(a) State and explain two reasons why this change has occurred.

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2. .....

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(b) The radio link between a geostationary satellite and Earth may be attenuated by as much as 190 dB.
Suggest why, as a result of this attenuation, the uplink and downlink frequencies must be different.

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12 **(a)** The signal-to-noise ratio in an optic fibre must not fall below 24 dB. The average noise power in the fibre is 5.6×10^{-19} W.

(i) Calculate the minimum effective signal power in the optic fibre.

power = ... W [3]

(ii) The fibre has an attenuation per unit length of 1.9 dB km^{-1}.
Calculate the maximum uninterrupted length of fibre for an input signal of power 3.5 mW.

length = ... km [3]

(b) Suggest why infra-red radiation, rather than ultraviolet radiation, is used for long-distance communication using optic fibres.

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