

To Study on Number of Subgroups of Finite Abelian Group $Z_m \otimes Z_n$

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Abstract:

In this paper, we determine the number of subgroups of group $Z_p^m \otimes Z_p^n$ which may be cyclic or non-cyclic by using simple number-theoretic formulae. We describe the subgroups of the group $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ and derive a simple formula for the total number $s(m,n)$ of the subgroups where m, n are arbitrary positive integers. We point out that certain multiplicative properties of related counting functions for finite Abelian groups are immediate consequences of these formula.

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Introduction

Consider a finite abelian group $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ of order mn . If m and n are relatively prime then $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ is cyclic, otherwise non-cyclic. In [1], if group $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ is cyclic then number of subgroup is equal number of divisor of mn . It is well known (Frobenius-Stickelberger, 1878) that a finite abelian group is the direct sum of a finite number of cyclic groups of prime power orders.

However, when it comes to draw the subgroup lattice of a given finite abelian group, or to find out the total number of subgroups this group has, this can be a difficult task. It is the purpose of this note to describe a new method which partially solves these two problems. The number of nontrivial subgroups of $G = Z_p \otimes Z_p$ is $p+3$. If p is prime then $p+3$ never equal to number of divisor of p^2 . In [4] (MARIUS TARNAUCANU), the total number of subgroups of $Z_{p^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p^{\alpha_2}}$ is $\frac{[(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1 + 2} - (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - 1)p^{\alpha_1 + 1} - (\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 + 3)p + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 + 1)]}{(p-1)^2}$ where $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$. In this paper we derive a formula which works in both the case either group $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ cyclic or non-cyclic.

2-Preliminaries

2.1 Theorem: (The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic) Every positive integer greater than one can be written uniquely as a product of primes, with prime factors in the product written in order of non decreasing size.

2.2 Theorem: (The Fundamental Theorem of Finite Abelian Groups) Every finite Abelian group is a direct product of cyclic groups of prime-power order. Moreover, the factorization is unique except for rearrangement of factors.

2.3 Theorem: Prove that $G \otimes H \approx H \otimes G$ where H and G both are groups.

2.4 Theorem: If a and b are elements abelian groups G_1 and G_2 respectively and their orders are finite as well as co-prime, then $\langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle = \langle (a, b) \rangle$

Proof: We have $o((a, b)) = \text{lcm} \{o(a), o(b)\} = o(a)o(b)$

Hence subgroup $\langle (a, b) \rangle$ has order $o(a)o(b)$ which same order of $\langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle$

Now want to prove that $\langle (a, b) \rangle = \langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle$

Let $x = (a, b)^k$ be any arbitrary element of $\langle (a, b) \rangle$

$$\Rightarrow x = (a^k, b^k) \Rightarrow a^k \in \langle a \rangle \text{ and } b^k \in \langle b \rangle \Rightarrow (a^k, b^k) \in \langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle$$

Hence $\langle (a, b) \rangle \subseteq \langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle$

Let $x = (a^k, b^l)$ be any arbitrary element of $\langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle$ and without loss of generality assume that $k \leq l$

Case1:

If $k = 1$ then $x = (a^k, b^k)$ then $x \in \langle (a, b) \rangle$

Case 2: If $k < 1$ then $x = (a^k, b^l) = (a^k, b^k)(e, b^{l-k})$

We know that $o(a)$ and $o(b)$ are co-prime ,then there exists integers α and β such that $1 = \alpha.o(a) + \beta.o(b)$

$$\text{Then } (e, b) = (e, b^{\alpha.o(a) + \beta.o(b)}) = (e, (b^{o(a)})^\alpha (b^{o(b)})^\beta) = (e, (b^{o(a)})^\alpha) = (e, b^{o(a)})^\alpha$$

$$\text{Here } (a, b) \in \langle (a, b) \rangle \Rightarrow (a, b)^{o(a)} \in \langle (a, b) \rangle \Rightarrow (e, b^{o(a)}) \in \langle (a, b) \rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow (e, b) \in \langle (a, b) \rangle \Rightarrow (e, b^{l-k}) \in \langle (a, b) \rangle \dots \dots \dots *$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Also } (a^k, b^k) \in \langle (a, b) \rangle \dots \dots \dots **$$

From (*) and (**), we get $(a^k, b^l) \in \langle (a, b) \rangle \Rightarrow x \in \langle (a, b) \rangle$

On basis of case 1 and case 2 , we conclude that $\langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle \subseteq \langle (a, b) \rangle$

Therefore $\langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle = \langle (a, b) \rangle$

2.5 Theorem: If order of abelian group G_1 and G_2 are finite as well as co-prime ,then every subgroup of G_1 and G_2 are finite as well as co-prime ,then every subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ can be written as be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 .

Proof: Assume H is any subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_2$, we have to prove that H can be written as external product of G_1 and subgroup G_2 .

Firstly, we prove that H must have a subgroup which can be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 .

$$\text{Here } \{(e_1, e_2)\} \text{ is a subgroup of } H \text{ and } \{(e_1, e_2)\} \approx \{e_1\} \otimes \{e_2\}$$

Therefore ,our first claim is proved.

Assume that $H_1 \otimes H_2$ is the largest subgroup of H which can be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 . There are two cases arises here.

(i) $H_1 \otimes H_2 = H$

(ii) $H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H$

Case 1: If $H_1 \otimes H_2 = H$,then nothing to prove.

Case 2: If $H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H$, then there exists $(a, b) \in H$ such that $(a, b) \notin H_1 \otimes H_2$

It is given that G_1 is an abelian group; Therefore H_1 and $\langle a \rangle$ are also abelian subgroup of G_1 ; Hence $H_1 \langle a \rangle = \langle a \rangle H_1 \Rightarrow H_1 \langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G_1 . Similarly we can prove that $H_2 \langle b \rangle$ is a subgroup of G_2 .Then $H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle$ is also subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_2$

Now we have to show that $H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle \subseteq H$

Let $(x, y) \in H_1 \otimes H_2 \Rightarrow x \in H_1$ and $y \in H_2 \Rightarrow x \in H_1 \langle a \rangle$ and $y \in H_2 \langle b \rangle$
 $\Rightarrow (x, y) \in H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle$

Hence $H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle$ (i)

It is given in this case that $(a, b) \notin H_1 \otimes H_2$

But $a \in \langle a \rangle \Rightarrow a \in H_1 \langle a \rangle$

Similarly, $b \in H_2 \langle b \rangle$

Hence $(a, b) \in H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle$ (ii)

From (*) and (**), we get $H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle$ (iii)

Let $(x, y) \in H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle$

$\Rightarrow x \in H_1 \langle a \rangle$ and $y \in H_2 \langle b \rangle$

$\Rightarrow x = h_1 a^k$ and $y = h_2 b^l$ where $h_1 \in H_1, h_2 \in H_2$ and $k, l \in Z$

$(x, y) = (h_1 a^k, h_2 b^l) = (h_1, h_2) (a^k, b^l)$ (iv)

It is also given that order of groups G_1 and G_2 are finite as well as co-prime, hence $o(a)$ and $o(b)$ are also co-prime and finite

By use of theorem 2.4, we get $\langle a \rangle \otimes \langle b \rangle \subseteq H$

Hence $(a^k, b^l) \in H$ (v)

Also $(h_1, h_2) \in H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H$ (vi)

By use of (iv), (v) and (vi) with use of concept that H is subgroup, we get

$(x, y) = (h_1 a^k, h_2 b^l) = (h_1, h_2) (a^k, b^l) \in H$

Hence $H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle \subseteq H$ (vii)

From (iii) and (vii), we get $H_1 \otimes H_2 \subseteq H_1 \langle a \rangle \otimes H_2 \langle b \rangle \subseteq H$

Above the result is a contradiction with fact that $H_1 \otimes H_2$ is largest subgroup of H which can be external product of two subgroups of G_1 and G_2 . Hence H is itself external product of two subgroups of G_1 and G_2 .

But H is any arbitrary subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_1$, hence every subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ can be written as be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 .

3- New Number-theoretic Formula for number of subgroup of $Z_{p^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p^{\alpha_2}}$

3.1 Theorem: Prove that the total number of subgroups of $Z_{p^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p^{\alpha_2}}$ are

$$\sum_{q|(p^{\alpha_1}, p^{\alpha_2})} \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_1}}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_2}}{q}\right) \Phi(q).$$

Proof: Without loss of generality, assume that $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$

Let $S = \sum_{q|(p^{\alpha_1}, p^{\alpha_2})} \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_1}}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_2}}{q}\right) \Phi(q)$ where $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$

$$S = \sum_{q|p^{\alpha_1}} \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_1}}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_2}}{q}\right) \Phi(q)$$

$$S = \tau(p^{\alpha_1})\tau(p^{\alpha_2})\Phi(1) + \tau(p^{\alpha_1-1})\tau(p^{\alpha_2-1})\Phi(p) + \tau(p^{\alpha_1-2})\tau(p^{\alpha_2-2})\Phi(p^2) + \dots + \tau(p^{\alpha_1-\alpha_1})\tau(p^{\alpha_2-\alpha_1})\Phi(p^{\alpha_1})$$

$$S = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) + (\alpha_1)(\alpha_2)(p - 1) + (\alpha_1 - 1)(\alpha_2 - 1)p(p - 1) + (\alpha_2 - 2)(\alpha_2 - 2)p^2(p - 1) + \dots + (\alpha_1 - \alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1-1}(p - 1) \dots (i)$$

Multiply (i) by p, we obtain

$$S_p = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)p + (\alpha_1)(\alpha_2)(p - 1)p + (\alpha_1 - 1)(\alpha_2 - 1)p^2(p - 1) + (\alpha_1 - 2)(\alpha_2 - 2)p^3(p - 1) + \dots + (\alpha_1 - \alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}(p - 1) \dots (ii)$$

Then (ii) and (i) we obtain

$$S(p-1) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(p - 1) - (\alpha_1)(\alpha_2)(p - 1) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1 + 2(1))p(p - 1) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1 + 2(2))p^2(p - 1) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1 + 2(3))p^3(p - 1) + \dots + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 - 1 + 2(\alpha_1 - 1))p^{\alpha_1 - 1}(p - 1) + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}(p - 1)$$

$$S = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) - (\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(1))p + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(2))p^2 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(3))p^3 + \dots + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(\alpha_1 - 1))p^{\alpha_1 - 1} + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}$$

$$S = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) - (\alpha_1)(\alpha_2) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(1))p + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(2))p^2 + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(3))p^3 + \dots + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1 - 2(\alpha_1 - 1))p^{\alpha_1 - 1} + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}$$

$$S = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)(1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^{\alpha_1 - 1}) - 2(p + 2p^2 + 3p^3 + \dots + (\alpha_1 - 1)p^{\alpha_1 - 1}) + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}$$

$$S = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1) \frac{p^{\alpha_1 - 1} - 1}{p - 1} - 2 \left(\frac{\alpha_1 p^{\alpha_1}}{p - 1} - \frac{p(p^{\alpha_1 - 1} - 1)}{(p - 1)^2} \right) + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}$$

$$S = \frac{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 1)(p^{\alpha_1 - 1})(p - 1) - 2(\alpha_1 p^{\alpha_1}(p - 1) - p(p^{\alpha_1 - 1})) + (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1}(p - 1)^2}{(p - 1)^2}$$

$$S = \frac{[(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1 + 2} - (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - 1)p^{\alpha_1 + 1} - (\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 + 3)p + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 + 1)]}{(p - 1)^2}$$

Which is same as in [4] (MARIUS TARNAUCEANU), the total number of subgroups of $Z_{p^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p^{\alpha_2}}$ are

$$\frac{[(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 + 1)p^{\alpha_1 + 2} - (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - 1)p^{\alpha_1 + 1} - (\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 + 3)p + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_1 + 1)]}{(p - 1)^2} \text{ where } \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2$$

Hence, total number of subgroups of $Z_{p^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p^{\alpha_2}}$ are $\sum_{q|(p^{\alpha_1}, p^{\alpha_2})} \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_1}}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p^{\alpha_2}}{q}\right) \Phi(q)$

4- New Number-theoretic Formula for number of subgroup of $Z_m \otimes Z_n$

4.1 Theorem: If order of abelian groups G_1 and G_2 are finite as well as co-prime, then number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ is product of number of subgroups of G_1 with number of subgroups of G_2 .

Proof: Total number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ which can be written as be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 is product of number of subgroups of G_1 with number of subgroups of G_2 .

By use of theorem 2.5 ,every subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ can be written as be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 . Hence there is no subgroup of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ which cannot be written as external product of subgroup of G_1 and subgroup of G_2 .

Hence total number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ is product of number of subgroups of G_1 with number of subgroups of G_2 .

4.2 Corollary : If p and q are different primes, then number of subgroup of group $Z_{p^\alpha} \otimes Z_{q^\beta}$ are $\tau(p^\alpha q^\beta)$

Proof: Number of subgroup of Z_{p^α} is $\tau(p^\alpha)$ and Number of subgroup of Z_{q^β} is $\tau(q^\beta)$

Here order of abelian groups Z_{p^α} and Z_{q^β} are finite as well as co-prime ,then number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ is $\tau(p^\alpha)\tau(q^\beta) = \tau(p^\alpha q^\beta)$

4.3 Theorem: If finite abelian group G_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and $(|G_i|, |G_j|) = 1 \forall i \neq j$, then number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2 \otimes G_3 \otimes \dots \otimes G_k$ is $\prod_{i=1}^k (\text{Number of subgroup of } G_i)$

Proof: We use the principal of Mathematical Induction to prove this result. Take $k = 2$, then by use of theorem 4.1, we have

Number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2$ is $\prod_{i=1}^2 (\text{Number of subgroup of } G_i)$

Let us assume that the given result is true for $k-1$, we have

Number of subgroups of $G_1 \otimes G_2 \otimes G_3 \otimes \dots \otimes G_{k-1}$ is $\prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (\text{Number of subgroup of } G_i)$

We have to prove that the given result is true for k

Say $H = G_1 \otimes G_2 \otimes G_3 \otimes \dots \otimes G_{k-1}$ and $K = G_k$

It is given that order of each G_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ is finite, therefore order H is finite.

It is also given that each G_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1$ is abelian group, therefore H is also abelian group.

Here $(|G_1|, |G_k|) = 1, (|G_2|, |G_k|) = 1, \dots, (|G_{k-1}|, |G_k|) = 1 \Rightarrow (|G_1| |G_k| \dots |G_{k-1}|, |G_k|) = 1$

$\Rightarrow (|G_1 \otimes G_2 \otimes G_3 \otimes \dots \otimes G_{k-1}|, |G_k|) = 1 \Rightarrow (|H|, |K|) = 1$

Hence number of subgroups of $H \otimes K$ is (number of subgroup of H) \times (number of subgroup with k).

$$= \left[\prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (\text{Number of subgroup of } G_i) \right] \times \text{Number of subgroup of } G_k = \prod_{i=1}^k (\text{Number of subgroup of } G_i).$$

4.4 Corollary:- Number of subgroups of $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ are $\sum_{q|(m,n)} \tau\left(\frac{m}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{n}{q}\right) \Phi(q)$. **Proof:** By use of

the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic m and n can be written as $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r}$ and $n = p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} p_3^{\beta_3} \dots p_r^{\beta_r}$ throughout the paper. Here it is not necessary that all α_i and β_i are not zero.

Hence, by use of Fundamental Theorem of finite Abelian Groups, we have

$Z_m \approx Z_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \otimes Z_{p_3^{\alpha_3}} \otimes \dots \otimes Z_{p_r^{\alpha_r}}$ and $Z_n \approx Z_{p_1^{\beta_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\beta_2}} \otimes Z_{p_3^{\beta_3}} \otimes \dots \otimes Z_{p_r^{\beta_r}}$. Then, we can write

$$Z_m \otimes Z_n \approx Z_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \otimes \dots \otimes Z_{p_r^{\alpha_r}} \otimes Z_{p_1^{\beta_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\beta_2}} \otimes \dots \otimes Z_{p_r^{\beta_r}}$$

Now apply theorem 2.3, we get

$$Z_m \otimes Z_n \approx Z_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p_1^{\beta_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\beta_2}} \otimes \dots \otimes Z_{p_r^{\alpha_r}} \otimes Z_{p_r^{\beta_r}}.$$

Assume $G_1 = Z_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p_1^{\beta_1}}, G_2 = Z_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\beta_2}}, \dots, G_r = Z_{p_r^{\alpha_r}} \otimes Z_{p_r^{\beta_r}}$

Here each G_i is abelian finite group and $(|G_i|, |G_j|) = 1 \forall i \neq j$

By use of theorem, number of subgroups of $Z_m \otimes Z_n$ is $\prod_{i=1}^k (\text{Number of subgroup of } G_i)$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^k (\text{Number of subgroup of } Z_{p_i^{\alpha_i}} \otimes Z_{p_i^{\beta_i}})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^k \left(\sum_{q_i | p_i^{\alpha_i} p_i^{\beta_i}} \tau\left(\frac{p_i^{\alpha_i}}{q_i}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p_i^{\beta_i}}{q_i}\right) \Phi(q_i) \right) =$$

$$\sum_{q_1 q_2 \dots q_k | (p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r}, p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} p_3^{\beta_3} \dots p_r^{\beta_r})} \tau\left(\frac{p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_r^{\alpha_r}}{q_1 q_2 \dots q_k}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p_1^{\beta_1} p_2^{\beta_2} p_3^{\beta_3} \dots p_r^{\beta_r}}{q_1 q_2 \dots q_k}\right) \Phi(q_1 q_2 \dots q_k)$$

$$= \sum_{q|(m,n)} \tau\left(\frac{m}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{n}{q}\right) \Phi(q) \quad [\text{Here } q_1 q_2 \dots q_k = q]$$

We get the desired result.

4.5 Corollary :- If p_1 and p_2 are different primes, then number of subgroup of group $Z_{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\alpha_2}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\beta_1}} \otimes Z_{p_2^{\beta_2}}$ are

$$\sum_{q|(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\beta_1}, p_1^{\alpha_2} p_2^{\beta_2})} \tau\left(\frac{p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\beta_1}}{q}\right) \tau\left(\frac{p_1^{\alpha_2} p_2^{\beta_2}}{q}\right) \Phi(q)$$

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