

On Weak McCoy Rings

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Abstract

In this note we introduce the notion of weak McCoy rings as a generalization of McCoy rings, and investigate their properties. Also we show that, if R is a semi-commutative ring, then R is weak McCoy if and only if $R[x]$ is weak McCoy.

1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, all rings are associative with identity. For a commutative ring R , McCoy [10] obtained the following result: If $f(x)g(x) = 0$ for some non-zero polynomials $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$, then $f(x)c = 0$ for some non-zero $c \in R$. According to Nielsen [12], a ring R is called *right McCoy* whenever polynomials $f(x), g(x) \in R[x] - \{0\}$ satisfy $f(x)g(x) = 0$, there exists a non-zero $r \in R$ such that $f(x)r = 0$. Left McCoy rings are defined similarly. If a ring is both left and right McCoy, we say that the ring is a *McCoy ring*. It is well known that commutative rings are always McCoy rings [10], but it is not true for non-commutative rings (see [12]).

Recall that a ring R is called:

reduced if $a^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$, for all $a \in R$,

reversible if $ab = 0 \Rightarrow ba = 0$, for all $a, b \in R$,

symmetric if $abc = 0 \Rightarrow acb = 0$, for all $a, b, c \in R$,

semi-commutative if $ab = 0 \Rightarrow aRb = 0$, for all $a, b \in R$.

The following implications hold:

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reduced $\Rightarrow$ symmetric $\Rightarrow$ reversible $\Rightarrow$ semi-commutative.

Reversible rings are McCoy rings by [12]. But the converse is not true; there exists a non-reversible McCoy ring (see [12]).

Motivated by the above, as a generalization of McCoy rings, in this paper we introduce the notion of weak McCoy rings and investigate their properties and extend several known results relating to McCoy rings to a general setting.

For a ring R , we denote by $nil(R)$ the set of all nilpotent elements of R , by $N_*(R)$ the prime radical of R and by $M_n(R)$, $U_n(R)$ and $L_n(R)$ the $n \times n$ matrix ring over R , the $n \times n$ upper and lower triangular matrix rings over R respectively.

2. On Weak McCoy rings

Definition 2.1. We say R is a *weak McCoy ring* if $f(x)g(x) \in nil(R[x])$ implies $f(x)c \in nil(R[x])$, for some non-zero $c \in R$, where $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are non-zero polynomials in $R[x]$.

Remark 2.2. Since ab is nilpotent if and only if ba is nilpotent in a ring, hence the definition of weak McCoy rings is left-right symmetric.

Proposition 2.3. McCoy rings are weak McCoy.

Proof. Let R be a McCoy ring and $f(x)g(x) \in nil(R[x])$ for non-zero polynomials $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$. Then there exists $m, n \geq 1$, such that $(f(x)g(x))^n = (g(x)f(x))^m = 0$, and $(f(x)g(x))^{n-1}, (g(x)f(x))^{m-1} \neq 0$. If $f(x)g(x) = 0$ or $g(x)f(x) = 0$, then the result follows from the definition of McCoy rings. Assume $f(x)g(x) \neq 0 \neq g(x)f(x)$ and $0 = (f(x)g(x))^n = f(x)(g(x)f(x) \dots f(x)g(x)) = f(x)h(x)$.

If $h(x) = g(x)f(x) \dots f(x)g(x) \neq 0$, then $f(x)c = 0$ for some non-zero $c \in R$, since R is McCoy.

Let $h(x) = g(x)(f(x)g(x) \dots f(x)g(x)) = g(x)(f(x)g(x))^{n-1} = 0$. Since $(f(x)g(x))^{n-1} \neq 0$ and R is McCoy, there exists $0 \neq d \in R$ such that $g(x)d = 0$. Therefore $f(x)c = 0$ or

$g(x)d = 0$ for some non-zero $c, d \in R$. Hence $f(x)c \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ or $dg(x) \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ for some non-zero $c, d \in R$. Therefore R is weak McCoy.

Proposition 2.4. Let R be a ring. Then $U_n(R)$ and $L_n(R)$ are weak McCoy for each $n \geq 2$.

Proof. Clearly $U_n(R)[x] \cong U_n(R[x])$ and for each $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & f_{12} & \cdots & f_{1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & f_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \in U_n(R[x]),$

$A^n = 0$. Let $0 \neq A = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & \cdots & f_{1n} \\ 0 & f_{22} & \cdots & f_{2n} \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & f_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \in U_n(R[x]).$ Then

$$A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & g_{12} & \cdots & g_{1n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & g_{2n} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(A \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \ddots & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right)^n = 0. \quad \text{Hence}$$

$U_n(R)$ is weak McCoy. By a similar argument one can show that $L_n(R)$ is weak McCoy.

Proposition 2.5. Let R and S be rings and ${}_R M_S$ a bimodule. Then $\begin{bmatrix} R & M \\ 0 & S \end{bmatrix}$ is a weak McCoy ring.

Proof. Similarly, as used in Proposition 2.4 one can prove it.

The following example shows that $U_n(R)$ and $M_n(R)$ are neither left nor right McCoy for some $n \geq 2$.

Example 2.6. Let R be a ring. We show that $U_4(R)$ and $M_4(R)$ are neither right nor

left McCoy. Let $f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x$ and

$$g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x \in U_4(R)[x] \subseteq M_4(R)[x]. \text{ Then } f(x)g(x) = 0.$$

$$\text{If } f(x)A = 0, \text{ for some } A = [a_{ij}] \in M_4(R), \text{ then } 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } 0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} -a_{21} & -a_{22} & -a_{23} & -a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -a_{41} & -a_{42} & -a_{43} & -a_{44} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Hence } A = 0 \text{ and } U_4(R)$$

and $M_4(R)$ are not right McCoy. If $Bg(x) = 0$ for some $B \in M_4(R)$, then by a similar way as above, we can show $B = 0$. Therefore $U_4(R)$ and $M_4(R)$ are not left McCoy.

Definition 2.7. A ring R is called *right Ore* if given $a, b \in R$ with b regular there exist $a_1, b_1 \in R$ with b_1 regular such that $ab_1 = ba_1$. It is well-known that R is a right Ore ring if and only if the classical right quotient ring of R exists. We use $C(R)$ to denote the set of all regular elements in R .

Theorem 2.8. Let R be a right Ore ring with its classical right quotient ring Q . If R is weak McCoy then Q is weak McCoy.

Proof. Let $0 \neq F(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i u^{-1} x^i$ and $0 \neq G(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j v^{-1} x^j$ with $a_i, b_j \in R, u, v \in C(R)$

such that $F(x)G(x) \in \text{nil}(Q[x])$.

Case1. $F(x)G(x) = 0$ or $G(x)F(x) = 0$. Assume that $F(x)G(x) = 0$. Since R is right Ore, there exists $b'_j \in R$ and $u_1 \in C(R)$ such that $u^{-1}b_j = b'_j u_1^{-1}$ for $j = 1, \dots, n$. Let

$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$ and $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b'_j x^j$. Then $f(x)g(x) = 0$. Since R is weak McCoy, there exists

$0 \neq c \in R$ with $f(x)c \in \text{nil}(R[x]) \subseteq \text{nil}(Q[x])$. Hence $F(x)uc = f(x)u^{-1}uc = f(x)c \in \text{nil}(Q[x])$.

If $G(x)F(x) = 0$, then by a similar argument we can show that $G(x)vd \in \text{nil}(Q[x])$ for some non-zero $d \in R$.

Case2. $F(x)G(x) \neq 0$ and $G(x)F(x) \neq 0$. Since $F(x)G(x) \in \text{nil}(Q[x])$, there exists $n \geq 2$ such that $(F(x)G(x))^n = 0$ and $(F(x)G(x))^{n-1} \neq 0$. Let $(F(x)G(x))^n = F(x)H(x)$. If $H(x) \neq 0$, then by a similar argument as above there exists $\alpha \in C(R)$, $r \in R$ such that $F(x)\alpha r \in \text{nil}(Q[x])$. Now assume $H(x) = G(x)\underbrace{F(x)G(x)\dots F(x)G(x)}_{n-1} = 0$. Since $(F(x)G(x))^{n-1} \neq 0$ and R is weak McCoy, then by Case 1, there exists $\beta \in C(R)$, $s \in R$ such that $G(x)\beta s = 0$. Therefore Q is weak McCoy.

According to Bell [2], a ring R is called semi-commutative if $ab = 0$ implies $aRb = 0$. We say an ideal I is a *semi-commutative ideal*, if R/I is a semi-commutative ring.

Lemma 2.9. Let R be a semi-commutative ring. If $c_1c_2\cdots c_k = 0$ for some $c_i \in R$, then $c_1Rc_2Rc_3\cdots Rc_k = 0$.

Proof. By induction, let $c'_{k-1} = c_{k-1}c_k$. Then $c_1c_2\cdots c'_{k-1} = 0$ and by induction assumption, we have $0 = c_1Rc_2Rc_3\cdots Rc'_{k-1} = c_1Rc_2Rc_3\cdots Rc_{k-1}c_k$. Hence, for all $x \in c_1Rc_2Rc_3\cdots Rc_{k-1}$, we have $xc_k = 0$. It follows by hypothesis that $xRc_k = 0$. Thus $c_1Rc_2Rc_3\cdots Rc_k = 0$, as desired.

Lemma 2.10 (4, Lemma 2.5). Let R be a semi-commutative ring. Then $\text{nil}(R)$ is a semi-commutative ideal of R .

Proof. Let $a, b \in \text{nil}(R)$. Then $a^n = 0 = b^m$ for some $m, n \geq 0$. Each term of the expansion of $(a+b)^{m+n+1}$ has the form $x := (a^{i_1}b^{j_1})\cdots(a^{i_{m+n+1}}b^{j_{m+n+1}})$ where $i_r, j_s \in N \cup \{0\}$. Since $(i_1 + j_1) + (i_2 + j_2) + \dots + (i_{m+n+1} + j_{m+n+1}) = \sum_{r=1}^n i_r + \sum_{s=1}^m j_s = m+n+1$, either $\sum_{r=1}^n i_r \geq n$ or $\sum_{s=1}^m j_s \geq m$. If $\sum_{r=1}^n i_r \geq n$, then $a^{i_1}a^{i_2}\cdots a^{i_{m+n+1}} = 0$. Thus $(a^{i_1}b^{j_1})\cdots(a^{i_{m+n+1}}b^{j_{m+n+1}}) = 0$, by Lemma 2.9. If $\sum_{r=1}^n i_r < n$, then $\sum_{s=1}^m j_s \geq m$. Thus $b^{j_1}b^{j_2}\cdots b^{j_{m+n+1}} = 0$ and so $(a^{i_1}b^{j_1})\cdots(a^{i_{m+n+1}}b^{j_{m+n+1}}) = 0$, by Lemma 2.9. Hence $(a+b)^{m+n+1} = 0$.

Now suppose that $a^n = 0$ and $r \in R$. Then $(ar)^n = 0 = (ra)^n$, by Lemma 2.9. Thus $\text{nil}(R)$ is an ideal of R .

Since $R/\text{nil}(R)$ is a reduced ring, hence it is a semi-commutative ring. Therefore $\text{nil}(R)$ is a semi-commutative ideal of R .

Lemma 2.11. Let R be a semi-commutative ring. Then $\text{nil}(R[x]) = \text{nil}(R)[x]$.

Proof. Let $f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in \text{nil}(R[x])$. Then $f(x)^k = 0$, for some integer $k \geq 0$. Hence $a_n^k = 0$, and that $a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$. There exists $g(x), h(x) \in R[x]$ such that $f(x)^k = (a_0 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1})^k + a_n g(x) + h(x) a_n$. Since $\text{nil}(R)[x]$ is an ideal of $R[x]$ and $a_n g(x), h(x) a_n, f(x)^k \in \text{nil}(R)[x]$, we have $(a_0 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1})^k \in \text{nil}(R)[x]$. Hence $a_{n-1}^k \in \text{nil}(R)$ and that $a_{n-1} \in \text{nil}(R)$. Continuing this process yields $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \text{nil}(R)$. Therefore $\text{nil}(R[x]) \subseteq \text{nil}(R)[x]$.

Now, let $f(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in \text{nil}(R)[x]$. Then $a_i^{m_i} = 0$, for some positive integer m_i . Let $k = m_0 + \dots + m_n + 1$. Then $(f(x))^k = \sum (a_0^{i_{01}} (a_1 x)^{i_{11}} \dots (a_n x^n)^{i_{n1}}) \dots (a_0^{i_{0k}} (a_1 x)^{i_{1k}} \dots (a_n x^n)^{i_{nk}})$, where $i_{0r} + \dots + i_{nr} = 1$, for $r = 1, \dots, k$ and $0 \leq i_{rs} \leq 1$. Each coefficient of $f(x)^k$ is a sum of such elements $\gamma = (a_0^{i_{01}} \dots (a_n)^{i_{n1}}) \dots (a_0^{i_{0k}} \dots (a_n)^{i_{nk}})$, where $i_{0r} + \dots + i_{nr} = 1$.

It can be easily checked that there exists $a_k \in \{a_0, \dots, a_n\}$ such that $i_{t1} + \dots + i_{tk} \geq m_t$. Since $a_t^{m_t} = 0$ and R is semi-commutative, $\gamma = 0$. Thus $(f(x))^k = 0$ and $\text{nil}(R)[x] \subseteq \text{nil}(R[x])$. Therefore $\text{nil}(R[x]) = \text{nil}(R)[x]$.

Lemma 2.12. Let R be a semi-commutative ring. Then $\text{nil}(R[x][y]) = \text{nil}(R[x])[y]$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.11, $\text{nil}(R[x])$ is an ideal of $R[x]$. Since $R[x]/\text{nil}(R[x])$ is a reduced ring, hence $\text{nil}(R[x])$ is a semi-commutative ideal of $R[x]$, and that $\text{nil}(R[x])[y] \subseteq \text{nil}(R[x][y])$.

Now, let $F(y) = \sum_{i=0}^m f_i y^i \in \text{nil}(R[x][y])$, where $f_i = \sum_{s=0}^{p_i} a_{is} x^s \in R[x]$. Then $F(y)^n = 0$, for some positive integers n . As in the proof of [1], let $k = n \sum \deg f_i$, where the degree is as polynomial in x and the degree of zero polynomial is taken to be 0. Then $(F(x^k))^n = 0$ and the set of coefficients of $F(x^k)$ is equal to the set of all coefficients of f_i , $0 \leq i \leq m$. Hence by Lemma 2.11, $a_{ij} \in \text{nil}(R)$ for all i, j and that $f_i \in \text{nil}(R[x])$, for each i . Thus $F(y) \in \text{nil}(R[x])[y]$. Therefore $\text{nil}(R[x][y]) = \text{nil}(R[x])[y]$.

If R is semi-commutative, then $R[x]$ may not be semi-commutative, by [5, Example 2]). Here we will show that if R is semi-commutative, then R is weak McCoy if and only if $R[x]$ is weak McCoy.

Theorem 2.13. If R is a semi-commutative ring, then $R[x]$ is a weak McCoy ring if and only if R is weak McCoy.

Proof. Suppose that R is a weak McCoy ring. Let $F(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m f_i t^i$, $G(t) = \sum_{j=0}^n g_j t^j$ be non-zero polynomials in $R[x][t]$ such that $F(t)G(t) \in \text{nil}(R[x][t])$, where $f_i = \sum_{s=0}^{p_i} a_{is} x^s$, $g_j = \sum_{t=0}^{q_j} b_{jt} x^t \in R[x]$. As in the proof of [1], let $k = \sum \deg f_i + \sum \deg g_j$, where the degree is as polynomial in x and the degree of zero polynomial is taken to be 0. Then $F(x^k) = \sum_{i=0}^m f_i x^{ik}$, $G(x^k) = \sum_{j=0}^n g_j x^{jk} \in R[x]$, and the set of coefficients of the $F(x^k)$ is (respectively $G(x^k)$) equal to the set of all coefficients of f_i , $0 \leq i \leq m$ (respectively g_j , $0 \leq j \leq n$). Since $(F(t)G(t))^p = 0$, for some $p \geq 1$, and x commutes with elements of R , $(F(x^k)G(x^k))^p = 0$. Since R is weak McCoy, there is $0 \neq r \in R$ such that $F(x^k)r \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ and $a_{is}r \in \text{nil}(R)$, $f_i r \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ for $0 \leq i \leq m$, $0 \leq s \leq p_i$ by Lemma 2.11. Hence $F(t)r \in \text{nil}(R[x][t])$, by Lemma 2.12. Therefore $R[x]$ is weak McCoy.

Now suppose $R[x]$ is a weak McCoy ring and $f(t)g(t) \in \text{nil}(R[t]) \subseteq \text{nil}(R[x][t])$. Since $R[x]$ is weak McCoy, there exists $0 \neq h(x) \in R[x]$ such that $f(t)h(x) \in \text{nil}(R[x][t])$. Let $h(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n \in R[x]$ ($a_0 \neq 0$). Then $f(t)a_0 \in \text{nil}(R[t])$, since $(f(t)h(x))^k = (f(t)a_0)^k + k_1 x + \dots + k_{nk} x^{nk}$ with $k_1, \dots, k_{nk} \in R[t]$. Therefore R is weak McCoy.

Theorem 2.14. Let R be a ring and Δ a multiplicatively closed subset of R consisting of central regular elements. Then R is weak McCoy if and only if $\Delta^{-1}R$ is weak McCoy.

Proof. If R is a weak McCoy ring, then by a similar way as used in Theorem 2.8, one can show that $\Delta^{-1}R$ is weak McCoy.

Conversely, let $\Delta^{-1}R$ be a weak McCoy ring. Let $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i$ and $g(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j$ be non-zero polynomials of $R[x]$ such that $f(x)g(x) \in \text{nil}(R[x])$. Since $\Delta^{-1}R$ is weak McCoy, $f(x)(c\alpha^{-1}) \in \text{nil}((\Delta^{-1}R)[x])$ for some non-zero $c\alpha^{-1} \in \Delta^{-1}R$. Thus $f(x)c \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ and R is weak McCoy.

Corollary 2.15. Let R be a ring. Then $R[x]$ is weak McCoy if and only if $R[x, x^{-1}]$ is weak McCoy.

Proof. Clearly $\Delta = \{1, x, x^2, \dots\}$ is a multiplicatively closed subset of $R[x]$ consisting of central regular elements and $\Delta^{-1}R[x] = R[x, x^{-1}]$. Hence the proof follows from Theorem 2.14.

Theorem 2.16. The classes of weak McCoy rings are closed under direct limits.

Proof. Let $A = \{R_i, \alpha_{ij}\}$ be a direct system of weak McCoy rings R_i for $i \in I$ and ring homomorphisms $\alpha_{ij} : R_i \rightarrow R_j$ for each $i \leq j$ with $\alpha_{ij}(1) = 1$, where I is a directed partially ordered set. Let $R = \varinjlim R_i$ be the direct limit of A with $\ell_i : R_i \rightarrow R$ and $\ell_j \alpha_{ij} = \ell_i$. We show that R is weak McCoy ring. Let $a, b \in R$. Then $a = \ell_i(a_i)$, $b = \ell_j(b_j)$ for some $i, j \in I$ and there is $k \in I$ such that $i \leq k, j \leq k$. Define $a + b = \ell_k(\alpha_{ik}(a_i) + \alpha_{jk}(b_j))$ and $ab = \ell_k(\alpha_{ik}(a_i)\alpha_{jk}(b_j))$, where $\alpha_{ik}(a_i), \alpha_{jk}(b_j) \in R_k$. Then R forms a ring with $0 = \ell_i(0)$ and $1 = \ell_i(1)$. Let $f, g \in R[x]$ be non-zero polynomials such that $fg \in \text{nil}(R[x])$. There is $k \in I$ such that $f, g \in R_k[x]$. Hence $fg \in \text{nil}(R_k[x])$. Since R_k is weak McCoy, there exists $0 \neq c_k \in R_k$ such that $fc_k \in \text{nil}(R_k[x])$. If $c = \ell_k(c_k)$, then $fc \in \text{nil}(R[x])$ with non-zero c . Therefore R is weak McCoy.

Proposition 2.17. (1) Let R be a ring. If there exists a non-zero ideal I of R such that $I[x] \subseteq \text{nil}(R[x])$, then R is weak McCoy.

(2) Every non-semiprime ring is weak McCoy.

(3) Let R be a ring with a non-zero nilpotent ideal. Then $Mat_n(R)$ ($n \geq 2$) is weak McCoy.

Proof. (1) Let $0 \neq f \in R[x]$. If $f \in I[x]$, then $fr \in nil(R[x])$ for all $r \in R$. If $f \notin I[x]$ then $fs \in I[x] \subseteq nil(R[x])$ for all non-zero $s \in I$. Thus R is weak McCoy.

(2) Let R be a ring with $N_*(R) \neq 0$. Since $0 \neq N_*(R)[x] = N_*(R[x]) \subseteq nil(R[x])$, R is weak McCoy by (1).

(3) Since $Mat_n(R)$ is non-semiprime, hence by (1) $Mat_n(R)$ is weak McCoy.

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