

Uniqueness of Moore’s higher reciprocity law at the prime 2 for real number fields

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Abstract

Let F be a real number field with r_1 real embeddings. In this paper, we prove that the sequence

$$K_{2i}(F)\{2\} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \widehat{H}^0(F_{\wp}; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \longrightarrow H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \longrightarrow 0$$

is a complex, where $\widehat{H}^0(F_{\wp}; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i))$ are the Tate cohomology groups. Moreover if $i \equiv 0, 1$, or $2 \pmod{4}$, then it is exact; if $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then the homology group at the second term of this complex is isomorphic to $\bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

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1. Introduction

Let F be a number field and \mathcal{O}_F its ring of integers. The Moore reciprocity uniqueness theorem states that the sequence

$$K_2(F) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \mu(F_{\wp}) \longrightarrow \mu(F) \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact, where F_{\wp} denotes the completion of F at noncomplex primes \wp , and $\mu(F)$ ($\mu(F_{\wp})$ resp.) denotes the group of roots of unity in F (F_{\wp} resp.). This theorem follows from Moore ([5]), see also the appendix of [4]. In [1], Banaszak generalized the exact sequence above to the odd torsion in higher K -groups. For any group G and natural number l , let $G\{l\} = \{g \in G \mid g^{l^n} = 1 \text{ for some natural number } n\}$. Kahn proved ([2], Theorem 4.3) the following theorem.

Theorem 1.1 (Moore [5] for $i = 1$, Banaszak [1] for l odd) *Let $m_i = m_i(F)$ and, for any noncomplex prime \wp of F , $m_i(\wp) = m_i(F_{\wp})$. Then, at least in the following cases*

- l is odd, or
- $l = 2$ and F is totally imaginary

the sequence

$$K_{2i}(F)\{l\} \xrightarrow{(h_\wp^{(i)})} \bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} H^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_l/\mathbb{Z}_l(i)) \xrightarrow{\binom{m_i(\wp)}{m_i}} H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_l/\mathbb{Z}_l(i)) \longrightarrow 0 \tag{1.1}$$

is exact, where $\frac{m_i(\wp)}{m_i}$ is interpreted as 0 if $m_i(\wp)$ is infinite (this happens exactly when \wp is real and i is even.)

See [2] for the notation used in Theorem 1.1.

Let F be a real number field with r_1 real embeddings. For any abelian group G , let G^* denote $Hom(G, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$. When E is a local field let $\widehat{H}^n(E; M)$ be the Tate cohomology groups of the absolute Galois group G_E with coefficients in M . Recall that by the Tate-Poitou duality theorem,

$$H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \simeq \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \simeq \begin{cases} H^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) & \text{for finite } \wp, \\ \mathbb{Z}/2 & \text{for } F_\wp = \mathbb{R} \text{ and } i \text{ odd,} \\ 0 & \text{for } F_\wp = \mathbb{R} \text{ and } i \text{ even,} \\ 0 & \text{for } F_\wp = \mathbb{C}. \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

See §4 of [6] for details.

The natural map $F \longrightarrow \prod_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} F_\wp$ induces the following natural homomorphisms of the cohomology groups:

$$H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i)) \longrightarrow \prod_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i)).$$

By duality at each factor of the product, we have maps

$$\bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \longrightarrow H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^*.$$

Since $\widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \simeq \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i))$ and $H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \simeq H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i))$, we obtain maps

$$\beta_2^{(i)} : \bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \longrightarrow H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)).$$

Obviously $\beta_2^{(i)}$ is surjective.

In this paper, we will prove (Theorem 2.4) that there is a homomorphism $(h_\wp^{(i)})$ such that the sequence

$$K_{2i}(F)\{2\} \xrightarrow{(h_\wp^{(i)})} \bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \xrightarrow{\beta_2^{(i)}} H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \longrightarrow 0 \tag{1.3}$$

is a complex. Moreover if $i \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}$, then the complex is exact; if $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then

$$\text{kernel}(\beta_2^{(i)})/\text{image}((h_\wp^{(i)})) \simeq \bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

This result can be seen as the uniqueness of Moore's higher reciprocity law at the prime 2 for real number fields.

2. Main Results

Let F be a real number field with r_1 real embeddings and S a finite set of places of F , including all the dyadic and archimedean ones. Let \mathcal{O}_S be the ring of S -integers in F .

By the universal coefficient theorem for algebraic K-groups with coefficients, there is a short split exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow K_{2i+1}(F) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty \longrightarrow K_{2i+1}(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \longrightarrow K_{2i}(F)\{2\} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Note that $K_{2i+1}(F) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty \simeq \bigoplus_r \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty$, where $r = \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Q}}(K_{2i+1}(F) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{Q})$.

Hence $K_{2i+1}(F) \otimes \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty$ is the maximal divisible subgroup of $K_{2i+1}(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty)$. We use $f_1^{(i)}$ for a split inverse

$$f_1^{(i)} : K_{2i}(F)\{2\} \longrightarrow K_{2i+1}(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty).$$

Similarly we can define

$$f_1^{(i,S)} : K_{2i}(\mathcal{O}_S)\{2\} \longrightarrow K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty).$$

Although $f_1^{(i)}$ ($f_1^{(i,S)}$ resp.) is not unique, we will see (Lemma 2.1) that $h_\wp^{(i)}$ ($h_\wp^{(i,S)}$ resp.) does not depend on the choice of $f_1^{(i)}$ ($f_1^{(i,S)}$ resp.). Let the homomorphism

$$f_2^{(i)} : K_{2i+1}(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \longrightarrow H^1(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$$

be the edge map in the Bloch-Lichtenbaum spectral sequence with coefficients for F , see Theorem 6.7 of [6] for details. By (6.10) of [6], $f_2^{(i)}$ induces a homomorphism

$$f_2^{(i,S)} : K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \longrightarrow H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)).$$

Note that (6.10) is proved for the special case of the ring of 2-integers in F , not for general \mathcal{O}_S . However the arguments of Rognes and Weibel work also for general \mathcal{O}_S .

The short exact sequence of the G_F -modules

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1) \xrightarrow{2^v} \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/2^v(i+1) \longrightarrow 0$$

induces a long exact sequence in étale cohomology, which leads to the following short exact sequence:

$$0 \longrightarrow H^1(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))/2^v \longrightarrow H^1(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^v(i+1)) \longrightarrow {}_v H^2(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Passing to direct limits, we have

$$0 \longrightarrow H^1(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))/2^\infty \longrightarrow H^1(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^2(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))\{2\} \longrightarrow 0.$$

We use $f_3^{(i)}$ for the composition of natural homomorphisms

$$f_3^{(i)} : H^1(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^2(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))\{2\} \longrightarrow H^2(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)).$$

Similarly, we define

$$f_3^{(i,S)} : H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))\{2\} \longrightarrow H^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)).$$

Let $f_4^{(i)}$ be the composition

$$H^2(F; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^2(F_\emptyset; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{H}^0(F_\emptyset; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)).$$

Similarly we can define

$$f_4^{(i,S)} : H^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow \widehat{H}^0(F_\emptyset; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)).$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} h_\emptyset^{(i)} &= f_4^{(i)} \circ f_3^{(i)} \circ f_2^{(i)} \circ f_1^{(i)} : K_{2i}(F)\{2\} \longrightarrow \widehat{H}^0(F_\emptyset; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)); \\ h_\emptyset^{(i,S)} &= f_4^{(i,S)} \circ f_3^{(i,S)} \circ f_2^{(i,S)} \circ f_1^{(i,S)} : K_{2i}(\mathcal{O}_S)\{2\} \longrightarrow \widehat{H}^0(F_\emptyset; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.1 *The homomorphism $h_\emptyset^{(i)}$ ($h_\emptyset^{(i,S)}$ resp.) does not depend on the choice of $f_1^{(i)}$ ($f_1^{(i,S)}$ resp.).*

Proof: Let $f_1^{(i)}$ and $f_1^{(i)'}$ be two split inverses from $K_{2n}(F)\{2\}$ to $K_{2n+1}(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty)$. And let $h_\wp^{(i)}$, $h_\wp^{(i)'}$ be the corresponding compositions. For any $a \in K_{2n}(F)\{2\}$, $f_1^{(i)}(a)(f_1^{(i)'}(a))^{-1}$ is contained in the maximal divisible subgroup of $K_{2n+1}(F; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty)$. The target of $h_\wp^{(i)}$ and $h_\wp^{(i)'}$ is $\widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i))$ which is finite. Since the images of divisible elements are divisible too, $h_\wp^{(i)}(a)(h_\wp^{(i)'}(a))^{-1}$ must be trivial. Hence $h_\wp^{(i)} = h_\wp^{(i)'}$.

Similarly, one can prove that $h_\wp^{(i,S)}$ does not depend on the choice of $f_1^{(i,S)}$. □

By Theorem 4.9 of [6], we have the following exact sequence

$$H^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\wp \in S} H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \longrightarrow 0. \tag{2.1}$$

We replace $H^0(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^*$ in Theorem 4.9 of [6] by $H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^*$ since these two groups are naturally isomorphic.

Let

$$\widetilde{H}^n(R; M) = \ker(H^n(R; M) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{r_1} H^n(\mathbb{R}; M)),$$

where R is a subring of F .

Lemma 2.2 *Let F be a real number field and S a finite set of places of F , including all the dyadic and archimedean ones. Let \mathcal{O}_S be the ring of S -integers of F . The odd degree mod 2^∞ algebraic K -theory of R is given as follows:*

$$K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \simeq \begin{cases} H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) & \text{for } i \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}, \\ (\mathbb{Z}/2)^{r_1-1} \rtimes H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) & \text{for } i \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, \\ \widetilde{H}^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) & \text{for } i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Proof: This lemma follows from the proof of Theorem 6.9 of [6]. It can be proved also by Theorem 14.5 and 14.10 of [3]. □

Lemma 2.3 *Let F be a real number field and S a finite set of places of F , including all the dyadic and archimedean ones. Let \mathcal{O}_S be the ring of S -integers of F . The sequence*

$$K_{2i}(\mathcal{O}_S)\{2\} \xrightarrow{(h_\wp^{(i,S)})} \bigoplus_{\wp \in S} \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \xrightarrow{\beta_2^{(i)}} H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \longrightarrow 0$$

is a complex. Moreover if $i \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}$, then the complex is exact; if $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then

$$\text{kernel}(\beta_2^{(i,S)})/\text{image}((h_\wp^{(i,S)})) \simeq \bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}.$$

Proof: (1) Suppose $i \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}$. By (2.1) and (1.2), it suffices to prove $f_3^{(i,S)} \circ f_2^{(i,S)} \circ f_1^{(i,S)}$ is surjective. By Theorem 14.5 of [3], $H^2(\mathcal{O}_{F,S}; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$ is a finite 2-group. So $f_3^{(i,S)}$ is surjective. By Lemma 2.2, $f_2^{(i,S)}$ is surjective.

For any abelian group G , let $\text{DivSub}(G)$ be the maximal divisible subgroup of G . Then $\text{DivSub}(G)$ is a summand of G . By the universal coefficient theorem for algebraic K-groups with coefficients, the composition

$$f_1^{(i,S)} : K_{2i}(\mathcal{O}_S)\{2\} \longrightarrow K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \longrightarrow \frac{K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty)}{\text{DivSub}(K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty))}$$

is an isomorphism. Since the image of a divisible element is also divisible, we have a surjective homomorphism

$$\frac{K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty)}{\text{DivSub}(K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty))} \longrightarrow \frac{H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty(i+1))}{\text{DivSub}(H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty(i+1)))} .$$

Since $\text{DivSub}(H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty(i+1)))$ is contained in the kernel of $f_3^{(i,S)}$, the induced homomorphism

$$\frac{H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty(i+1))}{\text{DivSub}(H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty(i+1)))} \longrightarrow H^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$$

is surjective. Hence the composition $f_3^{(i,S)} \circ f_2^{(i,S)} \circ f_1^{(i,S)}$ is surjective.

(2) Now suppose $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) & \xrightarrow{\tau_1} & \bigoplus_{r_1} H^1(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \\ \downarrow f_3^{(i,S)} & & \downarrow \delta \\ H^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) & \xrightarrow{\tau_2} & \bigoplus_{r_1} H^2(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \end{array} .$$

By (1.2) and Lemma 4.3 of [6],

$$\bigoplus_{r_1} H^1(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \simeq \bigoplus_{r_1} H^2(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \simeq \bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} .$$

So the right vertical arrows δ are isomorphisms. We have shown in (1) that $f_3^{(i,S)}$ is an isomorphism, and the kernel of τ_1 is $\tilde{H}^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$. The kernel of τ_2 is $\tilde{H}^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$. By the snake lemma, the induced homomorphism

$$\tilde{H}^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow \tilde{H}^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$$

is surjective.

By Lemma 2.2, the homomorphism

$$K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \longrightarrow \widetilde{H}^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$$

is surjective. Hence the composition of homomorphisms

$$K_{2i+1}(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}/2^\infty) \longrightarrow \widetilde{H}^1(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow \widetilde{H}^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$$

is surjective.

By the same arguments as in (1), we know that the homomorphism

$$K_{2i}(\mathcal{O}_S)\{2\} \longrightarrow \widetilde{H}^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))$$

is surjective.

So it suffices to prove the homology group at the middle term of the complex

$$\widetilde{H}^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\wp \in S} H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \quad (2.2)$$

is isomorphic to $\bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$.

Recall that $\bigoplus_{\wp \in S} H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \simeq (\bigoplus_{\wp \in S \text{ finite}} H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1))) \bigoplus (\bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$

and $H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. Let G be the kernel of the homomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{\wp \in S \text{ finite}} H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(-i))^* .$$

By (2.1), G is isomorphic to the image of the map

$$\widetilde{H}^2(\mathcal{O}_S; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{\wp \in S \text{ finite}} H^2(F_\wp; \mathbb{Z}_2(i+1)) .$$

Hence the homology group at the middle term of the complex is isomorphic to $\bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$. □

Theorem 2.4 *Let F be a real number field with r_1 real embeddings. The sequence*

$$K_{2i}(F)\{2\} \xrightarrow{(h_\wp^{(i)})} \bigoplus_{\wp \text{ noncomplex}} \widehat{H}^0(F_\wp; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \xrightarrow{\beta_2^{(i)}} H^0(F; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i)) \longrightarrow 0$$

is a complex. Moreover if $i \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}$, then the complex is exact; if $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then

$$\text{kernel}(\beta_2^{(i)})/\text{image}((h_\wp^{(i)})) \simeq \bigoplus_{r_1} \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} .$$

Proof: Obviously any element $a \in \text{kernel}(\beta_2^{(i)})$ belongs to $\bigoplus_{\wp \in S} \widehat{H}^0(F_{\wp}; \mathbb{Q}_2/\mathbb{Z}_2(i))$ for some finite set S of places of F , including all dyadic and archimedean ones. By Lemma 2.3, a comes from $K_{2i}(\mathcal{O}_S)\{2\}$ which is a subgroup of $K_{2i}(F)\{2\}$. So if $i \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}$, then the complex is exact.

For $i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, the proof is similar. □

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