



**GENERALIZED HYERS-ULAM-RASSIAS STABILITY OF A FUNCTIONAL EQUATION IN INTUITIONISTIC FUZZY NORMED SPACES**

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In this paper, we investigate the problem of Hyers- Ulam-Rassias stability of the additive functional equation  $f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) = 4f(x) + 4f(y)$  in Intuitionistic fuzzy normed spaces.

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**1. Introduction and Preliminaries**

In 1940, S. M. Ulam[11] raised the following question. Under what conditions does there exist an additive mapping near an approximately additive mapping? The case of approximately additive functions was solved by D. H. Hyers[4] under certain assumption. In 1978, a generalized version of the theorem of Hyers for approximately linear mapping was given by Th. M. Rassias[8]. The stability concept that was introduced and investigated by Rassias is called the Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability. During the last decades, the stability problems of several functional equations have been extensively investigated by a number of authors[[1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9]]and references therein.

In the present paper, the authors determine the stability results concerning the following additive functional equation  $f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) = 4f(x) + 4f(y)$  in intuitionistic fuzzy normed spaces(IFNS).

Here we recall some notations and basic definitions.

**Definition 1.1** A binary operation  $*$ :  $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be a continuous  $t$ -norm if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $*$  is associative and commutative
- $*$  is continuous
- $a * 1 = a$  for all  $a \in [0,1]$
- $a * b \leq c * d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for each  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ .

**Definition 1.2** A binary operation  $\diamond$ :  $[0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$  is said to be a continuous  $t$ -conorm if it satisfies the following conditions:

- $\diamond$  is associative and commutative

- $\diamond$  is continuous
- $a \diamond 0 = a$  for all  $a \in [0,1]$
- $a \diamond b \leq c \diamond d$  whenever  $a \leq c$  and  $b \leq d$  for each  $a, b, c, d \in [0,1]$ .

Using the above two definitions, Saadati and Park [10] introduced the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy normed spaces as follows:

**Definition 1.3** The five-tuple  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  is said to be an intuitionistic fuzzy normed spaces(IFNS) if  $X$  is a vector space,  $*$  is continuous  $t$ -norm,  $\diamond$  is a continuous  $t$ -conorm and  $\mu, \nu$  are fuzzy sets on  $X \times (0, \infty)$  satisfying the following conditions. For every  $x, y \in X$  and  $s, t > 0$

- $\mu(x, t) + \nu(x, t) \leq 1$
- $\mu(x, t) > 0$
- $\mu(x, t) = 1$  iff  $x = 0$
- $\mu(\alpha x, t) = \mu\left(x, \frac{t}{|\alpha|}\right)$  for each  $\alpha \neq 0$
- $\mu(x, t) * \mu(y, s) \leq \mu(x + y, t + s)$
- $\mu(x, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0,1]$  is continuous
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu(x, t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \mu(x, t) = 0$
- $\nu(x, t) < 1$
- $\nu(x, t) = 0$  iff  $x = 0$
- $\nu(\alpha x, t) = \nu\left(x, \frac{t}{|\alpha|}\right)$  for each  $\alpha \neq 0$
- $\nu(x, t) \diamond \nu(y, s) \geq \nu(x + y, t + s)$

- $\nu(x, \cdot) : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is continuous
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \nu(x, t) = 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \nu(x, t) = 1$ .

In this case  $(\mu, \nu)$  is called an intuitionistic fuzzy norm.

Let  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  be an IFNS. Then, a sequence  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be intuitionistic fuzzy convergent to  $L \in X$  if  $\lim \mu(x_n - L, t) = 1$  and  $\lim \nu(x_n - L, t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ . In this case we write  $x_n \xrightarrow{IF} L$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Let  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  be an IFNS. Then  $x = (x_n)$  is said to be intuitionistic fuzzy Cauchy sequence if  $\lim \mu(x_{n+p} - x_n, t) = 1$  and  $\lim \nu(x_{n+p} - x_n, t) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$  and  $p = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Let  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  be an IFNS. Then  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  is said to be complete if every intuitionistic fuzzy Cauchy sequence in  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$  is intuitionistic fuzzy convergent in  $(X, \mu, \nu, *, \diamond)$ .

## 2. Intuitionistic Fuzzy Stability

The functional equation

$$f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) = 4f(x) + 4f(y) \tag{2.1}$$

is called an additive functional equation, since the function

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(3f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) - 4f(x) - 4f(y)) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x, y), t), \\ \nu(3f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) - 4f(x) - 4f(y)) &\leq \nu'(\varphi(x, y), t) \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

for all  $t > 0$  and all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A(x) - f(x), t) &\geq \mu' \left( \varphi(x, 0), \frac{(\alpha - 3)t}{2} \right) \text{ and} \\ \nu(A(x) - f(x), t) &\leq \nu' \left( \varphi(x, 0), \frac{(\alpha - 3)t}{2} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and all  $t > 0$ .

*Proof.* Put  $y = 0$  in(2.3). Then for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \left( 3^{n+1} f \left( \frac{x}{3^{n+1}} \right) - 3^n f \left( \frac{x}{3^n} \right), 3^n t \right) &\geq \mu' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3^n}, 0 \right), \alpha t \right) \geq \mu'(\varphi(x, 0), \alpha^{n+1} t), \text{ and} \\ \nu \left( 3^{n+1} f \left( \frac{x}{3^{n+1}} \right) - 3^n f \left( \frac{x}{3^n} \right), 3^n t \right) &\leq \nu' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3^n}, 0 \right), \alpha t \right) \leq \nu'(\varphi(x, 0), \alpha^{n+1} t). \end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $t$  by  $\frac{t}{\alpha^{n+1}}$ , we get

$f(x) = cx$  is its solution. Every solution of the additive functional equation is said to be an additive mapping.

We start with a generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias type theorem in IFNS for an additive functional equation.

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $X$  be a linear space and let  $(Z, \mu', \nu')$  be an IFNS. Let  $\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  be a function such that for some  $\alpha > 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3}, 0 \right), t \right) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x, 0), \alpha t) \\ \nu' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3}, 0 \right), t \right) &\geq \nu'(\varphi(x, 0), \alpha t) \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu' \left( 3^n \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n} \right), t \right) &= 1 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu' \left( 3^n \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n} \right), t \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

Let  $(Y, \mu, \nu)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy Banach space and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\varphi$ -approximately additive mapping and that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(f(3x) - 3f(x), t) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x, 0), t) \\ \text{this gives that} \\ \mu \left( 3f \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) - f(x), t \right) &\geq \mu' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3}, 0 \right), t \right) \geq \mu'(\varphi(x, 0), \alpha t), \\ \nu \left( 3f \left( \frac{x}{3} \right) - f(x), t \right) &\leq \nu' \left( \varphi \left( \frac{x}{3}, 0 \right), t \right) \leq \nu'(\varphi(x, 0), \alpha t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Replacing  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{3^n}$  in(2.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(3^{n+1}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+1}}\right)-3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \frac{3^n t}{\alpha^{n+1}}\right) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x,0),t), \text{ and} \\ \nu\left(3^{n+1}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+1}}\right)-3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \frac{3^n t}{\alpha^{n+1}}\right) &\leq \nu'(\varphi(x,0),t). \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

It follows from  $3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(3^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{3^{j+1}}\right) - 3^j f\left(\frac{x}{3^j}\right)\right)$  and (2.6) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}\right) \\ \geq \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \mu\left(3^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{3^{j+1}}\right) - 3^j f\left(\frac{x}{3^j}\right), \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}\right) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x,0),t) \text{ and} \\ \nu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}\right) \\ \leq \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \nu\left(3^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{3^{j+1}}\right) - 3^j f\left(\frac{x}{3^j}\right), \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}\right) &\leq \nu'(\varphi(x,0),t) \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$  and  $n > 0$  where  $\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j = a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n, \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} b_j = b_1 \diamond b_2 \diamond \dots \diamond b_n$ .

By replacing  $x$  with  $\frac{x}{3^m}$  in(2.7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(3^{n+m}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+m}}\right)-3^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right), \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^{j+m} t}{\alpha^{j+m+1}}\right) &\geq \mu'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^m}, 0\right), t\right) \geq \mu'(\varphi(x,0),t), \text{ and} \\ \nu\left(3^{n+m}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+m}}\right)-3^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right), \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^{j+m} t}{\alpha^{j+m+1}}\right) &\leq \nu'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^m}, 0\right), t\right) \leq \nu'(\varphi(x,0),t) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(3^{n+m}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+m}}\right)-3^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right), \sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}\right) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x,0),t), \text{ and} \\ \nu\left(3^{n+m}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+m}}\right)-3^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right), \sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}\right) &\leq \nu'(\varphi(x,0),t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0, m \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(3^{n+m}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+m}}\right)-3^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right), t\right) &\geq \mu'\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{t}{\sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}}\right) \text{ and} \\ \nu\left(3^{n+m}f\left(\frac{x}{3^{n+m}}\right)-3^m f\left(\frac{x}{3^m}\right), t\right) &\leq \nu'\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{t}{\sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{3^j t}{\alpha^{j+1}}}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0, m \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ . Since  $\alpha > 3$  and  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{\alpha}\right)^j < \infty$ , the Cauchy criterion for convergence in IFNS shows

that  $3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $(Y, \mu, \nu)$ . Since  $(Y, \mu, \nu)$  is complete, this sequence converges to some point  $A(x) \in Y$ . Fix  $x \in X$  and  $m=0$  in (2.8)

$$\text{, we obtain } \mu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), t\right) \geq \mu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{t}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^j}{\alpha^{j+1}}}\right) \text{ and } \nu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), t\right) \leq \nu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{t}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^j}{\alpha^{j+1}}}\right) \text{ for all } t > 0 \text{ and}$$

$n > 0$ . Thus we obtain

$$\mu(A(x) - f(x), t) \geq \mu\left(A(x) - 3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \frac{t}{2}\right) * \mu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right)$$

$$\geq \mu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{t}{2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^j}{\alpha^{j+1}}}\right),$$

$$\nu(A(x) - f(x), t) \leq \nu\left(A(x) - 3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \frac{t}{2}\right) \diamond \nu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - f(x), \frac{t}{2}\right)$$

$$\leq \nu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{t}{2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{3^j}{\alpha^{j+1}}}\right),$$

for large  $n$ . Taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using the definition of IFNS, we get

$$\mu(A(x) - f(x), t) \geq \mu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{(\alpha - 3)t}{2}\right)$$

and

$$\nu(A(x) - f(x), t) \leq \nu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{(\alpha - 3)t}{2}\right)$$

, for all  $x \in X, t > 0$ . Replace  $x$  and  $y$  by  $\frac{x}{3^n}$  and  $\frac{y}{3^n}$ , respectively in (2.3), we have

$$\mu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{3x+y}{3^n}\right) + 3^n f\left(\frac{x+3y}{3^n}\right) - 3^n f\left(\frac{4x}{3^n}\right) - 3^n f\left(\frac{4y}{3^n}\right)\right) \geq \mu'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right), \frac{t}{3^n}\right)$$

and

$$\nu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{3x+y}{3^n}\right) + 3^n f\left(\frac{x+3y}{3^n}\right) - 3^n f\left(\frac{4x}{3^n}\right) - 3^n f\left(\frac{4y}{3^n}\right)\right) \leq \nu'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right), \frac{t}{3^n}\right)$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$ . Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'\left(3^n \varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right), t\right) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu'\left(3^n \varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right), t\right) = 0,$$

for all  $x, y \in X, t > 0$ . We notice that  $A$  satisfies (2.1). Therefore  $A$  is an additive mapping.

To prove the uniqueness of the additive mapping  $A$ , assume that there exists a additive mapping  $A' : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (2.4).

For fix  $x \in X$ , clearly  $3^n A\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) = A(x)$  and  $3^n A'\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) = A'(x)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows from (2.4) that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A(x) - A'(x), t) &= \mu\left(3^n A\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - 3^n A'\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), t\right) \\ &\geq \mu\left(3^n A\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - 3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \frac{t}{2}\right) \\ &* \mu\left(3^n f\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) - 3^n A'\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right), \frac{t}{2}\right) \\ &\geq \mu'\left(\varphi\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, 0\right), \frac{(\alpha - 3)t}{2 \cdot 3^n}\right) \\ &\geq \mu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{\alpha^n(\alpha - 3)t}{2 \cdot 3^n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\nu(A(x) - A'(x), t) \leq \nu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{\alpha^n(\alpha - 3)t}{2 \cdot 3^n}\right).$$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\alpha^n(\alpha - 3)}{2 \cdot 3^n} = \infty$  as  $\alpha > 3$ , we get  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{\alpha^n(\alpha - 3)t}{2 \cdot 3^n}\right) = 1$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{\alpha^n(\alpha - 3)t}{2 \cdot 3^n}\right) = 0$ .

Therefore  $\mu(A(x) - A'(x), t) = 1$  and  $\nu(A(x) - A'(x), t) = 0$ , for all  $t > 0$ . Hence  $A(x) = A'(x)$ . This completes the proof.

In the following theorem we consider  $0 < \alpha < 3$

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $X$  be a linear space and let  $(Z, \mu', \nu')$  be an IFNS. Let  $\varphi : X \times X \rightarrow Z$  be a function such that for some  $0 < \alpha < 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu'(\varphi(3x, 0), t) &\geq \mu'(\alpha\varphi(x, 0), t) \text{ and} \\ \nu'(\varphi(3x, 0), t) &\leq \nu'(\alpha\varphi(x, 0), t), \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu'(\varphi(3^n x, 3^n y), 3^n t) = 1$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \nu'(\varphi(3^n x, 3^n y), 3^n t) = 0$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Let  $(Y, \mu, \nu)$  be an intuitionistic fuzzy banach space and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $\varphi$ -approximately additive mapping in the sense that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(3f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) - 4f(x) - 4f(y), t) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x, y), t) \text{ and} \\ \nu(3f(3x + y) + f(x + 3y) - 4f(x) - 4f(y), t) &\leq \nu'(\varphi(x, y), t) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . Then there exists a unique additive mapping  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(A(x) - f(x), t) &\geq \mu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{(3 - \alpha)t}{2}\right) \text{ and} \\ \nu(A(x) - f(x), t) &\leq \nu'\left(\varphi(x, 0), \frac{(3 - \alpha)t}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is similar to Theorem(2.1). Here we represent the sketch of proof. Put  $y = 0$  in(2.3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu\left(\frac{f(3x)}{3} - f(x), t\right) &\geq \mu'(\varphi(x, 0), t) \text{ and} \\ \nu\left(\frac{f(3x)}{3} - f(x), t\right) &\leq \nu'(\varphi(x, 0), t), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . So

$$\mu\left(\frac{f(3^{n+1}x)}{3} - f(3^n x), t\right) \geq \mu\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$\nu\left(\frac{f(3^{n+1}x)}{3} - f(3^n x), t\right) \leq \nu\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{t}{\alpha^n}\right),$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ . For each  $x \in X, n \geq 0, m \geq 0$  and  $t > 0$ , we deduce that

$$\mu\left(\frac{f(3^{n+m}x)}{3^{n+m}} - \frac{f(3^m x)}{3^m}, t\right) \geq \mu\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{t}{\sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{\alpha^j}{3^{j+1}}}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$\nu\left(\frac{f(3^{n+m}x)}{3^{n+m}} - \frac{f(3^m x)}{3^m}, t\right) \leq \nu\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{t}{\sum_{j=m}^{n+m-1} \frac{\alpha^j}{3^{j+1}}}\right) \tag{2.9}$$

for all  $x \in X, t > 0$ , and  $m, n \geq 0$ . Thus,  $\left\{\frac{f(3^n x)}{3^n}\right\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in intuitionistic fuzzy Banach space. There exist a

function  $A: X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $A(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(3^n x)}{3^n}$  and put  $m = 0$  in (2.9) we obtain

$$\mu(A(x) - f(x), t) \geq \mu\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{(3-\alpha)t}{2}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$\nu(A(x) - f(x), t) \leq \nu\left(\varphi(x,0), \frac{(3-\alpha)t}{2}\right)$$

for all  $x \in X$  and  $t > 0$ .

This completes the proof.

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