

Decomposition of Database Preferences on the Power Set of the Domain

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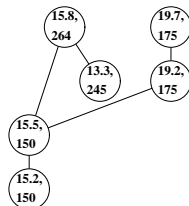
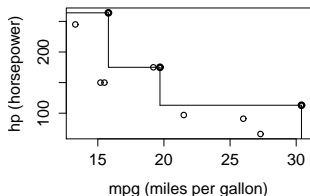


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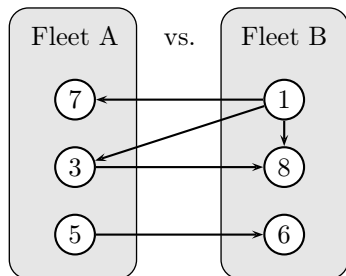
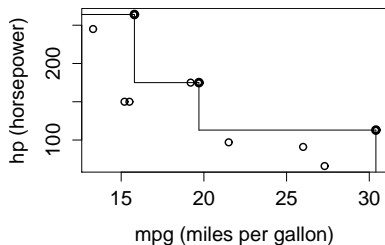


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- ▶ Hence we search for the *induced power set preference*

Notation and formal background

Notational conventions:

- ▶ $r = x_1 + \dots + x_n$ is a **finite** data set with tuples x_i .
- ▶ a preference a has an associated equivalence relation s_a
- ▶ relational operations: union $+$, composition \cdot , intersection \cap
- ▶ inclusion order \leq
- ▶ special relations:
 - ▶ empty relation 0
 - ▶ identity $\mathbb{1}$
 - ▶ universal relation \top

Preference prerequisites

For preferences (strict orders) a, b we define

- ▶ $a \otimes b$ is the *Pareto composition*
 (“strictly better in (at least) one dimension,
 better or equal in all dimensions”)

$$a \otimes b =_{df} (a + s_a) \sqcap b + a \sqcap (b + s_b)$$

- ▶ The *Prioritisation* $a \& b$ equals the lexicographical order

$$a \& b =_{df} a + s_a \sqcap b$$

- ▶ The *set preference* $t(s)$ for $s \leq r$

$$t(s) =_{df} \neg s \cdot \top \cdot s$$

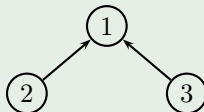
For $|s| = 1$ this is the special case of a *tuple preference*.

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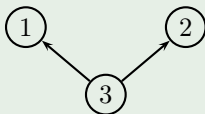
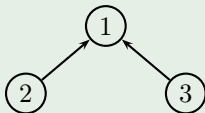
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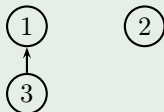
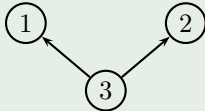
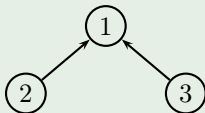
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In this paper:

- ▶ We formally introduce the *power construction* for preferences
- ▶ We apply the decomposition algorithms to them
- ▶ We introduce some optimizations to retrieve shorter terms

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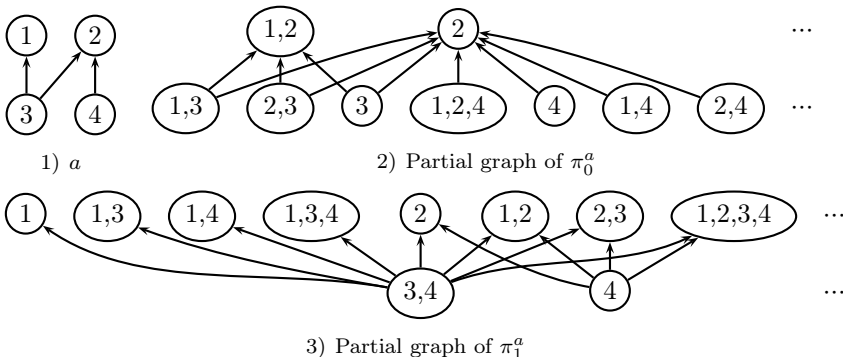
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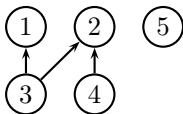
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Additionally we define

$$\pi_2^a =_{df} \pi_0^a \sqcap \pi_1^a \text{ .}$$

The π_i preferences are the three common ways for the power construction of a strict order (cf. Brink, Rewitzky 2001 “*A paradigm for Program Semantics – Power Structures and Duality*”).

- ▶ In the following we revisit the decomposition methods from the MPC'15 paper
- ▶ Let $r = x_1 + \dots + x_5$ a data set and consider the following preference:



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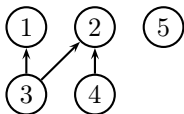
- ▶ We show example runs of both preference decomposition methods
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$$a \triangleright r =_{df} r - |a\rangle r .$$

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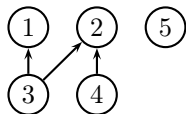
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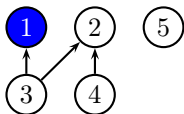
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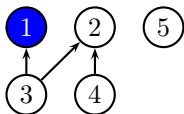
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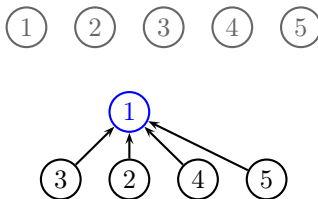
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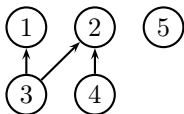


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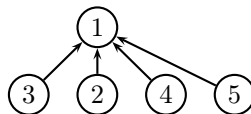
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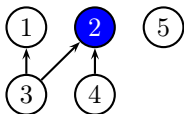


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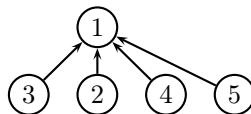
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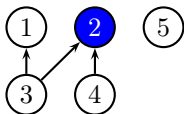


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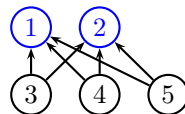
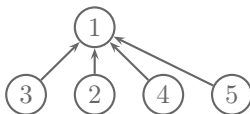
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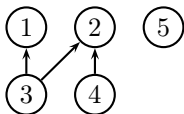


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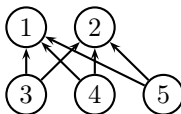
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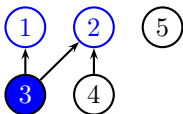


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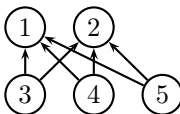
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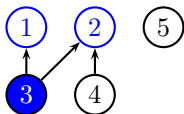


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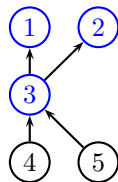
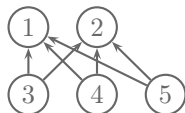
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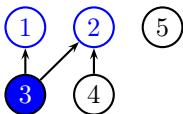


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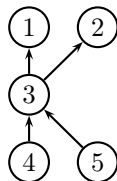
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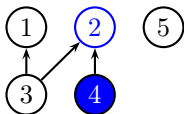


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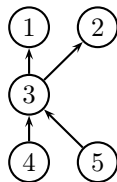
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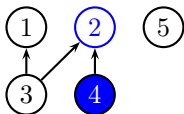


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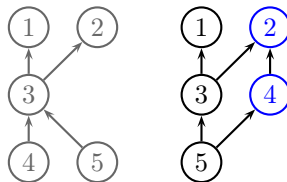
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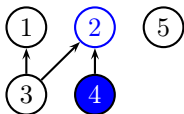


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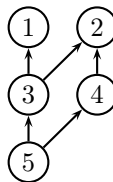
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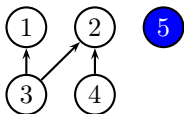


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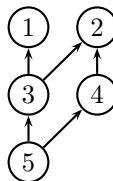
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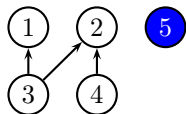


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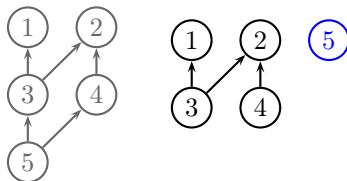
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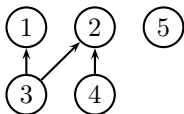


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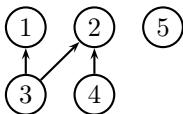
Pareto decompositions of set preferences (example run)

$$\text{DECOMP_PARETO}(a, r) =_{df} \bigotimes_{x \in r} \mathbf{t}(r \cdot \langle a + \mathbb{1} | x \rangle), \quad r = x_1 + \dots + x_5$$

given preference a



constructed preference b



is r -equivalent to a

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Decompositions into tuple preferences (example run)

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function DECOMP_TUPLE( $a, r$ )  
   $a_h \leftarrow a \sqcap \overline{a^2}$   
   $b[r] \leftarrow 0$   
   $m \leftarrow a \triangleright r$   
  while  $m \neq 0$  do  
    for all  $y \in m$  do  
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    end for  
     $b[r \cdot \langle a_h | m \rangle] \leftarrow 0$   
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  end while  
   $b_{\text{res}} \leftarrow \otimes_{x \in r} b[x]$  ; return  $b_{\text{res}}$   
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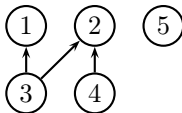
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given preference a



var	value
y	?
$\langle a_h y \rangle$?
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$\langle a_h m \rangle$?
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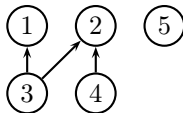
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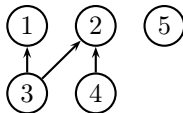
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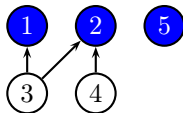
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given preference a



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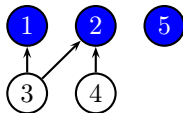
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$\langle a_h m \rangle$	0
$b[x_1]$	0
$b[x_2]$	0
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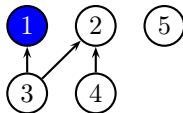
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$b[x_1]$	0
$b[x_2]$	0
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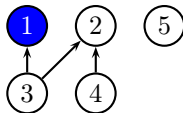
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m	$x_1 + x_2 + x_5$
$\langle a_h m \rangle$	0
$b[x_1]$	0
$b[x_2]$	0
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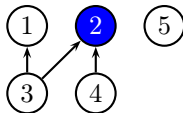
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var	value
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$\langle a_h y \rangle$	0
m	$x_1 + x_2 + x_5$
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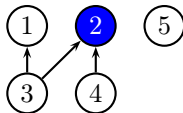
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m	$x_1 + x_2 + x_5$
$\langle a_h m \rangle$	0
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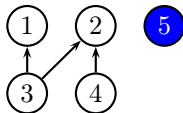
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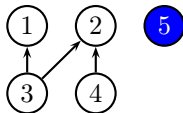
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given preference a



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y	x_5
$\langle a_h y \rangle$	0
m	$x_1 + x_2 + x_5$
$\langle a_h m \rangle$	0
$b[x_1]$	$t(x_1)$
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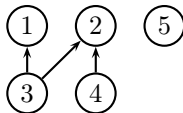
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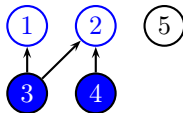
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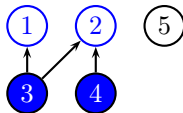
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given preference a



var	value
y	?
$\langle a_h y \rangle$?
m	$x_3 + x_4$
$\langle a_h m \rangle$	$x_1 + x_2$
$b[x_1]$	$t(x_1)$
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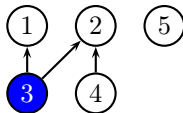
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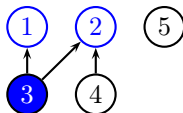
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end function

given preference a



var	value
y	x_3
$\langle a_h y \rangle$	$x_1 + x_2$
m	$x_3 + x_4$
$\langle a_h m \rangle$	$x_1 + x_2$
$b[x_1]$	$t(x_1)$
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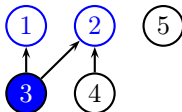
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end function

given preference a



var	value
y	x_3
$\langle a_h y \rangle$	$x_1 + x_2$
m	$x_3 + x_4$
$\langle a_h m \rangle$	$x_1 + x_2$
$b[x_1]$	$t(x_1)$
$b[x_2]$	$t(x_2)$
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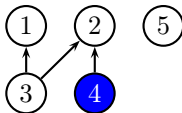
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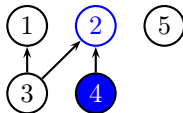
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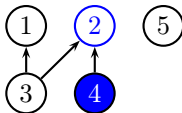
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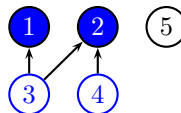
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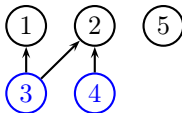
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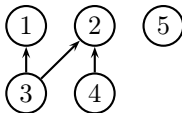
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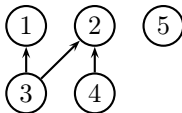
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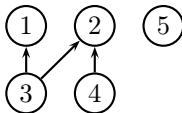
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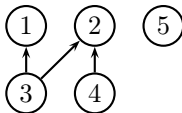
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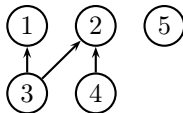
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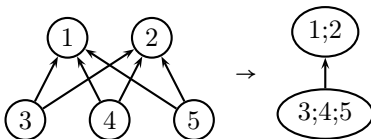
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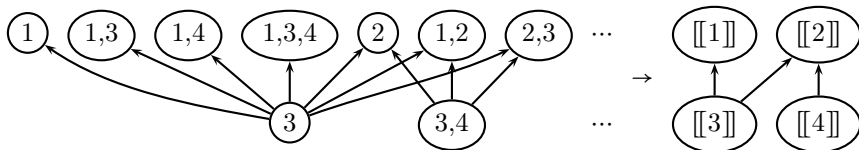
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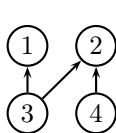
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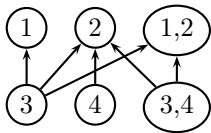
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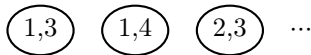
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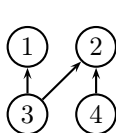


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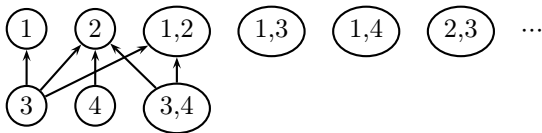


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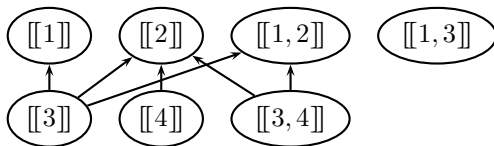
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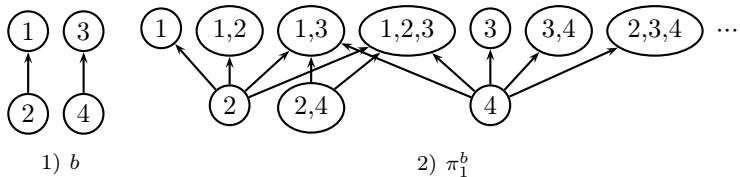


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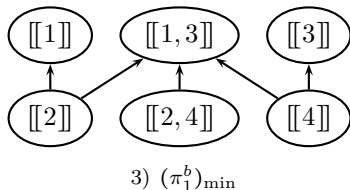
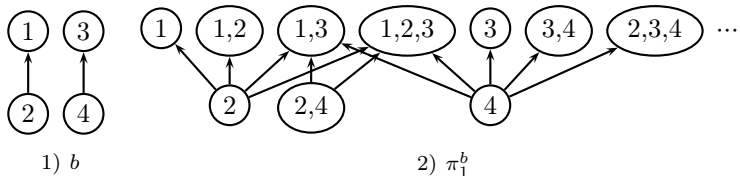
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