

On Conformally Flat Tangent Bundles

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ABSTRACT. Let M be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold and TM its tangent bundle with the metric I + II or II + III. The tangent bundle TM is conformally flat if and only if M is locally Euclidean.

1. Introduction

In the present paper everything will be always discussed in the C^∞ category, and Riemannian manifolds will be assumed to be connected and dimension > 1 . Let M be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold with metric g and TM its tangent bundle. It is well known that M with the constant curvature is a conformally flat space, and in the previous paper([1]), we proved that TM with the complete lift metric is conformally flat if and only if M is a space of constant curvature ($n > 2$). The purpose of the present paper is to prove the following.

Theorem. *Let M be an n -dimensional Riemannian manifold and TM its tangent bundle with the metric I+II or II+III. The tangent bundle TM is conformally flat if and only if M is locally Euclidean.*

2. Preliminaries

Let $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$ be the adapted frame of TM :

$$X_h = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^h} - y^a \Gamma_{a\ h}^b \frac{\partial}{\partial y^b} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{\bar{h}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y^h},$$

and let $\{dx^h, \delta y^{\bar{h}}\}$ be the dual basis of $\{X_h, X_{\bar{h}}\}$, where $(x^h, y^{\bar{h}})$ are the induced coordinates in TM and $\Gamma_{a\ h}^b$ the components of the Riemannian connection of M . The indices $a, b, c, \dots, h, i, j, \dots$, run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. The indices $A, B, C, \dots, P, Q, R, \dots$, run over the range $\{1, 2, \dots, n, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{n}\}$ and the indices $\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \dots, \bar{h}, \bar{i}, \bar{j}, \dots$, run over the range $\{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{n}\}$. The summation convention will be used in relation to this system of indices. By the straightforward calculations, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 1. *The Lie brackets of the adapted frame of TM satisfy the following :*

- (1) $[X_i, X_j] = y^a K_{jia}^m X_{\bar{m}},$
- (2) $[X_i, X_{\bar{j}}] = \Gamma_j^m X_{\bar{m}},$
- (3) $[X_{\bar{i}}, X_{\bar{j}}] = 0,$

where $K_{jia}{}^m$ denote the components of the curvature tensor of M .

Let $\bar{\nabla}$ be the Riemannian connection of TM and $\bar{\Gamma}_{B\ C}^A$ the coefficients of $\bar{\nabla}$:

$$(2-1) \quad \bar{\nabla}_{X_i} X_j = \bar{\Gamma}_{ji}^m X_m + \bar{\Gamma}_{ji}^{\bar{m}} X_{\bar{m}}, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{X_i} X_{\bar{j}} = \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}i}^m X_m + \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}i}^{\bar{m}} X_{\bar{m}},$$

$$\bar{\nabla}_{X_{\bar{i}}} X_j = \bar{\Gamma}_{j\bar{i}}^m X_m + \bar{\Gamma}_{j\bar{i}}^{\bar{m}} X_{\bar{m}}, \quad \bar{\nabla}_{X_{\bar{i}}} X_{\bar{j}} = \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}^m X_m + \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}^{\bar{m}} X_{\bar{m}}.$$

We denote g^{I+II} the metric $I + II$ and g^{II+III} the metric $II + III$, which are defined as follows :

$$(2-2) \quad g^{I+II} = g_{ij} dx^i dx^j + 2g_{ij} dx^i \delta y^j,$$

$$(2-3) \quad g^{II+III} = 2g_{ij} dx^i \delta y^j + g_{ij} \delta y^i \delta y^j.$$

We have the following lemmas (see [2]).

Lemma 2. *The connection coefficients $\bar{\Gamma}_{B\ C}^A$ of g^{I+II} satisfy the following :*

$$(1) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{ji}^h = \Gamma_{ji}^h, \quad (2) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{ji}^{\bar{h}} = \frac{1}{2} y^a K_{aij}^h, \quad (3) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}^h = 0,$$

$$(4) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{j\bar{i}}^h = 0, \quad (5) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}i}^{\bar{h}} = \Gamma_{ji}^h, \quad (6) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}^{\bar{h}} = 0,$$

$$(7) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{j\bar{i}}^{\bar{h}} = 0, \quad (8) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}i}^h = 0.$$

Lemma 3. *The connection coefficients $\bar{\Gamma}_{B\ C}^A$ of g^{II+III} satisfy the following :*

$$(1) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{ji}^h = \Gamma_{ji}^h - \frac{1}{2} y^a (K_{aij}^h + K_{aji}^h), \quad (2) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{ji}^{\bar{h}} = y^a K_{aij}^h,$$

$$(3) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{j\bar{i}}^h = -\frac{1}{2} y^a K_{aji}^h, \quad (4) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{j\bar{i}}^{\bar{h}} = -\frac{1}{2} y^a K_{aij}^h,$$

$$(5) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}i}^h = \Gamma_{ji}^h + \frac{1}{2} K_{aji}^h, \quad (6) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}i}^{\bar{h}} = \frac{1}{2} y^a K_{aij}^h,$$

$$(7) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}^h = 0, \quad (8) \quad \bar{\Gamma}_{\bar{j}\bar{i}}^{\bar{h}} = 0.$$

3. Curvature tensors of TM

The curvature tensor $\bar{K}$ of TM is defined by

$$\bar{K}(X, Y)Z = \bar{\nabla}_X \bar{\nabla}_Y Z - \bar{\nabla}_Y \bar{\nabla}_X Z - \bar{\nabla}_{[X, Y]} Z, \quad \text{for } X, Y, Z \in TTM,$$

then from Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Lemma 3, we have the following lemmas.

Lemma 4. *The components of the curvature tensor of g^{I+II} are given as follows :*

$$(1) \quad \bar{K}(X_i, X_j)X_k = K_{ijk}^m X_m + y^a \{ \nabla_i K_{ajk}^m - \nabla_j K_{aik}^m \} X_{\bar{m}},$$

$$(2) \quad \bar{K}(X_i, X_j)X_{\bar{k}} = K_{ijk}^m X_{\bar{m}},$$

$$(3) \quad \bar{K}(X_{\bar{i}}, X_j)X_k = K_{ijk}^m X_{\bar{m}},$$

$$(4) \quad \bar{K}(X_{\bar{i}}, X_j)X_{\bar{k}} = 0,$$

$$(5) \quad \bar{K}(X_{\bar{i}}, X_{\bar{j}})X_k = 0,$$

$$(6) \quad \bar{K}(X_{\bar{i}}, X_{\bar{j}})X_{\bar{k}} = 0.$$

Lemma 5. *The components of the curvature tensor of g^{I+III} are given as follows :*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad \overline{K}(X_i, X_j)X_k &= [K_{ijk}^m - \frac{1}{2}y^a(\nabla_i K_{ajk}^m + \nabla_i K_{akj}^m - \nabla_j K_{aik}^m - \nabla_j K_{aki}^m) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{ajk}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aik}^c K_{bjc}^m - K_{ajk}^c K_{bci}^m + K_{aik}^c K_{bcj}^m \\
 &\quad + K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aki}^c K_{bjc}^m + K_{akj}^c K_{bci}^m - K_{aki}^c K_{bcj}^m \\
 &\quad + 2K_{jia}^c K_{bck}^m)]X_m \\
 &\quad + [y^a(\nabla_i K_{ajk}^m - \nabla_j K_{aik}^m) - \frac{1}{2}y^a y^b (K_{ajk}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aik}^c K_{bjc}^m \\
 &\quad + K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aki}^c K_{bjc}^m - K_{ajk}^c K_{bci}^m \\
 &\quad + K_{aik}^c K_{bcj}^m + K_{jia}^c K_{bck}^m)]X_{\overline{m}}, \\
 (2) \quad \overline{K}(X_i, X_j)X_{\overline{k}} &= [-\frac{1}{2}y^a(\nabla_i K_{akj}^m - \nabla_j K_{aki}^m) + \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m \\
 &\quad - K_{aki}^c K_{bjc}^m)]X_m \\
 &\quad + [K_{ijk}^m + \frac{1}{2}y^a(\nabla_i K_{akj}^m - \nabla_j K_{aki}^m) \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{akj}^c (2K_{bic}^m - K_{bci}^m) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{aki}^c (2K_{bjc}^m - K_{bcj}^m)]X_{\overline{m}}, \\
 (3) \quad \overline{K}(X_{\overline{i}}, X_j)X_k &= [-\frac{1}{2}(K_{ikj}^m + K_{ijk}^m) + \frac{1}{2}y^a \nabla_j K_{aik}^m + \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m \\
 &\quad + K_{ajk}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aik}^c K_{bjc}^m)]X_m \\
 &\quad + [K_{ijk}^m - \frac{1}{2}y^a \nabla_j K_{aik}^m - \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m + K_{ajk}^c K_{bic}^m \\
 &\quad + K_{aik}^c K_{bcj}^m - 2K_{aik}^c K_{bjc}^m)]X_{\overline{m}}, \\
 (4) \quad \overline{K}(X_{\overline{i}}, X_j)X_{\overline{k}} &= [-\frac{1}{2}K_{ikj}^m + \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m]X_m \\
 &\quad + [\frac{1}{2}K_{ikj}^m - \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{akj}^c K_{bic}^m]X_{\overline{m}}, \\
 (5) \quad \overline{K}(X_{\overline{i}}, X_{\overline{j}})X_k &= [-K_{ijk}^m + \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{ajk}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aik}^c K_{bjc}^m)]X_m \\
 &\quad + [K_{ijk}^m - \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{ajk}^c K_{bic}^m - K_{aik}^c K_{bjc}^m)]X_{\overline{m}}, \\
 (6) \quad \overline{K}(X_{\overline{i}}, X_{\overline{j}})X_{\overline{k}} &= 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $\overline{g}_{AB}$ be the components of the metric g^{I+II} or g^{II+III} , and $\overline{K}_{ABCD}$ the components of the curvature tensor $\overline{K}$ of TM : $\overline{K}_{ABCD} = \overline{g}(\overline{K}(X_A, X_B)X_C, X_D)$. The scalar curvature $\overline{S}$ of TM is defined by $\overline{S} = \overline{g}^{AD}\overline{g}^{BC}\overline{K}_{ABCD}$, where $\overline{g}^{AB}$ denote the components of the inverse matrix of $(\overline{g}_{AB})$, and the components $\overline{K}_{BC}$ of the Ricci tensor of TM are defined by $\overline{K}_{BC} = \overline{g}^{AD}\overline{K}_{ABCD}$. By means of Lemma 4 and Lemma 5, we have the following lemmas.

Lemma 6([3],[2]). *The scalar curvature $\overline{S}^{I+II}$ of g^{I+II} and the scalar curvature $\overline{S}^{II+III}$ of g^{II+III} are given as follows :*

$$(1) \quad \overline{S}^{I+II} = 0,$$

$$(2) \quad \bar{S}^{II+II} = -S - \frac{1}{2}y^a y^b K_{acd\epsilon} K_b{}^{cde},$$

where S denotes the scalar curvature of M .

Lemma 7. *The components $\bar{K}_{BC}$ of the Ricci tensor of g^{I+II} are given as follows :*

- (1) $\bar{K}_{jk} = 2K_{jk},$
- (2) $\bar{K}_{\bar{j}k} = 0,$
- (3) $\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} = 0,$
- (4) $\bar{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} = 0.$

Lemma 8. *The components $\bar{K}_{BC}$ of the Ricci tensor of g^{II+III} are given as follows:*

- (1) $\bar{K}_{jk} = 2K_{jk} - \frac{1}{2}y^a (\nabla_a K_{jk} - \nabla_j K_{ak} + \nabla_a K_{kj} - \nabla_k K_{aj})$
 $+ \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b (K_{ack}{}^d K_{bjd}{}^c - K_{akc}{}^d K_{bjd}{}^c - K_{akc}{}^d K_{bdj}{}^c + 2K_{jca}{}^d K_{bdk}{}^c),$
- (2) $\bar{K}_{\bar{j}k} = \frac{1}{2}K_{jk} - \frac{1}{2}y^a (\nabla_a K_{jk} - \nabla_j K_{ak}) - \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{ajc}{}^d K_{bkd}{}^c,$
- (3) $\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} = \frac{1}{2}K_{kj} - \frac{1}{2}y^a (\nabla_a K_{kj} - \nabla_k K_{aj}) - \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{akc}{}^d K_{bjd}{}^c,$
- (4) $\bar{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} = -\frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{akc}{}^d K_{bjd}{}^c.$

4. Proof of Theorem

If the components of the curvature tensor of TM satisfy the following equations :

$$(4-1) \quad \bar{K}_{ABCD} = \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(\bar{g}_{AD}\bar{K}_{BC} - \bar{g}_{BD}\bar{K}_{AC} + \bar{g}_{BC}\bar{K}_{AD} - \bar{g}_{AC}\bar{K}_{BD})$$

$$- \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(\bar{g}_{AD}\bar{g}_{BC} - \bar{g}_{BD}\bar{g}_{AC}),$$

then TM is said to be conformally flat.

Proof of Theorem in the case of TM with the metric g^{I+II} . From Lemma 4, we have

- (4-2) $\bar{K}_{ijkl} = K_{ijkl} + 2y^a (\nabla_i K_{ajkl} - \nabla_j K_{aikl}),$
- (4-3) $\bar{K}_{ijk\bar{l}} = K_{ijkl},$
- (4-4) $\bar{K}_{i\bar{j}kl} = 2K_{ijkl},$
- (4-5) $\bar{K}_{\bar{i}jkl} = 2K_{ijkl},$
- (4-6) *otherwise* $= 0.$

From (4-1), we obtain

$$(4-7) \quad \bar{K}_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(\bar{g}_{il}\bar{K}_{jk} - \bar{g}_{jl}\bar{K}_{ik} + \bar{g}_{jk}\bar{K}_{il} - \bar{g}_{ik}\bar{K}_{jl})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1}(g_{il}K_{jk} - g_{jl}K_{ik} + g_{jk}K_{il} - g_{ik}K_{jl}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-8) \quad \bar{K}_{ijk\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(\bar{g}_{i\bar{l}}\bar{K}_{jk} - \bar{g}_{j\bar{l}}\bar{K}_{ik} + \bar{g}_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - \bar{g}_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n-1}(g_{il}K_{jk} - g_{jl}K_{ik}).
 \end{aligned}$$

By means of (4-2), (4-3), (4-7) and (4-8), we get $K_{ijkl} = 0$.

Proof of Theorem in the case of TM with the metric g^{II+III} . From (4-1), we have

$$(4-9) \quad \bar{K}_{ijkl} = 0,$$

$$(4-10) \quad \bar{K}_{ijk\bar{l}} = \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{jk} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}}),$$

$$(4-11) \quad \bar{K}_{ij\bar{k}l} = \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-12) \quad \bar{K}_{ij\bar{k}\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{k}} + g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(g_{il}g_{jk} - g_{jl}g_{ik}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4-13) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}kl} = \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{jk} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-14) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{jk} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{k}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}g_{jl}g_{ik},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-15) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}l} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} + g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}g_{il}g_{jk},
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-16) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{k}} + g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(g_{il}g_{jk} - g_{jl}g_{ik}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-17) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{k}} + g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(g_{il}g_{jk} - g_{jl}g_{ik}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-18) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}k\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{k}} + g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(g_{il}g_{jk} - g_{jl}g_{ik}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4-19) \quad \bar{K}_{i\bar{j}kl} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{il}\bar{K}_{j\bar{k}} - g_{jl}\bar{K}_{i\bar{k}} + g_{jk}\bar{K}_{i\bar{l}} - g_{ik}\bar{K}_{j\bar{l}}) \\
 &\quad - \frac{\bar{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(g_{il}g_{jk} - g_{jl}g_{ik}),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(4-20) \quad \begin{aligned} \overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{j}\bar{k}\bar{l}} &= \frac{1}{2(n-1)}(g_{i\bar{l}}\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} - g_{j\bar{l}}\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{k}} + g_{j\bar{k}}\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{l}} - g_{i\bar{k}}\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{l}}) \\ &\quad - \frac{\overline{S}}{2(2n-1)(n-1)}(g_{i\bar{l}}g_{j\bar{k}} - g_{j\bar{l}}g_{i\bar{k}}). \end{aligned}$$

From (6) of Lemma 5 and (4-19), we obtain

$$(4-21) \quad g_{i\bar{l}}\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} - g_{j\bar{l}}\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{k}} + g_{j\bar{k}}\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{l}} - g_{i\bar{k}}\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{l}} = \frac{\overline{S}}{2n-1}(g_{i\bar{l}}g_{j\bar{k}} - g_{j\bar{l}}g_{i\bar{k}}),$$

and from (6) of Lemma 5 and (4-20), we get

$$(4-22) \quad g_{i\bar{l}}\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} - g_{j\bar{l}}\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{k}} + g_{j\bar{k}}\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{l}} - g_{i\bar{k}}\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{l}} = \frac{\overline{S}}{2n-1}(g_{i\bar{l}}g_{j\bar{k}} - g_{j\bar{l}}g_{i\bar{k}}),$$

it follows that $\overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{l}} = \overline{K}_{\bar{i}\bar{l}}$. By means of (2) and (4) of Lemma 8, we have

$$(4-23) \quad K_{jk} = 0,$$

and

$$(4-24) \quad \overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} = -\frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{ajc}{}^d K_{bkd}{}^c.$$

From (4-22), we obtain

$$(4-25) \quad (n-2)\overline{K}_{\bar{j}\bar{k}} + g^{ab}g_{jk}\overline{K}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}} = \frac{(n-1)\overline{S}}{2n-1}g_{jk},$$

it follows that

$$(4-26) \quad 2(n-1)g^{ab}\overline{K}_{ab} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2n-1}\overline{S}.$$

On the other hand, from (4-24), we get

$$(4-27) \quad \begin{aligned} g^{ab}\overline{K}_{ab} &= \frac{1}{4}y^a y^b K_{acd}{}^e K_b{}^{cde} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2}\overline{S}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus by (4-26) and (4-27), we have $\overline{S}=0$, then it follows

$$(4-28) \quad y^a y^b K_{acd}{}^e K_b{}^{cde} = 0.$$

This shows $K_{ijkl} = 0$. This completes the proof of Theorem.

q.e.d.

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