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## THE *ṢAŚITANTRA* ON PERCEPTION, A COLLECTION OF FRAGMENTS

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The present paper is a trial publication with a double purpose: a scholarly one, to provide specialists in Sāṅkhya philosophy with a number of fragments related to the subject of perception (*pratyakṣa*) from the period of early classical Sāṅkhya in their original language. And a technical one, to provide scholars with a specimen of my conception on how these and other original text materials from the early period of all major brahmanical systems may eventually be edited.

In editing these materials in a series of fragment collections each devoted to one of the systems it is my intention to provide the fragments with all the necessary philological information, but without any further discussion in order to keep the style of publishing this important new material as simple and clear as possible. Since it will still take considerable time until this series of publications can be started, I would like to invite all scholars interested to share with me their criticism of the proposal presented and communicate any additional ideas for creating the most useful and practicable form of such an enterprise. A number of suggestions were made during the conference and have already been taken into consideration in the present specimen.

These fragments come from Jinendrabuddhi's *Pramāṇasamuccayaṭikā* (PST). The value of this text for the early history of the classical systems of Indian philosophy has been well-known since FRAUWALLNER's article of 1958.<sup>1</sup> FRAUWALLNER demonstrated the wealth of material contained in this commentary concentrating on the fragments related to inference (*anumāna*), but also investigated the range of further Sāṅkhya materials contained in the *pratyakṣa* chapter of the PST. At the time he only had at his disposal the Tibetan translation of dPañ lotsāva Blo gros brtan pa (1276-

<sup>1</sup> Erich FRAUWALLNER, "Die Erkenntnislehre des klassischen Sāṅkhya Systems," *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde Süd- und Ostasiens* 2, 1958, pp. 84-139 (= *Kleine Schriften*, ed. by G. OBERHAMMER and E. STEINKELLNER, Wiesbaden 1982, pp. 223-278).

1342). A single Sanskrit manuscript of the PST is, however, to my present knowledge, still extant.

The structure of the fragments' presentation is the following:

1. Generally all Sāṅkhya fragments and substantial references will receive a running number (e.g., "S 1" etc., S meaning Sāṅkhya) in the sequence of their appearance in the PST.<sup>2</sup> Another identification will be added in the case of fragments etc. coming from or referring to clearly discernible texts like the *Saṣṭitantra* ("ST1" etc.).
2. The fragment is then defined as to its character.<sup>3</sup> In the present collection of passages only three symbols for "kinds of texts" are used:

**Ci** is a quotation from a text, e.g., the *Saṣṭitantra*, in the text mentioned afterwards.

**Cie** is a quotation from a text, e.g., a commentary on the *Saṣṭitantra*, in the text mentioned afterwards which shows signs of editorial changes (e.g., when words or phrases are left out).<sup>4</sup>

**Ri** is a paraphrase of a text in the text mentioned afterwards.

3. The text of the fragment is given within its immediate frame of quotation which is printed in a lower grade.
4. A framed apparatus indicates other occurrences of the fragment or its parts on the left side, and philological observations on the right side.
5. The description is completed with the indication of two essential reasons:  
reason A, for assigning this particular fragment or paraphrase to the text, e.g., the *Saṣṭitantra*.  
reason B, for assigning the position of this fragment or paraphrase to a place within the *Saṣṭitantra*.

This is all the information I consider necessary at this time. In addition, the different passages regained could be united into larger units if sufficient

2 This first identification is left out in the present collection because the units from other Sāṅkhya texts are still not certain.

3 The principal usefulness of such definitions and symbols for the different kinds of texts is discussed in STEINKELLNER 1988.

4 An example: the identification of ST 2 can be read as "ST 2, the second fragment from the *Saṣṭitantra*, is a quotation in STV<sup>b</sup>, the second commentary on the *Saṣṭitantra* adduced by Jinendrabuddhi, which itself is preserved as a quotation with editorial changes in the PST".

information for combining or arranging in sequence is available.<sup>5</sup> This is exemplified below for the fragments related to perception.<sup>6</sup>

As said above, the format of the intended publications exemplified here should be simple, consistent, and useful, i.e. provide all possible and necessary information. All suggestions with regard to any aspect of such a series of publications will be most gratefully received and acknowledged. I can be contacted by either postal mail, fax, or e-mail (cf. the List of Authors at the end of this volume).

## The fragments

§T 1: **Ci** PST 36a3-4 (P 69a6-8, D 61b2-4)

*tatroktam – kim anumānam evaikam<sup>1</sup> pramānam. nety ucyate.*  
<sup>ab</sup> *śrotrādivṛttiś ca<sup>2</sup> pratyakṣam.*  
*pramāṇam<sup>3</sup> iti śesah. śrotratvakcaksurjihvāgrānānām manasā-*  
*dhiṣṭhitā vṛttih śabdasparsarūparasagandheṣu yathākramam grahanē*  
*vartamānā pratyakṣam pramāṇam.*<sup>4</sup> <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> <b>Ci</b> STV <sup>a</sup> → <b>Ci</b> PST 42a5; <b>Cie</b> PSV on PS I 25a; <b>Cie</b> NCV 107,24; <b>Cie</b> YD 5,11 (cf. HATTORI 1968: 148 <sup>5,1</sup> )	<sup>1</sup> <i>gcig pu kho na T</i> <sup>2</sup> <i>ca</i> omitted PSV, YD, NCV <sup>3</sup> <i>ca / pratyakṣam pramāṇam</i> PST <sub>ms</sub> , <i>yañ no // mñon sum tshad ma T</i> <sup>4</sup> <i>pramāṇam pratyakṣam</i> NCV
<sup>b</sup> <b>Ci</b> NV 40,16 → <b>Ci</b> NVT <sub>T</sub> 126,22 (cf. HATTORI 1968: 148 <sup>5,1</sup> )	
<sup>c</sup> <b>Ci</b> NCV 107,24f.; <b>Cie</b> PSV on PS I 25a	

Reason A (for assigning this fragment to the *Ṣaśitantra*):

1. The definition is often quoted and several times assigned to *Vāṛṣagaṇāḥ* (YD), *Vāṛṣaganya* (NVT<sub>T</sub>) (cf. FRAUWALLNER 1958: 98). In a §TV<sup>a</sup> text reported in PST 42a2-7, the definition is assigned to the *śāstra* (42a5f.).
2. The expressions *manasādhīṣṭhitā* and *grahane vartamānā* and the words connected are discussed in the Sāṅkhya commentaries cited

5 Such as was done by FRAUWALLNER at the end of his paper quoted above.

6 There is not much danger in going for this last step in the case of the *Ṣaśitantra* fragments. In the case of the commentaries it may already be a step too far. For there is the danger of prematurely influencing later interpretations of these materials.

as well as by Jinendrabuddhi in order to explain this definition accordingly (cf. FRAUWALLNER 1958: 104f.)

Reason B (for assigning the position of the fragment within the *Saṣṭitantra*):

The systematic structure of the *Saṣṭitantra*'s epistemology as clarified in FRAUWALLNER 1958, the Sāṅkhya commentaries adduced by Jinendrabuddhi, and Dignāga's methodical consistency leave no doubt as to this text's containing the definition of perception as a means of cognition comparable to SK 5a.

ST 2: **Ci** ŠTV<sup>b</sup> → **Cie** PST 36a5f. (P 69b2f., D 61b5f.)

*yathoktam – <sup>a</sup>bāhyesv artheśv indriyam vyavasāyam kurute. tasmīms tv indriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute<sup>a</sup> – iti. anena hi granthenendriyavṛttir eva bāhyaviṣayākārā manovṛttyā saṃvedyate, ...*

<sup>a</sup> cf. ST 7	
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Reason A: The commentary quoting refers in both cases (ST 2 and ST 7) to the sentences as *grantha*.

Reason B: FRAUWALLNER 1958: 111 indicates parallels in SK 33-34, and 30.

ST 3: **Ci** ŠTV<sup>b</sup> → **Cie** PST 36b3f. (P 70a2, D 62a4)

*ity anena – <sup>a</sup>svavisayaviniveśā<sup>a</sup> vacanān niyataviṣayatvam.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. ST 15; <b>Ri</b> PSV on PS I 25a'	
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ST 4 (?): **Ci** Vindhavāsin = (?) ŠTV<sup>b</sup> → **Cie** PST 37b4 (P 71a8f., D 63b1)

*tathā hy uktam – śabdasparśarūparasagandhāḥ <sup>a</sup>pañca trayāṇāṁ sukhaduḥkhamohāṇāṁ sanniveśaviśeṣāḥ<sup>a</sup> – iti.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. ST 5	
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Reason A: The fragment is quoted here as authority in a reported passage possibly from Vindhavāsin (cf. FRAUWALLNER 1956: 409; ŠV, ākṛtivāda, 76). This authority may well be the *Saṣṭitantra*, because Vindhavāsin is probably the author of ŠTV<sup>b</sup>.

ŚT 5 (?): **Cie** PST 39a2 (P 73a6, D 65a3)

*pañca trayānām sanniveśaviśeṣāḥ – ity abhyupagamān ...*

Reason A: cf. ŚT 4

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ŚT 6: **Ci** PST 39a4-6 (P 73b3-5, D 65a7-b1)

*yad uktam ityādinā hetutvābhyupagamam āha – <sup>a</sup>sattvam śabdakāryam praty ākhyāya śabdātmanā vyavatiṣṭhamānam<sup>a</sup> rajastamayoh śabdabhāvāya vṛttim khyāpayati. rajaḥ śabdakāryam praty ākhyāyetyādi sarvam pūrvavat. ayam tu viśeṣah. rajaḥ<sup>1</sup> sattvatamasoh śabdabhāvāya pravṛttim karoti. tamah sattvarajasoh śabdabhāvāya pravṛttim<sup>2</sup> vyavasthāpayati – iti.*

<sup>a</sup> **Ci** PSV on PS I 27a

<sup>a</sup> <b>Ci</b> PSV on PS I 27a	<sup>1</sup> <i>rajaḥ</i> conj. ( <i>rdul gyis T</i> ) : <i>cakrā</i> Ms
<sup>b</sup> <i>pravṛttim</i> omitted T	

Reason A: The sentence is quoted in PSV as an authoritative statement that would be contradicted, possibly again another passage of the *Sāstitantra*.

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ŚT 7: **Ci** PST 42a2-3 (P 77a8-b2, D 68b6f.)

<sup>a</sup>*bāhyeṣv arthe<sv i>ndriyam <vy>avasāyam<sup>1</sup> kurute. tasmīms tv indriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute.<sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup>yathā cendriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute, evam mānasam vyavasāyam indriyam samvedayate – ity anena granthena ... uktam.*

<sup>a</sup> **Ci** ŚTV<sup>b</sup> = ŚT 2

<sup>b</sup> **Ci** ŚTV<sup>a</sup> = ŚT 8, ŚTV<sup>b</sup> = ŚT 9,  
and PSV on PS I 33'cd'.

<sup>1</sup> *arthendriyam kuru..avasāyam* Ms

Reason A: 1. <sup>a</sup>-part referred to as *grantha* also in ŚTV<sup>b</sup> quoting ŚT 2  
2. <sup>b</sup>-part in ŚTV<sup>a</sup> (PST 42a6) cited as testifying for the *śāstra*.  
3. Both parts of the fragment are explained in ŚTV<sup>b</sup> (PST 43a4-7) as being a *grantha*.

Reason B: FRAUWALLNER 1958: 110f. indicates parallels in SK 33-34, and 30.

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§T 8: **Ci** §TV<sup>a</sup> → **Ci** PST 42a6 (P 77b6f., D 69a3)

*tathā hi – <sup>a</sup>yathā cendriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute, evam mānasam vyavasāyam indriyam samvedayate<sup>a</sup> – iti vedayatir ayam lābhārthaś curādau paṭhyate.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. §T 7	
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§T 9: **Ci** §TV<sup>b</sup> → **Ci** PST 43a4-6 (P 78b8-79a2, D 70a2-4)

*granthas caivam niyate – <sup>a</sup>bāhyesv arthesv indriyam vyavasāyam kurute<sup>a</sup> pratyaksalakṣaṇam, – <sup>a</sup>tasmiṁs tv indriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute<sup>a</sup> ity anantaram smārtam. – <sup>a</sup>yathā cendriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute<sup>a</sup> – anantaroktam, <sup>a</sup>evam mānasam vyavasāyam indriyam samvedayate<sup>a</sup> – smārayatī arthah, anekārthatvād dhātūnām.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. §T 7	
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§T 10: **Ci** PST 43a7f. (P 79a5, D 70a6)

*vṛttisamvedanasya smārtatvajñāpakam āha – <sup>a</sup>smṛtipratyakṣavyavasāya-viśeṣah<sup>a</sup> – iti.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. §T 11	
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Reason A: In the following objection (PST 43b1) this quotation is referred to as a *grantha* in the *śāstra*.

§T 11: **Ci** §TV<sup>b</sup> → **Ci** PST 43b2f. (P 79a7, D 70a7f.)

<sup>a</sup>asti hy ayam<sup>a</sup> <sup>b</sup>smṛtipratyakṣavyavasāyaviśeṣah<sup>b</sup> – iti.

<sup>a</sup> <b>Ci</b> §TV <sup>b</sup> → <b>Ci</b> PST 44a3 <sup>b</sup> cf. §T 10	
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Reason A: The fragment in the form *asti hy ayam ityādih* is referred to as *grantha* in §TV<sup>b</sup> → **Ci** PST 44a3.

Reason B: According to the fragment of §TV<sup>b</sup> quoted in PST 43b1-44a3 the fragment §T 11 is related to §T 2.

ṢT 12: **Ci** ṢTV<sup>b</sup> → **Ci** PST 43b7 (P 79b6, D 70b6)

*tathā coktam – <sup>a</sup>kevalam tv atītānāgatayoḥ <sup>a</sup>kālayoḥ pravartate – iti.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. ṢT 16, end.	
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Reason A+B: The *pūrvapakṣa* of PST 46a5-46b1 introduces a sequence of passages (ṢT 16–12–13) as explanation of the *śāstra*, explains their relationship, and concludes that therefore there is no contradiction with the *śāstra*. ṢT 16 is further preceded by the contents of ṢT 15.

Reason B: FRAUWALLNER 1958: 111 indicates parallels to SK 33-34, and 30.

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ṢT 13: **Ci** PST 45a4-5 (P 81b1-2, D 72a6)

*śāstra uktam – kim bāhyeṣv artheṣv indriyamanobhyām sahavyavasāyāḥ. nety ucyate. kasmāt. <sup>a</sup>naikārthakāriṇor indriyayoḥ kalpane sāmarthyam – iti.*

<sup>a</sup> <b>Ci</b> ṢTV <sup>b</sup> → <b>Ci</b> PST 44a2 <b>Ci</b> PSV on PS I 33'ab. <sup>b</sup> for the end cf. ṢT 18	
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Reason A+B: cf. note on ṢT 12.

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ṢT 14: **Ci** PST 45b1-2 (P 81b6-7, D 72b3-4)

*yac cedam dvāradvārivicāre paṭhyate – manasy ekibhūtān indriyavyavasāyān puruṣaś cetayate, na tv indriyavyavasāyair manovyavasāyān iti. tasmān mana eva dvāri dvārāṇīndriyāṇi – iti, tad api vyāhanyate, ...*

Reason A: Cited in the context of indicating contradictions with the *śāstra*.

Reason B: For the *dvāradvārivicāra* cf. SK 35.

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ṢT 15: **Ri** PST 46a5 (P 82b6, D 73b1)

*śāstre – śrotrādīnām <sup>a</sup>svavisayaviniveśam <sup>a</sup>sāmpratakālavṛttitvam ca – pratipādya ...*

<sup>a</sup> cf. ṢT 3; <b>Ri</b> PSV on PS I 25a'	
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Reason B: The contents referred to precede §T 16.

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§T 16: **Ci** PST 46a5-6 (P 82b6-8, D 73b1-2)

*śāstre* [§T 15] *pratipādyāivam uktam. tathā – manah sarvārtheṣu traikālyam pravartate. bāhyesv artheṣu sāmprate kāle <sup>a</sup>kenacid indriyena yuktam yadā<sup>a</sup> mano bhavati, tadā prat�ayavatī vṛttir indriyasya bhavati. <sup>b</sup>kevalam tv atītānāgatayoh<sup>b</sup> – ityādi prāg uktam, ...*

<sup>a</sup> <b>Ci</b> PST 46a6f. = §T 17	
<sup>b</sup> cf. §T 12	

Reason B: cf. §T 12.

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§T 17: **Ci** PST 46a6f. (P 82b8, D 73b2f.)

*atra – <sup>a</sup>kenacid indriyena yuktam yadā<sup>a</sup> – iti vacanāt siddhah pūrvam eva sahavyavasāyah.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. §T 16	
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§T 18: **Ci** PST 46a7 (P 83a1, D 73b3)

<sup>a</sup>*naikārthakāriṇor indriyayoh kalpane sāmarthyam<sup>a</sup> asti – iti.*

<sup>a</sup> cf. §T 13	
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Reason B: end of §T 13

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§T 19: **Ri** PST 46b3 (P 83a4, D 73b6)

*trikālaviṣayam sarvārtham ca manah – ity uktam.*

Reason B: cf. beginning of §T 16.

### The passages regained

To the main fragment's number smaller units are added in round brackets, references to similar contents in the *Sāṅkyakārikā* in square brackets. Reported contents are within quotation marks.

1. *kim anumānam evaikam pramāṇam. nety ucyate.*  
*śrotrādivṛttiś ca pratyakṣam.*  
*pramāṇam iti śesah. śrotratvakcaksurjihvāgrāṇānām manasādhiṣṭhitā vṛttih śabdasparśarūparasagandheṣu yathākramam grahaṇe vartamānā pratyakṣam pramāṇam.* §T1 [SK 5a]
2. *bāhyesv artheṣv indriyam vyavasāyam kurute. tasmīms tv indriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute. yathā cendriyavyavasāye mano 'nuvyavasāyam kurute, evam mānasam vyavasāyam indriyam samvedayate.* §T 7 (2, 8, 9) [SK 30d]
3. “*śrotrādīnām svaviṣayaviniṣeṣam sāmpratakālavṛttitvam ca.*” §T 15 (3) [SK 33bc']
4. *manah sarvārtheṣu traikālyam pravartate. bāhyesv artheṣu sāmprate kāle kenacid indriyena yuktam yadā mano bhavati, tadā pratyayavatī vṛttir indriyasya bhavati. kevalam tv atītānāgatayoh kālayoh pravartate.* §T 16 (17) + §T 12 [SK 33'cd-34]
5. *kim bāhyesv artheṣv indriyamanobhyām sahavyavasāyāḥ. nety ucyate.*  
*kasmāt. naikārthakāriṇor indriyayoh kalpane sāmarthyam asti.* §T 13 + §T 18 [SK 30]
6. *asti hy ayam smṛtipratyakṣavyavasāyaviṣeṣah.* §T 11 (10) [SK 30]
7. *manasy ekibhūtān indriyavyavasāyān puruṣaś cetayate, na tv indriyavyavasāyair manovyavasāyān iti.* *tasmān mana eva dvāri dvārāṇīndriyāṇi.* §T 14 [dvāradvārivicāre, SK 35]
8. *śabdasparśarūparasagandhāḥ pañca trayāṇām sukhaduhkhamohānām sanniveṣaviṣeṣāḥ.* §T 4 (5) [SK 38]
9. *sattvam śabdakāryam praty ākhyāya śabdātmanā vyavatiṣṭhamānam rajastamayoh śabdabhāvāya vṛttim khyāpayati. rajah śabdakāryam praty ākhyāyetyādi sarvam pūrvavat. ayam tu viṣeṣāḥ. rajah sattva-*

*tamasoh śabdabhāvāya pravṛttim karoti. tamah sattvarajasoh śabdabhāvāya pravṛttim vyavasthāpayati.* ST 6 [SK 38]

## ABBREVIATIONS

### SYMBOLS

< >	emendational addition (no space in the manuscript)
→	preserved as ... in
<b>Ci</b>	<i>citatum in alio</i> (quotation of text in another)
<b>Cie</b>	<i>citatum in alio modo edendi</i> (quotation of text in another with changes)
<b>Ri</b>	<i>relatum in alio</i> (paraphrase of text in another)

### PRIMARY SOURCES

NCV	<i>Nayacakravrtti</i> (Simhasūri): <i>Dvādaśāram Nayacakram of Ācārya Śrī Mallavādi Kṣamāśramaṇa. With the commentary Nyāyāgamānusāriṇī</i> of Śrī Simhasūri Gaṇi Vādi Kṣamāśramaṇa, Part 1, ed. Muni JAMBŪVIJAYAJĪ, Bhavnagar 1968.
NV	<i>Nyāyabhāṣyavārttika</i> of Bhāradvāja Uddyotakara, ed. Anantalal THAKUR, New Delhi 1997.
NVTT	<i>Nyāyavārttikatātparyāṭikā</i> of Vācaspatimiśra, ed. Anantalal THAKUR, New Delhi 1996.
PS I	<i>Pramāṇasamuccaya</i> , Chapter I (Dignāga): s. HATTORI 1968
PST	<i>Pramāṇasamuccayaṭikā</i> (Jinendrabuddhi)
PSV	<i>Pramāṇasamuccayavṛtti</i> (Dignāga): s. HATTORI 1968
YD	<i>Yuktidīpikā. The Most Significant Commentary on the Sāṃkhyakārikā</i> , crit. ed. Albrecht WEZLER and Shujun MOTEGI, Vol. I, Stuttgart 1998.
ŚV	<i>Ślokavārttika of Śrī Kumārila Bhaṭṭa with The Commentary Nyāyaratnākara of Śrī Pārthaśārathi Miśra</i> , ed. Dvārikādāsa ŚĀSTRĪ, Varanasi 1978.
ST	<i>Saṃśitantra</i>
STV <sup>a</sup>	<i>Saṃśitantravṛtti</i> 1. Commentary
STV <sup>b</sup>	<i>Saṃśitantravṛtti</i> 2. Commentary
SK	<i>Sāṅkhyakārikā</i> : s. YD

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