

# NAG Fortran Library Routine Document

## E04NRF

**Note:** before using this routine, please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of *bold italicised* terms and other implementation-dependent details.

### 1 Purpose

E04NRF may be used to supply optional parameters to E04NQF from an external file. The initialization routine E04NPF **must** have been called prior to calling E04NRF.

### 2 Specification

```
SUBROUTINE E04NRF (ISPECS, CW, IW, RW, IFAIL)
INTEGER          ISPECS, IW(*), IFAIL
double precision RW(*)
CHARACTER*8      CW(*)
```

### 3 Description

E04NRF may be used to supply values for optional parameters to E04NQF. E04NRF reads an external file and each line of the file defines a single optional parameter. It is only necessary to supply values for those parameters whose values are to be different from their default values.

Each optional parameter is defined by a single character string, of up to 72 characters, consisting of one or more items. The items associated with a given option must be separated by spaces, or equals signs [=]. Alphabetic characters may be upper or lower case. The string

```
Print Level = 1
```

is an example of a string used to set an optional parameter. For each option the string contains one or more of the following items:

- a mandatory keyword;
- a phrase that qualifies the keyword;
- a number that specifies an INTEGER or *double precision* value. Such numbers may be up to 16 contiguous characters in Fortran's I, F, E or D formats, terminated by a space if this is not the last item on the line.

Blank strings and comments are ignored. A comment begins with an asterisk (\*) and all subsequent characters in the string are regarded as part of the comment.

The file containing the options must start with **Begin** and must finish with **End**. An example of a valid options file is:

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Begin * Example options file
Print level = 5
End
```

Optional parameter settings are preserved following a call to E04NQF and so the keyword **Defaults** is provided to allow you to reset all the optional parameters to their default values prior to a subsequent call to E04NQF.

A complete list of optional parameters, their abbreviations, synonyms and default values is given in Section 11 of the document for E04NQF.

### 4 References

None.

## 5 Parameters

- 1: ISPECS – INTEGER *Input*  
*On entry:* the unit number of the option file to be read.  
*Constraint:* ISPECS is a valid unit open for reading
- 2: CW(\*) – CHARACTER\*8 array *Communication Array*  
**Note:** the dimension of the array CW must be at least LENCW (see E04NPF).
- 3: IW(\*) – INTEGER array *Communication Array*  
**Note:** the dimension of the array IW must be at least LENIW (see E04NPF).
- 4: RW(\*) – *double precision* array *Communication Array*  
**Note:** the dimension of the array RW must be at least LENRW (see E04NPF).
- 5: IFAIL – INTEGER *Input/Output*  
*On entry:* IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. If you are unfamiliar with this parameter you should refer to Chapter P01 for details.  
*On exit:* IFAIL = 0 unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).  
 For environments where it might be inappropriate to halt program execution when an error is detected, the value -1 or 1 is recommended. If the output of error messages is undesirable, then the value 1 is recommended. Otherwise, if you are not familiar with this parameter the recommended value is 0. **When the value -1 or 1 is used it is essential to test the value of IFAIL on exit.**

## 6 Error Indicators and Warnings

If on entry IFAIL = 0 or -1, explanatory error messages are output on the current error message unit (as defined by X04AAF).

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

IFAIL = 1

The initialization routine E04NPF has not been called.

IFAIL = 2

Could not read options file on unit ISPECS. This may be due to:

- (a) ISPECS is not a valid unit number;
- (b) a file is not associated with unit ISPECS, or if it is, is unavailable for read access;
- (c) one or more lines of the options file is invalid. Check that all keywords are neither ambiguous nor misspelt;
- (d) **Begin** was found, but end-of-file was found before **End** was found;
- (e) end-of-file was found before **Begin** was found.

## 7 Accuracy

Not applicable.

## 8 Further Comments

E04NSF, E04NTF or E04NUF may also be used to supply optional parameters to E04NQF.

## 9 Example

To minimize the quadratic function  $f(x) = c^T x + \frac{1}{2} x^T H x$ , where

$$c = (-200.0, -2000.0, -2000.0, -2000.0, -2000.0, 400.0, 400.0)^T$$

and

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

subject to the bounds

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq x_1 \leq 200 \\ 0 &\leq x_2 \leq 2500 \\ 400 &\leq x_3 \leq 800 \\ 100 &\leq x_4 \leq 700 \\ 0 &\leq x_5 \leq 1500 \\ 0 &\leq x_6 \\ 0 &\leq x_7 \end{aligned}$$

and to the linear constraints

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 &= 2000 \\ 0.15x_1 + 0.04x_2 + 0.02x_3 + 0.04x_4 + 0.02x_5 + 0.01x_6 + 0.03x_7 &\leq 60 \\ 0.03x_1 + 0.05x_2 + 0.08x_3 + 0.02x_4 + 0.06x_5 + 0.01x_6 &\leq 100 \\ 0.02x_1 + 0.04x_2 + 0.01x_3 + 0.02x_4 + 0.02x_5 &\leq 40 \\ 0.02x_1 + 0.03x_2 + 0.01x_5 &\leq 30 \\ 1500 \leq 0.70x_1 + 0.75x_2 + 0.80x_3 + 0.75x_4 + 0.80x_5 + 0.97x_6 & \\ 250 \leq 0.02x_1 + 0.06x_2 + 0.08x_3 + 0.12x_4 + 0.02x_5 + 0.01x_6 + 0.97x_7 &\leq 300 \end{aligned}$$

The initial point, which is infeasible, is

$$x_0 = (0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0)^T.$$

The optimal solution (to five figures) is

$$x^* = (0.0, 349.40, 648.85, 172.85, 407.52, 271.36, 150.02)^T.$$

One bound constraint and four linear constraints are active at the solution. Note that the Hessian matrix  $H$  is positive semi-definite.

### 9.1 Program Text

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*      E04NRF Example Program Text
*      Mark 21 Release. NAG Copyright 2004.
      IMPLICIT      NONE
*      .. Parameters ..
      INTEGER       NIN, NOUT
      PARAMETER     (NIN=5, NOUT=6)
      INTEGER       NMAX, MMAX, NEMAX
      PARAMETER     (NMAX=100, MMAX=100, NEMAX=100)
      INTEGER       LENCW, LENIW, LENRW
      PARAMETER     (LENCW=600, LENIW=600, LENRW=600)
*      .. Local Scalars ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION BNDINF, FEATOL, OBJ, OBJADD, SINF
      INTEGER         ELMODE, I, ICOL, IFAIL, IOBJ, J, JCOL, LENC, M,
+                   N, NCOLH, NE, NINF, NNAME, NS
      CHARACTER       START
      CHARACTER*8     PROB
*      .. Local Arrays ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION ACOL(NEMAX), BL(NMAX+MMAX), BU(NMAX+MMAX), C(1),
+                   PI(MMAX), RC(NMAX+MMAX), RUSER(1), RW(LENRW),
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+           X(NMAX+MMAX)
  INTEGER   HELAST(NMAX+MMAX), HS(NMAX+MMAX), INDA(NEMAX),
+           IUSER(1), IW(LENIW), LOCA(NMAX+1)
  CHARACTER*8 CUSER(1), CW(LENCW), NAMES(NMAX+MMAX)
*   .. External Subroutines ..
EXTERNAL    E04NPF, E04NQF, E04NRF, E04NSF, E04NTF, E04NUF,
+           E04NXF, E04NYF, QPHX
*   .. Executable Statements ..
WRITE (NOUT,*) 'E04NRF Example Program Results'
*
*   This program demonstrates the use of routines to set and
*   get values of optional parameters associated with E04NQF.
*
*   Skip heading in data file.
READ (NIN,*)
READ (NIN,*) N, M
IF (N.LE.NMAX .AND. M.LE.MMAX) THEN
*
*   Read NE, IOBJ, NCOLH, START and NNAME from data file.
READ (NIN,*) NE, IOBJ, NCOLH, START, NNAME
*
*   Read NAMES from data file.
READ (NIN,*) (NAMES(I),I=1,NNAME)
*
*   Read the matrix ACOL from data file. Set up LOCA.
JCOL = 1
LOCA(JCOL) = 1
DO 40 I = 1, NE
*
*   Element ( INDA( I ), ICOL ) is stored in ACOL( I ).
READ (NIN,*) ACOL(I), INDA(I), ICOL
*
*   IF (ICOL.LT.JCOL) THEN
*   Elements not ordered by increasing column index.
WRITE (NOUT,99999) 'Element in column', ICOL,
+   ' found after element in column', JCOL, '. Problem',
+   ' abandoned.'
STOP
ELSE IF (ICOL.EQ.JCOL+1) THEN
*   Index in ACOL of the start of the ICOL-th column equals I.
LOCA(ICOL) = I
JCOL = ICOL
ELSE IF (ICOL.GT.JCOL+1) THEN
*   Index in ACOL of the start of the ICOL-th column equals I,
*   but columns JCOL+1,JCOL+2,...,ICOL-1 are empty. Set the
*   corresponding elements of LOCA to I.
DO 20 J = JCOL + 1, ICOL - 1
LOCA(J) = I
20 CONTINUE
LOCA(ICOL) = I
JCOL = ICOL
END IF
40 CONTINUE
*
LOCA(N+1) = NE + 1
*
IF (N.GT.ICOL) THEN
*   Columns N,N-1,...,ICOL+1 are empty. Set the corresponding
*   elements of LOCA accordingly.
DO 60 I = N, ICOL + 1, -1
LOCA(I) = LOCA(I+1)
60 CONTINUE
END IF
*
*   Read BL, BU, HS and X from data file.
READ (NIN,*) (BL(I),I=1,N+M)
READ (NIN,*) (BU(I),I=1,N+M)
IF (START.EQ.'C') THEN
READ (NIN,*) (HS(I),I=1,N)
ELSE IF (START.EQ.'W') THEN
READ (NIN,*) (HS(I),I=1,N+M)

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      END IF
      READ (NIN,*) (X(I),I=1,N)
*
*   We have no explicit objective vector so set LENC = 0; the
*   objective vector is stored in row IOBJ of ACOL.
      LENC = 0
      OBJADD = 0.0D0
      PROB = ' '
*
*   Call E04NPF to initialise E04NQF.
      IFAIL = 0
      CALL E04NPF(CW,LENCW,IW,LENIW,RW,LENRW,IFAIL)
*
*   By default E04NQF does not print monitoring information.
*   Use E04NTF to set the integer-valued option 'Print file'
*   unit number to get information.
      CALL E04NTF('Print file',NOUT,CW,IW,RW,IFAIL)
*
*   Use E04NRF to read some options from the end of the input
*   data file.
      CALL E04NRF(NIN,CW,IW,RW,IFAIL)
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
*
*   Use E04NXF to find the value of integer-valued option
*   'Elastic mode'.
      CALL E04NXF('Elastic mode',ELMODE,CW,IW,RW,IFAIL)
      WRITE (NOUT,99998) ELMODE
*
*   Use E04NUF to set the value of real-valued option
*   'Infinite bound size'.
      BNDINF = 1.0D10
      CALL E04NUF('Infinite bound size',BNDINF,CW,IW,RW,IFAIL)
*
*   Use E04NYF to find the value of real-valued option
*   'Feasibility tolerance'.
      CALL E04NYF('Feasibility tolerance',FEATOL,CW,IW,RW,IFAIL)
      WRITE (NOUT,99997) FEATOL
*
*   Use E04NSF to set the option 'Iterations limit'.
      CALL E04NSF('Iterations limit 50',CW,IW,RW,IFAIL)
*
*   Solve the QP problem.
      IFAIL = -1
      CALL E04NQF(START,QPHX,M,N,NE,NNAME,LENC,NCOLH,IOBJ,OBJADD,
+              PROB,ACOL,INDA,LOCA,BL,BU,C,NAMES,HELAST,HS,X,PI,
+              RC,NS,NINF,SINF,OBJ,CW,LENCW,IW,LENIW,RW,LENRW,
+              CUSER,IUSER,RUSER,IFAIL)
*
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
      WRITE (NOUT,99996) IFAIL
      IF (IFAIL.EQ.0) THEN
          WRITE (NOUT,99995) OBJ
          WRITE (NOUT,99994) (X(I),I=1,N)
      END IF
*
      END IF
      STOP
*
99999 FORMAT (1X,A,I5,A,I5,A,A)
99998 FORMAT (1X,'Option ''Elastic mode'' has the value ',I3,'.')
99997 FORMAT (1X,'Option ''Feasibility tolerance'' has the value ',1P,
+           E13.5,'.')
99996 FORMAT (1X,'On exit from E04NQF, IFAIL = ',I5)
99995 FORMAT (1X,'Final objective value = ',1P,E11.3)
99994 FORMAT (1X,'Optimal X = ',7F9.2)
      END
*
      SUBROUTINE QPHX(NCOLH,X,HX,NSTATE,CUSER,IUSER,RUSER)
*   Routine to compute H*x. (In this version of QPHX, the Hessian
*   matrix H is not referenced explicitly.)
*   .. Parameters ..

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      DOUBLE PRECISION TWO
      PARAMETER      (TWO=2.0D+0)
*    .. Scalar Arguments ..
      INTEGER        NCOLH, NSTATE
*    .. Array Arguments ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION HX(NCOLH), RUSER(*), X(NCOLH)
      INTEGER        IUSER(*)
      CHARACTER*8    CUSER(*)
*    .. Executable Statements ..
      HX(1) = TWO*X(1)
      HX(2) = TWO*X(2)
      HX(3) = TWO*(X(3)+X(4))
      HX(4) = HX(3)
      HX(5) = TWO*X(5)
      HX(6) = TWO*(X(6)+X(7))
      HX(7) = HX(6)
      RETURN
      END

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## 9.2 Program Data

E04NRF Example Program Data

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  7  8                : Values of N and M
48  8  7  'C'  15     : Values of NNZ, IOBJ, NCOLH, START and NNAME

'...X1...' '...X2...' '...X3...' '...X4...' '...X5...'
'...X6...' '...X7...' '..ROW1..' '..ROW2..' '..ROW3..'
'..ROW4..' '..ROW5..' '..ROW6..' '..ROW7..' '..COST..' : End of array NAMES

  0.02  7  1 : Sparse matrix A, ordered by increasing column index;
  0.02  5  1 : each row contains ACOL(i), INDA(i), ICOL (= column index)
  0.03  3  1 : The row indices may be in any order. In this example
  1.00  1  1 : row 8 defines the linear objective term transpose(C)*X.
  0.70  6  1
  0.02  4  1
  0.15  2  1
-200.00  8  1
  0.06  7  2
  0.75  6  2
  0.03  5  2
  0.04  4  2
  0.05  3  2
  0.04  2  2
  1.00  1  2
-2000.00  8  2
  0.02  2  3
  1.00  1  3
  0.01  4  3
  0.08  3  3
  0.08  7  3
  0.80  6  3
-2000.00  8  3
  1.00  1  4
  0.12  7  4
  0.02  3  4
  0.02  4  4
  0.75  6  4
  0.04  2  4
-2000.00  8  4
  0.01  5  5
  0.80  6  5
  0.02  7  5
  1.00  1  5
  0.02  2  5
  0.06  3  5
  0.02  4  5
-2000.00  8  5
  1.00  1  6
  0.01  2  6
  0.01  3  6

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0.97  6  6
0.01  7  6
400.00  8  6
0.97  7  7
0.03  2  7
1.00  1  7
400.00  8  7      : End of matrix A

0.0      0.0      4.0E+02  1.0E+02  0.0      0.0
0.0      2.0E+03 -1.0E+25 -1.0E+25 -1.0E+25 -1.0E+25
1.5E+03  2.5E+02 -1.0E+25      : End of lower bounds array BL

2.0E+02  2.5E+03  8.0E+02  7.0E+02  1.5E+03  1.0E+25
1.0E+25  2.0E+03  6.0E+01  1.0E+02  4.0E+01  3.0E+01
1.0E+25  3.0E+02  1.0E+25      : End of upper bounds array BU

0  0  0  0  0  0  0      : Initial array HS
0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 : Initial vector X
Begin example options file
* Comment lines like this begin with an asterisk.
* Switch off output of timing information:
Timing level 0
* Allow elastic variables:
Elastic mode 1
* Set the feasibility tolerance:
Feasibility tolerance 1.0D-4
End

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### 9.3 Program Results

E04NRF Example Program Results

OPTIONS file

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Begin example options file
* Comment lines like this begin with an asterisk.
* Switch off output of timing information:
Timing level 0
* Allow elastic variables:
Elastic mode 1
* Set the feasibility tolerance:
Feasibility tolerance 1.0D-4
End

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Option 'Elastic mode' has the value 1.  
Option 'Feasibility tolerance' has the value 1.00000E-04.

Parameters  
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Files

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Solution file.....	0	Old basis file .....	0	(Print file).....	6
Insert file.....	0	New basis file .....	0	(Summary file).....	0
Punch file.....	0	Backup basis file.....	0		
Load file.....	0	Dump file.....	0		

Frequencies

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Print frequency.....	100	Check frequency.....	60	Save new basis map.....	100
Summary frequency.....	100	Factorization frequency	50	Expand frequency.....	10000

LP/QP Parameters

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Minimize.....		QPsolver Cholesky.....		Cold start.....	
Scale tolerance.....	0.900	Feasibility tolerance..	1.00E-04	Iteration limit.....	50
Scale option.....	2	Optimality tolerance...	1.00E-06	Print level.....	1
Crash tolerance.....	0.100	Pivot tolerance.....	2.04E-11	Partial price.....	1

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Crash option..... 3      Elastic weight..... 1.00E+00      Prtl price section ( A)      7
Elastic mode..... 1      Elastic objective..... 1      Prtl price section (-I)      8

QP objective
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Objective variables.... 7      Hessian columns..... 7      Superbasics limit..... 7
Nonlin Objective vars.. 7      Unbounded step size.... 1.00E+10
Linear Objective vars.. 0

Miscellaneous
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LU factor tolerance.... 3.99      LU singularity tol..... 2.04E-11      Timing level..... 0
LU update tolerance.... 3.99      LU swap tolerance..... 1.03E-04      Debug level..... 0
LU partial pivoting...      eps (machine precision) 1.11E-16      System information..... No
    
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Matrix statistics

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                Total      Normal      Free      Fixed      Bounded
Rows              8          5          1          1          1
Columns           7          2          0          0          5

No. of matrix elements          48      Density      85.714
Biggest          1.0000E+00 (excluding fixed columns,
Smallest          1.0000E-02 free rows, and RHS)

No. of objective coefficients          7
Biggest          2.0000E+03 (excluding fixed columns)
Smallest          2.0000E+02

Nonlinear constraints      0      Linear constraints      8
Nonlinear variables      7      Linear variables      0
Jacobian variables      0      Objective variables      7
Total constraints      8      Total variables      7
    
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Itn 1: Feasible linear constraints

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E04NQF EXIT  0 -- finished successfully
E04NQF INFO  1 -- optimality conditions satisfied
    
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Problem name

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No. of iterations          9      Objective value      -1.8477846771E+06
No. of Hessian products    16      Objective row      -2.9886903537E+06
                                Quadratic objective 1.1409056766E+06
No. of superbasics          2      No. of basic nonlinears      4
No. of degenerate steps    0      Percentage          0.00
Max x      (scaled)      3 1.7E+00      Max pi      (scaled)      6 6.6E+06
Max x          3 6.5E+02      Max pi          7 1.5E+04
Max Prim inf(scaled)      0 0.0E+00      Max Dual inf(scaled)      3 1.5E-09
Max Primal infeas      0 0.0E+00      Max Dual infeas      9 3.3E-11
    
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Name Objective Value -1.8477846771E+06

Status Optimal Soln Iteration 9 Superbasics 2

Section 1 - Rows

Number	..Row..	State	..Activity..	Slack Activity	..Lower Limit.	..Upper Limit.	..Dual Activity	..i
8	..ROW1..	EQ	2000.00000	.	2000.00000	2000.00000	-12900.76766	1
9	..ROW2..	BS	49.23160	-10.76840	None	60.00000	0.00000	2
10	..ROW3..	UL	100.00000	.	None	100.00000	-2324.86620	3
11	..ROW4..	BS	32.07187	-7.92813	None	40.00000	.	4
12	..ROW5..	BS	14.55719	-15.44281	None	30.00000	.	5
13	..ROW6..	LL	1500.00000	.	1500.00000	None	14454.60290	6
14	..ROW7..	LL	250.00000	.	250.00000	300.00000	14580.95432	7
15	..COST..	BS	-2988690.35370	-2988690.35370	None	None	-1.0	8

Section 2 - Columns



Number	.Column.	State	...Activity...	.Obj Gradient.	..Lower Limit.	..Upper Limit.	Reduced Gradnt	m+j
1	...X1...	LL	.	-200.00000	.	200.00000	2360.67253	9
2	...X2...	BS	349.39923	-1301.20153	.	2500.00000	-0.00000	10
3	...X3...	SBS	648.85342	-356.59829	400.00000	800.00000	0.00000	11
4	...X4...	SBS	172.84743	-356.59829	100.00000	700.00000	-0.00000	12
5	...X5...	BS	407.52089	-1184.95822	.	1500.00000	-0.00000	13
6	...X6...	BS	271.35624	1242.75804	.	None	0.00000	14
7	...X7...	BS	150.02278	1242.75804	.	None	-0.00000	15

On exit from E04NQF, IFAIL = 0

Final objective value = -1.848E+06

Optimal x = 0.00 349.40 648.85 172.85 407.52 271.36 150.02

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