



# DUPLICATE DETECTION USING PROGRESSIVE ARRANGED NEIGHBORHOOD METHOD AND PROGRESSIVE BLOCKING

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## ABSTRACT

*Duplicate detection is the process of classifying numerous representations of same real world entities. Presently, these methods made essential to route ever higher datasets in constantly squatter period and sustaining the eminence of a dataset befits progressively problematic. Progressive duplicate detection algorithms significantly intensify the efficiency of discovering replicas if the execution time is inadequate. Exploiting the expansion of the overall process within the time available by reporting results in much prior than previous methodologies. Here, widespread tests display that progressive algorithms can double the efficiency over time of traditional duplicate detection and ominously progress upon connected work.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Data are among the utmost significant possessions of a company. But because of data changes and sloppy data entry, errors such as duplicate entries might occur, making data cleansing and in particular duplicate detection indispensable[1]. However, the pure size of today's datasets solidify duplicate detection processes luxurious. Online retailers, for example, offer huge catalogs comprising a constantly growing set of items from many different suppliers.

As independent persons change the product portfolio, duplicates arise. While there is an obvious need for deduplication, online shops without downtime cannot give traditional deduplication[1],[2],[7]. Progressive duplicate detection identifies most duplicate pairs early in the detection process. Instead of plummeting the overall time needed to finish the entire process, progressive approaches try to reduce the average time after which a duplicate is found. We propose two novel, progressive duplicate detection algorithms namely progressive arranged neighborhood method (PSNM), which achieves best on small and almost clean datasets, and progressive blocking (PB), which performs best on large and very dirty datasets. Both augment the efficacy of duplicate detection even on very large datasets[5].

The contributions made in improving efficiency on progressive duplicate detection are two dynamic progressive duplicate detection algorithms, PSNM and PB, which expose different[6] strengths and outperform current approaches, a concurrent progressive approach for the multi-pass method and adapt an incremental transitive closure algorithm that together form the first complete progressive duplicate detection workflow, a novel quality measure for progressive duplicate detection to objectively rank the performance of different approaches.

The duplicate detection workflow includes the three steps pair-selection, pair-wise comparison, and clustering. For a progressive workflow, only the first and last steps need to be adapted. Therefore, we do not scrutinize the



appraisal step and propose algorithms that are independent of the quality of the similarity function. Approaches build upon the most commonly used methods[8] sorting and traditional blocking, and therefore make the same assumptions: duplicates are expected to be arranged close to one another or grouped in same buckets, respectively.

## **II. RELATED WORK**

Much research on duplicate detection [2], [3], also known as entity resolution and by many other names, focuses on pair selection algorithms that try to maximize recall on the one hand and efficiency on the other hand. The most prominent algorithms in this area are Blocking [4] and the arranged neighborhood method (SNM) [5].

### **2.1 Adaptive Techniques**

Previous publications on duplicate detection often focus on reducing the overall runtime. Thereby, some of the proposed algorithms are already capable of estimating the quality of comparison candidates [6],[7], [8]. The algorithms use this information to choose the comparison candidates more carefully.

For the same reason, other approaches utilize adaptive windowing techniques, which dynamically adjust the window size depending on the amount of recently found duplicates [9], [10]. These adaptive techniques dynamically improve the efficiency of duplicate detection, but in contrast to our progressive techniques, they need to run for certain periods of time and cannot maximize the efficiency for any given time slot. Progressive techniques.

In the last few years, the economic need for progressive algorithms also initiated some concrete studies in this domain. For instance, pay-as-you-go algorithms for information integration on large scale datasets have been presented [11]. Other works introduced progressive data cleansing algorithms for the analysis of sensor data streams [12]. However, these approaches cannot be applied to duplicate detection. Xiao et al. proposed a top-k similarity join that uses a special index structure to estimate promising comparison candidates [13].

This approach progressively resolves duplicates and also eases the parameterization problem. Although the result of this approach is similar to our approaches (a list of duplicates almost ordered by similarity), the focus differs: Xiao et al. find the top-k most similar duplicates regardless of how long this takes by weakening the similarity threshold; we find as many duplicates as possible in a given time. That these duplicates are also the most similar ones is a side effect of our approaches. pay-as-you-go entity resolution by Whang et al. introduced three kinds of progressive duplicate detection techniques, called “hints” [1].

A hint defines a probably good execution order for the comparisons in order to match promising record pairs earlier than less promising record pairs. However, all presented hints produce static orders for the comparisons and miss the opportunity to dynamically adjust the comparison order at runtime based on intermediate results. Some of our techniques directly address this issue. Furthermore, the presented duplicate detection approaches calculate a hint only for a specific partition, which is a (possibly large) subset of records that fits into main memory. By completing one partition of a large dataset after another, the overall duplicate detection process is no longer progressive. This issue is only partly addressed in [1], which proposes to calculate the hints using all partitions.

The algorithms presented in our paper use a global ranking for the comparisons and consider the limited amount of available main memory. The third issue of the algorithms introduced by Whang et al. relates to the proposed

pre-partitioning strategy: By using mini hash signatures [14] for the partitioning, the partitions do not overlap. However, such an overlap improves the pair-selection [15], and thus our algorithms consider overlapping blocks as well. In contrast to [1], we also progressively solve the multi-pass method and transitive closure calculation, which are essential for a completely progressive workflow. Finally, we provide a more extensive evaluation on considerably larger datasets and employ a novel quality measure to quantify the performance of our progressive algorithms.

## **2.2. Additive Techniques**

By combining the arranged neighborhood method with blocking techniques, pair-selection algorithms can be built that choose the comparison candidates much more precisely. The Arranged Blocks algorithm [15], for instance, applies blocking techniques on a set of input records and then slides a small window between the different blocks to select additional comparison candidates. Our progressive PB algorithm also utilizes sorting and blocking techniques; but instead of sliding a window between blocks, PB uses a progressive block-combination technique, with which it dynamically chooses promising comparison candidates by their likelihood of matching.

The recall of blocking and windowing techniques can further be improved by using multi-pass variants [5]. These techniques use different blocking or sorting keys in multiple, successive executions of the pair-selection algorithm. Accordingly, we present progressive multi-pass approaches that interleave the passes of different keys.

## **III. SYSTEM DESIGN**

### **A. Progressive SNM**

The progressive arranged neighborhood method is centered on the traditional organized neighborhood method [5]. PSNM sorts the input data using a predefined sorting key and only compares records that are within a window of records in the arranged order. The disposition is the records that are close in the arranged order are more likely to be duplicates than records that are far apart, because they are already similar with respect to their sorting key. More precisely, the distance of two records in their sort ranks (rank-distance) gives PSNM an assessment of their matching likelihood.

The PSNM algorithm uses this insight to iteratively vary the window size, opening with a small window of size two that hastily finds the most encouraging records. This stagnant methodology has already been proposed as the arranged list of record pairs (SLRPs) hint [1]. The PSNM algorithm varies by animatedly altering the execution order of the comparisons[9] based on intermediate results (Look-Ahead). Likewise, PSNM integrates a progressive sorting phase (MagpieSort) and can gradually process vividly loftier datasets.

### **B. PSNM Algorithm**

The algorithm portrayed the execution of PSNM, takes five input parameters: D is a reference to the data, which has not been loaded from disk yet. The sorting key K defines the attribute or attribute combination that should be used in the sorting step. W stipulates the maximum window size, which corresponds to the window size of

the traditional organized neighborhood method. When using early conclusion, this parameter can be set to a hopefully high default value. Parameter I defines the enlargement interval for the progressive iterations. The last parameter N specifies the number of records in the dataset. This number can be gleaned in the sorting step, but we list it as a parameter for presentation purposes.[10].

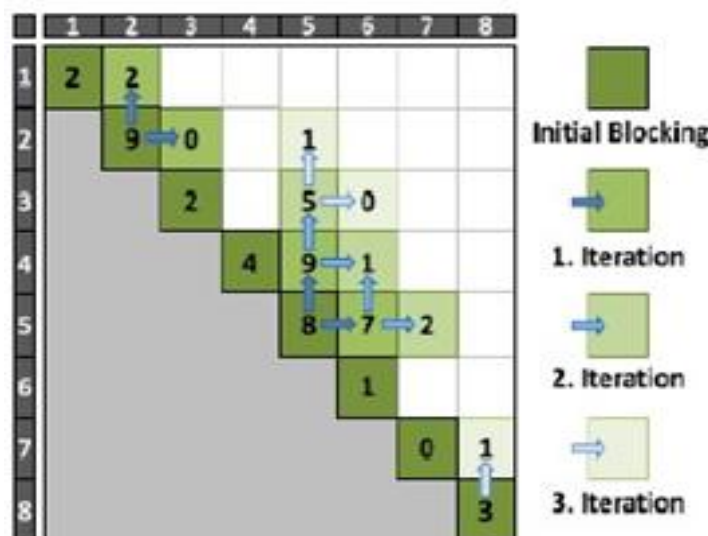
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Algorithm 1. Progressive Sorted Neighborhood
Require: dataset reference  $D$ , sorting key  $K$ , window size
 $W$ , enlargement interval size  $I$ , number of records  $N$ 
1: procedure PSNM( $D, K, W, I, N$ )
2:    $pSize \leftarrow calcPartitionSize(D)$ 
3:    $pNum \leftarrow \lceil N / (pSize - W + 1) \rceil$ 
4:   array  $order$  size  $N$  as Integer
5:   array  $recs$  size  $pSize$  as Record
6:    $order \leftarrow sortProgressive(D, K, I, pSize, pNum)$ 
7:   for  $currentI \leftarrow 2$  to  $\lceil W/I \rceil$  do
8:     for  $currentP \leftarrow 1$  to  $pNum$  do
9:        $recs \leftarrow loadPartition(D, currentP)$ 
10:      for  $dist \in range(currentI, I, W)$  do
11:        for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $|recs| - dist$  do
12:           $pair \leftarrow \langle recs[i], recs[i + dist] \rangle$ 
13:          if  $compare(pair)$  then
14:            emit( $pair$ )
15:            lookAhead( $pair$ )
    
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**C. Progressive Blocking**

In contrast to windowing algorithms, blocking algorithms assign each record to a fixed group of similar records (the blocks) and then compare all pairs of records within these groups. Progressive blocking is a novel approach that builds upon an equidistant blocking technique and the successive enlargement of blocks.

Like PSNM, it also pre sorts the records to use their rank-distance in this sorting for connection estimation. Based on the sorting, PB first[11] creates and then progressively extends a fine-grained blocking[10]. These block extensions are specifically executed on neighborhoods around already identified duplicates, which enables PB to expose clusters earlier than PSNM.



**D. PB in a block comparison matrix.**

After the pre-processing, the PB algorithm starts gradually spreading the most promising block pairs. In each loop, PB first takes those block pairs best BPs from the bPairs-list that reported the highest duplicate density.

Thereby, at most  $b$  Per  $P=4$  block pairs can be taken, because the algorithm needs to load two blocks per best BP and each extension of a best BP delivers two partition block pairs.

Nevertheless, if such an extension exceeds[9] the maximum block range  $R$ , the last best BP is discarded. Having successfully defined the most promising block pairs, For all partition block[8],[1], pairs, the procedure compares each record of the first block to all records of the second block.

The recognized duplicate pairs are then emitted. Additionally, Assigns the duplicate pairs to the current to later rank the duplicate density of this block pair with the density in other block pairs[12]. Thereby, the amount of duplicates is regularized by the number of comparisons, since the last block is frequently smaller than all other blocks. If the PB algorithm is not terminated prematurely, it automatically finishes when the list of bPairs is empty, e.g., no new block pairs within the maximum block range  $R$  can be found.

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#### Algorithm 2. Progressive Blocking

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Require: dataset reference  $D$ , key attribute  $K$ , maximum
        block range  $R$ , block size  $S$  and record number  $N$ 
1: procedure PB( $D, K, R, S, N$ )
2:    $pSize \leftarrow calcPartitionSize(D)$ 
3:    $bPerP \leftarrow \lfloor pSize/S \rfloor$ 
4:    $bNum \leftarrow \lfloor N/S \rfloor$ 
5:    $pNum \leftarrow \lfloor bNum/bPerP \rfloor$ 
6:   array  $order$  size  $N$  as Integer
7:   array  $blocks$  size  $bPerP$  as (Integer, Record[])
8:   priority queue  $bPairs$  as (Integer, Integer, Integer)
9:    $bPairs \leftarrow \{(1, 1, \_), \dots, (bNum, bNum, \_)\}$ 
10:   $order \leftarrow sortProgressive(D, K, S, bPerP, bPairs)$ 
11:  for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $pNum - 1$  do
12:     $pBPs \leftarrow get(bPairs, i \cdot bPerP, (i + 1) \cdot bPerP)$ 
13:     $blocks \leftarrow loadBlocks(pBPs, S, order)$ 
14:     $compare(blocks, pBPs, order)$ 
15:    while  $bPairs$  is not empty do
16:       $pBPs \leftarrow \{\}$ 
17:       $bestBPs \leftarrow takeBest(\lfloor bPerP/4 \rfloor, bPairs, R)$ 
18:      for  $bestBP \in bestBPs$  do
19:        if  $bestBP[1] - bestBP[0] < R$  then
20:           $pBPs \leftarrow pBPs \cup extend(bestBP)$ 
21:           $blocks \leftarrow loadBlocks(pBPs, S, order)$ 
22:           $compare(blocks, pBPs, order)$ 
23:           $bPairs \leftarrow bPairs \cup pBPs$ 
24:  procedure  $compare(blocks, pBPs, order)$ 
25:  for  $pBP \in pBPs$  do
26:     $(dPairs, cNum) \leftarrow comp(pBP, blocks, order)$ 
27:     $emit(dPairs)$ 
28:     $pBP[2] \leftarrow |dPairs| / cNum$ 

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## IV. IMPLEMENTATION

### A. Blocking Techniques

Block size: A block pair entailing of two small blocks outlines only few assessments. Using such small blocks, the PB algorithm cautiously chooses the most promising comparisons and avoids many less promising comparisons from a wider neighborhood. However, block pairs based on small blocks cannot characterize the duplicate density in their neighborhood well, because they represent a too small sample. A block pair consisting of large blocks, in contrast, may define too many, less promising comparisons, but produce better samples for the extension step.

The block size parameter  $S$ , therefore, trades off the execution of non-promising comparisons and the[12] extension quality. In primary experimentations, it is identified that five records per block to be a usually good

and not sensitive value. Maximum block range: The maximum block range parameter  $R$  is redundant when using early termination. For our estimation, nevertheless, we use this constraint to check the PB algorithm to practically the same comparisons executed by the traditional arranged neighborhood method. We cannot restrict PB to execute exactly the same comparisons, because the selection of comparison candidates is more fine-grained by using a window than by using blocks. Nevertheless, the calculation of  $b$  windowSize  $S$   $c$  causes PB to execute only marginally fewer comparisons.[13] Extension strategy: The `extend(bestBP)` function returns some block pairs in the neighborhood of the given `bestBP`.

In implementation, the function extends a block pair from more eager extension strategies that select more block pairs from the neighborhood increase the progressiveness, if many large duplicate clusters are expected. By using a block size  $S$  close to the average duplicate cluster size, more eager extension strategies have, however, not shown a significant impact on PB's performance in our experiments. The benefit of detecting some cluster duplicates earlier was usually as high as the drawback of executing fruitless comparisons.[14] `MagpieSort`: To estimate the records' similarities, the PB algorithm uses an order of records.

As in the PSNM algorithm, this order can be calculated using the progressive `MagpieSort` algorithm: Since each iteration of this algorithm delivers a perfectly arranged subset of records, the PB algorithm can directly use this to execute the initial comparisons.

## B. Attribute Concurrency

The best sorting or blocking key for a duplicate detection algorithm is generally unknown or hard to find. Most duplicate detection frameworks tackle this key selection unruly by smearing the multi-pass execution method[15]. This routine finishes the duplicate detection algorithm multiple times using different keys in each pass. However, the execution order among the different keys is random.

Consequently, favoring good keys over poorer keys already increases the progressiveness of the multi-pass method. In this section, we present two multi-pass algorithms that dynamically interleave the different passes based on intermediate results to execute promising iterations earlier. The first algorithm is the attribute synchronized PSNM (AC-PSNM), which is the progressive enactment of the multi-pass method for the PSNM algorithm, and the second algorithm is the attribute concurrent PB (AC-PB), which is the conforming implementation for the PB algorithm[14].

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### Algorithm 4. Attribute Concurrent PB

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Require: dataset reference  $D$ , sorting keys  $K_s$ , maximum block range  $R$ , block size  $S$  and record number  $N$

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1: procedure AC-PB( $D, K_s, R, S, N$ )
2:    $pSize \leftarrow calcPartitionSize(D)$ 
3:    $bPerP \leftarrow \lfloor pSize/S \rfloor$ 
4:    $bNum \leftarrow \lfloor N/S \rfloor$ 
5:    $pNum \leftarrow \lfloor bNum/bPerP \rfloor$ 
6:   array  $orders$  dimension  $|K_s| \times N$  as Integer
7:   array  $blocks$  size  $bPerP$  as (Integer, Record[ ])
8:   list  $bPairs$  as (Integer, Integer, Integer, Integer)
9:   for  $k \leftarrow 0$  to  $|K_s| - 1$  do
10:     $pairs \leftarrow \{(1, 1, \_ k), \dots, (bNum, bNum, \_ k)\}$ 
11:     $orders[k] \leftarrow sortProgressive(D, K_s[k], S, bPerP,$ 
                                      $pairs)$ 
12:     $bPairs \leftarrow bPairs \cup pairs$ 
13:    $\ll see Algorithm 2 Lines 15 to 23 \gg$ 

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The main loop interweaves the broadenings and assessments of all block pairs by always choosing the most

promising block pairs. In this way, the procedure adventures the [13] diverse strengths and weaknesses of each key independently. For instance, one key might be good in consortium records of duplicate cluster A and another key might group records of cluster B more competently [15].

## V. EVALUATION & EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

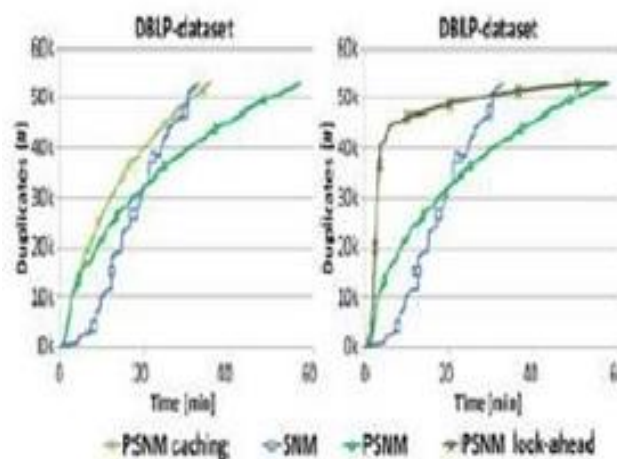
Two progressive duplicate detection algorithms namely PSNM and PB, and their Attribute Concurrency techniques. Testing algorithms using a much larger dataset and a tangible use case. The graphs used for performance measurements plot the total number of reported duplicates over time. Each duplicate is an absolutely matched record pair. For healthier readability, we physically marked some data points from the many hundred measured data points that make up a graph. [12] The work emphasizes on growing productivity while keeping the same efficacy. Hence, we assume a given, correct similarity quantity; it is treated as an exchangeable black box.

## VI. MEMORY LIMITATION

We assume that many real-world datasets are considerably larger than the amount of available main memory which limit the main memory of the machine to 1 GB so that the DBLP- and CSX-dataset do not fit into main memory entirely. 1 GB of memory corresponds to about 100,000 records that can be loaded at once. The artificial limitation actually degrades the performance of algorithms more than the performance of the non-progressive baseline, because progressive algorithms need to access partitions several times [11].

## VII. QUALITY MEASURE

In this way, the calculated quality values are visually easy to understand. Baseline approach: The baseline algorithm, which we use in our tests, is the standard arranged neighborhood method. This algorithm has been implemented similar to the PSNM algorithm so that it may use load-compare parallelism as well. In this experiments, it is always executed that SNM and PSNM with the same parameters and optimizations to compare them in a fair way.



### Effect of partition caching and look-ahead.

On the DBLP-dataset, load-compare parallelism performs almost perfectly: the entire load-time is hidden by the compare-time so that the optimized PSNM algorithm and the optimized SNM algorithm finish nearly

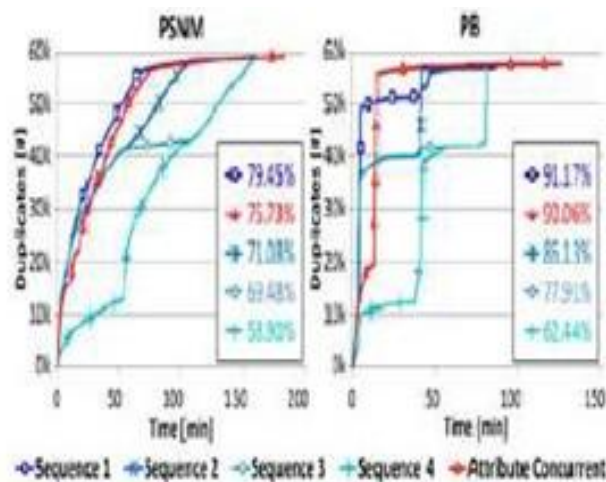
concurrently. This is because of the fact that the latency hiding effect abridged the runtime of the PSNM algorithm by 43 percent but the runtime of the SNM algorithm by only 5 percent. On the [13] larger CSX-dataset, conversely, the load-compare parallelism strategy reduces the runtime of the SNM algorithm by 11 percent and the runtime of the PSNM algorithm by only 25 percent. This is a notable gain, but since the load phases are much

longer than the compare phases on this dataset, the optimization cannot hide the full data access latency: the CSX-dataset contains many extremely large attribute values that increase the load time a lot.

### A. Attribute Concurrency

Attribute Concurrency algorithms AC-PSNM and ACPB gradually execute the multi-pass method for the PSNM algorithm and PB algorithm, correspondingly, favoring good keys over poor keys by dynamically ranking different passes using their transitional results. Comparing AC-PSNM and AC-PB to the common multi-pass execution model, which resolves the different keys sequentially in random order.

The experiment uses three different [10],[9] keys, which are {Title}, {Authors}, and {Description}. Since a common multi-pass algorithm can execute the different passes in any order, it might accidentally choose the best or worst order of keys. Therefore, we run the traditional, sequential multi-pass algorithm with the optimal key Sequence 1, two mediocre key Sequences 2 and 3 and the worst key Sequence 4.



Attribute Concurrency on the DBLP-dataset.

## VIII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

Improving Efficiency on progressive duplicate detection presented the progressive arranged neighbourhood method and progressive blocking. These algorithms escalate the efficacy of duplicate detection for state of affairs with inadequate execution time. They vigorously change the ranking of comparison candidates based on intermediate results to execute promising assessments first and less promising evaluations later.

To regulate the recital increase of these algorithms, a novel quality measure for progressiveness that integrates seamlessly with existing measures is projected. Presently, for the construction of a fully progressive duplicate detection workflow, a progressive sorting method, Magpie, a progressive multi-pass execution model, Attribute Concurrency, and an incremental transitive closure algorithm. The adaptations AC-PSNM and AC-PB use multiple sort keys concurrently to interleave their progressive iterations are introduced.





By analyzing intermediate results, both slants animatedly rank the dsifferent sort keys at runtime, significantly easing the key selection problem. In future work, to combine our progressive approaches with scalable approaches for duplicate detection to deliver results even faster is analyzed. In particular, a two phase parallel SNM is introduced, which executes a traditional SNM on balanced, overlapping partitions.

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