Chinese and Indian Stock Markets: Linkages and Interdependencies

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Abstract

This paper examines the stock market linkages and interdependencies between China and India. We use the quantile regression approach as an alternative to Ordinary Least Squares estimation due to its flexibleness and robustness. Our results of the entire time period reveal the influence of Chinese CPI and ER on Nifty returns is not the same across the different quantiles. However, Chinese IR has no impact on Nifty returns. Further, Indian CPI has a negligible effect on SSE returns. In contrast, IR and ER do not affect SSE returns. This study also observes that the dependence structure between CPI and SSE returns has not changed after the recession period. However, the dependence structure between IR, ER, and SSE returns has not changed after the recession. Further, a significantly small change is found in the dependence structure between Chinese macroeconomic variables and Nifty returns post-recession.

Keywords: stock market linkages, stock market interdependencies, macroeconomic factors, Nifty, Shanghai, stock exchange composite index, quantile regression

1. Introduction

The economic development of China is frequently compared to that of India. The trade of these two large emerging economies are heterogeneous (Bussi re & Mehl, 2008). The striking growth of China's economy in the past few decades helped the Chinese stock market to come forth as one of the largest stock markets in the world (Ye, 2014). China and India have some common key factors for instance huge geographical area, big working class, encouraging government policies, and middle-class growth which are vital in keeping long-term economic growth and also have the power to turn large economies (Lao & Singh, 2011).

The selection of China and India is motivated by the fact that these two emerging economies have different economic environments. China and India are the 2nd and 5th largest economies of the world respectively (International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook, October 2019). However, India has lost its title of the fastest growing economy to China in the year 2019 as its economic growth slowed compared to China's growth. These two economies have been experiencing rapid growth over the past couple of decades, but an unreassuringly combination of development challenges and international trade tensions introduces a threat to their economic outlook. India is on the path to catch Germany as the fourth-largest economy by 2026 (Aldrick, 2019). Hence, it becomes crucial for the investors to understand the linkages of fundamentals of China's economy with the Indian stock market and vice versa before any investment decision.

The movement in stock prices does not only depend on a firm's fundamentals but also depends upon the level of economic growth in the country and its integration with the world economy (Sengupta, Dutta, & Dutta, 2019). From an investment perspective, investors take into account a progressive macroeconomic environment because it helps companies to expand their business and increase profitability. Therefore, it highlights the significance to investigate the interaction between Chinese and Indian stock markets to the large extent. In this paper, we analyse the impact of the Chinese Consumer Price Index (CPI), Interest Rate (IR), and Exchange Rate (ER) on Nifty 50 returns and Indian CPI, IR, and ER on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) Composite returns.

More precisely, this paper addresses the following unanswered questions. Do China's macroeconomic factors show the

existence of dependence with Nifty returns? Similarly, Do India's macroeconomic variables affect SSE returns? Is the dependence structure between macroeconomic variables and SSE and NSE returns symmetric or asymmetric? Has the global financial crisis changed the dependence structure?

The significant contribution of this paper is that to the best of found knowledge, this is the first attempt to find the linkages and dependencies between Chinese and Indian stock markets using the QR approach.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section two presents a review of relevant literature. Section three shows methodology. Section four illustrates data and summary statistics. Section five reveals the empirical results. Finally, section six indicates the paper's conclusion and recommendations.

2. Review of Literature

A wide range of studies is conducted in the different parts of the globe at different points in time and under various conditions on the influence of macroeconomic factors on stock markets of China and India. (Sharma, Mahendru, & Singh, 2013) study the interlinkages between stock markets of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS). The study showed that these stock markets are affected by each other, but not to a great extent. (Lao & Singh, 2011) show that the herding behaviour exists in both the Shanghai A-Share index and SENSEX. (Hosseini, Ahmad, & Lai, 2011) detect both short and long-term associative relations between macroeconomic variables and stock market indices of China and India. (Chen, 2007) finds that hotel stock returns in China are affected by macro factors and Non-macro events i.e. financial crisis. (Yang, Cheng, Huang, & Wang, 2019) investigate systemic risk in the Chinese stock market from 2007 to 2018. The top contributor to systemic risk is the information technology sector. (Singhania & Girish, 2015) use event study method and find that various macroeconomic events have negative effects on returns of the SSE Composite Index. (Johansson, 2010) discover that level integration of Chinese stock market has increased with several major financial markets during the 2008 global financial crisis in particular. (Alshammari, 2020) notice a strong long-term relationship among the Gulf Cooperation Council stock exchanges and causality tests support the short-term relationships. Further, (Panda & Thiripalraju, 2020) finds that BRICS countries are a good destination for investors.

An abundance of studies have been conducted in the Indian context, (Patel, 2017) analyse the co-movement among 14 stock markets and found that BSE returns are dependent on Bovespa, Financial Times Stock Exchange - 100, and Mexico Stock Exchange only. The study also found a long-run relationship. (Sengupta et al., 2019 & Das & Megaravalli, 2017) also, confirm that macroeconomic factors explain the Nifty. (Kaur & Arora, 2018) analyse the interdependence among the various markets in India such as stock, currency, government bonds, and commodity markets. (Faniband & Marulkar, 2020) confirm the existence of long-run cointegration between three numbers of quarterly results (total income, net profit, and EPS) and share prices.

In the other context, considerable research has also been done on linkages of Chinese and Indian stock markets with developed and other emerging markets include, (Pani, Bhatt, & Himatsingka, 2019) show that Asian stock markets have a better correlation with Sensex post-2000. (Bhattacharyya et al., 2017) study how the stock market volatility in the Southeast Asian emerging markets are affected by foreign portfolio investment during the global financial crisis and this effect is compared with India. (Jarrett, Klein, & Kyper, 2013) examine the time series characteristics of Tokyo, Hong Kong, London, and New York equity markets. (Daboussi & Majoul, 2014) confirm that the U.S transmitted its business cycles and economic recession effect to India and Asia and Latin America emerging economies. (Dasgupta, 2014) finds interdependencies and dynamic linkages of India with the BRIC stock markets.

Considerable research has also been done on the determinants of stock market returns using the QR method. (Wang et al., 2011) confirm the long-run association between political behavior and stock market returns in Taiwan. (Tsai, 2012) uses the six Asian countries' data and finds a negative association between foreign exchange markets and stock. (Ni, Wang, & Xue, 2015) investigate how the Chinese A-share returns based on monthly data are nonlinearly influenced by investor sentiment. (Allen, Singh, & Powell, 2013) utilize this method to analyse risk and return distributions and examine the pattern of the book to market ratios and beta, two extensively employed asset pricing factors. (Mishra & Debasish, 2019 & Zhu, Guo, You, & Xu, 2016) employ the same method to study the dependence between crude oil prices and stock market returns.

Past studies have ignored the interlinkages between China and India's stock market. Further, previous studies have generally used Ordinary Least Square (OLS) or other models to address such issues. In contrast, we apply the QR model. This methodology allows us a more flexible approach to capture a more comprehensive picture of the stock price behaviour.

3. Research Methodology

Regression analysis is useful to find the association between a dependent variable and explanatory variables. The QR is

proposed by Koenker &Bassett, (1978). An extension of linear regression is QR. Linearity, independence or normality, homoscedasticity are the condition to use linear regression. QR is used when the above conditions are not met. Regular linear regression considers least squares to calculate the conditional mean. In contrast, the conditional median of the target is estimated by QR. QR is not limited just to find the median, but any quantile can be calculated for a particular value in the features variables. In this context, a better result of the impact of Chinese macroeconomic factors on Nifty returns and Indian macroeconomic factors on SSE returns with a quantile ranging from 0.1 to 0.9. The full distribution of the SSE and Nifty conditional on the Indian and Chinese macroeconomic factors respectively can be brought out using QR.

The QR model of Koenker & Bassett (1978) can be written as

$$y_i = x'_i \beta_{\theta} + u_{\theta i}$$
 with $Q_{\theta}(y_t | x_t) = x'_t \beta_{\theta}$ (1)

Where xt' indicates a vector of regressors, denotes the vector of parameters to be estimated and u θ i represents a vector of residuals. Qxt denotes the th conditional quantile of yi granted xi'.

The approximation of is supported on the following optimisation problem:

$$\begin{cases} \beta_{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} \\ \sum_{t:yt>x'_{t}\beta} \theta |y_{i} - x'_{i}\beta| + \sum_{t:yt>x'_{t}\beta} (1-\theta) |y_{i} - x'_{i}\beta| \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

$$(2)$$

The optimisation problem can be figured out by applying a linear programming representation via the simplex algorithm or the generalised method of moments framework (Brooks, 2014). The median regression is received by placing $\theta = 0.5$. Other quantiles of the conditional distribution can be found through variations of θ . The sound practical relationship of selected explanatory variables across the total conditional Chinese and Indian stock market distribution is expressed through The results for the 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, and 0.9 quantiles. In this paper, the bootstrap method given by Buchinsky (1995) is applied to hold approximations of the standard errors for the coefficients in quantile regression. Moreover, it is effective for a comparatively small sample size.

The following equations are the basic models of this empirical study:

SSE Returns =
$$\alpha + \beta_1$$
INDCPI+ β_2 INDIR + β_3 INDER+ ϵ (3)

Where, INDCPI, INDIR, and INDER indicate Consumer Price Index, Interest Rate and Exchange Rate of India respectively and *\vec{\vec{1}}* is a random error.

Nifty Returns =
$$a + \beta_4$$
CHCPI+ β_5 CHIR + β_6 CHER+ μ (4)

Where CHCPI, CHIR, and CHER denote Consumer Price Index, Interest Rate, and Exchange Rate of China respectively and μ is a random error.

4. Data and Summary Statistics

This paper empirically examines the dependence structure between the macroeconomic factors and stock markets with regards to China and India over the monthly period from January 1998 to December 2018. The gap between SSE and Nifty returns is huge in the pre-recession and recession periods than in the post-recession. However, Nifty returns experienced a drastic fall during the recession period in comparison with SSE as shown in Figure 1. Therefore, these data are divided into two sample periods that is pre-recession and recession periods from 1998-2008 and the post-recession periods from 2009 to 2018. Since higher volatility can be experienced in daily data than weekly data; in turn, higher volatility in weekly data than monthly data, we prefer monthly frequency to daily or weekly. Chinese and Indian macroeconomic factors include (i) Consumer Price Index; (ii) Interest Rates; it is less than 24 Hours Call Money/Interbank Rate and (iii) Exchange Rate. In this paper, log-returns of the SSE and Nifty index are taken into account. The SSE and Nifty data are captured from the website of Yahoo Finance. FRED database is used to obtain the data of the CPI, IR, and ER of both countries.



Figure 1. Average stock returns of SSE and Nifty

Inflation, interest rates, and exchange rates are the major macroeconomic elements that affect stock market returns (see, Das & Megaravalli, 2017; Pal & Mittal, 2011; Sengupta et al., 2019; Jareño, Ferrer, & Miroslavova, 2016).

Finally, the null hypothesis of a unit root is tested applying conventional Augmented Dickey and Fuller (ADF) and Phillips and Perron (PP) statistics. We find that SSE and Nifty returns, Chinese and Indian IRs have no unit root. However, Chinese and Indian CPI and ER have a unit root. We made these variables stationary by taking the first difference. The median value of all the variables found to be less than the mean. Hence, these variables are skewed to the right. All the explanatory variables (except SSE and Nifty returns and Chinese IR) show a Kurtosis value less than the reference value of the normal distribution (i.e. equal to 3). It indicates that there are lighter tails than a normal distribution (less in the tails). Therefore, Jarque-Bera (JB) test results show that all the variables are not normally distributed (Table 1).

	Mean	Median	Max.	Min.	Std. Dev.	Skewness	Kurtosis	JB	ADF	PP
SSE	0.121	0.060	18.364	-22.059	4.088	-0.152	11.045	680.489***	-12.012***	-11.934***
Nifty	0.541	0.150	18.146	-9.749	2.968	1.375	11.790	890.673***	-12.640***	-12.690***
CH CPI	84.743	84.080	106.800	68.629	12.543	0.268	1.550	25.074***	0.137	1.165
IND CPI	64.356	54.128	115.524	31.508	26.741	0.518	1.761	27.375***	1.275	3.030
CH IR	3.292	3.240	8.550	2.700	0.781	3.798	21.479	4191.271***	-8.410***	-8.967***
IND IR	7.048	6.500	11.000	6.000	1.256	0.924	2.659	37.059***	-2.915***	-3.198***
CH ER	7.169	6.897	8.310	6.051	0.749	0.126	1.512	23.900***	-1.073	-1.908
IND ER	48.979	45.477	70.363	35.810	8.684	0.812	2.312	32.678***	-0.722	-1.621

Table 1. Descriptive statistics and unit root tests

p < 0.05 and *p < 0.01.

Note: CH denotes China and IND indicates India

Table 2. Quantile regression estimates for SSE during 1998-2008

-		0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
•		2.008	2.610	.209	1.206	.917	1.596	.772	202	-1.206
	u	(0.317)	(0.182)	(0.900)	(0.408)	(0.424)	(0.173)	(0.508)	(0.920)	(0.734)
-	INDCDI	046**	036**	004	002	004	007	.002	.012	.034
	INDCPI	(0.003)	(0.018)	(0.760)	(0.877)	(0.640)	(0.414)	(0.814)	(0.456)	(0.223)

	104	102	015	037	036	048	012	.027	.080	
INDIK	(0.229)	(0.226)	(0.832)	(0.557)	(0.466)	(0.338)	(0.813)	(0.751)	(0.602)	
INDER	.005	016	0023	022	011	020	015	005	008	
	(0.832)	(0.501)	(0.909)	(0.228)	(0.451)	(0.160)	(0.308)	(0.835)	(0.858)	

*p < 0.10, **p < 0.05 and ***p < 0.01.

Table 3. Quantile regression estimates for Nifty during 1998-2008

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
~	-4.908	-1.863	989	516	289	345	.141	025	.625
u	(0.113)	(0.513)	(0.715)	(0.819)	(0.873)	(0.787)	(0.917)	(0.986)	(0.765)
CHCDI	.021	.008	.005	.001	.005	.004	002	002	005
CHCFI	(0.332)	(0.677)	(0.790)	(0.959)	(0.683)	(0.628)	(0.819)	(0.831)	(0.731)
СШВ	091	069	057	070	074**	082***	073***	021	.001
CHIK	(0.139)	(0.225)	(0.286)	(0.124)	(0.041)	(0.002)	(0.007)	(0.441)	(0.978)
CHER	.417*	.157	.093	.093	.033	.058	.064	.069	.015
	(0.052)	(0.427)	(0.619)	(0.551)	(0.791)	(0.511)	(0.490)	(0.468)	(0.916)

p < 0.10, p < 0.05 and p < 0.01.

Table 4. Quantile regression estimates for SSE during 2009-2018

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
	-5.122	-7.708*	-4.078	-4.307	2.064	1.652	1.599	1.440	.215
u	(0.713)	(0.097)	(0.417)	(0.415)	(0.689)	(0.711)	(0.747)	(0.816)	(0.985)
	.112	.112	.039	083	028	007	163*	218*	220
INDCPI	(0.657)	(0.178)	(0.666)	(0.385)	(0.760)	(0.414)	(0.069)	(0.053)	(0.299)
INDID	.404	.562	.259	.273	.296	048	.273	.742	1.511
INDIK	(0.781)	(0.243)	(0.620)	(0.619)	(0.581)	(0.338)	(0.595)	(0.251)	(0.216)
INDED	241	194	072	.162	.058	020	.250	.309	.266
INDER	(0.656)	(0.280)	(0.711)	(0.431)	(0.774)	(0.160)	(0.194)	(0.201)	(0.558)

p < 0.10, p < 0.05 and p < 0.01.

Table 5. Quantile regression estimates for Nifty during 2009-2018

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
	62.506	21.965	-5.069	9.206	15.825	10.603	33.594	60.030	81.786
u	(0.410)	(0.670)	(0.894)	(0.782)	(0.636)	(0.741)	(0.260)	(0.136)	(0.247)
CHCDI	066	020	.050	.027	037	055	111*	122	353**
CHCFI	(0.676)	(0.851)	(0.532)	(0.698)	(0.591)	(0.412)	(0.076)	(0.145)	(0.018)
СШІР	-10.064	-4.167	-1.943	-5.263	-3.338	767	-3.600	-7.014	-7.171
CHIK	(0.286)	(0.515)	(0.681)	(0.204)	(0.421)	(0.847)	(0.331)	(0.160)	(0.413)
CHER	-4.600	-1.385	.833	.677	097	127	-1.356	-3.520	-3.053
	(0.515)	(0.773)	(0.814)	(0.827)	(0.975)	(0.966)	(0.625)	(0.347)	(0.642)

p < 0.10, p < 0.05 and p < 0.01.

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
•	1.727	3.551	2.098	1.387	744	-1.675	-2.083	-3.613*	-4.499
A	(0.752)	(0.113)	(0.261)	(0.458)	(0.625)	(0.221)	(0.184)	(0.067)	(0.324)
INDCDI	123**	064***	039**	003	.009	.023*	.035**	.062***	.101**
INDCPI	(0.017)	(0.002)	(0.026)	(0.843)	(0.509)	(0.081)	(0.019)	(0.001)	(0.019)
INDID	142	163	108	037	.040	.126	.144	.253	.270
INDIK	(0.777)	(0.425)	(0.528)	(0.830)	(0.776)	(0.314)	(0.318)	(0.160)	(0.518)
INDER	.083	003	.001	024	.002	001	003	007	021
	(0.605)	(0.965)	(0.990)	(0.662)	(0.957)	(0.987)	(0.955)	(0.902)	(0.879)

Table 6. Quantile regression estimates for SSE during 1998-2018

p < 0.10, p < 0.05 and p < 0.01.

Table 7. Quantile regression estimates for Nifty during 1998-2018

	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9
	1.640	055	.322	-4.056	-5.123	-2.550	1.002	2.482	16.137
u	(0.903)	(0.992)	(0.950)	(0.433)	(0.287)	(0.593)	(0.851)	(0.698)	(0.152)
CHCDI	086	037	025	.027	.052**	.054**	.052*	.068**	.024
CHCIT	(0.198)	(0.208)	(0.322)	(0.295)	(0.031)	(0.024)	(0.053)	(0.033)	(0.664)
СНІР	044	013	047	064	079	062	050	011	101
CIIIK	(0.933)	(0.956)	(0.815)	(0.750)	(0.673)	(0.738)	(0.809)	(0.965)	(0.818)
СНЕР	.521	.317	.198	.296	.220	124	541	875*	-2.087**
CHER	(0.638)	(0.511)	(0.640)	(0.486)	(0.577)	(0.752)	(0.217)	(0.097)	(0.025)

p < 0.10, p < 0.05 and p < 0.01.



Figure 2. Alteration in QR coefficients for SSE during 1998-2008



Figure 3. Alteration in QR coefficients for Nifty during 1998-2008



Figure 4. Alteration in QR coefficients for SSE during 2009-2018



Figure 5. Alteration in QR coefficients for Nifty during 2009-2018



Figure 6. Alteration in QR coefficients for SSE during 1998-2018



Figure 7. Alteration in QR coefficients for Nifty during 1998-2018

5. Empirical Results

This section describes the QR results for the SSE and Nifty returns during 1998-2008 and 2009-2018. The results also cover the entire 1998-2018 period. We estimate the SSE returns with Equation (3) employing the QR method (Table 2, Table 4, and Table 6). Moreover, we estimate Nifty returns with Equation (4) using the QR method (Table 3, Table 5, and Table 7). The changes in the QR coefficients for SSE and Nifty are also shown in the QR graph. The prefix 'X' indicates an explanatory variable.

5.1 Dependence Structure Between Indian Macroeconomic Factors and SSE Returns

The results for the 1998 to 2008 time period are noticed in Table 2 and Figure 2. CPI has a significant and negative impact on SSE returns for the lower quantiles. However, the quantile estimated coefficients for the intermediate and upper quantiles are insignificant. Thus, the impact is absent for the intermediate and upper quantiles. In the case of IR and ER, all the quantile estimated coefficients found to be insignificant for lower, intermediate, and upper quantiles. Therefore, IR and ER do not affect the SSE returns.

We observe the results for post-recession in Table 4 and Figure 4. We find a significant and negative impact of CPI on SSE returns for the 0.7 and 0.8 quantiles. But there is no impact for lower, intermediate, and 0.9 quantiles. An insignificant impact of IR and ER is noted on SSE returns across the quantiles.

It is important to note that the dependence structure between CPI and SSE returns shows a negligible change post-recession period. However, the dependence structure between IR, ER, and SSE returns has not changed after the recession.

Our results for the entire period shown in Table 6 and Figure 6 indicate that CPI has a significant and negative impact on SSE returns for the lower quantile. Moreover, CPI has a significant and but positive impact for the upper quantiles. However, the impact is absent for intermediate quantiles. IR and ER have no impact on SSE returns from 1998-2018.

5.2 Dependence Structure Between Chinese Macroeconomic Factors and Nifty Returns

The QR results for the pre-recession and recession period that is 1998-2008 presented in Table 3 and Figure 3 show that CPI does not influence Nifty returns because insignificant coefficients are found across the quantiles. However, IR has a significant and negative impact on Nifty returns at the 0.5, 0.6, and 0.7 quantiles. When the quantile regression is

evaluated for the lower, 0.4, 0.8, and 0.9 quantiles, the IR has an insignificant influence on the Nifty returns. Regarding ER, the impact is insignificant except 0.1 quantile.

For 2009- 2018, CPI affects the Nifty returns only for the 0.7 and 0.9 quantiles. But the impact is not observed for the lower, intermediate, and 0.8 quantiles. It is interesting to note an insignificant impact of IR and ER on Nifty returns (Table 5 and Figure 5).

We observe a significantly small change in the dependence structure between Chinese macroeconomic variables and Nifty returns post-recession.

The impact of Chinese macroeconomic factors on the Nifty for the entire period is also analysed in Table 7 and Figure 7. CPI has a significant and positive impact for the median, 0.6, 0.7, and 0.8 quantiles. However, the quantile estimated coefficients for the lower, 0.4, and 0.9 quantiles indicate an insignificant impact of CPI on Nifty returns. Further, IR does not influence Nifty returns because all the quantile estimated coefficients are insignificant. Nifty is influenced negatively by ER for the upper quantile only. But the impact is absent for the lower and intermediate quantiles.

6. Conclusion and Recommendations

6.1 Conclusion

Since China and India are the two fastest-growing emerging economies in the world, it becomes necessary to study the linkages and dependencies between the stock markets of these two countries. In addition to the existing literature on stock market linkages and dependencies, this paper contributes itself differently by applying QR methodology. Our paper provides new grounds for the interlinkages between Chinese and Indian stock markets. The results on the basis of the entire time period unveil that the impact of Chinese CPI and ER on Nifty is not uniform across the different quantiles. However, IR has no effect on Nifty returns. With regards to SSE returns, Indian CPI has a negligible influence on SSE returns. In contrast, IR and ER do not affect SSE returns.

It is significant to note that this paper uses QR methodology to address this issue. The limitation of this research is that this paper does not consider the stock markets other than China and India to study the linkages and dependencies between them. However, this study can be further extended to other macroeconomic variables. Another possible extension is to investigate the impact of macroeconomic factors of developed or emerging economies on China and India.

6.2 Recommendations

On the basis of the analysis of the entire time period, we find strong evidence that the SSE returns are sensitive to Indian CPI. Therefore, if investors want to earn returns and reduce risk created by macroeconomic factors, they should cautiously invest in the Chinese stock market considering Indian CPI. On the other hand, SSE returns are not sensitive to Indian IR and ER. Thus, investors should avoid investing in the Chinese stock market using these variables.

Further, Nifty returns react to Chinese CPI and ER. Therefore, investors are advised to monitor these two variables carefully to reap better returns. Alternatively, Nifty returns are not sensitive to Chinese IR.

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