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Information technology - International string ordering and comparison - Method for comparing character strings and description of the common template tailorable ordering

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