Extended Parent Directory Names

CMD.EXE allows you to extend the traditional syntax for naming the parent directory, by adding additional [.] characters. Each additional [.] represents an additional directory level above the current directory. For example, .\FILE.DAT refers to a file in the current directory, ..\FILE.DAT refers to a file one level up (in the parent directory), and ...\FILE.DAT refers to a file two levels up (in the parent of the parent directory). If you are in the C:\DATA\FINANCE\JANUARY directory and want to copy the file LETTERS.DAT from the directory C:\DATA to drive A:

[C:\DATA\FINANCE\JANUARY] copy ...\LETTERS.DAT A:

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