

## 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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