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- adj.*
1. Highly excited with strong emotion or frustration; frenzied: *frantic with worry.*
 2. Characterized by rapid and disordered or nervous activity: *made a frantic last-minute search for the lost key.*
 3. *Archaic* Mentally deranged.

[Middle English *frantik*, from Old French *frenetique*, from Latin *phrenēticus*; see [FRENETIC](#).]

fran ti·cal·ly, **fran tic·ly** *adv.*

fran tic·ness *n.*

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