

**MATH 23A**  
**SOLUTION SET 6**

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**1.5.4:** (a) Let  $S_n$  be the  $n$ th partial sum of the series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |S_n| &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left| \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right| && \text{(triangle inequality)} \\ &\leq |I| + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} |A|^k && (|A^k| \leq |A|^k \text{ when } k \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

But  $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k!} |A|^k$  is just the  $(n-1)$ th partial sum of the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} |A|^k$ , which converges to  $e^{|A|} - 1$ . Hence by the comparison test, the original series  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k$  also converges, and  $|e^A| = \left| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right|$  is bounded above by  $|I| + e^{|A|} - 1 = \sqrt{n} + e^{|A|} - 1$ .

(b) (1):  $e^A = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \begin{bmatrix} a^k & 0 \\ 0 & b^k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} a^i & 0 \\ 0 & \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} b^j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^a & 0 \\ 0 & e^b \end{bmatrix}.$

(2):  $e^A = I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$

(3):  $e^A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2!}a^2 + \frac{1}{4!}a^4 - \dots & \frac{1}{1!}a - \frac{1}{3!}a^3 + \frac{1}{5!}a^5 - \dots \\ -\frac{1}{1!}a + \frac{1}{3!}a^3 - \frac{1}{5!}a^5 + \dots & 1 - \frac{1}{2!}a^2 + \frac{1}{4!}a^4 - \dots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos a & \sin a \\ -\sin a & \cos a \end{bmatrix}.$

(c) (1): The condition  $AB = BA$  is called "A and B commute." We claim that if A and B commute, then indeed  $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$ . Let us see how much  $e^A e^B$  differs from the  $(r+1)$ th partial sum of  $\sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} e^A e^B - \sum_{p=0}^r \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B - \sum_{i=0}^r A^i \left( \sum_{j=0}^{r-i} \frac{1}{(i+j)!} \binom{i+j}{i} B^j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=r+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B + \sum_{i=0}^r A^i \left( \frac{1}{i!} e^B - \sum_{j=0}^{r-i} \frac{1}{i!j!} B^j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=r+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B + \sum_{i=0}^r \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( e^B - \sum_{j=0}^{r-i} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=r+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B + \sum_{i=0}^r \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( \sum_{j=r-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \end{aligned}$$

where the top equality uses the fact that  $A$  and  $B$  commute (why?). Assume for now  $r$  is even. Let  $r = 2m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| e^A e^B - \sum_{p=0}^r \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B + \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \right| \\
&\leq \left| \sum_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B \right| + \left| \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i e^B \right| + \sum_{i=0}^{2m} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \right| |e^B| + \sum_{i=m}^{2m-1} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \right| + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \right| (e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) + \sum_{i=m}^{2m-1} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \right| \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right| \right) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \left| \frac{1}{i!} A^i \right| \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{j!} B^j \right| \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=2m+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i (e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) + \sum_{i=m}^{2m-1} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i \left( \sum_{j=2m-i+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |B|^j \right) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i \left( \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |B|^j \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i (e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i \right) \left( \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |B|^j \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i (e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) + \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i \right) \left( \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |B|^j \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i (e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) + (e^{|A|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) \left( \sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |B|^j \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Note that in the fifth inequality above, we used the fact that when  $0 \leq i \leq m-1$ ,  $2m-i+1 > m$ .

The last expression above tends to 0 as  $m$  tends to infinity. But let us be more precise. Suppose we are given  $\epsilon > 0$ . Let  $\epsilon_1 = \frac{\epsilon}{2(e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1)} > 0$  and  $\epsilon_2 = \frac{\epsilon}{2(e^{|A|} + \sqrt{n} - 1)} > 0$ . Then there exist  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  such that

$$\sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{i!} |A|^i < \epsilon_1 \text{ when } m \geq M_1, \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{j=m}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} |B|^j < \epsilon_2 \text{ when } m \geq M_2.$$

Let  $M = \max\{M_1, M_2\}$ . Then whenever  $m \geq M$ ,  $\left| e^A e^B - \sum_{p=0}^{2m} \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p \right| < \epsilon_1(e^{|B|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) + \epsilon_2(e^{|A|} + \sqrt{n} - 1) = \epsilon$ . This only takes care of the case that  $r$  is even. However, it shows that the sequence of partial sums

$$\left\{ \sum_{p=0}^2 \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p, \sum_{p=0}^4 \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p, \sum_{p=0}^6 \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p, \dots \right\}$$

converges to  $e^A e^B$ . The above sequence is a subsequence of

$$\left\{ \sum_{p=0}^1 \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p, \sum_{p=0}^2 \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p, \sum_{p=0}^3 \frac{1}{p!} (A+B)^p, \dots \right\},$$

which converges to  $e^{A+B}$ . Hence by problem 1.5.17, the sequence of even partial sums converges to  $e^{A+B}$ , implying that  $e^A e^B = e^{A+B}$  (if a sequence converges, it converges to a unique value).

(2): Because  $A$  commutes with itself, by (c)(1) we see that  $e^{2A} = e^{A+A} = e^A e^A = (e^A)^2$ .

*Remark.* The exponential of a matrix is useful because it turns out to solve *matrix* differential equations. Consider an  $n \times n$  matrix  $F(t)$ , each of whose entries is a real-valued function of  $t$ . We can take the derivative  $F'(t)$  by differentiating each entry. Then there is a theorem that given constant  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , the only  $F(t)$  that satisfies

$$F'(t) = AF(t) \text{ and } F(0) = B$$

is  $F(t) = e^{tA}B$ . For instance, if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & a \\ -a & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $e^{tA}B = e^{tA} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(ta) & \sin(ta) \\ -\sin(ta) & \cos(ta) \end{bmatrix}$ .

**1.5.11:** Suppose  $\bar{X}$  is not closed. Let  $Y = \mathbb{R}^n - \bar{X}$ . Then  $Y$  is not open, so there exists  $y \in Y$  such that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $B_\epsilon(y)$  is not contained in  $Y$ . By letting  $\epsilon = \frac{1}{n}$ , we see that for any positive integer  $n$ , there exists  $\bar{x}_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(y)$  not contained in  $Y$ . But this means  $\bar{x}_n \in \bar{X}$ , so there exists a sequence  $x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots$  of points in  $X$  that converges to  $x_n$ . Due to convergence, there exists  $x_n \in \{x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots\}$  such that  $|x_n - \bar{x}_n| < \frac{1}{n}$ . Now  $|\bar{x}_n - y| < \frac{1}{n}$  because  $\bar{x}_n \in B_{\frac{1}{n}}(y)$ . Hence by the triangle inequality,

$$|x_n - y| \leq |x_n - \bar{x}_n| + |\bar{x}_n - y| < \frac{2}{n}.$$

We claim that the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  converges to  $y$ . For a given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can find  $N$  such that  $\frac{2}{N} < \epsilon$ . Then for any  $n \geq N$ ,  $|x_n - y| < \frac{2}{n} \leq \frac{2}{N} < \epsilon$ . By definition, the sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  converges to  $y$ . Because the  $x_i$ 's are all in  $X$ ,  $y$  is in  $\bar{X}$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $\bar{X}$  is closed.

**1.5.12:** (a) First suppose the sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  converges to  $a$ . Then for any  $\epsilon' > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that for  $n > N$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon'$ . Now, for a given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we apply the above to  $\epsilon' = \varphi(\epsilon)$  (which is positive) to obtain an  $N$  such that for  $n > N$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \varphi(\epsilon)$ . This is exactly what we want to prove.

Next, suppose that for any  $\epsilon' > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that for  $n > N$ , we have  $|a_n - a| \leq \varphi(\epsilon')$ . Fix an  $\epsilon > 0$  (e.g. the  $\epsilon$  our opponent has given us). Because  $\lim_{\epsilon' \rightarrow 0} \varphi(\epsilon') = 0$ , there exists  $\epsilon' > 0$  such that  $\varphi(\epsilon') < \epsilon$ . For this  $\epsilon'$  (which depends on  $\epsilon$ ), by assumption we can find an  $N$  (which now also depends on  $\epsilon$ ) such that for  $n > N$ , we have  $|a_n - a| \leq \varphi(\epsilon')$ . Since  $\varphi(\epsilon') < \epsilon$ , we know that when  $n > N$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$ . This is exactly the definition of convergence, so the sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  converges to  $a$ .

(b) Let  $\varphi$  be as in part (a). Then a function  $f$  converges at  $x_0$  iff for  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|x - x_0| < \delta$  implies  $|f(x) - f(x_0)| < \varphi(\epsilon)$ .

**1.5.14: (a):** Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given by  $f\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) = x$  and  $g\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) = y$ . Our problem is to determine whether  $\frac{f^2}{f+g}$  has a limit at  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ . By corollary 1.5.28,  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous. Theorem 1.5.27(a) and (d) tell us that  $f^2$  and  $f+g$  are continuous. Since  $(f+g)\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = 1+2 = 3 \neq 0$ , theorem 1.5.27(c) tells us that  $\frac{f^2}{f+g}$  is continuous at  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ . Hence the given limit exists and is equal to  $\left(\frac{f^2}{f+g}\right)\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$ .

**(g):** This limit does *not* exist because we can find a sequence  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \dots \rightarrow \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  such that the sequence  $(x_1^2 + y_1^2)(\log|x_1 y_1|), (x_2^2 + y_2^2)(\log|x_2 y_2|), \dots$  does not converge. Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $y_n = e^{1/x_n^3} = e^{-n^3}$ . Because  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  both converge to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  converges to  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ . However,

$$\begin{aligned} (x_n^2 + y_n^2)(\log|x_n y_n|) &= \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + y_n^2\right) (-n^3 + \log x_n) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + y_n^2\right) (-n^3) && \text{since } \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + y_n^2\right) \log x_n \leq 0 \\ &< \frac{1}{n^2}(-n^3) && \text{since } -y_n^2 n^3 < 0 \\ &= -n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $(x_n^2 + y_n^2)(\log|x_n y_n|)$  goes to  $-\infty$  and diverges.

Note that if we approach  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  from any particular straight line, our limit will be 0.

The  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  we defined above hence must be approaching  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  "from a curve."

**(h):** We claim that the limit exists and is 0. We will show that for any sequence  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \end{smallmatrix}\right), \dots$  converging to  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ , the sequence  $\{(x_n^2 + y_n^2) \log(x_n^2 + y_n^2)\}$  converges to 0. Suppose we have such sequence  $\{\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{smallmatrix}\right)\}$ . Because any polynomial function is continuous (corollary 1.5.28), the sequence  $\{x_n^2 + y_n^2\}$  converges to  $0^2 + 0^2 = 0$ . So all we need to show is that  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} z \log z = 0$ . This can be shown using L'Hopital's rule:

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} z \log z = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \log \frac{1}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-\log t}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-1/t}{1} = 0.$$

**1.5.15: (a)**  $\lim_{\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) \rightarrow \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)} f\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) = a$  means that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that whenever  $\left|\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) - \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right| = \left|\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right)\right| < \delta$  and  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) \in D^*$ ,  $\left|f\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) - a\right| < \epsilon$ .

(b) First we show that the limit for  $f$  does not exist by approaching  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  from two different lines  $y = 0$  and  $y = x$ . If we approach  $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix}\right)$  from the line  $y = 0$  along the

positive  $x$ -axis, then the limit is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f\left(\frac{x}{0}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos x}{1} = 1$ , by using L'Hopital. If we approach  $\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)$  from the line  $y = x$  from the first quadrant, then the limit is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f\left(\frac{x}{x}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(2x)}{\sqrt{2}x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2 \cos(2x)}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$ , by using L'Hopital. Because we get two different values, the original limit must not exist. Second we show that the limit for  $g$  exists and is 0. It suffices to show that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |x| \log(x^2 + y^4)$  and  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |y| \log(x^2 + y^4)$  exist and are both 0. Consider an arbitrary sequence  $\left\{\left(\frac{x_n}{y_n}\right)\right\}$  that converges to  $\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)$ . Then  $x_n^2 + y_n^4 \rightarrow 0$ , so for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $x_n^2 + y_n^4 < 1$  and  $|x_n| \log(x_n^2 + y_n^4) \leq 0$ . On the other hand,  $|x_n| \log(x_n^2 + y_n^4) \geq |x_n| \log(x_n^2) = 2|x_n| \log(x_n)$ . So for sufficiently large  $n$ ,

$$2|x_n| \log(x_n) \leq |x_n| \log(x_n^2 + y_n^4) \leq 0.$$

Now  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  implies that  $2|x_n| \log x_n \rightarrow 0$  (see 1.5.14(h)), so by a squeezing lemma, we know that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |x| \log(x^2 + y^4)$  must exist and must be 0. (You should try to formulate an appropriate squeezing lemma and prove it.) A similar argument (reversing the roles of  $x_n$  and  $y_n$ ) shows that  $\lim_{(x,y) \rightarrow (0,0)} |y| \log(x^2 + y^4)$  exists and is 0. Hence the original limit exists and is 0.

**1.5.17:** Suppose  $a_{i(1)}, a_{i(2)}, \dots$  is an infinite subsequence of  $a_1, a_2, \dots$ . For a given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N$  such that when  $n > N$ ,  $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$ . Because  $i(j) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists  $N'$  such that  $i(N') > N$ . (Alternatively, let  $N' = N$ . Then  $i(N') \geq N' > N$ .) For any  $j > N'$ ,  $i(j) > i(N') > N$  and hence  $|a_{i(j)} - a| < \epsilon$ . Thus by definition,  $a_{i(j)} \rightarrow a$ .

**1.5.23:** Part (a) is a special case of part (c), so it suffices to show part (c). Let  $f$  be the given map. Define maps  $g, h: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = ax + by$  and  $h \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = cx + dy$ . By corollary 1.5.28,  $g$  and  $h$  are continuous. The continuity of  $f$  follows from the following lemma, which follows directly from proposition 1.5.20 (why?):

**6.1. Lemma.** Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  be real-valued functions defined on a domain  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ , and define

$f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  by  $f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x) \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $a = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$  if and only if each

$f_i$  is continuous at  $a_i$ .

**1.5.24:** The problem statement is vague in several senses, so we will just say that  $\begin{bmatrix} 3.14 \\ 2.71 \end{bmatrix}$

and  $\begin{bmatrix} 3.1415 \\ 2.7182 \end{bmatrix}$  are the first two that work, and that the  $a_n$ 's thereafter also work. The

latter is true because  $\left| a_n - \begin{bmatrix} \pi \\ e \end{bmatrix} \right|$  decreases as  $n$  increases (why?).