

## 104. On Singular Perturbation of Linear Partial Differential Equations with Constant Coefficients. I

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $(t, x) = (t, x_1, \dots, x_m)$  be  $m+1$  real variables in  $t \geq 0$ ,  $x \in E^m$ , where  $E^m$  denotes the  $m$ -dimensional Euclidean space. Let  $L_\varepsilon$  be an  $r \times r$  matrix of differential operators with constant coefficients depending on a parameter  $\varepsilon$

$$L_\varepsilon = \sum_{j=1}^r P_j(\partial_x, \varepsilon) \partial_t^{j-1}$$

where  $P_j(\xi, \varepsilon)$  are  $r \times r$  matrices of polynomials in  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m)$ , whose coefficients depends on  $\varepsilon \geq 0$  continuously, and let us consider a system of partial differential equations

$$(1) \quad L_\varepsilon[u] = f(t, x, \varepsilon),$$

where  $u = (u_\rho, \rho \downarrow 1, \dots, r)$ ,  $f = (f_\rho, \rho \downarrow 1, \dots, r)$ .<sup>2)</sup> We assume that  $P_i(\xi, \varepsilon) = P_i(\varepsilon)$  does not contain  $\xi$  and

$$(2) \quad \det(P_i(\varepsilon)) \neq 0 \text{ for } \varepsilon > 0.$$

In this note we are concerned with showing the relationship of (1), as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , to a particular solution of a related system (for  $\varepsilon = 0$ )

$$(1^\circ) \quad L_0[u] = f(t, x, 0),$$

especially when  $L_0$  is degenerated, i.e.

$$(2^\circ) \quad \det(P_i(0)) = 0.<sup>3)</sup>$$

Let  $C_0^\infty$  be the set of all on  $E^m$  infinite times continuously differentiable complex valued functions with compact carrier. For any  $u \in C_0^\infty$  we define the norm  $\|u\|_p$  by

$$(3) \quad \|u\|_p^2 = \int_{E^m} \sum_{|\nu| \leq p} |\partial_1^{\nu_1} \cdots \partial_m^{\nu_m} u(x)|^2 dx, \quad (|\nu| = \nu_1 + \cdots + \nu_m).$$

The completion of  $C_0^\infty$  with respect to the norm (3) will be denoted by  $H_p$ .  $H_p$  is a kind of Hilbert space. One sees easily

$$H_p \supset H_{p'}, \text{ and } \|u\|_p \leq \|u\|_{p'} \text{ if } p < p'.$$

We set  $H_\infty = \bigcap_{p < \infty} H_p$ , then  $H_\infty$  is a linear topological space with a sequence of semi-norms  $\|u\|_p$  ( $p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) for  $u \in H_\infty$ .  $H_\infty$  is dense in  $H_p$  for any  $p$ , and  $C_0^\infty$  is dense in  $H_\infty$  (hence in  $H_p$ ).

Let  $\hat{\varphi}$  be the Fourier transform of  $\varphi \in H_p$ ,

$$(4) \quad \hat{\varphi}(\xi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{E^m} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} \varphi(x) dx = \mathfrak{F}[\varphi],$$

1) We use  $\partial_t$  for  $\partial/\partial_t$ , and  $\partial_x$  for  $\partial/\partial x_1, \dots, \partial/\partial x_m$ .

2)  $(u_\rho, \rho \downarrow 1, \dots, r)$  means the  $r$ -dimensional vector (column) with the components  $(u_1, \dots, u_r)$ .

3) The condition (2) is not essential in the general consideration.

4)  $\partial_\mu$  is the abbreviation of  $\partial/\partial x_\mu$ .

then  $\varphi \in H_p$  is equivalent to  $(1+|\xi|^2)^{p/2} \hat{\varphi}(\xi) \in L^2$  and

$$(5) \quad \|\varphi\|_p^2 = \int_{E^m} (1+|\xi|^2)^p |\hat{\varphi}(\xi)|^2 d\xi = \|\hat{\varphi}\|'_p^2.$$

The complete space of all measurable complex valued functions  $\hat{\varphi}$  such that  $\|\hat{\varphi}\|'_p < \infty$  will be denoted by  $\hat{H}_p$ .<sup>5)</sup> The Fourier transform  $\mathfrak{F}$  is a unitary transformation of  $H_p$  onto  $\hat{H}_p$ .

For any real number  $p \geq 0$ , we can define the norm  $\|\varphi\|_p$  for  $\varphi \in C_0^\infty$  by (5). If  $p \geq 0$ , then the completion of  $C_0^\infty$  which we denote by  $H_p$ , with respect to the norm (5) is the set of all complex valued measurable functions such that  $\|\varphi\|_p < \infty$ .<sup>5)</sup> But if  $p < 0$ , the completion of  $C_0^\infty$  with respect to (5) consists from a class of distributions by L. Schwarz. The Fourier transform of  $H_p$ , denoted by  $\hat{H}_p$ , even if  $p < 0$ , is the set of all measurable functions  $\hat{\varphi}$ <sup>5)</sup> such that  $\|\hat{\varphi}\|'_p < \infty$  by (5).

Let  $D^{(k)}$  be any differential operator with constant coefficients of order  $k$ , then  $D^{(k)}$  is a bounded linear mapping of  $H_p$  into  $H_{p-k}$ .

Let  $F_x$  be any linear functional space, whose elements are functions of  $x \in E^m$ , and  $\varphi(t)$  be a variable element of  $F_x$  depending on a real parameter  $t$  in an interval  $J$ . We say " $\varphi(t)$  is  $F_x$ -continuous in  $t \in J$ " if the mapping  $t \in J \rightarrow \varphi(t) \in F_x$  is continuous, and " $\varphi(t)$  is  $F_x$ -differentiable at  $t = t_0$ " if

$$(6) \quad (t - t_0)^{-1} \{ \varphi(t) - \varphi(t_0) \} \rightarrow \varphi'(t_0) \text{ in } F_x \text{ as } t \rightarrow t_0.$$

We use the notation  $\varphi'(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t)$ , if  $\varphi'(t)$  defined by (6) has meaning

for  $t$  in an interval. If  $D^{(k)}$  is a differential operator in  $x \in E^m$  with constant coefficients of order  $k$  and  $\varphi(t)$  is  $H_{p,x}$ -continuous in  $t$ , then  $D^{(k)}\varphi(t)$  is  $H_{p-k,x}$ -continuous, and if  $\varphi(t)$  is  $H_{p,x}$ -differentiable in  $t$  then  $D^{(k)}\varphi(t)$  is  $H_{p-k,x}$ -differentiable in  $t$  and

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ D^{(k)}\varphi(t) \right\} = D^{(k)} \left\{ \frac{d}{dt} \varphi(t) \right\}.$$

Let  $u = u(t) = u(t, x)$  be  $l$  times continuously  $H_{p,x}$ -differentiable in  $t \in J$ , and  $L$  be a differential operator in  $(t, x)$  with constant coefficients defined by

$$(7) \quad L[u] = \sum_{j=0}^l P_j(\partial_x) \partial_t^j u(t, x),$$

where  $P_j(\xi)$  are polynomials in  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m)$  of degree at most  $k$  with constant coefficients. Then  $L[u](t)$  is  $H_{p-k,x}$ -continuous in  $t \in J$ . Putting

$$(8) \quad L[u](t) = f(t)$$

we say  $u(t)$  is an  $H_p$ -solution of the equation (8).

Now we extend the operator  $L$  as follows:

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5) Strictly speaking, each element of the space is a such class of functions, that any pair of which differ at most on a set of measure zero.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\{u_\nu(t)\}_{\nu=1}^\infty (u_\nu(t) = u_\nu(t, x))$  be a sequence of  $l$  times continuously  $H_{p,x}$ -differentiable functions in  $t \in J$ , such that as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $u_\nu(t) \rightarrow u(t)$  in  $H_{p,x}$  quasi-uniformly for  $t \in J$ ,<sup>6)</sup> and  $L[u_\nu(t)] \rightarrow f(t)$  in  $H_{p-k,x}$  quasi-uniformly for  $t \in J$ . Then we define  $L[u(t)] = f(t)$  for  $t \in J$ , and we say  $u(t)$  is a **generalized  $H_p$ -solution** of (8).

A generalized  $H_p$ -solution is naturally  $H_{p,x}$ -continuous in  $t$ , but it is not necessarily  $H_{p,x}$ -differentiable in  $t$ . This extension of the operator  $L$  is free from absurdity. Because,  $L$  is a pre-closed linear operator as follows:

If  $u_\nu(t) \rightarrow 0$  in  $H_{p,x}$  quasi-uniformly for  $t \in J$ , and  $L[u_\nu(t)] \rightarrow f(t)$  in  $H_{p-k,x}$  quasi-uniformly for  $t \in J$ , then  $f(t) = 0$  for  $t \in J$ .

We say “a system  $u_1(t), \dots, u_r(t)$  has property (P)” if each  $u_\rho(t)$  ( $\rho = 1, \dots, r$ ) has the property (P). The above definitions and related statements can be all extended to a system of functions and system of operators in a quite similar way, so that we need not explain them in detail.

**2. Preliminary theorems.** In the following let us give some preliminary theorems without proof.

Let  $L$  be a matrix of differential operators

$$L = \sum_{j=1}^l P_j(\partial_x) \partial_t^j$$

where  $P_j(\xi)$  are  $r \times r$  matrices of polynomials in  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m)$  at most of order  $k$  with constant coefficients, and  $P_l(\xi) = P_l$  be a constant matrix such that  $\det(P_l) \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** If  $u = u(t) = u(t, x)$  is a generalized  $H_p$ -solution of  $L[u] = f(t)$  for  $t \in J$ , then there exists a sequence of  $l$  times continuously  $C_{0,x}^\infty$ -differentiable  $u_\nu(t) = u_\nu(t, x)$  for  $t \in J$ , such that as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $u_\nu(t) \rightarrow u(t)$  in  $H_{p,x}$  quasi-uniformly for  $t \in J$ , and  $L[u_\nu(t)] \rightarrow f(t)$  in  $H_{p-k,x}$  quasi-uniformly for  $t \in J$ .

We associate the partial differential equation  $L[u] = f(t)$  with the following ordinary differential equation

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{\mu=0}^l P_\mu(i\xi) \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^\mu Y = 0.$$

Let  $Y_j(t, \xi)$  be matricial solutions of (2.1) with the initial conditions

$$(\partial_t^{k-1} Y)_t=0 = \delta_{jk} \mathbf{1}.$$

**Theorem 2.** If there exist constants  $C$  and  $q$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad |Y_j(t, \xi)|^q \leq C \sqrt{1 + |\xi|^2}^q \quad (j=1, \dots, l) \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T$$

and  $f(t, x)$  is  $H_{p,x}$ -continuous in  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , then the partial differential equation

$$(2.3) \quad L[u] = \sum_{\mu=0}^l P_\mu(\partial_x) \partial_t^\mu u = f(t, x)$$

6) “Quasi-uniform for  $t \in J$ ” means “uniform for any compact part of  $J$ ”.

7)  $|Y|$  is the norm of the matrix  $Y$ , defined by  $|Y| = \sup_{u \neq 0} \{ |Yu| / \|u\| \}$ .

has generalized  $H_{p-q}$ -solution  $u=u(t, x)$  with the initial conditions  
 $\partial_t^{j-1} u(0, x) = \varphi_j(x) \quad (j=1, \dots, l),$

where  $\varphi_j$  are arbitrary functions of  $H_{p,x}$ . Further if  $p \geq q$ , then this solution  $u=u(t, x)$  is represented by

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{aligned} u(t, x) &= \sum_{j=1}^l \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{E^m} e^{ix \cdot \xi} Y_j(t, \xi) \hat{\varphi}_j(\xi) d\xi \\ &+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{E^m} e^{ix \cdot \xi} d\xi \int_0^t P_i^{-1} Y_i(t-\tau, \xi) \hat{f}(\tau, \xi) dt, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{\varphi}_j$  and  $\hat{f}$  are Fourier transforms of  $\varphi_j$  and  $f$  respectively as functions of  $x$ .

Further if

$|\partial_t^{k-1} Y_j(t, \xi)| < C \sqrt{1+|\xi|^2}^q$  for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  
 $k=1, \dots, l$ ,  $j=1, \dots, l$ , then the solution  $u=u(t, x)$  is an  $H_{p-q}$ -solution in proper sense.

**3. Stability.** Consider a system of equations containing a parameter  $\varepsilon$

$$(3.1) \quad L_\varepsilon[u] = \sum_{\mu=0}^l P_\mu(\partial_x, \varepsilon) \partial_t^\mu u = f_\varepsilon(t, x),$$

where  $P_\mu(\xi, \varepsilon)$  are  $r \times r$  matrices of polynomials in  $\xi = (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_m)$  with constant coefficients depending on  $\varepsilon$  continuously for  $\varepsilon \geq 0$ , and  $P_i(\varepsilon) = P_i(\xi, \varepsilon)$  depends on  $\varepsilon$  only and

$$\det(P_i(\varepsilon)) \neq 0 \text{ for } \varepsilon > 0.$$

**Definition 2.** We say that the equation (3.1) is  **$H_p$ -stable** for  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$  in  $0 \leq t \leq T$  with respect to a particular solution  $u=u_0(t)$  of (3.1) for  $\varepsilon=0$ , if and only if,

$$u_\varepsilon(t) \rightarrow u_0(t) \text{ in } H_{p,x} \text{ uniformly for } 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

whenever

$$(3.2) \quad f_\varepsilon(t) = f_\varepsilon(t, x) \rightarrow f_0(t) \text{ in } H_{p,x} \text{ uniformly for } 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

and  $u_\varepsilon(t) = u(t, x, \varepsilon)$  is a generalized  $H_p$ -solution of (3.1) such that

$$(3.3) \quad \partial_t^{j-1} u_\varepsilon(0) \rightarrow \partial_t^{j-1} u_0(0) \text{ in } H_{p,x} \quad (j=1, \dots, l).$$

**Theorem 3.** Let degree of  $\{P_\mu(\xi, \varepsilon) - P_\mu(\xi, 0)\} = k$  ( $\mu=0, \dots, l$ ), and let  $u=u_0(t)$  be an  $l$  times continuously  $H_{p+k,x}$ -differentiable solution of (3.1) for  $\varepsilon=0$  in  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . In order that (3.1) be  $H_p$ -stable for  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$  with respect to  $u=u_0(t)$  in  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , it is necessary and sufficient that, there exist constants  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and  $C$  such that

$$(3.4) \quad \sup_{\xi \in E^m} |Y_j(t, \xi, \varepsilon)| \leq C \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0,$$

and

$$(3.5) \quad \sup_{\xi \in E^m} \int_0^T |P_i(\varepsilon)^{-1} Y_i(t, \xi, \varepsilon)| dt \leq C \text{ for } 0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0,$$

where  $y=Y_j(t, \xi, \varepsilon)$  are matricial solutions of

$$(3.6) \quad \sum_{\mu=0}^l P_\mu(i\xi, \varepsilon) \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^\mu y = 0$$

with the initial conditions  $\partial_t^{k-1} Y_j(0, \xi, \varepsilon) = \delta_{kj} 1$  ( $k=1, \dots, l$ ).

Proof. Necessity of (3.4): Let  $v=v_\varepsilon(t)$  be the solution of

$$(3.7) \quad L_\varepsilon[v] = 0$$

with the initial conditions  $\partial_t^{j-1} v_\varepsilon(0) = \partial_t^{j-1} u_\varepsilon(0) - \partial_t^{j-1} u_0(0)$  ( $j=1, \dots, l$ ).

One sees easily, it is necessary that

$$(3.8) \quad v_\varepsilon(t) \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } H_{p,x} \text{ uniformly for } 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

Now assume that for any  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ , there did not exist such  $C$  that (3.4) holds. Then, for a certain  $j$ , there are sequences  $\{\varepsilon_\nu\}$  and  $\{t_\nu\}$  such that,  $\varepsilon_\nu \downarrow 0$  as  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $0 \leq t_\nu \leq T$ , and a sequence of spheres  $\{S_\nu\}$ ,  $S_\nu = \{\xi; |\xi - \xi^{(\nu)}| < \delta_\nu\}$ , such that

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} |Y_j(t_\nu, \xi, \varepsilon_\nu)| &> \nu \quad \text{for } \xi \in S_\nu, \\ 2^{-1} &< \sqrt{1+|\xi|^2}^p / \sqrt{1+|\xi^{(\nu)}|^2}^p < 2 \quad \text{for } \xi \in S_\nu. \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$v_\nu(t, x) = \frac{\alpha_\nu}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{S_\nu} e^{ix \cdot \xi} Y_j(t, \xi, \varepsilon_\nu) d\xi,$$

with  $\alpha_\nu = (\text{measure of } S_\nu)^{-1} \sqrt{1+|\xi^{(\nu)}|^2}^{-p}$ . Then  $v=v_\nu(t, x)$  is an  $H_\infty$ -solution of (3.7) such that, by (3.9),

$$\|\partial_t^{j-1} v_\nu(0)\|_p \leq 2\nu^{-1} \rightarrow 0, \quad \partial_t^{k-1} v_\nu(0) = 0 \text{ for } k \neq j,$$

and  $\|v_\nu(t_\nu)\|_p \geq 1/2$ . This contradicts with (3.8). The condition (3.4) is thus necessary.

Necessity of (3.5): If (3.5) did not hold for any  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and  $C$ , then there would exist a sequence  $\{\varepsilon_\nu\}$ ,  $\varepsilon_\nu \downarrow 0$  and a sequence of spheres  $\{S_\nu\} \subset E^m$  such that

$$(3.10) \quad \int_0^T |P_i(\varepsilon_\nu)^{-1} Y_i(T-\tau, \xi, \varepsilon_\nu)| d\tau > \nu \quad \text{for } \xi \in S_\nu.$$

Let  $u=u_\nu(t)=u_\nu(t, x)$  be generalized  $H_p$ -solution of (3.1) with the initial conditions  $\partial_t^{j-1} u_\nu(0) = \partial_t^{j-1} u_0(0)$  ( $j=1, \dots, l$ ). Then  $v=v_\nu(t)=u_\nu(t)-u_0(t)$  is a generalized  $H_p$ -solution of

$$(3.11) \quad L_{\varepsilon_\nu}[u] = g_\nu(t)$$

with  $g_\nu(t) = g_\nu(t, x) = \{L_{\varepsilon_\nu} - L_0\}[u_0] + f_{\varepsilon_\nu}(t) - f_0(t)$ , with the initial conditions  $\partial_t^{j-1} v_\nu(0) = 0$  ( $j=1, \dots, l$ ). By Theorem 2, since  $g_\nu(t)$  is  $H_{p,x}$ -continuous and (3.4) holds,

$$(3.12) \quad v_\nu(t, x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{E^m} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \left\{ \int_0^t P_i(\varepsilon_\nu)^{-1} Y_i(t-\tau, \xi, \varepsilon_\nu) \hat{g}_\nu(\tau, \xi) d\tau \right\} d\xi,$$

where  $\hat{g}_\nu(t, \xi)$  denotes the Fourier transform of  $g_\nu(t, x)$  as the function of  $x$ . Since  $\{L_{\varepsilon_\nu} - L_0\}[u_0]$  is  $H_{p,x}$ -continuous and

$$\{L_{\varepsilon_\nu} - L_0\}[u_0] \rightarrow 0 \text{ in } H_{p,x} \text{ uniformly for } 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

$g_\nu(t)$  may be any  $H_{p,x}$ -continuous function such that  $g_\nu(t) \rightarrow 0$  in  $H_{p,x}$  uniformly for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ .

Now by (3.10) we can find a continuous function  $\psi_\nu(t, \xi)$  in  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  $\xi \in S_\nu$ , such that

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{cases} |\psi_\nu(t, \xi)| \leq 1, \\ \left| \int_0^T P_t(\varepsilon_\nu)^{-1} Y_t(T-\tau, \xi, \varepsilon_\nu) \psi_\nu(\tau, \xi) d\tau \right| > \nu \text{ for } \xi \in S_\nu. \end{cases}$$

We set

$$(3.14) \quad g_\nu(t, x) = \frac{\nu^{-1} |S_\nu|^{-1/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{S_\nu} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \psi_\nu(t, \xi) \sqrt{1+|\xi|^2}^{-p} d\xi,$$

hence

$$\hat{g}_\nu(t, \xi) = \begin{cases} \nu^{-1} |S_\nu|^{-1/2} \sqrt{1+|\xi|^2}^{-p} \psi_\nu(t, \xi) & \text{for } \xi \in S_\nu, \\ 0 & \text{for } \xi \notin S_\nu. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\|g_\nu(t, x)\|_p \leq \nu^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ . But by (3.12), (3.13) and (3.14)

$$\|v_\nu(T)\|_p \geq 1.$$

This contradicts with  $v_\nu(t) = u_{\varepsilon_\nu}(t) - u_0(t) \rightarrow 0$  in  $H_{p,x}$  uniformly for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . The condition (3.5) is thus necessary.

Sufficiency of the conditions. Put  $v_\varepsilon(t) = u_\varepsilon(t) - u_0(t)$ , then  $v_\varepsilon(t)$  is given by

$$(3.15) \quad v_\varepsilon(t, x) = \sum_{j=1}^l \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{E^m} e^{ix \cdot \xi} Y_j(t, \xi, \varepsilon) \partial_t^{j-1} \{ \hat{u}_\varepsilon(0, \xi) - \hat{u}_0(0, \xi) \} d\xi + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}^m} \int_{E^m} e^{ix \cdot \xi} \left\{ \int_0^t P_t(\varepsilon)^{-1} Y_t(t-\tau, \xi, \varepsilon) \hat{g}_\varepsilon(\tau, \xi) d\tau \right\} d\xi,$$

where  $g_\varepsilon(t, x) = L_\varepsilon[u_0] - L_0[u_0] + f_\varepsilon(t) - f_0(t)$  and  $\hat{g}_\varepsilon(t, \xi) = \mathfrak{F}_x[g_\varepsilon(t, x)](\xi)$ . From (3.4), (3.5) and (3.15) we can easily derive

$\|v_\varepsilon(t, x)\|_p \rightarrow 0$  uniformly for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ ,  
if  $\|\partial_t^{j-1}\{u_\varepsilon(0) - u_0(0)\}\|_p \rightarrow 0$  and  $\|f_\varepsilon(t) - f_0(t)\|_p \rightarrow 0$  uniformly for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Q.E.D.

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8)  $|S_\nu|$  denotes the measure of  $S_\nu$ .