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# Approximate $m$ -Lie homomorphisms and approximate Jordan $m$ -Lie homomorphisms associated to a parametric additive functional equation

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## Abstract

Using fixed point method, we establish the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $m$ -Lie homomorphisms and Jordan  $m$ -Lie homomorphisms in  $m$ -Lie algebras associated to the following generalized Jensen functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu f(x_i) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( \mu m x_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \mu x_i \right) \right]$$

for a fixed positive integer  $m$  with  $m \geq 2$ .

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $n$  be a natural number greater or equal to 3. The notion of an  $n$ -Lie algebra was introduced by V.T. Filippov in 1985 [1]. The Lie product is taken between  $n$  elements of the algebra instead of two. This new bracket is  $n$ -linear, anti-symmetric and satisfies a generalization of the Jacobi identity. For  $n = 3$ , this product is a special case of the Nambu bracket, well-known in physics, which was introduced by Nambu [2] in 1973, as a generalization of the Poisson bracket in Hamiltonian mechanics.

An  $n$ -Lie algebra is a natural generalization of a Lie algebra. Namely:

A vector space  $V$  together with a multi-linear, antisymmetric  $n$ -ary operation  $[\ ]: \Lambda^n V \rightarrow V$  is called an  $n$ -Lie algebra,  $n \geq 3$ , if the  $n$ -ary bracket is a derivation with respect to itself, i.e.,

$$[[x_1, \dots, x_n], x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{2n-1}] = \sum_{i=1}^n [x_1, \dots, x_{i-1} [x_i, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{2n-1}], \dots, x_n] \quad (1.1)$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{2n-1} \in V$ . The equation (1.1) is called the generalized Jacobi identity. The meaning of this identity is similar to that of the usual Jacobi identity for a Lie algebra (which is a 2-Lie algebra).

In [1] and several subsequent papers [3-5], a structure theory of finite-dimensional  $n$ -Lie algebras over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  of characteristic 0 was developed.

$n$ -ary algebras have been considered in physics in the context of Nambu mechanics [2,6] and, recently (for  $n = 3$ ), in the search for the effective action of coincident  $M2$ -branes in  $M$ -theory initiated by the Bagger-Lambert-Gustavsson (BLG) model [7,8] (further references on the physical applications of  $n$ -ary algebras are given in [9]).

From now on, we only consider  $n$ -Lie algebras over the field of complex numbers. An  $n$ -Lie algebra  $A$  is a normed  $n$ -Lie algebra if there exists a norm  $\| \cdot \|$  on  $A$  such that  $\|[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]\| \leq \|x_1\| \|x_2\| \cdots \|x_n\|$  for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$ . A normed  $n$ -Lie algebra  $A$  is called a Banach  $n$ -Lie algebra if  $(A, \| \cdot \|)$  is a Banach space.

Let  $(A, [ \ ]_A)$  and  $(B, [ \ ]_B)$  be two Banach  $n$ -Lie algebras. A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $H: (A, [ \ ]_A) \rightarrow (B, [ \ ]_B)$  is called an  $n$ -Lie homomorphism if

$$H([x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n]_A) = [H(x_1)H(x_2) \cdots H(x_n)]_B$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$ . A  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear mapping  $H: (A, [ \ ]_A) \rightarrow (B, [ \ ]_B)$  is called a Jordan  $n$ -Lie homomorphism if

$$H([xx \cdots x]_A) = [H(x)H(x) \cdots H(x)]_B$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

The study of stability problems had been formulated by Ulam [10] during a talk in 1940: Under what condition does there exist a homomorphism near an approximate homomorphism? In the following year, Hyers [11] was answered affirmatively the question of Ulam for Banach spaces, which states that if  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is a mapping with  $X$  a normed space and  $Y$  a Banach spaces such that

$$\|f(x + y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \varepsilon \tag{1.2}$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ , then there exists a unique additive map  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  such that

$$\|f(x) - T(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in X$ . A generalized version of the theorem of Hyers for approximately linear mappings was presented by Rassias [12] in 1978 by considering the case when inequality (1.2) is unbounded.

In 2003, Cădariu and Radu applied the fixed point method to the investigation of the Jensen functional equation [13] (see also [14-16]). They could present a short and a simple proof (different of the "direct method", initiated by Hyers in 1941) for the Hyers-Ulam stability of Jensen functional equation [13] and for quadratic functional equation [14].

Park and Rassias [17] proved the stability of homomorphisms in  $C^*$ -algebras and Lie  $C^*$ -algebras and also of derivations on  $C^*$ -algebras and Lie  $C^*$ -algebras for the Jensen-type functional equation

$$\mu f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) + \mu f\left(\frac{x-y}{2}\right) - f(\mu x) = 0$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : |\lambda| = 1\}$ .

In this paper, by using fixed point method, we establish the Hyers-Ulam stability of  $n$ -Lie homomorphisms and Jordan  $n$ -Lie homomorphisms in  $n$ -Lie Banach algebras associated to the following generalized Jensen-type functional equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mu f(x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( \mu mx_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m \mu x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \mu x_i \right) \right] = 0$$

for all

$$\mu \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1 := \left\{ e^{i\theta} : 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{2\pi}{n_0} \right\} \cup \{1\},$$

where  $m \geq 2$ .

Throughout this paper, assume that  $(A, [ \ ]_A)$  and  $(B, [ \ ]_B)$  are two  $m$ -Lie Banach algebras.

## 2. Main results

Before proceeding to the main results, we recall a fundamental result in fixed point theory.

**Theorem 2.1.** [18] *Let  $(\Omega, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space and  $T: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be a strictly contractive function with Lipschitz constant  $L$ . Then for each given  $x \in \Omega$ , either*

$$d(T^m x, T^{m+1} x) = \infty \text{ for all } m \geq 0,$$

or other exists a natural number  $m_0$  such that

- $d(T^m x, T^{m+1} x) < \infty$  for all  $m \geq m_0$ ;
- the sequence  $\{T^m x\}$  is convergent to a fixed point  $y^*$  of  $T$ ;
- $y^*$  is the unique fixed point of  $T$  in  $\Lambda = \{y \in \Omega : d(T^{m_0} x, y) < \infty\}$ ;
- $d(y, y^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(y, Ty)$  for all  $y \in \Lambda$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $V$  and  $W$  be real vector spaces. A mapping  $f: V \rightarrow W$  satisfies the following functional equation*

$$\sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( mx_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \right) \right]$$

if and only  $f$  is additive.

*Proof.* It is easy to prove the theorem.  $\square$

We start our work with the main theorem of the our paper.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  be a fixed positive integer. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\varphi: A^m \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that*

$$\left\| \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \mu f(x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( \mu mx_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m \mu x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \mu x_i \right) \right] \right\| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), \tag{2.1}$$

$$\| f([x_1 x_2 \dots x_n]_A) - [f(x_1) f(x_2) \dots f(x_n)]_B \| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \tag{2.2}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}_{n_0}^1$  and all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . If there exists an  $L < 1$  such that

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \leq mL\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{m}, \frac{x_2}{m}, \dots, \frac{x_m}{m}\right) \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ , then there exists a unique  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{\varphi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)}{m - mL} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega$  be the set of all functions from  $A$  into  $B$  and let

$$d(g, h) := \inf\{C \in \mathbb{R}^+ : \|g(x) - h(x)\|_B \leq C\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0), \forall x \in A\}.$$

It is easy to show that  $(\Omega, d)$  is a generalized complete metric space [19].

Now we define the mapping  $J: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  by

$$J(h)(x) = \frac{1}{m}h(mx)$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

Note that for all  $g, h \in \Omega$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(g, h) < C &\Rightarrow \|g(x) - h(x)\| \leq C\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &\Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{m}g(mx) - \frac{1}{m}h(mx) \right\| \leq \frac{C\varphi(mx, 0, \dots, 0)}{|m|^\ell} \\ &\Rightarrow \left\| \frac{1}{m}g(mx) - \frac{1}{m}h(mx) \right\| \leq LC\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0) \\ &\Rightarrow d(J(g), J(h)) \leq LC \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Hence we see that

$$d(J(g), J(h)) \leq Ld(g, h)$$

for all  $g, h \in \Omega$ . It follows from (2.3) that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(m^k x_1, m^k x_2, \dots, m^k x_m)}{m^k} \leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} L^k \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0 \quad (2.5)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . Putting  $\mu = 1$ ,  $x_1 = x$  and  $x_j = 0$  ( $j = 2, \dots, n$ ) in (2.1), we obtain

$$\left\| \frac{f(mx)}{m} - f(x) \right\| \leq \frac{\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0)}{m}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Therefore,

$$d(f, J(f)) \leq \frac{1}{m} < \infty. \quad (2.6)$$

By Theorem 2.1,  $J$  has a unique fixed point in the set  $X_1 := \{h \in \Omega : d(f, h) < \infty\}$ . Let  $H$  be the fixed point of  $J$ .  $H$  is the unique mapping with

$$H(mx) = mH(x)$$

such that there exists  $C \in (0, \infty)$  satisfying

$$\| f(x) - H(x) \| \leq C\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . On the other hand, we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} d(J^k(f), H) = 0$  and so

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m^k} f(m^k x) = H(x) \tag{2.7}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . By Theorem 2.1, we have

$$d(f, H) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(f, J(f)). \tag{2.8}$$

It follows from (2.6) and (2.8) that

$$d(f, H) \leq \frac{1}{m - mL}.$$

This implies the inequality (2.4). By (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| H([x_1 x_2 \dots x_m]_A) - [H(x_1)H(x_2)H(x_3) \dots H(x_m)]_B \| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{H([m^k x_1 m^k x_2 \dots m^k x_m]_A)}{m^{mk}} - \frac{([H(m^k x_1)H(m^k x_2)H(m^k x_3) \dots H(m^k x_m)]_B)}{m^{mk}} \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(m^k x_1, m^k x_2, \dots, m^k x_m)}{m^{mk}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . Hence

$$H([x_1 x_2 \dots x_m]_A) = [H(x_1)H(x_2)H(x_3) \dots H(x_m)]_B$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ .

On the other hand, it follows from (2.1), (2.5) and (2.7) that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m H(x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m H \left( mx_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m x_j \right) + H \left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \right) \right] \right\|_B \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m^k} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^m f(m^k x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( m^{k+1} x_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m m^k x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m m^k x_i \right) \right] \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(m^k x_1, m^k x_2, \dots, m^k x_m)}{m^k} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^m H(x_i) = \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m H \left( mx_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m x_j \right) + H \left( \sum_{i=1}^m x_i \right) \right]$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . So by Theorem 2.1,  $H$  is additive. Letting  $x_i = x$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in (2.1), we obtain

$$\| \mu f(x) - f(\mu x) \| \leq \varphi(x, x, \dots, x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|H(\mu x) - \mu H(x)\| &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|f(\mu m^k x) - \mu f(m^k x)\|}{m^k} \\ &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\varphi(m^k x, m^k x, \dots, m^k x)}{m^k} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$  and all  $x \in A$ . One can show that the mapping  $H: A \rightarrow B$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear.

Hence  $H: A \rightarrow B$  is an  $m$ -Lie homomorphism satisfying (2.4), as desired.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $\theta$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $p < 1$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$  satisfies*

$$\left\| \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \mu f(x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f\left(\mu m x_i + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^m \mu x_j\right) + f\left(\sum_{i=1}^m \mu x_i\right) \right] \right\| \leq \theta \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x_i\|^p), \quad (2.9)$$

$$\|f([x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n]_A) - [f(x_1) f(x_2) \cdots f(x_m)]_B\| \leq \theta \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x_i\|^p) \quad (2.10)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}_{\frac{1}{n_0}}^1$  and all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . Then there exists a unique  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta \|x\|^p}{(m - m^p)} \quad (2.11)$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Putting  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) := \theta \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$  and letting  $L = m^{p-1}$  in Theorem 2.3, we obtain (2.11).  $\square$

Similarly, we have the following and we will omit the proof.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\phi: A^m \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.1) and (2.2). If there exists an  $L < 1$  such that*

$$\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{m}, \frac{x_2}{m}, \dots, \frac{x_m}{m}\right) \leq \frac{L}{m} \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ , then there exists a unique  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{L\varphi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)}{m - mL}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $\theta$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $p > 1$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$  satisfies (2.9) and (2.10). Then there exists a unique  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that*

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{m\theta \|x\|^p}{m^{p+1} - m^2} \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Putting  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) := \theta \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$  and letting  $L = m^{1-p}$  in Theorem 2.5, we obtain (2.12).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  be a fixed positive integer. Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\phi: A^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\left\| \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \mu f(x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( \mu m x_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m \mu x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \mu x_i \right) \right] \right\| \leq \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m), \tag{2.13}$$

$$\| f([xx \cdots x]_A) - [f(x)f(x) \cdots f(x)]_B \| \leq \varphi(x, x, \dots, x) \tag{2.14}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}_{n_0}^1$  and all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . If there exists an  $L < 1$  such that

$$\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \leq mL\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{m}, \frac{x_2}{m}, \dots, \frac{x_m}{m}\right)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ , then there exists a unique Jordan  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\| f(x) - H(x) \| \leq \frac{\varphi(x, 0, \dots, 0)}{m - mL} \tag{2.15}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we can define the mapping

$$H(x) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m^k} f(m^k x)$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Moreover, we can show that  $H$  is  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear. By (2.14), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \| H([xx \cdots x]_A) - [H(x)H(x) \cdots H(x)]_B \| \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \frac{1}{m^{mk}} H([m^k x \cdots m^k x]_A) - \frac{1}{m^{mk}} ([H(m^k x)H(m^k x) \cdots H(m^k x)]_B) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m^{mk}} \varphi(m^k x, m^k x, \dots, m^k x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in A$ . So

$$H([xx \cdots x]_A) = [H(x)H(x) \cdots H(x)]_B$$

for all  $x \in A$ . Hence  $H: A \rightarrow B$  is a Jordan  $m$ -Lie homomorphism satisfying (2.15).  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $\theta$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $p < 1$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$  satisfies

$$\left\| \mu \sum_{i=1}^m \mu f(x_i) - \frac{1}{2m} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m f \left( \mu m x_i + \sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^m \mu x_j \right) + f \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \mu x_i \right) \right] \right\| \leq \theta \sum_{i=1}^n (\|x_i\|^p), \tag{2.16}$$

$$\| f([xx \cdots x]_A) - [f(x)f(x) \cdots f(x)]_B \| \leq n\theta (\|x\|^p) \tag{2.17}$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{T}_{n_0}^1$  and all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ . Then there exists a unique Jordan  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{\theta \|x\|^p}{m - m^p}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorem 2.7 by putting  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) := \theta \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$  and letting  $L = m^{p-1}$ .  $\square$

Similarly, we have the following and we will omit the proof.

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  be a mapping for which there exists a function  $\phi: A^m \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  satisfying (2.13) and (2.14). If there exists an  $L < 1$  such that

$$\varphi\left(\frac{x_1}{m}, \frac{x_2}{m}, \dots, \frac{x_m}{m}\right) \leq \frac{L}{m} \varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$ , then there exists a unique Jordan  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\| \leq \frac{L\varphi(x, 0, 0, \dots, 0)}{m - mL}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $\theta$  and  $p$  be nonnegative real numbers such that  $p > 1$ . Suppose that a mapping  $f: A \rightarrow B$  satisfies (2.16) and (2.17). Then there exists a unique Jordan  $m$ -Lie homomorphism  $H: A \rightarrow B$  such that

$$\|f(x) - H(x)\|_B \leq \frac{\theta \|x\|^p}{m^p - m} \tag{2.18}$$

for all  $x \in A$ .

*Proof.* Putting  $\varphi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) := \theta \sum_{i=1}^m (\|x_i\|^p)$  for all  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A$  and letting  $L = m^{1-p}$  in Theorem 2.9, we obtain (2.18).

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