BitZero: Optimization and Alignment Recommendations

Executive Summary

After a comprehensive analysis of the BitZero Self-Learning Companion AI project, I've identified several opportunities for optimization and alignment enhancement. The current implementation demonstrates strong engineering fundamentals with robust integration of BitNet's quantization approach and Absolute Zero Reasoning's self-improvement capabilities. The system shows particular strengths in memory persistence, GPU-optimized training, and the hybrid precision architecture.

This document outlines targeted recommendations across six key areas to further enhance BitZero's performance, efficiency, and alignment with your companion AI vision.

1. Model Architecture Optimization

Current Implementation Strengths

- Hybrid precision architecture successfully integrates BitNet's quantization with critical pathway preservation
- Dynamic precision allocation for reasoning-critical components
- Integration with custom vocabulary and tokenization

Recommendations

1.1 Quantization Ratio Tuning

```
 # Current implementation
self.critical_ratio = 0.1  # 10% of weights at full precision

# Recommendation: Implement adaptive critical ratio based on layer importance
def get_adaptive_critical_ratio(layer_idx, num_layers):
    """Returns higher critical ratios for early and final layers."""
    if layer_idx == 0 or layer_idx == num_layers - 1:
        return 0.15  # Higher precision for embedding and output layers
    elif layer_idx < num_layers // 3:
        return 0.12  # Higher precision for early layers
```

```
    else:
        return 0.08  # Lower precision for middle layers
```

Rationale: The quantization statistics show the model is currently using 0% quantized parameters despite the 0.1 critical ratio setting. Implementing an adaptive approach would ensure critical reasoning pathways receive appropriate precision while maximizing efficiency.

1.2 Straight-Through Estimator Enhancement

```
 # Current BitQuantizer forward method
def forward(self, x: torch.Tensor, scale_factor: Optional[torch.Tensor] = None) ->
torch.Tensor:
    # ... existing code ...

    # Quantize to {-1, 0, 1}
    x_quantized = torch.zeros_like(x_scaled)
    x_quantized[x_scaled > threshold] = 1.0
    x_quantized[x_scaled < -threshold] = -1.0

    # Scale back
    return x_quantized * scale_factor

# Recommended implementation with STE
def forward(self, x: torch.Tensor, scale_factor: Optional[torch.Tensor] = None) ->
torch.Tensor:
    # ... existing code ...

    # Quantize to {-1, 0, 1}
    x_quantized = torch.zeros_like(x_scaled)
    x_quantized[x_scaled > threshold] = 1.0
    x_quantized[x_scaled < -threshold] = -1.0

    # Apply STE in training mode
    if self.training:
        x_quantized = x + (x_quantized - x).detach()

    # Scale back
    return x_quantized * scale_factor
```

Rationale: Enhancing the Straight-Through Estimator implementation will improve gradient flow during training, leading to better convergence when using extreme quantization.

1.3 Quantization Caching

```
class BitQuantizer(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, bit_width: float = 1.58):
        super().__init__()
        self.bit_width = bit_width
        self.cached_quantized_weights = {}  # Cache for inference

    def forward(self, x: torch.Tensor, scale_factor: Optional[torch.Tensor] = None,
key: Optional[str] = None) -> torch.Tensor:
        # Use cache during inference
        if not self.training and key is not None and key in
self.cached_quantized_weights:
            return self.cached_quantized_weights[key]

        # ... existing quantization code ...

        # Cache result during inference
        if not self.training and key is not None:
            self.cached_quantized_weights[key] = result

        return result
```

Rationale: Caching quantized weights during inference will reduce redundant computation, especially for static weights that don't change between forward passes.

2. Tokenization and Vocabulary Enhancement

Current Implementation Strengths

- Custom vocabulary with special tokens (PAD, UNK, BOS, EOS)
- Character-level tokenization suitable for code and math tasks
- Vocabulary checker to ensure dataset compatibility

Recommendations

2.1 Vocabulary Expansion for Emotional Expression

```
 # Current character set
PYTHON_CODE_CHARS =
"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789_()[]{}
+-*/=<>.,:;'\"% !&|^~#\t\n$\\?\\"

# Recommended expansion
```

```
EMOTIONAL_CHARS = "                "
EXTENDED_CHARS = PYTHON_CODE_CHARS + EMOTIONAL_CHARS
```

Rationale: Adding emotional expression tokens will enhance BitZero's ability to convey and understand emotional content, strengthening the companion aspect of the AI.

2.2 Subword Tokenization for Common Patterns

```
# Implement a simple subword tokenization for common programming patterns
COMMON_SUBWORDS = [
    "def ", "return ", "import ", "class ", "for ", "if ", "else:", "elif ",
    "while ", "try:", "except:", "finally:", "with ", "print(", "self.",
    "==", "!=", ">=", "<=", "+=", "-=", "*=", "/=", "**", "//", "->", "=>",
    "True", "False", "None"
]

def tokenize_with_subwords(text, subwords, char_to_id):
    # First try to match subwords, then fall back to character tokenization
    tokens = []
    i = 0
    while i < len(text):
        matched = False
        for subword in subwords:
            if text[i:i+len(subword)] == subword:
                tokens.append(SUBWORD_BASE_ID + subwords.index(subword))
                i += len(subword)
                matched = True
                break
        if not matched:
            tokens.append(char_to_id.get(text[i], char_to_id[UNK_TOKEN]))
            i += 1
    return tokens
```

Rationale: Subword tokenization for common programming patterns will reduce sequence length and improve model efficiency for code-related tasks.

2.3 Dynamic Vocabulary Adaptation

```
def update_vocabulary_from_usage_statistics(usage_counts, threshold=100):
    """Update vocabulary based on usage statistics."""
    global VOCAB_LIST, CHAR_TO_ID, ID_TO_CHAR, VOCAB_SIZE

    # Add frequently used character sequences to vocabulary
    for sequence, count in usage_counts.items():
        if count > threshold and sequence not in VOCAB_LIST:
            VOCAB_LIST.append(sequence)

    # Rebuild mappings
```

```
CHAR_TO_ID = {char: i for i, char in enumerate(VOCAB_LIST)}
ID_TO_CHAR = {i: char for i, char in enumerate(VOCAB_LIST)}
VOCAB_SIZE = len(VOCAB_LIST)
```

Rationale: Allowing the vocabulary to adapt based on usage patterns will improve tokenization efficiency over time as BitZero learns from interactions.

3. Memory and Contextual Retrieval Enhancement

Current Implementation Strengths

- SQLite-based persistent memory storage
- Categorized memory (preferences, facts, emotions)
- Conversation history tracking
- Context generation from relevant memories

Recommendations

3.1 Semantic Memory Retrieval

```
def retrieve_memories_by_semantic_similarity(self, query_text, limit=5):
    """Retrieve memories based on semantic similarity rather than exact matching."""
    # Convert query to embedding
    query_embedding = self.get_text_embedding(query_text)

    # Get all memories
    all_memories = self.get_all_memories()

    # Calculate similarity scores
    scored_memories = []
    for memory in all_memories:
        if 'embedding' not in memory:
            memory['embedding'] = self.get_text_embedding(memory['content'])

        similarity = cosine_similarity(query_embedding, memory['embedding'])
        scored_memories.append((memory, similarity))

    # Sort by similarity and return top matches
    scored_memories.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
    return [memory for memory, _ in scored_memories[:limit]]
```

Rationale: Implementing semantic retrieval will improve memory relevance beyond simple keyword matching, enhancing contextual awareness.

3.2 Memory Consolidation

```
def consolidate_memories(self, category=None, threshold=0.85):
    """Consolidate similar memories to prevent redundancy."""
    memories = self.retrieve_memories(category=category, limit=1000)

    # Group similar memories
    consolidated = []
    for memory in memories:
        # Check if this memory is similar to any consolidated memory
        found_similar = False
        for i, (cons_memory, similar_memories) in enumerate(consolidated):
            similarity = self.calculate_similarity(memory['content'],
cons_memory['content'])
            if similarity > threshold:
                consolidated[i][1].append(memory)
                found_similar = True
                break

        if not found_similar:
            consolidated.append((memory, []))

    # Merge similar memories
    for primary_memory, similar_memories in consolidated:
        if similar_memories:
            # Update importance based on similar memories
            avg_importance = (primary_memory['importance'] +
                              sum(m['importance'] for m in similar_memories)) /
(len(similar_memories) + 1)

            # Update content to be more comprehensive
            combined_content = primary_memory['content']
            for m in similar_memories:
                if len(m['content']) > len(primary_memory['content']):
                    combined_content = m['content']

            # Update the primary memory
            self.update_memory(primary_memory['id'],
                               content=combined_content,
                               importance=avg_importance)

            # Delete the similar memories
            for m in similar_memories:
                self.delete_memory(m['id'])
```

Rationale: Memory consolidation will prevent redundancy and create more comprehensive memory entries, improving the quality of contextual information.

3.3 Temporal Memory Weighting

```
def generate_context_from_memory(self, user_input: str, max_items: int = 5) -> str:
    """Generate context with temporal weighting of memories."""
    # Get user name if available
    user_name = self.get_preference("user_name", "User")

    # Search for relevant memories with recency bias
    current_time = datetime.datetime.now()
    relevant_memories = self.search_memories(user_input, limit=max_items*2)

    # Apply temporal weighting
    weighted_memories = []
    for memory in relevant_memories:
        memory_time = datetime.datetime.fromisoformat(memory['last_accessed'])
        days_old = (current_time - memory_time).days

        # Exponential decay based on age
        recency_weight = math.exp(-0.1 * days_old)

        # Combine with importance
        final_weight = 0.7 * memory['importance'] + 0.3 * recency_weight

        weighted_memories.append((memory, final_weight))

    # Sort by final weight and take top max_items
    weighted_memories.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse=True)
    top_memories = [m[0] for m in weighted_memories[:max_items]]

    # Build context
    context = f"[Memory: User is known as {user_name}]\n"

    if top_memories:
        context += "[Relevant memories:]\n"
        for memory in top_memories:
            context += f"- {memory['content']} (Importance: {memory['importance']:.1f})
\n"

    return context
```

Rationale: Temporal weighting will ensure that recent memories are prioritized while still maintaining access to important older memories, creating more relevant context.

4. Training Pipeline Optimization

Current Implementation Strengths

- Batch processing with GPU acceleration

- Mixed precision training
- Gradient checkpointing
- Integration of self-generated tasks and external dataset
- Loss tracking and difficulty adjustment

Recommendations

4.1 Progressive Batch Size Scaling

```
def get_optimal_batch_size(self):
    """Dynamically adjust batch size based on available VRAM."""
    if self.device != "cuda":
        return self.batch_size  # No adjustment needed for CPU

    # Get current VRAM usage
    current_usage = torch.cuda.memory_allocated() / 1e9  # GB
    total_vram = torch.cuda.get_device_properties(0).total_memory / 1e9  # GB
    available_vram = total_vram - current_usage - 0.5  # Reserve 0.5GB

    # Calculate optimal batch size
    if available_vram <= 0:
        return max(1, self.batch_size // 2)  # Reduce batch size if VRAM is tight

    # Scale batch size based on available VRAM
    vram_per_sample = 0.1  # Estimated VRAM per sample in GB
    optimal_batch_size = int(available_vram / vram_per_sample)

    # Ensure batch size is reasonable
    return max(1, min(optimal_batch_size, 64))  # Cap at 64
```

Rationale: Dynamic batch size adjustment will maximize GPU utilization while preventing out-of-memory errors, especially important for the GTX 1660 Super with 6GB VRAM.

4.2 Learning Rate Scheduling

```
def configure_optimizer_with_scheduler(self):
    """Configure optimizer with learning rate scheduler."""
    # Initialize optimizer
    self.optimizer = torch.optim.AdamW(
        self.model.parameters(),
        lr=self.learning_rate,
        weight_decay=0.01
    )

    # Initialize scheduler
    self.scheduler = torch.optim.lr_scheduler.OneCycleLR(
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        self.optimizer,
        max_lr=self.learning_rate,
        total_steps=self.total_steps,
        pct_start=0.1,
        div_factor=25.0,
        final_div_factor=10000.0
    )
```

Rationale: Learning rate scheduling will improve convergence speed and final model quality by adapting the learning rate throughout training.

4.3 Task Curriculum Enhancement

```
def generate_curriculum_task(self, episode_num, total_episodes):
    """Generate tasks following a curriculum learning approach."""
    # Determine phase of training
    progress = episode_num / total_episodes

    if progress < 0.2:
        # Early phase: Focus on basic math and simple code
        task_type = random.choice(["math", "math", "code"])  # 2:1 ratio favoring math
        difficulty = 0.1 + progress * 0.5  # 0.1 to 0.2
    elif progress < 0.5:
        # Middle phase: Balanced tasks with moderate difficulty
        task_type = random.choice(["math", "code"])  # Equal probability
        difficulty = 0.2 + (progress - 0.2) * 0.6  # 0.2 to 0.38
    else:
        # Late phase: More complex tasks with higher difficulty
        task_type = random.choice(["code", "code", "math"])  # 2:1 ratio favoring code
        difficulty = 0.4 + (progress - 0.5) * 0.6  # 0.4 to 0.7

    # Generate task with specified type and difficulty
    return self.task_generator.generate_task(task_type=task_type,
difficulty=difficulty)
```

Rationale: Enhanced curriculum learning will provide a more structured progression of task difficulty, improving learning efficiency and final capabilities.

4.4 Reinforcement Learning Algorithm Upgrade

```
def compute_ppo_loss(self, old_logprobs, logits, actions, rewards, clip_epsilon=0.2):
    """Compute PPO loss for more stable policy gradient updates."""
    # Get log probabilities for actions
    log_probs = F.log_softmax(logits, dim=-1)
    action_log_probs = log_probs.gather(-1, actions.unsqueeze(-1)).squeeze(-1)

    # Compute probability ratio
    ratio = torch.exp(action_log_probs - old_logprobs)
```

```
    # Compute surrogate objectives
    surr1 = ratio * rewards
    surr2 = torch.clamp(ratio, 1.0 - clip_epsilon, 1.0 + clip_epsilon) * rewards

    # Take minimum of surrogate objectives
    policy_loss = -torch.min(surr1, surr2).mean()

    return policy_loss
```

Rationale: Upgrading to PPO (Proximal Policy Optimization) will provide more stable and efficient reinforcement learning compared to the current simplified policy gradient approach.

5. Dataset and Knowledge Integration

Current Implementation Strengths

- JSONL dataset format with conversation structure
- Integration of self-play generated tasks and external dataset
- Task verification system
- Difficulty tracking and adjustment

Recommendations

5.1 Dataset Augmentation

```
def augment_dataset_entry(self, entry):
    """Apply data augmentation to increase dataset diversity."""
    augmented_entries = [entry]  # Start with original entry

    # Only augment certain types of entries
    if entry["type"] == "math":
        # For math problems, create variations with different numbers
        try:
            user_content = entry["conversation"][0]["content"]

            # Simple number substitution for basic math
            import re
            numbers = re.findall(r'\d+', user_content)
            if numbers:
                for _ in range(2):  # Create 2 variations
                    new_content = user_content
                    for num in numbers:
                        # Replace with a number ±20% of original
                        original = int(num)
```

```
                variation = original * (0.8 + 0.4 * random.random())  # 0.8 to 1.2
                new_content = new_content.replace(num, str(int(variation)))

            # Create new entry with augmented content
            new_entry = copy.deepcopy(entry)
            new_entry["conversation"][0]["content"] = new_content
            # Note: Expected answer would need to be recalculated

            augmented_entries.append(new_entry)
    except:
        pass  # Skip augmentation if it fails

return augmented_entries
```

Rationale: Dataset augmentation will increase the effective size and diversity of the training data, improving generalization and robustness.

5.2 Knowledge Distillation

```
def apply_knowledge_distillation(self, student_logits, teacher_logits, temperature=2.0):
    """Apply knowledge distillation loss to transfer knowledge from a larger model."""
    # Apply temperature scaling
    scaled_student = student_logits / temperature
    scaled_teacher = teacher_logits / temperature

    # Compute KL divergence loss
    distillation_loss = F.kl_div(
        F.log_softmax(scaled_student, dim=-1),
        F.softmax(scaled_teacher, dim=-1),
        reduction='batchmean'
    ) * (temperature ** 2)

    return distillation_loss
```

Rationale: Knowledge distillation can transfer capabilities from larger models to BitZero, improving performance while maintaining efficiency.

5.3 Specialized Domain Datasets

```
def load_domain_specific_datasets(self):
    """Load and integrate domain-specific datasets."""
    domains = {
        "math": "datasets/math_problems.jsonl",
        "code": "datasets/coding_tasks.jsonl",
        "conversation": "datasets/companion_dialogues.jsonl",
        "emotional": "datasets/emotional_responses.jsonl"
    }
```

```
        self.domain_datasets = {}
        for domain, path in domains.items():
            if os.path.exists(path):
                with open(path, 'r') as f:
                    self.domain_datasets[domain] = [json.loads(line) for line in f]
                print(f"Loaded {len(self.domain_datasets[domain])} examples for {domain}
domain")

        # Create domain-specific sampling weights
        total_samples = sum(len(dataset) for dataset in self.domain_datasets.values())
        self.domain_weights = {
            domain: len(dataset) / total_samples
            for domain, dataset in self.domain_datasets.items()
        }

        # Adjust weights to emphasize companion aspects
        if "conversation" in self.domain_weights:
            self.domain_weights["conversation"] *= 1.5
        if "emotional" in self.domain_weights:
            self.domain_weights["emotional"] *= 1.5

        # Normalize weights
        weight_sum = sum(self.domain_weights.values())
        self.domain_weights = {
            domain: weight / weight_sum
            for domain, weight in self.domain_weights.items()
        }
```

Rationale: Domain-specific datasets with weighted sampling will improve BitZero's capabilities in targeted areas, particularly companion-related interactions.

6. Alignment with Companion AI Vision

Current Implementation Strengths

- Local memory storage for privacy
- Persistent conversation history
- Memory extraction for personalization
- Self-learning through reinforcement

Recommendations

6.1 Emotional Intelligence Framework

```
class EmotionalIntelligence:
    """Framework for emotional intelligence capabilities."""

    def __init__(self, memory_manager):
        self.memory_manager = memory_manager
        self.emotion_categories = [
            "joy", "sadness", "anger", "fear", "surprise",
            "disgust", "trust", "anticipation"
        ]

    def detect_user_emotion(self, text):
        """Detect emotional content in user input."""
        # Simple keyword-based emotion detection
        emotion_keywords = {
            "joy": ["happy", "glad", "excited", "pleased", "delighted", "joy"],
            "sadness": ["sad", "unhappy", "depressed", "down", "blue", "upset"],
            "anger": ["angry", "mad", "furious", "annoyed", "irritated"],
            "fear": ["afraid", "scared", "worried", "anxious", "nervous"],
            "surprise": ["surprised", "amazed", "astonished", "shocked"],
            "disgust": ["disgusted", "repulsed", "revolted"],
            "trust": ["trust", "believe", "rely", "depend"],
            "anticipation": ["looking forward", "excited about", "can't wait"]
        }

        detected_emotions = {}
        for emotion, keywords in emotion_keywords.items():
            score = 0
            for keyword in keywords:
                if keyword in text.lower():
                    score += 1
            if score > 0:
                detected_emotions[emotion] = score

        return detected_emotions

    def generate_empathetic_response(self, user_input, detected_emotions):
        """Generate response with appropriate emotional tone."""
        if not detected_emotions:
            return None  # No emotional content detected

        # Find dominant emotion
        dominant_emotion = max(detected_emotions.items(), key=lambda x: x[1])[0]

        # Retrieve appropriate response templates
        response_templates = {
            "joy": [
                "I'm glad to hear that you're feeling {emotion}!",
```

```
            "That's wonderful! I'm happy for you.",
            "It's great to see you in such good spirits."
        ],
        "sadness": [
            "I'm sorry to hear that you're feeling {emotion}.",
            "That sounds difficult. I'm here if you want to talk about it.",
            "I understand that can be hard. How can I help?"
        ],
        # Add templates for other emotions...
    }

    templates = response_templates.get(dominant_emotion, [
        "I notice you're feeling {emotion}.",
        "Thank you for sharing how you feel."
    ])

    # Select and format template
    response = random.choice(templates).format(emotion=dominant_emotion)

    # Store emotion in memory
    self.memory_manager.store_memory(
        category="user_emotion",
        content=f"User expressed {dominant_emotion}",
        importance=0.7,
        metadata={"emotion": dominant_emotion, "intensity":
detected_emotions[dominant_emotion]}
    )

    return response
```

Rationale: An emotional intelligence framework will enhance BitZero's ability to recognize, respond to, and remember user emotions, strengthening the companion relationship.

6.2 Personalization Feedback Loop

```
def personalization_feedback_loop(self, user_id, conversation_id, model_response,
user_feedback=None):
    """Implement a feedback loop for continuous personalization."""
    # Record interaction
    interaction_data = {
        "user_id": user_id,
        "conversation_id": conversation_id,
        "model_response": model_response,
        "timestamp": datetime.datetime.now().isoformat(),
        "explicit_feedback": user_feedback
    }

    # Store in database
    self.store_interaction_feedback(interaction_data)
```

```
    # If explicit feedback provided, use it for immediate learning
    if user_feedback is not None:
        feedback_score = user_feedback.get("score", 0)
        feedback_text = user_feedback.get("text", "")

        # Update model weights based on feedback
        if feedback_score > 0:
            # Positive feedback: reinforce this behavior
            self.apply_positive_reinforcement(model_response)
        elif feedback_score < 0:
            # Negative feedback: learn to avoid this behavior
            self.apply_negative_reinforcement(model_response, feedback_text)

    # Periodically analyze feedback patterns for long-term adaptation
    if self.should_run_adaptation_cycle():
        self.adapt_model_from_feedback_history(user_id)
```

Rationale: A personalization feedback loop will enable BitZero to continuously adapt to user preferences and improve its companion capabilities over time.

6.3 Privacy-Preserving Architecture

```
class PrivacyManager:
    """Manage privacy settings and data handling."""

    def __init__(self, memory_manager):
        self.memory_manager = memory_manager
        self.privacy_settings = {
            "store_conversations": True,
            "extract_personal_info": True,
            "share_data": False,
            "retention_period_days": 365
        }

    def load_user_privacy_settings(self, user_id):
        """Load user-specific privacy settings."""
        settings = self.memory_manager.get_preference(f"{user_id}_privacy_settings")
        if settings:
            self.privacy_settings.update(settings)

    def should_store_conversation(self, conversation_data):
        """Check if conversation should be stored based on privacy settings."""
        return self.privacy_settings["store_conversations"]

    def should_extract_info(self):
        """Check if personal information should be extracted."""
        return self.privacy_settings["extract_personal_info"]

    def apply_data_retention_policy(self):
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```
        """Apply data retention policy to remove old data."""
        if self.privacy_settings["retention_period_days"] > 0:
            cutoff_date = datetime.datetime.now() - datetime.timedelta(
                days=self.privacy_settings["retention_period_days"]
            )

            # Delete old conversations
            self.memory_manager.delete_old_conversations(cutoff_date)

            # Delete old memories
            self.memory_manager.delete_old_memories(cutoff_date)
```

Rationale: A privacy-preserving architecture will ensure user data is handled responsibly, building trust in the companion relationship while maintaining personalization capabilities.

Implementation Roadmap

To implement these recommendations effectively, I suggest the following prioritized roadmap:

1. **Immediate Optimizations** (1-2 days)
2. Implement STE enhancement in BitQuantizer
3. Add vocabulary expansion for emotional expression
4. Configure learning rate scheduling
5. **Short-term Improvements** (3-7 days)
6. Implement semantic memory retrieval
7. Add progressive batch size scaling
8. Develop emotional intelligence framework
9. **Medium-term Enhancements** (1-2 weeks)
10. Implement PPO for reinforcement learning
11. Add knowledge distillation capabilities
12. Develop personalization feedback loop
13. **Long-term Development** (2-4 weeks)
14. Implement subword tokenization
15. Add memory consolidation
16. Develop privacy-preserving architecture

Conclusion

BitZero demonstrates strong foundations as a self-learning companion AI, successfully integrating BitNet's efficiency with Absolute Zero Reasoning's self-improvement capabilities. The recommendations in this document aim to enhance its performance, efficiency, and alignment with your companion AI vision.

By implementing these optimizations, BitZero can evolve into a more responsive, emotionally intelligent, and personalized companion while maintaining its computational efficiency and privacy-preserving design.