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Q-SHIFT DIFFERENCE-DIFFERENTIAL POLYNOMIALS OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS SHARING A SMALL FUNCTION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we deal with the uniqueness problem of q-shift difference-differential polynomials $F = (P(f) \prod_{j=1}^{d} (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^k$ and $G = (P(g) \prod_{j=1}^{d} (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^k$ where P(z) is a polynomial with constant coefficients of degree *n* sharing small function. The results of this paper are an extension of the previous theorems given by N. V. Thin[7].

1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

In what follows by a meromorphic function we mean that the function has poles as its singularities only in the complex plane \mathbb{C} , we assume that the reader is familier with standard notations such as T(r, f), m(r, f), N(r, f)([4], [10], [9]) and S(r, f) denotes any quantity that satisfies the condition S(r, f) = o(T(r, f)) as $r \to \infty$ outside of a possible exceptional set of finite linear measure. A meromorphic function $a(z) \neq 0, \infty$ de?ned in \mathbb{C} is called a small function with respect to f if T(r, a(z)) = S(r, f). Let f and g be two non-constant meromorphic functions in the complex plane \mathbb{C} . We say that f, g share a counted multiplicities (CM) if f-a, g-a have the same zeros with the same multiplicities and we say that f, g share a ignoring multiplicities (IM) if we do not consider the multiplicities, where a is a small function of f and g. Let a be a finite complex number, and k a positive integer. We denote by $N_{(k}(r, a, f)$ the counting function for zeros of f - awith multiplicities at least k, and by $\overline{N}_{(k}(r, a, f)$ the one for which multiplicity is not counted. Similarly, we denote by $N_{k}(r, a, f)$ the counting function for zeros of f-a with multiplicities at most k, and by $N_{k}(r, a, f)$ the one for which multiplicity is not counted. Then

$$N_{\left(k\right.}\left(r,a,f\right)=\overline{N}_{\left(1\right.}\left(r,a,f\right)+\overline{N}_{\left(2\right.}\left(r,a,f\right)+\ldots+\overline{N}_{\left(k\right.}\left(r,a,f\right).$$

We denote and define order of f(z) by

$$\rho(f) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \sup \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r}$$

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If a non-constant meromorphic function f(z) is of zero order, then $\rho(f) = 0$.

In 2015, Zhao and Zhang[12] proved the following results.

Theorem A. [12] Let f(z) and g(z) be transcendental entire functions of zero order and let n, k be positive integers. If n > 2k + 5, then $(f^n f(qz + c))^{(k)}$ and $(g^n g(qz + c))^{(k)}$ share z or 1 CM, then f = tg for a constant t with $t^{n+1} = 1$.

Theorem B. [12] Let f(z) and g(z) be transcendental entire functions of zero order and let n, k be positive integers. If n > 5k + 11, then $(f^n f(qz+c))^{(k)}$ and $(g^n g(qz+c))^{(k)}$ share z or 1 IM, then f = tg for a constant t with $t^{n+1} = 1$.

In 2017, Thin[7] proved the following theorems for meromorphic functions.

Theorem C. [7] Let f(z) and g(z) be transcendental meromorphic (resp. entire) functions of zero order, q and c be a complex constants, $q \neq 0$, k be a positive integer, $a(z) \neq 0$ be a meromorphic (resp. entire) small function and let $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ be a nonconstant polynomial with constant coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n (\neq 0)$ and m be the number of the distinct zeros of P(z). If $n \geq 2m(K+1) + 2k + 6$ (resp. $n \geq 2m(k+1) + 4$) and $(P(f(z))f(qz+c))^{(k)}$ and $(P(g(z))g(qz+c))^{(k)}$ share $a(z), \infty$ - CM, then one of the following two results holds:

(1) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t such that $t^d = 1$, where $d = LCM(\lambda_j, j = 0, 1, 2, ..., n)$ denotes the lowest common multiple of $\lambda_j (j = 0, 1, 2, ..., n)$, and

$$\lambda_j = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } a_j \neq 0\\ n+1 & \text{if } a_j = 0, \end{cases}$$

(2) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = P(w_1)w_1(qz+c) - P(w_2)w_2(qz+c).$$

Theorem D. [7] Let f(z) and g(z) be transcendental meromorphic functions of zero order, q and c be a complex constants, $q \neq 0$, k be a positive integer, $a(z) \not\equiv 0$ be a meromorphic (resp. entire) small function and let $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} \dots + a_1 z +$ a_0 be a nonconstant polynomial with constant coefficients $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n (\neq 0)$ and m be the distinct zeros of P(z). If $n \geq 2m(K+2) + 3m(k+1) + 8k + 21$ and $(P(f(z))f(qz+c))^{(k)}$ and $(P(g(z))g(qz+c))^{(k)}$ share a(z) - IM, then one of the following two results holds:

(1) $(P(f)f(qz+c))^{(k)}(P(g)g(qz+c))^{(k)} \equiv a^2$,

(2) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t such that $t^d = 1$, where $d = LCM(\lambda_j, j = 0, 1, 2, ..., n)$ denotes the lowest common multiple of $\lambda_j (j = 0, 1, 2, ..., n)$, and

$$\lambda_j = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } a_j \neq 0\\ n+1 & \text{if } a_j = 0, \end{cases}$$

(3) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f,g) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = P(w_1)w_1(qz+c) - P(w_2)w_2(qz+c).$$

In this paper, we replace the term f(qz + c) and g(qz + c) in Theorem C and Theorem D and obtained the following results.

Theorem 1.1. Let f(z) and g(z) be two transcendental meromorphic(resp. entire) functions of zero order, q_j and c_j are complex constants, $q_j \neq 0$ (j = 1 to d), k, n, m are positive integers. Let $a(z) \neq 0$ be a small function, let $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ be a non-constant polynomial with constant coefficient $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n \neq 0$ and m is the number of distinct zeros of P(z). If $n > 2m(k+1)+2\lambda + (k+1)(d+1) + d$ (resp. $n \geq 2m(k+1)+4\lambda$) and $(P(f(z)) \prod_{j=1}^d (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ and $(P(g(z)) \prod_{j=1}^d (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ share $a(z), \infty$ CM then one of the following two cases holds:

(1) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t such that $t^{l} = 1$, where $l = GCD(\lambda + \gamma_{0}, \lambda + \gamma_{1}, ..., \lambda + \gamma_{n})$, and

$$\gamma_j = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } a_j \neq 0, \\ n+1 & \text{if } a_j = 0, \end{cases}$$

(2) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = P(w_1) \prod_{j=1}^d w_1 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - P(w_2) \prod_{j=1}^d w_2 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

Remark 1.1. In Theorem 1.1, if we take $\lambda = d = 1$ then $\prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} = f(qz+c)$ and we get n > 2m(k+1) + 2k + 5 (resp. $n \ge 2m(k+1) + 4$) and hence Theorem 1.1 reduces to Theorem C.

Example 1.1. Let $P(z) = (z-1)^6(z+1)^6 z^{11}$, f(z) = sin(z), g(z) = cos(z). Take $d = 1 = q, c = 2\pi, k = 0$ then it is easy to verify that, $(P(f(z)) \prod_{j=1}^d (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ and $(P(g(z)) \prod_{j=1}^d (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ share $a(z), \infty$ CM. Here f and g satisify the algebraic equation R(f, g) = 0,

i.e.,
$$P(f) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - P(g) \prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} = 0$$

Theorem 1.2. Let f(z) and g(z) be two transcendental meromorphic functions of zero order, q_j and c_j are complex constants, $q_j \neq 0$ for all j = 1 to d, k, n, m are positive integers. Let $a(z) \neq 0$ be a small function, let $P(z) = a_n z^n + a_{n-1} z^{n-1} \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ be a non-constant polynomial with constant coefficient $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n \neq 0$ and m is the number of distinct zeros of P(z).

If $n > 2m(k+2)+3m(k+1)+4k(d+1)+8d+5\lambda+7$ and $(P(f(z))\prod_{j=1}^{d} (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ and $(P(g(z))\prod_{j=1}^{d} (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ share a(z) IM then one of the following two cases holds:

- (1) $(P(f(z))\prod_{j=1}^{d} (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)} . (P(g(z))\prod_{j=1}^{d} (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)} \equiv a(z)^2,$
- (2) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t such that $t^{l} = 1$, where $l = GCD(\lambda + \gamma_{0}, \lambda + \gamma_{1}, ..., \lambda + \gamma_{n})$, and

$$\gamma_j = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } a_j \neq 0, \\ n+1 & \text{if } a_j = 0, \end{cases}$$

(3) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = P(w_1) \prod_{j=1}^d w_1 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - P(w_2) \prod_{j=1}^d w_2 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

Remark 1.2. In Theorem 1.2, if we take $\lambda = d = 1$ then $\prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} = f(qz+c)$, and we get n > 2m(k+2) + 3m(k+1) + 8k + 20, our results coincides with Theorem D.

As a particular case of the above theorems, we deduce the following corollaries.

Corollary 1.1. Let f(z) and g(z) be two transcendental meromorphic functions of zero order such that $q_j \neq 0$ for all j = 1 to d, where q_j and c_j are distinct nonzero complex constants. Let $\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{d} v_j$, k, n are positive integers, $a(z) \neq 0$ be a small function of f(z) and g(z), and α a complex constant. If $n > 3k + d(k+2) + 2\lambda + 3$ and $((f - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^{d} (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ and $((g - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^{d} (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ share $a(z), \infty$ CM then one of the following two cases holds:

- (1) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t with $t^{n+\lambda} = 1$,
- (2) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^d w_1 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - (w_2 - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^d w_2 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

Corollary 1.2. Let f(z) and g(z) be two transcendental meromorphic functions of zero order such that $q_j \neq 0$ for all j = 1 to d, where q_j and c_j are distinct non zero complex constants. Let $\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{d} v_j$, k, n are positive integers, $a(z) \neq 0$ be a small function of f(z) and g(z), and α a complex constant. If $n > 9k + 4d(k+2) + 5\lambda + 11$ and $((f - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^{d} (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ and $((g - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^{d} (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}$ share a(z) IM then one of the following two cases holds:

(1)
$$((f - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^d (f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)} \cdot ((g - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^d (g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)} \equiv a^2,$$

- (2) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t with $t^{n+\lambda} = 1$,
- (3) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = (w_1 - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^d w_1 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - (w_2 - \alpha)^n \prod_{j=1}^d w_2 (q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

2. Some Preliminary Results

To prove our theorems we require the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. [5]. Let f(z) be a nonconstant zero order meromorphic function and let q, c be a nonzero complex number. Then on a set of logarithmic density 1, we have

$$m\left(r, \frac{f(qz+c)}{f(z)}\right) = S(r, f).$$

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Lemma 2.2. [8]. Let f(z) be a nonconstant meromorphic function of zero order and let q, c be two nonzero complex constants. Then on a set of logarithmic density 1, we have

$$N(r, f(qz+c)) = N(r, f) + S(r, f),$$

$$N\left(r, \frac{1}{f(qz+c)}\right) = N(r, \frac{1}{f}) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.3. [8]. Let f(z) be a nonconstant meromorphic function of zero order and let q, c be two nonzero complex constants. Then on a set of logarithmic density 1, we have

$$T(r, f(qz+c)) = T(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.4. [10]. Let f(z) be a nonconstant meromorphic function, then

$$T(r, P_n(f)) = T(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.5. [6]. Let f(z) be a nonconstant meromorphic function, and let p, k be a positive integers. Then

$$N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right) \le T\left(r,f^{(k)}\right) - T(r,f) + N_{p+k}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r,f),$$
$$N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right) \le N_{p+k}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + k\overline{N}\left(r,f\right) + S(r,f).$$

Lemma 2.6. [11]. Let f(z) and g(z) be a nonconstant meromorphic functions and let $a(z) (\neq 0, \infty)$ be a small function of f(z) and g(z). If f(z) and g(z) share a(z) IM, then one of the following three cases holds:

 $\begin{array}{l} (1) \ T\left(r,f\right) \leq N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + N_2(r,f) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{g}\right) + N_2(r,g) + 2\left(\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + \overline{N}(r,f)\right) + \\ \left(\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{g}\right) + \overline{N}(r,g)\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g), \ and \ similar \ inequality \ holds \ for \ T(r,g), \\ (2) \ fg \equiv 1, \\ (3) \ f \equiv g. \end{array}$

Lemma 2.7. Let f(z) be a transcendental meromorphic function of zero order and $F = P(z) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$, $q_j \neq 0$, $c_j \quad (j = 1 \text{ to } d)$ are complex constants, n, d be a positive integers. Then

$$(n-d)T(r,f) + S(r,f) \le T(r,F).$$

Proof. From first fundamental theorem, lemma 2.4 and lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{split} (n+1)T\left(r,f\right) &= T\left(r,f(z)P(f)\right) + S(r,f) \leq T\left(r,\frac{f(z)F}{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}\right) + S(r,f),\\ &\leq T\left(r,F\right) + T\left(r,\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{f(z)}\right) + S(r,f),\\ &\leq T\left(r,F\right) + m\left(r,\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{f(z)}\right) + N\left(r,\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{f(z)}\right) + S(r,f),\\ &\leq T\left(r,F\right) + (d+1)T\left(r,f\right) + S(r,f), \end{split}$$

 $\therefore (n-d)T(r,f) + s(r,f) \le T(r,F)$ on a set of logarithmic density 1. \Box

Lemma 2.8. Let f(z) be a transcendental entire function of zero order and $F(z) = P(z) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$, where P(z) is polynomial of degree n and $q_j (\not\equiv 0)$, c_j (j = 1 to d) are complex constants, n, d be a positive integers. Then

$$nT(r, f) + S(r, f) \le T(r, F)$$

Proof. From first fundamental theorem, lemma 2.4 and lemma2.1, we obtain

$$\begin{split} (n+1)T\left(r,f\right) &= T\left(r,f(z)P(f)\right) + S(r,f) \leq T\left(r,\frac{f(z)F}{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}\right) + S(r,f), \\ &\leq T\left(r,F\right) + T\left(r,\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{f(z)}\right) + S(r,f), \\ &\leq T\left(r,F\right) + m\left(r,\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{f(z)}\right) + S(r,f), \\ &\leq T\left(r,F\right) + T\left(r,f\right) + S(r,f), \end{split}$$

 $\therefore nT(r, f) + S(r, f) \le T(r, F)$ on a set of logarithmic density 1.

3. Proof Of The Theorems

3.1. Proof of Theorem 1.1.

Proof. Let $F(z) = P(f) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$ and $F(z)^{(k)} = (P(f) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}$ and $G(z) = P(g) \prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$ and $G(z)^{(k)} = (P(g) \prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}$. Since $F^k(z)$ and $G^{(k)}(z)$ share $a(z), \infty$ CM, there exist a nonzero constant A such that

$$\frac{(P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}})^{(k)}/a(z)-1}{(P(g)\prod_{j=1}^{d}g(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}})^{(k)}/a(z)-1} = A,$$
(1)

and we get

$$(P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)} - a(z)(1 - A) = A(P(g)\prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}.$$

Now, we prove that A = 1, let on contrary A = 1. Using the Second fundamental theorem and by Lemma 2.5, we get

$$\begin{split} T\left(r,F^{(k)}\right) &\leq \overline{N}\left(r,F^{(k)}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F^{(k)}}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F^{(k)} - \frac{a}{1-A}}\right) + S(r,f), \\ &\leq \overline{N}\left(r,F\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F^{(k)}}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{G^{(k)}}\right) + S(r,f), \\ &\leq \overline{N}\left(r,F\right) + T\left(r,F^{(k)}\right) - T(r,F) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + k\overline{N}\left(r,G\right) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g), \end{split}$$

which implies

$$T(r,F) \leq \overline{N}(r,F) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + k\overline{N}(r,G) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g),$$

$$\leq [m(k+1) + \lambda + d + 1]T(r,f) + [m(k+1) + k(1+d) + \lambda]T(r,g) + S(r,f) + S(r,g)$$

HARINA P. WAGHAMORE, MANJUNATH B. E. JFCA-2022/13(2) 206 $(n-d)T(r,f) \le [m(k+1) + \lambda + d + 1]T(r,f) + [k(d+1) + m(k+1) + \lambda]T(r,g)$ +S(r,f)+S(r,g).

(2)

Similarly, we get

$$(n-d)T(r,g) \leq [m(k+1) + \lambda + d + 1]T(r,g) + [k(d+1) + m(k+1) + \lambda]T(r,f) + S(r,f) + S(r,g).$$
(3)

From 2 and 3, we get

$$\begin{split} (n-d) \left[T(r,f) + T(r,g) \right] &\leq \left[2m(k+1) + 2\lambda + (d+1)(k+1) \right] \left(T(r,f) + T\left(r,g\right) \right) \\ &+ S(r,f) + S(r,g), \end{split}$$

i.e., $[n - 2m(k+1) + 2\lambda + (d+1)(k+1) + d](T(r, f) + T(r, g)) \le S(r, f) + S(r, g),$

this is contradiction to $n > 2m(k+1) + 2\lambda + (d+1)(k+1) + d$. Thus, we get A = 1. Hence from 1, we have

$$(P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)} = (P(g)\prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)},$$

and we get

$$P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} = P(g)\prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} + \beta(z),$$
(4)

where $\beta(z)$ is a polynomial of degree at most k-1. Suppose $\beta(z) \neq 0$, then we get

$$\frac{P(f)\prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}}{\beta(z)} = \frac{P(g)\prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}}{\beta(z)} + 1$$

Therefore from Lemma 2.7, and the second fundamental theorem, we have

$$\begin{split} (n-d)T(r,f) &\leq T\left(r,\frac{P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{\beta(z)}\right) + S(r,f),\\ &\leq \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}{\beta(z)}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{\beta(z)}{P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d}f(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}\right)\\ &+ \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{\beta(z)}{P(g)\prod_{j=1}^{d}g(q_{j}z+c_{j})^{v_{j}}}\right) + S(r,f),\\ &\leq \overline{N}\left(r,f\right) + dT(r,f) + mT(r,f) + \lambda T(r,f) + mT(r,g) + \lambda T(r,g) + S(r,f), \end{split}$$

 $(n-d)T(r,f) \le [m+\lambda+d+1]T(r,f) + [m+\lambda]T(r,g) + S(r,f)$ (5)Similarly,

$$(n-d)T(r,g) \le [m+\lambda+d+1]T(r,g) + [m+\lambda]T(r,f) + S(r,f)$$
(6)

From 5 and 6, we obtain

$$[n - 2(m + \lambda) - 2d - 1] (T(r, f) + T(r, g)) \le S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

This is a contradiction to $n > 2m(k+1)+2\lambda+(k+1)(1+d)+d$. Therefore $\beta(z) \equiv 0$.

Hence 4 becomes

$$P(f)\prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} = P(g)\prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$$
(7)

That is

 $(a_n f^n + a_{n-1} f^{n-1} + ... + a_1 f + a_0) (\prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}) = (a_n g^n + a_{n-1} g^{n-1} + ... + a_1 g + a_0) (\prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}),$

let $h = \frac{f}{q}$, we consider the following cases

Case 1. If h(z) is a constant then substituting f(z) = h(z)g(z) in 7, we have $(a_n(gh)^n + a_{n-1}(gh)^{n-1} + ... + a_1(gh) + a_0)(\prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}) = (a_n g^n + a_{n-1}g^{n-1} + ... + a_1g + a_0)(\prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}),$

$$\prod_{j=1}^{a} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} \left[a_n g^n \left(h^{n+\lambda} - 1 \right) + a_{n-1} g^{n-1} \left(h^{n+\lambda-1} - 1 \right) + \dots + a_0 \left(h^{\lambda} - 1 \right) \right] = 0$$
(8)

Where a_n is a non-zero complex constant and $\prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} \neq 0$, Since g(z) is non-constant meromorphic function, then from 8

$$a_n g^n \left(h^{n+\lambda} - 1 \right) + a_{n-1} g^{n-1} \left(h^{n+\lambda-1} - 1 \right) + \dots + a_0 \left(h^\lambda - 1 \right) = 0 \tag{9}$$

If $a_n \neq 0$ and $a_{n-1} = a_{n-2} = \dots = a_1 = a_0 = 0$ then from 9 and g is non-constant meromorphic function, we get $h^{n+\lambda} - 1 = 0$ implies $h^{n+\lambda} = 1$

If $a_n \neq 0$ and there exist $a_i \neq 0$ $[i \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., n-1\}]$. Suppose that $h^{n+\lambda} \neq 1$, from 9, we have T(r,g) = S(r,g).

Which is contradiction with transcendental function g.

Then $h^{n+\lambda} = 1$, similar to this discussion we can see that $h^{n+\lambda} = 1$, where $a_j \neq 0$, for some j = 0, 1, 2...n.

Thus we have f(z) = tg(z), for a constant t such that $t^{l} = 1$, where $l = GCD(\lambda + \gamma_{0}, \lambda + \gamma_{1}, ..., \lambda + \gamma_{n})$

$$\gamma_j = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } a_j \neq 0, \\ n+1 & \text{if } a_j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Case 2. Suppose h(z) is not constant, then f(z) and g(z) satisifies the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = P(w_1) \prod_{j=1}^d w_1(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - P(w_2) \prod_{j=1}^d w_2(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

Note that, when f(z) and g(z) are transcendental entire functions, we have N(r, F) = 0 = N(r, G). By computing similarly to the case of meromorphic functions, we easily obtain the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 with $n \ge 2m(k+1) + 4\lambda$. \Box

3.2. Proof of Corollary 1.1.

Proof. By considering $P(f) = (f - \alpha)^n$ and proceeding as in the lines of proof of Theorem 1.1 we get the proof of Corollary.

3.3. Proof of the Theorem 1.2.

Proof. Let $F(z) = P(f) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$ and $F(z)^{(k)} = (P(f) \prod_{j=1}^{d} f(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}$ and $G(z) = P(g) \prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}$ and $G(z)^{(k)} = (P(g) \prod_{j=1}^{d} g(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}$. Since $F^k(z)$ and $G^{(k)}(z)$ share a(z) IM. If (1) of lemma 2.6 holds, then using the lemma 2.7, we obtain

$$T\left(r,F^{(k)}\right) \leq N_{2}\left(r,\frac{1}{F^{(k)}}\right) + N_{2}(r,F^{(k)}) + N_{2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G^{(k)}}\right) + N_{2}(r,G^{(k)}) \\ + 2\left(\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F^{(k)}}\right) + \overline{N}(r,F^{(k)})\right) + \left(\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{G^{(k)}}\right) + \overline{N}(r,G^{(k)})\right) \\ + S(r,G) + S(r,F), \\ \leq N_{2}(r,F^{(k)}) + T\left(r,F^{(k)}\right) - T(r,F) + N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) \\ + k\overline{N}(r,G) + N_{2}(r,G^{(k)}) + 2\left(N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + k\overline{N}(r,F) + \overline{N}\left(r,F^{(k)}\right)\right) \\ + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + k\overline{N}(r,G) + \overline{N}\left(r,G^{(k)}\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g),$$

Therefore,

$$T(r,F) \leq 2\overline{N}(r,F) + N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + (2k+3)\overline{N}(r,G) + 2N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + (2k+2)\overline{N}(r,F) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g). T(r,F) \leq (2k+4)\overline{N}(r,F) + N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + 2N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + (2k+3)\overline{N}(r,G) N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g).$$
(10)

Similarly,

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$$T(r,G) \leq (2k+4)\overline{N}(r,G) + N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + 2N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + (2k+3)\overline{N}(r,F)$$
$$N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + S(r,f) + S(r,g).$$

$$(11)$$

We have

$$\overline{N}(r,F) \le (1+d)T(r,f) + S(r,f).$$
(12)

$$N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) \le \left[m(k+2) + \lambda\right] T(r,f) + S(r,f).$$
(13)

$$N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) \le [m(k+1)+\lambda] T(r,f) + S(r,f).$$
(14)

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Similarly,

$$\overline{N}(r,G) \le (1+d)T(r,g) + S(r,g). \tag{15}$$

$$N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) \le [m(k+2)+\lambda]T(r,g) + S(r,g).$$
(16)

$$N_{k+1}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) \le \left[m(k+1)+\lambda\right]T(r,g) + S(r,g).$$

$$(17)$$

Substituting 12-17 in 10, we get

$$T(r,F) \leq (2k+4)(1+d)T(r,f) + (m(k+2)+\lambda)T(r,f) + 2(m(k+1)+\lambda)T(r,f) + (2k+3)(1+d)T(r,g) + (m(k+2)+\lambda)T(r,g) + (m(k+1)+\lambda)T(r,g) + S(r,f) + S(r,g),$$

$$(n-d)T(r,f) \leq [(2k+4)(1+d) + m(k+2) + 2m(k+1) + 3\lambda]T(r,f) + [(2k+3)(1+d) + m(k+2) + m(k+1) + 2\lambda]T(r,g)$$
(18)
$$+ S(r,f) + S(r,g),$$

Similarly,

Thus

$$(n-d)T(r,g) \leq \left[(2k+4)(1+d) + m(k+2) + 2m(k+1) + 3\lambda\right]T(r,g) + \left[(2k+3)(1+d) + m(k+2) + m(k+1) + 2\lambda\right]T(r,f) + S(r,f) + S(r,g),$$
(19)

From 18 and 19, we obtain

$$(n-d) [T(r,f) + T(r,g)] \le [(4k+7)(1+d) + 2m(k+2) + 3m(k+1) + 5\lambda] (T(r,f) + T(r,g)) + S(r,f) + S(r,g).$$

Which is contradiction to

$$n > 2m(k+2) + 3m(k+1) + 4k(1+d) + 8d + 5\lambda + 7.$$
by Lemma 2.6, we have $F^{(k)}(z).G^{(k)}(z) \equiv a^2(z)$ or $F^{(k)}(z) \equiv G^{(k)}(z)$

Case 1. Suppose
$$F^{(k)}(z).G^{(k)}(z) \equiv a^2(z)$$
, that is $(P(f(z))\prod_{j=1}^d (f(q_jz+c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)}.(P(g(z))\prod_{j=1}^d (g(q_jz+c_j)^{v_j}))^{(k)} \equiv a(z)^2.$

This is one of the conclusion of Theorem.

Case 2. Now we consider $F^{(k)}(z) \equiv G^{(k)}(z)$. By an argument as in theorem 1.1, we obtain that f(z) and g(z) satisfy one of the following two statement:

(1) f(z) = tg(z) for a constant t with $t^l = 1$, where $l = GCD(\lambda + \gamma_0, \lambda + \gamma_1, ..., \lambda + \gamma_n)$, and

$$\gamma_j = \begin{cases} j+1 & \text{if } a_j \neq 0, \\ n+1 & \text{if } a_j = 0, \end{cases}$$

(2) f(z) and g(z) satisfy the algebraic equation R(f(z), g(z)) = 0, where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = P(w_1) \prod_{j=1}^d w_1(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j} - P(w_2) \prod_{j=1}^d w_2(q_j z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

3.4. Proof of Corollary 1.2.

Proof. By considering $P(f) = (f - \alpha)^n$ and proceeding as in the lines of proof of Theorem 1.2 we get the proof of Corollary.

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