

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

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ABSTRACT. In this article, with the notion of weighted sharing we study the uniqueness problems of q-shift difference-differential polynomials of meromorphic functions sharing a small function  $a(z)$  with weight  $l$ . Our result improves and generalizes a recent result of Renukadevi S. Dyavanal and Ashwini M. Hat-tikal.

1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function in the whole complex plane. We shall use the following standard notations of the value distribution theory:  $T(r, f)$ ,  $N(r, f)$ ,  $\bar{N}(r, f)$ ,  $m(r, f)$ , (see [17]). The notation  $S(r, f)$  is defined to be any quantity satisfying  $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty, r \notin E$ , where  $E$  is a set of positive real number of finite linear measure, not necessarily the same at each occurrence. A meromorphic function  $a(z)$  is called a small function with respect to  $f(z)$  provided that  $T(r, a) = S(r, f)$ . Suppose that  $f(z) - a(z)$  and  $g(z) - a(z)$  have the same zeros with same counting multiplicities (ignoring multiplicities), then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a(z)$  CM(IM).

**Definition 1.**[13] Let  $k$  be a non-negative integer or infinity. For  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , we denote by  $E_k(a, f)$  the set of all  $a$ -points of  $f$ , where an  $a$ -point of multiplicity  $m$  is counted  $m$  times if  $m \leq k$  and  $k + 1$  times if  $m > k$ . If  $E_k(a, f) = E_k(a, g)$ , then we say that  $f, g$  share the value  $a$  with weight  $k$ .

The definition implies that if  $f, g$  share a value  $a$  with weight  $k$ , then  $z_0$  is a zero of  $f - a$  with multiplicity  $m(\leq k)$  if and only if it is a zero of  $g - a$  with multiplicity  $m(\leq k)$ ; and  $z_0$  is a zero of  $f - a$  with multiplicity  $m(> k)$  if and only if it is a zero of  $g - a$  with multiplicity  $n(> k)$ , where  $m$  is not necessarily equal to  $n$ .

We write  $f, g$  share  $(a, l)$  to mean that  $f, g$  share the value ' $a$ ' with weight  $l$ . Clearly if  $f, g$  share  $(a, l)$ , then  $f, g$  share  $(a, p)$  for all integer  $p, 0 \leq p < l$ . Also, we note that  $f, g$  share a value ' $a$ ' IM or CM, if and only if  $f, g$  share  $(a, 0)$  or

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$(a, \infty)$ , respectively.

**Definition 2.**[2] We denote and define order of  $f(z)$  by

$$\rho(f) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r}$$

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

Recently difference polynomials in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  become a subject of great interest among the researcher around the world. With the development of difference analogue of Nevanlinna theory [see [3], [4], [5], [6]], a large number of papers have focused on value distribution and uniqueness of difference polynomials.

In 2014, X.M.Li, H.X.Yi and W.L.Li [7] proved the following theorem on uniqueness of difference polynomials of meromorphic functions sharing a small function.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two transcendental meromorphic function of finite order, let  $\alpha \not\equiv 0$  be an entire function such that  $\rho(\alpha) < \rho(f)$ , let  $\eta$  be a non-zero complex number and let  $n$  and  $m$  be two positive integers such that  $n \geq m + 12$  and  $m \geq 2$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1)f(z + \eta) - \alpha(z)$  and  $g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1)g(z + \eta) - \alpha(z)$  share  $0, \infty$  CM. Then  $f(z) = tg(z)$ , where  $t$  is a constant satisfying  $t^m = 1$ .

Further, K.Y. Zhang and H.X.Yi [19] extended the result of X.M.Li, H.X.Yi and W.L.Li [7] and proved the theorem on uniqueness of product of differential-difference polynomials of entire functions as in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be transcendental entire functions of finite order,  $\alpha(z) \not\equiv 0$  be a common small function with respect to  $f$  and  $g$ ,  $c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) be distinct finite complex numbers and  $n, m, d$  and  $v_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) are non-negative integers. If  $n \geq 4k - m + \sigma + 9$  and the differential-difference polynomial  $(f^n(z)(f(z) - 1)^m \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}$  and  $(g^n(z)(g(z) - 1)^m \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j})^{(k)}$  share  $\alpha(z)$  CM, then  $f \equiv g$ .

In 2015, F.H.Liu and H.X.Yi [9] improved the previous results by considering uniqueness problems on product of difference polynomials of meromorphic functions.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be non-constant meromorphic functions satisfying  $\rho(f) < \infty, \rho(g) < \infty$ .  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  share  $\infty$  IM.  $\alpha(z) \not\equiv 0$  is an entire function satisfying  $\rho(\alpha) < \rho(f)$ .  $m, n, s, \mu_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ) are non-negative integers,  $\sigma = \sum_{j=1}^s \mu_j$ ,  $c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ) are non-zero complex constants.  $F(z) = f^n(f^m - 1) \prod_{j=1}^s f(z + c_j)^{\mu_j}$ ,  $G(z) = g^n(g^m - 1) \prod_{j=1}^s g(z + c_j)^{\mu_j}$  share  $\alpha, \infty$  CM. If  $n \geq m + 2s + 3\sigma + 7$  we get  $f(z) = tg(z)$ , where  $t$  is a constant satisfying  $t^m = 1$ .

Recently, R. S. Dyavanal and A. M. Hattikal [2] investigated the uniqueness of difference polynomials of meromorphic functions sharing a small function  $a(z)$  with counting multiplicity.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions of zero order and  $a(z)$  is a small function with respect to both  $f$  and  $g$ . Let  $n \geq m + 3\lambda + 2d + 7$  be a positive integer, where  $m, d, \lambda$  ( $= \sum_{j=1}^d s_j$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) are finite positive integers such that  $d < \lambda$ . Let  $q_j, c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) are distinct non-zero complex

constants. If

$$f^n(z)(f(z) - 1)^m \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}$$

and

$$g^n(z)(g(z) - 1)^m \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}$$

share  $a(z)$  CM,  $f$  and  $g$  share  $\infty$  IM, then

(1) if  $m \geq 2$ , then either  $f = tg$  for a constant  $t$  such that  $t^d = 1$  where  $d = \text{GCD}(n + m + \lambda, n + m + \lambda - 1, \dots, n + m + \lambda - i, \dots, n + \lambda)$  or  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the algebraic equation  $R(f, g) \equiv 0$ , where

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

(2) if  $m = 1$ , then  $f = tg$  for a constant  $t$  such that  $t^d = 1$  where  $d = \text{GCD}(n + \lambda, n + 1 + \lambda)$ .

In this paper, we define a  $q$ -shift difference product of meromorphic function  $f(z)$  as follows.

$$F(z) = (f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j})^{(k)} \quad (1)$$

$$F_1(z) = f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j} \quad (2)$$

where  $q_j, c_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) are distinct non-zero complex constants,  $n, d, k, \lambda, s_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, d$ ) be positive integers.  $\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^d s_j$ . Let  $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \dots + a_0$  is a non-zero polynomial of degree  $m$  and  $\Gamma_0 = m_1 + m_2$ , where  $m_1$  is the number of the simple zero of  $P(z)$  and  $m_2$  is the number of multiple zeros of  $P(z)$ .

Here, we used the idea of weighted sharing values to extend the above results for meromorphic functions.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions of zero order and  $a(z)$  is a small function with respect to both  $f$  and  $g$ . If  $F$  and  $G$  share  $(a(z), l)$ , where  $l, n$  are positive integers;  $f$  and  $g$  share  $\infty$  IM with the conditions of  $n$  as below

(i)  $n > 3k + 2\Gamma_0 - m + kd + \lambda + 3d + 7$ , when  $l \geq 2$

(ii)  $n > 4k + \frac{5\Gamma_0}{2} - m + \frac{3kd}{2} + \frac{3\lambda}{2} + \frac{7d}{2} + 8$ , when  $l = 1$

(iii)  $n > 9k + 5\Gamma_0 - m + 4kd + 4\lambda + 6d + 13$ , when  $l = 0$  then one of the following cases hold:

1)  $f \equiv tg$  for a constant  $t$  such that  $t^l = 1$ , where  $l = \text{GCD}\{n + \lambda_0 + \lambda, n + \lambda_1 + \lambda, \dots, n + \lambda_m + \lambda\}$  and

$$\lambda_i = \begin{cases} i, & a_i \neq 0 \\ m, & a_i = 0 \end{cases} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m.$$

2)  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the algebraic equation  $R(f, g) \equiv 0$ , where

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

**Remark 1.** When  $k = 0$  and  $\Gamma_0 = m_1 + m_2 = m$  in Theorem 5, then Theorem 5 improves and generalize Theorem 3 and Theorem 4.

**Remark 2.** When  $k = 0, \Gamma_0 = m_1 + m_2 = m, \lambda = 1$  and  $d = 1$  in Theorem 5, then Theorem 5 reduces to Theorem 1.

**Corollary.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-constant entire functions of zero order and  $a(z)$  is a small function with respect to both  $f$  and  $g$ . If  $F$  and  $G$  share  $(a(z), l)$ , where  $l, n$  are positive integers;  $f$  and  $g$  share  $\infty$  IM with the conditions of  $n$  as below

- (i)  $n \geq 2k - m + 2\Gamma_0 + \lambda + 5$ , when  $l \geq 2$
- (ii)  $n \geq \frac{5k}{2} + \frac{5\Gamma_0}{2} + \frac{3\lambda}{2} - m + \frac{11}{2}$ , when  $l = 1$
- (iii)  $n \geq 5k + 5\Gamma_0 + 4\lambda - m + 8$ , when  $l = 0$  then conclusion of Theorem 5 holds.

### 2. Some Lemmas

**Lemma 1.**[18] Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function, and  $a_n (\neq 0), a_{n-1}, \dots, a_0$  be small functions with respect to  $f$ . Then

$$T(r, a_n f^n + a_{n-1} f^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 f + a_0) = nT(r, f) + S(r, f)$$

**Lemma 2.**[16] Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function of zero order, and let  $c$  and  $q$  be two non-zero complex numbers. Then

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

on a set of logarithmic density 1.

**Lemma 3.**[8] Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function with zero order and  $c$  and  $q$  be two non-zero complex numbers. Then

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(r, \frac{1}{f(qz + c)}\right) &\leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{f(z)}\right) + S(r, f) & N(r, f(qz + c)) &\leq N(r, f) + S(r, f) \\ \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f(qz + c)}\right) &\leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{f(z)}\right) + S(r, f) & \bar{N}(r, f(qz + c)) &\leq N(r, f) + S(r, f) \end{aligned}$$

outside of a possible exceptional set  $E$  with finite logarithmic measure.

**Lemma 4.**[10] Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $p, k$  be positive integers. Then

$$N_p\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right) \leq T(r, f^{(k)}) - T(r, f) + N_{p+k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r, f), \tag{3}$$

$$N_p\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right) \leq k\bar{N}(r, f) + N_{p+k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r, f). \tag{4}$$

**Lemma 5.**[1] Let  $F, G$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 2), (\infty, 0)$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then

- (i)  $T(r, F) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) -$

$$m(r, 1; G) - N_E^{(3)}(r, 1; F) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G);$$

$$(ii) T(r, G) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) - m(r, 1; F) - N_E^{(3)}(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + S(r, F) + S(r, G).$$

**Lemma 6.**[12] Let  $F, G$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(\infty, 0)$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then

$$(i) T(r, F) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \frac{3}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G);$$

$$(ii) T(r, G) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \frac{3}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G).$$

**Lemma 7.**[12] Let  $F, G$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 0)$ ,  $(\infty, 0)$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then

$$(i) T(r, F) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G);$$

$$(ii) T(r, F) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G).$$

**Lemma 8.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions, let  $n, k$  be two positive integers with  $n > k + \Gamma_0 - m + 2\lambda + d + 2$  and  $a(z) (\neq 0, \infty)$  be a small function with respect to  $f$  and  $g$  and let  $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ , where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m$  are complex constants. If

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

$f$  and  $g$  share  $\infty$  IM, then  $P(z)$  is reduced to a nonzero monomial, that is  $P(z) = a_i z^i \neq 0$  for some  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

**Proof.** If  $P(z)$  is not reduced to a nonzero monomial, then without loss of generality, we assume that  $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$ , where  $a_0 (\neq 0), a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m (\neq 0)$  are complex constants. By hypothesis of Lemma 8, we know that either both  $f$  and  $g$  are transcendental meromorphic functions or they are both rational functions. since  $f$  and  $g$  share  $\infty$  IM, the poles of  $f$  and  $g$  are finite. Similarly  $f$  and  $g$  has finitely many zeros.

**Case 1.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are transcendental meromorphic functions. Let  $f = he^\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is a non-constant entire function and  $h(z)$  is a nonzero rational function. Thus, by induction on  $k$ , we get

$$(a_i f^{i+n} \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j})^{(k)} = P_i(\beta', \beta'', \dots, \beta^{(k)}), \sum s_j \beta' (q_j z + c_j), \dots, \\ \sum s_j \beta^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j), h, h', \dots, h^{(k)}, \sum s_j h(q_j z + c_j), \sum s_j h'(q_j z + c_j), \dots, \\ \sum s_j h^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j) e^{(i+n)\beta(z) + \sum_{j=1}^d s_j \beta(q_j z + c_j)}$$

where,  $P_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$  are difference-differential polynomials with coefficients as rational functions in  $h(z)$  and  $\sum s_j h(z + c_j)$  or its derivatives.

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P_0(\beta', \beta'', \dots, \beta^{(k)}, \sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j), \dots, \sum s_j \beta^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j), h, h', \dots, h^{(k)}, \\
 &\sum s_j h(q_j z + c_j), \sum s_j h'(q_j z + c_j), \dots, \sum s_j h^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j)), \dots, P_m(\beta', \beta'', \dots, \beta^{(k)}, \\
 &\sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j), \dots, \sum s_j \beta^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j), h, h', \dots, h^{(k)}, \sum s_j h(q_j z + c_j), \\
 &\sum s_j h'(q_j z + c_j), \dots, \sum s_j h^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j)) \neq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\beta(z)$  is an entire function,

$$T(r, \beta'(z)) = m(r, \beta'(z)) = m\left(r, \frac{(e^{\beta(z)})'}{e^{\beta(z)}}\right) = S(r, f).$$

Thus, we obtain

$$T(r, \beta^{(k)}(z)) \leq T(r, \beta') + S(r, f) = S(r, f) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, \sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j)) &= m(r, \sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j)) + N(r, \sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j)) \\
 &= m(r, \sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j)) \\
 &= m\left(r, \frac{(e^{\sum s_j \beta(q_j z + c_j)})'}{e^{\sum s_j \beta(q_j z + c_j)}}\right) = S(r, f).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$T(r, \sum s_j \beta^{(k)}(q_j z + c_j)) \leq T(r, \sum s_j \beta'(q_j z + c_j)) + S(r, f) = S(r, f) \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, k,$$

which is a contradiction.

**Case 2.** If  $f$  and  $g$  are rational functions, then  $a$  is a nonzero constant, thus  $f$  and  $g$  have no zeros and no poles, which is impossible. Since  $f$  and  $g$  are not constants.

The above two Cases imply that  $P(z)$  is reduced to a nonzero monomial, namely,  $P(z) = a_i z^i \neq 0$  for some  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ .

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 5.

Let  $F^* = \frac{F}{a(z)}$  and  $G^* = \frac{G}{a(z)}$ . From the hypothesis we have  $F(z)$  and  $G(z)$  share  $(a(z), l)$  and  $f, g$  share  $\infty$  IM. It follows that  $F^*$  and  $G^*$  share 1CM and  $\infty$  IM. We now discuss the following two cases separately.

**Case 1.** We assume that  $H \neq 0$ . Now we consider the following three subcases.

**Subcase 1.** Suppose that  $l \geq 2$ . Then using Lemma 5 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, F) &\leq T(r, F^*) + S(r, F) \\
 &\leq N_2(r, 0; F^*) + N_2(r, 0; G^*) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F^*) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G^*) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F^*, G^*) \\
 &\quad - m(r, 1; G^*) - N_E^{(3)}(r, 1; F^*) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G^*) + S(r, F^*) + S(r, G^*) \\
 &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) \\
 &\quad + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \tag{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{N}_*(r, \infty; F^*, G^*) &= \bar{N}_L(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}_L(r, \infty; G) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; F) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; G),\end{aligned}\quad (6)$$

we obtain from (5) that

$$\begin{aligned}T(r, F) &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + S(r, F) \\ &\quad + S(r, G).\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

By using (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}T(r, F) &\leq T(r, F) - T(r, F_1) + N_{k+2}(r, 0; F_1) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + N_{k+2}(r, 0; G_1) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; F_1) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}T(r, F_1) &\leq N_{k+2}(r, 0; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + N_{k+2}(r, 0; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(n + m + \lambda)T(r, f) &\leq (k + \Gamma_0 + 2d + \lambda + 4)T(r, f) + (2k + \Gamma_0 + \lambda + kd + d \\ &\quad + 3)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

Similarly, we have for  $T(r, g)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(n + m + \lambda)T(r, g) &\leq (k + \Gamma_0 + 2d + \lambda + 4)T(r, g) + (2k + \Gamma_0 + \lambda + kd + d \\ &\quad + 3)T(r, f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

from (8) and (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned}(n + m + \lambda)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] &\leq (3k + 2\Gamma_0 + 2\lambda + kd + 3d + 7)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g),\end{aligned}$$

a contradiction with the fact that  $n > 3k + 2\Gamma_0 - m + kd + \lambda + 3d + 7$ .

**Subcase 2.** Let  $l = 1$ . Then using (6) and Lemma 6 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}T(r, F) &\leq T(r, F^*) + S(r, F) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; F^*) + N_2(r, 0; G^*) + \frac{3}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; F^*) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G^*) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; F^*, G^*) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; F^*) + S(r, F^*) + S(r, G^*) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \frac{3}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; F) + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \frac{5}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; F) \\ &\quad + S(r, F) + S(r, G).\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

Using (10), (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq T(r, F) - T(r, F_1) + N_{k+2}(r, 0; F_1) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + N_{k+2}(r, 0; G_1) \\ &\quad + \frac{5}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; F_1) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + \frac{1}{2}[k\bar{N}(r, \infty; F_1) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; F_1)] \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F_1) &\leq N_{k+2}(r, 0; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + N_{k+2}(r, 0; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + \frac{5}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + \frac{1}{2}[k\bar{N}(r, \infty; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + N_{k+1}(r, 0; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j})] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)T(r, f) &\leq (2k + \frac{3\Gamma_0}{2} + \frac{3\lambda}{2} + \frac{kd}{2} + \frac{5d}{2} + 5)T(r, f) + (2k + \Gamma_0 + d + \lambda \\ &\quad + kd + 3)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Similarly, we have for  $T(r, g)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)T(r, g) &\leq (2k + \frac{3\Gamma_0}{2} + \frac{3\lambda}{2} + \frac{kd}{2} + \frac{5}{2}d + 5)T(r, g) + (2k + \Gamma_0 + d + \lambda \\ &\quad + kd + 3)T(r, f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

from (11) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] &\leq (4k + \frac{5\Gamma_0}{2} + \frac{5\lambda}{2} + \frac{3kd}{2} + \frac{7d}{2} + 8)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction with the fact that  $n > 4k + \frac{5\Gamma_0}{2} - m + \frac{3kd}{2} + \frac{3\lambda}{2} + \frac{7d}{2} + 8$ .

**Subcase 3.** Let  $l = 0$ . Then using (6) and Lemma 7 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq T(r, F^*) + S(r, F) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; F^*) + N_2(r, 0; G^*) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; F^*) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; G^*) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; F^*, G^*) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; F^*) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G^*) + S(r, F^*) + S(r, G^*) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; F, G) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; F) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + 4\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; G) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; F) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$



Using (13), (3) and (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq T(r, F) - T(r, F_1) + N_{k+2}(r, 0; F_1) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + N_{k+2}(r, 0; G_1) + 4\bar{N}(r, \infty; F_1) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + 2[k\bar{N}(r, \infty; F_1) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; F_1)] + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; G_1) \\ &\quad + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F_1) &\leq N_{k+2}(r, 0; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + N_{k+2}(r, 0; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + 4\bar{N}(r, \infty; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + 2[k\bar{N}(r, \infty; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + N_{k+1}(r, 0; f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j})] + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) \\ &\quad + N_{k+1}(r, 0; g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)T(r, f) &\leq (5k + 3\Gamma_0 + 3\lambda + 2kd + 4d + 8)T(r, f) + (4k + 2\Gamma_0 + 2kd \\ &\quad + 2\lambda + 2d + 5)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Similarly, we have for  $T(r, g)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)T(r, g) &\leq (5k + 3\Gamma_0 + 3\lambda + 2kd + 4d + 8)T(r, g) + (4k + 2\Gamma_0 + 2kd \\ &\quad + 2\lambda + 2d + 5)T(r, f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

from (14) and (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] &\leq (9k + 5\Gamma_0 + 4kd + 5\lambda + 6d + 13)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction with the fact that  $n > 9k + 5\Gamma_0 - m + 4kd + 4\lambda + 6d + 13$ .

**Case 2.** We now assume that  $H \equiv 0$ . Then

$$\left( \frac{F^{**}}{F^{*'}} - \frac{2F^{*'}}{F^* - 1} \right) - \left( \frac{G^{**}}{G^{*'}} - \frac{2G^{*'}}{G^* - 1} \right) = 0.$$

Integrating both sides of the above equality twice we get

$$\frac{1}{F^* - 1} = \frac{A}{G^* - 1} + B, \tag{16}$$

where  $A (\neq 0)$  and  $B$  are constants. From (16) it is obvious that  $F^*, G^*$  share the value 1CM and hence they share the value 1 with weight 2, and therefore,  $n > 3k + 2\Gamma_0 - m + kd + \lambda + 3d + 7$ . We now discuss the following three subcases separately.

**Subcase 4.** Suppose that  $B \neq 0$  and  $A = B$ . Then from (16) we obtain

$$\frac{1}{F^* - 1} = \frac{BG^*}{G^* - 1}. \tag{17}$$

If  $B = -1$ , then from (17) we obtain

$$F^*G^* = 1,$$

i.e.,

$$(f^n P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j})^{(k)} (g^n P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j})^{(k)} = a^2(z),$$

which is a contradiction by Lemma 8.

If  $B \neq -1$ , from (17), we have  $\frac{1}{F^*} = \frac{BG^*}{(1+B)G^*-1}$  and so  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{1+B}; G^*\right) = \bar{N}(r, 0; F^*)$ .

Using (3), (4) and the Second fundamental theorem of Nevanlinna, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, G) &\leq T(r, G^*) + S(r, G) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; G^*) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{1+B}; G^*\right) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G^*) + S(r, G) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; F^*) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G^*) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G^*) + S(r, G) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; F) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + S(r, G). \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Using (18), Lemma 4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, G) &\leq k\bar{N}(r, \infty; F_1) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; F_1) + T(r, G) - T(r, G_1) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; G_1) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G_1) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)T(r, g) &\leq (2k + \Gamma_0 + kd + \lambda + 1)T(r, f) + (k + \Gamma_0 + d + \lambda + 2)T(r, g) \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m + \lambda)T(r, f) &\leq (2k + \Gamma_0 + kd + \lambda + 1)T(r, g) + (k + \Gamma_0 + d + \lambda + 2)T(r, f) \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$(n + m - 3k - 2\Gamma_0 - kd - d - \lambda - 3)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] \leq S(r, f) + S(r, g),$$

a contradiction with  $n > 3k + 2\Gamma_0 - m + kd + \lambda + 3d + 7$ .

**Subcase 5.** Let  $B \neq 0$  and  $A \neq B$ . Then from (17) we get  $F^* = \frac{(B+1)G^* - (B-A+1)}{BG^* + (A-B)}$  and so  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{B-A+1}{B+1}; G^*\right) = \bar{N}(r, 0; F^*)$ . Proceeding in a manner similar to Subcase 4 we can arrive at a contradiction.

**Subcase 6.** Let  $B = 0$  and  $A \neq 0$ . Then from (17) we get  $F^* = \frac{G+A-1}{A}$  and  $G = AF - (A - 1)$ . If  $A \neq 1$ , it follows that  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{A-1}{A}; F^*\right) = \bar{N}(r, 0; G^*)$  and  $\bar{N}(r, 1 - A; G^*) = \bar{N}(r, 0; F^*)$ . Using the similar arguments as in Subcase 4 we obtain a contradiction. Thus  $A = 1$  which implies  $F^* = G^*$ , and therefore,

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

Integrating  $k$  times, we get

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

where  $R(z)$  is a polynomial of degree atmost  $k - 1$ . If  $R(z) \not\equiv 0$ , above equation can be written as

$$\frac{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}}{R(z)} = \frac{g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}}{R(z)} + 1.$$

By the second fundamental theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(r, \frac{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}}{R}\right) &\leq \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}}{R(z)}\right) \\ &+ \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{R(z)}{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}}\right) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{R(z)}{g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}}\right) \\ &+ S(r, f) \end{aligned}$$

$$(n + m + \lambda)T(r, f) \leq (2 + \Gamma_0 + 2d)T(r, f) + (\Gamma_0 + d + 1)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Similarly, we get

$$(n + m + \lambda)T(r, g) \leq (2 + \Gamma_0 + 2d)T(r, g) + (\Gamma_0 + d + 1)T(r, f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

So

$$(n + m + \lambda)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] \leq (2\Gamma_0 + 3d + 3)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Which is contradiction to  $n > 2\Gamma_0 - m + 3d - \lambda + 3$ . Thus, we get  $R(z) \equiv 0$  and hence

$$f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j} = g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^n(a_m f^m + a_{m-1} f^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 f + a_0) \prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j) &= g^n(a_m g^m + a_{m-1} g^{m-1} + \dots \\ &+ a_1 g + a_0) \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $h = \frac{f}{g}$ , If  $h$  is constant then substituting  $f = gh$  and

$\prod_{j=1}^d f(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j} = \prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^s h(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j}$  in above equation, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{s_j} [a_m g^{n+m} (h^{n+m+\lambda} - 1) + a_{m-1} g^{n+m-1} (h^{n+m+\lambda-1} - 1) + \dots \\ + a_0 g^n (h^{n+\lambda} - 1)] \equiv 0, \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

where  $a_m$  is a non-zero complex constant and  $\prod_{j=1}^d g(q_j z + c_j)^{s_j} \neq 0$ , Since  $g$  is nonconstant meromorphic function. Then, from (19), we have

$$a_m g^{n+m} (h^{n+m+\lambda} - 1) + a_{m-1} g^{n+m-1} (h^{n+m+\lambda-1} - 1) + \dots + a_0 g^n (h^{n+\lambda} - 1) \equiv 0. \quad (20)$$

If  $a_m (\neq 0)$  and  $a_{m-1} = a_{m-2} = \dots = a_0 = 0$ , then from (20) and  $g$  is nonconstant meromorphic function, we get  $h^{n+m+\lambda} = 1$ .

If  $a_m (\neq 0)$  and there exists  $a_i \neq 0 (i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\})$ . Suppose that  $h^{n+m+\lambda} \neq 1$ , from (20), we have  $T(r, g) = S(r, g)$  which is contradiction with transcendental function  $g$ . Then  $h^{n+m+\lambda} = 1$ . Similar to this discussion, we can see that  $h^{n+j+\lambda} = 1$  when  $a_j \neq 0$  for some  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

Thus, we have  $f \equiv tg$  for a constant  $t$  such that  $t^l = 1$ , where  $l = GCD\{n + \lambda_0 + \lambda, n + \lambda_1 + \lambda, \dots, n + \lambda_m + \lambda\}$  and  $\lambda_i (i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m)$  is stated as in Theorem 5.

Set  $h = \frac{f}{g}$ , If  $h$  is not a constant, from (20), we find that  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the algebraic equation  $R(f, g) \equiv 0$ , where

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

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