

Meromorphic functions concerning their differential polynomials sharing the fixed-points with finite weight ¹

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Abstract

This paper deals with some uniqueness problems of meromorphic functions concerning their differential polynomials sharing the fixed-points or a small function with finite weight. These results in this paper greatly improve the recent results given by X.-Y. Zhang & J.-F. Chen and W.C. Lin [X.-Y. Zhang, J.-F. Chen, W.C. Lin, Entire or meromorphic functions sharing one value, *Comput. Math. Appl.* 56(2008), 1876-1883].

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1 Introduction and Main Results

Let f be a non-constant meromorphic function in the whole complex plane. We shall use following standard notations of the value distribution theory:

$$T(r, f), m(r, f), N(r, f), \overline{N}(r, f), \dots$$

(see Hayman [6], Yang [17] and Yi and Yang [14]). We denote by $S(r, f)$ any quantity satisfying $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$, as $r \rightarrow +\infty$, possibly outside of a set with finite measure. A meromorphic function α is called a small function with respect to f if $T(r, \alpha) = S(r, f)$. Let $S(f)$ be the set of meromorphic functions

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in the complex plane \mathbb{C} which are small functions with respect to f . For some complex number $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty$, we define $\Theta(a, f) = 1 - \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}$.

Let f and g be two nonconstant meromorphic functions defined in the open complex plane \mathbb{C} . If for some $\alpha \in S(f) \cap S(g)$ the roots of $f - \alpha$ and $g - \alpha$ coincide in locations and multiplicities we say that f and g share the value α *CM* (counting multiplicities) and if coincide in locations only we say that f and g share α *IM* (ignoring multiplicities).

For $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \infty$ and k a positive integer. We denote by $N(r, a; f| = 1)$ the counting function of simple a -points of f , denote by $N(r, a; f| \leq k)$ ($N(r, a; f| \geq k)$) the counting functions of those a -points of f whose multiplicities are not greater (less) than k where each a -point is counted according to its multiplicity (see [6]). $\overline{N}(r, a; f| \leq k)$ ($\overline{N}(r, a; f| \geq k)$) are defined similarly, where in counting the a -points of f we ignore the multiplicities. Set $N_k(r, a; f) = \overline{N}(r, a; f) + \overline{N}(r, a; f| \geq 2) + \cdots + \overline{N}(r, a; f| \geq k)$.

In 1997, Yang and Hua [13] proved the following result.

Theorem A[13] *Let f and g be two nonconstant meromorphic functions, $n \geq 11$ an integer, and $a \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$. If $f^n f'$ and $g^n g'$ share the value a *CM*, then either $f = dg$ for some $(n+1)$ th root of unity d or $g = c_1 e^{cz}$ and $f = c_2 e^{-cz}$ where c, c_1 , and c_2 are constants satisfying $(c_1 c_2)^{n+1} c^2 = -a^2$.*

W.C.Lin and H.X.Yi [10] obtained some unicity theorems corresponding to Theorem A.

Theorem B[10] *Let f and g be two nonconstant meromorphic functions satisfying $\Theta(\infty, f) > \frac{2}{n+1}$, $n \geq 12$. If $[f^n(f-1)]f'$ and $[g^n(g-1)]g'$ share 1 *CM*, then $f \equiv g$.*

W.C.Lin and H.X.Yi [11] extended Theorem B by replacing the value 1 with the function z and obtained the following result.

Theorem C[11] *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, $n \geq 12$ an integer. If $f^n(f-1)f'$ and $g^n(g-1)g'$ share z *CM*, then either $f \equiv g$ or $g = \frac{(n+2)(1-h^{n+1})}{(n+1)(1-h^{n+2})}$ and $f = \frac{(n+2)h(1-h^{n+1})}{(n+1)(1-h^{n+2})}$, where h is a nonconstant meromorphic function.*

Recently, Xiao-Yu Zhang, Jun-Fan Chen and Wei-Chuan Lin [18] extended Theorem F and G and obtained the following result.

Theorem D[18] *Let f and g be two nonconstant meromorphic functions, and let n and m be two positive integers with $n > \max\{m+10, 3m+3\}$, and let $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0$, where $a_0 \neq 0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m \neq 0$*

are complex constants. If $f^n P(f)f'$ and $g^n P(g)g'$ share 1 CM, then either $f \equiv tg$ for a constant t such that $t^d = 1$, where $d = (n + m + 1, \dots, n + m + 1 - i, \dots, n + 1)$, $a_{m-i} \neq 0$ for some $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, or f and g satisfy the algebraic equation $R(f, g) \equiv 0$, where $R(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_1^n (\frac{a_m \omega_1^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} \omega_1^{m-1}}{n+m} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{n+1}) - \omega_2^n (\frac{a_m \omega_2^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} \omega_2^{m-1}}{n+m} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{n+1})$.

Recent years, I. Lahiri[7,8] and A.Banerjee[1,2] employ the idea of weighted sharing of values which measures how close a shared value is to being shared IM or to being shared CM. Many interesting results[3,4,7,8,12,14,15] were obtained by many mathematicians such as H.X. Yi, I. Lahiri, A.Banerjee, W.C. Lin, X.M.Li and so on.

In 2008, A.Banerjee [2] employed the idea of weighted sharing of values and obtained the following result which improved Theorem A.

Theorem E[2] *Let f and g be two nonconstant meromorphic functions and $n > 22 - [5\Theta(\infty; f) + 5\Theta(\infty; g) + \min\{\Theta(\infty; f), \Theta(\infty; g)\}]$, is an integer. If for any $a \in \mathbb{C} - 0$, $\overline{E}_2(a; f^n f') = \overline{E}_2(a; g^n g')$ the conclusion of Theorem A holds.*

Regarding Theorem C,D and E, it is natural to ask the following questions.

Question 1.1 *Is it possible that the value 1 can be replaced by a function z or a small function in Theorems D and E?*

Question 1.2 *Is it possible to relax the nature of sharing z or a small function in Theorem C and D and if possible, how far?*

In this paper we shall investigate the possible solutions of the above questions. We now state the following theorems which are the main results of the paper.

Theorem 1.1 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n and m be two positive integers with $n > \max\{m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g)), 3m + 1\}$, and let $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 z + a_0$, where $a_0 \neq 0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m \neq 0$ are complex constants. If $f^n P(f)f'$ and $g^n P(g)g'$ share z CM, then either $f \equiv tg$ for a constant t such that $t^d = 1$, where $d = (n + m + 1, \dots, n + m + 1 - i, \dots, n + 1)$, $a_{m-i} \neq 0$ for some $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, or f and g satisfy the algebraic equation $R(f, g) \equiv 0$, where $R(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_1^n (\frac{a_m \omega_1^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} \omega_1^{m-1}}{n+m} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{n+1}) - \omega_2^n (\frac{a_m \omega_2^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} \omega_2^{m-1}}{n+m} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{n+1})$.*

Theorem 1.2 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n, l and m be three positive integers with $n > \max\{\frac{5}{3}m + \frac{38}{3} - 2(\Theta(\infty; g) +$*

$\Theta(\infty; f) - \frac{2}{3} \min\{\Theta(\infty; g), \Theta(\infty; f)\}, 3m+1\}$. If $\overline{E}_l(z, f^n P(f)f') = \overline{E}_l(z, g^n P(g)g')$ and $E_1(z, f^n P(f)f') = E_1(z, g^n P(g)g')$, where $l \geq 3$, then the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 holds.

Theorem 1.3 Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n, l and m be three positive integers with $n > \max\{m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g)), 3m + 1\}$. If $\overline{E}_l(z, f^n P(f)f') = \overline{E}_l(z, g^n P(g)g')$ and $E_2(z, f^n P(f)f') = E_2(z, g^n P(g)g')$, where $l \geq 4$, then the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 holds.

Remark 1.1 From Theorem 1.1 and 1.3, we can get the same conclusion under the condition of F_1, G_1 sharing z CM or $\overline{E}_4(z, F_1) = \overline{E}_4(z, G_1)$ and $E_2(z, F_1) = E_2(z, G_1)$, where $F_1 = f^n P(f)f', G_1 = g^n P(g)g'$.

Though the standard definitions and notations of the value distribution theory are available in [6], we explain some definitions and notations which are used in the paper.

Definition 1.1 [2] Let k and r be two positive integers such that $1 \leq r < k-1$ and for $a \in \mathbb{C}$, $\overline{E}_k(a; f) = \overline{E}_k(a; g), E_r(a; f) = E_r(a; g)$. Let z_0 be a zero of $f - a$ of multiplicity p and a zero of $g - a$ of multiplicity q . We denote by $\overline{N}_L(r, a; f)(\overline{N}_L(r, a; g))$ the reduced counting function of those a -points of f and g for which $p > q \geq r + 1$ ($q > p \geq r + 1$), by $\overline{N}_E^{(r+1)}(r, a; f)$ the reduced counting function of those a -points of f and g for which $p = q \geq r + 1$, by $\overline{N}_{f \geq k+1}(r, a; f | g \neq a)(\overline{N}_{g \geq k+1}(r, a; g | f \neq a))$ the reduced counting functions of those a -points of f and g for which $p \geq k + 1$ and $q = 0$ ($q \geq k + 1$ and $p = 0$).

Definition 1.2 [2] If $r = 0$ in definition 1.1 then we use the same notations as in definition 1.5 except by $\overline{N}_E^1(r, a; f)$ we mean the common simple a -points of f and g and by $\overline{N}_E^{(2)}(r, a; f)$ we mean the reduced counting functions of those a -points of f and g for which $p = q \geq 2$.

Definition 1.3 [8] Let $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$, We denote by $N(r, a; f | g = b)$ the counting function of those a -points of f , counted according to multiplicity, which are b -points of g ; by $N(r, a; f | g \neq b)$ the counting function of those a -points of f , counted according to multiplicity, which are not the b -points of g .

2 Some Lemmas

For the proof of our results we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1 [16] *Let f be a nonconstant meromorphic function and $P(f) = a_0 + a_1f + a_2f^2 + \cdots + a_nf^n$, where $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are constants and $a_n \neq 0$. Then*

$$T(r, P(f)) = nT(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.2 [9] *If $N(r, 0; f^{(k)}|f \neq 0)$ denotes the counting function of those zeros of $f^{(k)}$ which are not the zeros of f , where a zero of $f^{(k)}$ is counted according to its multiplicity then*

$$N(r, 0; f^{(k)}|f \neq 0) \leq k\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + N(r, 0; |f| < k) + k\overline{N}(r, 0; |f| \geq k) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.3 [5] *Let F and G be two meromorphic functions. If F and G share 1 CM, one of the following three cases holds:*

(i) $T(r, F) \leq N_2(r, \infty, F) + N_2(r, \infty, G) + N_2(r, 0, F) + N_2(r, 0, G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G)$, the same inequality holding for $T(r, G)$;

(ii) $F \equiv G$;

(iii) $F \cdot G \equiv 1$.

Lemma 2.4 [2] *Let F, G be two nonconstant meromorphic functions such that $E_1(1; F) = E_1(1; G)$ and $H \neq 0$. Then*

$$N_E^1(r, 1; F) \leq N(r, \infty; H) + S(r, F) + S(r, G),$$

where $H = \left(\frac{F''}{F'} - \frac{2F'}{F-1}\right) - \left(\frac{G''}{G'} - \frac{2G'}{G-1}\right)$.

Lemma 2.5 [2] *Let $\overline{E}_l(1; F) = \overline{E}_l(1; G)$, $E_1(1; F) = E_1(1; G)$ and $H \neq 0$, where $l \geq 3$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & N(r, \infty; H) \\ \leq & \overline{N}(r, 0; |F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; |G| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; |F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; |G| \geq 2) \\ & + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) \\ & + \overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G'), \end{aligned}$$

where $\overline{N}_0(r, 0; F')$ is the reduced counting function of those zeros of F' which are not the zeros of $F(F-1)$ and $\overline{N}_0(r, 0; G')$ is similarly defined.

Lemma 2.6 [2] *Let $\overline{E}_2(1; F) = \overline{E}_2(1; G)$ and $H \neq 0$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & N(r, \infty; H) \\ \leq & \overline{N}(r, 0; |F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; |G| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; |F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; |G| \geq 2) \\ & + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F \geq 3}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) \\ & + \overline{N}_{G \geq 3}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G'). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.7 [2] *Let $\overline{E}_l(1; F) = \overline{E}_l(1; G)$ and $E_1(1; F) = E_1(1; G)$ and $H \neq 0$, where $l \geq 3$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + 2\overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; F) \\ & + l\overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) - \overline{N}_{F>2}(r, 1; G) \\ \leq & N(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}(r, 1; G). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.8 *Let $\overline{E}_l(1; F) = \overline{E}_l(1; G)$, $E_1(1; F) = E_1(1; G)$, where $l \geq 3$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{N}_{F>2}(r, 1; G) + 2\overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) \\ \leq & \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) - \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + S(r, F). \end{aligned}$$

Proof: We note that any 1-point of F with multiplicity ≥ 3 is counted at most twice. Hence by using Lemma 2.2 we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{N}_{F>2}(r, 1; G) + 2\overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) \\ \leq & \overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq 3; G| = 2) + 2\overline{N}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) \\ \leq & \frac{2}{3}N(r, 0; F'|F = 1) \\ \leq & \frac{2}{3}N(r, 0; F'|F \neq 0) - \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') \\ \leq & \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) - \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + S(r, F), \end{aligned}$$

where by $\overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq 3; G| = 2)$ we mean the reduced counting function of 1 points of F with multiplicity not less than 3 which are the 1-points of G with multiplicity 2. This completes the proof of the lemma.

Lemma 2.9 *Let $\overline{E}_l(1; F) = \overline{E}_l(1; G)$, $E_1(1; F) = E_1(1; G)$ and $H \neq 0$, where $l \geq 3$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & T(r, F) \\ \leq & N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; G) \\ & + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \end{aligned}$$

Proof: Using Lemmas 2.4, 2.5 and 2.7 , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\
\leq & N(r, 1; F| = 1) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; F) \\
& + \overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\
\leq & \overline{N}(r, 0; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G| \geq 2) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G| \geq 2) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) \\
& + \overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) + \overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) \\
& + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; F) \\
& + \overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) + T(r, G) - m(r, 1; G) \\
& + O(1) - 2\overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) - 2\overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; F) \\
& - l\overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) + \overline{N}_{F > 2}(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') \\
& + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\
\leq & \overline{N}(r, 0; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G| \geq 2) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G| \geq 2) + T(r, G) - m(r, 1; G) \\
& + 2\overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) + \overline{N}_{F > 2}(r, 1; G) \\
& - (l-1)\overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') \\
& + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G).
\end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.8, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\
(1) \quad \leq & \overline{N}(r, 0; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G| \geq 2) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G| \geq 2) + T(r, G) - m(r, 1; G) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \\
& + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) - (l-1)\overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) \\
& + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G).
\end{aligned}$$

By the second fundamental theorem, we have

$$(2) \quad T(r, F) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F) - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + S(r, F),$$

$$(3) \quad T(r, G) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, G).$$

Adding (2) and (3) and from (1), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& T(r, F) + T(r, G) \\
(4) \quad \leq & \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') \\
& + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\
\leq & N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; G) \\
& + T(r, G) - m(r, 1; G) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) \\
& - (l-1)\overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) + S(r, F) + S(r, G).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & T(r, F) \\ & \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; G) \\ & \quad + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \frac{2}{3}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we complete the proof of Lemma 2.9.

Lemma 2.10 *Let $\overline{E}_l(1; F) = \overline{E}_l(1; G)$, $E_2(1; F) = E_2(1; G)$ and $H \neq 0$, where $l \geq 4$. Then*

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

Proof: By Lemma 2.6, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} & T(r, F) + T(r, G) \\ & \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) \\ & \quad + \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') \\ & \quad - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\ (5) \quad & \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) \\ & \quad + N(r, 1; |F| = 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; |F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\ & \quad - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\ & \leq N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, \infty; G) + N_2(r, 0; G) \\ & \quad + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; |F|G \neq 1) \\ & \quad + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; |G|F \neq 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; |F| \geq 2) \\ & \quad + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{N}(r, 1; |F| = l; |G| = l-1) + \cdots & \quad + \overline{N}(r, 1; |F| = l; |G| = 3) \\ & \leq \overline{N}(r, 1; |F| = l); \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{N}(r, 1; |G| = l; |F| = l-1) + \cdots & \quad + \overline{N}(r, 1; |G| = l; |F| = 3) \\ & \leq \overline{N}(r, 1; |G| = l), \end{aligned}$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F \geq l+1}(r, 1; F|G \neq 1) \\
& + \overline{N}_{G \geq l+1}(r, 1; G|F \neq 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\
(6) \quad & \leq \overline{N}(r, 1; F| = l; G| = l-1) + \cdots + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| = l; G| = 3) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq l+2) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| = l; F| = l-1) + \cdots \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| = l; F| = 3) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| \geq l+2) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| \geq l+2) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq l+1) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| \geq l+1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| = 2) + \cdots \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| = l) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq l+1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| = 1) \\
& + \cdots + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| = l) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| \geq l+1) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2}N(r, 1; F| = 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| = 2) + \cdots + 2\overline{N}(r, 1; F| = l) \\
& + 2\overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq l+1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F| \geq l+2) + \frac{1}{2}N(r, 1; G| = 1) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| = 2) + \cdots + 2\overline{N}(r, 1; G| = l) + 2\overline{N}(r, 1; G| \geq l+1) \\
& + \overline{N}(r, 1; G| \geq l+2) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2}[N(r, 1; F) + N(r, 1; G)] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2}[T(r, F) + T(r, G)].
\end{aligned}$$

From (5) and (6), we can get

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

Thus, we complete the proof of Lemma 2.10.

Lemma 2.11 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n and m be three positive integers with $n \geq 7$, and let $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0$, where $a_0 \neq 0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, a_m \neq 0$ are complex constants. If $f^n P(f) f'$ and $g^n P(g) g'$ share z IM, then $S(r, f) = S(r, g)$.*

Proof Let $F_1 = f^n P(f) f'$ and $G_1 = g^n P(g) g'$, by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(n+m)T(r, f) = T(r, \frac{F_1}{f'}) + O(1) \leq T(r, F_1) + T(r, f') + S(r, f).$$

Hence,

$$(7) \quad (n+m-2)T(r, f) + S(r, f) \leq T(r, F_1).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
(8) \quad T(r, F_1) & \leq T(r, f^n P(f)) + T(r, f') + S(r, f) \\
& \leq (n+m+2)T(r, f) + S(r, f).
\end{aligned}$$

From (7) and (8), we have $S(r, F_1) = S(r, f)$. From the condition of Lemma 2.11 and the second fundamental theory, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F_1) &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F_1) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F_1) + \overline{N}(r, z; F_1) + S(r, F_1) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, 0; f^n P(f)) + \overline{N}(r, 0; f') + \overline{N}(r, z; G_1) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq (m+4)T(r, f) + T(r, G_1) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq (m+4)T(r, f) + (n+m+2)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$(n-6)T(r, f) \leq (n+m+2)T(r, g) + S(r, g) + S(r, f).$$

Since $n \geq 7$, we can get the conclusion of Lemma 2.11.

Lemma 2.12 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions. Then*

$$f^n P(f) f' g^n P(g) g' \not\equiv z^2,$$

where $n > 3m + 1$ is a positive integer.

Proof: Let

$$(9) \quad f^n P(f) f' g^n P(g) g' \equiv z^2.$$

Now we rewrite $P(z) = a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0$ as

$$P(z) = a_m (z - \beta_1)^{\gamma_1} \cdots (z - \beta_i)^{\gamma_i} \cdots (z - \beta_s)^{\gamma_s},$$

where $\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_i + \cdots + \gamma_s = m$, $1 \leq s \leq m$, $\beta_i \neq \beta_j$, $i \neq j$, $1 \leq i, j \leq s$ and $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_s$ are nonzero constants and $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_i, \dots, \gamma_s$ are positive integers.

Let $z_0 (\neq 0, \infty)$ be a zero of f of order $p (\geq 1)$ and it be a pole of g . Suppose that z_0 is an order $q (\geq 1)$. Then $np + p - 1 = (n+m)q + q + 1$ i.e., $mq = (n+1)(p-q) - 2 \geq n-1$ i.e., $q \geq \frac{n-1}{m}$. So $p \geq \frac{n+m-1}{m}$.

Let $z_1 (\neq 0, \infty)$ be a zero of $P(f)$ of order p_1 and be a zero of $f - \beta_i$ of order q_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Then $p_1 = \gamma_i q_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Suppose that z_1 is a pole of g of order q . Again by (9) we can obtain $q_i \gamma_i + q_i - 1 = nq + mq + q + 1$, i.e., $q_i \geq \frac{n+m+3}{\gamma_i+1}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$.

Let $z_2 (\neq 0, \infty)$ be a zero of f' of order p_2 that is not a zero of $fP(f)$. Similarly, we get $p_2 \geq n + m + 2$.

Therefore we can get that a pole of f is either a zero of $gP(g)$ or a zero of g' , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; g) + \overline{N}(r, \beta_1; g) + \cdots + \overline{N}(r, \beta_i; g) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \overline{N}(r, \beta_s; g) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') \\ &\leq \frac{m}{n+m+1} T(r, g) + \frac{m+s}{n+m+3} T(r, g) + \overline{N}_0(r, 1/g'), \end{aligned}$$

where $\overline{N}_0(r, 0; g')$ is the reduced counting function of those zeros of g' which are not the zeros of $gP(g)$.

By the second fundamental theorem we obtain

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} sT(r, f) &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \beta_1; f) + \cdots + \overline{N}(r, \beta_i; f) \\ &\quad + \cdots + \overline{N}(r, \beta_i; g) - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') + S(r, f) \\ &\leq \left(\frac{m}{n+m+1} + \frac{m+s}{n+m+3}\right)T(r, g) + \left(\frac{m}{n+m+1} + \frac{m+s}{n+m+3}\right)T(r, f) \\ &\quad + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') + 2 \log r + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we get

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} sT(r, g) &\leq \left(\frac{m}{n+m+1} + \frac{m+s}{n+m+3}\right)T(r, f) + \left(\frac{m}{n+m+1} + \frac{m+s}{n+m+3}\right)T(r, g) \\ &\quad + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') + 2 \log r + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Adding (10) and (11) we get

$$\left(s - \frac{2m}{n+m-1} - \frac{2m+2s}{n+m+3}\right)\{T(r, f) + T(r, g)\} \leq 4 \log r + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

From $1 \leq s \leq m$ and $n \geq 3m + 2$, we can get a contradiction.

Thus, we can get the conclusion of this lemma.

Lemma 2.13 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n and m be three positive integers with $n \geq m + 3$, $F = \frac{f^n P(f) f'}{z}$ and $G = \frac{g^n P(g) g'}{z}$, where $n (\geq 4)$ is a positive integer. If $F \equiv G$, then either $f \equiv tg$ for a constant t such that $t^d = 1$, where $d = (n+m+1, \dots, n+m+1-i, \dots, n+1)$, $a_{m-i} \neq 0$ for some $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, or f and g satisfy the algebraic equation $R(f, g) \equiv 0$, where $R(\omega_1, \omega_2)$ is the definition of Theorem 1.4.*

Proof: Let

$$F^* = \frac{a_m f^{n+m+1}}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} f^{n+m}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0 f^{n+1}}{n+1},$$

and

$$G^* = \frac{a_m g^{n+m+1}}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} g^{n+m}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0 g^{n+1}}{n+1}.$$

From $F \equiv G$, we can get

$$(12) \quad F^* \equiv G^* + C,$$

where C is a constant. Then we have $T(r, f) = T(r, g) + S(r, f)$.

Suppose that $C \neq 0$, by the second fundamental theorem, we have

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} (n+m+1)T(r, f) &= T(r, F^*) \leq \overline{N}(r, 0; F^*) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F^*) \\ &+ \overline{N}(r, C; F^*) + S(r, f) \leq (2m+3)T(r, g) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

By $n \geq m+3$, we can get a contradiction. Thus, we can get $F^* \equiv G^*$, *i.e.*,

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} &f^{n+1} \left(\frac{a_m f^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} f^{m-1}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0}{n+1} \right) \\ &\equiv g^{n+1} \left(\frac{a_m g^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} g^{m-1}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0}{n+1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let $h = \frac{f}{g}$. If h is a constant, substituting $f = gh$ into (14) we get

$$\frac{a_m g^{n+m+1} (h^{n+m+1} - 1)}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} f^{n+m} (h^{n+m} - 1)}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0 f^{n+1} (h^{n+1} - 1)}{n+1} = 0,$$

which implies $h^\mu = 1$, where $\mu = (n+m+1, \dots, n+m+1-i, \dots, n+1)$, $a_{m-i} \neq 0$ for some $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$. Thus $f \equiv tg$ for a constant t such that $t^\mu = 1$, where $\mu = (n+m+1, \dots, n+m+1-i, \dots, n+1)$, $a_{m-i} \neq 0$ for some $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$.

If h is not a constant, then we can get that f and g satisfy the algebraic equation $R(f, g) = 0$, where $R(\omega_1, \omega_2) = \omega_1^n \left(\frac{a_m \omega_1^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} \omega_1^{m-1}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0}{n+1} \right) - \omega_2^n \left(\frac{a_m \omega_2^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} \omega_2^{m-1}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0}{n+1} \right)$.

Thus, we complete the proof of Lemma 2.13.

Lemma 2.14 [15] Let f and g be two nonconstant meromorphic functions. If $h \equiv 0$ where $h \equiv \left(\frac{f''}{f'} - \frac{2f'}{f-1} \right) - \left(\frac{g''}{g'} - \frac{2g'}{g-1} \right)$, then f, g share 1 *CM*.

3 The Proofs of Theorems

Let F, G, F^* and G^* be the definition of Lemma 2.13, and F_1, G_1 be the definition of Lemma 2.11.

The Proof of Theorem 1.1: From the condition of Theorem 1.1, we have F, G share 1 *CM*.

By Lemma 2.1, we have

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, F^*) &= (n+m+1)T(r, f) + S(r, f), \\ T(r, G^*) &= (n+m+1)T(r, g) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Since $(F^*)' = Fz$, we deduce

$$m\left(r, \frac{1}{F^*}\right) \leq m\left(r, \frac{1}{zF}\right) + S(r, f) \leq m\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + \log r + S(r, f),$$

and by the first fundamental theorem

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, F^*) &\leq T(r, F) + N(r, 0; F^*) - N(r, 0; F) + \log r + S(r, f) \\ &\leq T(r, F) + N(r, 0; f) + N(r, b_1; f) + \cdots + N(r, b_m; f) \\ &\quad - N(r, c_1; f) - \cdots - N(r, c_m; f) - N(r, 0; f') \\ &\quad + \log r + S(r, f), \end{aligned}$$

where b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m are roots of the algebraic equation $\frac{a_m z^m}{n+m+1} + \frac{a_{m-1} z^{m-1}}{n+m} + \cdots + \frac{a_0}{n+1} = 0$, and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m are roots of the algebraic equation $a_m z^m + a_{m-1} z^{m-1} + \cdots + a_1 z + a_0 = 0$.

By the definition of F, G , we have

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} &N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, \infty; F) \\ &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + N(r, c_1; f) \\ &\quad + \cdots + N(r, c_m; f) + N(r, 0; f') + 2 \log r. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we obtain

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} &N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; G) \\ &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; g) + N(r, c_1; g) \\ &\quad + \cdots + N(r, c_m; g) + N(r, 0; g') + 2 \log r. \end{aligned}$$

If Lemma 2.3(i) holds, from (17),(18), we have for $\varepsilon(> 0)$

$$(19) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, F^*) &\leq (m+3)T(r, f) + (m+4)T(r, g) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) \\ &\quad + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + 5 \log r + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq (m+3)T(r, f) + (m+4)T(r, g) + (2 - 2\Theta(\infty; f) + \varepsilon)T(r, f) \\ &\quad + (2 - 2\Theta(\infty; g) + \varepsilon)T(r, g) + 5 \log r + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq [2m + 11 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g) + 2\varepsilon)]T(r) + 5 \log r + S(r), \end{aligned}$$

where $T(r) = \max\{T(r, f), T(r, g)\}$ and $S(r) = \max\{S(r, f), S(r, g)\}$.

Similarly, we obtain

$$(20) \quad T(r, G^*) \leq [2m + 11 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g) + 2\varepsilon)]T(r) + 5 \log r + S(r).$$

By (15),(19) and (20), we have

$$(21) \quad [n - m - 10 + (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g) + 2\varepsilon)]T(r) \leq 5 \log r + S(r).$$

Since f, g are two transcendental meromorphic functions and $n > m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g))$, we can obtain a contradiction.

If Lemma 2.3(ii) holds, then $F \equiv G$. By Lemma 2.13, we can get the conclusion of Theorem 1.1.

If Lemma 2.2(iii) holds, then $F \cdot G \equiv 1$. By Lemma 2.12 and $n > \max\{m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g)), 3m + 1\}$, we can get a contradiction.

Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.1.

The Proof of Theorem 1.2: From the condition of Theorem 1.2 and the definition of F, G , we have $\overline{E}_l(1, F) = \overline{E}_l(1, G)$, $E_1(1, F) = E_1(1, G)$ where $l \geq 3$ and

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \log r, \\ \overline{N}(r, 0; F) &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + N(r, c_1; f) + \cdots + N(r, c_m; f) \\ &\quad + N(r, 0; f') + \log r, \end{aligned}$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m are the definition of **Subsection 3.1**.

Suppose that $H \neq 0$. From (16)-(18),(22) and Lemma 2.9, we have

$$(23) \quad [n - \frac{5}{3}m - \frac{38}{3} + (\frac{8}{3}\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g))]T(r) \leq \frac{19}{3} \log r + S(r).$$

or

$$(24) \quad [n - \frac{5}{3}m - \frac{38}{3} + (\frac{8}{3}\Theta(\infty; g) + 2\Theta(\infty; f))]T(r) \leq \frac{19}{3} \log r + S(r).$$

From $n > \frac{5}{3}m + \frac{38}{3} - 2(\Theta(\infty; g) + \Theta(\infty; f)) - \frac{2}{3} \min\{\Theta(\infty; g), \Theta(\infty; f)\}$ and f, g are two transcendental meromorphic functions, we can get a contradiction.

Therefore, we can get $H \equiv 0$. From Lemma 2.14, we have that F, G share 1 *CM*. By $n > \max\{\frac{5}{3}m + \frac{38}{3} - 2(\Theta(\infty; g) + \Theta(\infty; f)) - \frac{2}{3} \min\{\Theta(\infty; g), \Theta(\infty; f)\}, 3m + 1\}$ and Theorem 1.1, we can obtain the conclusion of Theorem 1.2.

Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.2

The Proof of Theorem 1.3: From the condition of Theorem 1.2 and the definition of F, G , we have $\overline{E}_l(1, F) = \overline{E}_l(1, G)$, and $E_2(1, F) = E_2(1, G)$ where $l \geq 4$.

Suppose that $H \neq 0$. From (16)-(18) and Lemma 2.10, we have

$$(25) \quad [n - m - 10 + (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g) + 2\varepsilon)]T(r) \leq 5 \log r + S(r).$$

Since f, g are two transcendental meromorphic functions and $n > m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g))$, we can get a contradiction.

Therefore, we can get $H \equiv 0$. From Lemma 2.14, we have that F, G share 1 *CM*. From Theorem 1.1 and $n > \max\{m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g)), 3m + 1\}$, we can obtain the conclusion of Theorem 1.3.

Therefore, we complete the proof of Theorem 1.3

4 Remarks

It follows from the proof of Theorem 1.1 that if the condition $f^n P(f)f'$ and $g^n P(g)g'$ share z CM is replaced by the condition $f^n P(f)f'$ and $g^n P(g)g'$ share $\alpha(z)$ CM, where $\alpha(z)$ is a meromorphic function such that $\alpha(z) \neq 0, \infty$ and $\alpha(z) \in S(f) \cap S(g)$, the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 still holds.

Similarly, we can get the following results.

Theorem 4.1 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n, l and m be three positive integers with $n > \max\{\frac{5}{3}m + \frac{38}{3} - 2(\Theta(\infty; g) + \Theta(\infty; f) - \frac{2}{3} \min\{\Theta(\infty; g), \Theta(\infty; f)\}), 3m+1\}$. If $\overline{E}_l(\alpha(z), f^n P(f)f') = \overline{E}_l(\alpha(z), g^n P(g)g')$ and $E_1(\alpha(z), f^n P(f)f') = E_1(\alpha(z), g^n P(g)g')$, where $l \geq 3$, then the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 holds.*

Theorem 4.2 *Let f and g be two transcendental meromorphic functions, and let n, l and m be three positive integers with $n > \max\{m + 10 - (2\Theta(\infty; f) + 2\Theta(\infty; g)), 3m+1\}$. If $\overline{E}_l(\alpha(z), f^n P(f)f') = \overline{E}_l(\alpha(z), g^n P(g)g')$ and $E_2(\alpha(z), f^n P(f)f') = E_2(\alpha(z), g^n P(g)g')$, where $l \geq 4$, then the conclusion of Theorem 1.1 holds.*

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