

## Some results on uniqueness of certain types of difference polynomials

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**Abstract.** In this article we investigate the uniqueness of certain type of difference polynomials that share a small function and obtain some results which improve and extend some recent results of Sujoy Majumder ([12]).

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be a open complex plane and two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are non-constant and meromorphic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . In this article standard notations like  $T(r, f)$ ,  $m(r, f)$ ,  $N(r, f)$  of Value Distribution Theory are used see ([1], [2], [3]). In this paper, we denote  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  as  $\mathbb{C}'$ . For  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , if  $f$  and  $g$  have the same point  $a$  with same multiplicities then  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a$  CM. If we do not take the multiplicities into account then  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $a$  IM. A meromorphic

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function  $a$  is said to be a small function of  $f$  provided  $T(r, a) = S(r, f)$  i.e.,  $T(r, a) = O\{T(r, f)\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty, r \notin E$ .

**Definition 1.1** ([14]). Let  $k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \cup \{\infty\}$ . 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  $E_k(a; f) = E_k(a; g)$ , we say that  $f, g$  share the value  $a$  with weight  $k$ .

We write  $f, g$  share  $(a, k)$  to mean that  $f, g$  share the value  $a$  with weight  $k$ . Clearly, if  $f, g$  share  $(a, k)$  then  $f, g$  share  $(a, p)$  for any integer  $p, 0 \leq p < k$ . We note that  $f, g$  share a value  $a$  IM or CM if and only if  $f, g$  share  $(a, 0)$  or  $(a, \infty)$  respectively.

**Definition 1.2** ([8]). Let  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . For  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  we denote by  $N(r, a; f | \leq p)$  the counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$  (counted with multiplicities) whose multiplicities are not greater than  $p$ . By  $\overline{N}(r, a; f | \leq p)$  we denote the corresponding reduced counting function.

Similarly we can define  $N(r, a; f | \geq p)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, a; f | \geq p)$ .

**Definition 1.3** ([14]). Let  $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We denote by  $N_p(r, a; f)$  the counting function of  $a$ -points of  $f$ , where an  $a$ -point of multiplicity  $m$  is counted  $m$  times if  $m \leq p$  and  $p$  times if  $m > p$ . Then

$$N_p(r, a; f) = \overline{N}(r, a; f) + \overline{N}(r, a; f | \geq 2) + \dots + \overline{N}(r, a; f | \geq p).$$

Clearly  $N_1(r, a; f) = \overline{N}(r, a; f)$ .

In 2011, K. Liu, X. L Liu and T. B Cao [10] studied the uniqueness of the difference monomials and obtained the following results

**Theorem 1** ([10]). Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions with finite order. Suppose that  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n \geq 14$ ,  $f^n(z)f(z+c)$  and  $g^n(z)g(z+c)$  share 1 CM, then  $f(z) \equiv tg(z)$  or  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t$ , where  $t^{n+1} = 1$ .

**Theorem 2** ([10]). Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions with finite order. Suppose that  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n \geq 26$ ,  $f^n(z)f(z+c)$  and  $g^n(z)g(z+c)$  share 1 IM, then  $f(z) \equiv tg(z)$  or  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t$ , where  $t^{n+1} = 1$ .

In 2015, Y. Liu, J. P Wang and F. H Liu [13] improved Theorems 1 and 2 and obtained the following results.

**Theorem 3** ([13]). Let  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions with finite order, and  $n(\geq 14), k(\geq 3)$  be two positive integers. If  $E_k(1, f^n(z)f(z+c)) = E_k(1, g^n(z)g(z+c))$ , then  $f(z) \equiv t_1g(z)$  or  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t_2$  for some constants  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  satisfying  $t_1^{n+1} = 1$  and  $t_2^{n+1} = 1$ .

**Theorem 4** ([13]). *Let  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions with finite order, and  $n(\geq 16)$  be a positive integers. If  $E_2(1, f^n f(z+c)) = E_2(1, g^n g(z+c))$ , then  $f(z) \equiv t_1 g(z)$  or  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t_2$  for some constants  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  satisfying  $t_1^{n+1} = 1$  and  $t_2^{n+1} = 1$ .*

**Theorem 5** ([13]). *Let  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions with finite order, and  $n(\geq 22)$  be a positive integers. If  $E_1(1, f^n f(z+c)) = E_1(1, g^n g(z+c))$ , then  $f(z) \equiv t_1 g(z)$  or  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t_2$  for some constants  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  satisfying  $t_1^{n+1} = 1$  and  $t_2^{n+1} = 1$ .*

In 2017, S. Majumder [12] proved following theorem by taking non-zero polynomial in place of sharing value 1 CM and came out with the following results.

**Theorem 6** ([12]). *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n \geq 14$ . Let  $p(z)(\neq 0)$  be a polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)f(z+c) - p(z)$  and  $g^n(z)g(z+c) - p(z)$  share  $(0, 2)$ , then one of the following two cases holds:*

- (i)  $f(z) \equiv tg(z)$  for some constant  $t$  such that  $t^{n+1} = 1$ ;
- (ii)  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t$ , where  $p(z)$  reduces to a non-zero constant  $c$  and  $t$  is a constant such that  $t^{n+1} = c^2$ .

**Theorem 7** ([12]). *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n \geq 16$ . Let  $p(z)(\neq 0)$  be a polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)f(z+c) - p(z)$  and  $g^n(z)g(z+c) - p(z)$  share  $(0, 1)$ . Then conclusion of Theorem 6 holds.*

**Theorem 8** ([12]). *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n \geq 26$ . Let  $p(z)(\neq 0)$  be a polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n-1}{2}$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)f(z+c) - p(z)$  and  $g^n(z)g(z+c) - p(z)$  share  $(0, 0)$ . Then conclusion of Theorem 6 holds.*

Regarding Theorems 6-8, one may ask the following question.

**Question 1.** What happens if  $f^n(z)f(z+c)$  is replaced by  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j}$  in Theorems 6-8?

To answer the above question affirmatively, we prove the following results which is the main results of this article.

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n > 7 + 6m + 7\sigma$ . Let  $p(z)(\neq 0)$  be a polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n+m-\sigma}{2}$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j} - p(z)$  and  $g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z+c_j)^{v_j} - p(z)$  share  $(0, 2)$ , then one of the following two cases holds:*

- (i)  $f(z) \equiv tg(z)$  for some constant  $t$  such that  $t^{n+m+\sigma} = 1$ ;
- (ii)  $f(z)g(z) \equiv t$ , where  $p(z)$  reduces to a non-zero constant  $c$  and  $t$  is a constant such that  $t^{n+m+\sigma} = c^2$ .

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n > 8 + 6m + 8\sigma$ . Let  $p(z) (\neq 0)$  be a polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n+m-\sigma}{2}$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} - p(z)$  and  $g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} - p(z)$  share  $(0, 1)$ . Then conclusion of Theorem 9 holds.*

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $n > 13 + 6m + 13\sigma$ . Let  $p(z) (\neq 0)$  be a polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n+m-\sigma}{2}$ . Suppose  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} - p(z)$  and  $g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} - p(z)$  share  $(0, 0)$ . Then conclusion of Theorem 9 holds.*

**Remark 1.** If  $m = 0$  and  $\sigma = 1$  in Theorems 9-11, then Theorems 9-11 reduces to Theorems 6-8.

## 2. Some lemmas

In this segment, we present few Lemmas which will be used further.

Let  $F, G$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions. From now onwards let us use  $H$  to denote the following functions.

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

**Lemma 2.1** ([11]). *Suppose  $f(z)$  is a meromorphic function in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and the polynomial is defined by  $P(z) = a_m f^m + a_{m-1} f^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 f + a_0$ , where  $a_m (\neq 0)$ ,  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}$  are small functions of  $f(z)$ . Then*

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

**Lemma 2.2** ([5]). *Let  $f(z)$  be a meromorphic function of finite order  $\rho$ , and let  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  be fixed. Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have*

$$m \left( r, \frac{f(z+c)}{f(z)} \right) + m \left( r, \frac{f(z)}{f(z+c)} \right) = O(r^{\rho-1+\varepsilon}).$$

**Lemma 2.3** ([5]). *Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  be fixed. Then*

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

**Lemma 2.4** ([6]). *Let  $f(z)$  be non-constant meromorphic function of finite order and  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then:*

$$\begin{aligned} N(r, 0; f(z+c)) &\leq N(r, 0; f(z)) + S(r, f), \\ N(r, \infty; f(z+c)) &\leq N(r, \infty; f(z)) + S(r, f), \\ \overline{N}(r, 0; f(z+c)) &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f(z)) + S(r, f), \\ \overline{N}(r, \infty; f(z+c)) &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; f(z)) + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.5** ([16]). *Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order,  $\rho_2 < 1$  and  $F(z) = f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}$ , where  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then we have,*

$$(n + m - \sigma)T(r, f) \leq T(r, F) + S(r, f) \leq (n + m + \sigma)T(r, f).$$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental meromorphic functions of finite order,  $c \in \mathbb{C}'$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $p(z)$  be a non-zero polynomial such that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n+m-\sigma}{2}$ . Then:*

(i) *if  $\deg(p) \geq 1$ , then  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \not\equiv p^2(z)$ ;*

(ii) *if  $p(z) = c \in \mathbb{C}'$ , then the relation*

$$f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \equiv p^2(z)$$

*always implies that  $fg = t$  where  $t$  is a constant such that  $t^{n+m+\sigma} = c^2$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose

$$(2) \quad f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \equiv p^2(z).$$

Let  $h = fg$  then from equation (2) becomes,

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} & h^{n+m} \left( a_m \frac{1}{g^m} + \dots + \frac{a_0}{h^m} \right) (a_m g^m + a_{m-1} g^{m-1} + \dots + a_0) \\ &= \frac{p^2(z)}{\prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j}}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us discuss following two cases.

**Case 1.** Suppose  $h$  is a transcendental meromorphic function. Now, by Lemmas 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m)T(r, h) &= T(r, h^{n+m}) + S(r, h) \\ &= T \left( r, \frac{p^2(z)}{\prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j}} \right) + S(r, h) \\ &\leq \sigma T(r, h) + S(r, h) \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction.

**Case 2.** Suppose  $h$  is rational function. Let

$$(4) \quad h = \frac{h_1}{h_2}.$$

where  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are two non-zero relatively prime polynomials. By equation (4), we have

$$(5) \quad T(r, h) = \max\{\deg(h_1), \deg(h_2)\} \log r + O(1).$$

Now, by equations (3) - (5), we have

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} & (n+m) \max\{\deg(h_1), \deg(h_2)\} \log r \\ & = T(r, h^{n+m}) + O(1) \\ & \leq T(r, h^\sigma) + T(r, p^2(z)) + S(r, f) \\ & \leq \sigma T(r, h) + 2T(r, p) + S(r, f) \\ & = \max\{\deg(h_1), \deg(h_2)\} \log r + 2\deg(p) \\ & \quad + \log r + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

This implies,

$$(n+m-\sigma)T(r, h) \leq 2T(r, p) + S(r, f).$$

Hence,

$$(n+m-\sigma) \leq 2\deg(p).$$

We see that  $\max\{\deg(h_1), \deg(h_2)\} \geq 1$ . Now by see (6), we deduce that  $(n+m-\sigma)/2 \leq \deg(p)$ , which contradicts our assumption that  $\deg(p) < \frac{n+m-\sigma}{2}$ . Hence  $h$  must be a non-zero constant. Let

$$(7) \quad h = t \in \mathbb{C}'.$$

Now, when  $\deg(p) \geq 1$ . By see (3) and (7) we arrive at a contradiction. Therefore  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j} g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z+c_j)^{v_j} \neq p^2(z)$ . Suppose  $p(z) = c \in \mathbb{C}'$ . So by 3 we see that  $h^{n+m+\sigma} \equiv c^2$ . By (7) we get  $t^{n+m+\sigma} \equiv c^2$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7** ([14]). *Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing (1,2). Then one of the following holds:*

- (i)  $T(r, f) \leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + N_2(r, \infty; f) + N_2(r, \infty; g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$ ;
- (ii)  $fg \equiv 1$ ;
- (iii)  $f \equiv g$ .

**Lemma 2.8** ([4]). *Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing (1,1) and  $H \neq 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) & \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, \infty; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.9** ([4]). *Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 0)$  and  $H \not\equiv 0$ . Then*

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

**Lemma 2.10** ([15]). *Let  $H$  be defined as in (1). If  $H \equiv 0$  and*

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G)}{T(r)} < 1, \quad r \in I,$$

where  $I$  is a set of infinite linear measure, then  $F \equiv G$  or  $F.G \equiv 1$ .

### 3. Proof of main results

#### Proof of Theorem 9.

**Proof.** Let  $F(z) = \frac{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j}}{p(z)}$  and  $G(z) = \frac{g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z+c_j)^{v_j}}{p(z)}$ . Then,  $F$  and  $G$  share  $(1, 2)$  except for the zeros of  $p(z)$ . Now by Lemma 2.7, we see that one of the following three cases holds:

**Case 1.** Suppose

$$T(r, F) \leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, \infty; G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G).$$

Now, by applying Lemmas 2.1 and 2.4, we have

$$\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{N}(r, 0; G) &\leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f), \\ \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) &\leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + S(r, f), \\ \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) &\leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; F) \\ &\quad + N_2(r, \infty; G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\ &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; G) \\ &\quad + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq 2(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + 2(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) \\ &\quad + (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq 3(1 + m + \sigma)\{T(r, f) + T(r, g)\} + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.5,

$$(8) \quad (n + m - \sigma)T(r, f) \leq 3(1 + m + \sigma)\{T(r, f) + T(r, g)\} + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Similarly,

$$(9) \quad (n + m - \sigma)T(r, g) \leq 3(1 + m + \sigma)\{T(r, f) + T(r, g)\} + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Combining equation (8),(9)

$$(n + m - \sigma)T(r) \leq 6(1 + m + \sigma)T(r) + S(r).$$

where  $T(r) = \max\{T(r, f), T(r, g)\}$  and  $S(r)$  denotes any quantity satisfying  $S(r) = o(T(r))$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , outside of a possible exceptional set of finite logarithmic measure. Therefore  $n \leq 6 + 5m + 7\sigma$  which contradicts with  $n > 7 + 5m + 7\sigma$ .

**Case 2.**  $F \equiv G$ . Then we have

$$(10) \quad f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \equiv g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}$$

Let  $h = \frac{f}{g}$ . Then  $f = gh$ , with these equation (10) becomes,

$$(gh)^n(z)P(gh) \prod_{j=1}^d (gh)(z + c_j)^{v_j} \equiv g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}.$$

$$h^n(z)[a_m g^m h^m + \dots + a_0] \prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j} \equiv P(g).$$

$$[a_m g^m h^{n+m} + \dots + a_0 h^n] \equiv \frac{P(g)}{\prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j}}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} (n + m)T(r, h) &\leq T(r, h^{n+m}) + S(r, h) \\ &\leq N \left( r, \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j}} \right) + m \left( r, \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j}} \right) \\ &\leq T \left( r, \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^d h(z + c_j)^{v_j}} \right) + S(r, h) \\ &\leq T(r, h^\sigma) + S(r, h) \\ &\leq \sigma T(r, h) + S(r, h). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n \geq 2$ , we see that  $h$  is a constant. Then, we have  $h^{n+m+\sigma} = 1$ . Therefore,  $f(z) = tg(z)$ , where  $t^{n+m+\sigma} = 1$ .

**Case 3.**  $F.G \equiv 1$ . Then we have  $f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j} g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z+c_j)^{v_j} \equiv p^2(z)$ . Hence Theorem 9 follows by Lemma 2.6. This completes the proof. □



**Proof of Theorem 10.** Let

$$F = \frac{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}}{p(z)}$$

and

$$G = \frac{g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}}{p(z)}.$$

Then,  $F$  and  $G$  share  $(1, 1)$  except for the zeros of  $p(z)$ . We now consider the following two cases.

**Case 1.**  $H \not\equiv 0$ . By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + S(r, f)$$

Similarly,

$$\overline{N}(r, 0; G) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f)$$

$$\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + S(r, f)$$

$$\overline{N}(r, \infty; G) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f).$$

Now by applying Lemmas 2.1, 2.4 and 2.8 we have,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, \infty; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq \{2(1 + m + \sigma) + (1 + m + \sigma) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + m + \sigma) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + m + \sigma)\}T(r, f) \\ &\quad + \{2(1 + m + \sigma) + (1 + m + \sigma)\}T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq 4(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + 3(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.5, we have

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} (n + m - \sigma)T(r, f) &\leq 4(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + 3(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} (n + m - \sigma)T(r, g) &\leq 4(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + 3(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) \\ &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Adding inequalities (11) and (12) we get,

$$(n + m - \sigma)T(r) \leq 7(1 + m + \sigma)T(r) + S(r).$$

where  $T(r) = \max\{T(r, F), T(r, G)\}$ ,  $S(r) = \max\{S(r, f), S(r, g)\}$ . Which implies that  $n \leq 7 + 6m + 8\sigma$  which contradicts with  $n > 8 + 6m + 8\sigma$ .

**Case 2.**  $H \equiv 0$ . In view of Lemmas 2.4 and 2.5 we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) \\ & \leq 2(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + 2(1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ & \leq \frac{2(1 + m + \sigma)}{n + m - \sigma}T(r, F) + \frac{2(1 + m + \sigma)}{n + m - \sigma}T(r, G) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ & \leq \frac{4(1 + m + \sigma)}{n + m - \sigma}T(r) + S(r), \end{aligned}$$

where  $T(r) = \max\{T(r, F), T(r, G)\}$ ,  $S(r) = \max\{S(r, f), S(r, g)\}$ . Since  $n > 8 + 6m + 8\sigma$ , we have

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G)}{T(r)} < 1$$

and so by Lemma 2.10, we have either  $F \equiv G$  or  $F.G \equiv 1$ . Hence, Theorem 10 follows by the proof of Theorem 9. This completes the proof.

**Proof of Theorem 11.** Let

$$F(z) = \frac{f^n(z)P(f) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}}{p(z)}$$

and

$$G(z) = \frac{g^n(z)P(g) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}}{p(z)}.$$

Then,  $F$  and  $G$  share  $(1, 0)$  except for the zeros of  $p(z)$ . We now consider the following two cases.

**Case 1.**  $H \not\equiv 0$ . By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Similarly,

$$\overline{N}(r, 0; G) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f),$$

$$\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, f) + S(r, f),$$

$$\overline{N}(r, \infty; G) \leq (1 + m + \sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f).$$

Now, by Lemmas 2.1, 2.4 and 2.9 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, F) &\leq N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, \infty; G) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; F) \\
 &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, 0; F) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; F) \\
 &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 &\leq \{2(1+m+\sigma) + (1+m+\sigma) + 2(1+m+\sigma)\}T(r, f) \\
 &\quad + \{2(1+m+\sigma) + (1+m+\sigma) + (1+m+\sigma) + (1+m+\sigma)\}T(r, g) \\
 &\leq 7(1+m+\sigma)T(r, f) + 5(1+m+\sigma)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
 \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n+m-\sigma)T(r, f) &\leq 7(1+m+\sigma)T(r, f) + 5(1+m+\sigma)T(r, g) \\
 (13) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n+m-\sigma)T(r, g) &\leq 7(1+m+\sigma)T(r, g) + 5(1+m+\sigma)T(r, f) \\
 (14) \qquad \qquad \qquad &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
 \end{aligned}$$

Adding inequalities (13) and (14) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n+m-\sigma)\{T(r, g) + T(r, f)\} &\leq 12(1+m+\sigma)\{T(r, g) + T(r, f)\} \\
 &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $n \leq 12 + 11m + 13\sigma$ , which contradicts with  $n > 13 + 11m + 13\sigma$ .

**Case 3.**  $H \equiv 0$ . Hence Theorem 11 follows from the proof of Theorems 9 and 10. This completes the proof.

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