

# UNIQUENESS THEOREM FOR MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS AND DIFFERENTIAL POLYNOMIALS SHARE ONE VALUE WITH FINITE WEIGHT

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**Abstract** In this present research article, we investigate the uniqueness problems of meromorphic functions concerning differential polynomials sharing a value with finite weight and give some results which improves and generalizes the several earlier results of Jin-Dong Li [10].

## 1 Introduction

Throughout of this article, we shall use the following standard notations of Nevanlinna's Value Distribution Theory such as  $T(r, f)$ ,  $m(r, f)$ ,  $N(r, f)$ ,  $\bar{N}(r, f)$  etc... see Haymann [1], Yang [2], and Yi and Yang [3]. A meromorphic function  $g(z)$  is said to be rational if and only if  $T(r, g) = O(\log r)$ , otherwise,  $g(z)$  is called a transcendental meromorphic function. Let  $f(z)$  be transcendental meromorphic function, defined in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . We denote by  $S(r, f)$  any quantity satisfying

$$S(r, f) = o\{T(r, f)\}, \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty, r \notin E$$

where  $E$  is a subset of positive real numbers of finite linear measure, not necessarily the same at each occurrence.

For any constant  $a$  we define,

$$\Theta(a, f) = 1 - \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)}{T(r, f)}.$$

where  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  is the reduced counting function which counts zeros of  $f(z) - a$  in  $|z| \leq r$ , counted only once. Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be non-constant two meromorphic functions. Let  $a$  be any finite complex number. If  $f(z) - a$  and  $g(z) - a$  have the same zeros with the same multiplicities then we say that  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  share the value  $a$  CM (Counting Multiplicities) and we say that  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  share the value  $a$  IM (Ignoring Multiplicity) if we do not consider the multiplicities.

**Definition 1.1.** (see [12]) A meromorphic function  $b(z)$  ( $\neq 0, \infty$ ) defined in  $\mathbb{C}$  is called a "small function" with respect to  $f(z)$  if  $T(r, b(z)) = S(r, f)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** (see [12]) Let  $k$  be a positive integer, for any constant  $a$  in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . We denote

(i) by  $N_k\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the counting function of  $a$ -points of  $f(z)$  with multiplicity  $\leq k$ .

(ii) by  $N_{(k)}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the counting function of  $a$ -points of  $f(z)$  with multiplicity  $\geq k$ .

Similarly, the reduced counting functions  $\bar{N}_k\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  and  $\bar{N}_{(k)}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  are defined.

Recently, Jin-Dong Li [10] proved the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.3.** (see [10]) Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions, and let  $n, k$  be two positive integers with  $n > 3k + 11$ . If  $\Theta(\infty, f) > \frac{2}{n}$ ,  $[f^n(z)(f(z) - 1)]^{(k)}$  and  $[g^n(z)(g(z) - 1)]^{(k)}$  share  $1(1,2)$  then  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$  or  $[f^n(z)(f(z) - 1)]^{(k)}[g^n(z)(g(z) - 1)]^{(k)} \equiv 1$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** (see [10]) Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions, and let  $n, k$  be two positive integers with  $n > 5k + 14$ . If  $\Theta(\infty, f) > \frac{2}{n}$ ,  $[f^n(z)(f(z) - 1)]^{(k)}$  and  $[g^n(z)(g(z) - 1)]^{(k)}$  share  $1(1,1)$  then  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$  or  $[f^n(z)(f(z) - 1)]^{(k)}[g^n(z)(g(z) - 1)]^{(k)} \equiv 1$ .

Now, we generalize the above results and obtained the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.5.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions,  $P(f)$  and  $P(g)$  be a polynomials of degree  $m$  and let  $n, k$  be two positive integers with  $t(n + m) > 3k + 8$ . If  $\Theta(\infty, f) > \frac{2}{n+m}$ ,  $[f^n P(f)]^{(k)}$  and  $[g^n P(g)]^{(k)}$  share  $1(1,2)$ , then either  $[f^n P(f)]^{(k)}[g^n P(g)]^{(k)} \equiv 1$  or  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  satisfy the algebraic equation  $R(f, g) = 0$  where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = w_1^m (a_m w_1^m + a_{m-1} w_1^{m-1} + \dots + a_0) - w_2^m (a_m w_2^m + a_{m-1} w_2^{m-1} + \dots + a_0).$$

**Theorem 1.6.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic functions,  $P(f)$  and  $P(g)$  be a polynomials of degree  $m$  and let  $n, k$  be two positive integers with  $t(n + m) > 5k + 10$ . If  $\Theta(\infty, f) > \frac{2}{n+m}$ ,  $[f^n P(f)]^{(k)}$  and  $[g^n P(g)]^{(k)}$  share  $1(1,1)$  then  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$  or  $[f^n P(f)]^{(k)}[g^n P(g)]^{(k)} \equiv 1$ .

## 2 Some Lemmas

To prove our result we need the following Lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [1]) Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function, and let  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  be finite complex numbers such that  $a_n \neq 0$ . Then

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

**Lemma 2.2.** (see [1]) Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $k$  be a positive integer and  $c$  a non-zero finite complex number. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, f) &\leq \bar{N}(r, f) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)} - c}\right) - N\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k+1)}}\right) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, f) + N_{k+1}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)} - c}\right) - N_0\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k+1)}}\right) + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

where  $N_0\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k+1)}}\right)$  is the counting function which only counts those points such that  $f^{(k+1)} = 0$  but note that  $f(f^{(k)} - c) \neq 0$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** (see [8]) Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function, and let  $k$  be a positive integer. Suppose that  $f^{(k)} \neq 0$ , then

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

**Lemma 2.4.** (see [11]) Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $s, k$  be any two positive integers. Then

$$N_s\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right) \leq k\bar{N}(r, f) + N_{s+k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r, f).$$

Clearly,  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right) = N_1\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(k)}}\right)$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** (see [1]) Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental meromorphic function, and let  $a_1(z), a_2(z)$  be two meromorphic functions such that  $T(r, a_i) = S(r, f), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then

$$T(r, f) \leq \bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f - a_1}\right) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f - a_2}\right) + S(r, f).$$

**Lemma 2.6.** (see [10]) Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions, and let  $k \geq 1, l \geq 1$  be two positive integers. Suppose that  $f^{(k)}$  and  $g^{(k)}$  share  $(1, l)$ ,

(i) If  $l = 2$  and

$$\Delta_1 = 2\Theta(\infty, f) + (k + 2)\Theta(\infty, g) + \Theta(0, f) + \Theta(0, g) + \delta_{k+1}(0, f) + \delta_{k+1}(0, g) > k + 7.$$

then either  $f^{(k)}g^{(k)} \equiv 1$  or  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$ .

(ii) If  $l = 1$  and

$$\Delta_2 = (k + 3)\Theta(\infty, f) + (k + 2)\Theta(\infty, g) + \Theta(0, f) + \Theta(0, g) + 2\delta_{k+1}(0, f) + \delta_{k+1}(0, g) > 2k + 9.$$

then either  $f^{(k)}g^{(k)} \equiv 1$  or  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$ .

### 3 Proof of Theorems

#### Proof of Theorem 1.5.

*Proof.* Let  $F(z) = f^n P(f)$  and  $G(z) = g^n P(g)$ . We have from Lemma 2.6,

$$\Delta_1 = 2\Theta(\infty, f) + (k + 2)\Theta(\infty, g) + \Theta(0, f) + \Theta(0, g) + \delta_{k+1}(0, f) + \delta_{k+1}(0, g). \tag{3.1}$$

$$\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) = \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^n P(f)}\right) \leq \frac{1}{t(n + m)}N\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) \leq \frac{1}{t(n + m)}(T(r, F) + O(1)). \tag{3.2}$$

Therefore,

$$\Theta(0, f) = 1 - \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right)}{T(r, f)} \geq 1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}. \tag{3.3}$$

Similarly,

$$\delta_{k+1}(0, g) \geq 1 - \frac{k + 1}{t(n + m)}. \tag{3.4}$$

$$\delta_{k+1}(0, f) \geq 1 - \frac{k + 1}{t(n + m)}. \tag{3.5}$$

$$\Theta(\infty, f) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}. \tag{3.6}$$

$$\Theta(\infty, g) \geq 1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}. \tag{3.7}$$

From the inequalities (3.3)-(3.7), we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 \geq & 2\left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}\right) + (k + 2)\left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n + m)}\right) \\ & + 2\left(1 - \frac{k + 1}{t(n + m)}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

Since  $t(n + m) > 3k + 8$ , we get  $\Delta_1 > k + 7$ . Considering that  $F^{(k)}$  and  $G^{(k)}$  share  $(1, 2)$ , then by Lemma 2.6 we deduce that either  $F^{(k)}G^{(k)} \equiv 1$  or  $F \equiv G$ .

Next, we consider the following two cases.

**Case 1.**  $F^{(k)}G^{(k)} \equiv 1$ , that is

$$[f^n P(f)]^{(k)} [g^n P(g)]^{(k)} \equiv 1. \quad (3.9)$$

**Case 2.**  $F \equiv G$ , that is

$$f^n P(f) = g^n P(g). \quad (3.10)$$

Suppose that  $f \not\equiv g$ , then we consider following two cases:

(i) Let  $h = \frac{f}{g}$  be a constant. Then from (3.10) it follows that  $h^n \neq 1$ ,  $h^{n+m} \neq 1$ ,  $h^{n+m-1} \neq 1$  and  $a_m g^{n+m}(1-h^{n+m}) + \dots + a_0 g^n(1-h^n) = 0$  which implies  $h^d = 1$  where  $d = (n+m, n+m-i \dots n)$ ,  $a_{m-i} \neq 0$ , for some  $i = 0, 1 \dots m$ .

(ii) If  $h$  is not constant, then we know by (3.10) that  $f$  and  $g$  satisfy the algebraic equation  $R(f, g) = 0$ , where

$$R(w_1, w_2) = w_1^m (a_m w_1^m + a_{m-1} w_1^{m-1} + \dots + a_0) - w_2^m (a_m w_2^m + a_{m-1} w_2^{m-1} + \dots + a_0).$$

It follows that,

$$T(r, f) = T(r, gh) = (n+m)T(r, h) + S(r, f).$$

On the other hand, by the second fundamental theorem of Nevanlinna we get,

$$\bar{N}(r, f) = \sum_{j=1}^N \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{h - a_j}\right) \geq (n+m-2)T(r, h) + S(r, f).$$

where  $a_j (\neq 1)$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are the distinct roots of the algebraic equation  $h^{n+m} = 1$ . So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(\infty, f) &= 1 - \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{N}(r, f)}{T(r, f)} \\ &\leq 1 - \overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+m-2)T(r, g) + S(r, g)}{(n+m)T(r, h)} \\ &\leq 1 - \frac{n+m-2}{n+m} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{n+m}. \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts to the assumption that  $\Theta(\infty, f) > \frac{2}{n+m}$ . Thus  $F \equiv G$ . Hence the proof of Theorem 1.5.  $\square$

### Proof of Theorem 1.6.

*Proof.* From (3.3)-(3.7) and by Lemma 2.6, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_2 &\geq (k+3) \left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n+m)}\right) + (k+2) \left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n+m)}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n+m)}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{t(n+m)}\right) \\ &\quad + 2 \left(1 - \frac{k+1}{t(n+m)}\right) + \left(1 - \frac{k+1}{t(n+m)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

On simplifying, the above expression, we get,

$$\Delta_2 \geq 5k + 10 - \frac{5k + 10}{t(n+m)}.$$

Since  $t(n+m) > 5k + 10$ , we get  $\Delta_1 > 2k + 9$ . Considering that  $F^{(k)}$  and  $G^{(k)}$  share (1,1) then by Lemma 2.6, we deduce that either  $F^{(k)}G^{(k)} \equiv 1$  or  $F \equiv G$ . Next, by proceeding as in Theorem 1.5, we obtain the conclusion of Theorem 1.6. Here we omit the details.  $\square$

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