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# Results on uniqueness of meromorphic functions of differential polynomial

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we study the problem concerning meromorphic functions sharing a small function with weight  $l \ge 0$  and present one theorem which extends a results due to Zhang and Lü [19], S.S. Bhoosnurmath and Kabbur [5], Banerjee and Majumder [3], K. S. Charak and Banarsi Lal [7].

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## 1. Introduction and main results

In this paper, a meromorphic function always mean a function which is meromorphic in the whole complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . We adopt the standard notations of the Nevanlinna theory of meromorphic functions as explained in [9]. Let f(z) and g(z) be nonconstant meromorphic functions,  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We say that f and g share the value a CM if f - a and g - a have the same zeros with the same multiplicities.

We denote by  $N_{k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the counting function for zeros of f-a with multiplicity  $\leq k$ , and by  $\overline{N}_{k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the corresponding one for which multiplicity is not counted. Let  $N_{k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  be the counting function for zeros of f-a with multiplicity at least k and  $\overline{N}_{k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the corresponding one

for which multiplicity is not counted. Set

$$\begin{split} N_k\left(r,\frac{1}{f-a}\right) &= \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-a}\right) + \overline{N}_{(2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-a}\right) + \dots \\ &+ \overline{N}_{(k}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-a}\right). \end{split}$$

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For two positive integers n, p we define  $\mu_p = min\{n, p\}$ and  $\mu_p^* = p + 1 - \mu_p$ . Then it is clean that

Then it is clear that

$$N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{f^n}\right) \le \mu_p N_{\mu_p^*}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right).$$
(1.1)

For notational purposes, let *f* and *g* share 1 IM. Let  $z_0$  be a 1-point of *f* of order *p*, a 1-point of *g* of order *q*. We denote by  $N_{11}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-1}\right)$  the counting function of those 1-points of *f* and *g* where p = q = 1. By  $N_E^{(2)}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-1}\right)$  we denote the counting function of those 1-points of *f* and *g* where  $p = q \ge 2$ . Also,  $\overline{N}_L\left(r, \frac{1}{f-1}\right)$  denotes the counting function of those 1-points of those 1-points of *f* and *g* where  $p = q \ge 2$ . Also,  $\overline{N}_L\left(r, \frac{1}{f-1}\right)$  denotes the counting function of those 1-points of both *f* and *g* where p > q.

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  $m \le k$  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*.

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

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  $p, 0 \le p < k$ . Also 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.

For any constant a, we define

$$\Theta(a, f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{\overline{N}(r, \frac{1}{f-a})}{T(r, f)},$$
$$\delta_k(a, f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \to \infty} \frac{N_k(r, \frac{1}{f-a})}{T(r, f)}.$$

Clearly,

 $0 \leq \boldsymbol{\delta}(a,f) \leq \boldsymbol{\delta}_{k}(a,f) \leq \boldsymbol{\delta}_{k-1}(a,f) \dots \leq \boldsymbol{\delta}_{1}(a,f) = \Theta(a,f).$ 

**Definition.** Let  $n_{0j}, n_{1j}, ..., n_{kj}$  be nonnegative integers.

The expression  $M_j[f] = (f)^{n_{0j}} (f^{(1)})^{n_{1j}} \dots (f^{(k)})^{n_{kj}}$  is called a differential monomial generated by f of degree  $d_{M_j} = d(M_j) = \sum_{i=0}^k n_{ij}$  and weight  $\Gamma_{M_j} = \sum_{i=0}^k (i+1)n_{ij}$ .

The sum  $H[f] = \sum_{j=1}^{t} b_j M_j[f]$  is called a differential polynomial generated by f of degree

$$\overline{d}(H) = max \left\{ d(M_j) : 1 \le j \le t \right\}$$

and weight

$$\Gamma_H = max \left\{ \Gamma_{M_i} : 1 \le j \le t \right\},\,$$

where  $T(r, b_j) = S(r, f)$  for j = 1, 2, ..., t.

The numbers  $\underline{d}(H) = \min \{ d(M_j) : 1 \le j \le t \}$  and *k* (the highest erder of the derivative of *f* in *H*[*f*]) are called respectively the lower degree and order of *H*[*f*].

H[f] is said to be homogeneous if  $\overline{d}(H) = \underline{d}(H)$ 

H[f] is called a linear differential polynomial generated by f if  $\overline{d}(H) = 1$ . Otherwise H[f] is called a non-linear differential polynomial.

We denote by  $Q = max \{ \Gamma_{M_j} - d(M_j) : 1 \le j \le t \} = max \{ n_{1j} + 2n_{2j} + ... + kn_{kj} : 1 \le j \le t \}.$ 

In 2008, Zhang and Lü ([19]) obtained the following result.

**Theorem A.** Let k, n be the positive integers, f be a nonconstant meromorphic function, and  $a (\not\equiv 0, \infty)$  be a meromorphic function satisfying T(r, a) = o(T(r, f)) as  $r \to \infty$ . If  $f^n$ and  $f^{(k)}$  share a IM and

$$(2k+6)\Theta(\infty,f) + 4\Theta(0,f) + 2\delta_{2+k}(0,f) > 2k+12-n,$$

or  $f^n$  and  $f^{(k)}$  share *a* CM and

$$(k+3)\Theta(\infty, f) + 2\Theta(0, f) + \delta_{2+k}(0, f) > k+6-n,$$

then  $f^n = f^{(k)}$ .

In the same paper, T. Zhang and W. Lü asked the following question:

**Question 1.** What will happen if  $f^n$  and  $(f^{(k)})^m$  share a meromorphic function  $a (\not\equiv 0, \infty)$  satisfying T(r, a) = o(T(r, f)) as  $r \to \infty$ ?

S.S.Bhoosnurmath and Kabbur ([5]) proved:

**Theorem B.** Let *f* be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $a (\not\equiv 0, \infty)$  be a meromorphic function satisfying T(r, a) = o(T(r, f)) as  $r \to \infty$ . Let P[f] be a non-constant differential polynomial in *f*. If *f* and P[f] share *a* IM and

$$\begin{aligned} (2Q+6)\Theta(\infty,f) + (2+3\underline{d}(P))\delta(0,f) &> 2Q+2\underline{d}(P)+\overline{d}(P) \\ &+7, \end{aligned}$$

or if f and P[f] share a CM and

$$3\Theta(\infty,f) + (\underline{d}(P) + 1)\delta(0,f) > 4,$$

then  $f \equiv P[f]$ .

Banerjee and Majumder ([3]) considered the weighted sharing of  $f^n$  and  $(f^m)^{(k)}$  and proved the following result:

**Theorem C.** Let *f* be a non-constant meromorphic function,  $k, n, m \in N$  and *l* be a non negative integer. Suppose  $a (\not\equiv 0, \infty)$  be a meromorphic function satisfying T(r, a) = o(T(r, f)) as  $r \to \infty$  such that  $f^n$  and  $(f^m)^{(k)}$  share (a, l). If  $l \ge 2$  and

$$(k+3)\Theta(\infty,f)+(k+4)\Theta(0,f)>2k+7-n,$$

or l = 1 and

$$(k+\frac{7}{2})\Theta(\infty,f) + (k+\frac{9}{2})\Theta(0,f) > 2k+8-n,$$

or l = 0 and

$$(2k+6)\Theta(\infty,f) + (2k+7)\Theta(0,f) > 4k+13-n,$$

then  $f \equiv (f^m)^{(k)}$ .

In 2015, Kuldeep S. Charak and Banarasi Lal ([7]) proved the following result:

**Theorem D.** Let *f* be a non-constant meromorphic function, *n* be a positive integer and  $a (\neq 0, \infty)$  be a meromorphic function satisfying T(r,a) = o(T(r,f)) as  $r \to \infty$ . Let P[f] be a non-constant differential polynomial in *f*. Suppose  $f^n$  and P[f] share (a, l) such that any one of the following holds: (i) when  $l \ge 2$  and

$$\begin{split} (Q+3)\Theta(\infty,f) + 2\Theta(0,f) + \overline{d}(P)\delta(0,f) > Q+5 \\ &+ 2\overline{d}(P) - \underline{d}(P) - n, \end{split}$$

(ii) when l = 1 and

$$\begin{split} (Q+\frac{7}{2})\Theta(\infty,f) + \frac{5}{2}\Theta(0,f) + \overline{d}(P)\delta(0,f) > Q + 6 \\ + 2\overline{d}(P) - \underline{d}(P) - n, \end{split}$$

(iii) when l = 0 and

$$\begin{split} (2Q+6)\Theta(\infty,f) + 4\Theta(0,f) + 2d(P)\delta(0,f) > 2Q \\ + 10 + 4\overline{d}(P) - 2\underline{d}(P) - n. \end{split}$$

Then  $f^n \equiv P[f]$ .

Through the paper we shall assume the following notations. Let

$$\mathcal{P}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) = a_{m+n}\boldsymbol{\omega}^{m+n} + \dots + a_n\boldsymbol{\omega}^n + \dots + a_0$$
$$= a_{n+m}\prod_{i=1}^s (\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}_{p_i})^{p_i}$$

where  $a_j(j = 0, 1, 2, ..., n + m - 1), a_{n+m} \neq 0$  and  $\omega_{p_i}(i = 1, 2, ..., s)$  are distinct finite complex numbers and  $2 \le s \le n + m$  and  $p_1, p_2, ..., p_s, s \ge 2, n, m$  and k are all positive integers with  $\sum_{i=1}^{s} p_i = n + m$ . Also let  $p > max_{p \neq p_i, i=1, ..., r} \{p_i\}, r = s - 1$ , where *s* and *r* are two positive integers.

Let

$$P(\omega_1) = a_{n+m} \prod_{i=1}^{s-1} (\omega_1 + \omega_p - \omega_{p_i})^{p_i}$$
  
=  $b_q \omega_1^q + b_{q-1} \omega_1^{q-1} + \dots + b_0,$ 

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where  $a_{n+m} = b_q, \omega_1 = \omega - \omega_p, q = n + m - p$ . Therefore,  $\mathscr{P}(\omega) = \omega_1^p P(\omega_1)$ .

Next we assume

$$P(\omega_1) = b_q \prod_{i=1}^{r} (\omega_1 - \alpha_i)^{p_i},$$

where  $\alpha_i = \omega_{p_i} - \omega_p$ , (i = 1, 2, ..., r), be distinct zeros of  $P(\omega_1)$ .

In this paper, we extend the above mentioned theorems(A - D) by investigating the uniqueness of meromorphic functions of the form  $f_1^p P(f_1) - a$  and H[f] - a and obtain the following result.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $k(\geq 1)$ ,  $n(\geq 1)$ ,  $p(\geq 1)$  and  $m(\geq 0)$  be integers and f and  $f_1 = f - \omega_p$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions and H[f] be a nonconstant differential polynomial generated by f. Let  $\mathscr{P}(z) = a_{m+n}z^{m+n} + \ldots + a_nz^n + \ldots + a_0$ ,  $a_{m+n} \neq 0$ , be a polynomial in z of degree m+n such that  $\mathscr{P}(f) = f_1^p P(f_1)$ . Also let  $a(z) (\not\equiv 0, \infty)$  be a small function with respect to f. Suppose  $\mathscr{P}(f) - a$  and H[f] - a share (0, l). If  $l \geq 2$  and

$$(Q+3)\Theta(\infty,f) + \mu_2 \delta_{\mu_2^*}(w_p,f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}(0,f) > Q+3 + \mu_2 + \overline{d}(H) - p,$$
(1.2)

or l = 1 and

$$\left(\mathcal{Q}+\frac{7}{2}\right)\Theta(\infty,f)+\mu_{2}\delta_{\mu_{2}^{*}}(w_{p},f)+\overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right)$$
$$+\frac{1}{2}\Theta(w_{p},f)>\mathcal{Q}+4+\mu_{2}+\overline{d}(H)+\frac{m+n-3p}{2},$$
(1.3)

or l = 0 and

$$(2Q+6)\Theta(\infty, f) + 2\Theta(w_p, f) + \mu_2 \delta_{\mu_2^*}(w_p, f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}(0, f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+1}(0, f) > 2Q+8+\mu_2+2\overline{d}(H)+2(m+n)-3p,$$
(1.4)

then  $\mathscr{P}(f) \equiv H[f]$ .

Following example shows that the conditions in (1.2) - (1.4) in Theorem 1 can not be removed.

**Example 1.** Let  $f(z) = cos(\alpha z) + a - \frac{a}{\alpha^{8d}}, d \in N$ ; where  $\alpha \neq 0, \alpha^{8d} \neq 1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$ . Let  $\mathscr{P}(f) = f$  and  $H[f] = f^{(iv)}$  share  $(1,l)(l \ge 0)$  but none of the inequalities (1.2), (1.3) and (1.4) of Theorem 1 is satisfied, and  $\mathscr{P}(f) \not\equiv H[f]$ . **Remark 1.** Theorem 1 extends Theorem A - D.

#### 2. Lemmas

Let *F* and *G* be two non-constant meromorphic functions defined in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We denote by  $\psi$  the function as follows:

$$\Psi = \left(\frac{F''}{F'} - \frac{2F'}{F-1}\right) - \left(\frac{G''}{G'} - \frac{2G'}{G-1}\right).$$
 (2.1)

**Lemma 2.1.** [11] Let f be a nonconstant meromorphic function, and p,k be positive integers. Then

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

**Lemma 2.2.** [4] For any two nonconstant meromorphic functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$ ,

$$N_p(r, f_1 f_2) \le N_p(r, f_1) + N_p(r, f_2).$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [5] Let f be a nonconstant meromorphic function and H[f] be a differential polynomial of f. Then

$$m\left(r,\frac{H[f]}{f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) \leq (\overline{d}(H) - \underline{d}(H))m\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r,f),$$
(2.2)

$$N\left(r, \frac{H[f]}{f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) \leq (\overline{d}(H) - \underline{d}(H))N\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + Q\left[\overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N}(r, \frac{1}{f})\right] + S(r, f), \quad (2.3)$$

$$\begin{split} N\left(r,\frac{1}{H[f]}\right) &\leq Q\overline{N}(r,f) + (\overline{d}(H) - \underline{d}(H))m\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) \\ &+ N\left(r,\frac{1}{f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) + S(r,f), \end{split} \tag{2.4}$$

where  $Q = \max_{1 \le i \le m} \{ n_{i0} + n_{i1} + 2n_{i2} + \dots + kn_{ik} \}$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** [13] Let  $\psi$  be defined as in (2.1). If F and G share 1 IM and  $\psi \neq 0$ , then

$$N_{11}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) \le N(r,H) + S(r,F) + S(r,G)$$

**Lemma 2.5.** [2] Let F and G share (1,l) and  $\overline{N}(r,F) = \overline{N}(r,G)$  and  $\psi \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{split} N(r, \psi) &\leq \overline{N}(r, F) + \overline{N}_{(2}\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + \overline{N}_{(2}\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) + \overline{N}_{0}\left(r, \frac{1}{F'}\right) \\ &+ \overline{N}_{0}\left(r, \frac{1}{G'}\right) + \overline{N}_{L}\left(r, \frac{1}{F-1}\right) + \overline{N}_{L}\left(r, \frac{1}{G-1}\right) \\ &+ S(r, f). \end{split}$$

**Lemma 2.6.** [4] Let f be a non-constant meromorphic function and a(z) be a small function of f. Let  $F = \frac{\mathscr{P}(f)}{a} = \frac{f_1^p P(f_1)}{a}$ and  $G = \frac{H[f]}{a}$  such that F and G shares  $(1,\infty)$ . Then one of the following cases hold:

$$\begin{split} 1.T(r) &\leq N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + \overline{N}(r,F) + \overline{N}(r,G) \\ &+ \overline{N}_L(r,F) + \overline{N}_L(r,G) + S(r), \\ 2.F &\equiv G \\ 3.FG &\equiv 1 \end{split}$$

where  $T(r) = max\{T(r,F), T(r,G)\}$  and S(r) = o(T(r)),  $r \in I$ , I is a set of infinite linear measure of  $r \in \{0,\infty\}$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** For the differential polynomial H[f],

$$N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{H[f]}\right) \le \overline{d}(H)N_{p+k}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + Q\overline{N}(r,f) + S(r,f).$$

**Proof.** Clearly for any non-constant meromorphic function f,  $N_p(r, f) \le N_q(r, f)$  if  $p \le q$  and  $b_1 = b_2 = ... = b_t = 1$ . Now by using the above fact and Lemma 2.1, Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\begin{split} N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{H[f]}\right) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{l} N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{M_j[f]}\right) + S(r,f) \\ &= N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{M_1[f]}\right) + N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{M_2[f]}\right) + \dots \\ &+ N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{M_t[f]}\right) + S(r,f) \\ &= N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{(f)^{n_{01}}(f^{(1)})^{n_{11}}\dots(f^{(k)})^{n_{k1}}}\right) \\ &+ N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{(f)^{n_{02}}(f^{(1)})^{n_{12}}\dots(f^{(k)})^{n_{k2}}}\right) + \dots \\ &+ N_p\left(r,\frac{1}{(f)^{n_{0r}}(f^{(1)})^{n_{1r}}\dots(f^{(k)})^{n_{kt}}}\right) + S(r,f) \end{split}$$

$$= N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{\prod_{i=0}^{k}(f^{(i)})^{n_{i1}}}\right) + N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{\prod_{i=0}^{k}(f^{(i)})^{n_{i2}}}\right) \\ + \dots + N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{\prod_{i=0}^{k}(f^{(i)})^{n_{it}}}\right) + S(r, f) \\ = \sum_{i=0}^{k} n_{i1}N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(i)}}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^{k} n_{i2}N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(i)}}\right) \\ + \dots + \sum_{i=0}^{k} n_{it}N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(i)}}\right) + S(r, f) \\ = \sum_{i=0}^{k}\left[\left(n_{i1} + n_{i2} + n_{i3} + \dots + n_{it}\right)N_{p}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^{(i)}}\right)\right] + S(r, f) \\ \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k}\left[\left(n_{i1} + n_{i2} + n_{i3} + \dots + n_{it}\right)\left\{N_{p+i}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + i\overline{N}(r, f)\right\}\right] \\ + S(r, f) \\ \leq max_{1 \leq j \leq t}\left\{\sum_{i=0}^{k} n_{ij}N_{p+k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right)\right\} \\ + max_{1 \leq j \leq t}\left\{\sum_{i=0}^{k} (n_{i1} + n_{i2} + n_{i3} + \dots + n_{it})i\overline{N}(r, f)\right\} \\ + S(r, f) \\ \leq \overline{d}(H)N_{p+k}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + Q\overline{N}(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Hence the proof.

**Lemma 2.8.** Let f be a non-constant meromorphic function and a(z) be a small function of f. Let us define  $F = \frac{\mathscr{P}(f)}{a} = \frac{f_1^p P(f_1)}{a}$  and  $G = \frac{H[f]}{a}$ . Then  $FG \neq 1$ . **Proof.** On contrary suppose  $FG \equiv 1$ , *i.e.*,

$$f_1^p P(f_1) H[f] = a^2.$$

From above it is clear that the function f can't have any zero and poles. Therefore  $\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) = S(r,f) = \overline{N}(r,f)$ . So by the First Fundamental Theorem and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{split} (m+n+\overline{d}(H))T(r,f) &= T\left(r,\frac{a^2}{f_1^p P(f_1)f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) + S(r,f) \\ &\leq T\left(r,\frac{H[f]}{f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) + S(r,f) \\ &\leq m\left(r,\frac{H[f]}{f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) + N\left(r,\frac{H[f]}{f^{\overline{d}(H)}}\right) \\ &+ S(r,f) \\ &\leq (\overline{d}(H) - \underline{d}(H))T\left(r,f\right) \\ &+ Q\left[\overline{N}(r,f) + \overline{N}(r,\frac{1}{f})\right] + S(r,f) \\ &\leq (\overline{d}(H) - \underline{d}(H))T\left(r,f\right) + S(r,f). \end{split}$$

Thus

 $(m\!+\!n\!+\!\underline{d}(H)))T(r,f)\!\leq\!S(r,f),$ 



which is a contradiction.

# 3. Proof of the Theorem

## Proof of Theorem 1.

Let  $F = \frac{\mathscr{P}(f)}{a} = \frac{f_1^p P(f_1)}{a}$  and  $G = \frac{H[f]}{a}$ . Since  $\mathscr{P}(f) - a$  and H[f] - a share (0, l), F, G share (1, l) except the zeros and poles of a(z). Also note that  $\overline{N}(r,F) = \overline{N}(r,f) + S(r,f)$  and  $\overline{N}(r,G) = \overline{N}(r,f) + S(r,f)$ . Let  $\psi$  be defined as in (2.1). We consider the following cases.

**Case 1.** Suppose  $\psi \neq 0$ . By the second fundamental theorem of Nevanlinna, we have

$$T(r,F) + T(r,G)$$

$$\leq \overline{N}(r,F) + \overline{N}(r,G) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right)$$

$$+ \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) - \overline{N}_0\left(r,\frac{1}{F'}\right)$$

$$- \overline{N}_0\left(r,\frac{1}{G'}\right) + S(r,F) + S(r,G), \qquad (3.1)$$

where  $\overline{N}_0\left(r, \frac{1}{F'}\right)$  denotes the reduced counting function of the zeros of F' which are not the zeros of F(F-1). Since F and G share 1 IM, it is easy to verify that

$$\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) = N_{11}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + \overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + \overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + N_E^{(2)}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) = \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right).$$
(3.2)

Using Lemmas 2.4, 2.5, and (3.1), (3.2), we get

$$T(r,F) + T(r,G) \leq 3\overline{N}(r,F) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right)$$
$$+ N_{11}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 2N_E^{(2)}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right)$$
$$+ 3\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 3\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right)$$
$$+ S(r,F) + S(r,G). \tag{3.3}$$

Subcase 1.1. Let  $l \ge 2$ . Obviously,

$$\begin{split} &N_{11}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 2N_E^{(2}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + 3\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) \\ &+ 3\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) \\ &\leq N\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + S(r,F) \\ &\leq T(r,G) + S(r,F) + S(r,G). \end{split}$$

Using (3.3) and (3.4), we get

$$T(r,F) \le N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + 3\overline{N}(r,F) + S(r,F).$$
(3.5)

Using Lemmas 2.1, 2.7, and (1.1), (3.5), we get

$$\begin{split} (n+m)T(r,f) &\leq 3\overline{N}(r,f) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{f_1^p P(f_1)}\right) \\ &+ N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{H[f]}\right) + S(r,f) \\ &\leq 3\overline{N}(r,f) + \mu_2 N_{\mu_2^*}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-w_p}\right) \\ &+ (n+m-p)T(r,f) + \overline{d}(H)N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) \\ &+ Q\overline{N}(r,f) + S(r,f) \\ &\leq (Q+3)\overline{N}(r,f) + \mu_2 N_{\mu_2^*}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-w_p}\right) \\ &+ (n+m-p)T(r,f) + \overline{d}(H)N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) \\ &+ S(r,f). \\ (Q+3)\Theta(\infty,f) + \mu_2 \delta_{\mu_2^*}(w_p,f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}(0,f) \end{split}$$

 $\leq Q+3+\mu_2+\overline{d}(H)-p,$ 

which violates (1.2). **Subcase 1.2.** Let l = 1. It is easy to verify that

So,

$$N_{11}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 2N_E^{(2)}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + 2\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 3\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) \leq N\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + S(r,F) \leq T(r,G) + S(r,F) + S(r,G). \quad (3.6) \overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}N\left(r,\frac{F}{F'}\right) \leq \frac{1}{2}N\left(r,\frac{F'}{F}\right) + S(r,F) \leq \frac{1}{2}\left(\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + \overline{N}(r,F)\right) + S(r,F).$$
(3.7)

Using (3.3), (3.6) and (3.7), we get

$$T(r,F) \leq N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + \frac{7}{2}\overline{N}(r,F) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + S(r,F).$$
(3.8)

Using Lemmas 2.1, 2.7 and (1.1), (3.8), we get

$$\begin{split} &(n+m)T(r,f)\\ &\leq \left(Q+\frac{7}{2}\right)\overline{N}(r,f)+\mu_2 N_{\mu_2^*}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-w_p}\right)\\ &+\overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-w_p}\right)\\ &+\frac{3}{2}(n+m-p)T(r,f)+S(r,f). \end{split}$$

So, 
$$\left(Q+\frac{7}{2}\right)\Theta(\infty,f)+\mu_2\delta_{\mu_2^*}(w_p,f)$$
  
 $+\overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right)+\frac{1}{2}\Theta(w_p,f)$   
 $\leq Q+4+\mu_2+\overline{d}(H)+\frac{m+n-3p}{2}$ 

which violates (1.3).

Subcase 1.3. Let l = 0. It is easy to verify that

$$N_{11}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 2N_E^{(2)}\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + \overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) + 2\overline{N}_L\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) \leq N\left(r,\frac{1}{G-1}\right) + S(r,F) \leq T(r,G) + S(r,F) + S(r,G).$$
(3.9)

$$\overline{N}_{L}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) \leq N\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right) - \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F-1}\right)$$
$$\leq N\left(r,\frac{F}{F'}\right) \leq N\left(r,\frac{F'}{F}\right) + S(r,F)$$
$$\leq \overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + \overline{N}(r,F) + S(r,F).$$
(3.10)

Using (3.3), (3.9) and (3.10), we get

$$T(r,F) \le N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + 6\overline{N}(r,F) + 2\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_1\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r,F).$$
(3.11)

Using Lemmas 2.1, 2.7 and (1.1), (3.11), we get

$$\begin{split} (n+m)T(r,f) &\leq N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{f_1^p P(f_1)}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{H[f]}\right) \\ &+ 6\overline{N}(r,f) + 2\overline{N}\left(r,\frac{1}{f_1^p P(f_1)}\right) \\ &+ N_1\left(r,\frac{1}{H[f]}\right) + S(r,f). \end{split}$$

So,

$$(2Q+6)\Theta(\infty,f) + 2\Theta(w_p,f) + \mu_2 \delta_{\mu_2^*}(w_p,f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}(0,f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+1}(0,f) \leq 2Q+8+\mu_2+2\overline{d}(H)+2(m+n)-3p,$$

which violates (1.4).

**Case 2.** Let  $\psi \equiv 0$ . On Integration we get

$$\frac{1}{G-1} \equiv \frac{A}{F-1} + B,$$

where  $A(\neq 0)$ , *B* are complex constants.

It is clear that *F* and *G* share  $(1,\infty)$ . Also by construction of *F* and *G* we see that *F* and *G* share  $(\infty, 0)$  also.

So using Lemma 2.7, (1.1) and condition (1.2), we obtain

$$\begin{split} &N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{F}\right) + N_2\left(r,\frac{1}{G}\right) + \overline{N}(r,F) + \overline{N}(r,G) + \overline{N}_L(r,F) \\ &+ \overline{N}_L(r,G) + S(r) \\ &\leq (Q+3)\overline{N}(r,f) + \mu_2 N_{\mu_2^*}\left(r,\frac{1}{f-w_p}\right) + (n+m-p)T(r,f) \\ &+ \overline{d}(H)N_{k+2}\left(r,\frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r) \\ &\leq \left\{Q+3+\mu_2+n+m-p+\overline{d}(H)\right\}T(r,f) \\ &- \left\{(Q+3)\Theta(\infty,f) + \mu_2\delta_{\mu_2^*}(w_p,f) + \overline{d}(H)\delta_{k+2}(0,f)\right\} \\ T(r,f) + S(r) \\ &< T(r,F) + S(r). \end{split}$$

Hence inequality (1) of Lemma 2.6, does not hold. Again in view of Lemma 2.8, we get  $FG \neq 1$ . Therefore  $F \equiv G$  i.e.,  $\mathscr{P}(f) \equiv H[f]$ .

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