

## VALUE DISTRIBUTION AND UNIQUENESS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF DIFFERENCE POLYNOMIALS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we investigate the value distribution and uniqueness problem of  $q$ -shift difference polynomials sharing a small function. With the notion of weakly weighted sharing and relaxed weighted sharing we extend some well known previous results.

### 1. Introduction, Definitions and Results

By a meromorphic function we shall always mean a meromorphic function in the complex plane. Let  $k$  be a positive integer or infinity and  $a \in C \cup \{\infty\}$ . Set  $E(a, f) = \{z : f(z) - a = 0\}$ , where a zero point with multiplicity  $k$  is counted  $k$  times in the set. If these zeros points are only counted once, then we denote the set by  $\overline{E}(a, f)$ . Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions. If  $E(a, f) = E(a, g)$ , then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $a$  CM; if  $\overline{E}(a, f) = \overline{E}(a, g)$ , then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $a$  IM. We denote by  $E_k(a, f)$  the set of all  $a$ -points of  $f$  with multiplicities not exceeding  $k$ , where an  $a$ -point is counted according to its multiplicity. Also we denote by  $\overline{E}_k(a, f)$  the set of distinct  $a$ -points of  $f$  with multiplicities not greater than  $k$ . It is assumed that the reader is familiar with the notations of Nevanlinna theory such as  $T(r, f)$ ,  $m(r, f)$ ,  $N(r, f)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, f)$ ,  $S(r, f)$  and so on, that can be found, for instance, in [4], [12]. We denote by  $N_k\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the counting function for zeros of  $f - a$  with multiplicity less or equal to  $k$ , 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 atleast  $k$  and  $\overline{N}_{(k)}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right)$  the corresponding one for which multiplicity is not counted. Set

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

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Let  $N_E(r, a; f, g)(\overline{N}_E(r, a; f, g))$  be the counting function (reduced counting function) of all common zeros of  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  with the same multiplicities and  $N_0(r, a; f, g)(\overline{N}_0(r, a; f, g))$  the counting function (reduced counting function) of all common zeros of  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  ignoring multiplicities. If

$$\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{g-a}\right) - 2\overline{N}_E(r, a; f, g) = S(r, f) + S(r, g),$$

then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a$  "CM". On the other hand, if

$$\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right) + \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{g-a}\right) - 2\overline{N}_0(r, a; f, g) = S(r, f) + S(r, g),$$

then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a$  "IM".

We now explain in the following definition the notion of weakly weighted sharing which was introduced by Lin and Lin [8].

**Definition 1** ([8]). Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a$  "IM" and  $k$  be a positive integer or  $\infty$ .  $\overline{N}_k^E(r, a; f, g)$  denotes the reduced counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$  whose multiplicities are equal to the corresponding  $a$ -points of  $g$ , and both of their multiplicities are not greater than  $k$ .  $\overline{N}_k^O(r, a; f, g)$  denotes the reduced counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$  which are  $a$ -points of  $g$ , and both of their multiplicities are not less than  $k$ .

**Definition 2** ([8]). For  $a \in C \cup \{\infty\}$ , if  $k$  is a positive integer or  $\infty$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{N}_k\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right) - \overline{N}_k^E(r, a; f, g) &= S(r, f), \\ \overline{N}_k\left(r, \frac{1}{g-a}\right) - \overline{N}_k^E(r, a; f, g) &= S(r, g), \\ \overline{N}_{(k+1)}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right) - \overline{N}_{(k+1)}^O(r, a; f, g) &= S(r, f), \\ \overline{N}_{(k+1)}\left(r, \frac{1}{g-a}\right) - \overline{N}_{(k+1)}^O(r, a; f, g) &= S(r, g), \end{aligned}$$

or if  $k = 0$  and

$$\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right) - \overline{N}_0(r, a; f, g) = S(r, f), \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{g-a}\right) - \overline{N}_0(r, a; f, g) = S(r, g),$$

then we say  $f$  and  $g$  weakly share  $a$  with weight  $k$ . Here we write  $f, g$  share " $(a, k)$ "

to mean that  $f, g$  weakly share  $a$  with weight  $k$ .

Now it is clear from Definition 2 that weakly weighted sharing is a scaling between IM and CM.

Recently, A. Banerjee and S. Mukherjee [1] introduced another sharing notion which is also a scaling between IM and CM but weaker than weakly weighted sharing.

**Definition 3** ([1]). We denote by  $\overline{N}(r, a; f \mid = p; g \mid = q)$  the reduced counting function of common  $a$ -points of  $f$  and  $g$  with multiplicities  $p$  and  $q$ , respectively.

**Definition 4** ([1]). Let  $f, g$  share  $a$  “IM”. Also let  $k$  be a positive integer or  $\infty$  and  $a \in C \cup \{\infty\}$ . If

$$\sum_{p, q \leq K} \overline{N}(r, a; f \mid = p; g \mid = q) = S(r),$$

then we say  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a$  with weight  $k$  in a relaxed manner. Here we write  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(a, k)^*$  to mean that  $f$  and  $g$  share  $a$  with weight  $k$  in a relaxed manner.

W. K. Hayman proposed the following well-known conjecture in [5].

**Hayman’s conjecture.** If an entire function  $f$  satisfies  $f^n f' \neq 1$  for all positive integers  $n \in N$ , then  $f$  is a constant.

It has been verified by Hayman himself in [6] for the case  $n > 1$  and Clunie in [3] for the case  $n \geq 1$ , respectively.

It is well-known that if  $f$  and  $g$  share four distinct values CM, then  $f$  is Moebius transformation of  $g$ . In 2011, Liu and Cao [10], have obtained results on the uniqueness and value distribution of  $q$ -shift difference polynomials. Some of them are stated below.

**Theorem A.** [[10], Theorem 1.1] Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental meromorphic (resp. entire) function with zero order, and let  $m, n$  be positive integers and  $a, q$  be non-zero complex constants. If  $n \geq 6$  (resp.  $n \geq 2$ ), then  $f^n(z)(f^m(z) - a)f(qz + c) - \alpha(z)$

has infinitely many zeros, where  $\alpha(z)$  is a non-zero small function with respect to  $f$ . In particular, if  $f(z)$  is a transcendental entire function and  $\alpha(z)$  is a non-zero rational function, then  $m$  and  $n$  can be any positive integers.

**Theorem B.** [[10], Theorem 1.5] Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be a transcendental entire functions with zero order. If  $n \geq m + 5$ , and  $f^n(z)(f^m(z) - a)f(qz + c)$  and  $g^n(z)(g^m(z) - a)g(qz + c)$  share a non-zero polynomial  $p(z)$  CM, then  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$ .

In 2015, On the basis of Theorems A and B, Q. Zhao and J. Zhang [14] study the  $k$ -th derivative of  $q$ -shift difference polynomials and proved the following results.

**Theorem C.** Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental meromorphic function with zero order, and let  $n, k$  be positive integers. If  $n > k + 5$ , then  $(f^n(z)f(qz + c))^{(k)} - 1$  has infinitely many zeros.

**Theorem D.** Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental entire function with zero order, and let  $n, k$  be positive integers, then  $(f^n(z)f(qz + c))^{(k)} - 1$  has infinitely many zeros.

**Theorem E.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be transcendental entire functions with zero order, and let  $n, k$  be positive integer. If  $n > 2k + 5$ , and  $(f^n(z)f(qz + c))^{(k)}$  and  $(g^n(z)g(qz + c))^{(k)}$  share  $z$  CM, then  $f = tg$  for a constant  $t$  with  $t^{n+1} = 1$ .

**Theorem F.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be transcendental entire functions with zero order, and let  $n, k$  be positive integer. If  $n > 2k + 5$ , and  $(f^n(z)f(qz + c))^{(k)}$  and  $(g^n(z)g(qz + c))^{(k)}$  share  $1$  CM, then  $f = tg$  for a constant  $t$  with  $t^{n+1} = 1$ .

When sharing a single value IM, and obtain the following theorems.

**Theorem G.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be transcendental entire functions with zero order, and let  $n, k$  be positive integer. If  $n > 5k + 11$ , and  $(f^n(z)f(qz + c))^{(k)}$  and  $(g^n(z)g(qz + c))^{(k)}$  share a value  $z$  IM, then  $f = tg$  for a constant  $t$  with  $t^{n+1} = 1$ .

**Theorem H.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be transcendental entire functions with zero order, and let  $n, k$  be positive integer. If  $n > 5k + 11$ , and  $(f^n(z)f(qz + c))^{(k)}$  and  $(g^n(z)g(qz + c))^{(k)}$  share 1 IM, then  $f = tg$  for a constant  $t$  with  $t^{n+1} = 1$ .

In this paper by introducing the small function  $\alpha(z)$ , we prove the following results.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental entire functions of finite order, and  $\alpha(z)$  be a small function with respect to both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ . Suppose that  $c$  is a non-zero complex constant and  $n \geq 4k + m + \sigma + 5$  is an integer.  $\left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$  and  $\left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$  share  $(\alpha(z), 2)$ , then  $f(z) = g(z)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental entire functions of finite order, and  $\alpha(z)$  be a small function with respect to both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ . Suppose that  $c$  is a non-zero complex constant and  $n \geq 6k + 3m + 2\sigma + 6$  is an integer. If  $\left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$  and  $\left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$  share  $(\alpha(z), 2)^*$ , then  $f(z) = g(z)$ .

without the notions of weakly weighted sharing and relaxed weighted sharing we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental entire functions of finite order, and  $\alpha(z)$  be a small function with respect to both  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ . Suppose that  $c$  is a non-zero complex constant and  $n \geq 10k + 5m + 5\sigma + 7$  is an integer. If  $\overline{E}_2(\alpha(z), \left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]) = \overline{E}_2(\alpha(z), \left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right])$  then  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$ .

## 2. Lemmas

In this section, we present some lemmas which play an important role in the proof of the main results. We will denote by  $H$  the following function;

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

**Lemma 1** ([1]). Let  $H$  be defined as above. If  $F$  and  $G$  share “(1, 2)” and  $H \not\equiv 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq N_2 \left( r, \frac{1}{F} \right) + N_2 \left( r, \frac{1}{G} \right) + N_2(r, F) + N_2(r, G) \\ &\quad - \sum_{p=3}^{\infty} \overline{N}_{(p)} \left( r, \frac{G}{G'} \right) + S(r, F) + S(r, G), \end{aligned}$$

and the same inequality holds for  $T(r, G)$ .

**Lemma 2** ([1]). Let  $H$  be defined as above. If  $F$  and  $G$  share (1, 2)\* and  $H \not\equiv 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq N_2 \left( r, \frac{1}{F} \right) + N_2 \left( r, \frac{1}{G} \right) + N_2(r, F) + N_2(r, G) + \overline{N} \left( r, \frac{1}{F} \right) \\ &\quad + \overline{N}(r, F) - m \left( r, \frac{1}{G-1} \right) + S(r, F) + S(r, G), \end{aligned}$$

and the same inequality holds for  $T(r, G)$ .

**Lemma 3** ([13]). Let  $H$  be defined as above. If  $H \equiv 0$  and

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N} \left( r, \frac{1}{F} \right) + \overline{N}(r, F) + \overline{N} \left( r, \frac{1}{G} \right) + \overline{N}(r, G)}{T(r)} < 1, \quad r \in I,$$

where  $T(r) = \max\{T(r, F), T(r, G)\}$  and  $I$  is a set with infinite linear measure, then  $F \equiv G$  or  $FG \equiv 1$ .

**Lemma 4** ([2]). Let  $f(z)$  be a meromorphic function in the complex plane of finite order  $\sigma(f)$ , and let  $\eta$  be a fixed non-zero complex number. Then for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , one has

$$T(r, f(z + \eta)) = T(r, f(z)) + O(r^{\sigma(f)-1+\epsilon}) + O(\log r)$$

**Lemma 5** ([11]). Let  $f(z)$  be an entire function of finite order  $\sigma(f)$ ,  $c$  a fixed non-zero complex number, and

$$P(z) = a_n f^n(z) + a_{n-1} f^{n-1}(z) + \dots + a_1 f(z) + a_0$$

where  $a_j (j = 0, 1, \dots, n)$  are constants. If  $F(z) = P(z)f(z+c)$ , then

$$T(r, F) = (n+1)T(r, f) + O(r^{\sigma(f)-1+\epsilon}) + O(\log r).$$

**Lemma 6** ([9]). Let  $F$  and  $G$  be two nonconstant entire functions, and  $p \geq 2$  an integer. If  $\overline{E}_p(1, F) = \overline{E}_p(1, G)$  and  $H \neq 0$ , then

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

**Lemma 7** ([7]). Let  $f(z)$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function, and let  $s, k$  be two positive integers. Then

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

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

**Lemma 8.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two entire functions, suppose that  $c_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, d)$  are nonzero complex constants,  $v_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, d)$  are non-negative integers,  $n, m \geq 1$  and  $k (\geq 0)$  are integers and let  $F = \left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$  and  $G = \left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$ . If there exists nonzero constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $\overline{N}(r, c_1; F) = \overline{N}(r, 0; G)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, c_2; G) = \overline{N}(r, 0; F)$ , then  $n \leq 2k + m + \sigma + 2$ .

**Proof.** We put  $F_1 = f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}$  and  $G_1 = g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}$ , by the second fundamental theorem of Nevanlinna, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (2.1) \quad T(r, F) &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, c_1; F) + S(r, F) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + S(r, F) \end{aligned}$$

Using equation (2.1), in Lemmas 2 and 4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n+m+\sigma)T(r, f) &\leq T(r, F) - \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; F_1) + S(r, f) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; F_1) + S(r, f) \\
 (2.2) \qquad &\leq N_{k+1}(r, 0; F_1) + N_{k+1}(r, 0; G_1) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 &\leq (k+m+\sigma+1)(T(r, f) + T(r, g)) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(2.3) \quad (n+m+\sigma)T(r, g) \leq (k+m+\sigma+1)(T(r, f) + T(r, g)) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Combining (2.2) and (2.3), we obtain

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

Which gives  $n \leq 2k + m + \sigma + 2$ .

This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 9.** Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are two transcendental entire function of finite order, Suppose that  $c_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, d)$  are nonzero complex constants,  $v_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, d)$  are non-negative integers,  $n, m \geq 1$  and  $k (\geq 0)$  are integers. If  $n \geq m+5$  and  $\left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)} = \left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$  then  $f = tg$  where  $t^m = 1$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let

$$F(z) = \frac{\left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}}{\alpha(z)}, \quad G(z) = \frac{\left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}}{\alpha(z)}$$

Then  $F(z)$  and  $G(z)$  share “(1, 2)” except the zeros or poles of  $\alpha(z)$ . By Lemma 5, we have

$$(3.1) \quad T(r, F(z)) = T(r, f^n(f^m - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}) + k\overline{N}(r, f) + S(r, f),$$

$$(3.2) \quad T(r, G(z)) = T(r, g^n(g^m - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}) + k\overline{N}(r, \frac{1}{f}) + S(r, g).$$



Also from Lemma 7, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.3) \quad N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) &\leq N_{k+2}\left(r, \frac{1}{f^n(f^m-1)\prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j}}\right) + S(r, f) \\
 &\leq (k+2)N\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{f^m-1}\right) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j}}\right) \\
 &\quad + k\bar{N}(r, f) + S(r, f) \\
 &\leq (2k+m+\sigma+2)T(r, f) + S(r, f)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(3.4) \quad N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) \leq (2k+m+\sigma+2)T(r, g) + S(r, g)$$

Suppose  $H \neq 0$ , then by Lemma 1 and Lemma 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.5) \quad T(r, F) + T(r, G) &\leq 2N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + 2N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 (n+m+1)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] &\leq (4k+2m+2\sigma+4)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 (n-4k-m-2\sigma-3)[T(r, f) + T(r, g)] &\leq O(r^{\sigma(f)-1+\epsilon}) + O(r^{\sigma(g)-1+\epsilon}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)
 \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts with  $n \geq 4k+m+2\sigma+3$ . Thus we have  $H \equiv 0$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) &\leq (2k+m+\sigma+1)T(r, f) + (2k+m+\sigma+1)T(r, g) \\
 &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 &\leq T(r).
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $T(r) = \max\{T(r, F), T(r, G)\}$ . By Lemma 3, we deduce that either  $FG = 1$  or  $F = G$

Let  $FG = 1$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left[f^n(z)(f^m(z)-1)\prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j}\right]^{(k)} \cdot \left[g^n(z)(g^m(z)-1)\prod_{j=1}^d g(z+c_j)^{v_j}\right]^{(k)} = \alpha^2 \\
 &\left[f^n(z)(f(z)-1)(f^{m-1}(z)+f^{m-2}(z)+\dots+1)\prod_{j=1}^d f(z+c_j)^{v_j}\right]^{(k)} \cdot \left[g^n(z)(g(z)-1)(g^{m-1}(z)+g^{m-2}(z)+\dots+1)\prod_{j=1}^d g(z+c_j)^{v_j}\right]^{(k)} = \alpha^2
 \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily viewed from above that

$$N(r, 0; f) = S(r, f) \text{ and } N(r, 1; f) = S(r, f)$$

Thus,

$$\delta(0, f) + \delta(1, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 3,$$

Which is not possible. Therefore, we must have  $F = G$ , and then

$$\left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)} = \left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k)}$$

Integrating above, we get,

$$\left[ f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k-1)} = \left[ g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j} \right]^{(k-1)} + C_{k-1}$$

Where  $C_{k-1}$  is a constant. If  $C_{k-1} \neq 0$ , using Lemma 8, it follows that  $n \leq 2k + m + \sigma$  a contradiction. Hence  $C_{k-1} = 0$ , repeating  $k$  times, we deduce that,

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

which by Lemma 9, gives  $f = tg$  where  $t$  is a constant satisfying  $t^m = 1$ . This proves Theorem 1.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 2

Let

$$F(z) = \frac{[f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}]^{(k)}}{\alpha(z)}, G(z) = \frac{[g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}]^{(k)}}{\alpha(z)}$$

Then  $F(z)$  and  $G(z)$  share  $(1, 2)^*$  except the zeros or poles of  $\alpha(z)$ . Obviously

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & 2N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + 2N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\ & \leq (6k + 3m + 2\sigma + 6)T(r, f) + (6k + 3m + 2\sigma + 6)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

According to 4.1 and Lemma 2, we can prove Theorem 2 in a similar way as in Section 3.

### 5. Proof of Theorem 3

Let

$$F(z) = \frac{[f^n(z)(f^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}]^{(k)}}{\alpha(z)}, G(z) = \frac{[g^n(z)(g^m(z) - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}]^{(k)}}{\alpha(z)}$$

Then  $\overline{E}_2(1, [f^n(f^m - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d f(z + c_j)^{v_j}]^{(k)}) = \overline{E}_2(1, [g^n(g^m - 1) \prod_{j=1}^d g(z + c_j)^{v_j}]^{(k)})$

except the zeros or poles of  $\alpha(z)$ . Obviously

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & 2N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + 2N_2\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) + 3\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{F}\right) + 3\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{G}\right) + S(r, F) + S(r, G) \\ & \leq (10k + 5m + 5\sigma + 7)T(r, f) + (14k + 5m + 5\sigma + 7)T(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Using 5.1 and Lemma 6, we can prove Theorem 3 in a similar way as in Section 3.

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