

# Uniqueness of weakly weighted-sharing a small function by a meromorphic function and its differential polynomial

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**Abstract:** In this paper we study the uniqueness of weakly weighted-sharing a small function by a meromorphic function and its differential polynomial. The result of the paper improve some recent results due to Hong-Yan Xu and Yi Hu [5].

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function in the open complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . We use the standard notations of Nevanlinna theory, which can be found in [7]. We denote by  $S(r, f)$  any quantity satisfying  $S(r, f) = o\{T(r, f)\}$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  possibly outside a set of finite linear measure.

A meromorphic function  $a = a(z)$  is called a small function of  $f$  if  $T(r, a) = S(r, f)$ . We denote by  $S(f)$  the collection of all small functions of  $f$ . Clearly  $\mathbb{C} \subset S(f)$ .

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two meromorphic functions in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $a \in S(f) \cap S(g)$ . We say that  $f$  and  $g$  share the function  $a = a(z)$  CM (counting multiplicities) or IM (ignoring multiplicities) if  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  have the same set of zeros counting multiplicities or ignoring multiplicities respectively.

**Definition 1.** [5] Let  $k$  be a positive integer, and let  $f$  be a meromorphic function and  $a \in S(f)$ .

- (i)  $\bar{N}(r, a; f | \geq k)$  denotes the counting function of zeros of  $f - a$  whose multiplicities are not less than  $k$ , where each zero is counted only once.
- (ii)  $\bar{N}(r, a; f | \leq k)$  denotes the counting function of zeros of  $f - a$  whose multiplicities are not greater than  $k$ , where each zero is counted only once.
- (iii)  $N_p(r, a; f) = \bar{N}(r, a; f) + \sum_{k=2}^p \bar{N}(r, a; f | \geq k)$ .

**Definition 2.** [2] For any complex number  $c \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , we denote by  $\delta_p(c, f)$  the quantity

$$\delta_p(c, f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_p(r, c; f)}{T(r, f)},$$

where  $p$  is a positive integer. Clearly  $\delta_p(c, f) \geq \delta(c, f)$ .

Let  $N_E(r, a)$  be the counting function of all common zeros of  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  with the same multiplicities, and  $N_0(r, a)$  be the counting functions of all common zeros of  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  ignoring multiplicities. Denotes by  $\bar{N}_E(r, a)$  and  $\bar{N}_0(r, a)$  the reduced counting functions of  $f$  and  $g$  corresponding to the counting functions  $N_E(r, a)$  and  $N_0(r, a)$ , respectively. If

$$\bar{N}(r, a; f) + \bar{N}(r, a; g) - 2\bar{N}_E(r, a) = S(r, f) + S(r, g),$$

then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share a “CM”. If

$$\bar{N}(r, a; f) + \bar{N}(r, a; g) - 2\bar{N}_0(r, a) = S(r, f) + S(r, g),$$

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

**Definition 3.** [5] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing a “IM”, for  $a \in S(f) \cap S(g)$ , and a positive integer  $k$  or  $\infty$ .

- (i)  $\bar{N}_E^{(k)}(r, a)$  denotes the counting function of zeros of  $f - a$  whose multiplicities are equal to the corresponding zeros of  $g - a$ , both of their multiplicities are not greater than  $k$ , where each zero is counted only once.
- (ii)  $\bar{N}_0^{(k)}(r, a)$  denotes the reduced counting function of zeros of  $f - a$  which are zeros of  $g - a$ , both of their multiplicities are not less than  $k$ , where each zero is counted only once.
- (iii) Let  $z_0$  be the zeros of  $f - a$  with multiplicity  $p$  and zeros of  $g - a$  with multiplicity  $q$ . Denote by  $\bar{N}_{f>k}(r, a; g)$  the reduced counting function of those zeros of  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  such that  $p > q = k$ .  $\bar{N}_{g>k}(r, a; g)$  is defined analogously.
- (iv)  $\bar{N}_*(r, a; f, g)$  denotes the reduce counting function of zeros of  $f - a$  whose multiplicities differ from the multiplicities of the corresponding zeros of  $g - a$ .

Clearly,

$$\bar{N}_*(r, a; f, g) = \bar{N}_*(r, a; g, f) \text{ and } \bar{N}_*(r, a; f, g) = \bar{N}_L(r, a; f) + \bar{N}_L(r, a; g).$$

**Definition 4.** [5] For  $a \in S(f) \cap S(g)$ , if  $k$  is a positive integer or  $\infty$ , and

$$\bar{N}(r, a; f | \leq k) - \bar{N}_E^{(k)}(r, a) = S(r, f), \bar{N}(r, a; f | \geq k + 1) - \bar{N}_0^{(k+1)}(r, a) = S(r, f);$$

$$\bar{N}(r, a; g | \leq k) - \bar{N}_E^{(k)}(r, a) = S(r, g), \bar{N}(r, a; g | \geq k + 1) - \bar{N}_0^{(k+1)}(r, a) = S(r, g),$$

or if  $k = 0$  and

$$\bar{N}(r, a; f) - \bar{N}_0(r, a) = S(r, f), \bar{N}(r, a; g) - \bar{N}_0(r, a) = S(r, g),$$

where  $\bar{N}_0(r, a)$  is the reduce counting functions of all common zeros  $f - a$  and  $g - a$  ignoring multiplicities, 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  $k$ .

Obviously, if  $f$  and  $g$  share “ $(a, k)$ ”, then  $f$  and  $g$  share “ $(a, p)$ ” for any  $p$  ( $0 \leq p \leq k$ ). Also, we note that  $f$  and  $g$  share a “IM” or “CM” if and only if  $f$  and  $g$  share “ $(a, 0)$ ” or “ $(a, \infty)$ ”, respectively.

**Definition 5.** [5] Let

$$L(f) = f^{(n)} + a_{n-1}f^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_0f, \tag{*}$$

be a differential polynomial of  $f$ , where  $a_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ )  $\in S(f)$ .

In 2003, Yu [8] considered the uniqueness problem of an entire function or meromorphic function when it shares one small function with its derivative and proved the following results.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $n \geq 1$ , let  $f$  be a non-constant entire function,  $a \in S(f)$  and  $a \neq 0, \infty$ . If  $f, f^{(n)}$  share a CM and  $\delta(0, f) > \frac{3}{4}$ , then  $f \equiv f^{(n)}$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $n \geq 1$ , let  $f$  be a non-constant non-entire meromorphic function,  $a \in S(f)$  and  $a \neq 0, \infty$ ,  $f$  and  $a$  do not have any common pole. If  $f, f^{(n)}$  share a CM and  $4\delta(0, f) + 2(8+n)\Theta(\infty, f) > 19 + 2n$ , then  $f \equiv f^{(n)}$ .

In 2004, Liu and Gu [3] applied a different method and obtained the following results.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function,  $a \in S(f)$  and  $a \neq 0, \infty$ . If  $f, f^{(n)}$  share a CM,  $f$  and  $a$  do not have any common pole of same multiplicity and  $2\delta(0, f) + 4\Theta(\infty, f) > 5$ , then  $f \equiv f^{(n)}$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $n \geq 1$ , let  $f$  be a non-constant entire function,  $a \in S(f)$  and  $a \neq 0, \infty$ . If  $f, f^{(n)}$  share a CM and  $\delta(0, f) > \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $f \equiv f^{(n)}$ .

In 2011, Hong-Yan Xu and Yi Hu [5] obtained the following result which improve the results of [15, 8].

**Theorem 5.** Let  $n \geq 1$ , let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function,  $a \in S(f)$  and  $a \neq 0, \infty$ . Suppose that  $L(f)$  is defined by (\*), If  $f, L(f)$  share “(a, k)”. Then  $f \equiv L(f)$  if one of the following assumptions holds,

1.  $2 \leq k \leq \infty$  and

$$4\Theta(\infty, f) + 2\delta_{2+n}(0, f) > 5,$$

2.  $k = 1$  and

$$\left(\frac{7}{2} + n\right)\Theta(\infty, f) + \frac{3}{2}\delta_2(0, f) + \delta_{2+n}(0, f) > n + 5,$$

3.  $k = 0$  and

$$(6 + 2n)\Theta(\infty, f) + \delta_2(0, f) + 2\Theta(0, f) + 2\delta_{2+n}(0, f) > (2n + 10).$$

We define a monomial  $M[f]$  and differential polynomial  $H[f]$  as follows,

Let  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_k$  be non-negative integers. We call

$$M[f] = f^{p_0} (f')^{p_1} \dots (f^{(k)})^{p_k}$$

a differential monomial in  $f$  with degree  $d_M = p_0 + p_1 + \dots + p_k$  and weight  $\Gamma_M = p_0 + 2p_1 + \dots + (k+1)p_k$ , and

$$H[f] = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j M_j[f], \tag{1}$$

where  $a_j$  are small functions of  $f$ , is called a differential polynomial in  $f$  of degree  $d = \max\{d_{M_j}, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$  and weight  $\Gamma = \max\{\Gamma_{M_j}, 1 \leq j \leq n\}$ , furthermore if  $\deg(M_j) = d (j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ , then  $H[f]$  is a homogeneous differential polynomial in  $f$  of degree  $d$ .

In this paper, we improve the above Theorems and obtain the following results.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $H[f]$  be a non-constant homogeneous differential polynomial of degree  $d$  and weight  $\Gamma$  satisfying  $\Gamma \geq (k+2)d - 2$ . Let  $a(z) \in S(f)$  be a small meromorphic function of  $f$  such that  $a(z) \neq 0, \infty$ . Suppose that  $f - a$  and  $H[f] - a$  share  $(0, k)$ . Then  $\frac{H[f]-a}{f-a} = C$  for some non-zero constant  $C$  if one of the following assumptions holds,

- (i)  $2 \leq k \leq \infty$  and

$$4\Theta(\infty, f) + \delta_2(0, f) + d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) > 5, \tag{2}$$

- (ii)  $k = 1$  and

$$\left(\frac{7}{2} + \Gamma - d\right)\Theta(\infty, f) + \frac{3}{2}\delta_2(0, f) + d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) > \Gamma + 4, \tag{3}$$

- (iii)  $k = 0$  and

$$(6 + 2\Gamma - 2d)\Theta(\infty, f) + \delta_2(0, f) + 2\Theta(0, f) + d\delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) + d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) > 2\Gamma + 9. \tag{4}$$

Especially, when  $k = 0$ , i.e.,  $f$  and  $H$  share  $a$  IM, if (4) holds, then  $f \equiv H[f]$ .

From Theorem 6 we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $f$  be a non-constant entire function and  $a \equiv a(z) (\neq 0, \infty)$  be a meromorphic function such that  $T(r, a) = S(r, f)$ . If  $f, H[f]$  share “ $(a, k)$ ”,  $k \geq 2$  and  $\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) > \frac{1}{d+1}$ , or if  $f, H[f]$  share “ $(a, 1)$ ” and  $\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) > \frac{2d+1}{3+2d}$ , or if  $f, H[f]$  share “ $(a, 0)$ ” and  $\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) > \frac{2d+2}{d} - \frac{1}{d} (\delta_2(0, f) + 2\Theta(0, f) + d\delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d))$ , then  $\frac{H[f]-a}{f-a} = C$  for some non-zero constant  $C$  and  $f \equiv H[f]$  for  $k = 0$ , where  $H[f]$  is defined by (1).*

## 2 Some lemmas

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

**Lemma 1.** [4] *Let  $H[f]$  be a non-constant differential polynomial. Let  $z_0$  be a pole of  $f$  order  $p$  and neither a zero nor a pole of coefficients of  $H[f]$ . Then  $z_0$  is a pole of  $H[f]$  with order at most  $pd + (\Gamma - d)$ .*

**Lemma 2.** [4] *Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function,  $H[f]$  is a homogeneous differential polynomial in  $f$  of degree  $d$  and weight  $\Gamma$ , and let  $p$  be a positive integer. If  $H[f] \not\equiv 0$  and  $\Gamma \geq (k + 2)d - (p + 1)$ , we have*

$$N_p\left(r, \frac{1}{H}\right) \leq T(r, H) - dT(r, f) + N_{p+\Gamma-d}\left(r, \frac{1}{fd}\right) + S(r, f), \tag{5}$$

$$N_p\left(r, \frac{1}{H}\right) \leq (\Gamma - d)\bar{N}(r, f) + N_{p+\Gamma-d}\left(r, \frac{1}{fd}\right) + S(r, f). \tag{6}$$

**Lemma 3.** [6] *Let  $k$  be a nonnegative integer or  $\infty$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions,  $F$  and  $G$  share “ $(1, k)$ ”. Let*

$$\Delta = \left(\frac{F''}{F'} - 2\frac{F'}{F-1}\right) - \left(\frac{G''}{G'} - 2\frac{G'}{G-1}\right). \tag{7}$$

If  $\Delta \neq 0, 2 \leq k \leq \infty$ , then

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

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

When  $f$  and  $g$  share 1 “IM”,  $\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f)$  denotes the counting function of the 1-points of  $f$  whose multiplicities are greater than 1-points of  $g$ , where each zero is counted only once. Similarly, we denote  $\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g), N_E^1(r, 1; f)$  denotes the counting function of those simple 1-points of  $f$  and  $g$ , and  $\bar{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; f)$  denotes the counting function of those multiplicity 1-points of  $f$  and  $g$ , each point in these counting functions is counted only once. In the same way, one can define  $N_E^1(r, 1; g), \bar{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; g)$ .

**Lemma 4.** [5] *If  $f, g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions such that they share “ $(1, 1)$ ”, then*

$$2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) + \bar{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g) \leq N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g).$$

**Lemma 5.** [5] *Let  $f, g$  share “ $(1, 1)$ ”. Then*

$$\bar{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g) \leq \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}_0(r, 0, f') + S(r, f).$$

**Lemma 6.** [5] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing “(1,0)”. Then*

$$\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) + \bar{N}_E^2(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) \leq N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g).$$

**Lemma 7.** [5] *Let  $f, g$  share “(1,0)”. Then*

$$\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) \leq \bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + S(r, f).$$

**Lemma 8.** [5] *Let  $f, g$  share “(1,0)”. Then*

- (i)  $\bar{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) \leq \bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - \bar{N}_0(r, 0; f') + S(r, f);$
- (ii)  $\bar{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) \leq \bar{N}(r, 0; g) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; g) - \bar{N}_0(r, 0; g') + S(r, g).$

*Proof.* (proof of Theorem 6.) Let

$$F = \frac{f}{a}, \quad G = \frac{H[f]}{a}. \tag{8}$$

From the conditions of Theorem 6, we know that  $F$  and  $G$  share “(1,  $k$ )”, and from (8), we have

$$T(r, F) = T(r, f) + S(r, f), T(r, G) = O(T(r, f)) + S(r, f). \tag{9}$$

$$\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + S(r, f). \tag{10}$$

It is obvious that  $f$  is a transcendental meromorphic function. Let  $\Delta$  be defined by (7). We distinguish two cases

**Case 1.**  $\Delta \equiv 0$ . integrating (7), yields

$$\frac{1}{F-1} = \frac{C}{G-1} + D, \tag{11}$$

where  $C$  and  $D$  are constants and  $C \neq 0$ . If there exists a pole  $z_0$  of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p$  which is not zero or pole of  $a$ , then  $z_0$  is a pole of  $G$  with multiplicity  $pd + (\Gamma - d)$ , a pole of  $F$  with multiplicity  $p$ . This contradicts (11) as  $H$  contains at least one derivative. Therefore, we have

$$\bar{N}(r, \infty; F) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) = S(r, f). \tag{12}$$

(11) also shows that  $F$  and  $G$  share the value 1 CM. Next, we will prove  $D = 0$ . Suppose  $D \neq 0$ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{F-1} = \frac{D(G-1 + \frac{C}{D})}{G-1}. \tag{13}$$

So, we have

$$\bar{N}\left(r, 0; D\left(G-1 + \frac{C}{D}\right)\right) = \bar{N}\left(r, \infty; \frac{F-1}{G-1}\right) = S(r, f). \tag{14}$$

**Subcase 1.1.** If  $\frac{C}{D} \neq 1$ , then by using (12), (14) and the second fundamental theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}\left(r, 0; G-1 + \frac{C}{D}\right) + S(r, F) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + S(r, F) \leq (1 + o(1))T(r, G). \end{aligned}$$

This gives that

$$T(r, G) = \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + S(r, F) = N_1(r, 0; G) + S(r, F).$$

So we have

$$T(r, H) = N(r, 0; H) + S(r, f) = N_1(r, 0; H) + S(r, f).$$

Let  $p = 1$ , then from assumption we have

$$\Gamma \geq (k+2)d - 2 = (k+2)d - (p+1).$$

Thus from (5) in Lemma 2, we get

$$T(r, H) = N_1(r, 0; H) + S(r, f) \leq T(r, H) - dT(r, f) + N_{1+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f).$$

So we have

$$dT(r, f) \leq N_{1+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f).$$

This gives that

$$dT(r, f) = N_{1+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f).$$

So we have

$$\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) = \delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) = 0.$$

Since (12), we get

$$\Theta(\infty, f) = 1. \tag{15}$$

**Subcase 1.2.**  $k \geq 2$ . By using (2) and the definition of deficiency, we get a contradiction.

**Subcase 1.3.**  $k = 1$ . By using (3) and the definition of deficiency, we get a contradiction.

**Subcase 1.4.**  $k = 0$ . By using (4) and the definition of deficiency, we get a contradiction.

**Subcase 1.5.** If  $\frac{C}{D} = 1$ , then from (13), we have

$$\frac{1}{F-1} \equiv C \frac{G}{G-1}.$$

This gives us that

$$\left(F - 1 - \frac{1}{C}\right) G \equiv -\frac{1}{C}.$$

Using that  $F = \frac{f}{a}$  and  $G = \frac{H}{a}$ , we get

$$f - \left(a + \frac{1}{C}\right) \equiv -\frac{a^2}{C} \cdot \frac{1}{H}. \tag{16}$$

Using (12), (16), Lemma 1 and the first fundamental theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (d+1)T(r, f) &= T\left(r, 0; f^d \left(f - \left(1 + \frac{1}{C}\right)a\right)\right) + O(1) \\ &= T\left(r, \infty; -\frac{CH}{f^d a^2}\right) + O(1) \\ &= N\left(r, \infty; \frac{H}{f^d}\right) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq dN(r, 0; f) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq (d + o(1))T(r, f), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction, hence  $D = 0$ . This gives from (11) that

$$\frac{G-1}{F-1} \equiv C.$$

So we get  $\frac{H[f]^{-a}}{f^{-a}} = C (C \neq 0.)$  Next, we will prove  $C = 1$  when  $l = 0$ . Suppose  $C \neq 1$ , then we have

$$F \equiv \frac{1}{C}(G - 1 + C)$$

and

$$N(r, 0; F) = N(r, (1 + C); G). \tag{17}$$

By the second fundamental theorem and (12) (17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, G) &\leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; G) + \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}(r, (1 + C); G) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}(r, 0; F) + S(r, f) \\ &= N_1(r, 0; G) + \bar{N}(r, 0; F). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2 for  $p = 1$ , we have

$$dT(r, f) \leq N_{1+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + \bar{N}(r, 0; f) + S(r, f).$$

From the above formula and the definition of deficiency, we have

$$d\delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) + \Theta(0, f) \leq 1. \tag{18}$$

So we have

$$d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) + \delta_2(0, f) \leq 1, \quad d\delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) \leq 1. \tag{19}$$

Combining (18) (19) (15) with the assumptions of Theorem 6, we get a contradiction. So  $C = 1$  and  $F \equiv G$ , i.e.  $f \equiv H[f]$ . This is just the conclusion of this theorem.

**Case 2.**  $\Delta \neq 0$ .

**Subcase 2.1.**  $k \geq 2$ . It follows from Lemma 3 that

$$T(r, G) \leq N_2(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, \infty; G) + N_2(r, 0; G) + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \tag{20}$$

Noting that

$$N_2(r, 0; G) = N_2\left(r, 0; \frac{H}{a}\right) \leq N_2(r, 0; H) + S(r, f).$$

Let  $p = 2$ , then from assumption we have

$$\Gamma \geq (k + 2)d - 2 > (k + 2)d - (p + 1).$$

Thus, from (5) in Lemma 2 we obtain that

$$T(r, H) \leq 4\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + N_2(r, 0; f) + T(r, H) - dT(r, f) + N_{2+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f).$$

So we have

$$dT(r, f) \leq 4\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + N_2(r, 0; f) + N_{2+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f).$$

This gives that

$$4\Theta(\infty, f) + \delta_2(0, f) + d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) \leq 5.$$

Which contradicts the assumption (2) of Theorem 6.

**Subcase 2.2.**  $k = 1$ . We know that  $F, G$  share “(1, 1)”, hence we have

$$N(r, \infty; H) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F | \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F | \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G | \geq 2) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, f), \tag{21}$$

and

$$N(r, 1; F | = 1) \leq N(r, 0; H) + S(r, f) \leq N(r, \infty; H) + S(r, f), \tag{22}$$

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. By the second fundamental theorem, we see that

$$T(r, F) + T(r, G) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') - \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \tag{23}$$

Using Lemmas (4) and (5), (21) and (22) we can get

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) &\leq N(r, 1; F | = 1) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\ &\leq N(r, 1; F | = 1) + N(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F>2}(r, 1; G) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; F | \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G | \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}_*(r, 1; F, G) + T(r, G) \\ &\quad - m(r, 1; G) + O(1) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) \\ &\quad + N_0(r, 0; F') + N_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G). \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Combining (23) and (24), we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, F) &\leq \frac{7}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq \frac{7}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \frac{3}{2}N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $F, G$  and (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, f) &\leq \frac{7}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \frac{3}{2}N_2(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; H) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq \frac{7}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \frac{3}{2}N_2(r, 0; f) + (\Gamma - d)\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + N_{2+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\left(\frac{7}{2} + \Gamma - d\right)\Theta(\infty, f) + \frac{3}{2}\delta_2(0, f) + d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) \leq \Gamma + 4,$$

which contradicts the assumption (3) of Theorem 6.

**Subcase 2.3.**  $k = 0$ . We know that  $F, G$  share “(1, 0)”, hence we have

$$N(r, \infty; H) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; F | \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; F | \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G | \geq 2) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; F') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, f), \tag{25}$$

and

$$N_E^1(r, 1; F) = N_E^1(r, 1; G) + S(r, f), \quad N_E^{(2)}(r, 1; F) = N_E^{(2)}(r, 1; G) + S(r, f),$$

$$N_E^1(r, 1; F) \leq N(r, \infty; H) + S(r, f). \tag{26}$$



Using Lemmas 6-8 and (25) and (26), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{N}(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) &\leq \overline{N}_L(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_E^2(r, 1; F) + \overline{N}(r, 1; G) \\
 &\leq N_E^1(r, 1; F) + N(r, 1; G) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F>1}(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{G>1}(r, 1; G) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; F \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G \geq 2) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + \overline{N}_*(r, 1; F, G) + T(r, G) \\
 &\quad - m(r, 1; G) + O(1) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{F>1}(r, 1; G) + \overline{N}_{G>1}(r, 1; G) \\
 &\quad + N_0(r, 0; F') + N_0(r, 0; G') + S(r, F) + S(r, G).
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Combining (23) and (27) and by Lemma 2, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, f) &\leq 6\overline{N}(r, \infty; F) + N_2(r, 0; F) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; F) + N_2(r, 0; G) + \overline{N}(r, 0; G) + S(r, f) \\
 &\leq (6 + 2\Gamma - 2d)\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + N_2(r, 0; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + N_{2+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) \\
 &\quad + N_{1+\Gamma-d}(r, 0; f^d) + S(r, f).
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$(6 + 2\Gamma - 2d)\Theta(\infty, f) + \delta_2(0, f) + 2\Theta(0, f) + d\delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) + d\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0, f^d) \leq 2\Gamma + 9,$$

which contradicts the assumption (4) of Theorem 6. Now the proof has been completed.

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