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## UNIQUENESS OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS THAT SHARE THREE VALUES

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**ABSTRACT.** In the paper dealing with the uniqueness problem of meromorphic functions we prove five theorems one of which will improve a result given by Lahiri [5] and the remaining will supplement some previous results.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION DEFINITIONS AND RESULTS

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions defined in the open complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . If for some  $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  have the same set of  $a$ -points with same multiplicities then we say that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $a$  CM (counting multiplicities). If we do not take the multiplicities into account,  $f$  and  $g$  are said to share the value  $a$  IM (ignoring multiplicities). The notation  $S(r, f)$  denotes any quantity satisfying  $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , outside any set of finite linear measure.

We use  $I$  to denote any set of infinite linear measure of  $0 < r < \infty$ .

G. Broch [1] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** [1, 5, 10] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $0, 1, \infty$  CM. If*

$$(1.1) \quad \limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{2\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

*then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .*

N. Terglane [9] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2.** [5, 9, 10] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $1, \infty$  CM and  $0$  IM. If*

$$N(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}(r, 1; f) = S(r, f)$$

*and*

$$\limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

*then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .*

E. Mues and M. Reinders [8] proved the following result.

**Theorem 1.3.** [5, 8] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $0, \infty$  IM and  $1$  CM. If*

$$\limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; f)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

*then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .*

H. X. Yi improved the above results and proved the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.4.** [5, 10] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $1, \infty$  CM and  $0$  IM. If*

$$(1.2) \quad \limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

*then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .*

**Theorem 1.5.** [5, 10] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $0, \infty$  IM and  $1$  CM. If*

$$(1.3) \quad \limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

*then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f \cdot g \equiv 1$ .*

To state the next results we have to introduce the notion of gradation of sharing known as weighted sharing.

**Definition 1.1.** [2, 3] Let  $k$  be a nonnegative 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  $m \leq k$  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 all integer  $p, 0 \leq p < k$ . 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.

With the notion of weighted sharing of values improving Theorem 1.4 and Theorem 1.5 Lahiri [5] proved the following two theorems.

**Theorem 1.6.** [5] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 2), (\infty, \infty)$ . If condition (1.2) holds then either  $f \equiv g$  or  $f \cdot g \equiv 1$ .*

**Theorem 1.7.** [5] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 2), (\infty, 0)$ . If condition (1.3) holds then either  $f \equiv g$  or  $f \cdot g \equiv 1$ .*

Though the standard definitions and notations are available in [2], we explain some notations which are used in the paper.

**Definition 1.2.** [4] We denote by  $N(r, a; f| = 1)$  the counting function of simple  $a$  points of  $f$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [3, 4] If  $s$  is a positive integer, we denote by  $\overline{N}(r, a; f| \geq s)$  the reduced counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$  whose multiplicities are not less than  $s$ .

**Definition 1.4.** [11, 12] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions such that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $1$  IM. Let  $z_0$  be a  $1$ -point of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p$ , a  $1$ -point of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q$ . We denote by  $\overline{N}_L(r, 1; f)$  the counting function of those  $1$ -points of  $f$  and  $g$  where  $p > q$ , by  $N_E^1(r, 1; f)$  the counting function of those  $1$ -points of  $f$  and  $g$  where  $p = q = 1$  and by  $\overline{N}_E^2(r, 1; f)$  the counting function of those  $1$ -points of  $f$  and  $g$  where  $p = q \geq 2$ , each point in these counting functions is counted only once. In the same way we can define  $\overline{N}_L(r, 1; g), N_E^1(r, 1; g), \overline{N}_E^2(r, 1; g)$ .

**Definition 1.5.** [12] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions such that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $1$  IM. Let  $z_0$  be a  $1$ -point of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p$ , a  $1$ -point of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q$ . We denote by  $\overline{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g)$  the reduced counting function of those  $1$ -points of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $p > q = 2$ .  $\overline{N}_{g>2}(r, 1; f)$  is defined analogously.

**Definition 1.6.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions such that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $1$  IM. Let  $z_0$  be a  $1$ -point of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p$ , a  $1$ -point of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q$ . We denote by  $\overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g)(\overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f))$  the reduced counting function of those  $1$ -points of  $f$  and  $g$  such that  $p > q = 1(q > p = 1)$ .

**Definition 1.7.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions such that  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $(1, 2)$ . Let  $z_0$  be a 1-point of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p$ , a 1-point of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q$ . We denote by  $\overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; g)$  the counting function of those 1-points of  $f$  and  $g$  where  $p = q \geq 3$ , each point in this counting function is counted only once. In the same way we can define  $\overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; g)$

**Definition 1.8.** [3, 5] Let  $f, g$  share a value IM. We denote by  $\overline{N}_*(r, a; f, g)$  the reduced counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$  whose multiplicities differ from the multiplicities of the corresponding  $a$ -points of  $g$ .

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

**Definition 1.9.** [4] Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We denote by  $N(r, a; f | g = b)$  the counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$ , counted according to multiplicity, which are  $b$ -points of  $g$ .

**Definition 1.10.** [4] Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . We denote by  $N(r, a; f | g \neq b)$  the counting function of those  $a$ -points of  $f$ , counted according to multiplicity, which are not the  $b$ -points of  $g$ .

Now one may ask :

*Is it possible in any way to replace the condition (1.3) in Theorem 1.7 by a weaker one so that the conclusion of the theorem remain same?*

In this paper we will provide an answer to the question. However the author does not know whether the condition (1.2) in Theorem 1.6 can be further relaxed.

In [5] Lahiri raised a problem of further relaxation of the sharing  $(1, 2)$  in Theorems 1.6 and 1.7.

Inspired by this problem the present author also investigate the situations when the two functions share the value 1 with weight one or zero. We now state the following five theorems which are our main results. The first theorem is an improvement of Theorem 1.7.

**Theorem 1.8.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 2), (\infty; 0)$ . If

$$(1.4) \quad \limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) - \overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 1), (\infty; \infty)$ . If

$$\limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .

**Theorem 1.10.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\infty; \infty)$ . If

$$\limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + N_{\otimes}(r, 1; f, g) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ , where  $N_{\otimes}(r, 1; f, g) = \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f)$ .

**Theorem 1.11.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 1), (\infty; 0)$ . If

$$(1.5) \quad \limsup_{\substack{r \rightarrow \infty \\ r \in I}} \frac{3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ .

**Theorem 1.12.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\infty; 0)$ . If

$$(1.6) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + N_{\otimes}(r, 1; f, g) - m(r, 1; g)}{T(r, f)} < 1$$

$r \in I$

then  $f \equiv g$  or  $f.g \equiv 1$ , where  $N_{\otimes}(r, 1; f, g) = \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f)$ .

**Example 1.1.** Let  $f = (1 - e^z)^3$ ,  $g = \frac{3(e^z - 1)}{e^{2z}}$ . Clearly  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (\infty, \infty)$  and  $(1, \infty)$ . Here  $\overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) = 0$ ,  $\overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) = 0$ ,  $\overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) = 0$ . Also  $T(r, f) = 3T(r, e^z) + O(1)$ ,  $T(r, g) = 2T(r, e^z) + O(1)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, 0; f) \sim T(r, e^z)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) = 0$ ,  $N(r, 1; g) \sim 2T(r, e^z)$  but neither  $f \equiv g$  nor  $fg \equiv 1$ . So the conditions in Theorem 1.9 and Theorem 1.10 are sharp.

**Example 1.2.** Let  $f = \frac{1}{(1 - e^z)^3}$ ,  $g = \frac{e^{2z}}{3(e^z - 1)}$ . Clearly  $f, g$  share  $(0, \infty), (\infty, 0)$  and  $(1, \infty)$ . Here  $\overline{N}_E^3(r, 1; f) = 0$ ,  $\overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) = 0$ . Again  $T(r, f) = 3T(r, e^z) + O(1)$ ,  $T(r, g) = 2T(r, e^z) + O(1)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, 0; f) = 0$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) \sim T(r, e^z)$ ,  $N(r, 1; g) \sim 2T(r, e^z)$  but neither  $f \equiv g$  nor  $fg \equiv 1$ . So the condition (1.4) in Theorem 1.8 is sharp. Also  $\overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) = 0$ ,  $\overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) = 0$ ,  $\overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) = 0$ . but neither  $f \equiv g$  nor  $fg \equiv 1$ . So the conditions (1.5) in Theorem 1.11 and (1.6) in Theorem 1.12 are also sharp.

## 2. LEMMAS

In this section we present some lemmas which will be needed in the sequel. Henceforth we shall 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 2.1.** [4] Let  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\infty, 0)$  then

- (i)  $T(r, f) \leq 3T(r, g) + S(r, f)$ .
- (ii)  $T(r, g) \leq 3T(r, f) + S(r, g)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [11, 12] If  $f, g$  share  $(1, 0)$  and  $H \not\equiv 0$  then

$$N_E^1(r, 1; f) \leq N(r, H) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [7] The following holds

$$N(r, 0; f | f \neq 0) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + S(r, f).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 0)$ . Then

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

*Proof.* We prove (i) only because (ii) can be proved similarly. Let  $z_0$  be a 1- point of  $f$  of multiplicity  $p$  a 1-point of  $g$  of multiplicity  $q$ . We denote by  $N_1(r)$ ,  $N_2(r)$  and  $N_3(r)$  the counting functions of those 1-points of  $f$  and  $g$  when  $1 \leq q < p$ ,  $2 \leq q = p$  and  $p < q$  respectively where in the first counting function each point is counted  $q - 1$  times and in the remaining two counting functions each point is counted  $q - 2$  times.

Since  $f, g$  share  $(1, 0)$ , we note that a simple 1 point of  $g$  is either a simple 1 point of  $f$  or a 1 point of  $f$  with multiplicity  $\geq 2$ . So we can write

$$(2.1) \quad N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g) = \bar{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\ + N_1(r) + N_2(r) + N_3(r).$$

Also we note that

$$(2.2) \quad N_1(r) \geq \bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g),$$

$$(2.3) \quad N_2(r) \geq \bar{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}(r, 1; f, g| = 2),$$

$$(2.4) \quad N_3(r) \geq \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f),$$

where by  $\bar{N}(r, 1; f, g| = 2)$  we mean the reduced counting functions of 1-points of  $f$  and  $g$  with multiplicities two for each one.

Using (2.2)-(2.4) in (2.1) we deduce that

$$(2.5) \quad N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g) \geq \bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\ + 2\bar{N}_E^{(2)}(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}(r, 1; f, g| = 2) \\ - \bar{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f).$$

Now (i) follows from (2.5). This proves the lemma. ■

**Lemma 2.5.** [12] *If  $f, g$  share  $(1, 1)$  Then*

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

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

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 2)$ . Then*

$$(i) \quad 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + 3\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) + 2\bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}(r, 1; f| = 2) \\ \leq N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g).$$

$$(ii) \quad 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) + 3\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + 2\bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g| = 2) \\ \leq N(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}(r, 1; f).$$

*Proof.* We prove (i) only because (ii) can be proved similarly. Let  $z_0$  be a 1- point of  $f$  of multiplicity  $p$ , a 1-point of  $g$  of multiplicity  $q$ . We denote by  $N_1^2(r)$ ,  $N_2^2(r)$  and  $N_3^2(r)$  the counting functions of those 1-points of  $f$  and  $g$  when  $3 \leq q < p$ ,  $3 \leq q = p$  and  $3 \leq p < q$  respectively each point in these counting functions is counted  $q - 2$  times.

Since  $f, g$  share  $(1, 2)$ , we note that

$$(2.6) \quad N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g) = \bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\ + \bar{N}(r, 1; f| = 2) + N_1^2(r) + N_2^2(r) + N_3^2(r).$$

Also we note that

$$(2.7) \quad N_1^2(r) \geq \bar{N}_L(r, 1; f),$$

$$(2.8) \quad N_2^2(r) \geq \bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f),$$

$$(2.9) \quad N_3^2(r) \geq 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g),$$

Using (2.7)-(2.9) in (2.6) we deduce that

$$N(r, 1; g) - \bar{N}(r, 1; g) \geq 2\bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) + 3\bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) + 2\bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}(r, 1; f) = 2.$$

This proves the lemma. ■

**Lemma 2.7.** [5] *Let  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\infty, 0)$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then*

$$N(r, H) \leq \bar{N}_*(r, 0; f, g) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) + \bar{N}_*(r, 1; f, g) \\ + \bar{N}_0(r, 0; f') + \bar{N}_0(r, 0; g'),$$

where  $\bar{N}_0(r, 0; f')$  is the reduced counting function of those zeros of  $f'$  which are not the zeros of  $f(f-1)$  and  $\bar{N}_0(r, 0; g')$  is similarly defined.

**Lemma 2.8.** *Let  $f, g$  share  $(1, 2)$ . Then*

$$\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - \bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\ \geq \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + \frac{1}{2}N_0(r, 0; f') + S(r, f),$$

where  $N_0(r, 0; f')$  is the counting function of those zeros of  $f'$  which are not the zeros of  $f(f-1)$ .

*Proof.* Using Lemma 2.3 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) &= \bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; g) + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\ &\leq \bar{N}(r, 1; g) \geq 3 \\ &= \bar{N}(r, 1; f) \geq 3 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}N(r, 0; f') \Big|_{f=1} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}N(r, 0; f') \Big|_{f \neq 0} - \frac{1}{2}N_0(r, 0; f') \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - \frac{1}{2}N_0(r, 0; f') + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} &\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) - \bar{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) - \bar{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + \frac{1}{2}N_0(r, 0; f') + S(r, f), \end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma. ■

**Lemma 2.9.** *Let  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\infty, k)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq \infty$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then*

$$T(r, f) \leq 3\bar{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) \geq k + 1 + \bar{N}_L(r, 1; f) \\ + \bar{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) + \bar{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) - m(r, 1; g) + S(r, f).$$

*Proof.* By the second fundamental theorem we get

$$(2.10) \quad T(r, f) + T(r, g) \leq \bar{N}(r, 0; f) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; f) + \bar{N}(r, 0; g) \\ + \bar{N}(r, \infty; g) + \bar{N}(r, 1; f) + \bar{N}(r, 1; g) \\ - N_0(r, 0; f') - N_0(r, 0; g') + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Since  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, 0)$  and  $(\infty, k)$ ,  $\overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) \leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, \infty; f, g) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; f | \geq k + 1)$ . By Lemmas 2.1, 2.2, 2.4 and 2.7 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.11) \quad & \overline{N}(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}(r, 1; g) \\
 &= N_E^1(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_E^2(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}(r, 1; g) \\
 &\leq N_E^1(r, 1; f) + N(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f | \geq k + 1) + \overline{N}_*(r, 1; f, g) \\
 &\quad + T(r, g) - m(r, 1; g) + O(1) + \overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f | \geq k + 1) + T(r, g) \\
 &\quad - m(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_{f>1}(r, 1; g) \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_{g>1}(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') + S(r, f)
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.11) in (2.10) and noting that  $\overline{N}(r, 0; f) = \overline{N}(r, 0; g)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; g)$  we obtain the conclusion of the lemma. This proves the lemma. ■

**Lemma 2.10.** *Let  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 1), (\infty, k)$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq \infty$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, f) \leq & 3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f | \geq k + 1) + \overline{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g) \\
 & - m(r, 1; g) + S(r, f).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We omit the proof since using Lemmas 2.1, 2.2, 2.5 and 2.7 the proof of the lemma can be carried out in the line of Lemma 2.9. ■

**Lemma 2.11.** *Let  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 2), (\infty, 0)$  and  $H \neq 0$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, f) \leq & 3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) - \overline{N}_E^3(r, 1; f) \\
 & - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) - m(r, 1; g) + S(r, f).
 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By the second fundamental theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.12) \quad T(r, f) + T(r, g) \leq & \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, 0; g) \\
 & + \overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + \overline{N}(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}(r, 1; g) \\
 & - N_0(r, 0; f') - N_0(r, 0; g') + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
 \end{aligned}$$



Since  $f, g$  share  $(1, 2)$  implies  $N_E^1(r, 1; f) = N(r, 1; f| = 1)$ , by Lemmas 2.1, 2.2, 2.6 and 2.7 we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2.13) \quad & \overline{N}(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}(r, 1; g) \\
 &= N(r, 1; f| = 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; f| = 2) + \overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}(r, 1; g) \\
 &\leq N(r, 1; f| = 1) + \overline{N}(r, 1; f| = 2) + \overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) + N(r, 1; g) - 2\overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) \\
 &\quad - 3\overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) - 2\overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) - \overline{N}(r, 1; f| = 2) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}_*(r, 1; f, g) + T(r, g) \\
 &\quad - m(r, 1; g) + O(1) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; f) - 2\overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) \\
 &\quad - \overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') \\
 &\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + T(r, g) - m(r, 1; g) \\
 &\quad - \overline{N}_E^{(3)}(r, 1; f) - \overline{N}_L(r, 1; g) + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; f') \\
 &\quad + \overline{N}_0(r, 0; g') + S(r, f)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (2.12) and (2.13) the lemma follows. This proves the lemma. ■

**Lemma 2.12.** [10] *If  $f, g$  share  $(0, 0), (1, 0), (\infty, 0)$  and  $H \equiv 0$ . Then  $f, g$  share  $(0, \infty), (1, \infty), (\infty, \infty)$ .*

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*Proof of Theorem 1.8.* Suppose  $H \not\equiv 0$ . Then from Lemma 2.11 and condition (1.4) we get a contradiction. So  $H \equiv 0$ . Hence by Lemma 2.12  $f$  and  $g$  share  $(0, \infty), (1, \infty), (\infty, \infty)$ . Now Lemma 2.8 and condition (1.4) implies condition (1.1) of Theorem 1.1. So by Theorem 1.1 the theorem follows. This proves the theorem. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.11.* Since  $f, g$  share  $(\infty; 0) \overline{N}(r, \infty; f| \geq k + 1) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; f)$ . Suppose  $H \not\equiv 0$ . Then from Lemma 2.10 and condition (1.5) we get a contradiction. So  $H \equiv 0$ . Now the theorem follows from Lemma 2.12 and Theorem 1.1. This proves the theorem. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.12.* Since  $f, g$  share  $(\infty; 0) \overline{N}(r, \infty; f| \geq k + 1) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; f)$ . Suppose  $H \not\equiv 0$ . Then from Lemma 2.9 and condition (1.6) we obtain a contradiction. So  $H \equiv 0$  and the theorem follows from Lemma 2.12 and Theorem 1.1. This completes the proof of the theorem. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.9.* Suppose  $H \not\equiv 0$ . Since  $f, g$  share  $(\infty; \infty)$  we obtain from Lemma 2.10 for  $k = \infty$

$$T(r, f) \leq 3\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}_{f>2}(r, 1; g) - m(r, 1; g) + S(r, f)$$

which leads to a contradiction. So  $H \equiv 0$ . Now the theorem follows from Lemma 2.12 and Theorem 1.1. This proves the theorem. ■

*Proof of Theorem 1.10.* Using Lemma 2.9 for  $k = \infty$  and proceeding in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 1.9 we can prove the theorem. This proves the theorem. ■

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