

# Weighted Sharing and Uniqueness of Differential-Difference Polynomials of L-functions

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**Abstract-** In this paper, we mainly investigate the uniqueness problems of differential-difference polynomials of L-functions. Here we prove uniqueness theorems on differential-difference polynomials of L-functions concerning weighted sharing of small or rational functions. The results of this paper improve and generalize some recent results due to Hao, Chen [4], Zhu, Chen [17], Mandal, Datta [11] and Datta, Mandal [2].

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## I. INTRODUCTION

For the last 150 years the most important open problem in pure mathematics is considered to be the Riemann hypothesis and its extension to the general classes of L-functions. L-functions play most important role in the modern number theory. The L-functions in the Selberg class is defined by the Dirichlet series  $L(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n)}{n^z}$  satisfying the hypothesis (i)  $a(n) \ll n^\epsilon$  for every  $\epsilon > 0$ . (ii) There exists an integer  $k \geq 0$  such that  $(z-1)^k L(z)$  is a finite order entire function (iii) Every L-function satisfies the functional equation  $\lambda_L(z) = \omega \bar{\lambda}_L(1-\bar{z})$ , where  $\lambda_L(z) = L(z) Q^z \prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\lambda_i z + \nu_i)$  with positive real numbers  $Q$ ,  $\lambda_i$  and complex numbers  $\nu_i, \omega$  with  $Re \nu_i \geq 0$  and  $|\omega| = 1$  and (iv)  $L(z)$  satisfies  $L(z) = \prod_p L_p(z)$ , where  $L_p(z) = \exp(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{b(p^k)}{p^{kz}})$  with coefficients  $b(p^k)$  satisfying  $b(p^k) \ll p^{k\theta}$  for some  $\theta < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $p$  denotes prime number.

L-functions satisfying the first three hypothesis only are said L-functions in the extended Selberg class. In this paper by an L-function we always mean an L-function in the extended Selberg class with  $a_1(1) = 1$ . In this paper, we mainly deal with the question how a differential-difference polynomial of L-functions is uniquely determine in terms of sharing values. We adopt the standard definitions and notations of the Value Distribution Theory [5].

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  and  $\xi, \psi$  be meromorphic functions in the complex plane. We say that  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share  $\alpha$  CM if  $\xi - \alpha$  and  $\psi - \alpha$  have the same set of zeros with counting multiplicities and if we do not consider the multiplicities then we say that  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share  $\alpha$  IM. The set of all the zeros of  $\xi - \alpha$  with multiplicities  $\leq l$  is denoted by  $E_l(\alpha; \xi)$ , where  $l \geq 1$  is an integer and the zeros are counted according to their multiplicities. If we do not consider the multiplicities then we denote it by  $\bar{E}_l(\alpha; \xi)$ . We denote by  $S(r, \xi)$  any function satisfying  $S(r, \xi) = o(T(r, \xi))$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  outside a possible exceptional set of finite linear measure. A meromorphic function  $\rho$  is said to be a small function of  $\xi$  if  $T(r, \rho) = S(r, \xi)$ . We define the hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi)$  of  $\xi$  by  $\rho_2(\xi) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log T(r, \xi)}{\log r}$ .

**Definition 1.1. [8].** Let  $\xi$  be a meromorphic function defined in the complex plane. Let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . By  $N(r, \alpha; \xi) \leq k$  we denote the counting function of the  $\alpha$  points of  $\xi$  with multiplicity not greater than  $k$  and by  $\bar{N}(r, \alpha; \xi) \leq k$  the reduced counting function. Also by  $N(r, \alpha; \xi) \geq k$  we denote the counting function of the  $\alpha$  points of  $\xi$  with multiplicity not less than  $k$  and by  $\bar{N}(r, \alpha; \xi) \geq k$  the reduced counting function. We define  $N_k(r, \alpha; \xi) = \bar{N}(r, \alpha; \xi) \geq 1) + \bar{N}(r, \alpha; \xi) \geq 2) + \dots + \bar{N}(r, \alpha; \xi) \geq k)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [8]. Let  $\xi$  be a meromorphic function defined in the complex plane and  $P$  be a small function of  $\xi$  or a rational function. Then we denote by  $N(r, P; |\xi| \leq k)$ ,  $N(r, P; |\xi| \geq k)$ ,  $\bar{N}(r, P; |\xi| \leq k)$ ,  $\bar{N}(r, P; |\xi| \geq k)$ ,  $N_k(r, P; \xi)$  etc. the counting functions  $N(r, 0; |\xi - P| \leq k)$ ,  $N(r, 0; |\xi - P| \geq k)$ ,  $\bar{N}(r, 0; |\xi - P| \leq k)$ ,  $\bar{N}(r, 0; |\xi - P| \geq k)$ ,  $N_k(r, 0; \xi - P)$  etc. respectively.

**Definition 1.3.** [6, 7]. Let  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  be two meromorphic functions defined in the complex plane and  $n$  be an integer ( $\geq 0$ ) or infinity. For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  we denote by  $E_n(\alpha; \xi)$  the set of all zeros of  $\xi - \alpha$  where a zero of multiplicity  $k$  is counted  $k$  times if  $k \leq n$  and  $n + 1$  times if  $k > n$ . If  $E_n(\alpha; \xi) = E_n(\alpha; \psi)$  we say that  $\xi, \psi$  share the value  $\alpha$  with weight  $n$ .

We write  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(\alpha, n)$  to mean that  $\xi, \psi$  share the value  $\alpha$  with weight  $n$ . Clearly if  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(\alpha, n)$  then  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(\alpha, m)$  for all integers  $m, 0 \leq m < n$ . Also we note that  $\xi, \psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM or CM if and only if  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(\alpha, 0)$  or  $(\alpha, \infty)$  respectively.

In 2010 Li [9] study the uniqueness problems of meromorphic functions and L-functions and proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** [9]. Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function having finitely many poles and  $L$  be a non-constant L-function. If  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\alpha, \infty)$  and  $(\beta, 0)$  then  $L \equiv \xi$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two distinct finite values.

In 2017, Liu, Li and Yi [10] proved the following uniqueness theorems of L-functions.

**Theorem 1.2.** [10]. Let  $j \geq 1$  and  $k \geq 1$  be integers such that  $j > 3k + 6$ . Also let  $L$  be an L-function and  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function. If  $\{\xi^j\}^{(k)}$  and  $\{L^j\}^{(k)}$  share  $(1, \infty)$  then  $\xi \equiv \alpha L$  for some constant  $\alpha$  satisfying  $\alpha^j = 1$ .

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**Definition 1.4.** [11]. Let  $\xi$  be a meromorphic function defined in the complex plane and  $P$  be a small function of  $\xi$  or a rational function. Then we denote by  $E_m(P; \xi)$ ,  $\bar{E}_m(P; \xi)$  and  $E_m(P; \xi)$  the sets  $E_m(0; \xi - P)$ ,  $\bar{E}_m(0; \xi - P)$  and  $E_m(0; \xi - P)$  respectively.

We write  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(P, n)$  to mean that  $-P, \psi - P$  share the value 0 with weight  $n$ . Clearly if  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(P, n)$  then  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(P, m)$  for all integers  $m (0 \leq m \leq n)$ . Also we note that  $\xi, \psi$  share  $P$  IM or CM if and only if  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(P, 0)$  or  $(P, \infty)$  respectively.

In 2018, Hao and Chen [4] obtain the following uniqueness results when certain differential polynomials share a single value.

**Theorem 1.4.** [4] Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $L$  be a L-function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  and  $L^n(L - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(1, \infty)$ , where  $n, m, \tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > m + 3\tau + 6$  and  $\tau \geq 2$ , then,  $\xi \equiv L$  or,  $\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m \equiv L^n(L - 1)^m$ .

**Theorem 1.5.** [4] Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $L$  be a L-function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  and  $L^n(L - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(1, 0)$ , where  $n, m, \tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > 4m + 7\tau + 11$  and  $\tau \geq 2$ , then,  $\xi \equiv L$  or,  $\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m \equiv L^n(L - 1)^m$ .

In 2019 W. Q. Zhu and J. F. Chen [17] proved the following uniqueness theorem.

**Theorem 1.6.** [17] Let  $L$  be an L-function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function defined in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . Also let  $n, \tau (\geq 2), l (\geq 2)$  be positive integers such that  $n \geq 7k + 17$ . If  $\bar{E}_l(1; [\xi^n(\xi - 1)]^{(\tau)}) = \bar{E}_l(1; [L^n(L - 1)]^{(\tau)})$  then  $f \equiv L$ .

Considering truncated sharing of small function in 2020 Mandal and Datta [11] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.7.** [11]. Let  $L$  be a non-constant L-function and  $\rho$  be a small function of  $L$  such that  $\rho \not\equiv 0, \infty$ . If  $\bar{E}_4(\rho; L) = \bar{E}_4(\rho; (L^m)^{(k)})$ ,  $E_2(\rho; L) = E_2(\rho; (L^m)^{(k)})$  and  $2N_{2+k}(r, 0; L^m) \leq (\sigma + o(1))T(r, L)$ , where  $m \geq 1, k \geq 1$  are integers and  $0 < \sigma < 1$ , then  $L \equiv (L^m)^{(k)}$ .

Now the following questions come naturally.

Considering weighted sharing in 2020 Datta and Mandal [2] proved the following uniqueness theorem.

**Theorem 1.8.** [2] Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $L$  be a non-constant L-function. If  $E_0(0; \xi) = E_0(0; L)$ ,  $E_1(1; \xi) = E_1(1; L)$  and  $N(r, 0; \xi) + N(r, 1; \xi) = S(r, \xi)$  then either  $L \equiv f$  or  $T(r, L) = N(r, 0; L \leq 2) + S(r, L)$  and  $T(r, \xi) = N(r, 0; L' \leq 1) + S(r, L)$ .

**Question 1.1.** Can we take differential-difference polynomials in place of differential polynomials in theorem 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8?

**Question 1.2.** Is it possible to consider small function or rational function sharing in theorem 1.4, 1.5, 1.6 and 1.8?

**Definition 1.5.** [6]. Let two non-constant meromorphic functions  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM. We denote by  $\bar{N}_*(r, \alpha; \xi, \psi)$  the counting function of the  $\alpha$ -points of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  with different multiplicities, where each  $\alpha$ -point is counted only once.

**Definition 1.6.** Let two non-constant meromorphic functions  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM. We denote by  $\bar{N}(r, \alpha; \xi | > \psi)$  the counting function of those  $\alpha$ -points of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  whose multiplicities with respect to  $\xi$  is greater than the multiplicities with respect to  $\psi$ , where each  $\alpha$ -point is counted once only.

**Definition 1.7.** Let two non-constant meromorphic functions  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM. We denote by  $\bar{N}_E(r, \alpha; \xi, \psi | > m)$  the counting function of those  $\alpha$ -points of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  whose multiplicities greater than  $m$  and the multiplicities with respect to  $\xi$  is equal to the multiplicities with respect to  $\psi$ , where each  $\alpha$ -point is counted once only.

Using the concept of weighted sharing we try to solve Questions 1.1, 1.2 and prove the following theorems.

**Theorem 1.9.** Let  $L$  be a non-constant L-function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function. Let  $\tau, n, \eta, \mu_j (j = 2, \dots, \eta), \lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} \mu_j$  be positive integers and  $\omega_j \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} (j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta)$  be distinct constants. Also let  $\rho_2(L) < 1, \rho_2(\xi) < 1, L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(\rho, l)$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ , where  $0 \leq l < \infty$  and  $\rho$  is a small function of  $\xi$  and  $L$ , then one of the following holds

$$(i) L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$$

$$(ii) \{L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}\} \{ \xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \} \equiv \rho(z)^2$$

if

- (i)  $l = 0$  and  $n > \lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7$
- (ii)  $l = 1$  and  $n > \lambda + \frac{1}{2}(\eta(5\tau + 9) + 7)$
- (iii)  $l \geq 2$  and  $n > \lambda + \eta(2\tau + 4) + 4$ .

**Theorem 1.10.** Let  $L$  be a non-constant L-function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function. Let  $\tau, n, \eta, \mu_j (j = 2, \dots, \eta), \lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} \mu_j$  be positive integers and  $\omega_j \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} (j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta)$  be distinct constants. Also let

$\rho_2(L) < 1$ ,  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$ ,  $L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(Q, l)$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ , where  $0 \leq l < \infty$  and  $Q(z)$  is a rational function, then one of the following holds

- (i)  $L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$   
 (ii)  $\{L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}\} \{\xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}\} \equiv Q(z)^2$   
 if  
 (i)  $l = 0$  and  $n > \lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7$   
 (ii)  $l = 1$  and  $n > \lambda + \frac{1}{2}(\eta(5\tau + 9) + 7)$   
 (iii)  $l \geq 2$  and  $n > \lambda + \eta(2\tau + 4) + 4$ .

## II. LEMMAS

In this section we present some lemmas which will be needed in the proof of our results. Henceforth we denote by  $\Omega$  the function defined by

$$\Omega = \left( \frac{\Phi''}{\Phi'} - \frac{\Phi'}{\Phi - 1} \right) - \left( \frac{\Psi''}{\Psi'} - \frac{\Psi'}{\Psi - 1} \right)$$

**Lemma 2.1.** [13]. Let  $L$  be an L-function with degree  $q$ . Then  $T(r, L) = \frac{q}{\pi} \log r + O(r)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** [11]. Let  $L$  be an L-function. Then  $N(r, \infty; L) = S(r, L) = O(\log r)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $L$  be an L-function. If  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  then  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = S(r, L) = O(\log r)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  therefore by lemma 4.2 we have  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = N(r, \infty; L) = S(r, L) = O(\log r)$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 2.4.** [16]. Let  $\xi(z) = \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1(z) + \dots + \alpha_n z^n}{\beta_0 + \beta_1(z) + \dots + \beta_m z^m}$  be a non-constant rational function defined in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ , where  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n (\neq 0)$  and  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m (\neq 0)$  are complex constants. Then  $T(r, \xi) = \max\{m, n\} \log r + O(1)$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** [14]. Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$ . Then for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\}$

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \xi(z + \alpha)) &= T(r, \xi(z)) + S(r, \xi(z)) \\ N(r, \infty; \xi(z + \alpha)) &= N(r, \infty; \xi(z)) + S(r, \xi(z)) \\ N(r, 0; \xi(z + \alpha)) &= N(r, 0; \xi(z)) + S(r, \xi(z)). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.6.** [1] Let  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, l)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$  where  $2 \leq l < \infty$  and  $\Omega \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \Phi) &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) - m(r, 1; \Psi) \\ &\quad - N_E(r, 1; \Phi | > 3) - \bar{N}(r, 1; \Psi > \Phi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, \Psi) \\ T(r, \Psi) &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) - m(r, 1; \Phi) \\ &\quad - N_E(r, 1; \Psi | > 3) - \bar{N}(r, 1; \Phi > \Psi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, \Psi). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.7.** [12] Let  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 1)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$  and  $\Omega \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, \Phi) &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + \frac{3}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; \Phi) \\
&\quad + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \Psi) \\
T(r, \Psi) &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \frac{3}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + S(r, \Phi) \\
&\quad + S(r, \Psi).
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.8.** [12] Let  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 0)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$  and  $\Omega \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, \Phi) &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \Phi) \\
&\quad + \bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, \Psi) \\
T(r, \Psi) &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \Phi) \\
&\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, \Psi).
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.9.** [15] Let  $\phi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $k, p$  are two positive integers. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, \phi^{(k)}) &\leq T(r, \phi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \phi) \\
N_p(r, 0; \phi^{(k)}) &\leq T(r, \phi^{(k)}) - T(r, \phi) + N_{p+k}(r, 0; \phi) + S(r, \phi) \\
N_p(r, 0; \phi^{(k)}) &\leq N_{p+k}(r, 0; \phi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \phi) \\
N(r, 0; \phi^{(k)}) &\leq N(r, 0; \phi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \phi).
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.10.** [3] Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\phi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}$ , where  $n, \eta, \mu_j (j = 2, \dots, \eta), \lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} \mu_j$  be positive integers and  $\omega_j \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} (j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta)$  are distinct constants. Then

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi) \leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi).$$

**Lemma 2.11.** Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\phi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}$ , where  $k, n, \eta, \mu_j (j = 2, \dots, \eta), \lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} \mu_j$  be positive integers and  $\omega_j \in \mathbb{C} - \{0\} (j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta)$  are distinct constants. If  $\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) = S(r, \xi)$ , then

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) \leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi).$$

*Proof.* Since  $\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) = S(r, \xi)$ ; therefore by lemma 4.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
nT(r, \xi) &= T(r, \xi^n) + S(r, \xi) \leq T\left(r, \frac{\xi^n \phi^{(k)}}{\phi^{(k)}}\right) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) + T(r, \phi^{(k)}) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) + T(r, \phi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) + T(r, \phi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) + \lambda T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

From (2.1) we have

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) + S(r, \xi). \tag{2.2}$$

Since  $\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) = S(r, \xi)$  therefore by lemma 2.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) &\leq T(r, \xi^n) + T(r, \phi^{(k)}) + S(r, \xi) \leq nT(r, \xi) + T(r, \phi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\leq nT(r, \xi) + T(r, \xi) + k\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

From (2.2) and (2.3) we have

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(k)}) \leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi).$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.

### III. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULTS

#### Proof of Theorem 1.9.

Let  $\phi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}$ ,  $\psi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}$ ,  $\Phi = \frac{\xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}}{\rho}$  and  $\Psi = \frac{L^n \psi^{(\tau)}}{\rho}$ . Then  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  share  $(1, l)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$  except zeros and poles of  $\rho(z)$ . By lemma 2.1 it is clear that  $L$  is a transcendental meromorphic function. Now we have to consider the following two cases.

**Case 1.** Let  $\Omega \neq 0$ . In this case we have to consider the following three subcases.

**Subcase 1.1.** Let  $l = 0$ . Hence by lemma 2.2, lemma 2.3 and lemma 2.8 we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &= T(r, \Psi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 0; \Phi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq 2T(r, L) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2T(r, \xi) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, \psi) + N_{2+\tau}(r, 0; \psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2T(r, \xi) \\ &\quad + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\ &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + 2T(r, L) + 2N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \psi) \\ &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + T(r, \xi) + N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \phi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + 2T(r, L) + 2\eta(1 + \tau)T(r, L) \\ &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + T(r, \xi) + \eta(1 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, L) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, \xi) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\quad + S(r, L) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Hence from (3.1) we have

$$T(r, L^n \psi) \leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, L) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.2}$$

Using lemma 2.10 we have from (5.2)

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, L) \leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, L) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.3}$$

Similarly as above we have

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) \leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, \xi) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, L) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.4}$$

Combining (3.3) and (3.4) we have

$$(n - (\lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7))(T(r, L) + T(r, \xi)) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.5}$$

From (3.5) we arrive at a contradiction since  $n > \lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7$ .

**Subcase 1.2.** Let  $l = 1$ . Hence by lemma 2.2, lemma 2.3 and lemma 2.7 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &= T(r, \Psi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + \frac{3}{2} \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) \\
&\quad + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
&\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2T(r, \xi) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) \\
&\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, \psi) + N_{2+\tau}(r, 0; \psi) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2T(r, \xi) \\
&\quad + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
&\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + \frac{1}{2} T(r, L) + \frac{1}{2} N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \psi) \\
&\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + \frac{1}{2} T(r, L) + \frac{1}{2} \eta(1 + \tau)T(r, L) \\
&\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta(3\tau + 5) + 3\right) T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\quad + S(r, L)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Hence from (3.6) we have

$$T(r, L^n \psi) \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta(3\tau + 5) + 3\right) T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.7}$$

Using lemma 2.10 we have from (3.7)

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, L) \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta(3\tau + 5) + 3\right) T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.8}$$

Similarly as above we have

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} \eta(3\tau + 5) + 3\right) T(r, \xi) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, L) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.9}$$

Combining (3.8) and (3.9) we have

$$\left(n - \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2} \eta(5\tau + 9) + 7\right)\right) (T(r, L) + T(r, \xi)) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.10}$$

From (3.10) we arrive at a contradiction since  $n > \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \eta(5\tau + 9) + 7$ .

**Subcase 1.3.** Let  $2 \leq l < 1$ . Hence by lemma 2.2, lemma 2.3 and lemma 2.6 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &= T(r, \Psi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) - m(r, 1; \Phi) \\
&\quad - N_E(r, 1; \Psi | > 3) - \bar{N}(r, 1; \Phi | > \Psi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2T(r, \xi) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, \psi) + N_{2+\tau}(r, 0; \psi) + 2T(r, \xi) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\quad + S(r, L) \\
&\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) \\
&\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\quad + S(r, L)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Hence from (3.11) we have

$$T(r, L^n \psi) \leq (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.12}$$

Using lemma 2.10 we have from (3.12)

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, L) \leq (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.13}$$

Similarly as above we have

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) \leq (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, \xi) + (\eta(\tau + 2) + 2)T(r, L) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.14}$$

Combining (3.13) and (3.14) we have

$$(n - (\lambda + \eta(2\tau + 4) + 4))(T(r, L) + T(r, \xi)) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{3.15}$$

From (3.15) we arrive at a contradiction since  $n > \lambda + \eta(2\tau + 4) + 4$ .

**Case 2** Let  $\Omega \equiv 0$ . Then  $\left(\frac{\Phi''}{\Phi'} - \frac{\Phi'}{\Phi-1}\right) - \left(\frac{\Psi''}{\Psi'} - \frac{\Psi'}{\Psi-1}\right) \equiv 0$ . Hence by integration we get

$$\frac{1}{1 - \Phi} \equiv \frac{D(\Psi - 1) - C}{1 - \Psi}, \tag{3.16}$$

Where  $C \neq 0$  and  $D$  are constants.

Now we have to consider the following two subcases.

**Subcase 2.1.** Let  $D = 0$ . Then from (3.16) we have

$$\frac{1}{1 - \Phi} \equiv \frac{C}{1 - \Psi}. \tag{3.17}$$

If possible let  $C \neq 1$ , then from (3.17) we have

$$\bar{N}(r, 0; \Phi) = \bar{N}(r, 1 - C; \Psi). \tag{3.18}$$

Hence using second fundamental theorem we get by lemma 2.2, lemma 2.3 and lemma 4.9

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &= T(r, \Psi) + S(r, L) \leq \bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, 1 - C; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq T(r, L) + \tau \bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \psi) + T(r, \xi) + \tau \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi) + N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \phi) + S(r, \xi) \\
&\quad + S(r, L) \leq T(r, L) + \eta(\tau + 1)T(r, L) + T(r, \xi) + \eta(\tau + 1)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
&\leq (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

Hence from (3.19) we have



$$T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) \leq (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \quad (3.20)$$

Using lemma 2.11 we have from (3.20)

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, L) \leq (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \quad (3.21)$$

Similarly as above we have

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) \leq (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, \xi) + (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, L) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \quad (3.22)$$

Combining (3.21) and (3.22) we have

$$(n - (\lambda + \eta(2\tau + 2) + 2))(T(r, L) + T(r, \xi)) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \quad (3.23)$$

From (3.23) we arrive at a contradiction since  $n > \lambda + \eta(2\tau + 2) + 2$ .

Hence  $C = 1$  and therefore we get from (3.17)

$$L(z)^n \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j} \right]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j} \right]^{(\tau)}.$$

**Subcase 2.2.** Let  $D \neq 0$ .

If possible let  $C \neq -D$ .

If  $D = 1$ , then from (3.17) we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \equiv \frac{1}{C}(1 + C - \Psi). \quad (3.24)$$

Using lemma 2.3 we have from (3.24)

$$\bar{N}(r, C + 1; \Psi) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, L) = S(r, L).$$

Now proceeding as in subcase 2.1 we arrive at a contradiction.

If  $D \neq 1$ , then from (3.17) we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi - (1 - \frac{1}{D})} \equiv \frac{D^2}{C} \left( \frac{C + D}{D} - \Psi \right).$$

Hence we get by lemma 2.3

$$\bar{N} \left( r, \frac{C + D}{D}; \Psi \right) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, L) = S(r, L).$$

Again proceeding as in the subcase 2.1 we arrive at a contradiction.

Hence  $C = -D$ .

If  $D = 1$ , then from (3.17) we have

$$\left\{ L(z)^n \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j} \right]^{(\tau)} \right\} \left\{ \xi(z)^n \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j} \right]^{(\tau)} \right\} \equiv \rho(z)^2.$$

If  $D \neq 1$ , then from (3.17) we have  $\frac{1}{\Phi} \equiv \frac{-D\Psi}{(1-D)\Psi-1}$ .

Hence  $N(r, 0; \Phi) = N(r, \frac{1}{1-D}; \Psi)$ .

Now proceeding as in the subcase 2.1 we arrive at a contradiction.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

### Proof of Theorem 1.10.

Since  $\xi$  and  $L$  are transcendental meromorphic functions therefore by lemma 2.4  $Q$  is a small function of  $\xi$  and  $L$ .

Hence the result follows by theorem 1.9.

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