

## UNIQUENESS OF THE L-FUNCTION AND MEROMORPHIC FUNCTION CONCERNING WEAKLY WEIGHTED SHARING

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**ABSTRACT.** We introduce homogeneous differential polynomials of a L-function and of a meromorphic function and investigate the uniqueness results using the concept of weakly weighted sharing.

### 1. INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS AND PREVIOUS RESULTS

Since a lot of works are done on the general meromorphic function, we draw our attention to the L-function. L-function  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\xi$  are non-constant meromorphic functions are defined in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We adopt the standard results of Nevanlinna's value distribution theory (see [2, 12, 13]) and of L-function(see [8]). The Nevanlinna's characteristic function is denoted by  $T(r, \xi)$  and  $S(r, \xi)$  is a small quantity defined by  $o(T(r, \xi)) = S(r, \xi)$ , with  $r \rightarrow \infty$  and  $r \notin E$  where  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+$  and the measure of  $E$  is finite.

Since the L-function with Reimann Zeta function as a prototype, was mainly studied in Number theory and as L-function is a meromorphic function, it is interesting to study the distribution of values of the function.

In this article we work on the Selberg class L-function and it will be denoted by  $\mathcal{L}$ . L-function,  $\mathcal{L}$  include essentially those dirichlet series that satisfy the Reimann hypothesis and also include Reimann Zeta function,  $\zeta(s) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^s}$ . L-function,  $\mathcal{L}$  is taken as  $\mathcal{L} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(m)}{m^s}$  where  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfy the following axioms:

(i) Ramanujan Hypothesis: For every  $\varepsilon(> 0)$ ,  $a(s) \ll m^\varepsilon$ .  
(ii) Analytic Continuation: There exist a non-negative integer  $\eta$  such that  $(s-1)^\eta \mathcal{L}$  is an entire function of finite order.

(iii) Functional Equation:  $\mathcal{L}$  satisfies a functional equation

$\chi_{\mathcal{L}}(s) = \omega \overline{\chi_{\mathcal{L}}(1-\bar{s})}$  where  $\chi_{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{L} \rho^s \prod_{j=1}^{\tau} \Gamma(\lambda_j s + \nu_j)$  with  $\rho \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\nu_j, \omega \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $Re(\nu_j) \geq 0$  and  $|\omega| = 1$ .

(iv) Euler Production Hypothesis:  $\mathcal{L} = \prod_q \exp(\sum_{\tau=1}^{\infty} \frac{b(q^\tau)}{q^{\tau s}})$ , with suitable coefficients  $b(q^\tau)$  that satisfy  $b(q^\tau) \ll q^{\tau\theta}$  for some  $\theta < \frac{1}{2}$ , where the product is taken over all prime numbers  $q$ .

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Suppose  $S(\xi)$  is a collection of small functions of  $\xi$  and hence  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \subseteq S(\xi)$ .

Generally, we discuss the distribution of the zeros of L-functions. In general we discuss distribution of roots of the equation  $\mathcal{L}(s) = \rho$  where  $\rho \in \mathbb{C}$  or the values of the pre-image set  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} = \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \mathcal{L}(s) = \rho\}$ .

Suppose  $\xi(z)$  and  $\xi_1(z)$  are two meromorphic functions in the complex plane and We say that  $\xi(z)$  and  $\xi_1(z)$  share  $\rho$  CM(Counting Multiplicities) if they share the value  $\rho$  and if the zeros of the equations  $\xi(z) - \rho = 0$  and  $\xi_1(z) - \rho = 0$  have the same multiplicity. Again we say  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  share a value  $\rho \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  IM(Ignoring Multiplicities) if  $\xi^{-1}(\rho) = \xi_1^{-1}(\rho)$  as two sets in  $\mathbb{C}$ . We denote the notion that  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  share  $\rho$  with weight  $\tau$  by  $(\rho, \tau)$ . Hence  $(\rho, 0)$  and  $(\rho, \infty)$  assert that  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  share  $\rho$  IM and CM accordingly.

We defined deficiency  $\delta(\rho, \xi)$  and ramification index  $\Theta(\rho, \xi)$  of  $\rho$  for the function  $\xi$  by,

$$\delta(\rho, \xi) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, \rho; \xi)}{T(r, \xi)},$$

$$\Theta(\rho, \xi) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)}{T(r, \xi)},$$

accordingly. The set of all  $\rho$ -points of  $\xi(z)$  where an  $\rho$  point with multiplicity  $m$  is counted  $m$  times if  $m \leq \tau$  and  $\tau + 1$  times if  $m > \tau$  is denoted by  $E(\rho, \xi)(\tau)$  and if  $E(\rho, \xi)(\tau) = E(\rho, \xi_1)(\tau)$ , then we say that  $\xi(z)$  and  $\xi_1(z)$  share the value  $\rho$  with weight  $\tau$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [3] Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  and  $N(r, \rho; \xi)(\leq \tau)$  denote the counting function for the zeros of  $\xi - \rho$  with multiplicity  $\leq \tau$  and  $N(r, \rho; \xi)(\geq \tau)$  denote the counting function for the zeros of  $\xi - \rho$  with multiplicity  $\geq \tau$  (corresponding reduced counting functions are denoted by  $\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)(\leq \tau)$  and  $\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)(\geq \tau)$  accordingly). Let  $N(r, \rho; \xi)(\tau)$  denote the counting function for the zeros of  $\xi - \rho$ , where multiplicity  $m$  is counted  $m$  times if  $m \leq \tau$  and  $\tau$  times if  $m > \tau$  and

$$N(r, \rho; \xi)(\tau) = \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi) + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)(\geq 2) + \dots + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)(\geq \tau).$$

We define the quantity  $\delta(\sigma, \xi)(\tau)$  by

$$\delta(\rho, \xi)(\tau) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, \rho; \xi)(\tau)}{T(r, \xi)},$$

and hence  $\delta(\rho, \xi)(\tau) \geq \delta(\rho, \xi)$ .

**Definition 1.2.** [6] Let  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions and  $\rho \in \mathbb{C}$ . The counting function of all common zeros with the same multiplicities of  $\xi - \rho = 0$  and  $\xi_1 - \rho = 0$  is denoted by  $N(r, \rho)(E)$  and the counting function of all common zeros in ignorance of multiplicities is denoted by  $N(r, \rho)(0)$  ( $\bar{N}(r, \rho)(E)$  and  $\bar{N}(r, \rho)(0)$  are corresponding reduce counting functions). We say that  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  share  $\rho$  CM weakly, if,

$$\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi) + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi_1) - 2\bar{N}(r, \rho)(E) = S(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi_1),$$

and say  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  share  $\rho$  IM weakly, if,

$$\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi) + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi_1) - 2\bar{N}(r, \rho)(0) = S(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi_1).$$

In 2006, S. Lin and W. Lin [6] introduced the concept of weakly weighted sharing:

**Definition 1.3.** [6] Let  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions and  $\rho \in S(\xi) \cap S(\xi_1)$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{\infty\}$ . If

$$\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)(\leq \tau) + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi_1)(\leq \tau) - 2\bar{N}(r, \rho)(E(\leq \tau)) = S(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi_1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi)(\geq \tau + 1) + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi_1)(\geq \tau + 1) - 2\bar{N}(r, \rho)(0(\geq \tau + 1)) \\ = S(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi_1), \end{aligned}$$

or, if  $\tau = 0$  then,

$$\bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi) + \bar{N}(r, \rho; \xi_1) - 2\bar{N}(r, \rho)(0) = S(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi_1),$$

then we say that  $\xi$  and  $\xi_1$  weakly share  $\rho$  with weight  $\tau$  and the notion will be denoted by  $\omega(\rho, \tau)$ .

Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  share 1 IM weakly. Then the counting function of 1 points of  $\phi$  with multiplicities greater than of 1 points of  $\psi$  is denoted by  $\bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L)$ .  $\bar{N}(r, 1; \psi)(L)$  is similarly defined.

In 2017, F. Liu, X.M. Li and H.X. Yi [7] consider a L-function and a meromorphic function and established following relation when differential polynomial of a L-function and a meromorphic function share a value:

**Theorem 1.1.** [7] Let  $\xi(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a L-function such that  $[\xi^n]^{(k)}$  and  $[\mathcal{L}^n]^{(k)}$  share 1 CM, where  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > 3k + 6$  then,  $\xi \equiv \kappa \mathcal{L}$  where  $\kappa$  is a constant and  $\kappa^n = 1$ .

Again, X.M. Li, F. Liu and H.X. Yi [5] improve their own result in theorem 1.1 in following manner:

**Theorem 1.2.** [5] Let  $\xi(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a L-function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi - 1)]^{(k)}$  and  $[\mathcal{L}^n(\mathcal{L} - 1)]^{(k)}$  share 1 CM, where  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > 3k + 9$  and  $k \geq 2$ , then,  $\xi \equiv \mathcal{L}$ .

In 2018, W. J. Wao and J. F. Chen [1], generalized the result of X.M. Li, F. Liu and H.X. Yi [5] for more general differential polynomial and obtained the following uniqueness results for the L-function:

**Theorem 1.3.** [1] Let  $\xi(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a L-function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi - 1)^p]^{(k)}$  and  $[\mathcal{L}^n(\mathcal{L} - 1)^p]^{(k)}$  share 1 CM, where  $n, p, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > p + 3k + 6$  and  $k \geq 2$ , then,  $\xi \equiv \mathcal{L}$  or,  $\xi^n(\xi - 1)^p = \mathcal{L}^n(\mathcal{L} - 1)^p$ .

**Theorem 1.4.** [1] Let  $\xi(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a  $L$ -function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi-1)^p]^{(k)}$  and  $[\mathcal{L}^n(\mathcal{L}-1)^p]^{(k)}$  share 1 IM, where  $n, p, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > 4p + 7k + 11$  and  $k \geq 2$ , then,  $\xi \equiv \mathcal{L}$  or,  $\xi^n(\xi-1)^p = \mathcal{L}^n(\mathcal{L}-1)^p$ .

In 2018, H. P. Waghmare and S.H. Naveenkumar [10] proved the result on the weighted share of a  $L$ -function and a meromorphic function as follows:

**Theorem 1.5.** [10] Let  $\xi(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a  $L$ -function and  $n, \tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Suppose  $(\xi^n)^{(k)}$  and  $(\mathcal{L}^n)^{(k)}$  share  $(q(z), \tau)$ , where  $q(z)$  is a non-zero polynomial with  $\deg(q) = d_q$  and  $\xi$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  share  $\infty$  IM. If one of following conditions holds:

- (i)  $\tau \geq 3$  and  $n > 3k + 4$ ;
- (ii)  $\tau = 2$  and  $n > 3k + 6$ ;
- (iii)  $\tau = 1$  and  $n > 3k + 7$ ;
- (iv)  $\tau = 0$  and  $n > 7k + 11$ ;

then  $\xi = \kappa\mathcal{L}$  where  $\kappa$  is a constant and  $\kappa^n = 1$ .

We introduce homogenous differential polynomials of  $L$ -function and of meromorphic function and discuss the value distribution of such polynomial functions through a different approach and technique and investigate a uniqueness result in view of weakly weighted sharing.

**Definition 1.4.** We define a homogenous differential polynomial as

$$Q(z) = \sum_{r=1}^n a_r \prod_{s=0}^p (z^{(s)})^{t_{rs}},$$

where  $n(\geq 1), p(\geq 0), r, s, t \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$  and the degree of  $Q(z)$  is  $d_Q$  where  $d_Q = \sum_{s=0}^p t_{rs}$ . We define  $D$  by

$$D = \max_{1 \leq r \leq n} \sum_{s=0}^p st_{rs}.$$

We assert our main result on homogeneous differential polynomial in the following section:

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $\mathcal{L}$  be a  $L$ -function, and  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\rho \in S(\xi) \cap S(\mathcal{L})$ . Suppose  $Q(\xi)$  and  $Q(\mathcal{L})$  share  $\omega(\rho, \tau)$ . If one of the following conditions holds:

- (i)  $2\delta(0, \xi) + \frac{D+4}{d_Q}\Theta(\infty, \xi) > \frac{D+d_Q+4}{d_Q}$  and  $2\delta(0, \mathcal{L}) > 1$  when  $\tau \geq 2$ ;
- (ii)  $\frac{5}{2}\delta(0, \xi) + \frac{3D+9}{2d_Q}\Theta(\infty, \xi) > \frac{3D+3d_Q+9}{2d_Q}$  and  $\frac{5}{2}\delta(0, \mathcal{L}) > 1$  when  $\tau = 1$ ;
- (iii)  $5\delta(0, \xi) + \frac{4D+7}{d_Q}\Theta(\infty, \xi) > \frac{4D+4d_Q+7}{d_Q}$  and  $5\delta(0, \mathcal{L}) > 1$  when  $\tau = 0$

then, either  $Q(\xi) = Q(\mathcal{L})$  or,  $Q(\xi)Q(\mathcal{L}) = \rho^2$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** *Taking a meromorphic function with a finite number of poles except the non-constant meromorphic function in theorem 2.1, and using the notion  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = S(r, \xi)$  we also can establish another result.*

**Remark 2.1.** We also can introduce an entire function other than a meromorphic function with a finite number of poles in the corollary.

### 3. LEMMAS

In this section we state some lemmas which play an important role in proving our theorems.

**Lemma 3.1.** [11] *Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function,  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n (\neq 0)$  complex constants and  $n, i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $T(r, \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \xi^i) = nT(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi)$ .*

**Lemma 3.2.** [4] *Let  $\xi$  be a non-constant meromorphic function and  $Q(\xi)$  defined as above. Then,*

- (i)  $T(r, Q) = d_Q T(r, \xi) + D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, \xi)$ ;
- (ii)  $N(r, 0; Q) \leq T(r, Q) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + S(r, \xi)$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** [6] *Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $\omega(1, \tau)$  where  $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\} \cup \{\infty\}$  and let,*

$$\Omega = \left( \frac{\phi^{(2)}}{\phi^{(1)}} - \frac{2\phi^{(1)}}{\phi - 1} \right) - \left( \frac{\psi^{(2)}}{\psi^{(1)}} - \frac{2\psi^{(1)}}{\psi - 1} \right).$$

*If  $\Omega \neq 0$ , then,*

- (i)  $T(r, \phi) \leq N(r, \infty; \phi)(2) + N(r, \infty; \psi)(2) + N(r, 0; \phi)(2) + N(r, 0; \psi)(2) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi)$  when  $2 \leq \tau \leq \infty$ ;
- (ii)  $T(r, \phi) \leq N(r, \infty; \phi)(2) + N(r, \infty; \psi)(2) + N(r, 0; \phi)(2) + N(r, 0; \psi)(2) + \bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi)$  when  $\tau = 1$ ;
- (iii)  $T(r, \phi) \leq N(r, \infty; \phi)(2) + N(r, \infty; \psi)(2) + N(r, 0; \phi)(2) + N(r, 0; \psi)(2) + 2\bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L) + \bar{N}(r, 1; \psi)(L) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi)$  when  $\tau = 0$ ;

*and the same inequality holds for  $T(r, \psi)$ .*

**Lemma 3.4.** [9] *Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $\omega(1, 1)$ . Then,*

$$\bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L) \leq \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, 0; \phi) + \frac{1}{2}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \phi).$$

**Lemma 3.5.** [9] *Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  be non-constant meromorphic functions sharing  $\omega(1, 0)$ . Then,*

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

**Lemma 3.6.** [8] *Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be an L-function with degree  $d_{\mathcal{L}}$ . Then,*

$$T(r, \mathcal{L}) = \frac{d_{\mathcal{L}}}{\Pi} r \log r + O(r).$$

**Lemma 3.7.** *If  $\mathcal{L}$  is an L-function, then  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$ .*

*Proof.* From the definition of L-function, it has at most one pole in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then obviously  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = O(\log r)$ . Therefore from Lemma 3.6,  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$ . Hence the lemma follows.  $\square$

#### 4. PROOF OF THE THEOREM

*Proof.* (proof of theorem (2.1)) First we assume that  $d_{\mathcal{L}}$  is the degree of  $\mathcal{L}$  and by applying [8],  $d_{\mathcal{L}} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\lambda_j \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is as defined in the axiom (iii) of the definition of L-function. From Lemma 3.6,

$$T(r, \mathcal{L}) = \frac{d_{\mathcal{L}}}{\Pi} r \log r + O(r).$$

Then  $f$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  are transcendental meromorphic functions and  $\mathcal{L}$  has only one pole at  $z = 1$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Let us consider  $\phi = \frac{Q(\xi)}{\rho}$  and  $\psi = \frac{Q(\mathcal{L})}{\rho}$ . Since  $Q(\xi)$  and  $Q(\mathcal{L})$  share  $\omega(\rho, \tau)$ , then it immediately follows that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  share  $\omega(1, \tau)$ , except at the poles and zeros of  $\rho$ . We prove the result through the following cases,

Case 1.  $\Omega \neq 0$ .

Now we discuss following three subcases

Subcase 1.1.  $2 \leq \tau \leq \infty$ .

We deduce from Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq N(r, \infty; \phi)(2) + N(r, \infty; \psi)(2) + N(r, 0; \phi)(2) + N(r, 0; \psi)(2) \\ &\quad + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi) \\ &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + N(r, 0; \phi) + N(r, 0; \psi) \\ &\quad + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi). \end{aligned}$$

With the help of Lemma 3.2 we deduce from the above inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + T(r, \phi) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + D\overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}), \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \xi) &\leq 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + (D+2)\overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Similarly we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \mathcal{L}) &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + (D+2)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Combining (4.1) and (4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \xi) + T(r, \mathcal{L}) &\leq 2N(r, 0; \xi) + \frac{D+4}{d_Q} \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + 2N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + \frac{D+4}{d_Q} \bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.7 we have,  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$  and hence  $\Theta(\infty, \mathcal{L}) = 1$ , then we deduce from the above inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} &[2\delta(0, \xi) + \frac{D+4}{d_Q} \Theta(\infty, \xi) - \frac{D+d_Q+4}{d_Q}] T(r, \xi) \\ &+ [2\delta(0, \mathcal{L}) - 1] T(r, \mathcal{L}) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction to our assumption.

Subcase 1.2.  $\tau = 1$ .

We deduce from Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq N(r, \infty; \phi)(2) + N(r, \infty; \psi)(2) + N(r, 0; \phi)(2) + N(r, 0; \psi)(2) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(\mathcal{L}) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi) \\ &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + N(r, 0; \phi) + N(r, 0; \psi) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(\mathcal{L}) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi). \end{aligned}$$

With the help of Lemma 3.2 we deduce from the above inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + T(r, \phi) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + \bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(\mathcal{L}) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi), \end{aligned}$$

hence from Lemma 3.4,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \xi) &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + (D+2)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + \frac{1}{2} d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} D N(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}) \\ &\leq \frac{D+5}{2} \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + (D+2)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + \frac{3}{2} d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Similarly we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \mathcal{L}) &\leq \frac{D+5}{2} \bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + (D+2)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + \frac{3}{2} d_Q \bar{N}(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Combining (4.3) and (4.4),

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \xi) + T(r, \mathcal{L}) &\leq \frac{5}{2}N(r, 0; \xi) + \frac{3D+9}{2d_Q}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + \frac{5}{2}N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + \frac{3D+9}{2d_Q}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.7 we have,  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$  and hence  $\Theta(\infty, \mathcal{L}) = 1$ , then we deduce from the above inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} &[\frac{5}{2}\delta(0, \xi) + \frac{3D+9}{2d_Q}\Theta(\infty, \xi) - \frac{3D+3d_Q+9}{2d_Q}]T(r, \xi) \\ &+ [\frac{5}{2}\delta(0, \mathcal{L}) - 1]T(r, \mathcal{L}) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction to our assumption.

Subcase 1.3.  $\tau = 0$ .

We deduce from Lemma 3.3,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq N(r, \infty; \phi)(2) + N(r, \infty; \psi)(2) + N(r, 0; \phi)(2) + N(r, 0; \psi)(2) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L) + \bar{N}(r, 1; \psi)(L) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi) \\ &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + N(r, 0; \phi) + N(r, 0; \psi) \\ &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L) + \bar{N}(r, 1; \psi)(L) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi). \end{aligned}$$

With the help of Lemma 3.2 we deduce from the above inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + T(r, \phi) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + 2\bar{N}(r, 1; \phi)(L) \\ &\quad + \bar{N}(r, 1; \psi)(L) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi), \end{aligned}$$

hence from Lemma 3.5,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \xi) &\leq 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + (D+2)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + 2d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + 2D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}) \\ &\leq (2D+4)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + (2D+3)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + 3d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ &\quad + 2d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

Similarly we obtain,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \mathcal{L}) &\leq (2D+4)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + (2D+3)\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + 3d_Q \bar{N}(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + 2d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Combining (4.5) and (4.6),

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \xi) + T(r, \mathcal{L}) &\leq 5N(r, 0; \xi) + \frac{4D+7}{d_Q}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + 5N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ &\quad + \frac{4D+7}{d_Q}\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.7 we have,  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$  and hence  $\Theta(\infty, \mathcal{L}) = 1$ , then we deduce from the above inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} & [5\delta(0, \xi) + \frac{4D+7}{d_Q}\Theta(\infty, \xi) - \frac{4D+4d_Q+7}{d_Q}]T(r, \xi) \\ & + [5\delta(0, \mathcal{L}) - 1]T(r, \mathcal{L}) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction to our assumption.

Case 2.  $\Omega \equiv 0$ .

Now integrating twice we find,

$$\frac{1}{\psi-1} = \frac{U}{\phi-1} + V,$$

where  $U (\neq 0)$  and  $V$  are two complex constants. Which implies that,

$$\psi = \frac{(V+1)\phi + (U-V-1)}{V\phi + (U-V)} \quad (4.7)$$

and

$$\phi = \frac{(V-U)\psi + (U-V-1)}{V\psi - (V+1)}. \quad (4.8)$$

Now we discuss the following subcases:

Subcase 2.1.

Let  $V \neq 0, -1$ .

We obtain from (4.8),  $\bar{N}(r, \frac{V+1}{V}; \psi) = \bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi)$ . Using (ii) of Lemma 3.2 on Nevanlinna's 2<sup>nd</sup> fundamental theorem we have,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \psi) & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{V+1}{V}; \psi) + S(r, \psi) \\ & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \psi) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \psi) \\ & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + T(r, \psi) - d_Q T(r, \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) \\ & \quad + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + S(r, \xi), \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$d_Q T(r, \mathcal{L}) \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \quad (4.9)$$

We assume that  $U-V-1 \neq 0$ , then it follows from (4.7) that  $N(r, \frac{-U+V-1}{V+1}; \phi) = N(r, 0; \psi)$ . Using (ii) from Lemma 3.2 on Nevanlinna's 2<sup>nd</sup> fundamental theorem we have,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{-U+V-1}{V+1}; \phi) + S(r, \phi) \\ & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + T(r, \phi) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) \\ & \quad + N(r, 0; \psi) + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi) \\ & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + T(r, \phi) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) \\ & \quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}), \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$\begin{aligned} d_Q T(r, \xi) & \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + D\bar{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) \\ & \quad + d_Q N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

Combining (4.9) and (4.10) and using Lemma 3.7, that is,  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$ , we deduce that,

$$T(r, \xi) + T(r, \mathcal{L}) \leq \frac{2}{d_Q} \overline{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + N(r, 0; \xi) + 2N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}),$$

which implies a contradiction.

Therefore we assume  $U - V - 1 = 0$ , then it follows from (4.7) that,  $\overline{N}(r, \frac{-1}{V}; \phi) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \psi)$ . Using (ii) from Lemma 3.2 on Nevanlinna's 2<sup>nd</sup> fundamental theorem we have,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \phi) &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + \overline{N}(r, 0; \phi) + \overline{N}(r, \frac{-1}{V}; \phi) + S(r, \phi) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + T(r, \phi) - d_Q T(r, \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; \psi) \\ &\quad + S(r, \phi) + S(r, \psi), \end{aligned}$$

hence,

$$d_Q T(r, \xi) \leq \overline{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + d_Q N(r, 0; \xi) + N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}). \quad (4.11)$$

Combining (4.9) and (4.11) and using Lemma 3.7, that is,  $N(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \mathcal{L}) = S(r, \mathcal{L})$ , we deduce that,

$$T(r, \xi) + T(r, \mathcal{L}) \leq \frac{2}{d_Q} \overline{N}(r, \infty; \xi) + N(r, 0; \xi) + N(r, 0; \mathcal{L}) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, \mathcal{L}),$$

which implies a contradiction.

Subcase 2.2.  $V = -1$ ,

We obtain from (4.7) and (4.8) that,  $\psi = \frac{U}{U+1-\phi}$  and  $\phi = \frac{(U+1)\psi-U}{\phi}$ . If  $U + 1 \neq 0$ , then,  $\overline{N}(r, U + 1; \phi) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \psi)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, \frac{U}{U+1}; \psi) = \overline{N}(r, 0; \phi)$ . Now following the same argument as in Subcase 2.1. we arrive at a contradiction. Therefore  $U + 1 = 0$  and this implies that  $\phi\psi = 1$ . Hence  $Q(\xi)Q(\mathcal{L}) = \rho^2$ .

Subcase 2.3.  $V = 0$ ,

We obtain from (4.7) and (4.8) that,  $\psi = \frac{\phi+U-1}{U}$  and  $\phi = U\psi + 1 - U$ . If  $U - 1 \neq 0$ , then,  $\overline{N}(r, 1 - U; \phi) = \overline{N}(r, 0; \psi)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, \frac{U-1}{U}; \psi) = \overline{N}(r, 0; \phi)$ . Now following the same argument as in Subcase 2.1. we arrive at a contradiction. Therefore  $U - 1 = 0$  and this implies that  $\phi = \psi$ . Hence  $Q(\xi) = Q(\mathcal{L})$ . This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

## 5. OPEN PROBLEMS

We can pose the following problems from our results,

- (i) Can theorem 2.1 be discussed under the concept of truncated sharing?
- (ii) Can we replace the homogeneous differential polynomial from theorem 2.1 by a non-homogeneous differential polynomial?

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