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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 $r \to \infty$ 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) $\overline{N}(r,a;f| \geq k)$ *denotes the counting function of zeros of $f - a$ whose multiplicities are not less than k, where each zero is counted only once.*

(ii) $\overline{N}(r,a;f| \leq k)$ *denotes the counting function of zeros of $f - a$ whose multiplicities are not greater than k, where each zero is counted only once.*

(iii) $N_p(r,a;f) = \overline{N}(r,a;f) + \sum_{k=2}^{p} \overline{N}(r,a;f| \geq k)$.

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

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

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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 $\overline{N}_E(r,a)$ and $\overline{N}_0(r,a)$ the reduced counting functions of f and g corresponding to the counting functions $N_E(r,a)$ and $N_0(r,a)$, respectively. If

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

then we say that f and g share a "CM". If

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

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 ∞.*

(i) *$\overline{N}_E^{k)}(r,a)$ denotes the counting function of zeros of $f-a$ whose multiplicities are equal to the corresponding zeros of $g-a$, both of their mutiplicities are not greater than k, where each zero is counted only once.*

(ii) *$\overline{N}_0^{(k}(r,a)$ denotes the reduced counting function of zeros of $f-a$ which are zeros of $g-a$, both of their mutiplicities 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 $\overline{N}_{f>k}(r,a;g)$ the reduced counting function of those zeros of $f-a$ and $g-a$ such that $p>q=k$. $\overline{N}_{g>k}(r,a;g)$ is defined analogously.*

(iv) *$\overline{N}_*(r,a;f,g)$ denotes the reduce counting function of zeros of $f-a$ whose multiplicities differ from the multiplicities of the corresponding zeros of $g-a$.*

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

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

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

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

or if $k=0$ and

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

where $\overline{N}_0(r,a)$ 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,∞)", respectively.

Definition 5. [5] *Let*

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

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

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.

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Theorem 1. *Let $n \geq 1$, let f be a non-constant entire function, $a \in S(f)$ and $a \not\equiv 0, \infty$. 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 $a \not\equiv 0, \infty$, 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 $a \not\equiv 0, \infty$. 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 $a \not\equiv 0, \infty$. 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 $a \not\equiv 0, \infty$. 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 $p_0, p_1, ..., p_k$ be non-negative integers. We call

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

a differential monomial in f with degree $d_M = p_0 + p_1 + ... + p_k$ and weight $\Gamma_M = p_0 + 2p_1 + ... + (k+1)p_k$, 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 $deg(M_j) = d\,(j = 1, 2, ..., n)$, 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 Γ satisfying $\Gamma \geq (k+2)d - 2$. Let $a(z) \in S(f)$ be a small meromorphic function of f such that $a(z) \not\equiv 0, \infty$. 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 asumptions 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*

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

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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 $a\equiv a(z)\,(\not\equiv 0,\infty)$ 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 $\delta_{2+\Gamma-d}(0,f^d)>\frac{2d+2}{d}-\frac{1}{d}\left(\delta_2(0,f)+2\Theta(0,f)+d\delta_{1+\Gamma-d}(0,f^d)\right)$, 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 Γ, and let p be a positive integer. If $H[f]\not\equiv 0$ and $\Gamma\geq(k+2)d-(p+1)$, we have*

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

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

Lemma 3. [6] *Let k be a nonnegative integer or ∞, 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 $\Delta\not\equiv 0$, $2\leq k\leq\infty$, 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 inequalities holds for $T(r,G)$.

When f and g share 1 "IM", $\overline{N}_L(r,1;f)$ 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 $\overline{N}_L(r,1;g)$, $N_E^{1)}(r,1;f)$ denotes the counting function of those simple 1-points of f and g, and $\overline{N}_E^{(2}(r,1;f)$ 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 $N_E^{1)}(r,1;g)$, $\overline{N}_E^{(2}(r,1;g)$.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Proof. (proof of Theorem 6.) Let

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

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

$$T(r,F)=T(r,f)+S(r,f),T(r,G)=O(T(r,f))+S(r,f). \tag{9}$$
$$\overline{N}(r,\infty;F)=\overline{N}(r,\infty;G)+S(r,f). \tag{10}$$

It is obvious that f is a transcendental meromorphic function. Let Δ 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

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

(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

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

So, we have

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

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

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

This gives that

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

So we have

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

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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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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. $\Delta \not\equiv 0$.

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

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

So we have

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

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

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

and

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} T(r,F) + T(r,G) \le\ & \overline{N}(r,\infty;F) + \overline{N}(r,0;F) + \overline{N}(r,\infty;G) + \overline{N}(r,0;G) \\ & + \overline{N}(r,1;F) + \overline{N}(r,1;G) - \overline{N}_0(r,0;F^{'}) \\ & - \overline{N}_0(r,0;G^{'}) + S(r,F) + S(r,G). \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

So

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

which contradicts the assumption (3) of Theorem 6.

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

$$\begin{aligned} N(r,\infty;H) \le\ & \overline{N}(r,\infty;F) + \overline{N}(r,1;F|\ge 2) + \overline{N}(r,0;F|\ge 2) + \overline{N}(r,0;G|\ge 2) \\ & + \overline{N}_L(r,1;F) + \overline{N}_L(r,1;G) + \overline{N}_0(r,0;F^{'}) + \overline{N}_0(r,0;G^{'}) + S(r,f), \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

So

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

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

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