

VALUE DISTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENCE POLYNOMIALS OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we establish the an inequality (Milloux inequality) about the nonlinear difference monomials of the form

$$\Psi(z) = \prod_{j=0}^m (\Delta_{\eta_j} f(z))^{k_j}, \quad (1)$$

where $\eta_j \in \mathbb{C}$, at least one of the $\eta_j \neq 0$ for $j = 1, 2 \cdots m$ and $K = \sum_{j=0}^m k_j$,

$k_0, k_1, \dots, k_m \in \mathbb{N}$. As an application of the inequality, we also investigate the value distribution of some difference monomials and polynomials, where $f(z)$ being a transcendental meromorphic function.

1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this article, the phrase "entire function" means that the function is analytic everywhere in \mathbb{C} . The fundamentals of Nevanlinna theory and standard notations can be read in ([7, 8, 11]). The notation $E = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}^+\}$ set of positive real numbers of finite linear measure. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{f : f \text{ is non-constant meromorphic function in } \mathbb{C}\}$. For $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ and $b \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$, if $f - b$ and $g - b$ have the identical zeros including multiplicities then f and g share b CM (counting multiplicities), if the multiplicities are ignored, then f and g share b IM and if $1/f$ and $1/g$ share 0 CM then, f and g share ∞ CM [12]. $N(r, \frac{1}{f-b})$ denotes the counting function of f whose b -points are counted according to multiplicity and the corresponding reduced counting function when multiplicity is ignored is denoted by $\overline{N}(r, \frac{1}{f-b})$. For $\phi(z) \in \mathcal{F}$, if $T(r, \phi) = S(r, f)$ then ϕ is called a "small function" of f where $T(r, \phi)$ is the Nevanlinna characteristic function and $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$, as $r \rightarrow \infty$, $r \notin E$.

Hayman [7] established the following theorem by investigating Picard values of entire functions and their derivatives.

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Theorem 1. [7] *If $f(z)$ is a transcendental entire function, $n \geq 3$ is an integer, and $a(\neq 0)$ is a constant, then $f'(z) - af^n(z)$ assumes all finite values infinitely often.*

Zheng and Chen [14] proved the following theorem for difference function for entire functions

Theorem 2. [14] *If $f(z)$ is a transcendental entire function of finite order, and let a, c be non-zero constants. Then, for any integer $n \geq 3$, $f(z+c) - af^n(z)$ assumes all finite values $b \in \mathbb{C}$ infinitely often.*

The last few years have seen many papers examining complex differences. In applying the value distribution theory of meromorphic functions, they have derived new results on differences one can refer ([1],[13],[15]). In 2018, Renukadevi and Madhura[4] considered general differential-difference polynomial of $f(z)$ and its shifts as follows

$$\begin{aligned} P(z, f) &= \sum_{\lambda \in I} a_{\lambda}(z) f(z)^{\lambda_{0,0}} f'(z)^{\lambda_{0,1}} \dots f^{(m)}(z)^{\lambda_{0,m}} \\ &\quad \times f(z+c_1)^{\lambda_{1,0}} f'(z+c_1)^{\lambda_{1,1}} \dots f^{(m)}(z+c_1)^{\lambda_{1,m}} \\ &\quad \dots f(z+c_k)^{\lambda_{k,0}} f'(z+c_k)^{\lambda_{k,1}} \dots f^{(m)}(z+c_k)^{\lambda_{k,m}} \\ &= \sum_{\lambda \in I} a_{\lambda}(z) \prod_{i=0}^k \prod_{j=0}^m f^{(j)}(z+c_i)^{\lambda_{i,j}} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where I is a finite set of multi-indices $\lambda = (\lambda_{0,0}, \dots, \lambda_{0,m}, \lambda_{1,0}, \dots, \lambda_{1,m}, \dots, \lambda_{k,0}, \dots, \lambda_{k,m})$, $c_0(=0)$ and c_1, \dots, c_k are distinct complex constants. We assume that the meromorphic coefficients $a_{\lambda}(z)$, $\lambda \in I$ of $P(z, f)$ are of growth $S(r, f)$. We denote the degree of the monomial $\prod_{i=0}^k \prod_{j=0}^m f^{(j)}(z+c_i)^{\lambda_{i,j}}$ of $P(z, f)$ by $d(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{j=0}^m \lambda_{i,j}$.

Then we denote the degree and the lower degree of $P(z, f)$ by

$$d(P) = \max_{\lambda \in I} \{d(\lambda)\}, \quad d^*(P) = \min_{\lambda \in I} \{d(\lambda)\}$$

respectively. In particular, we call $P(z, f)$ a homogeneous differential-difference polynomial if $d(P) = d^*(P)$. Otherwise, $P(z, f)$ is non-homogeneous. Renukadevi and Madhura proved the following Theorems.

Theorem 3. [4] *Let $f(z)$ be a finite order transcendental meromorphic function, let $\alpha(z)$ be a small function with respect to $f(z)$. Let $P(z, f)(\not\equiv \alpha(z))$ be a differential-difference polynomial of the form (2) and $\delta(\infty, f) > 1 - \frac{1}{2k+7}$. Then the differential-difference polynomial*

$$Q(z, f) = f(z)^n + P(z, f), \quad n \geq d(P) + 2$$

satisfies $\delta(\alpha, Q(z, f)) < 1$ and hence $Q(z, f) - \alpha(z)$ has infinitely many zeros. The condition $\delta(\infty, f) > 1 - \frac{1}{2k+7}$ in Theorem 1.1 can be relaxed by adding the condition $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) = S(r, f)$, and we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 4. [4] *Let $f(z)$ be a finite order transcendental meromorphic function, let $\alpha(z)$ be a small function with respect to $f(z)$. Let $P(z, f)(\not\equiv \alpha(z))$ be a differential-difference polynomial of the form (2) and let $\delta(\infty, f) > 1 - \frac{1}{2k+5}$ and $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) =$*

$S(r, f)$, then the differential-difference polynomial

$$Q(z, f) = f(z)^n + P(z, f), \quad n \geq d(P) + 1$$

satisfies $\delta(\alpha(z), Q(z, f)) < 1$ and hence $Q(z, f) - \alpha(z)$ has infinitely many zeros.

Wu and Xu[10] obtained the following theorem by considering the non linear difference monomial

$$\Phi(z) = f^{d_1}(z + c_1)f^{d_2}(z + c_2) \cdots f^{d_m}(z + c_m), \quad (3)$$

and

$$d = d_1 + d_2 + \cdots + d_m,$$

where c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m are complex constants satisfying at least one of them is non zero and $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 5. [10] Let $f(z)$ be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order, and assume that $\delta(\infty, f) = 1$. Suppose that $\Psi(z)$ is a nonlinear difference monomial of the form (3). Then,

- (1) for $\delta(0, f) > 0$, $\Psi(z)$ assumes every non-zero value α infinitely often and $\lambda(\alpha, \Psi(z)) = \sigma(f)$
- (2) for $\delta(0, f) = 1$, $\Psi(z)$ assumes every non-zero value α infinitely often and

$$T(r, \Psi(z)) \sim dT(r, f) \sim N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi(z) - \alpha}\right)$$

as $r \notin E, r \rightarrow \infty$, where E is a possible exception set of r with finite logarithmic measure.

2. PRELIMINARY LEMMAS

Lemma 2.1. [6] Let $f(z)$ be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order, then

$$m\left(r, \frac{f(z+c)}{f}\right) = S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.2. [3] Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order. Then

$$\begin{aligned} N(r, f(z+c)) &= N(r, f) + S(r, f), \\ T(r, f(z+c)) &= T(r, f) + S(r, f), \end{aligned}$$

where $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))(r \rightarrow \infty)$, possibly outside a set E of r with finite logarithmic measure.

Lemma 2.3. [5] Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order. Then for any positive integer n , we have

$$m\left(r, \frac{\Delta_c^n f(z)}{f(z)}\right) = S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.4. [11] Suppose that $f(z)$ is a transcendental meromorphic function in the complex plane and $P(z) = a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_n$, where $a_0 (\neq 0), a_1, \dots, a_n$ are constants. Then

$$T(r, P(f)) = nT(r, f) + S(r, f)$$

Lemma 2.5. [9] Let $f(z)$ be a transcendental meromorphic solution of finite order of a difference equation of the form

$$U(z, f)P(z, f) = Q(z, f), \quad (4)$$

where $U(z, f), P(z, f)$ and $Q(z, f)$ are difference polynomials such that the total degree $\deg_f U(z, f) = n$ in $f(z)$ and its shifts and $\deg_f Q(z, f) \leq n$. Moreover, we assume that all coefficients $a_\lambda(z)$ in (4) are small in the sense that $T(r, a_\lambda) = S(r, f)$ and that $U(z, f)$ contains just one term of maximal total degree in $f(z)$ and its shifts. Then, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$m(r, P(z, f)) = S(r, f)$$

possibly outside of an exceptional set of finite logarithmic measure.

Lemma 2.6. [2] Let $F(r)$ and $G(r)$ be monotone increasing function such that $F(r) \leq G(r)$ outside of exceptional set E that is of finite logarithmic measure. Then for any $\alpha > 0$, there exists $r_0 > 1$ such that $F(r) \leq G(\alpha r)$ for all $r > r_0$.

Lemma 2.7. Let f be finite order transcendental meromorphic function and if $\Psi(z)$ as defined in (1), then for every $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$, we have

$$KT(r, f) \leq KN \left(r, \frac{1}{f} \right) + 4KN(r, f) + N \left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi(z) - \alpha} \right) + S(r, f). \quad (5)$$

Proof. Since the meromorphic function $\Psi(z)$ is not constant, there is a $\beta \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\Delta_\beta \Psi(z) = \Delta_\beta (\Psi(z) - \alpha) \neq 0$. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f^K} &= \frac{\Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} - \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\alpha f^K}, \\ &= \frac{\Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} - \frac{\Delta_\beta \Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\Delta_\beta (\Psi(z) - \alpha)}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Delta_\beta \Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} &= \prod_{j=0}^m \frac{(\Delta_{\eta_j} f(z + \beta)^{k_j})}{\alpha f^K} - \frac{\Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha} \prod_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{\Delta_{\eta_j} f(z + \beta)}{f} \right)^{k_j} - \frac{\Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{\Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} = \frac{1}{\alpha} \prod_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{\Delta_{\eta_j} f(z)}{f} \right)^{k_j},$$

the definition of proximity function and lemma 2.3, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} m \left(r, \frac{\Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K} \right) &= m \left(r, \prod_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{\Delta_{\eta_j} f(z)}{f} \right)^{k_j} \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^m k_j m \left(r, \frac{\Delta_{\eta_j} f}{f} \right) + S(r, f) \\ &= S(r, f). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Similarly, we get

$$m\left(r, \frac{\Delta_\beta \Psi(z)}{\alpha f^K}\right) = S(r, f). \quad (8)$$

From (7), (8) and (6), we get

$$m\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) \leq m\left(r, \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}\right) + S(r, f).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} T\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) &\leq m\left(r, \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}\right) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) + S(r, f) \\ &= KN\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + m\left(r, \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}\right) + S(r, f). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Also from (1), we get

$$T(r, \Psi) \leq 2KT(r, f) + S(r, f). \quad (10)$$

Thus

$$\rho(\Psi) \leq \rho(f) \quad \text{and} \quad S(r, \Psi) = S(r, f). \quad (11)$$

Nevanlinna's first fundamental theorem gives us

$$m\left(r, \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}\right) \leq m\left(r, \frac{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}{\Psi(z) - \alpha}\right) + N\left(r, \frac{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}{\Psi(z) - \alpha}\right) + O(1). \quad (12)$$

Combining above inequality with lemma 2.3, we get

$$m\left(r, \frac{\Psi(z) - \alpha}{\Delta_\beta(\Psi - \alpha)}\right) = S(r, f). \quad (13)$$

Since $\Delta_\beta(\Psi(z) - \alpha) = \Delta_\beta \Psi(z)$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} N\left(r, \frac{\Delta_\beta(\Psi(z) - \alpha)}{\Psi(z) - \alpha}\right) &\leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi - \alpha}\right) + N(r, \Delta_\beta(\Psi(z) - \alpha)) \\ &\leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi - \alpha}\right) + N(r, \Psi(z + \beta)) + N(r, \Psi(z)) + S(r, f) \\ &= N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi - \alpha}\right) + 4KN(r, f) + S(r, f) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

From 2.4,(9) and (12)-(14), we get

$$\begin{aligned} KT(r, f) &= T\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) + S(r, f) \\ &= KN\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + 4KN(r, f) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi(z) - \alpha}\right) + S(r, f). \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

□

3. MAIN RESULTS

In this paper we consider the difference polynomial of the form

$$Q(z, f) = \sum_{\lambda \in I} a_{\lambda}(z) \prod_{j=1}^m (\Delta_c^j f(z))^{l_{\lambda,j}}, \quad (16)$$

where I is the finite index set and the coefficients $a_{\lambda}(z)$ are small functions of f , $l_j = \max_{\lambda \in I} \{l_{\lambda,j}\}$ and $d(p) = \sum_{j=1}^m l_j$ be the degree of $Q(z, f)$, and obtained the following theorem.

Theorem 1 Let $f(z)$ be a finite order transcendental meromorphic function and $Q(z, f) (\neq q(z))$ be difference polynomial defined in (16) and $q(z)$ be a small function of f . assume that $\delta(\infty, f) > 1 - \frac{1}{(m^2+m+5)}$ and the difference polynomial

$$P(z, f) = f^n + Q(z, f), \quad n \geq d(p) + 2, \quad (17)$$

satisfying $\delta(q, P(z, f)) < 1$ and $P(z, f) - q(z)$ has infinitely many zeros.

Proof. Since $\delta(0, f) > 0$, we claim that $\Psi(z)$ is a transcendental meromorphic function. Otherwise, then there is a rational function $q(z)$ such that $q(z)\Psi(z) \equiv 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{f^K} &= q(z) \frac{\Psi(z)}{f^K} \\ &= q(z) \prod_{j=0}^m \left(\frac{\Delta_{n_j} f(z)}{f} \right)^{k_j}. \end{aligned}$$

Since f is transcendental and from lemma 2.3, we get $m\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) = S(r, f)$, from first fundamental theorem of nevanlinna, we get

$$\begin{aligned} KT(r, f) &= T\left(r, f^K\right) = T\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{f^K}\right) + S(r, f) \\ KT(r, f) &\leq KN\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + S(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

Which is contradiction to $\delta(0, f) > 0$. Hence $\Psi(z)$ is transcendental meromorphic function.

(1) Since $\delta(0, f) > 0$ and $\delta(\infty, f) = 1$, in this case a positive number $\kappa < 1$ exists such that

$$N\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) < \kappa T(r, f), \quad (18)$$

$$N(r, f) = o(1)T(r, f). \quad (19)$$

From lemma 2.7, (18) and (19), we get

$$K(1 - 4(o(1)) - \kappa)T(r, f) \leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi - \alpha}\right) + S(r, f), \quad (20)$$

$r \notin E, r \rightarrow \infty$, where E is a possible exceptional set with finite logarithmic measure. Since f is transcendental, combining lemma 2.6 and (20), we can get that $\Psi(z)$

assumes every non-zero value α infinitely often and $\lambda(\alpha, \Psi(z)) = \rho(f)$.

(2) Since $\delta(0, f) = 1$ and $\delta(\infty, f) = 1$,

$$N\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) = S(r, f), \quad (21)$$

$$N(r, f) = S(r, f). \quad (22)$$

From (1) and lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \Psi) &= m(r, \Psi) + N(r, \Psi) \\ &\leq m\left(r, \frac{\Psi}{\alpha f^K}\right) + m(r, \alpha f^K) + N(r, \Psi) + S(r, f) \\ &= Km(r, f) + 2KN(r, f) + S(r, f) \\ T(r, f) &\leq KT(r, f) + S(r, f) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

From (21)-(23) and lemma 2.7, we get

$$\begin{aligned} KT(r, f) &\leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi - \alpha}\right) + S(r, f), \\ &\leq N(r, \Psi) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq KT(r, f) + S(r, f). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Since f is transcendental, (24) means that $\Psi(z)$ assumes every non-zero value α infinitely often and

$$T(r, \Psi(z)) \sim KT(r, f) \sim N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi - \alpha}\right)$$

as $r \notin E, r \rightarrow \infty$, where E is a possible exceptional set of r with finite logarithmic measure.

Theorem 2 Let $\Psi(z)$ be a non linear difference monomial of the form (1), If $\delta(\infty, f) = 1$ and $f(z)$ be a finite-order transcendental meromorphic function, then

- (1) for $\delta(0, f) > 0, \Psi(z)$ assumes every non-zero value α infinitely often and $\lambda(\alpha, \Psi(z)) = \sigma(f)$
- (2) for $\delta(0, f) = 1, \Psi(z)$ assumes every non-zero value α infinitely often and

$$T(r, \Psi(z)) \sim dT(r, f) \sim N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi(z) - \alpha}\right)$$

as $r \notin E, r \rightarrow \infty$, where E is a possible exception set of r with finite logarithmic measure.

Proof. First, we prove that $P(z, f)$ cannot be reduced to any constant. Suppose, assume that $P(z, f) = d$, where d is some constant. Then from (17), we get $f^n = d - Q(z, f)$, also it can be written as

$$f^{n-1}f = d - Q(z, f). \quad (25)$$

Since $n \geq d(p) + 2$, then from (25) and lemma 2.5, we get

$$m(r, f) = S(r, f) \quad (26)$$

Since $\delta(\infty, f) = \delta > 0$, then for any given $\epsilon_0 (0 < \epsilon_0 < \delta)$ and sufficiently large r , we have

$$\delta(\infty, f) = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(r, f)}{T(r, f)} = \delta > 0,$$

which implies that

$$(\delta - \epsilon_0)T(r, f) \leq m(r, f). \quad (27)$$

From (26) and (27), we get $T(r, f) = S(r, f)$. Which is contradiction. Hence $P(z, f)$ can never reduce to constant. set $h_j(z) = \frac{\Delta_c^j f}{f}$ and substituting this in (17), we get

$$P(z, f) = f^n + \sum_{t=0}^{d(p)} b_t(z) f^t(z), \quad (28)$$

where $b_t(z) = \sum_{l_\lambda=t} a_\lambda(z) \prod_{j=1}^m (h_j(z))^{l_{\lambda_j}}$, $t = 0, 1, \dots, d(p)$. Clearly from lemma 2.1, we get

$$m(r, b_t) = S(r, f), \quad (29)$$

using (28),(29) and lemma 2.4, we obtain

$$m(r, P) \leq nm(r, f) + S(r, f). \quad (30)$$

Also from (17) and lemma 2.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} N(r, P(z, f)) &\leq N(r, f^n) + N(r, Q(z, f)) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq nN(r, f) + d(p) \sum_{j=1}^m N(r, \Delta_c^j f) + S(r, f) \\ &\leq nN(r, f) + d(p) \sum_{j=1}^m N(r, \sum_{i=0}^j (-1)^i \binom{j}{i} f(z + (j-i)c)) \\ &\leq nN(r, f) + d(p) \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=0}^j N(r, (-1)^i \binom{j}{i} f(z + (j-i)c)) \\ &= nN(r, f) + d(p) \sum_{j=1}^m (j+1)N(r, f) + S(r, f) \\ &= nN(r, f) + d(p) \left(\frac{m^2 + m - 2}{2} \right) N(r, f) + S(r, f). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

From (30) and (31), implies

$$T(r, P(z, f)) \leq \left(n + \left(\frac{m^2 + m - 2}{2} \right) d(p) \right) T(r, f) + S(r, f) \text{ and } S(r, P) = S(r, f). \quad (32)$$

And also from (17) and lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{N}(r, P) &\leq \overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N}(r, P(z, f)) + S(r, f) \\
 &= \overline{N}(r, f) + \sum_{j=1}^m \overline{N}(r, \Delta_c^j f) + S(r, f) \\
 &\leq \overline{N}(r, f) + \sum_{j=1}^m (j+1) \overline{N}(r, f) + S(r, f) \\
 &= \overline{N}(r, f) + \left(\frac{m^2 + m - 2}{2} \right) \overline{N}(r, f) + S(r, f) \\
 \overline{N}(r, P) &\leq \left(\frac{m(m+1)}{2} \right) \overline{N}(r, f) + S(r, f)
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

From (17), it is possible to write

$$P(z, f) - q(z) = f^n + P(z, f) - q(z). \tag{34}$$

Differentiating (34), on simple calculation, we get

$$f^{n-1} \left(n f' - f \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} \right) = \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} Q(z, f) - Q'(z, f) - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} q + q', \tag{35}$$

and

$$f^{n-2} \left(f \left(n f' - f \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} \right) \right) = \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} Q(z, f) - Q'(z, f) - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} q + q'. \tag{36}$$

Next, we assert that $n f' - f \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} \not\equiv 0$. If not, $n \frac{f'}{f} = \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q}$, integrating this, we get $P - q = C f^n$, for some constant C , substituting this in (34), we get

$$(C - 1) f^n = Q(z, f) - q(z). \tag{37}$$

Since $Q(z, f) \not\equiv q(z)$, observe that $C \neq 1$. Also we have $n > d(p)$, from (37) and lemma 2.5, we get $m(r, f) = S(r, f)$. Since $\delta(\infty, f) > 0$, from (27), we conclude that $T(r, f) = S(r, f)$. which is a contradiction. Since $d(p) \leq n - 2$, from (36), (37) and lemma 2.5, we obtain

$$m \left(r, n f' - f \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} \right) = S(r, f). \tag{38}$$

$$m \left(r, f \left(n f' - f \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} \right) \right) = S(r, f). \tag{39}$$

Let us consider

$N \left(r, n f' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} f \right) \leq N(r, f) + \overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N}(r, P - q) + \overline{N} \left(r, \frac{1}{P-q} \right) + O(1)$. From (33), above inequality implies

$$N \left(r, n f' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q} f \right) \leq N(r, f) + \left(\frac{m^2 + m + 2}{2} \right) \overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N} \left(r, \frac{1}{P-q} \right) + S(r, f). \tag{40}$$

Similarly,

$$N\left(r, nf' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q}f\right) \leq 2N(r, f) + \left(\frac{m^2+m+2}{2}\right) \overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f). \quad (41)$$

From (38) and (40), we obtain

$$T\left(r, nf' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q}f\right) \leq N(r, f) + \left(\frac{m^2+m+2}{2}\right) \overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f). \quad (42)$$

Also from (39) and (41), we have

$$T\left(r, nf' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q}f\right) \leq 2N(r, f) + \left(\frac{m^2+m+2}{2}\right) \overline{N}(r, f) + \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f). \quad (43)$$

Thus, from (42) and (43), we get

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, f) &\leq T\left(r, f\left(nf' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q}f\right)\right) + T\left(r, nf' - \frac{(P-q)'}{P-q}f\right) + S(r, f) \\ &= 3N(r, f) + (m^2+m+2) \overline{N}(r, f) + 2\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$T(r, f) \leq (m^2+m+5) N(r, f) + 2\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f). \quad (44)$$

For any given ϵ ($0 < \epsilon < \delta - 1 + \frac{1}{m^2+m+5}$), It is possible to write (44) as

$$T(r, f) \leq (m^2+m+5) (1 - \delta + \epsilon) N(r, f) + 2\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f)$$

or

$$(1 - (m^2+m+5)(1 - \delta + \epsilon) + O(1)) T(r, f) \leq 2\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right) + S(r, f). \quad (45)$$

From (32) and (45), we get

$$(1 - (m^2+m+5)(1 - \delta + \epsilon) + O(1)) T(r, P) \leq (2n + (m^2+m-2)d(p)) \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right).$$

$$\text{Thus, } \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right)}{T(r, P)} \geq \frac{1 - (m^2+m+5)(1 - \delta + \epsilon)}{2n + (m^2+m-2)d(p)}$$

choose $(m^2+m+5)(1 - \delta + \epsilon) < 1$, then from the above inequality, we have

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right)}{T(r, P)} > 0,$$

therefore

$$\delta(q, P) < 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{P-q}\right)}{T(r, P)} < 1.$$

Hence, $P(z, f) = f^n + Q(z, f)$ assumes $q(z)$ infinitely often.

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