

GROWTH ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENTIAL MONOMIALS AND DIFFERENTIAL POLYNOMIALS GENERATED BY ENTIRE OR MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we investigate the comparative growth of composite entire or meromorphic functions and differential monomials, differential polynomials generated by one of the factors which improves some earlier results.

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1 INTRODUCTION, DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS

For any two transcendental entire functions f and g defined in the open complex plane \mathbb{C} , Clunie [3] proved that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, f)} = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, g)} = \infty.$$

Singh [14] proved some comparative growth properties of $\log T(r, fog)$ and $T(r, f)$. He also raised the problem of investigating the comparative growth of $\log T(r, fog)$ and $T(r, g)$ which he was unable to solve. However, some results on the comparative growth of $\log T(r, fog)$ and $T(r, g)$ are proved in [8].

Let f be a non-constant meromorphic function defined in the open complex plane \mathbb{C} . Also let $n_{0j}, n_{1j}, \dots, n_{kj}$ ($k \geq 1$) be non-negative integers such that for each j , $\sum_{i=0}^k n_{ij} \geq 1$. We call $M_j[f] = A_j(f)^{n_{0j}} (f^{(1)})^{n_{1j}} \dots (f^{(k)})^{n_{kj}}$

where $T(r, A_j) = S(r, f)$ to be a differential monomial generated by f . The numbers $\gamma_{M_j} = \sum_{i=0}^k n_{ij}$ and

$\Gamma_{M_j} = \sum_{i=0}^k (i+1) n_{ij}$ are called respectively the degree and weight of $M_j[f]$ [5], [13]. The expression

$P[f] = \sum_{j=1}^s M_j[f]$ is called a differential polynomial generated by f . The numbers $\gamma_P = \max_{1 \leq j \leq s} \gamma_{M_j}$ and

$\Gamma_P = \max_{1 \leq j \leq s} \Gamma_{M_j}$ are called respectively the degree and weight of $P[f]$ [5], [13]. Also we call the numbers

$\underline{\gamma}_P = \min_{1 \leq j \leq s} \gamma_{M_j}$ and k (the order of the highest derivative of f) the lower degree and the order of $P[f]$

respectively. If $\underline{\gamma}_P = \gamma_P$, $P[f]$ is called a homogeneous differential polynomial. In the paper we further investigate the question of Singh [14] mentioned earlier and prove some new results relating to the comparative growths of composite entire or meromorphic functions and differential monomials, differential polynomials generated by one of

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the factors . We do not explain the standard notations and definitions of the theory of entire and meromorphic functions because those are available in [17] and [6]. Throughout the paper we consider only the non-constant differential polynomials and we denote by $P_0[f]$ a differential polynomial not containing f i.e., for which $n_{0j} = 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$. We consider only those $P[f]$, $P_0[f]$ singularities of whose individual terms do not cancel each other .

We also denote by $M[f]$ a differential monomial generated by a transcendental meromorphic function f .

The following definitions are well known.

Definition 1. The order ρ_f and lower order λ_f of a meromorphic function f are defined as

$$\rho_f = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r}.$$

If f is entire , one can easily verify that

$$\rho_f = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, f)}{\log r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, f)}{\log r},$$

where $\log^{[k]} x = \log(\log^{[k-1]} x)$ for $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $\log^{[0]} x = x$.

If $\rho_f < \infty$ then f is of finite order . Also $\rho_f = 0$ means that f is of order zero . In this connection Datta and Biswas [4] gave the following definition:

Definition 2. [4] Let f be a meromorphic function of order zero. Then the quantities ρ_f^{**} and λ_f^{**} of f are defined by

$$\rho_f^{**} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{\log r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f^{**} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{\log r}.$$

If f is an entire function then clearly

$$\rho_f^{**} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, f)}{\log r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f^{**} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, f)}{\log r}.$$

Definition 3. Let 'a' be a complex number, finite or infinite. The Nevanlinna's deficiency and the Valiron deficiency of 'a' with respect to a meromorphic function f are defined as

$$\delta(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}$$

and

$$\Delta(a; f) = 1 - \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

Definition 4. The quantity $\Theta(a; f)$ of a meromorphic function f is defined as follows

$$\Theta(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

Definition 5. [16] For $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$, we denote by $n(r, a; f | = 1)$, the number of simple zeros of $f - a$ in $|z| \leq r$. $N(r, a; f | = 1)$ is defined in terms of $n(r, a; f | = 1)$ in the usual way . We put

$$\delta_1(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r, a; f | = 1)}{T(r, f)},$$

the deficiency of 'a' corresponding to the simple a-points of f i.e., simple zeros of $f - a$.

Yang [15] proved that there exists at most a denumerable number of complex numbers $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ for which $\delta_1(a; f) > 0$ and $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) \leq 4$.

Definition 6. [9] For $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$, let $n_p(r, a; f)$ denotes the number of zeros of $f - a$ in $|z| \leq r$, where a zero of multiplicity $< p$ is counted according to its multiplicity and a zero of multiplicity $\geq p$ is counted exactly p times ; and $N_p(r, a; f)$ is defined in terms of $n_p(r, a; f)$ in the usual way. We define

$$\delta_p(a; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_p(r, a; f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

Definition 7. [2] $P[f]$ is said to be admissible if

- (i) $P[f]$ is homogeneous, or
- (ii) $P[f]$ is non homogeneous and $m(r, f) = S(r, f)$.

Definition 8. A function $\rho_f(r)$ is called a proximate order of f relative to $T(r, f)$ if

- (i) $\rho_f(r)$ is non-negative and continuous for $r \geq r_0$, say,
- (ii) $\rho_f(r)$ is differentiable for $r \geq r_0$ except possibly at isolated points at which $\rho_f'(r-0)$ and $\rho_f'(r+0)$ exist,
- (iii) $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \rho_f(r) = \rho_f < \infty$
- (iv) $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r \rho_f'(r) \log r = 0$ and
- (v) $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{r^{\rho_f(r)}} = 1$.

Definition 9. A function $\lambda_f(r)$ is called a lower proximate order of f relative to $T(r, f)$ if

- (i) $\lambda_f(r)$ is non-negative and continuous for $r \geq r_0$, say,
- (ii) $\lambda_f(r)$ is differentiable for $r \geq r_0$ except possibly at isolated points at which $\lambda_f'(r-0)$ and $\lambda_f'(r+0)$ exists
- (iii) $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_f(r) = \lambda_f < \infty$,
- (iv) $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} r \lambda_f'(r) \log r = 0$ and
- (v) $\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{r^{\lambda_f(r)}} = 1$.

2. LEMMAS

In this section we present some lemmas which will be needed in the sequel.

Lemma 1. [1] If f is meromorphic and g is entire then for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$T(r, fog) \leq \{1 + o(1)\} \frac{T(r, g)}{\log M(r, g)} T(M(r, g), f).$$

Lemma 2. [8] If f be an entire function then for $\delta(> 0)$ the function $r^{\rho_f + \delta - \rho_f(r)}$ is ultimately an increasing function of r .

Lemma 3. [11] Let f be an entire function. Then for $\delta(> 0)$ the function $r^{\lambda_f + \delta - \lambda_f(r)}$ is ultimately an increasing function of r .

Lemma 4. [2] Let $P_0[f]$ be admissible. If f is of finite order or of non-zero lower order and

$$\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2 \text{ then } \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, P_0[f])}{T(r, f)} = \Gamma_{P_0[f]}.$$

Lemma 5. [2] Let f be either of finite order or of non-zero lower order such that

$$\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1 \text{ or } \delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1. \text{ Then for homogeneous } P_0[f],$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, P_0[f])}{T(r, f)} = \gamma_{P_0[f]}.$$

Lemma 6. Let f be a meromorphic function of finite order or of non zero lower order. If $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$, then the order (lower order) of homogeneous $P_0[f]$ is same as that of f if f is of positive finite order.

Proof. By Lemma 5, $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, P_0[f])}{\log T(r, f)}$ exists and is equal to 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{P_0[f]} &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, P_0[f])}{\log r} \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r} \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, P_0[f])}{\log T(r, f)} \\ &= \rho_f \cdot 1 = \rho_f. \end{aligned}$$

In a similar manner, $\lambda_{p_0[f]} = \lambda_f$.

This proves the lemma.

Lemma 7. *Let f be a meromorphic function of finite order or of non zero lower order such that $\sum a \neq \infty$ $\delta p a; f = 1$. Then the order (lower order) of homogeneous $P_0[f]$ and f are same when f is of finite positive order.*

We omit the proof of the lemma because it can be carried out in the line of Lemma 7 and with the help of Lemma 6. In a similar manner we can state the following lemma without proof.

Lemma 8. *Let f be a meromorphic function of finite order or of non- zero lower order such that $\delta(\infty; f) \sum a \neq \infty$ $\delta a; f = 1$. Then for every homogeneous $P_0[f]$, the order (lower order) of $P_0[f]$ is same as that of f . when f is of finite positive order.*

Lemma 9. [10] *Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order or of non-zero lower order and $\sum \delta_1(a; f) = 4$. Then*
 $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, M[f])}{T(r, f)} = \Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M) \Theta(\infty; f),$$

where

$$\Theta(\infty; f) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\overline{N}(r, f)}{T(r, f)}.$$

Lemma 10. *If f be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order or of non-zero lower order and $\sum \delta_1(a; f) = 4$, then the order and lower order of $M[f]$ are same as those of f .*
 $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$

We omit the proof of the lemma because it can be carried out in the line of Lemma 6 and with the help of Lemma 9.

Lemma 11. [7] *Let g be an entire function with $\lambda_g < \infty$ and assume that a_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n \leq \infty$) are entire functions satisfying $T(r, a_i) = o\{T(r, g)\}$. If $\sum_{i=1}^n \delta(a_i; g) = 1$, then $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, g)}{\log M(r, g)} = \frac{1}{\pi}$.*

3. THEOREMS

In this section we present the main results of the paper.

Theorem 1. *Let f be a meromorphic function of order zero and g be entire such that ρ_g is finite. Also let $\sum \Theta(a; g) = 2$. Then for any $\alpha > 1$*
 $\alpha \neq \infty$

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f \circ g)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1} \right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\rho_g}}{\Gamma_{P_0[g]}}.$$

Proof. If $\rho_f^{**} = \infty$, then the result is obvious. So we suppose that $\rho_f^{**} < \infty$. Since $T(r, g) \leq \log^+ M(r, g)$, we obtain by Lemma 1 for $\varepsilon (> 0)$ and for all large values of r ,

$$T(r, f \circ g) \leq (1 + o(1)) (\rho_f^{**} + \varepsilon) \log M(r, g)$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, it follows from above that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f \circ g)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \rho_f^{**} \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])}. \quad (1)$$

Since $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, g)}{r^{\rho_g(r)}} = 1$, for given ε ($0 < \varepsilon < 1$) we get for all sufficiently large values of r

$$T(r, g) < (1 + \varepsilon) r^{\rho_g(r)} \quad (2)$$

and for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity

$$T(r, g) > (1 - \varepsilon) r^{\rho_g(r)}. \quad (3)$$

Since $\log M(r, g) \leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) T(\alpha r, g)$, {cf. [6]} for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity we get that for any $\delta (> 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, g)} &\leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{(1+\varepsilon)}{(1-\varepsilon)} \cdot \frac{(\alpha r)^{\rho_g + \delta}}{(\alpha r)^{\rho_g + \delta - \rho_g(\alpha r)}} \cdot \frac{1}{r^{\rho_g(\alpha r)}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{(1+\varepsilon)}{(1-\varepsilon)} \cdot \alpha^{\rho_g + \delta} \end{aligned}$$

because by Lemma 2, $r^{\rho_g + \delta - \rho_g(\alpha r)}$ is ultimately an increasing function of r . Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ and $\delta (> 0)$ are arbitrary, we obtain that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, g)} \leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \alpha^{\rho_g}. \quad (4)$$

Now in view of (4) and Lemma 4 we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])} &= \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, g)} \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \frac{\alpha^{\rho_g}}{\Gamma_{P_0[g]}}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Thus from (1) and (5) it follows that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\rho_g}}{\Gamma_{P_0[g]}}.$$

This proves the theorem.

Remark 1. If we take “ $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$ ” instead of “ $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ ” in Theorem 1 and the other conditions remain the same then one can easily prove that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\rho_g}}{\gamma_{P_0[g]}}.$$

In the line of Theorem 1 and with the help of Lemma 9 we may state the following theorem without proof.

Theorem 2. Let f be a meromorphic function of order zero and g be entire such that ρ_g is finite. Also let $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$. Then for any $\alpha > 1$

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, M[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\rho_g}}{\Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M) \Theta(\infty; g)}.$$

In the line of Theorem 1 one can easily prove the following theorem using the definition of lower proximate order.

Theorem 3. Let f be a meromorphic function of order zero and g be entire with $\lambda_g < \infty$. Also let $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$. Then for any $\alpha > 1$

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\lambda_g}}{\gamma_{P_0[g]}}.$$

Remark 2. If we take “ $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ ” instead of “ $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$ ” in Theorem 3 and the other conditions remain the same then one can easily prove that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\lambda_g}}{\Gamma_{P_0[g]}}.$$

Theorem 4 Let f be a meromorphic function of order zero and g be entire with $\lambda_g < \infty$. Also let $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$. Then for any $\alpha > 1$

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, M[g])} \leq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-1}\right) \cdot \frac{\rho_f^{**} \cdot \alpha^{\lambda_g}}{\Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M) \Theta(\infty; g)}.$$

The proof of the theorem can be established in the line of Theorem 3 and with the help of Lemma 9 and therefore it is omitted.

Theorem 5. Let f and g be two non constant entire functions such that f is of lower order zero and λ_f^{**} and λ_g are finite. Also let $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \geq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \frac{1}{3 \cdot \gamma_{P_0[g]}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_f^{**}}{4^{\lambda_g}}.$$

Proof. If $\lambda_f^{**} = 0$ then the result is obvious. So we suppose that $\lambda_f^{**} > 0$.

For all sufficiently large values of r we know that

$$T(r, fog) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M \left\{ \frac{1}{8} M \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) + o(1), f \right\} \quad \text{cf. [12]}$$

For ε ($0 < \varepsilon < \min \{ \lambda_f^{**}, 1 \}$) we get for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, fog) &\geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \log \left\{ \frac{1}{8} M \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) + o(1) \right\} \\ \text{i.e., } T(r, fog) &\geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \log \left\{ \frac{1}{9} M \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) \right\} \\ \text{i.e., } T(r, fog) &\geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \log M \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) + \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \log \frac{1}{9} \\ \text{i.e., } T(r, fog) &\geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) T \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since $\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, g)}{r^{\lambda_g(r)}} = 1$, for given $\varepsilon (> 0)$ we get for all sufficiently large values of r

$$T(r, g) > (1 - \varepsilon) r^{\lambda_g(r)} \quad (7)$$

and for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity

$$T(r, g) < (1 + \varepsilon) r^{\lambda_g(r)}. \quad (8)$$

From (6) and (7) we get for $\delta (> 0)$ and for all sufficiently large values of r

$$T(r, fog) \geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) (1 - \varepsilon) (1 + o(1)) \frac{\left(\frac{r}{4} \right)^{\lambda_g + \delta}}{\left(\frac{r}{4} \right)^{\lambda_g + \delta - \lambda_g \left(\frac{r}{4} \right)}}.$$

Since $r^{\lambda_g + \delta - \lambda_g(r)}$ is ultimately an increasing function of r it follows for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$T(r, fog) \geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) (1 - \varepsilon) (1 + o(1)) \frac{r^{\lambda_g(r)}}{4^{\lambda_g + \delta}}. \quad (9)$$

So by (8) and (9) we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, fog) &\geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \frac{(1 - \varepsilon)}{(1 + \varepsilon)} (1 + o(1)) \frac{T(r, g)}{4^{\lambda_g + \delta}} \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} &\geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \frac{(1 - \varepsilon)}{(1 + \varepsilon)} \frac{(1 + o(1))}{4^{\lambda_g + \delta}} \frac{T(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ and $\delta (> 0)$ are arbitrary, in view of Lemma 5 it follows from above that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \geq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \frac{1}{3 \cdot \gamma_{P_0[g]}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_f^{**}}{4^{\lambda_g}}.$$

Thus the theorem is proved.

Remark 3. If we take “ $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ ” instead of “ $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$ ” in Theorem 5 and the other conditions remain the same then one can easily prove that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \geq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \frac{1}{3 \cdot \Gamma_{P_0[g]}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_f^{**}}{4^{\lambda_g}}.$$

In the line of Theorem 5 and with the help of Lemma 9 we may state the following theorem without proof.

Theorem 6. Let f and g be two non constant entire functions such that f is of lower order zero and λ_f^{**} and λ_g are finite. Also let $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, M[g])} \geq (1 + o(1)) \cdot \frac{1}{3 \cdot \Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M) \Theta(\infty; g)} \cdot \frac{\lambda_f^{**}}{4^{\lambda_g}}.$$

Theorem 7. Let f and g be two non constant entire functions such that ρ_f^{**} and λ_g are finite. Also suppose that there exist entire functions a_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n \leq \infty$) satisfying

$$(i) \quad T(r, a_i) = o\{T(r, g)\} \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(a_i; g) = 1 \text{ and}$$

$$(iii) \quad \sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2.$$

Then

$$\frac{\pi \lambda_f^{**}}{3 \cdot 4^{\lambda_g} \cdot \Gamma_{P_0}[g]} \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq \frac{\pi \rho_f^{**}}{\Gamma_{P_0}[g]}.$$

Proof. For any two entire functions f and g , the following two inequalities are well known :

$$T(r, f) \leq \log^+ M(r, f) \leq 3 T(2r, f). \quad \{ \text{cf. [6]} \} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\log M(r, fog) \leq \log M(M(r, g), f). \quad \{ \text{cf. [3]} \} \quad (11)$$

For $\varepsilon(> 0)$ we get from (10) and (11) for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$T(r, fog) \leq \log M(M(r, g), f)$$

$$\text{i.e., } T(r, fog) \leq (\rho_f^{**} + \varepsilon) \log M(r, g)$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (\rho_f^{**} + \varepsilon) \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])}.$$

Hence we get from above that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (\rho_f^{**} + \varepsilon) \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq (\rho_f^{**} + \varepsilon) \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, g)}{T(r, g)} \cdot \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])}$$

Since $\varepsilon(> 0)$ is arbitrary, it follows from Lemma 11 and Lemma 4 that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq \frac{\pi \rho_f^{**}}{\Gamma_{P_0}[g]}. \quad (12)$$

Now suppose that $0 < \varepsilon < \min \{ \lambda_f^{**}, 1 \}$ we get from (6) for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \geq \frac{1}{3} (\lambda_f^{**} - \varepsilon) \frac{\log M(\frac{r}{4}, g)}{T(\frac{r}{4}, g)} \cdot \frac{T(\frac{r}{4}, g)}{T(r, g)} \cdot \frac{T(r, g)}{T(r, P_0[g])} + O(1). \quad (13)$$

From (7) and (8) and in the line of Lemma 3 we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity and for $\delta(> 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T(\frac{r}{4}, g)}{T(r, g)} &\geq \frac{1-\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{r}{4}\right)^{\lambda_g + \delta}}{\left(\frac{r}{4}\right)^{\lambda_g + \delta - \lambda_g(\frac{r}{4})}} \cdot \frac{1}{r^{\lambda_g(r)}} \\ &\geq \frac{1-\varepsilon}{1+\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{4^{\lambda_g + \delta}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon(> 0)$ and $\delta(> 0)$ are arbitrary we get from (13), Lemma 4, Lemma 11 and above that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \geq \frac{\pi \lambda_f^{**}}{3 \cdot 4^{\lambda_g} \cdot \Gamma_{P_0}[g]}. \quad (14)$$

Thus the theorem follows from (12) and (14).

Remark 4. If we take “ $\Theta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; g) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; g) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; g) = 1$ ” instead of “ $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; g) = 2$ ” in Theorem 7 and the other conditions remain the same then one can easily prove that

$$\frac{\pi \lambda_f^{**}}{3.4^{\lambda_g} \cdot \gamma_{P_0[g]}} \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, P_0[g])} \leq \frac{\pi \rho_f^{**}}{\gamma_{P_0[g]}}.$$

In the line of Theorem 7 and with the help of Lemma 9 we may state the following theorem without proof.

Theorem 8. Let f and g be two non constant entire functions such that ρ_f^{**} and λ_g are finite. Also suppose that there exist entire functions a_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n \leq \infty$) satisfying

(i) $T(r, a_i) = o\{T(r, g)\}$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

(ii) $\sum_{i=1}^n \delta(a_i; g) = 1$ and

(iii) $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; g) = 4$.

Then

$$\frac{\pi \lambda_f^{**}}{3.4^{\lambda_g} \cdot \Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M) \Theta(\infty; g)} \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, M[g])} \leq \frac{\pi \rho_f^{**}}{\Gamma_M - (\Gamma_M - \gamma_M) \Theta(\infty; g)}.$$

Theorem 9. Let f and g be any two entire functions such that $0 < \lambda_f \leq \rho_f < \infty$ and $\rho_g^{**} > 0$. Also let $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_f \rho_g^{**}}{A \rho_f},$$

where A is any positive real number.

Proof. We know that for $r > 0$ [12]

$$T(r, fog) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M \left\{ \frac{1}{8} M \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) + o(1), f \right\}. \quad (15)$$

Let us suppose that $0 < \varepsilon < \min \{ \lambda_f, \rho_g^{**} \}$.

Now from (15) we have for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\log T(r, fog) \geq (\lambda_f - \varepsilon) \log M \left(\frac{r}{4}, g \right) + O(1)$$

$$i.e., \log T(r, fog) \geq (\lambda_f - \varepsilon)(\rho_g^{**} - \varepsilon) \log r + O(1). \quad (16)$$

Again from the definition of $\rho_{P_0[f]}$ we have for arbitrary positive ε and for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\log T(r^A, P_0[f]) \leq A (\rho_{P_0[f]} + \varepsilon) \log r$$

$$i.e., \log T(r^A, P_0[f]) \leq A (\rho_f + \varepsilon) \log r. \quad (17)$$

So combining (16) and (17) we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{(\lambda_f - \varepsilon)(\rho_g^{**} - \varepsilon) \log r + O(1)}{A (\rho_f + \varepsilon) \log r}$$

$$i.e., \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_f \rho_g^{**}}{A \rho_f}.$$

This completes the proof.

Remark 5. Under the same conditions of Theorem 9, if f is of regular growth then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{\rho_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 6 . In Theorem 9 if we take $\lambda_g^{**} > 0$ instead of $\rho_g^{**} > 0$ and the other conditions remain the same then it can be shown that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_f \lambda_g^{**}}{A \rho_f}.$$

In addition if f is of regular growth then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 7. Also if we consider $0 < \lambda_g < \infty$ or $0 < \rho_g < \infty$ instead of $0 < \lambda_g \leq \rho_g < \infty$ in Theorem 9 and the other conditions remain the same, then one can easily verify that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 8. The conclusions of Theorem 9, Remark 5, Remark 6 and Remark 7 can also be drawn under the hypothesis $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$ or $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ instead of $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$.

Theorem 10. Let f and g be two entire functions such that $0 < \lambda_f \leq \rho_f < \infty$ and $\rho_g^{**} > 0$. Also let $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_f \rho_g^{**}}{A \rho_f},$$

where A is any positive real number.

The proof is omitted because it can be carried out in the line of Theorem 10 and with the help of Lemma 10.

Remark 9. Under the same conditions of Theorem 10 if f is of regular growth then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \geq \frac{\rho_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 10. In Theorem 10 if we take $\lambda_g^{**} > 0$ instead of $\rho_g^{**} > 0$ and the other conditions remain the same then it can be shown that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_f \lambda_g^{**}}{A \rho_f}.$$

In addition if f is of regular growth then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r^A, M[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 11. Further if we consider $0 < \lambda_g < \infty$ or $0 < \rho_g < \infty$ instead of $0 < \lambda_g \leq \rho_g < \infty$ in Theorem 10 and the other conditions remain the same, then one can easily verify that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \geq \frac{\lambda_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Theorem 11. Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function with the maximum deficiency sum and g be an entire function such that $0 < \lambda_f \leq \rho_f < \infty$ and $\rho_g^{**} < \infty$. Also let $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f \rho_g^{**}}{A \lambda_f}.$$

for any positive real number A .

Proof. In view of Lemma 1 and the inequality $T(r, g) \leq \log^+ M(r, g)$ we get for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, fog) &\leq \{1 + o(1)\} T(M(r, g), f) \\ \text{i. e., } \log T(r, fog) &\leq (\rho_f + \varepsilon) \log M(r, g) + O(1) \\ \text{i. e., } \log T(r, fog) &\leq (\rho_f + \varepsilon)(\rho_g^{**} + \varepsilon) + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

From the definition of $\lambda_{P_0[f]}$ we have for arbitrary positive ε and for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\log T(r^A, P_0[f]) \geq A(\lambda_{P_0[f]} - \varepsilon) \log r$$

$$\text{i.e., } \log T(r^A, P_0[f]) \geq A(\lambda_f - \varepsilon) \log r. \quad (19)$$

Now combining (18) and (19) we get for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{(\rho_f + \varepsilon)(\rho_g^{**} + \varepsilon) + O(1)}{A(\lambda_f - \varepsilon) \log r}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f \rho_g^{**}}{A \lambda_f}.$$

This completes the proof.

Remark 12. Under the same conditions of Theorem 11 if f is of regular growth then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 13. In Theorem 11 if we take $\lambda_g^{**} < \infty$ instead of $\rho_g^{**} < \infty$ and the other conditions remain the same then it can be shown that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f \lambda_g^{**}}{A \rho_f}.$$

In addition if f is of regular growth then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f \lambda_g^{**}}{A \rho_f}.$$

Remark 14. If we take $0 < \rho_f < \infty$ or $0 < \lambda_f < \infty$ instead of $0 < \lambda_f \leq \rho_f < \infty$ in Theorem 11 and the other conditions remain the same, then one can easily verify that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, P_0[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 15. The conclusions of Theorem 11, Remark 12, Remark 13 and Remark 14 can also be deduced if we replace $\delta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a; f) = 1$ by $\Theta(\infty; f) = \sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta_p(a; f) = 1$ or $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \Theta(a; f) = 2$ respectively.

In the line of Theorem 11 and with the help of Lemma 10 we may state the following theorem without proof.

Theorem 12. Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function with the maximum deficiency sum and g be an entire function such that $0 < \lambda_f \leq \rho_f < \infty$ and $\rho_g^{**} < \infty$. Also let $\sum_{a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}} \delta_1(a; f) = 4$. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f \rho_g^{**}}{A \lambda_f},$$

where A is any positive real number.

Remark 16. Under the same conditions of Theorem 12 if f is of regular growth then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 17. In Theorem 12 if we take $\lambda_g^{**} < \infty$ instead of $\rho_g^{**} < \infty$ and the other conditions remain the same then it can be shown that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_f \lambda_g^{**}}{A \lambda_f}.$$

In addition if f is of regular growth then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \leq \frac{\lambda_g^{**}}{A}.$$

Remark 18. If we take $0 < \rho_f < \infty$ or $0 < \lambda_f < \infty$ instead of $0 < \lambda_f \leq \rho_f < \infty$ in Theorem 12 and the other conditions remain the same, then one can easily verify that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, M[f])} \leq \frac{\rho_g^{**}}{A}.$$

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