

## ON THE EXISTENCE OF GENERALISED FIX POINTS

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### ABSTRACT

Using the idea of generalised iterations of functions we prove fix point theorems for certain class of complex functions.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

A single valued complex function  $f(z)$  is said to belong to class I if  $f(z)$  is entire transcendental and class II if it is regular in the complex plane punctured at  $a, b$  ( $a \neq b$ ) and has an essential singularity at  $b$  and a singularity at  $a$  and if  $f(z)$  omits the values  $a$  and  $b$  except possibly at  $a$ .

For arbitrary complex function  $f(z)$ , the iterations are defined inductively by

$$f_0(z) = z \text{ and } f_{n+1}(z) = f(f_n(z)); n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

A point  $\alpha$  is called a fix point of  $f(z)$  of order  $n$  if  $\alpha$  is a solution of  $f_n(z) = z$  and a fix point of exact order  $n$  if  $\alpha$  is a solution of  $f_n(z) = z$  but not a solution of  $f_k(z) = z$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ . With this definition of iteration, for functions of class I, Baker [1] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem: A [1]** If  $f(z)$  belongs to class I, then  $f(z)$  has fix points of exact order  $n$  except for at most one value of  $n$ .

In [4], Bhattacharyya extended Theorem A to functions in class II as follows.

**Theorem: B [4]** If  $f(z)$  belongs to class II, then  $f(z)$  has an infinity of fix points of exact order  $n$ , for every positive integer  $n$ .

In 1997, Lahiri and Banerjee [7] introduced a new concept of iteration called relative iterations (defined below) and using this, proved the result of Bhattacharyya [4].

Let  $f(z)$  and  $\phi(z)$  be functions of the complex variable  $z$ . Let

$$f_1(z) = f(z)$$

$$f_2(z) = f(\phi(z)) = f(\phi_1(z))$$

$$f_3(z) = f(\phi(f(z))) = f(\phi(f_1(z)))$$

$$\dots \dots \dots$$

$$f_n(z) = f(\phi(f(\phi(\dots(f(z) \text{ or } \phi(z) \text{ according as } n \text{ is odd or even } \dots))))$$

$$= f(\phi_{n-1}(z)) = f(\phi(f_{n-2}(z)))$$

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and so

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1(z) &= \varphi(z) \\ \varphi_2(z) &= \varphi(f(z)) = \varphi(f_1(z)) \\ \varphi_3(z) &= \varphi(f_2(z)) = \varphi(f(\varphi_1(z))) \\ &\dots \dots \dots \\ \varphi_n(z) &= \varphi(f_{n-1}(z)) = \varphi(f(\varphi_{n-2}(z))).\end{aligned}$$

If  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  are functions in class II, then so are  $f_n(z)$  and  $\varphi_n(z)$ .

A point  $\alpha$  is called a fix point of  $f(z)$  of order  $n$  with respect to  $\varphi(z)$  if  $f_n(\alpha) = \alpha$  and a fix point of exact order  $n$  if  $f_n(\alpha) = \alpha$  but  $f_k(\alpha) \neq \alpha, k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Such point  $\alpha$  is also called relative fix point.

**Theorem: C [7]** If  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  belong to class II, then  $f(z)$  has an infinity of relative fix points of exact order  $n$  for every positive integer  $n$ , provided  $\frac{T(r, \varphi_n)}{T(r, f_n)}$  is bounded.

Recently, Banerjee and Mandal [2] introduced the concept of relative fix point of exact factor order and using this concept proved analogous theorem of Lahiri and Banerjee [7].

A point  $\alpha$  is called a relative fix point of  $f(z)$  with respect to  $\varphi(z)$  of exact factor order  $n$  if  $f_n(\alpha) = \alpha$  but  $f_k(\alpha) \neq \alpha$  and  $\varphi_k(\alpha) \neq \alpha$  for all divisors  $k (k < n)$  of  $n$ .

**Theorem: D [2]** If  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  belong to class II, then  $f(z)$  has an infinity of relative fix points of exact factor order  $n$  for every positive integer  $n$  provided  $\frac{T(r, f_{n-1})}{T(r, f_n)}$  is bounded.

In [3], Banerjee and Mondal introduced another type of iteration called generalised iteration which runs as follows.

Let  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  be two entire functions and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  be any number. Then the generalised iteration of  $f(z)$  with respect to  $\varphi(z)$  is defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}f_1(z) &= (1 - \alpha)z + \alpha f(z) \\ f_2(z) &= (1 - \alpha)\varphi_1(z) + \alpha f(\varphi_1(z)) \\ f_3(z) &= (1 - \alpha)\varphi_2(z) + \alpha f(\varphi_2(z)) \\ &\dots \dots \dots \\ f_n(z) &= (1 - \alpha)\varphi_{n-1}(z) + \alpha f(\varphi_{n-1}(z))\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_1(z) &= (1 - \alpha)z + \alpha \varphi(z) \\ \varphi_2(z) &= (1 - \alpha)f_1(z) + \alpha \varphi(f_1(z)) \\ \varphi_3(z) &= (1 - \alpha)f_2(z) + \alpha \varphi(f_2(z)) \\ &\dots \dots \dots \\ \varphi_n(z) &= (1 - \alpha)f_{n-1}(z) + \alpha \varphi(f_{n-1}(z)).\end{aligned}$$

**Note-1:** When  $\alpha = 1$ , generalised iteration reduces to relative iteration.

Clearly if  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  are functions in class II, then so also are  $f_n(z)$  and  $\varphi_n(z)$ .

Now we introduce the following definition.

**Definition: 1** A point  $\beta$  is called a generalised fix point of  $f(z)$  of order  $n$  if  $f_n(\beta) = \beta$  and a generalised fix point of exact order  $n$  if  $f_n(\beta) = \beta$  but  $f_k(\beta) \neq \beta, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$ .  $\beta$  is called a generalised fix point of  $f(z)$  of exact factor order  $n$  if  $f_n(\beta) = \beta$  but  $f_k(\beta) \neq \beta$  and  $\varphi_k(\beta) \neq \beta$  for all divisors  $k(k < n)$  of  $n$ .

**Example: 1** Let  $f(z) = 2z + 1, \varphi(z) = 2z - 1$  and  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . Then  $z = \frac{\alpha}{2 + \alpha}$  is generalised fix point of exact order 2 of  $f(z)$  and  $z = -\frac{\alpha^2 + \alpha + 1}{\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 3}$  is generalised fix point of exact factor order 3 of  $f(z)$ .

We normalise the functions in class II by taking  $a = 0, b = \infty$  and throughout this paper we consider such type of functions and their generalised iteration unless otherwise stated.

Let  $f(z)$  be meromorphic in  $r_0 \leq |z| < \infty, r_0 > 0$ . Following notations given in {[5], pp.88}, the first fundamental theorem takes the form

$$m(r, a, f) + N(r, a, f) = T(r, f) + O(\log r) \quad (1)$$

where the region is always  $r_0 \leq |z| < \infty, r_0 > 0$ .

Further if  $f(z)$  is non-constant and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_q; q \geq 2$ , be distinct finite complex numbers,  $\delta > 0$  with  $|a_\mu - a_\nu| \geq \delta$  for  $1 \leq \mu \leq \nu \leq q$ , then

$$m(r, f) + \sum_{v=1}^q m(r, a_v, f) \leq 2T(r, f) - N_1(r) + S(r) \quad (2)$$

where  $N_1(r) = N\left(r, \frac{1}{f'}\right) + 2N(r, f) - N(r, f')$

and  $S(r) = m\left(r, \frac{f'}{f}\right) + \sum_{v=1}^q m\left(r, \frac{f'}{f - a_v}\right) + O(\log r)$ .

Adding  $N(r, f) + \sum_{v=1}^q N(r, a_v, f)$  to both sides of (2) and using (1), we obtain

$$\sum_{v=1}^q \bar{N}(r, a_v, f) \geq (q-1)T(r, f) - \bar{N}(r, f) - S_1(r) \quad (3)$$

where  $S_1(r) = O(\log T(r, f))$  and  $\bar{N}$  corresponds to distinct roots.

Also since  $f_n$  has an essential singularity at  $\infty$ , we have {[5], pp.90},  $\frac{\log r}{T(r, f_n)} \rightarrow 0$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

The object of this paper is to extend Theorem C and Theorem D to functions in class II, with generalised iteration.

## 2. LEMMAS

The following lemmas will be needed in the sequel.

**Lemma: 1** If  $f$  and  $\varphi$  are functions in class II, then for any  $r_0 > 0$  and  $M$ , a positive constant  $\frac{T(r, \varphi(f))}{T(r, f)} > M$ , for all large  $r$ , except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length.

This follows from the Lemma of Lahiri and Banerjee [7] simply by taking  $n = 1$  and  $p = 1$ .

**Lemma: 2** If  $n$  is any positive integer and  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  are functions in class II, then for any  $r_0 > 0$  and  $M_1$ , a positive constant

$$\frac{T(r, f_{n+p})}{T(r, f_n)} > M_1 \text{ or } \frac{T(r, \varphi_{n+p})}{T(r, \varphi_n)} > M_1$$

according as  $p$  is even or odd, for all large  $r$  except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length.

**Proof:** For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and for all large  $r$ , by using Lemma 1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, f_{j+1}) &\leq T(r, (1-\alpha)\varphi_j) + T(r, \alpha f(\varphi_j)) + O(1) \\ &\leq T(r, \varphi_j) + T(r, f(\varphi_j)) + O(1) \\ &= T(r, f(\phi_j)) \left[ 1 + \frac{T(r, \phi_j)}{T(r, f(\phi_j))} + \frac{O(1)}{T(r, f(\phi_j))} \right] \\ &= (1 + O(1))T(r, f(\varphi_j)). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Again,  $f(\varphi_j(z)) = \frac{1}{\alpha} f_{j+1}(z) - \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \varphi_j(z)$  and so for large  $r$ ,

$$T(r, f(\varphi_j)) \leq T(r, f_{j+1}) + T(r, \varphi_j) + O(1).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, f_{j+1}) &\geq T(r, f(\varphi_j)) - T(r, \varphi_j) + O(1) \\ &= T(r, f(\phi_j)) \left[ 1 - \frac{T(r, \phi_j)}{T(r, f(\phi_j))} + \frac{O(1)}{T(r, f(\phi_j))} \right] \\ &= (1 + O(1))T(r, f(\varphi_j)). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

From (4) and (5), for all large  $r$

$$T(r, f_{j+1}) = (1 + O(1))T(r, f(\varphi_j)). \quad (6)$$

Similarly for all large  $r$ , we have

$$T(r, \varphi_{j+1}) = (1 + O(1))T(r, \varphi(f_j)). \quad (7)$$

In particular,

$$T(r, f_1) = (1 + o(1))T(r, f) \text{ and } T(r, \varphi_1) = (1 + o(1))T(r, \varphi).$$

Now we consider the following two cases.

**Case-(i):** When  $p$  is even.

For all large  $r$  except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length, we have from (6) and (7), by using Lemma 1

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{T(r, f_{n+p})}{T(r, f_n)} &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, f(\varphi_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_n)} \\ &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, f(\varphi_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, \varphi_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, \varphi_{n+p-1})}{T(r, f_n)} \\ &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, f(\varphi_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, \varphi_{n+p-1})} \frac{(1 + O(1))T(r, \varphi(f_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, f_n)} \\ &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, f(\varphi_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, \varphi_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, \varphi(f_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, f_n)} \\ &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, f(\varphi_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, \varphi_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, \varphi(f_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-2})} \frac{T(r, f_{n+p-2})}{T(r, f_n)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
 & \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
 & = (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, f(\phi_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, \phi_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-2})} \frac{T(r, f(\phi_{n+p-3}))}{T(r, \phi_{n+p-3})} \dots \frac{T(r, \phi(f_n))}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 & > (1 + O(1)) M^p \\
 & = M_1, \text{ say}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_1 = (1 + O(1)) M^p$ , a positive constant.

i.e.,  $\frac{T(r, f_{n+p})}{T(r, f_n)} > M_1$  for all large  $r$  except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length.

**Case-(ii):** When  $p$  is odd.

For all large  $r$  except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length, we have from (6) and (7), by using Lemma 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{T(r, \phi_{n+p})}{T(r, f_n)} &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, f_{n+p-1})}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-1})} \frac{(1 + O(1)) T(r, f(\phi_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, f(\phi_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, f(\phi_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, \phi_{n+p-2})} \frac{T(r, \phi_{n+p-2})}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 & \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
 & \quad \dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
 &= (1 + O(1)) \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-1}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-1})} \frac{T(r, f(\phi_{n+p-2}))}{T(r, \phi_{n+p-2})} \frac{T(r, \phi(f_{n+p-3}))}{T(r, f_{n+p-3})} \dots \frac{T(r, \phi(f_n))}{T(r, f_n)} \\
 & > (1 + O(1)) M^p \\
 & = M_1, \text{ say}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $M_1 = (1 + O(1)) M^p$ , a positive constant.

i.e.,  $\frac{T(r, \phi_{n+p})}{T(r, f_n)} > M_1$  for all large  $r$  except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length.

**Lemma: 3** If  $n$  is any positive integer and  $f(z)$  and  $\phi(z)$  are functions in class II, then for any  $r_0 > 0$  and  $M_1$ , a positive constant

$$\frac{T(r, \phi_{n+p})}{T(r, \phi_n)} > M_1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{T(r, f_{n+p})}{T(r, \phi_n)} > M_1$$

according as  $p$  is even or odd, for all large  $r$  except a set of  $r$  intervals of total finite length.

### 3. THEOREMS

As soon as the lemmas are obtained, the proof of the following two theorems are analogous of the proof of Theorem C and Theorem D. However, for the sake of completeness and for convenience of readers, we outline the proof.

**Theorem: 1** If  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  belong to class II, then  $f(z)$  has an infinity of generalised fix points of exact order  $n$  for every positive integer  $n$ , provided  $\frac{T(r, \varphi_n)}{T(r, f_n)}$  is bounded.

**Proof:** We may assume that  $\alpha \neq 1$ , because if  $\alpha = 1$ , the theorem coincides with Theorem C. We consider the function

$$g(z) = \frac{f_n(z)}{z}, \quad r_0 < |z| < \infty$$

$$\text{then} \quad T(r, g) = T(r, f_n) + O(\log r). \quad (8)$$

Assume that  $f(z)$  has only a finite number of generalised fix points of exact order  $n$ . Now from (3) by taking  $q = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 0$ ,  $a_2 = 1$ , we obtain for  $g$ ,

$$T(r, g) \leq \bar{N}(r, \infty, g) + \bar{N}(r, 0, g) + \bar{N}(r, 1, g) + S_1(r, g) \quad (9)$$

where  $S_1(r, g) = O(\log T(r, g))$  outside a set of  $r$  intervals of finite length {[6], pp.47}.

Since  $f_n(z)$  belongs to class II, it has a singularity at  $z = 0$  and an essential singularity at  $z = \infty$  and  $f_n(z) \neq 0, \infty$  in  $r_0 < |z| < \infty$ .

Also the distinct roots of  $g(z) = 0$  in  $r_0 < |z| \leq t$  are the roots of  $f_n(z) = 0$  in  $r_0 < |z| \leq t$ . So  $\bar{n}(t, 0, g) = 0$ . Consequently  $\bar{N}(r, 0, g) = 0$ . By similar argument  $\bar{N}(r, \infty, g) = 0$ .

Further if  $g(z) = 1$ , then  $f_n(z) = z$ .

$$\text{So, } \bar{N}(r, 1, g) = \bar{N}(r, 0, f_n - z)$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \bar{N}(r, 0, f_j - z) + O(\log r),$$

the term  $O(\log r)$  arises due to the assumption that  $f(z)$  has only a finite number of generalised fix points of exact order  $n$ .

Now from (9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, g) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \bar{N}(r, 0, f_j - z) + O(\log r) + O(\log T(r, g)) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} T(r, f_j) + O(\log T(r, g)) + O(\log r) \\ &= T(r, f_n) \left[ \frac{T(r, f_{i_1})}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{T(r, f_{i_2})}{T(r, f_n)} + \dots + \frac{T(r, f_{i_p})}{T(r, f_n)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\{ \frac{T(r, f_{j_1})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \frac{T(r, f_{j_2})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \dots + \frac{T(r, f_{j_q})}{T(r, \phi_n)} \right\} \frac{T(r, \phi_n)}{T(r, f_n)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{O \left( \log \left\{ T(r, f_n) \left( 1 + \frac{O(\log r)}{T(r, f_n)} \right) \right\} \right)}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{O(\log r)}{T(r, f_n)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

where  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p$  and  $j_1, j_2, \dots, j_q$  are  $(n-1)$  distinct index belong to the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$  such that  $(n-i_p)$ 's are even and  $(n-j_q)$ 's are odd

$$< T(r, f_n) \left[ \frac{n-1}{4n} + \frac{n+1}{4n} \right], \text{ for all large } r, \text{ by Lemma 2 and since } \frac{T(r, \varphi_n)}{T(r, f_n)} \text{ is bounded}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} T(r, f_n).$$

Therefore,  $T(r, g) < \frac{1}{2} T(r, f_n)$  for all large  $r$ . This contradicts (8). Hence  $f(z)$  has infinitely many generalised fix points of exact order  $n$ .

This proves the theorem.

**Theorem: 2** If  $f(z)$  and  $\varphi(z)$  belong to class II, then  $f(z)$  has an infinity of generalised fix points of exact factor order  $n$  for every positive integer  $n$ , provided  $\frac{T(r, \varphi_n)}{T(r, f_n)}$  is bounded.

**Proof:** As in Theorem 1, we assume that  $f(z)$  has only a finite number of generalised fix points of exact factor order  $n$ . Considering the function  $h(z) = \frac{f_n(z)}{z}$ ,  $r_0 < |z| < \infty$  we have

$$T(r, h) = T(r, f_n) + O(\log r). \quad (10)$$

Here also  $\bar{N}(r, 0, h) = 0$  and  $\bar{N}(r, \infty, h) = 0$ .

To calculate  $\bar{N}(r, 1, h)$  we consider two cases separately.

**Case-(i):** When  $n$  is even.

Now,  $\bar{N}(r, 1, h) = \bar{N}(r, 0, f_n - z)$

$$\leq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j/n}}^{n-2} [\bar{N}(r, 0, f_j - z) + \bar{N}(r, 0, \varphi_j - z)] + O(\log r)$$

$$\leq \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j/n}}^{n-2} [T(r, f_j) + T(r, \varphi_j) + O(\log r)]$$

$$= T(r, f_n) \left[ \frac{T(r, f_{j_2})}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{T(r, f_{j_4})}{T(r, f_n)} + \dots + \frac{T(r, f_{j_{2q}})}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{T(r, \phi_{j_1})}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{T(r, \phi_{j_3})}{T(r, f_n)} + \dots + \frac{T(r, \phi_{j_{2p-1}})}{T(r, f_n)} \right]$$

$$+ T(r, \phi_n) \left[ \frac{T(r, f_{j_1})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \frac{T(r, f_{j_3})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \dots + \frac{T(r, f_{j_{2p-1}})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \frac{T(r, \phi_{j_2})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \frac{T(r, \phi_{j_4})}{T(r, \phi_n)} + \dots + \frac{T(r, \phi_{j_{2q}})}{T(r, \phi_n)} \right] + O(\log r)$$

where  $j_1, j_3, \dots, j_{2p-1}$  are distinct odd divisors of  $n$  and  $j_2, j_4, \dots, j_{2q}$  are distinct even divisors of  $n$  and strictly less than  $n$

$$< \frac{n-1}{4n} T(r, f_n) + \frac{n+1}{4n} T(r, \varphi_n) + O(\log r),$$

for all large  $r$ , by Lemma 2 and Lemma 3.

**Case-(ii):** When  $n$  is odd.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{N}(r, 1, h) &= \bar{N}(r, 0, f_n - z) \\ &\leq \sum_{j/n, j=1}^{n-2} [\bar{N}(r, 0, f_j - z) + \bar{N}(r, 0, \varphi_j - z)] + O(\log r) \\ &\leq \sum_{j/n, j=1}^{n-2} [T(r, f_j) + T(r, \varphi_j) + O(\log r)] \\ &= T(r, f_n) \sum_{j/n, j=1}^{n-2} \frac{T(r, f_j)}{T(r, f_n)} + T(r, \varphi_n) \sum_{j/n, j=1}^{n-2} \frac{T(r, \varphi_j)}{T(r, \varphi_n)} + O(\log r) \\ &< \frac{n-1}{4n} T(r, f_n) + \frac{n+1}{4n} T(r, \varphi_n) + O(\log r),\end{aligned}$$

for all large  $r$ , by Lemma 2 and Lemma 3.

Thus in any case,

$$\bar{N}(r, 1, h) < \frac{n-1}{4n} T(r, f_n) + \frac{n+1}{4n} T(r, \varphi_n) + O(\log r).$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}T(r, h) &\leq \bar{N}(r, 1, h) + S_1(r) \\ &< \frac{n-1}{4n} T(r, f_n) + \frac{n+1}{4n} T(r, \varphi_n) + O(\log r) + O(\log T(r, h)) \\ &= T(r, f_n) \left[ \frac{n-1}{4n} + \frac{n+1}{4n} \frac{T(r, \varphi_n)}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{O(\log r)}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{O(\log T(r, h))}{T(r, f_n)} \right] \\ &\leq T(r, f_n) \left[ \frac{n-1}{4n} + \frac{n+1}{4n} + \frac{O(\log r)}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{O(\log(T(r, f_n) + O(\log r)))}{T(r, f_n)} \right],\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{T(r, \varphi_n)}{T(r, f_n)}$  is bounded

$$\begin{aligned}&= T(r, f_n) \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{O(\log r)}{T(r, f_n)} + \frac{O\left(\log\left(T(r, f_n)\left(1 + \frac{O(\log r)}{T(r, f_n)}\right)\right)\right)}{T(r, f_n)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} T(r, f_n), \text{ for all large } r.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $T(r, h) < \frac{1}{2} T(r, f_n)$  for all large  $r$ . This contradicts (10). Hence  $f(z)$  has infinitely many generalised fix points of exact factor order  $n$ .

This proves the theorem.

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