

# Polynomial Sharing and Uniqueness of Differential-Difference Polynomials of L-functions

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## Abstract

In this paper, we study value distributions and uniqueness problems of differential-difference polynomials of L-functions. Considering polynomial sharing of certain differential-difference polynomials of an L-function with that of a meromorphic function we prove a uniqueness theorem which improve and generalize some earlier results due to Hao, Chen [4], Zhu, Chen [16], Mandal, Datta [10] and Datta, Mandal [2].

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

For the last 150 years the most important open problem in pure mathematics is considered to be the Riemann hypothesis and its extension to the general classes of L-functions. L-functions are most important objects in the modern number theory. Let a function  $L$  be defined by the Dirichlet series  $L(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)/n^z$  with  $a_1 = 1$  satisfying the axioms (i)  $a(n) \ll n^\epsilon$ , for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , (ii) there exists an integer  $k \geq 0$

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such that  $(z - 1)^k L(z)$  is a finite order entire function, (iii) every L-function satisfies the functional equation

$$\lambda_L(z) = \overline{\omega \lambda_L(1 - \bar{z})},$$

where

$$\lambda_L(z) = L(z) Q^z \prod_{i=1}^k \Gamma(\lambda_i z + \nu_i)$$

with positive real numbers  $Q$ ,  $\lambda_i$  and complex numbers  $\nu_i$ ,  $\omega$  with  $\operatorname{Re} \nu_i \geq 0$  and  $|\omega| = 1$  and (iv)  $L(z)$  satisfies  $L(z) = \prod_p L_p(z)$ , where  $L_p(z) = \exp(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b(p^k)/p^{kz})$  with coefficients  $b(p^k)$  satisfying  $b(p^k) \ll p^{k\theta}$  for some  $\theta < 1/2$  and  $p$  denotes prime number. Then  $L$  is said to be an L-function in the Selberg class. If  $L$  satisfy axioms (i)-(iii) then  $L$  is said to be an L-function in the extended Selberg class. Henceforth by an L-function we always mean an L-function in the extended Selberg class.

In this paper, we concentrate our attention on the uniqueness problems of differential-difference polynomial of L-functions. We use the standard definitions and notations of value distribution theory [5].

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  and  $\xi, \psi$  be meromorphic functions in the complex plane. The hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi)$  of  $\xi$  is defined by  $\rho_2(\xi) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log T(r, \xi)}{\log r}$ . We denote by  $S(r, \xi)$  any function satisfying  $S(r, \xi) = o(T(r, \xi))$  as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , outside a possible exceptional set of finite linear measure.

**Definition 2.1.** [6, 7]. Let  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  be meromorphic functions defined in the complex plane and  $n$  be an integer ( $\geq 0$ ) or infinity. For  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  we denote by  $E_n(\alpha; \xi)$  the set of all zeros of  $\xi - \alpha$  where a zero of multiplicity  $k$  is counted  $k$  times if  $k \leq n$  and  $n + 1$  times if  $k > n$ . If  $E_n(\alpha; \xi) = E_n(\alpha; \psi)$ , we say that  $\xi, \psi$  share the value  $\alpha$  with weight  $n$ . We say  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(\alpha, n)$  to mean that  $\xi, \psi$  share the value  $\alpha$  with weight  $n$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [10]. Let  $\xi$  be a meromorphic function defined in the complex plane and  $P(z)$  be a polynomial or a small function of  $\xi$ . Then we denote by  $E_m(P; \xi)$ ,  $\overline{E}_m(P; \xi)$  and  $E_m(P; \xi)$  the sets  $E_m(0; \xi - P)$ ,  $\overline{E}_m(0; \xi - P)$  and  $E_m(0; \xi - P)$  respectively. We write  $\xi, \psi$  share  $(P, n)$  to mean that  $\xi - P, \psi - P$  share the value 0 with weight  $n$ .

Liu, Li and Yi [9] in 2017 proved the following uniqueness theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** [9]. *let  $L$  be an  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function. If  $j \geq 1, k \geq 1$  be integers such that  $j > 3k + 6$  and  $\{\xi^j\}^{(k)}(z), \{L^j\}^{(k)}(z)$  share  $(z, \infty)$  then  $\xi \equiv \alpha L$  for some nonconstant  $\alpha$  satisfying  $\alpha^j = 1$ .*

Considering differential polynomials in 2018, Hao and Chen [4] proved the following uniqueness theorems.

**Theorem 2.2.** [4] *Let  $\xi$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function and  $L$  be an  $L$ -function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  and  $[L^n(L - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(1, \infty)$ , where  $n, m, \tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > m + 3\tau + 6$  and  $\tau \geq 2$ , then,  $\xi \equiv L$  or,  $\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m \equiv L^n(L - 1)^m$ .*

**Theorem 2.3.** [4] *Let  $\xi$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function and  $L$  be an  $L$ -function such that  $[\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  and  $[L^n(L - 1)^m]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(1, 0)$ , where  $n, m, \tau \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $n > 4m + 7\tau + 11$  and  $\tau \geq 2$ , then  $\xi \equiv L$  or,  $\xi^n(\xi - 1)^m \equiv L^n(L - 1)^m$ .*

Using truncated sharing in 2019 W. Q. Zhu and J. F. Chen [16] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** [16] *Let  $L$  be an  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function defined in the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . Also let  $n, k(\geq 2), l(\geq 2)$  be positive integers such that  $n \geq 7k + 17$ . If  $\overline{E}_l(1, (\xi^n(\xi - 1))^{(k)}) = \overline{E}_l(1, (L^n(L - 1))^{(k)})$  then  $\xi \equiv L$ .*

**Definition 2.3.** [8]. *Let  $\xi$  be a meromorphic function defined in the complex plane. Let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer and  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ . By  $N(r, \alpha; \xi | \leq k)$  we denote the counting function of the  $\alpha$  points of  $\xi$  with multiplicity not greater than  $k$  and by  $\overline{N}(r, \alpha; \xi | \leq k)$  the reduced counting function. Also by  $N(r, \alpha; \xi | \geq k)$  we denote the counting function of the  $\alpha$  points of  $\xi$  with multiplicity not less than  $k$  and by  $\overline{N}(r, \alpha; \xi | \geq k)$  the reduced counting function. We define*

$$N_k(r, \alpha; \xi) = \overline{N}(r, \alpha; \xi) + \overline{N}(r, \alpha; \xi | \geq 2) + \dots + \overline{N}(r, \alpha; \xi | \geq k).$$

Considering small function sharing in 2020 Mandal and Datta [10] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** [10]. Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function and  $\rho$  be a small function of  $L$  such that  $\rho \not\equiv 0, \infty$ . If  $\overline{E}_4(\rho; L) = \overline{E}_4(\rho; (L^m)^{(k)})$ ,  $E_2(\rho; L) = E_2(\rho; (L^m)^{(k)})$  and

$$2N_{2+k}(r, 0; L^m) \leq (\sigma + o(1))T(r, L),$$

where  $m \geq 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$  are integers and  $0 < \sigma < 1$ , then  $L \equiv (L^m)^{(k)}$ .

Using weighted sharing Datta and Mandal [2] proved the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.6.** [2]. Let  $f$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function and  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function. If  $E_0(0, f) = E_0(0, L)$ ,  $E_1(1, f) = E_1(1, L)$  and  $\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) = S(r, f)$  then either  $L \equiv f$  or  $T(r, L) = N(r, 0; L \leq 2) + S(r, L)$  and  $T(r, f) = N(r, 0; L' \leq 1) + S(r, L)$ .

Now the following questions come naturally.

**Question 2.1.** If we consider polynomial sharing in theorem 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 then what will be the results?

**Question 2.2.** If we consider differential-difference polynomials in place of differential polynomials in theorem 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 then what will be the results?

**Definition 2.4.** [6]. Let two nonconstant meromorphic functions  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM. We denote by  $\overline{N}_*(r, \alpha; \xi, \psi)$  the counting function of the  $\alpha$ -points of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  with different multiplicities, where each  $\alpha$ -point is counted only once.

Clearly  $\overline{N}_*(r, \alpha; \xi, \psi) \equiv \overline{N}_*(r, \alpha; \psi, \xi)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let two nonconstant meromorphic functions  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM. We denote by  $\overline{N}(r, \alpha; \xi | > \psi)$  the counting function of the  $\alpha$ -points of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  with multiplicities with respect to  $\xi$  is greater than the multiplicities with respect to  $\psi$ , where each  $\alpha$ -point is counted once only.

**Definition 2.6.** Let two nonconstant meromorphic functions  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  share a value  $\alpha$  IM. We denote by  $\overline{N}_E(r, \alpha; \xi, \psi | > m)$  the counting function of the  $\alpha$ -points of  $\xi$  and  $\psi$  with multiplicities greater than  $m$  and the multiplicities with respect to  $\xi$  is equal to the multiplicities with respect to  $\psi$ , where each  $\alpha$ -point is counted once only.

**Definition 2.7.** [8]. Let  $\xi$  be a meromorphic function defined in the complex plane and  $P$  be a small function of  $\xi$  or a polynomial of  $z$ . Then we denote by  $N(r, P; \xi \leq k)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, P; \xi \leq k)$ ,  $N(r, P; \xi \geq k)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, P; \xi \geq k)$ ,  $N_k(r, P; \xi)$  etc. the counting functions  $N(r, 0; \xi - P \leq k)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, 0; \xi - P \leq k)$ ,  $N(r, 0; \xi - P \geq k)$ ,  $\overline{N}(r, 0; \xi - P \geq k)$ ,  $N_k(r, 0; \xi - P)$  etc. respectively.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function,  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function and  $P(z)$  be a polynomial of  $z$ . Also let  $\tau, n, \eta, \mu_j (j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta), \lambda = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} \mu_j$  be positive integers and  $\omega_j \in \mathbf{C} - \{0\} (j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta)$  be distinct constants. Henceforth we denote by  $\phi, \psi, \Phi, \Psi$  the following functions  $\phi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}, \psi(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}, \Phi(z) = \frac{\xi(z)^n (\phi(z))^{\tau}}{P(z)}$  and  $\Psi(z) = \frac{L(z)^n (\psi(z))^{\tau}}{P(z)}$ .

Using the concept of weighted sharing we try to solve Questions 2.1, 2.2 and prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function such that  $\rho_2(L) < 1, \rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ . If  $L(z)^n [\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n [\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), l)$ , where  $0 \leq l < \infty$  and  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of  $z$ , then one of the following holds*

(i)  $L(z)^n [\psi(z)]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n [\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$

(ii)  $L = e^{a(z)}$  and  $\xi = e^{b(z)}$ , where  $a(z)$  and  $b(z)$  are entire functions

if

(i)  $l = 0$  and  $n > \max\{\lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7, c_1, c_2\}$

(ii)  $l = 1$  and  $n > \max\{\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(\eta(5\tau + 9) + 7), c_1, c_2\}$

(iii)  $l \geq 2$  and  $n > \max\{\lambda + \eta(2\tau + 4) + 4, c_1, c_2\}$ , where  $c_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} a_j \mu_j$  and  $c_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} b_j \mu_j$ ,  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  denotes maximum orders of zeros of  $\xi(z + \omega_j)$  and  $L(z + \omega_j)$  respectively for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \eta$ .

### 4. LEMMAS

In this section we present some lemmas which will be needed in the proof of our results. Henceforth we denote by  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi}$  the function defined by

$$\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} = \left( \frac{\Phi''}{\Phi'} - \frac{2\Phi'}{\Phi - 1} \right) - \left( \frac{\Psi''}{\Psi'} - \frac{2\Psi'}{\Psi - 1} \right)$$

**Lemma 4.1.** [12]. Let  $L$  be an  $L$ -function with degree  $q$ . Then

$$T(r, L) = \frac{q}{\pi} r \log r + O(r).$$

**Lemma 4.2.** [10]. Let  $L$  be an  $L$ -function. Then  $N(r, \infty; L) = S(r, L) = O(\log r)$ .

**Lemma 4.3.** Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function and  $L$  be an  $L$ -function. If  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  then  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = O(\log r) = S(r, \xi)$  and  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = O(\log r) = S(r, L)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  therefore  $\xi$  has finitely many poles.

Hence  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = O(\log r)$ .

Again since  $\xi$  and  $L$  are transcendental meromorphic functions therefore  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = O(\log r) = S(r, \xi)$  and  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = O(\log r) = S(r, L)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.4.** [15]. Let  $\xi(z) = \frac{\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 z + \dots + \alpha_n z^n}{\beta_0 + \beta_1 z + \dots + \beta_m z^m}$  be a nonconstant rational function defined in the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ , where  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n (\neq 0)$  and  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_m (\neq 0)$  are complex constants. Then

$$T(r, \xi) = \max\{m, n\} \log r + O(1).$$

**Lemma 4.5.** [13]. Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$ . Then for any  $\alpha \in \mathbf{C} - \{0\}$

$$T(r, \xi(z + \alpha)) = T(r, \xi(z)) + S(r, \xi(z))$$

$$N(r, \infty; \xi(z + \alpha)) = N(r, \infty; \xi(z)) + S(r, \xi(z))$$

$$N(r, 0; \xi(z + \alpha)) = N(r, 0; \xi(z)) + S(r, \xi(z))$$

**Lemma 4.6.** [1] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, l)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$  where  $2 \leq l < \infty$ . If  $\Omega_{f,g} \neq 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, f) &\leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) \\ &\quad - m(r, 1; g) - N_E(r, 1; f, g | > 3) - \overline{N}(r, 1; g | > f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, g) &\leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) \\ &\quad - m(r, 1; f) - N_E(r, 1; g, f | > 3) - \overline{N}(r, 1; f | > g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 4.7.** [11] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 1)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$ . If  $\Omega_{f,g} \neq 0$  then

$$T(r, f) \leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + \frac{3}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$$

$$T(r, g) \leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + \frac{3}{2}\overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) + \frac{1}{2}\overline{N}(r, 0; g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$$

**Lemma 4.8.** [11] Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two nonconstant meromorphic functions sharing  $(1, 0)$  and  $(\infty, 0)$ . If  $\Omega_{f,g} \neq 0$  then

$$T(r, f) \leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; f) + \overline{N}(r, 0; g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$$

$$T(r, g) \leq N_2(r, 0; f) + N_2(r, 0; g) + 3\overline{N}(r, \infty; g) + 2\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + \overline{N}_*(r, \infty; f, g) + 2\overline{N}(r, 0; g) + \overline{N}(r, 0; f) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$$

**Lemma 4.9.** [14] Let  $f$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function and  $k, p$  be two positive integers. Then

$$T(r, f^{(k)}) \leq T(r, f) + k\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + S(r, f)$$

$$N_p(r, 0; f^{(k)}) \leq T(r, f^{(k)}) - T(r, f) + N_{p+k}(r, 0; f) + S(r, f)$$

$$N_p(r, 0; f^{(k)}) \leq N_{p+k}(r, 0; f) + k\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + S(r, f)$$

$$N(r, 0; f^{(k)}) \leq N(r, 0; f) + k\overline{N}(r, \infty; f) + S(r, f)$$

**Lemma 4.10.** [3] Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$ . Then

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi) \leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi)$$

**Lemma 4.11.** Let  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of hyper order  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$ . If  $\xi$  and an  $L$ -function  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  then

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) \leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi)$$

*Proof.* Since  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  therefore by lemma 4.3 we get  $N(r, \infty; \xi) = S(r, \xi)$ .

Hence by lemma 4.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) &\leq T(r, \xi^n) + T(r, \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq nT(r, \xi) + T(r, \phi) + \tau \bar{N}(r, \infty, \phi) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi). \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

Also by lemma 4.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} nT(r, \xi) &= T(r, \xi^n) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq T(r, \frac{\xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}}{\phi^{(\tau)}}) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + T(r, \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + T(r, \phi) + \tau \bar{N}(r, \infty, \phi) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + \lambda T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

We get from (4.2)

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, \xi). \quad (4.3)$$

Hence we get from (4.1) and (4.3)

$$(n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi) \leq T(r, \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) \leq (n + \lambda)T(r, \xi) + S(r, \xi)$$

This completes the proof of the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.12.** *Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function such that  $\rho_2(L) < 1$ ,  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ . Also let  $L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), 0)$  and, where  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of  $z$ . If  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \not\equiv 0$  then  $n \leq \lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  and  $\xi(z)^n \phi(z)^{(\tau)}, L(z)^n \psi(z)^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), 0)$  therefore  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  share  $(1, l)$  except zeros of  $P(z)$  and share  $(\infty, 0)$ .

By lemma 4.1 it is clear that  $L$  is a transcendental meromorphic function.

Since  $L$  and  $\xi$  are transcendental meromorphic functions therefore  $P$  is a small function of  $L$  and  $\xi$ .



Hence by lemma 4.2, lemma 4.3 and lemma 4.8 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &= T(r, \Psi) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq N_2(r, 0; \Phi) + N_2(r, 0; \Psi) + 3\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) \\
 &\quad + \bar{N}_*(r, \infty; \Phi, \Psi) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \Phi) + S(r, \Phi) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq N_2(r, 0; \xi^n) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + N_2(r, 0; L^n) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + S(r, \Phi_1) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq 2T(r, L) + N_2(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + S(r, \Phi_1) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, \psi) + N_{2+\tau}(r, 0; \psi) \\
 &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + N_2(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + S(r, \Phi_1) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) \\
 &\quad + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; L^n) + 2\bar{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \bar{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq 2T(r, L) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) - T(r, L^n \psi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, L) \\
 &\quad + 2T(r, L) + 2N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \psi) \\
 &\quad + 2T(r, \xi) + \eta(2 + \tau)T(r, \xi) + T(r, \xi) + N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \phi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\
 &\leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, L) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, \xi) + T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) \\
 &\quad - T(r, L^n \psi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{4.4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence from (4.4) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(r, L^n \psi) &\leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, L) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, \xi) \\
 &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{4.5}
 \end{aligned}$$

By lemma 4.10 we have from (4.5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (n - \lambda)T(r, L) &\leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, L) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, \xi) \\
 &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \tag{4.6}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} (n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) &\leq (\eta(3\tau + 4) + 4)T(r, \xi) + (\eta(2\tau + 3) + 3)T(r, L) \\ &+ S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

From (4.6) and (4.7) we have

$$(n - (\lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7))(T(r, L) + T(r, \xi)) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \quad (4.8)$$

From (4.8) we get  $n \leq \lambda + \eta(5\tau + 7) + 7$ . □

**Lemma 4.13.** *Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function such that  $\rho_2(L) < 1$ ,  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ . Also let  $L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), 1)$  and , where  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of  $z$ . If  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \not\equiv 0$  then  $n \leq \lambda + \frac{1}{2}(\eta(5\tau + 9) + 7)$ .*

*Proof.* Using lemma 4.2, lemma 4.3, lemma 4.7 and proceeding as lemma 4.12 we can prove this lemma. □

**Lemma 4.14.** *Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function such that  $\rho_2(L) < 1$ ,  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ . Also let  $L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), l)$ , where  $2 \leq l < \infty$  and  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of  $z$ . If  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \not\equiv 0$  then  $n \leq \lambda + \eta(2\tau + 4) + 4$ .*

*Proof.* Using lemma 4.2, lemma 4.3, lemma 4.6 and proceeding as lemma 4.12 we can prove this lemma. □

**Lemma 4.15.** *Let  $L$  be a nonconstant  $L$ -function and  $\xi$  be a transcendental meromorphic function such that  $\rho_2(L) < 1$ ,  $\rho_2(\xi) < 1$  and  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$ . Also let  $L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  and  $\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), 0)$ , where  $P(z)$  is a polynomial of  $z$ . If  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \equiv 0$  and  $n > \lambda + (2\eta(\tau + 1) + 2)$  then either  $L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)} \equiv P(z)^2$  or  $L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \equiv 0$  therefore  $(\frac{\Phi''}{\Phi'} - \frac{2\Phi'}{\Phi-1}) - (\frac{\Psi''}{\Psi'} - \frac{2\Psi'}{\Psi-1}) \equiv 0$ .

Integrating we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi - 1} \equiv \frac{A - B(\Psi - 1)}{\Psi - 1}, \quad (4.9)$$

where  $A(\neq 0)$  and  $B$  are constants.

Now we have to consider the following two cases

**Case 1** Let  $B = 0$ . Then from (4.9) we have

$$\frac{1}{1 - \Phi} \equiv \frac{A}{1 - \Psi}, \tag{4.10}$$

If possible let  $A \neq 1$ , then from (4.10) we have

$$\overline{N}(r, 0; \Phi) = \overline{N}(r, 1 - A; \Psi) \tag{4.11}$$

By lemma 4.2, lemma 4.3 lemma 4.9 using second fundamental theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &= T(r, \Psi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + \overline{N}(r, 1 - A; \Psi) + \overline{N}(r, \infty; \Psi) + S(r, \Psi) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; \Psi) + \overline{N}(r, 0; \Phi) + S(r, \Psi) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; \xi^n \phi^{(\tau)}) + \overline{N}(r, 0; L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq \overline{N}(r, 0; \xi^n) + \overline{N}(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + \overline{N}(r, 0; L^n) + \overline{N}(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq T(r, L) + \tau \overline{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \psi) + T(r, \xi) + \tau \overline{N}(r, \infty; \phi) \\ &\quad + N_{\tau+1}(r, 0; \phi) + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \\ &\leq (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, L) + (\eta(\tau + 1) + 1)T(r, \xi) \\ &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

Hence we get from (4.12)

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, L^n \psi^{(\tau)}) &\leq (1 + \eta(\tau + 1))T(r, L) + (1 + \eta(\tau + 1))T(r, \xi) \\ &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

Using lemma 4.11 we get from (4.13)

$$\begin{aligned} (n - \lambda)T(r, L) &\leq (1 + \eta(\tau + 1))T(r, L) + (1 + \eta(\tau + 1))T(r, \xi) \\ &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} (n - \lambda)T(r, \xi) &\leq (1 + \eta(\tau + 1))T(r, \xi) + (1 + \eta(\tau + 1))T(r, L) \\ &\quad + S(r, \xi) + S(r, L) \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

From (4.14) and (4.15) we have

$$(n - \lambda - (2\eta(\tau + 1) + 2))(T(r, L) + T(r, \xi)) \leq S(r, \xi) + S(r, L),$$

which contradicts  $n > \lambda + 2\eta(\tau + 1) + 2$ .

Hence  $A = 1$  and therefore we get from (4.10)

$$L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}$$

**Case 2** Let  $B \neq 0$ . If possible let  $A \neq -B$ .

If  $B = 1$ , then from (4.9) we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi} \equiv \frac{1}{A}(1 + A - \Psi) \quad (4.16)$$

Using lemma 4.3 we have from (4.16)

$$\overline{N}(r, A + 1; \Psi) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) = S(r, L)$$

Proceeding as Case 1 we arrive at a contradiction.

If  $B \neq 1$ , then from (4.9) we have

$$\frac{1}{\Phi - (1 - \frac{1}{B})} \equiv \frac{B^2}{A} \left( \frac{A + B}{B} - \Psi \right).$$

Hence we get by lemma 4.3

$$\overline{N}\left(r, \frac{A + B}{B}; \Psi\right) = \overline{N}(r, \infty; \Phi) = S(r, L)$$

Proceeding as Case 1 we arrive at a contradiction.

Hence  $A = -B$ .

If  $B = 1$ , then from (4.9) we have  $\Phi\Psi \equiv 1$ . Hence

$$L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)} \equiv P(z)^2. \quad (4.17)$$

If  $B \neq 1$ , then from (4.9) we have  $\frac{1}{\Phi} = \frac{-B\Psi}{(1-B)\Psi-1}$ .

Hence  $\overline{N}(r, 0; \Phi) = \overline{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{1-B}; \Psi\right)$ .

Proceeding as Case 1 we arrive at a contradiction.

□

**5. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULT**

**Proof of Theorem 3.1**

Since  $\xi, L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  and  $\xi(z)^n[\phi(z)]^{(\tau)}, L(z)^n[\psi(z)]^{(\tau)}$  share  $(P(z), 0)$  therefore  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  share  $(1, l)$  except zeros of  $P(z)$  and share  $(\infty, 0)$ .

By lemma 4.1 it is clear that  $L$  is a transcendental meromorphic function.

Since  $L$  and  $\xi$  are transcendental meromorphic functions therefore  $P$  is a small function of  $L$  and  $\xi$ .

Now we have to consider the following two cases

**Case 1** Let  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \neq 0$ .

By lemma 4.12, lemma 4.13 and lemma 4.14 we arrive at a contradiction.

**Case 2** Let  $\Omega_{\Phi, \Psi} \equiv 0$ .

Hence by lemma 4.15 one of the following holds

- (i)  $L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \equiv P(z)^2$ ;
- (ii)  $L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \equiv \xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)}$ . If

$$L(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} L(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \xi(z)^n [\prod_{j=1}^{\eta} \xi(z + \omega_j)^{\mu_j}]^{(\tau)} \equiv P(z)^2, \tag{5.1}$$

then by lemma 4.4, lemma 4.5 and lemma 4.9 we get from (5.1)

$$\begin{aligned} n[N(r, \infty; L) + N(r, \infty; \xi)] &\leq N(r, 0; \phi^{(\tau)}) + N(r, 0; \psi^{(\tau)}) \\ &\leq N(r, 0; \phi) + \tau \bar{N}(r, \infty; \phi) + N(r, 0; \psi) \\ &\quad + \tau \bar{N}(r, \infty; \psi) + S(r, L) + S(r, \xi) \\ &\leq \lambda [N(r, 0; L) + N(r, 0; \xi)] \\ &\quad + \tau \eta [N(r, \infty; L) + N(r, \infty; \xi)] + S(r, L) + S(r, \xi). \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} n[N(r, 0; L) + N(r, 0; \xi)] &\leq (\lambda + \tau \eta) [N(r, \infty; L) + N(r, \infty; \xi)] \\ &\quad + S(r, L) + S(r, \xi). \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

By lemma 4.2 and lemma 4.3 we get from (5.2) and (5.3)

$$(n - \lambda) [N(r, 0; L) + N(r, 0; \xi)] \leq S(r, L) + S(r, \xi). \tag{5.4}$$

Since  $n > \lambda$  therefore from (5.4) we can conclude that  $L$  and  $\xi$  have finitely many zeros. If possible let  $z_1$  be a pole of  $\xi$  of multiplicity  $m$ .

Since  $L$  and  $\xi$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  therefore without loss of generality we may assume  $z_1$  is a pole of order  $k$ . If  $z_1$  is a zero of  $\phi^{(\tau)}$  and  $\psi^{(\tau)}$  then we get from (5.1)

$$\begin{aligned} n(m+k) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} a_j \mu_j + \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} b_j \mu_j - 2\tau \\ &\leq c_1 + c_2. \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

From (5.5) we have  $n \leq \max\{c_1, c_2\}$ , which contradicts  $n > \max\{\lambda, c_1, c_2\}$ .

Similarly we get a contradiction if we assume that  $z_1$  is a zero of  $\phi^{(\tau)}$  but not a zero of  $\psi^{(\tau)}$  and vice versa.

Hence  $\xi$  has no poles.

Since  $\xi$  and  $L$  share  $(\infty, 0)$  therefore  $L$  also has no pole. Hence  $\xi$  and  $L$  are entire functions and so  $\phi^{(\tau)}$  and  $\psi^{(\tau)}$  are entire functions.

We can also deduce from (5.1) that  $\xi$  and  $L$  have no zeros.

Hence  $L = e^{a(z)}$  and  $\xi = e^{b(z)}$ , where  $a(z)$  and  $b(z)$  are entire functions.

This completes the proof of the theorem.

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