

## MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS SHARING FOUR SMALL FUNCTIONS $IM^*$

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In this paper, we prove some results on two meromorphic functions  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  sharing four small functions  $IM^*$  when  $f(z) \neq g(z)$ . It is a generalizations of a result obtained by Gundersen<sup>2</sup> and Mues<sup>7</sup>.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND THE MAIN RESULTS

In this paper, we use the same symbols as given in Nevanlinna theory of meromorphic functions (see [5] & [6]). By  $S(r, f)$  we denote any quantity satisfying  $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$ , possibly outside a set of  $r$  of finite linear measure. We denote the set as  $E$ . It is not necessarily the same when it appears. If two meromorphic functions  $f$  and  $g$  have same  $a$ -point with same multiplicities (ignoring multiplicities), then we say  $f$  and  $g$  share the value  $a$  CM (IM). Let  $f(z)$  be a non-constant meromorphic function in the complex plane and let  $S(f)$  be the set of meromorphic functions  $\beta(z)$  in the complex plane which satisfy

$$T(r, \beta) = S(r, f),$$

where  $S(r, f)$  is any quantity satisfying

$$S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$$

for  $r \rightarrow \infty, r \in J, \text{mes } J = +\infty$ . Such a meromorphic function  $\beta(z)$  is said to be a small function of  $f(z)$ . Note that  $S(f)$  is a field.

Let  $h_1(z)$  and  $h_2(z)$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions, and let  $a(z)$  (or  $\infty$ ) be the common small function of  $h_1(z)$  and  $h_2(z)$ . We denote by  $\bar{N}(r, h_1(z) = a(z) = h_2(z))$  (resp.  $\bar{N}_E(r, h_1(z) = a(z) = h_2(z))$ ) the counting function of those common  $a(z)$ -points of  $h_1(z)$  and  $h_2(z)$ , regardless of multiplicity (resp. with the same multiplicity). Each point counted only once.

(i) If  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_j(z) - a(z)}\right) - \bar{N}_E(r, h_1(z) = a(z) = h_2(z)) = S(r, h_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ), then we say that  $h_1(z)$  and  $h_2(z)$  share small function  $a(z)$   $CM^*$ ;

(ii) If  $\bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{h_j(z) - a(z)}\right) - \bar{N}(r, h_1(z) = a(z) = h_2(z)) = S(r, h_j)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ), then we say that  $h_1(z)$  and  $h_2(z)$  share small function  $a(z)$   $IM^*$

In 1989, Mues proved the following result.

*Theorem Ab<sup>7</sup>* — Let  $f$  and  $g$  be non-constant meromorphic functions and share four distinct values  $a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )  $IM$ . If  $f(z) \not\equiv g(z)$ , then

$$1. T(r, f) = T(r, g) + S(r, f), T(r, g) = T(r, f) + S(r, g);$$

$$2. \sum_{j=1}^4 \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f - a_j}\right) = 2T(r, f) + S(r, f);$$

$$3. \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{f - b}\right) = T(r, f) + S(r, f), \bar{N}\left(r, \frac{1}{g - b}\right) = T(r, g) + S(r, g),$$

where  $b \neq a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ );

$$4. N_0\left(r, \frac{1}{f'}\right) = S(r, f), N_0\left(r, \frac{1}{g'}\right) = S(r, g),$$

where  $N_0\left(r, \frac{1}{f'}\right)$  is the counting function which count the zeros of  $f'$  but  $f - a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), notation  $N_0\left(r, \frac{1}{g'}\right)$  can be similarly defined;

$$5. \sum_{j=1}^4 \bar{N}^*(r, a_j) = S(r, f),$$

where  $\bar{N}^*(r, a_j)$  is the counting function which count the multiple common zeros of  $f - a_j$  and  $g - a_j$ , each point counted only once.

In this paper, we get the following results which are the generalizations of a result obtained by Gundersen<sup>2</sup> and Mues<sup>7</sup>, i.e. 5 in Theorem A on small functions.

**Theorem 1** — Let  $f$  and  $g$  be non-constant meromorphic functions and share four distinct small functions  $a_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ )  $IM^*$ . If  $f(z) \not\equiv g(z)$ , then

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 \bar{N}^*(r, a_j) = S(r, f),$$

where  $\bar{N}^*(r, a_j)$  is the counting function which count the multiple common zeros of  $f - a_j$  and  $g - a_j$ , each point counted only once.

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be non-constant meromorphic functions and  $a(z)$  be a small function of  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$ . We denote by  $N_E(r, a)$  the reduced counting function of those common zeros of

$f(z) - a(z)$  and  $g(z) - a(z)$  with the same multiplicities, and denote  $N_E^{(1)}(r, a)$  the reduced counting function of those common simple zeros of  $f(z) - a(z)$  and  $g(z) - a(z)$ . We have the following

*Corollary* — Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be non-constant meromorphic functions and share four distinct small functions  $a_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) IM\*. If  $f(z) \not\equiv (z)$ , then for  $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$  we have

$$N_E(r, a_j) = N_E^{(1)}(r, a_j) + S(r, f).$$

### 2. SOME LEMMAS AND NOTATIONS

*Lemma 1*<sup>3</sup> — Suppose that  $f, a(z)$  and  $b(z)$  are all meromorphic functions ( $\not\equiv \infty$ ),  $a(z)$  and  $b(z)$  are distinct small functions of  $f$ . Set

$$L(f, a, b) := \begin{vmatrix} f & f' & 1 \\ a & a' & 1 \\ b & b' & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Then  $L(f, a, b) \not\equiv 0$ ,

and  $m\left(r, \frac{L(f, a, b)f^k}{(f-a)(f-b)}\right) = S(r, f)$  ( $k = 0, 1$ ).

*Lemma 2* — Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions sharing four distinct small functions  $b_1(z), b_2(z), b_3(z)$  and  $\infty$  IM\*. Set

$$H := \frac{L(f, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(g, b_2, b_3)}{(f-b_1)(f-b_2)(g-b_2)(g-b_3)} - \frac{L(g, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(f, b_2, b_3)}{(g-b_1)(g-b_2)(f-b_2)(f-b_3)}$$

Then we have  $T(r, H) = S(r, f)$ .

**PROOF** : From Lemma 1 we get  $m(r, H) = S(r, f)$ . The zeros of  $f - b_1$  and  $f - b_3$  contribute to  $N(r, H)$  only  $S(r, f)$ . Let  $z_\infty$  be a pole of  $f$  with multiplicity

$p$ , a pole of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q$ , and  $b_j(z_\infty) (b_j(z_\infty) - 1) \neq 0, \infty$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3$ ).

Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $p \geq q$ , then when  $z \rightarrow z_\infty$ , we have

$$\frac{L(f, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(g, b_2, b_3)}{(f-b_1)(f-b_2)(g-b_2)(g-b_3)} \sim (b_2 - b_1)(b_3 - b_2) \left(1 - \frac{g}{f}\right) \frac{f'g'}{fg^2},$$

$$\frac{L(g, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(f, b_2, b_3)}{(g-b_1)(g-b_2)(f-b_2)(f-b_3)} \sim (b_2 - b_1)(b_3 - b_2) \left(1 - \frac{g}{f}\right) \frac{f'g'}{fg^2}.$$

So we know  $H$  is analytic at  $z_\infty$ , hence the poles of  $f$  contribute to  $N(r, H)$  also  $S(r, f)$ .

Notice that  $H$  can be written as :

$$H \equiv \frac{-(f-g)}{(f-b_1)(g-b_3)} \left[ \left[ (b_1 - b_2) \frac{f' - b'_2}{f - b_2} - (b'_1 - b'_2) \right] \left[ (b_3 - b_2) \frac{g' - b'_2}{g - b_2} - (b'_3 - b'_2) \right] \right]$$

$$-\frac{f(g-1)}{g(f-1)} \left[ (b_1 - b_2) \frac{g' - b'_2}{g - b_2} - (b'_1 - b'_2) \right] \left[ (b_3 - b_2) \frac{f' - b'_2}{f - b_2} - (b'_3 - b'_2) \right]$$

From the formula above we know that the zeros of  $f - b_2$  contribute to  $N(r, H)$  also  $S(r, f)$ .

So we have  $N(r, H) = S(r, f)$ . Hence  $T(r, H) = S(r, f)$ .

**Lemma 3** — Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions,  $b_1(z)$ ,  $b_2(z)$ ,  $b_3(z)$  and  $\infty$  be four distinct small functions of  $f$  and  $g$ . Set

$$H := \frac{L(f, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(g, b_2, b_3)}{(f-b_1)(f-b_2)(g-b_2)(g-b_3)} - \frac{L(g, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(f, b_2, b_3)}{(g-b_1)(g-b_2)(f-b_2)(f-b_3)},$$

$$H^* := \frac{L(f, b_2, b_1)(f-g)L(g, b_1, b_3)}{(f-b_2)(f-b_1)(g-b_1)(g-b_3)} - \frac{L(g, b_2, b_1)(f-g)L(f, b_1, b_3)}{(g-b_2)(g-b_1)(f-b_1)(f-b_3)},$$

$$H^{**} := \frac{L(f, b_1, b_3)(f-g)L(g, b_3, b_2)}{(f-b_1)(f-b_3)(g-b_3)(g-b_2)} - \frac{L(g, b_1, b_3)(f-g)L(f, b_3, b_2)}{(g-b_1)(g-b_3)(f-b_3)(f-b_2)}.$$

Then we have  $H \equiv -H^* \equiv -H^{**}$ .

PROOF : We only prove  $H \equiv -H^*$ . The proof of  $H \equiv -H^{**}$  is similar.

$$\begin{aligned} H &\equiv (f-g) \left\{ \frac{1}{b_2 - b_1} \left( \frac{L(f, b_1, b_2)}{f - b_2} - \frac{L(f, b_1, b_2)}{f - b_1} \right) \frac{1}{b_3 - b_2} \left( \frac{L(g, b_2, b_3)}{g - b_3} - \frac{L(g, b_2, b_3)}{g - b_2} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{b_2 - b_1} \left( \frac{L(g, b_1, b_2)}{g - b_2} - \frac{L(g, b_1, b_2)}{g - b_1} \right) \frac{1}{b_3 - b_2} \left( \frac{L(f, b_2, b_3)}{f - b_3} - \frac{L(f, b_2, b_3)}{f - b_2} \right) \right\} \\ &\equiv (f, g) \left\{ \left( \frac{f' - b'_2}{f - b_2} - \frac{f' - b'_1}{f - b_1} \right) \left( \frac{g' - b'_3}{g - b_3} - \frac{g' - b'_2}{g - b_2} \right) - \left( \frac{g' - b'_2}{g - b_2} - \frac{g' - b'_1}{g - b_1} \right) \left( \frac{f' - b'_3}{f - b_3} - \frac{f' - b'_2}{f - b_2} \right) \right\} \\ &\equiv (f-g) \left\{ \frac{f' - b'_2}{f - b_2} \frac{g' - b'_3}{g - b_3} - \frac{g' - b'_2}{g - b_2} \frac{f' - b'_3}{f - b_3} - \frac{f' - b'_1}{f - b_1} \frac{g' - b'_3}{g - b_3} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{g' - b'_1}{g - b_1} \frac{f' - b'_3}{f - b_3} + \frac{f' - b'_1}{f - b_1} \frac{g' - b'_2}{g - b_2} - \frac{g' - b'_1}{g - b_1} \frac{f' - b'_2}{f - b_2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By making an exchange of the positions of  $b_1, b_2$ , we have  $H \equiv -H^*$ . Then we completes the Proof of Lemma 3.

**Lemma 4** — Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions,  $b_1(z)$ ,  $b_2(z)$ ,  $b_3(z)$  and  $\infty$  be four distinct small functions of  $f$  and  $g$ . Set

$$H := \frac{L(f, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(g, b_2, b_3)}{(f-b_1)(f-b_2)(g-b_2)(g-b_3)} - \frac{L(g, b_1, b_2)(f-g)L(f, b_2, b_3)}{(g-b_1)(g-b_2)(f-b_2)(f-b_3)},$$

then  $H \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow \tilde{H} \equiv 0$ ,

where 
$$\tilde{H} := \frac{L(F, \bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2)(F-G)L(G, \bar{b}_2, \bar{b}_3)}{(F-\bar{b}_1)(F-\bar{b}_2)(G-\bar{b}_2)(G-\bar{b}_3)} - \frac{L(G, \bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2)(F-G)L(F, \bar{b}_2, \bar{b}_3)}{(G-\bar{b}_1)(G-\bar{b}_2)(F-\bar{b}_2)(F-\bar{b}_3)}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{f-b_1} + b_1, G = \frac{1}{g-b_1} + b_1, \bar{b}_1 = b_1, \bar{b}_2 = \frac{1}{b_2-b_1} + b_1, \bar{b}_3 = \frac{1}{b_3-b_1} + b_1.$$

PROOF : Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $b_1(z) = 0, b_2(z) = 1, b_3(z) = b(z), (b(z) \neq \infty, 0.1)$ . From Lemma 3 we know that

$$-H \equiv H^* = \frac{L(f, 1, 0)(f-g)L(g, 0, b)}{(f-1)fg(g-b)} - \frac{L(g, 1, 0)(f-g)L(f, 0, b)}{(g-1)gf(f-b)}.$$

So  $F = \frac{1}{f}, G = \frac{1}{g}, \bar{b}_1 = 0, \bar{b}_2 = 1, \bar{b}_3 = b^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -\tilde{H} \equiv \tilde{H}^* &= \frac{L(F, 1, 0)(F-G)L(G, 0, b^{-1})}{(F-1)FG(G-b^{-1})} - \frac{L(G, 1, 0)(F-G)L(F, 0, b^{-1})}{(G-1)GF(F-b^{-1})} \\ &= \frac{L(f^{-1}, 1, 0)(f^{-1}-g^{-1})L(g^{-1}, 0, b^{-1})}{(f^{-1}-1)f^{-1}g^{-1}(g^{-1}-b^{-1})} - \frac{L(g^{-1}, 1, 0)(f^{-1}-g^{-1})L(f^{-1}, 0, b^{-1})}{(g^{-1}-1)g^{-1}f^{-1}(f^{-1}-b^{-1})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\left| \begin{array}{cc} f' & g-f \\ f^2 & fg \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & g' \\ g & g^2 \end{array} \right|}{\left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & b' \\ b & b^2 \end{array} \right|} - \frac{\left| \begin{array}{cc} g' & g-f \\ g^2 & fg \end{array} \right| \left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & f' \\ f & f^2 \end{array} \right|}{\left| \begin{array}{cc} 1 & b' \\ b & b^2 \end{array} \right|} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1-f}{f} \frac{1}{f} \frac{1}{g} \frac{b-g}{bg}}{\frac{1-g}{g} \frac{1}{g} \frac{1}{f} \frac{b-f}{bf}} - \frac{\frac{1-g}{g} \frac{1}{g} \frac{1}{f} \frac{b-f}{bf}}{\frac{1-f}{f} \frac{1}{f} \frac{1}{g} \frac{b-g}{bg}} \\ &= \frac{1}{b} \left\{ \frac{-f'(f-g) \left| \begin{array}{cc} g & g' \\ b & b' \end{array} \right|}{(f-1)fg(g-b)} - \frac{-g'(f-g) \left| \begin{array}{cc} f & f' \\ b & b' \end{array} \right|}{(g-1)gf(f-b)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{b} H^* = -\frac{1}{b} H. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that  $b(z) \equiv 0$ , so we have

$$H \equiv 0 \Leftrightarrow \tilde{H} \equiv 0.$$

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1 AND COROLLARY

Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $a_1(z) = 0, a_2(z) = 1, a_3(z) = a(z), a_4(z) = \infty, (a(z) \neq \infty, 0.1)$ , otherwise, a quasi-Möbius transformation will do.

In what follows we set

$$S_0 = \{z \mid a(z) = 0, \text{ or } 1, \text{ or } \infty\}.$$

If  $a(z) \equiv \text{constant}$ , from 5 in Theorem A we know that the result of Theorem 2 is valid. In the rest of this section, we assume that  $a(z) \not\equiv \text{constant}$ .

Set

$$H := \frac{L(f, 0, 1)(f-g)L(g, 1, a)}{f(f-1)(g-1)(g-a)} - \frac{L(g, 0, 1)(f-g)L(f, 1, a)}{g(g-1)(f-1)(f-a)}.$$

From Lemma 2 we have

$$T(r, H) = S(r, f).$$

Case 1 —  $H \not\equiv 0$ .

Let  $z_\infty$  be a pole of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p (\geq 2)$ , a pole of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q (\geq 2)$ , and  $z_\infty \notin S_0$ . Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $p \geq q \geq 2$ , then when  $z \rightarrow z_\infty$ , we have

$$\frac{L(f, 0, 1)(f-g)L(g, 1, a)}{f(f-1)(g-1)(g-a)} \sim (a-1) \left(1 - \frac{g}{f}\right) \frac{f'g'}{fg^2},$$

$$\frac{L(g, 0, 1)(f-g)L(f, 1, a)}{g(g-1)(f-1)(f-a)} \sim (a-1) \left(1 - \frac{g}{f}\right) \frac{f'g'}{fg^2}.$$

By simple computation, we get  $H(z_\infty) = 0$ .

Let  $z_0$  be a zero of  $f$  with multiplicity  $p (\geq 2)$ , a zero of  $g$  with multiplicity  $q (\geq 2)$ , and  $z_0 \notin S_0$ . From the proof of Lemma 3 we know that  $H$  can be written as

$$H \equiv (f-g) \left\{ \frac{f'g'-a'}{f-1g-a} - \frac{g'f'-a'}{g-1f-a} - \frac{f'g'-a'}{fg-a} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{g'f'-a'}{gf-a} + \frac{f'g'}{fg-1} - \frac{g'f'}{gf-1} \right\}.$$

Clearly,  $z_0$  is a pole of

$$\left[ \frac{f'g'-a'}{f-1g-a} - \frac{g'f'-a'}{g-1f-a} - \frac{f'g'-a'}{fg-a} + \frac{g'f'-a'}{gf-a} + \frac{f'g'}{fg-1} - \frac{g'f'}{gf-1} \right]$$

with multiplicity at most 1, but  $z_0$  is a zero of  $(f-g)$  with multiplicity at least 2. So we have  $H(z_0) = 0$ .

Similarly, if  $z_1$  (resp.  $z_a$ ) is a zero of  $f-1$  (resp.  $f-a$ ) with multiplicity  $p (\geq 2)$ , a zero of  $g-1$  (resp.  $g-a$ ) with multiplicity  $q (\geq 2)$ , and  $z_1 \notin S_0$  (resp.  $z_a \notin S_0$ ), from Lemma 3 we also have  $H(z_1) = 0$  (resp.  $H(z_a) = 0$ ).

From the discussion above, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^4 \bar{N}^*(r, a_j) \leq N\left(r, \frac{1}{H}\right) \\ \leq T(r, H) + O(1) = S(r, f)$$

Case 2 —  $H \equiv 0$ .

Let  $\bar{N}_D^*(r, a_j)$  (resp.  $\bar{N}_E^*(r, a_j)$ ) denote the counting function which count the multiple common zeros of  $f - a_j$  and  $g - a_j$  with different multiplicities (resp. the same multiplicity), each point counted only once. Obviously, we have

$$\bar{N}^*(r, a_j) = \bar{N}_D^*(r, a_j) + \bar{N}_E^*(r, a_j).$$

We may assume that  $\bar{N}^*(r, 0) \neq S(r, f)$ , noting Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, other cases can be considered similarly. Notice that

$$\bar{N}^*(r, 0) = \bar{N}_D^*(r, 0) + \bar{N}_E^*(r, 0),$$

so we only need to consider the following two subcases.

Subcase 1 —  $\bar{N}_D^*(r, 0) \neq S(r, f)$ .

From  $H \equiv 0$  we have

$$\frac{L(f, 0, 1) L(g, 1, a)}{f(g-a)} = \frac{L(g, 0, 1) L(f, 1, a)}{g(f-a)}.$$

That is 
$$\frac{f'}{f} \left[ a' - (a-1) \frac{g' - a'}{g-a} \right] = \frac{g'}{g} \left[ a' - (a-1) \frac{f' - a'}{f-a} \right]. \quad \dots (*)$$

Let  $z_0$  be a common zero of  $f$  and  $g$  with multiplicity  $p$  and  $q$  respectively,  $z_0 \notin S_0$  and  $p > q \geq 2$ . Then the left-hand side of (\*) has a simple pole at  $z_0$  with residue  $p \frac{a'(z_0)}{a(z_0)}$ . On the other hand, the right-hand side of (\*) also has a simple pole at  $z_0$ , however the residue is  $q \frac{a'(z_0)}{a(z_0)}$ , a contradiction.

Subcase 2 —  $\bar{N}_E^*(r, 0) \neq S(r, f)$ .

From (\*) we have

$$\frac{f'}{f} \frac{a'(g-a) - (a-1)(g'-a')}{g-a} = \frac{g'}{g} \frac{a'(f-a) - (a-1)(f'-a')}{f-a},$$

So we get

$$\frac{f-a}{f} f' [a'(g-a) - (a-1)(g'-a')] = \frac{g-a}{g} g' [a'(f-a) - (a-1)(f'-a')].$$

hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left( f' - a \frac{f'}{f} \right) [a'(g-a) - (a-1)(g'-a')] \\ = \left( g' - a \frac{g'}{g} \right) [a'(f-a) - (a-1)(f'-a')]. \end{aligned} \quad \dots (**)$$

Let  $z_0$  be a common zero of  $f$  and  $g$  with the same multiplicity  $p$ .  $z_0 \notin S_0$  and  $p \geq 2$ . Without loss of generality, we assume that  $p = 2$ , other cases  $p > 2$  can be considered similarly. Then  $f$  and  $g$  can be written in a neighbourhood of  $z_0$ .

$$f = a_1(z - z_0)^2 + a_2(z - z_0)^3 + a_3(z - z_0)^4 + \dots, a_1 \neq 0, \quad \dots (1)$$

$$g = b_1(z - z_0)^2 + b_2(z - z_0)^3 + b_3(z - z_0)^4 + \dots, b_1 \neq 0, \quad \dots (2)$$

$$f' = 2a_1(z - z_0) + 3a_2(z - z_0)^2 + 4a_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots, \quad \dots (3)$$

$$g' = 2b_1(z - z_0) + 3b_2(z - z_0)^2 + 4b_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots, \quad \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{f'}{f} = \frac{2}{z - z_0} + \frac{a_2}{a_1} + \left( \frac{2a_3}{a_1} - \frac{a_2^2}{a_1^2} \right) (z - z_0) + \dots, \quad \dots (5)$$

$$\frac{g'}{g} = \frac{2}{z - z_0} + \frac{b_2}{b_1} + \left( \frac{2b_3}{b_1} - \frac{b_2^2}{b_1^2} \right) (z - z_0) + \dots. \quad \dots (6)$$

Now we write  $a(z)$  in a neighbourhood of  $z_0$ .

$$a = c_0 + c_1(z - z_0) + c_2(z - z_0)^2 + c_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots, c_0 \neq 0, 1, \quad \dots (7)$$

$$a' = c_1 + 2c_2(z - z_0) + 3c_3(z - z_0)^2 + \dots. \quad \dots (8)$$

Substituting (1)–(8) to (\*\*), we get

$$(2a_1(z - z_0) + 3a_2(z - z_0)^2 + \dots - (c_0 + c_1(z - z_0) + c_2(z - z_0)^2 + c_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots))$$

$$\left( \frac{2}{z - z_0} + \frac{a_2}{a_1} + \left( \frac{2a_3}{a_1} - \frac{a_2^2}{a_1^2} \right) (z - z_0) + \dots \right) [(c_1 + 2c_2(z - z_0) + 3c_3(z - z_0)^2 + \dots)$$

$$(-c_0 - c_1(z - z_0) - c_2(z - z_0)^2 - c_3(z - z_0)^3 - \dots$$

$$+ b_1(z - z_0)^2 + b_2(z - z_0)^3 + b_3(z - z_0)^4 + \dots)$$

$$- (c_0 - 1 + c_1(z - z_0) + c_2(z - z_0)^2 + c_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots)$$

$$(-c_1 - 2c_2(z - z_0) - 3c_3(z - z_0)^2 - \dots$$

$$+ 2b_1(z - z_0) + 3b_2(z - z_0)^2 + 4b_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots)]$$

$$= (2b_1(z - z_0) + 3b_2(z - z_0)^2 + \dots - (c_0 + c_1(z - z_0) + c_2(z - z_0)^2 + c_3(z - z_0)^3 + \dots))$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& \left( \frac{2}{z-z_0} + \frac{b_2}{b_1} + \left( \frac{2b_3}{b_1} - \frac{b_2^2}{b_1^2} \right) (z-z_0) + \dots \right) [(c_1 + 2c_2(z-z_0) + 3c_3(z-z_0)^2 + \dots) \\
& (-c_0 - c_1(z-z_0) - c_2(z-z_0)^2 - c_3(z-z_0)^3 - \dots \\
& + a_1(z-z_0)^2 + a_2(z-z_0)^3 + a_3(z-z_0)^4 + \dots) \\
& - (c_0 - 1) + c_1(z-z_0) + c_2(z-z_0)^2 + c_3(z-z_0)^3 + \dots) \\
& (-c_1 - 2c_2(z-z_0) - 3c_3(z-z_0)^2 - \dots \\
& + 2a_1(z-z_0) + 3a_2(z-z_0)^2 + 4a_3(z-z_0)^3 + \dots] \dots (***)
\end{aligned}$$

Comparing the coefficients of both sidesa (\* \* \*) we obtain  $a_j = b_j, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Hence we have  $f(z) \equiv g(z)$ ., a contradiction. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

From Theorem 1, we can get the Corollary easily.

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