

## ON UNIQUENESS OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS WITH FINITE GROWTH INDEX SHARING SOME SMALL FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we will prove a uniqueness theorem for meromorphic functions with finite growth indices on a complex disc sharing some small functions with different multiplicity values. Intersecting points between these mappings and small functions with multiplicities more than a certain number do not need to be counted. Our result extends some previous results on this topic.

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### 1. Introduction

From the theorems about the four and five values of Nevanlinna  $R$  [1], many authors have improved and generalized these theorems to prove the finiteness problem of meromorphic mappings on  $\mathbb{C}^m$ , a Kähler manifold, a semi-Abelian variety or an annuli, etc. We can see these results in [2]-[6]. In 2020, Ru M and Sibony N [7] formulated a new second main theorem for meromorphic functions on a complex disc with fixed values, and then in 2022, Si DQ [8] generalized that result by using small functions instead of fixed values. In this paper, he also proved an uniqueness theorem for non-constant meromorphic functions on a disc with finite growth indices sharing small functions as follows:

**Theorem A** *Let  $f, g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions on the disc  $\Delta(R)$  ( $0 < R \leq +\infty$ ) with finite growth indices  $c_f, c_g$ . Let  $\{(a_i)\}_{i=1}^q$  ( $q \geq 5$ ) be  $q$  distinct small functions (with respect to  $f$  and  $g$ ) and  $k$  be a positive integers or  $+\infty$ . Assume that*

$$\min\{1, \nu_{f-a_i, \leq k}^0\} = \min\{1, \nu_{g-b_i, \leq k}^0\} \quad (1 \leq i \leq q).$$

*If  $c_f + c_g < \frac{k(2q-8) - 3(q+4)}{k(19q - \frac{117}{2}) + 19(q+4)}$  then  $f \equiv g$ .*

However, S. D. Quang only considered the case where the mappings  $f$  and  $g$  share  $q$  ( $q \geq 5$ ) small functions in  $\Delta(R)$  which have the same multiplicities. The purpose of this paper is to improve the result of Theorem A by giving a unique theorem with different multiplicity values. Specifically, we will prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $f, g$  be two non-constant meromorphic functions on the disc  $\Delta(R)$  ( $0 < R \leq +\infty$ ) with finite growth indices  $c_f, c_g$ . Let  $\{(a_i)\}_{i=1}^q$  ( $q \geq 5$ ) be  $q$  distinct small functions (with respect to  $f$  and  $g$ ) and  $k_1, \dots, k_q$  be a positive integers or  $\infty$  such that*

$$c_f + c_g < \frac{qk_0(2q - 8) + 2q(q + 4) - 5(q + 4) \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{k_i}}{qk_0(19q - \frac{117}{2}) + 19q(q + 4)}.$$

where  $k_0 = \max_{1 \leq i \leq q} k_i$ . Assume that

$$\min\{1, \nu_{f-a_i, \leq k_i}^0\} = \min\{1, \nu_{g-b_i, \leq k_i}^0\} \quad (1 \leq i \leq q).$$

Then  $f \equiv g$ .

*Remark.* When  $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_q = k$ , from Theorem 1.1, we obtain the result of the Theorem A.

## 2. Some results from Nevanlinna theory on the complex disc

Now, we set a disc in  $\mathbb{C}$  by

$$\Delta(R) = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < R\} \quad (0 < R \leq +\infty).$$

For a divisor  $\nu$  on  $\Delta(R)$ , which can be regarded as a function on  $\Delta(R)$  with value in  $\mathbb{Z}$  whose support is a discrete subset of  $\Delta(R)$ , and for a positive integer  $M$  (maybe  $M = \infty$ ), we define the truncated counting function to level  $M$  of  $\nu$  by

$$n^{[M]}(t, \nu) = \sum_{|z_\nu| \leq t} \min\{M, \nu(z)\} \quad (0 \leq t \leq R),$$

and 
$$N^{[M]}(r, \nu) = \int_0^r \frac{n^{[M]}(t, \nu) - n^{[M]}(0, \nu)}{t} dt.$$

For brevity we will omit the character  $^{[M]}$  if  $M = +\infty$ .

For a divisor  $\nu$  and a positive integer  $k$  (maybe  $k = +\infty$ ), we define

$$\nu_{\leq k}(z) = \begin{cases} \nu(z) & \text{if } \nu(z) \leq k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu_{> k}(z) = \begin{cases} \nu(z) & \text{if } \nu(z) > k \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For a meromorphic function  $\varphi$ , we define

- $\nu_\varphi^0$  (resp.  $\nu_\varphi^\infty$ ) the divisor of zeros (resp. divisor of poles) of  $\varphi$ ,
- $\nu_\varphi = \nu_\varphi^0 - \nu_\varphi^\infty$ ,
- $\nu_{\varphi, \leq k}^0 = (\nu_\varphi^0)_{\leq k}$ ,  $\nu_{\varphi, > k}^0 = (\nu_\varphi^0)_{> k}$ .

Similarly, we define  $\nu_{\varphi, \leq k}^\infty$ ,  $\nu_{\varphi, > k}^\infty$ ,  $\nu_{\varphi, \leq k}$ ,  $\nu_{\varphi, > k}$  and their counting functions.

Let  $f$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function on  $\Delta(R)$ . We define the proximity function and the characteristic function of  $f$  as follows:

$$m(r, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta,$$

and

$$T(r, f) = m(r, f) + N(r, \nu_f^\infty).$$

A meromorphic function  $a$  is said to be small with respect to  $f$  if  $T(r, a) = o(T(r, f))$  as  $r \rightarrow R$ .

According to M. Ru and N. Sibony [7], the growth index of  $f$  is defined by

$$c_f = \inf\{c > 0 : \int_0^R e^{cT(r, f)} dr = +\infty\}.$$

For convenient, we will set  $c_f = +\infty$  if  $\{c > 0 : \int_0^R e^{cT(r, f)} dr = +\infty\} = \emptyset$ .

For given two meromorphic mappings  $f$  and  $g$  on  $\Delta(R)$  (here, we may use a conformal transformation from a plane to a disc), the map  $f$  is said to be a quasi-Möbius transformation of  $g$  if there exist small (with respect to  $g$ ) functions  $\alpha_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) such that  $f = \frac{\alpha_1 g + \alpha_2}{\alpha_3 g + \alpha_4}$ . If all functions  $\alpha_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 4$ ) are constants then we say that the map  $f$  is a Möbius transformation of  $g$ .

Throughout this paper, by notation “ $\|_E P$ ”, we mean that the asseartion  $P$  hold for all  $r \in (0, R)$  outside a subset  $E$  of  $(0, R)$  with  $\int_E \gamma(r) dr < +\infty$ .

**Lemma 2.1** (Lemma on logarithmic derivatives [7]). *Let  $0 < R \leq +\infty$  and let  $\gamma(r)$  be a non-negative measurable function defined on  $(0, R)$  with  $\int_0^R \gamma(r) dr = +\infty$ . Let  $f$  be a nonzero meromorphic function on  $\Delta(R)$ . Then for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have*

$$\|_E m(r, \frac{f'}{f}) = (1 + \varepsilon) \log \gamma(r) + \varepsilon \log r + O(\log T(r, f)).$$

Then, for any small function  $a$  (with respect to  $f$ ) we also have

$$\|_E m(r, \frac{a'}{a}) = (1 + \varepsilon) \log \gamma(r) + \varepsilon \log r + o(T(r, f)).$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|_E N(r, \nu_{\frac{a'}{a}}^0) &\leq T(r, \frac{a'}{a}) = N(r, \nu_{\frac{a'}{a}}^\infty) + m(r, \frac{a'}{a}) \\ &\leq N^{[1]}(r, \nu_a^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_a^\infty) + (1 + \varepsilon) \log \gamma(r) + \varepsilon \log r + o(T(r, f)). \end{aligned}$$

**Remark.**

- If  $f$  is of finite growth index (i.e.,  $c_f < +\infty$ ) then the Lemma 2.1, we may take  $\gamma(r) = e^{(c_f + \varepsilon)T(r, f)}$ .
- If  $R = +\infty$ , we may take  $c_f = 0$ .

**Theorem 2.1** (First main theorem [7]). *Let  $f$  be a meromorphic function on  $\Delta(R)$ . Then for each  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have*

$$T(r, f) = T(r, \frac{1}{f-a}) + o(T(r, f)).$$

The following theorem is due to S. D. Quang [8].

**Theorem 2.2** ( see [8, Theorem 1.1]). *Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function on  $\Delta(R)$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_5$  be five distinct small functions (with respect to  $f$ ). Assume that  $\gamma(r)$  be a non-negative measurable function defined on  $(0, R)$  with  $\int_0^R \gamma(r) dr = +\infty$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , it holds that*

$$\|_E 2T(r, f) \leq \sum_{i=1}^5 N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + 19((1 + \varepsilon) \log \gamma(r) + \varepsilon \log r) + o(T(r, f)).$$

From Theorem 2.2, we easily get the following result.

**Theorem 2.3** (Second main theorem). *Let  $f$  be a non-constant meromorphic function on  $\Delta(R)$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_q$  be distinct small functions (with respect to  $f$ ). Assume that  $\gamma(r)$  is a non-negative measurable function defined on  $(0, R)$  with  $\int_0^R \gamma(r) dr = +\infty$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,*

$$\|_E \frac{2q}{5} T(r, f) \leq \sum_{i=1}^q N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + 19((1 + \varepsilon) \log \gamma(r) + \varepsilon \log r) + o(T(r, f)).$$

### 3. Proof of Theorems 1.1

In order to prove Theorem 1.1, we need the following auxiliary result.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be a nonconstant meromorphic function on a disc  $\Delta(R)$  and  $a$  be a small function (with respect to  $f$ ). Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and positive integer  $k$  (maybe  $k = +\infty$ ), we have*

$$kN^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, >k}^0) \leq N(r, \nu_{f-a}^0) - N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a}^0).$$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a}^0) &= N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, \leq k}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, >k}^0) \\ &\leq N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, \leq k}^0) + \frac{1}{k+1}N(r, \nu_{f-a, >k}^0) \\ &\leq \frac{k}{k+1}N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, \leq k}^0) + \frac{1}{k+1}N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, \leq k}^0) + \frac{1}{k+1}N(r, \nu_{f-a, >k}^0) \\ &\leq \frac{k}{k+1}N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, \leq k}^0) + \frac{1}{k+1}N(r, \nu_{f-a}^0). \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$(k+1)N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a}^0) \leq kN^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, \leq k}^0) + N(r, \nu_{f-a}^0).$$

Thus

$$kN^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, >k}^0) \leq N(r, \nu_{f-a}^0) - N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a}^0).$$

The lemma is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two distinct meromorphic functions on  $\Delta(R)$  with finite growth indices  $c_f$  and  $c_g$ , respectively, and  $a_1, \dots, a_q$  ( $q \geq 5$ ) be distinct small functions with respect to  $f$  and  $g$ . Suppose that*

$$\min\{1, \nu_{f-a_i, \leq k_i}^0\} = \min\{1, \nu_{g-b_i, \leq k_i}^0\} \quad (1 \leq i \leq q).$$

*Let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive real number. Setting  $T(r) = T(r, f) + T(r, g)$ ,  $\gamma(r) = e^{(\varepsilon + \max\{c_f, c_g\})T(r)}$  and  $S(r) = (1 + \varepsilon) \log \gamma(r) + \varepsilon \log r$ , then we have*

$$\left\|_E \sum_{i=5}^q N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0) \leq N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i, >k}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i, >k}^0) + 7S(r) + o(T(r)). \right. \quad (3.1)$$

Here,  $N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a=g-a}^0)$  denotes the counting function without multiplicity which counts all common zeros of  $f - a$  and  $g - a$ , and  $N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a, >k}^0)$  denotes the counting function without multiplicity which counts zero of  $f - a$  with multiplicity at least  $k + 1$ .

*Proof.* If  $\sum_{i=5}^q N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0) = o(T(r))$  then (3.1) obviously holds. Now, we suppose  $\sum_{i=5}^q \bar{N}^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0) \neq o(T(r))$ . We set  $\mathcal{V} = \bigcup_{1 \leq i < j \leq q} \sup(\nu_{a_i-a_j}^0)$ . Then

$\mathcal{V}$  is a discrete subset of  $\Delta(R)$  and  $N(r, \mathcal{V}) = o(T(r))$ , where  $N(r, \mathcal{V})$  is the counting function without multiplicity which counts all points in  $\mathcal{V}$ . By using the quasi-Möbius transformation

$$L(w) = \frac{(\omega - a_1)(a_3 - a_2)}{(\omega - a_2)(a_3 - a_1)}$$

and considering two functions  $L(f), L(g)$  if necessary, we may assume that  $a_1 = 0, a_2 = \infty, a_3 = 1$  and  $a_4 = a$  with  $a \notin \{0, \infty, 1\}$  (this quasi-Möbius transformation only make the counting functions in the inequality of the lemma change up to small terms  $o(T(r))$ ). We denote by  $V_u$  ( $u \in \{0, \infty, 1, a\}$ ) the set of points which are either zero of  $f - u$  or zero of  $g - u$ , where  $f - \infty$  is regarded as  $\frac{1}{f}$ .

Now we set

$$H = \frac{f'(a'g - ag')(f - g)}{f(f - 1)g(g - a)} - \frac{g'(a'f - af')(f - g)}{g(g - 1)f(f - a)}. \quad (3..2)$$

Then

$$H = \frac{(f - g)Q}{f(f - 1)(f - a)g(g - 1)(g - a)}, \quad (3..3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= f'(a'g - ag')(f - a)(g - 1) - g'(a'f - af')(g - a)(f - 1) \\ &= a'ff'g^2 - a'ff'g - a(a - 1)ff'g' - aa'f'g^2 + aa'f'g \\ &\quad - a'f^2gg' + a'f'gg' + a(a - 1)f'gg' + aa'f^2g' - aa'f'g'. \end{aligned} \quad (3..4)$$

**Case 1:** Suppose that  $H \equiv 0$ . Then from (3..2), we have

$$\frac{f'(a'g - ag')}{(f - 1)(g - a)} \equiv \frac{g'(a'f - af')}{(g - 1)(f - a)}.$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(f - g)(1 - a)}{(g - 1)(f - a)} &= \frac{(f - 1)(g - a)}{(g - 1)(f - a)} - 1 = \frac{f'(a'g - ag')}{g'(a'f - af')} - 1 \\ &= \frac{a'[(f' - g')g - (f - g)g']}{g'(a'f - af')}. \end{aligned}$$

This yields that

$$\frac{f' - g'}{f - g} = \frac{(1 - a)g'(a'f - af')}{a'g(g - 1)(f - a)} + \frac{g'}{g}. \quad (3..5)$$

Hence, if there exists a point  $z_0 \notin \mathcal{V}$  which is a common zero of  $f - a_i$  and  $g - a_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq q$ ) then it must be a pole of the left hand side of (3..5) but not be pole of the right hand side. This is a contradiction. Thus,

$$\sum_{i=5}^q N^{[1]}(r, N_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0) \leq (q - 4)N^{[1]}(r, \mathcal{V}) = o(T(r)).$$

**Case 2:** Suppose that  $H \neq 0$ . From (3.2) and (3.4), we easily see that if  $z \notin \mathcal{V}$  is a common zero of  $f - a_i$  and  $g - a_i$  ( $5 \leq i \leq q$ ) then it is a zero of  $f - g$  and is not a pole of  $\frac{Q}{f(f-1)(f-a)g(g-1)(g-a)}$ . Hence it is a zero of  $H$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=5}^q N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0) &\leq N^{[1]}(r, \nu_H^0) + N(r, \mathcal{V}) + o(T(r)) \\ &\leq T(r, H) + o(T(r)) \\ &\leq m(r, H) + N(r, \nu_H^\infty) + o(T(r)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

We now estimate the proximity function  $m(r, H)$ . First, we have

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \frac{f'}{f-1} \frac{a'g - ag'}{g(g-a)} - \left( \frac{f'}{f-1} - \frac{f'}{f} \right) \frac{a'g - ag'}{g-a} \\ &\quad - \frac{g'}{g-1} \frac{a'f - af'}{f(f-a)} - \left( \frac{g'}{g-1} - \frac{g'}{g} \right) \frac{a'f - af'}{f-a} \\ &= \frac{f'}{f-1} \left( \frac{g'}{g} - \frac{g' - a'}{g-a} \right) - \left( \frac{f'}{f-1} - \frac{f'}{f} \right) \left( a' - a \frac{g' - a'}{g-a} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{g'}{g-1} \left( \frac{f'}{f} - \frac{f' - a'}{f-a} \right) - \left( \frac{g'}{g-1} - \frac{g'}{g} \right) \left( a' - a \frac{f' - a'}{f-a} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

By the lemma on logarithmic derivatives, we get

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, H) &\leq m\left(r, \frac{f'}{f}\right) + m\left(r, \frac{g'}{g}\right) + m\left(r, \frac{f'}{f-1}\right) + m\left(r, \frac{g'}{g-1}\right) \\ &\quad + m\left(r, \frac{f' - a'}{f-a}\right) + m\left(r, \frac{g' - a'}{g-a}\right) + m\left(r, \frac{a'}{a}\right) \\ &\leq 7S(r) + o(T(r)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

We now estimate the counting function  $N(r, \nu_H^\infty)$ . From (3.7), we know that the poles of  $H$  only possibly occur from the zeros of  $f - a_i, g - a_i, (i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\})$ . We consider the following four subcases.

*Subcase 1:*  $z$  is a pole of  $a'$  or  $a$ . Hence  $z$  must be a pole of  $a$ . We note that each pole of every meromorphic function of the form  $\frac{h'}{h}$  has multiplicity at most 1. Therefore,

$$N(r, \nu_H^\infty) \leq N(r, \nu_a^\infty) + 2 \leq 3N(r, \nu_a^\infty) = o(T(r)).$$

*Subcase 2:*  $z$  is not a pole of  $a$  and  $z$  is a common zero of  $(f - u)$  and  $(g - u)$  for a function  $u \in \{0, \infty, 1, a\}$ . From (3.4), we rewrite  $H$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} H &= (f - g) \left[ \left( \frac{f'}{f-1} - \frac{f'}{f} \right) \left( \frac{g'}{g} - \frac{g' - a'}{g-a} \right) - \left( \frac{g'}{g-1} - \frac{g'}{g} \right) \left( \frac{f'}{f} - \frac{f' - a'}{f-a} \right) \right] \\ &= (f - g)P, \end{aligned}$$

where

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

Hence,  $z$  is a zero of  $f - g$  and a simple pole of  $P$ . Therefore  $z$  is not a pole of  $H$ .

*Subcase 3:*  $z$  is not a pole of  $a$  and is a common pole of  $f$  and  $g$ . From (3.3) and (3.4), we easily see that  $z$  is not a pole of  $H$ .

*Subcase 4:*  $z$  is not a pole of  $a$  and  $z$  is either a zero of  $f - a_i$  or a zero of  $g - a_i$  for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$ . From (3.7),  $H$  has the following form

$$H = \sum_{\substack{u,v \in \{0, \infty, 1, a\} \\ u \neq v}} a_{uv} \frac{f' - u' = g' - v'}{f - u} \frac{g' - v'}{g - v},$$

where  $a_{uv}$  are constants or  $\pm a'$  or  $\pm a$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} N(r, \nu_H^\infty) &\leq \max_{\substack{u,v \in \{0, \infty, 1, a\} \\ u \neq v}} (N(r, \nu_{\frac{f'-u'}{f-u}}^\infty) + N(r, \nu_{\frac{g'-v'}{g-v}}^\infty)) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0) - N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0)). \end{aligned}$$

From the above four case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} N(r, \nu_H^\infty) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0) - N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0)) + o(T(r)) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i, > k_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i, > k_i}^0)) + o(T(r)). \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above inequality and (3.6), (3.8), we get

$$\sum_{i=5}^q N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i=g-a_i}^0) \leq \sum_{i=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i, > k_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i, > k_i}^0)) + 7S(r) + o(T(r)).$$

The lemma is proved in this case. □

Proof of Theorem 1.1.



*Proof.* By Lemma 3.2 for every subset  $\{i_1, \dots, i_4\}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0)) - \sum_{j=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_{i_j}}^0)) \\
&= \sum_{j=5}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_{i_j}}^0)) \\
&\leq \sum_{j=5}^q (2N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}=g-a_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0)) \\
&\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0)) \\
&+ \sum_{j=5}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0)) + 7T(r) + o(T(r)) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i, > k_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i, > k_i}^0)) \\
&+ \sum_{j=1}^4 (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_{i_j}, > k_{i_j}}^0)) + 7T(r) + o(T(r)).
\end{aligned}$$

By summing-up both sides of the above inequality over all  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 < i_4 \leq q$  and utilizing Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& (q-4) \sum_{i=1}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0)) \\
&\leq (q+4) \sum_{i=1}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i, > k_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i, > k_i}^0)) + 7qS(r) + o(T(r)) \\
&\leq (q+4) \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{k_i} (N(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) - N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0) - N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0)) \\
&+ 7qS(r) + o(T(r)).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
(q-4 + \frac{q+4}{k_0}) \sum_{i=1}^q (N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N^{[1]}(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0)) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{q+4}{k_i} (N(r, \nu_{f-a_i}^0) + N(r, \nu_{g-a_i}^0)) \\
&+ 7qS(r) + o(T(r)) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{q+4}{k_i} (T(r, f) + T(r, g)) \\
&+ 7qS(r) + o(T(r)).
\end{aligned}$$

From this and Theorem 2.3, we get

$$(q - 4 + \frac{q + 4}{k_0}) \frac{q}{5} (2T(r) - 38S(r)) \leq \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{q + 4}{k_i} T(r) + 7qS(r) + o(T(r)).$$

This yields that

$$\|_E \frac{qk_0(2q - 8) + 2q(q + 4) - 5(q + 4) \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{k_i}}{qk_0(38q - 117) + 38q(q + 4)} T(r) \leq S(r) + o(T(r)).$$

Let  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  and then  $r \rightarrow R$  ( $r \notin E$ ), we obtain

$$c_f + c_g \geq 2\min\{c_f, c_g\} \geq \frac{qk_0(2q - 8) + 2q(q + 4) - 5(q + 4) \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{k_i}}{qk_0(19q - \frac{117}{2}) + 19q(q + 4)}.$$

This is a contradiction. The theorem is proved. □

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