

A NOTE ON SOME GROWTH PROPERTIES OF WRONSKIAN BY MEANS OF L*-ORDER

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Abstract

The aim of this paper is to study the comparative growth properties of composite entire or meromorphic functions and wronskians generated by one of the factors using L*-order .

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1 Introduction, Definitions and Notations.

Somasundaram and Thamizharasi [7] introduced the notion of L-order and L-type for entire functions where $L \equiv L(r)$ is a positive continuous function increasing slowly i.e., $L(ar) \sim L(r)$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ for every positive constant a .

The L^* -order and the L^* -type of a meromorphic function are the more generalised concepts of L -order and L -type respectively. The following definitions are well known.

Definition 1 The L^* -order $\rho_f^{L^*}$ and L^* -lower order $\lambda_f^{L^*}$ of a meromorphic function f are defined as

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

If f is entire, one can easily verify that

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

where

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

Definition 2 The hyper L^* -order $\bar{\rho}_f^{L^*}$ and hyper L^* -lower order $\bar{\lambda}_f^{L^*}$ of a meromorphic function f are defined as

$$\bar{\rho}_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \text{ and } \bar{\lambda}_f^{L^*} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]}.$$

If f is entire then

$$\bar{\rho}_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[3]} M(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \text{ and } \bar{\lambda}_f^{L^*} = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[3]} M(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]}.$$

Definition 3 [6] Let f be a meromorphic function of L^* -order zero. Then the quantities ρ_f^* , λ_f^* and $\bar{\rho}_f^*$, $\bar{\lambda}_f^*$ are defined in the following way

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

$$\text{and } \bar{\rho}_f^* = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, f)}{\log^{[2]} r}, \quad \bar{\lambda}_f^* = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, f)}{\log^{[2]} r}.$$

If f is entire then clearly

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

$$\text{and } \bar{\rho}_f^* = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[3]} M(r, f)}{\log^{[2]} r}, \quad \bar{\lambda}_f^* = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[3]} M(r, f)}{\log^{[2]} r}.$$

Definition 4 The L^* -type $\sigma_f^{L^*}$ of a meromorphic function f is defined as

$$\sigma_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{[re^{L(r)}] \rho_f^{L^*}}, \quad 0 < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty.$$

When f is entire then

$$\sigma_f^{L^*} = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, f)}{[re^{L(r)}] \rho_f^{L^*}}, \quad 0 < \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty.$$

Definition 5 A meromorphic function $a \equiv a(z)$ is called small with respect to f if

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

Definition 6 Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k be linearly independent meromorphic functions and small with respect to f . We denote by $W(f) = W(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k; f)$ the Wronskian determinant of a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, f . i.e.,

$$W(f) = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_k & f \\ a_1' & a_2' & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_k' & f' \\ \cdot & & & & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & & & & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & & & & & & \cdot \\ a_1^{(k)} & a_2^{(k)} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_k^{(k)} & f^{(k)} \end{vmatrix}.$$

Definition 7 If $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ the quantity

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

is called the Nevanlinna's deficiency of the value of 'a'.

From the second fundamental theorem it follows that the set of values of $a \in \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ for which $\delta(a, f) > 0$ is countable and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) \leq 2$.

If in particular $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$, we say that f has the maximum deficiency sum.

2 Lemmas.

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

Lemma 1 [4] If f and g be two entire functions then for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$M(r, fog) \geq M\left(\frac{1}{8}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right) - |g(0)|, f\right).$$

Lemma 2 [1] Let f be meromorphic and g be 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 3 [3] Let f be meromorphic and g be entire and suppose that $0 < \mu \leq \rho_g \leq \infty$. Then for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$T(r, fog) \geq T(\exp(r^\mu), f).$$

Lemma 4 [5] Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function having the maximum deficiency sum. Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, W(f))}{T(r, f)} = 1 + k - k\delta(\infty, f).$$

Lemma 5 Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function with the maximum deficiency sum then the L^* -order and L^* -lower order of $W(f)$ are same as those of f and the L^* -type of $W(f)$ is $\{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, f)\}$ times that of f .

Proof. By Lemma 4

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, W(f))}{T(r, f)} \text{ exists and is equal to } 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So} \quad \rho_{W(f)}^{L^*} &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, W(f))}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, W(f))}{\log T(r, f)} \\ &= \rho_f^{L^*} \cdot 1 = \rho_f^{L^*}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also,} \quad \lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} &= \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, W(f))}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &= \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \cdot \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, W(f))}{\log T(r, f)} \\ &= \lambda_f^{L^*} \cdot 1 = \lambda_f^{L^*}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Further,} \quad \sigma_{W(f)}^{L^*} &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, W(f))}{[re^{L(r)}]^{\rho_{W(f)}^{L^*}}} \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, W(f))}{T(r, f)} \cdot \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{[re^{L(r)}]^{\rho_{W(f)}^{L^*}}} \\ &= \{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, f)\} \cdot \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{[re^{L(r)}]^{\rho_f^{L^*}}} \\ &= \{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, f)\} \cdot \sigma_f^{L^*}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma. ■

Lemma 6 Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function having the maximum deficiency sum then the L^* -hyper order (L^* -hyper lower order) of $W(f)$ and f are equal.

The proof of Lemma 6 is omitted as it can be carried out in the line of Lemma 5.

Lemma 7 Let f be meromorphic and g be transcendental entire such that

$$\rho_f = 0 \text{ and } \rho_g^{L^*} < \infty \text{ then } \rho_{f \circ g}^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^* \cdot \rho_g^{L^*}.$$

Proof. In view of Lemma 2 and the inequality

$$T(r, g) \leq \log^+ M(r, g)$$

we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{f \circ g}^{L^*} &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f \circ g)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(M(r, g), f) + o(1)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(M(r, g), f)}{\log^{[2]} M(r, g)} \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, g)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &= \rho_f^* \rho_g^{L^*}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves the lemma. ■

3 Theorems.

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

Theorem 1 Let f be transcendental meromorphic and g be entire satisfying the following conditions (i) $\rho_f^{L^*}$ and $\rho_g^{L^*}$ are both finite, (ii) $\rho_f^{L^*}$ is positive and (iii) $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$. Then for each $\alpha \in (-\infty, \infty)$,

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\{\log T(r, f \circ g)\}^{1+\alpha}}{\log T\{\exp(r^{p'}), W(f)\}} = 0 \text{ if } p' > (1 + \alpha)\rho_g^{L^*}.$$

Proof. If $1 + \alpha \leq 0$. Then the theorem is trivial. So we take $1 + \alpha > 0$. Since $T(r, g) \leq \log^+ M(r, g)$ by Lemma 2 we get for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$T(r, f \circ g) \leq \{1 + o(1)\} T\{M(r, g), f\}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \log T(r, f \circ g) \leq \log\{1 + o(1)\} + \log T(M(r, g), f)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{i.e.,} \quad & \log T(r, fog) \\
 & \leq o(1) + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log \left\{ M(r, g) e^{L(M(r, g))} \right\} \\
 & = o(1) + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) \{ \log M(r, g) + L(M(r, g)) \} \\
 & \leq o(1) + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) \left[r e^{L(r)} \right]^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)} + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(M(r, g)) \\
 & = \left[r e^{L(r)} \right]^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)} \{ (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) + o(1) \} + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(M(r, g)) \\
 \\
 \text{i.e.,} \quad & \{ \log T(r, fog) \}^{1+\alpha} \\
 & \leq \left[\left\{ r e^{L(r)} \right\}^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)} \{ (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) + o(1) \} + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(M(r, g)) \right]^{1+\alpha}. \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again we have for a sequence of r tending to infinity and for $\epsilon (> 0)$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log T \left\{ \exp(r^{p'}), W(f) \right\} & \geq (\rho_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon) \log \left[\exp(r^{p'}) \exp \left\{ L \left(\exp(r^{p'}) \right) \right\} \right] \\
 & = (\rho_f^{L^*} - \epsilon) \left[r^{p'} + L \left(\exp(r^{p'}) \right) \right]. \quad (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

So from (1) and (2) we get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\{ \log T(r, fog) \}^{1+\alpha}}{\log T \{ \exp(r^{p'}), W(f) \}} \\
 & \leq \frac{\left[\left\{ r e^{L(r)} \right\}^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)} (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon + o(1)) + (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(M(r, g)) \right]^{1+\alpha}}{(\rho_f^{L^*} - \epsilon) [r^{p'} + L \{ \exp(r^{p'}) \}]}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\{ e^{L(r)} \right\}^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)} \left\{ \rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon + o(1) \right\} & = k_1, \quad (\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(M(r, g)) = k_2, \\
 \rho_f^{L^*} - \epsilon & = k_3 \text{ and } (\rho_f^{L^*} - \epsilon) L \left(\exp(r^{p'}) \right) = k_4.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then} \quad & \frac{\{ \log T(r, fog) \}^{1+\alpha}}{\log T \{ \exp(r^{p'}), W(f) \}} \leq \frac{\{ r^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)} k_1 + k_2 \}^{1+\alpha}}{k_3 r^{p'} + k_4} \\
 & = \frac{r^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)(1+\alpha)} \left\{ k_1 + \frac{k_2}{r^{(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)}} \right\}^{1+\alpha}}{k_3 r^{p'} + k_4}
 \end{aligned}$$

where k_1, k_2, k_3 and k_4 are finite.

$$\text{Since} \quad (\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) (1 + \alpha) < p'$$

$$\text{therefore} \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\{\log T(r, fog)\}^{1+\alpha}}{\log T\{\exp(r^{p'}), W(f)\}} = 0$$

where we choose $\epsilon (> 0)$ such that

$$0 < \epsilon < \min \left\{ \rho_f^{L^*}, \frac{p'}{1+\alpha} - \rho_g^{L^*} \right\}.$$

which proves the theorem. ■

Theorem 2 *If f be meromorphic and g be transcendental entire such that $\rho_g^{L^*} < \infty, \rho_{fog}^{L^*} = \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, g) + \delta(\infty, g) = 2$. Then for every $A > 0$*

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(g))} = \infty.$$

Proof. If possible let there exists a constant β such that for all sufficiently large values of r we have

$$\log T(r, fog) \leq \beta \log T(r^A, W(g)). \quad (3)$$

In view of Lemma 5 for all sufficiently large values of r we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r^A, W(g)) &\leq (\rho_{W(g)}^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log [r^A \exp \{L(r^A)\}] \\ \text{i.e. } \log T(r^A, W(g)) &\leq (\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) \{A \log r + L(r^A)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Now combining (3) and (4) we obtain for all sufficiently large values of r

$$\log T(r, fog) \leq \beta(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) \{A \log r + L(r^A)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{which implies that} \quad \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} &\leq \frac{\beta(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) \{A \log r + L(r^A)\}}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \\ &= \beta(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) \frac{\{A \log r + L(r^A)\}}{\log [re^{L(r)}]}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore} \quad \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log [re^{L(r)}]} \leq \beta.A.(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon)$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad \rho_{fog}^{L^*} \leq \beta.A.(\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon),$$

which contradicts the condition $\rho_{fog}^{L^*} = \infty$. So for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity, it follows that $\log T(r, fog) > \beta \log T(r^A, W(g))$ from which the theorem follows. ■

Corollary 1 *Under the assumption of Theorem 2*

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r^A, W(g))} = \infty.$$

Proof. By Theorem 2 we obtain for all sufficiently large values of r and for $K > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r, fog) &> K \log T(r^A, W(g)) \\ \text{i.e. } T(r, fog) &> \{T(r^A, W(g))\}^K \end{aligned}$$

from which the corollary follows. ■

Remark 1 If we take $\rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$ instead of $\rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, g) + \delta(\infty, g) = 2$ respectively then Theorem 2 and Corollary 1 remains valid with $W(g)$ replaced by $W(f)$ in the denominator.

Theorem 3 Let f and g be two entire functions with $\lambda_f^{L^*} > 0$ and $\rho_f^{L^*} < \lambda_g^{L^*}$. Also let f be transcendental with $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$. Then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, fog)}{\log M(r, W(f))} = \infty.$$

Proof. In view of Lemma 1, we have for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$M(r, fog) \geq M\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right), f\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e. } \log^{[2]} M(r, fog) &\geq \log^{[2]} M\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right), f\right) \\ \text{i.e. } \log^{[2]} M(r, fog) &\geq \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) \log\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right) e^{L\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right)\right)}\right) \\ \text{i.e. } \log^{[2]} M(r, fog) &\geq \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) \log \frac{1}{16} + \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) \log M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right) \\ &\quad + \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) L\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right)\right) \\ \text{i.e. } \log^{[2]} M(r, fog) &\geq O(1) + \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) \left(\frac{r}{2} e^{L\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)}\right)^{\lambda_g^{L^*} - \epsilon} \\ &\quad + \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) L\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right)\right). \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Again for all sufficiently large values of r we get by Lemma 5 that

$$\log M(r, W(f)) \leq \left(re^{L(r)}\right)^{\rho_{W(f)}^{L^*} + \epsilon} = \left(re^{L(r)}\right)^{\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon}. \quad (6)$$

Now combining (5) and (6) it follows from all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, fog)}{\log M(r, W(f))} \\ & \geq \frac{O(1) + \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) \left[\frac{r}{2} e^{L\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)}\right]^{\lambda_g^{L^*} - \epsilon} + \left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon\right) L\left(\frac{1}{16} M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g\right)\right)}{\left[re^{L(r)}\right]^{\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since $\rho_f^{L^*} < \lambda_g^{L^*}$ we can choose $\epsilon (> 0)$ in such a way that

$$\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon < \lambda_g^{L^*} - \epsilon. \quad (8)$$

Thus from (7) and (8) we obtain that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M(r, fog)}{\log M(r, W(f))} = \infty,$$

from which the theorem follows. ■

Theorem 4 *If f be a transcendental meromorphic function and g be entire with $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty, \rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$. Then*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)T(r, W(f))}{T[\exp(r^{p'}), W(f)]} = 0 \text{ if } p' > \rho_g^{L^*}.$$

Proof. Since $T(r, g) \leq \log^+ M(r, g)$, for all sufficiently large values of r we get from Lemma 2

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e.,} \quad & T(r, fog) \\ & \leq \{1 + o(1)\} \exp \left(\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \left(\left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon} + L(M(r, g)) \right) \right) \\ & = \{1 + o(1)\} \exp \left(\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon} \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \exp \left(\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) L(M(r, g)) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Again by Lemma 5 for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$T(r, W(f)) \leq \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_{W(f)}^{L^*} + \epsilon} = \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon}. \quad (10)$$

Now combining (9) and (10) it follows for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\begin{aligned} & T(r, fog)T(r, W(f)) \\ & \leq \{1 + o(1)\} \exp \left(\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon} \right) \\ & \quad \cdot \exp \left(\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) M(r, g) \right) \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Also in view of Lemma 5, we have for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T \left[\exp \left(r^{p'} \right), W(f) \right] & \geq \left(\lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) \log \left[\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \exp \left\{ L \left(\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \right) \right\} \right] \\ \text{i.e., } T \left\{ \exp \left(r^{p'} \right), W(f) \right\} & \geq \left[\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \exp \left\{ L \left(\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \right) \right\} \right]^{\lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon} \\ & = \exp \left[\left(\lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) r^{p'} \right] \left[\exp \left\{ L \left(\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \right) \right\} \right]^{\lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon} \\ & = \exp \left[\left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) r^{p'} \right] \left[\exp \left\{ L \left(\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \right) \right\} \right]^{\lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

From (11) and (12) it follows for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{T(r, fog)T(r, W(f))}{T \left\{ \exp \left(r^{p'} \right), W(f) \right\}} \\ & \leq \frac{\exp \left[\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon} \right] \exp \left[\left(\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) M(r, g) \right]}{\exp \left[\left(\lambda_f^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) r^{p'} \right] \left[\exp \left\{ L \left(\exp \left(r^{p'} \right) \right) \right\} \right]^{\lambda_{W(f)}^{L^*} - \epsilon}} \\ & \quad \cdot \{1 + o(1)\} \left(re^{L(r)} \right)^{\rho_f^{L^*} + \epsilon}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

As $p' > \rho_g^{L^*}$, so we can choose $\epsilon (> 0)$ such that

$$p' > \rho_g^{L^*} + \epsilon. \quad (14)$$

Thus the theorem follows from (13) and (14). ■

Theorem 5 Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function and g be a transcendental entire function such that $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$. Then for every $A > 0$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(f))} = \infty.$$

If further $\rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, g) + \delta(\infty, g) = 2$ then

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(g))} = \infty.$$

Proof. Since $\lambda_f^{L^*} > 0$, $\lambda_{fog}^{L^*} = \infty \{cf.[2]\}$. So it follows that for arbitrary large N and for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\log T(r, fog) > AN \log [re^{L(r)}]. \quad (15)$$

Again since $\rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$, for all sufficiently large values of r we get by Lemma 5,

$$\log T(r^A, W(f)) < (\rho_f^{L^*} + 1) \log [r^A e^{L(r^A)}]. \quad (16)$$

Again now from (15) and (16) it follows for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(f))} > \frac{AN \log [re^{L(r)}]}{(\rho_f^{L^*} + 1) \log [r^A e^{L(r^A)}]}.$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(f))} > \frac{AN [\log r + L(r)]}{(\rho_f^{L^*} + 1) [A \log r + L(r^A)]}$$

$$\text{and so } \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(f))} = \infty.$$

Again since $\rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$, for all sufficiently large values of r we get by Lemma 5,

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(r^A, W(g)) &< (\rho_g^{L^*} + 1) \log [r^A e^{L(r^A)}] \\ &= (\rho_g^{L^*} + 1) [A \log r + L(r^A)]. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Now from (15) and (17) it follows for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r^A, W(g))} &> \frac{AN \log [re^{L(r)}]}{(\rho_g^{L^*} + 1) [A \log r + L(r^A)]} \\ &= \frac{AN [\log r + L(r)]}{(\rho_g^{L^*} + 1) [A \log r + L(r^A)]}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Thus the theorem follows from (18). ■

Theorem 6 Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function with $0 < \lambda_f^{L^*} \leq \rho_f^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, f) + \delta(\infty, f) = 2$ and g be entire. Then

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T \left\{ \exp \left(r^{\rho_g^{L^*}} \right), fog \right\}}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), W(f))} = \infty \text{ where } 0 < \mu < \rho_g^{L^*}.$$

Proof. Let $0 < \mu' < \rho_g^{L*}$. Then in view of Lemma 3 we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$\log T(r, fog) \geq \log T\left(\exp\left(r^{\mu'}\right), f\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e.,} \quad & \log T(r, fog) \geq (\lambda_f^{L*} - \epsilon) \log \left[\exp\left(r^{\mu'}\right) \exp\left(L(e^{r^{\mu'}})\right) \right] \\ \text{i.e.,} \quad & \log^{[2]} T(r, fog) \geq \log \left[(\lambda_f^{L*} - \epsilon) \log \left\{ \exp\left(r^{\mu'}\right) \exp\left(L(e^{r^{\mu'}})\right) \right\} \right] \\ \text{i.e.,} \quad & \log^{[2]} T(r, fog) \geq \log(\lambda_f^{L*} - \epsilon) + \log^{[2]} \left[\exp\left(r^{\mu'}\right) \exp\left(L(e^{r^{\mu'}})\right) \right] \\ \text{i.e.,} \quad & \log^{[2]} T(r, fog) \geq O(1) + \log \left[r^{\mu'} + L\left(\exp\left(r^{\mu'}\right)\right) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

So for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$\begin{aligned} & \log^{[2]} T\left\{\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}}\right), fog\right\} \\ & \geq O(1) + \log \left[\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right) + L\left\{\exp^{[2]}\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)\right\} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Again in view of Lemma 5, we obtain for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\begin{aligned} \log T(\exp(r^\mu), W(f)) & \leq (\rho_{W(f)}^{L*} + \epsilon) \log \left\{ \exp(r^\mu) \exp(L(\exp(r^\mu))) \right\} \\ \text{i.e., } \log T(\exp(r^\mu), W(f)) & \leq (\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)(r^\mu + L(\exp(r^\mu))). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Combining (19) and (20) it follows for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\log^{[2]} T\left\{\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}}\right), fog\right\}}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), W(f))} \\ & \geq \frac{O(1) + \log \left[\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right) + L\left\{\exp^{[2]}\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)\right\} \right]}{(\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)(r^\mu + L(\exp(r^\mu)))} \\ & = \frac{O(1) + \log \left[\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right) \left\{ 1 + \frac{\log L\left(\exp^{[2]}\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)\right)}{\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)} \right\} \right]}{(\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)(r^\mu) + (\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)L(\exp(r^\mu))} \\ & = \frac{O(1) + \log \left\{ \exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right) \right\} + \log \left[1 + \frac{\log L\left\{\exp^{[2]}\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)\right\}}{\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)} \right]}{(\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)r^\mu + (\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)L(\exp(r^\mu))} \\ & = \frac{O(1) + r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu' + \log \left[1 + \frac{\log L\left\{\exp^{[2]}\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)\right\}}{\exp\left(r^{\rho_g^{L*}} \cdot \mu'\right)} \right]}{(\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon)r^\mu + (\rho_f^{L*} + \epsilon) \log L(\exp(r^\mu))}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Since $\mu < \rho_g^{L^*}$ we get from (21) that

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(\exp(r \rho_g^{L^*}), fog)}{\log T(\exp(r^\mu), W(f))} = \infty.$$

This proves the theorem. ■

Theorem 7 Let f be rational and g be transcendental meromorphic satisfying $0 < \bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} \leq \bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*} < \infty$, $0 < \bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} < \bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} < \infty$ and $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, g) + \delta(\infty, g) = 2$. Then for any positive number A

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\rho}_g^{L^*}} &\leq \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} \\ &\leq \frac{\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*}} \leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} \leq \frac{\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*}}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the definition of hyper L^* -order and hyper L^* -lower order and by Lemma 6 we get for arbitrary positive ϵ and for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\log^{[2]} T(r, fog) \geq (\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon) \log [r e^{L(r)}] \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } \log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g)) &\leq (\bar{\rho}_{W(g)}^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log [r^A e^{L(r^A)}] \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g)) &\leq (\bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) (A \log r + L(r^A)). \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Combining (22) and (23), we obtain for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} &\geq \frac{(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon) \log(r e^{L(r)})}{(\bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) (A \log r + L(r^A))} \\ &= \frac{(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon) (\log r + L(r))}{A (\bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log r + (\bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(r^A)} \\ &= \frac{(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon) \log r + (\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon) L(r)}{A (\bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log r + (\bar{\rho}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(r^A)}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} \geq \frac{\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\rho}_g^{L^*}}. \quad (24)$$

Again for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$\log^{[2]} T(r, fog) \leq (\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log [r e^{L(r)}]. \quad (25)$$

Also in view of Lemma 6, we have for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g)) &\geq \left(\bar{\lambda}_{W(g)}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) \log \left[r^A e^{L(r^A)} \right] \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g)) &\geq \left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) (A \log r + L(r^A)). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Combining (25) and (26) we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} &\leq \frac{\left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \log \left[r e^{L(r)} \right]}{\left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) (A \log r + L(r^A))} \\ &= \frac{\left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) (\log r + L(r))}{\left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) (A \log r + L(r^A))} \\ &= \frac{\left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \log r + \left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) L(r)}{A \left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) \log r + \left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) L(r^A)}. \end{aligned}$$

As $\epsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary it follows from above that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} \leq \frac{\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*}}. \quad (27)$$

Also for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity and by Lemma 6,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g)) &\leq \left(\bar{\lambda}_{W(g)}^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \log \left[r^A e^{L(r^A)} \right] \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g)) &\leq \left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \log \left[r^A e^{L(r^A)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Combining (22) and (28) we have for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} &\geq \frac{\left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) \log \left[r e^{L(r)} \right]}{\left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) (\log r^A e^{L(r^A)})} \\ &= \frac{\left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) (\log r + L(r))}{\left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) (A \log r + L(r^A))} \\ &= \frac{\left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) \log r + \left(\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*} - \epsilon \right) L(r)}{A \left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) \log r + \left(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} + \epsilon \right) L(r^A)}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} \geq \frac{\bar{\lambda}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*}}. \quad (29)$$

Also for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\log^{[2]} T(r, fog) \leq (\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log [re^{L(r)}]. \quad (30)$$

From (26) and (30) we obtain for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} &\leq \frac{(\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log(re^{L(r)})}{(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon) \log(r^A e^{L(r^A)})} \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} &\leq \frac{(\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) (\log r + L(r))}{(\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon) (\log r^A + L(r^A))} \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} &\leq \frac{(\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) \log r + (\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) L(r)}{A (\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon) \log r + (\bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*} - \epsilon) L(r^A)}. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, fog)}{\log^{[2]} T(r^A, W(g))} \leq \frac{\bar{\rho}_{fog}^{L^*}}{A \bar{\lambda}_g^{L^*}}. \quad (31)$$

Thus the theorem follows from (24),(27),(29) and (31). ■

Theorem 8 Let f be meromorphic and g be transcendental entire such that (i) $0 < \rho_g^{L^*} < \infty$, (ii) $\sigma_g^{L^*} > 0$, (iii) $0 < \rho_{fog}^{L^*} < \infty$, (iv) $\sigma_{fog}^{L^*} < \infty$, (v) $\rho_f^* < 1$ and (vi) $\sum_{a \neq \infty} \delta(a, g) + \delta(\infty, g) = 2$. Then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r, W(g))} = 0.$$

Proof. From the definition of L^* -type we have for arbitrary positive ϵ and for all sufficiently large values of r ,

$$\log T(r, fog) \leq (\sigma_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_{fog}^{L^*}}. \quad (32)$$

Again in view of Lemma 5, we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, W(g)) &\geq (\sigma_{W(g)}^{L^*} - \epsilon) (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_{W(g)}^{L^*}} \\ \text{i.e., } T(r, W(g)) &\geq [\{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, g)\} \sigma_g^{L^*} - \epsilon] (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_g^{L^*}}. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

Since $\rho_{fog}^{L^*} < \infty$, it follows that $\rho_f^{L^*} = 0$ {cf.[2]}. So in view of Lemma 7, from (32) and (33) we obtain for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$\frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, W(g))} \leq \frac{(\sigma_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_{fog}^{L^*}}}{[\{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, g)\} \sigma_g^{L^*} - \epsilon] (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_g^{L^*}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, W(g))} &\leq \frac{(\sigma_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_f^* \cdot \rho_g^{L^*}}}{[\{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, g)\} \sigma_g^{L^*} - \epsilon] (re^{L(r)})^{\rho_g^{L^*}}} \\ &= \frac{(\sigma_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) (re^{L(r)})^{(\rho_f^* - 1) \cdot \rho_g^{L^*}}}{[\{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, g)\} \sigma_g^{L^*} - \epsilon]} \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, W(g))} &\leq \frac{(\sigma_{fog}^{L^*} + \epsilon) r^{(\rho_f^* - 1) \cdot \rho_g^{L^*}} (e^{L(r)})^{(\rho_f^* - 1) \cdot \rho_g^{L^*}}}{[\{1 + k - k\delta(\infty, g)\} \sigma_g^{L^*} - \epsilon]}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\epsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary in view of condition (v) it follows that

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, fog)}{\log T(r, W(g))} = 0.$$

This proves the theorem. ■

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