

Normality of Meromorphic Functions Family and Shared Set by One-way

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Abstract

We studied the normality criterion for families of meromorphic functions which related to One-way sharing set, and obtain two normal criteria, which improve the previous results.

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1. Introduction

For Shared values, Schwick proved the following result [1]:

Theorem A Let F be a family of meromorphic functions in the domain D , a_1 , a_2 and a_3 be three finite complex numbers. If for every

$$f \in F, \bar{E}_{f'}(a_i) = \bar{E}_f(a_i) (i=1,2,3)$$

then F is normal in D .

In 2000, Pang Xue-cheng and Zalcman generalized the Schwick's result [2]:

Theorem B Let F be meromorphic functions family in the domain D , and a_1 , a_2 be two complex number. If for every

$$f \in F, \bar{E}_{f'}(a_i) = \bar{E}_f(a_i) (i=1,2)$$

then F is normal in D .

Definition For a, b are two distinct complex values, we have set $S = \{a, b\}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{E}_f(S) &= \bar{E}_f(a, b) \\ &= \{z : (f(z) - a)(f(z) - b) = 0, z \in D\} \end{aligned}$$

If $\bar{E}_f(S) = \bar{E}_g(S)$, we call that f and g share S in D ; If $\bar{E}_f(S) \subseteq \bar{E}_g(S)$, we call that f and g share S by One-way in D .

For shared set, W. H. Zhang obtained important results [3]:

Theorem C Let F be a family of meromorphic functions in the unit disc Δ , a and b be two distinct nonzero complex value, $S = \{a, b\}$, If for every $f \in F$, all of whose zeros is multiple, $\bar{E}_{f'}(S) = \bar{E}_f(S)$, then F is

normal on Δ .

W. H. Zhang continued considering the relation between normality and the shared set, and proved the next result [4]:

Theorem D Let F be meromorphic functions family in the unit disk Δ , a and b be two distinct nonzero complex values. If for every $f \in F$, all of whose zeros is multiplicity $k+1$ at least (k is a positive integer), $\bar{E}_{f^{(k)}}(S) = \bar{E}_f(S)$, then F is normal in Δ .

For shared set by One-way, Lv Feng-jiao got following theorem in [5]:

Theorem E Let F be a family of meromorphic function in the unit disk Δ , a and b is two distinct nonzero complex values, k is positive integer, $S = \{a, b\}$. If for every $f \in F$, all of whose zeros have multiplicity $k+1$ at least, $\bar{E}_{f^{(k)}}(S) \subseteq \bar{E}_f(S)$, then F is normal in Δ .

In 2007, Pang Xue-cheng proved the following important results in [6]:

Theorem F Let F be meromorphic functions family in D , $S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$. If for every $f \in F$ $\bar{E}_{f'}(S) = \bar{E}_f(S)$, then F is normal on D .

To promote the results of Pang Xue-cheng, we continue to discuss about normality theorem of meromorphic functions families concerning shared set and shared set by one-way, and obtain our main results as follow.

Theorem 1 Let F be meromorphic functions families in D , $S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$, $a_4 \neq a_i$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$).

If for every $f \in F$, $\bar{E}_{f'}(S) \subset \bar{E}_f(S)$, and $f' = a_4$ whenever $f = a_4$, then F is normal on D .

Theorem 2 Let F be meromorphic functions families in D , $S = \{a_1, a_2\}$, $a_3 \in C$. If for every $f \in F$, $\bar{E}_{f'}(S) = \bar{E}_f(S)$, and $f' = a_3$, whenever $f = a_3$, then

F is normal on D .

2. Lemmas

Lemma 1 [7] *Let F be meromorphic functions families in the unit disk Δ , all of whose zeros have multiplicity k at least, and $A > 0$. If for every $f \in F$, $|f'(z)| \leq A$ whenever $f(z) = 0$. If F is not normal in Δ , then for every $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, there exists*

- 1) a positive number $r, 0 < r < 1$,
- 2) complex sequence $z_n, |z_n| < r$,
- 3) Functions sequence $f_n \in F$,
- 4) and positive sequence $\rho_n \rightarrow 0^+$,

such that $g_n(\zeta) = \rho_n^{-\alpha} f_n(z_n + \rho_n \zeta)$ converges locally and uniformly to a noncontant meromorphic function $g(\zeta)$, and $g^\#(\zeta) \leq g^\#(0) = kA + 1$. Where

$$g^\#(\zeta) = \frac{|g'(\zeta)|}{1 + |g(\zeta)|^2}.$$

Lemma 2 [8] *Let f be meromorphic function with finite order on the open plane C , and a_1, a_2, a_3 be three finite complex values. If $f(z)$ have only finite zero, and*

$$f(z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow f'(z) \in S = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$$

then f is a rational function.

3. Proof of Theorem 1

Suppose that F be not normal in Δ , then by Lemma 1 we have that there exists

$$f_n \in F, z_n \in \Delta \text{ and } \rho_n \rightarrow 0^+,$$

such that $g_n(\xi) = \rho_n^{-1} \{f_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi) - a_4\} \rightarrow g(\xi)$ converges locally and uniformly to a noncontant meromorphic function $g(\xi)$. We claim that the following conclusions hold.

- 1⁰ $g(\xi) = 0 \Rightarrow g'(\xi) = a_4$;
- 2⁰ $g^\#(\xi) \leq g^\#(0) = |a_4| + 1$;
- 3⁰ $g'(\xi) \notin S$;

It is not difficult to prove claims 1⁰, 2⁰, in what follow, we complete the proof of the claim 3⁰. Suppose that there exists $\xi_0 \in C$ such that $g'(\xi_0) = a_i$. Obviously, $g'(\xi) \neq a_i$, in fact, if $g(\xi) = a_i \xi + c_0$, it is a contradictions for 1⁰. Thus from Hurwitz Theorem, we know that there exists a point sequence $\xi_n \rightarrow \xi_0$, such that $g'_n(\xi_n) - a_i = 0$, for sufficiently large n , that is

$$f'_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi_n) = a_i.$$

Obviously, $g_n(\xi_n) = \rho_n^{-1}(a_i - a_4) \rightarrow \infty$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus $g(\xi_0) = \infty$, this is a contradiction. Hence, claim 3⁰ holds.

From claim 3⁰ we have that

$$g'(\xi) \neq a_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

So $g'(\xi)$ is identical in nonconstant. Again because claim 1⁰, we know $g(\xi) = a_4(\xi - \xi_0)$ and

$$g^\#(0) = \frac{|a_4|}{1 + |a_4 \xi_0|^2} = \begin{cases} |a_4| & |\xi_0| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} & |\xi_0| \geq 1 \end{cases}.$$

Clearly, this is a contradictions for claim 2⁰. Therefore, F is normal in D . The proof of Theorem 1 is completed.

4. Proof of Theorem 2

Suppose that F is not normal in Δ , by Lemma 1 there exists $f_n \in F, z_n \in \Delta$ and $\rho_n \rightarrow 0^+$, such that $g_n(\xi) = f_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi) \rightarrow g(\xi)$ converges locally and uniformly to a noncontant meromorphic function $g(\xi)$ with finite orders, there $g^\#(\xi) \leq g^\#(0)$.

We asserts that $g(\xi) \in S \Rightarrow g'(\xi) = 0$.

In fact, suppose that there exists $\xi_0 \in C$, such that $g(\xi_0) \in S$, thus there exists $a_i (i = 1, 2)$ such that $g(\xi_0) = a_i$.

From Hurwitz Theorem and $g(\xi) \neq a_i$, we have there exists $\xi_n \rightarrow \xi_0$ such that $g_n(\xi_n) = a_i$, that is $g_n(\xi_n) = f_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi_n) = a_i$ for sufficiently large n . Thus in contrast with conditions of Theorem, we get $f'_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi_n) \in S$. Obviously, $|f'_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi_n)| \leq A$. So we get $g'(\xi_0) = 0$.

Since $g(\xi)$ is a nonconstant entire function, without loss of generality, we assume that $g(\xi) - a_1$ have zero on C for a_1 , and consider function sequence $G_n(\xi)$:

$$G_n(\xi) = \frac{g_n(\xi) - a_1}{\rho_n} = \frac{f_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi) - a_1}{\rho_n}$$

Obviously, $\{G_n\}$ is not normal in zero of $g(\xi) - a_1$. In fact, if ξ_0 is zero of $g(\xi) - a_1$, then $G_n(\xi_0) = 0 \Rightarrow f_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi_0) = 0$. With conditions of Theorem, we get $|f'_n(z_n + \rho_n \xi_0)| \leq A$ and $|G'_n(\xi_0)| \leq A$. Therefore, $\{G_n\}$ is not normal in zero of $g(\xi) - a_1$. So there exists $G_n, \xi_n \in \Delta$ and $\eta_n \rightarrow 0^+$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(\zeta) &= \eta_n^{-1} G_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta) \\ &= \eta_n^{-1} [g_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta) - a_1] \rightarrow F(\zeta) \end{aligned}$$

converges locally and uniformly to a noncontant and meromorphic function $F(\zeta)$ with finite order, and 1⁰ the number of zeros of $F(\zeta)$ is finite,

$$2^0 \quad F(\zeta) = 0 \Rightarrow F'(\zeta) \in S \cup \{a_3\},$$

$$3^0 \quad F'(\zeta) \in S \Rightarrow F(\zeta) = 0,$$

$$4^0 \quad F(\zeta_0) = \infty \Rightarrow (1/F(\zeta)) \Big|_{\zeta=\zeta_0} = 0$$

In fact, suppose that ξ_0 is the zero of $g(\xi) - a_1$ with order k . If there exists $k+1$ distinct $\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_{k+1}$ at least, such that $F(\zeta_j) = 0, j=1, 2, \dots, k+1$.

By Hurwitz Theorem, it is certainly that there exist a positive integer N , such that $F_n(\zeta_{n_j}) = 0, j=1, 2, \dots, k+1$ as $n > N$. Thus,

$$g_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_{n_j}) - a_1 = 0.$$

Since $\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_{n_j} \rightarrow \xi_0 (n \rightarrow \infty), j=1, 2, \dots, k+1$, we deduce that ξ_0 is a zero of $g(\xi) - a_1$ with $k+1$ orders, this is a contradictions for suppose. Therefore zeros numbers of $F(\zeta)$ is finite.

Suppose that ζ_0 is a zero of $F(\zeta_0) = 0$. For $F(\zeta) \neq 0$ and Hurwitz theorem, we know that there exists sequence $\zeta_n \rightarrow \zeta_0$, such that

$$F_n(\zeta_n) = \frac{f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] - a_1}{\rho_n \eta_n} = 0,$$

$$f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] = a_1$$

Thus, we get $f_n'[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] \in S \cup \{a_3\}$ and subsequence $f_n \in F'$ such that

$$f_n'[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] \rightarrow a_i,$$

thus $F'(\zeta_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n'[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] \in S \cup \{a_3\}$, for $a_i \in S \cup \{a_3\}$.

If there exists ζ_0 such that $F'(\zeta_0) \in S$, that is, there exists $a_i \in S$ such that $F'(\zeta_0) = a_i$. Since $F'(\zeta) \neq a_i$, by Hurwitz theorem, there exists $\zeta_n \rightarrow \zeta_0$ such that

$$F'_n(\zeta_n) = f_n'[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] = a_i.$$

Hence, $f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] \in S, F'(\zeta_0) \in S$.

If there exists N such that

$$f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] \neq a_1 \text{ for } n > N,$$

we get

$$F(\zeta_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] - a_1}{\rho_n \eta_n} = \infty$$

This contradicts $F'(\zeta_0) = a_i$. Thus exists subsequence f_n , such that $f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] = a_1$ for every n .

Therefore,

$$F(\zeta_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] - a_1}{\rho_n \eta_n} = 0$$

Now we prove that $F(\zeta_0) = \infty \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{F(\zeta)} \right)' \Big|_{\zeta=\zeta_0} = 0$.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{F_n(\zeta)} - \frac{\eta_n}{a_3 - a_1} &= \frac{\eta_n}{G_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta)} - \frac{\eta_n}{a_3 - a_1} \\ &= \frac{\eta_n}{g_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta) - a_1} - \frac{\eta_n}{a_3 - a_1} \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

there exists $\zeta_n \rightarrow \zeta_0$, such that $\frac{1}{F_n(\zeta_n)} - \frac{\eta_n}{a_3 - a_1} = 0$,

we get

$$f_n[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] = a_3,$$

thus

$$f_n'[z_n + \rho_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta_n)] = a_3,$$

that is, $F'_n(\zeta_n) = a_3$. Therefore,

$$\left(\frac{1}{F(\zeta)} \right)' \Big|_{\zeta=\zeta_0} = - \frac{F'(\zeta)}{F^2(\zeta)} \Big|_{\zeta=\zeta_0} = \lim_{\zeta \rightarrow \zeta_0} \left[- \frac{F'_n(\zeta_n)}{F_n^2(\zeta_n)} \right] = 0.$$

So far, we give complete proofs of all assertion. Next we will complete the proof of theorem 2 using assertion $1^0 \sim 4^0$.

By Lemma 2 and assertion 2^0 , we get that $F(\zeta)$ is a rational function. Again by assertion 4^0 , it is clear that the pole of F be multiple. If G_n is not normal at ξ_0 , thus ξ_0 be zero of $g(\xi) - a_1$. By the isolation of zero, we have that G_n are holomorphic functions at ξ_0 for sufficiently large n . We get that $F_n(\zeta) = \eta_n^{-1} G_n(\xi_n + \eta_n \zeta)$ are holomorphic functions in $|\zeta| < R$ for sufficiently large R , thus $F(\zeta)$ be nonconstant holomorphic functions in C . Therefore $F(\zeta)$ be a polynomial. Let it, s order is $p (p > 0)$. Thus,

$$T(r, F') = (p-1)(\ln r),$$

$$N(r, F) = p(\ln r) \text{ and } S(r, F') = O(1)$$

Therefore, $2(p-1)(\ln r) \leq p(\ln r) + O(1), r \rightarrow \infty$. We get $0 < p \leq 2$ easily.

If $p=1$, thus $F(\zeta) = c_0 \zeta + c_1 (c_0 \neq 0)$, by 2^0 and 3^0 , we find that there exists a_i for every ζ , such that $F'(\zeta) = a_i$. Therefore ζ be an zero of $F(\zeta)$. But $F(\zeta)$ have only a zero, this is a contradiction.

If $p=2$, thus

$$F(\zeta) = c_0(\zeta - \zeta_0)(\zeta - \zeta_1)(c_0 \neq 0, \zeta_0 \neq \zeta_1)$$

As a result, $F'(\zeta) = c_0(2\zeta - \zeta_0 - \zeta_1)$. Obviously zeros of $F'(\zeta) - a_i$ are $(a_i + c_0\zeta_0 + c_0\zeta_1)/(2c_0)$. Hence we get that $F(\zeta)$ have three zeros, this still is a contradiction from

$$F(\zeta) = c_0(\zeta - \zeta_0)(\zeta - \zeta_1)(c_0 \neq 0, \zeta_0 \neq \zeta_1)$$

and the proof of theorem 2 is completed.

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