

ON THE VALUE DISTRIBUTION OF SOME DIFFERENTIAL
POLYNOMIALS WHICH INVOLVE TWO DISTINCT
TRANSCENDENTAL MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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Abstract: In the present note we deal with the value distribution of those differential polynomials which involve two distinct transcendental meromorphic functions and obtain analogous results of G. P. Barker and A. P. Singh [1], C. C. Yang [6], W. Doeringer [3], X. Z. Xiao and Y. Z. He [5], Hong-Xun Yi [7], S. S. Bhoosnurmath and K. S. L. N. Prasad [2] for these kind of differential polynomials.

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1. Introduction, Definitions and Notations

Let f be a non-constant meromorphic function in the complex plane and $m(r, f)$, $N(r, f)$, $T(r, f)$ have their usual meanings in the Nevanlinna Theory [4]. Let $S(r, f)$ denotes any quantity satisfying $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$ except possibly a set of finite linear measure. Let $a(z)$ be a meromorphic function in the plane satisfying $T(r, a(z)) = S(r, f)$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

Definition 1.1. A monomial in f is an expression of the form

$$M[f] = (f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k}$$

where l_0, l_1, \dots, l_k are non-negative integers.

Here we denote

$$\gamma_M = (l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k)$$

to be the degree of the monomial and

$$\Gamma_M = l_0 + 2l_1 + 3l_2 + \dots + (k+1)l_k$$

to be the weight of the monomial.

Now if $M_1[f], M_2[f], \dots, M_n[f]$ denote monomials in f then

$$Q[f] = a_1 M_1[f] + a_2 M_2[f] + \dots + a_n M_n[f]$$

with $a_i \neq 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) is called a differential polynomial in f of degree $\gamma_Q = \max\{\gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and weight $\Gamma_Q = \max\{\Gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

If $\gamma_{M_1} = \gamma_{M_2} = \dots = \gamma_{M_n} = \gamma_Q$ then $Q[f]$ will be called a homogeneous differential polynomial of degree γ_Q .

Let f and g be two non-constant meromorphic functions in the complex plane and $S(r, f), S(r, g)$ denote any quantities satisfying $S(r, f) = o(T(r, f))$ and $S(r, g) = o(T(r, g))$ respectively as $r \rightarrow \infty$ except possibly a set of finite linear measure. Let $a(z)$ be a meromorphic function in the plane satisfying $T(r, a(z)) = S(r, f)$ and $T(r, a(z)) = S(r, g)$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$.

Now we introduce the analogous definitions for two non-constant meromorphic functions f and g .

Definition 1.2. A monomial in f and g is an expression of the form

$$M[f, g] = (f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j}$$

where $l_0, l_1, \dots, l_k, m_0, m_1, \dots, m_j$ are non-negative integers.

Here we denote

$$\gamma_M = (l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) + (m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j)$$

to be the degree of the monomial and

$$\Gamma_M = \{l_0 + 2l_1 + 3l_2 + \dots + (k+1)l_k\} + \{m_0 + 2m_1 + 3m_2 + \dots + (j+1)m_j\}$$

to be the weight of the monomial.

Now if $M_1[f, g], M_2[f, g], \dots, M_n[f, g]$ denote monomials in f and g then

$$Q[f, g] = a_1 M_1[f, g] + a_2 M_2[f, g] + \dots + a_n M_n[f, g]$$

with $a_i \neq 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) is called a differential polynomial in f and g of degree $\gamma_Q = \max\{\gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and weight $\Gamma_Q = \max\{\Gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$. Evidently, if $\gamma_{M_1} = \gamma_{M_2} = \dots = \gamma_{M_n} = \gamma_Q$ then $Q[f, g]$ will be called a homogeneous differential polynomial of degree γ_Q .

2. Preliminary Results

In [6], C. C. Yang proved the following theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $f(z)$ be a transcendental meromorphic function with $N(r, f) = S(r, f)$. If*

$$P[f] = (f)^n + a_1\pi_{n-1}[f] + a_2\pi_{n-2}[f] + \dots + a_{n-1}\pi_1[f] + a_n \quad (2.1)$$

where each $\pi_i[f]$ is a homogeneous differential polynomial in f of degree i , then

$$T(r, P[f]) = nT(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

Using the result of Theorem 2.1, S. S. Bhoosnurmath and K. S. L. N. Prasad [2] proved the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *Let f be a transcendental meromorphic function in the complex plane and $Q_1[f]$, $Q_2[f]$ be differential polynomials in f satisfying $Q_1[f] \neq 0$, $Q_2[f] \neq 0$ and $P[f]$ is defined by (2.1). Now if*

$$F = P[f]Q_1[f] + Q_2[f]$$

then

$$(n - \gamma_{Q_2})T(r, f) \leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f]}) + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - \gamma_{Q_2} + 1)\bar{N}(r, f) + S(r, f).$$

The proof of Theorem 2.2 is based on the following four lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. [7] *If $Q[f]$ is a differential polynomial in f with arbitrary meromorphic coefficients q_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, then*

$$m(r, Q[f]) \leq \gamma_Q m(r, f) + \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.2. [7] *Let $Q^*[f]$ and $Q[f]$ denote differential polynomials in f with arbitrary meromorphic coefficients $q_1^*, q_2^*, \dots, q_n^*$ and q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k respectively. Suppose that $P[f]$ is given by (2.1). If $P[f]Q^*[f] = Q[f]$ and $\gamma_Q \leq n$, then*

$$m(r, Q^*[f]) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f).$$

Lemma 2.3. [7] Suppose that $M[f]$ is a monomial in f . If f has a pole at $z = z_0$ of order m , then z_0 is a pole of $M[f]$ of order $(m - 1)\gamma_M + \Gamma_M$.

Lemma 2.4. [7] Suppose that $Q[f]$ is a differential polynomial in f . Let z_0 be a pole of f of order m and not a zero or a pole of coefficients of $Q[f]$. Then z_0 is a pole of $Q[f]$ of order at most $m\gamma_Q + (\Gamma_Q - \gamma_Q)$.

3. Main Results

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

Theorem 3.1. Let $f(z)$ and $g(z)$ be two transcendental meromorphic functions with $N(r, f) = S(r, f)$ and $N(r, g) = S(r, g)$. Also let

$$P[f, g] = f^l g^m + a_1 \pi_{(l-1, m)}[f, g] + b_1 \pi_{(l, m-1)}[f, g] + a_2 \pi_{(l-2, m)}[f, g] \\ + b_2 \pi_{(l, m-2)}[f, g] + \dots + a_l \pi_{(0, m)}[f, g] + b_m \pi_{(l, 0)}[f, g] \quad (3.1)$$

where each $\pi_{(l, m)}[f, g]$ is a homogeneous differential polynomial in f and g of degree $(l + m)$ having sum of finite terms

$$(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j}$$

such that $(l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) = l$ and $(m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j) = m$; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_l being small functions of f and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m being small functions of g . Now if $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})| \geq 1$ on the circle $|z| = r$, then

$$\frac{1}{2}[lT(r, f) + mT(r, g)] \leq T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ \leq 2[lT(r, f) + mT(r, g)]. \quad (3.2)$$

Proof. From (3.1) we have

$$P[f, g] = f^l g^m \left\{ 1 + \frac{a_1 \pi_{(l-1, m)}[f, g]}{f^l g^m} + \frac{b_1 \pi_{(l, m-1)}[f, g]}{f^l g^m} + \frac{a_2 \pi_{(l-2, m)}[f, g]}{f^l g^m} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{b_2 \pi_{(l, m-2)}[f, g]}{f^l g^m} + \dots + \frac{a_l \pi_{(0, m)}[f, g]}{f^l g^m} + \frac{b_m \pi_{(l, 0)}[f, g]}{f^l g^m} \right\} \\ = f^l g^m \left\{ 1 + \frac{A_1}{f} + \frac{B_1}{g} + \frac{A_2}{f^2} + \frac{B_2}{g^2} + \dots + \frac{A_l}{f^l} + \frac{B_m}{g^m} \right\} \quad (\text{say}) \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$A_i = \frac{a_i \pi_{(l-i, m)}[f, g]}{(f)^{l-i} (g)^m}, \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$$

and

$$B_i = \frac{b_i \pi_{(l,m-i)}[f, g]}{(f)^l (g)^{m-i}}, \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Now since $\pi_{(l,m)}[f, g]$ is a homogeneous differential polynomial in f and g of degree $(l + m)$, precisely, a finite sum of terms

$$(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j}$$

such that $(l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) = l$ and $(m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j) = m$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, \frac{\pi_{(l,m)}[f, g]}{(f)^l (g)^m}) &= m(r, \frac{\sum (f)^{l_0} (f^{(1)})^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)})^{l_k} (g)^{m_0} (g^{(1)})^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)})^{m_j}}{(f)^l (g)^m}) \\ &= m(r, \sum (\frac{f^{(1)}}{f})^{l_1} (\frac{f^{(2)}}{f})^{l_2} \dots (\frac{f^{(k)}}{f})^{l_k} (\frac{g^{(1)}}{g})^{m_1} (\frac{g^{(2)}}{g})^{m_2} \dots (\frac{g^{(j)}}{g})^{m_j}) \\ &\leq \sum m(r, (\frac{f^{(1)}}{f})^{l_1} (\frac{f^{(2)}}{f})^{l_2} \dots (\frac{f^{(k)}}{f})^{l_k} (\frac{g^{(1)}}{g})^{m_1} (\frac{g^{(2)}}{g})^{m_2} \dots (\frac{g^{(j)}}{g})^{m_j}) + O(1) \\ &\leq \sum [l_1 m(r, \frac{f^{(1)}}{f}) + l_2 m(r, \frac{f^{(2)}}{f}) + \dots + l_k m(r, \frac{f^{(k)}}{f}) + m_1 m(r, \frac{g^{(1)}}{g}) \\ &\quad + m_2 m(r, \frac{g^{(2)}}{g}) + \dots + m_j m(r, \frac{g^{(j)}}{g})] + O(1) \\ &= S(r, f) + S(r, g), \quad \text{using Milloux's Theorem.} \end{aligned}$$

Which implies

$$m(r, \frac{A_0}{a_0}) = S(r, f) + S(r, g) \quad (3.4)$$

and similarly

$$m(r, \frac{B_0}{b_0}) = S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.5)$$

Hence using (3.4) and the fact that a_i 's are small functions of f , we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, A_0) &\leq m(r, \frac{A_0}{a_0}) + m(r, a_0) \\ &= S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

and likewise, using (3.5) and the fact that b_i 's are small functions of g , we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, B_0) &\leq m(r, \frac{B_0}{b_0}) + m(r, b_0) \\ &= S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, l$ it follows that

$$m(r, A_i) = S(r, f) + S(r, g) \quad (3.6)$$

and also for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ it follows that

$$m(r, B_i) = S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.7)$$

Now on the circle $|z| = r$, let

$$A(re^{i\theta}) = \max\{|A_1(re^{i\theta})|, |A_2(re^{i\theta})|^{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, |A_l(re^{i\theta})|^{\frac{1}{l}}\}$$

and

$$B(re^{i\theta}) = \max\{|B_1(re^{i\theta})|, |B_2(re^{i\theta})|^{\frac{1}{2}}, \dots, |B_m(re^{i\theta})|^{\frac{1}{m}}\}.$$

Then from (3.6), we have

$$m(r, A(z)) = S(r, f) + S(r, g) \quad (3.8)$$

and from (3.7), we have

$$m(r, B(z)) = S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.9)$$

Again let

$$E_1 = \{\theta \in [0, 2\pi] : |f(re^{i\theta})| > 4A(re^{i\theta})\}$$

and

$$E_2 = \{\theta \in [0, 2\pi] : |g(re^{i\theta})| > 4B(re^{i\theta})\}.$$

Then on $E_1 \cap E_2$, we have from (3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} |P[f, g]| &= |f|^l |g|^m \left[1 + \frac{A_1}{f} + \frac{A_2}{f^2} + \dots + \frac{A_l}{f^l} + \frac{B_1}{g} + \frac{B_2}{g^2} + \dots + \frac{B_m}{g^m} \right] \\ &\geq |f|^l |g|^m \left[1 - \left| \frac{A_1}{f} \right| - \left| \frac{A_2}{f^2} \right| - \dots - \left| \frac{A_l}{f^l} \right| - \left| \frac{B_1}{g} \right| - \left| \frac{B_2}{g^2} \right| - \dots - \left| \frac{B_m}{g^m} \right| \right] \\ &\geq |f|^l |g|^m \left[1 - \left| \frac{A}{f} \right| - \left| \frac{A}{f} \right|^2 - \dots - \left| \frac{A}{f} \right|^l - \left| \frac{B}{g} \right| - \left| \frac{B}{g} \right|^2 - \dots - \left| \frac{B}{g} \right|^m \right], \\ &\quad \text{since on the circle } |z| = r, A \geq |A_i|^{\frac{1}{i}} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, l \\ &\quad \text{and } B \geq |B_i|^{\frac{1}{i}} \text{ for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq |f|^l |g|^m [1 - \frac{1}{4} - (\frac{1}{4})^2 - \dots - (\frac{1}{4})^l - \frac{1}{4} - (\frac{1}{4})^2 - \dots - (\frac{1}{4})^m], \\
&\quad \text{since on } E_1 \cap E_2, \quad |\frac{A}{f}| < \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } |\frac{B}{g}| < \frac{1}{4} \\
&= |f|^l |g|^m [1 - \{\frac{1}{4} + (\frac{1}{4})^2 + \dots + (\frac{1}{4})^l\} - \{\frac{1}{4} + (\frac{1}{4})^2 + \dots + (\frac{1}{4})^m\}] \\
&\geq |f|^l |g|^m [1 - \{\frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}}\} - \{\frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}}\}] \\
&= |f|^l |g|^m [1 - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3}] \\
&= \frac{1}{3} |f|^l |g|^m.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence on $E_1 \cap E_2$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
3|P[f, g]| &\geq |f|^l |g|^m \\
\text{i.e., } \log^+ 3|P[f, g]| &\geq \log^+ |f|^l |g|^m.
\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$l \log^+ |f| \leq \log 3 + \log^+ |P[f, g]| \quad (3.10)$$

and

$$m \log^+ |g| \leq \log 3 + \log^+ |P[f, g]|. \quad (3.11)$$

Therefore using (3.10) and by our hypothesis that on the circle $|z| = r$, $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})|$, on E_1^c , $|f(re^{i\theta})| \leq 4A(re^{i\theta})$ and on $E_1 \cap E_2^c$, $|g(re^{i\theta})| \leq 4B(re^{i\theta})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
l \times m(r, f) &= l \times \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta \\
&= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} l \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2^c} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{E_1^c} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| d\theta \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} (\log 3 + \log^+ |P[f, g]|) d\theta + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2^c} \log^+ |g(re^{i\theta})| d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{E_1^c} \log^+ 4A d\theta \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} \log 3 d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} \log^+ |P[f, g]| d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2^c} \log^+ 4B \, d\theta + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_{E_1^c} \log^+ 4A \, d\theta \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log 3 \, d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |P[f, g]| \, d\theta + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ 4B \, d\theta \\
& \quad + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ 4A \, d\theta \\
& = \log 3 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |P[f, g]| \, d\theta + \frac{l}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ 4 \, d\theta \\
& \quad + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ B \, d\theta + \frac{l}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ A \, d\theta \\
& = \log 3 + m(r, P[f, g]) + 2l \log 4 + l \times m(r, B) + l \times m(r, A) \\
& = m(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \quad \text{using (3.8) and (3.9).}
\end{aligned}$$

Adding $l \times N(r, f)$ on both sides and recalling that $N(r, f) = S(r, f)$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
l \times T(r, f) & \leq m(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
& \leq T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Similarly, using (3.11) and by our hypothesis that on the circle $|z| = r$, $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})|$, on E_2^c , $|g(re^{i\theta})| \leq 4B(re^{i\theta})$ and on $E_1^c \cap E_2$, $|f(re^{i\theta})| \leq 4A(re^{i\theta})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
m \times m(r, g) & = m \times \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |g(re^{i\theta})| \, d\theta \\
& = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} m \log^+ |g(re^{i\theta})| \, d\theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{E_1^c \cap E_2} \log^+ |g(re^{i\theta})| \, d\theta \\
& \quad + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{E_2^c} \log^+ |g(re^{i\theta})| \, d\theta \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} (\log 3 + \log^+ |P[f, g]|) \, d\theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{E_1^c \cap E_2} \log^+ |f(re^{i\theta})| \, d\theta \\
& \quad + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{E_2^c} \log^+ 4B \, d\theta \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} \log 3 \, d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1 \cap E_2} \log^+ |P[f, g]| \, d\theta \\
& \quad + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{E_1^c \cap E_2} \log^+ 4A \, d\theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_{E_2^c} \log^+ 4B \, d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log 3 d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |P[f, g]| d\theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ 4A d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ 4B d\theta \\
&= \log 3 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |P[f, g]| d\theta + \frac{m}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ 4 d\theta + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ A d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{m}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ B d\theta \\
&= \log 3 + m(r, P[f, g]) + 2m \log 4 + m \times m(r, A) + m \times m(r, B) \\
&= m(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \quad \text{using (3.8) and (3.9).}
\end{aligned}$$

Adding $m \times N(r, g)$ on both sides and recalling that $N(r, g) = S(r, g)$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
m \times T(r, g) &\leq m(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
&\leq T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \tag{3.13}
\end{aligned}$$

Now adding (3.12) and (3.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
l \times T(r, f) + m \times T(r, g) &\leq 2T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
\text{i.e., } \frac{1}{2} [l \times T(r, f) + m \times T(r, g)] &\leq T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \tag{3.14}
\end{aligned}$$

Next from (3.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
m(r, P[f, g]) &= m(r, f^l g^m + A_1 f^{l-1} g^m + B_1 f^l g^{m-1} \\
&\quad + A_2 f^{l-2} g^m + B_2 f^l g^{m-2} + \dots + A_l g^m + B_m f^l) \\
&\leq m(r, f^l g^m + A_1 f^{l-1} g^m + A_2 f^{l-2} g^m + \dots + A_l g^m) \\
&\quad + m(r, B_1 f^l g^{m-1} + B_2 f^l g^{m-2} + \dots + B_m f^l) + \log 2 \\
&= m(r, g^m \{f^l + A_1 f^{l-1} + A_2 f^{l-2} + \dots + A_l\}) \\
&\quad + m(r, f^l \{B_1 g^{m-1} + B_2 g^{m-2} + \dots + B_m\}) + O(1) \\
&\leq m(r, g^m) + m(r, f^l + A_1 f^{l-1} + A_2 f^{l-2} + \dots + A_l) \\
&\quad + m(r, f^l) + m(r, B_1 g^{m-1} + B_2 g^{m-2} + \dots + B_m) + O(1) \\
&\leq m \times m(r, g) + m(r, f^l + A_1 f^{l-1} + A_2 f^{l-2} + \dots + A_{l-1} f) \\
&\quad + m(r, A_l) + l \times m(r, f) + m(r, B_1 g^{m-1} + B_2 g^{m-2} + \dots \\
&\quad + B_{m-1} g) + m(r, B_m) + O(1) \\
&\leq m \times m(r, g) + m(r, f \{f^{l-1} + A_1 f^{l-2} + \dots + A_{l-2} f + A_{l-1}\}) \\
&\quad + l \times m(r, f) + m(r, g \{B_1 g^{m-2} + B_2 g^{m-3} + \dots + B_{m-2} g
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + B_{m-1}\}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \quad \text{using (3.6) and (3.7)} \\
& \leq (l+1) \times m(r, f) + (m+1) \times m(r, g) + m(r, f^{l-1} + A_1 f^{l-2} + \dots \\
& \quad + A_{l-2} f + A_{l-1}) + m(r, B_1 g^{m-2} + B_2 g^{m-3} + \dots + B_{m-2} g \\
& \quad + B_{m-1}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
& \leq (l+1) \times m(r, f) + (m+1) \times m(r, g) + m(r, f\{f^{l-2} + A_1 f^{l-3} + \dots \\
& \quad + A_{l-3} f + A_{l-2}\}) + m(r, g\{B_1 g^{m-3} + B_2 g^{m-4} + \dots + B_{m-3} g \\
& \quad + B_{m-2}\}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
& \leq (l+2) \times m(r, f) + (m+2) \times m(r, g) + m(r, f^{l-2} + A_1 f^{l-3} + \dots \\
& \quad + A_{l-3} f + A_{l-2}) + m(r, B_1 g^{m-3} + B_2 g^{m-4} + \dots + B_{m-3} g \\
& \quad + B_{m-2}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
\end{aligned}$$

Proceeding similarly, we ultimately get

$$\begin{aligned}
m(r, P[f, g]) & \leq 2l \times m(r, f) + (2m-1) \times m(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
& \leq 2l \times m(r, f) + 2m \times m(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.15)
\end{aligned}$$

Finally using (3.15) and by our hypotheses that $N(r, f) = S(r, f)$ and $N(r, g) = S(r, g)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, P[f, g]) & = m(r, P[f, g]) + N(r, P[f, g]) \\
& \leq 2l \times m(r, f) + 2m \times m(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
& \leq 2[l \times T(r, f) + m \times T(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.16)
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (3.14) and (3.16) we obtain the result of the theorem.

Here the condition that $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})| \geq 1$ on the circle $|z| = r$ can not be dropped. To show the necessity of this condition we can consider the following example.

Example 3.1. Let $f(z) = e^z(z-2)$ and $g(z) = e^{-z}$ where $P[f, g] = fg$.

Here $l = 1$, $m = 1$, $T(r, f) = \frac{r}{\pi} + O(\log r)$, $T(r, g) = \frac{r}{\pi}$ and $T(r, P[f, g]) = \log r + O(1)$ for $r \geq 2$.

Hence the inequality $\frac{1}{2}[lT(r, f) + mT(r, g)] \leq T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$ does not hold here for large r . This happens because for large r , $|g(re^{i\theta})| \not\geq 1$ on the circle $|z| = r$.

Also Theorem 3.1 fails to hold if f and g are not transcendental. To show this we consider the following example.

Example 3.2. Let $f(z) = (z-2)^2$ and $g(z) = \frac{1}{z-2}$ where $P[f, g] = fg$.

Here $l = 1$, $m = 1$, $T(r, f) = 2 \log r + O(1)$, $T(r, g) = \log r + O(1)$ and $T(r, P[f, g]) = \log r + O(1)$.

Hence the inequality $\frac{1}{2}[lT(r, f) + mT(r, g)] \leq T(r, P[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$ does not hold here. This happens because f and g are not transcendental here although $|f(re^{i\theta})| \geq 1$ but $|g(re^{i\theta})| \not\geq 1$ on the circle $|z| = r$ when r is large.

Now we prove the following lemmas which will be needed to prove Theorem 3.2.

Lemma 3.1. *If $Q[f, g]$ is a differential polynomial in f and g with arbitrary meromorphic coefficients q_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$, then*

$$m(r, Q[f, g]) \leq 2n\gamma_Q[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Proof. Let

$$Q[f, g] = q_1 M_1[f, g] + q_2 M_2[f, g] + \dots + q_n M_n[f, g] \quad (3.17)$$

where each

$$M_i[f, g] = (f(z))^{l_{i0}} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_{i1}} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_{ik}} (g(z))^{m_{i0}} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_{i1}} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_{ij}}$$

is a monomial in f and g of degree

$$\gamma_{M_i} = (l_{i0} + l_{i1} + \dots + l_{ik}) + (m_{i0} + m_{i1} + \dots + m_{ij}).$$

Here the degree of the differential polynomial $Q[f, g]$ is given by

$$\gamma_Q = \max\{\gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

From (3.17) we can have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, Q[f, g]) &= m(r, q_1 M_1[f, g] + q_2 M_2[f, g] + \dots + q_n M_n[f, g]) \\ &\leq m(r, q_1 M_1[f, g]) + m(r, q_2 M_2[f, g]) + \dots + m(r, q_n M_n[f, g]) + O(1) \\ &\leq m(r, q_1) + m(r, M_1[f, g]) + m(r, q_2) + m(r, M_2[f, g]) + \dots \\ &\quad + m(r, q_n) + m(r, M_n[f, g]) + O(1) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + 2l_1 m(r, f) + 2m_1 m(r, g) + 2l_2 m(r, f) + 2m_2 m(r, g) \\ &\quad + \dots + 2l_n m(r, f) + 2m_n m(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \\ &\quad \text{assuming } l_i = (l_{i0} + l_{i1} + \dots + l_{ik}) \text{ and } m_i = (m_{i0} + m_{i1} + \dots \\ &\quad + m_{ij}) \text{ and using (3.15)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + 2m(r, f) \sum_{i=1}^n l_i + 2m(r, g) \sum_{i=1}^n m_i + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + 2m(r, f) \sum_{i=1}^n (l_i + m_i) + 2m(r, g) \sum_{i=1}^n (l_i + m_i) \\
&\quad + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + 2[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] \sum_{i=1}^n (l_i + m_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + 2[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_{M_i} + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
&\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + 2n\gamma_Q[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
&= 2n\gamma_Q[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof is complete.

Lemma 3.2. Let $Q^*[f, g]$ and $Q[f, g]$ denote differential polynomials in f and g with arbitrary meromorphic coefficients $q_1^*, q_2^*, \dots, q_n^*$ and q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k respectively. Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned}
P[f, g] = f^l g^m + a_{l-1} f^{l-1} g^m + b_{m-1} f^l g^{m-1} + a_{l-2} f^{l-2} g^m \\
+ b_{m-2} f^l g^{m-2} + \dots + a_0 g^m + b_0 f^l.
\end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

If

$$P[f, g]Q^*[f, g] = Q[f, g], \quad (3.19)$$

$\gamma_Q \leq (l + m)$, in fact if

$$Q[f, g] = q_1 M_1[f, g] + q_2 M_2[f, g] + \dots + q_k M_k[f, g] \quad (3.20)$$

where

$$M_i[f, g] = f^{\alpha_{i0}} (f^{(1)})^{\alpha_{i1}} \dots (f^{(j)})^{\alpha_{ij}} g^{\beta_{i0}} (g^{(1)})^{\beta_{i1}} \dots (g^{(h)})^{\beta_{ih}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k;$$

with $\alpha_{i0}, \alpha_{i1}, \dots, \alpha_{ij}, \beta_{i0}, \beta_{i1}, \dots, \beta_{ih}, j, h$ being non-negative integers such that

$$\max\{\alpha_i = \alpha_{i0} + \alpha_{i1} + \dots + \alpha_{ij} : 1 \leq i \leq k\} \leq l \quad \text{and}$$

$$\max\{\beta_i = \beta_{i0} + \beta_{i1} + \dots + \beta_{ih} : 1 \leq i \leq k\} \leq m$$

and on the circle $|z| = r$, $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})|$, then

$$m(r, Q^*[f, g]) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + m(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Proof. We first prove the case when

$$a_{l-1} = a_{l-2} = \dots = a_0 = 0 = b_{m-1} = b_{m-2} = \dots = b_0.$$

In this case we can rewrite (3.19) as

$$f^l g^m Q^*[f, g] = Q[f, g]. \quad (3.21)$$

Now we suppose

$$Q^*[f, g] = q_1^* M_1^*[f, g] + q_2^* M_2^*[f, g] + \dots + q_n^* M_n^*[f, g] \quad (3.22)$$

where

$$M_i^*[f, g] = f^{s_{i0}} (f^{(1)})^{s_{i1}} \dots (f^{(u)})^{s_{iu}} g^{t_{i0}} (g^{(1)})^{t_{i1}} \dots (g^{(v)})^{t_{iv}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

with $s_{i0}, s_{i1}, \dots, s_{iu}, t_{i0}, t_{i1}, \dots, t_{iv}, u, v$ being non-negative integers.

First we consider $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})| > 1$.

Then from (3.20) and (3.21) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q^*[f, g]| &= |f^{-l} g^{-m} Q[f, g]| \\ &= |f^{-l} g^{-m} \sum_{i=1}^k q_i M_i[f, g]| \\ &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^k q_i \left(\frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right)^{\alpha_{i1}} \dots \left(\frac{f^{(j)}}{f} \right)^{\alpha_{ij}} \left(\frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right)^{\beta_{i1}} \dots \left(\frac{g^{(h)}}{g} \right)^{\beta_{ih}} f^{\alpha_i - l} g^{\beta_i - m} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^k |q_i| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(j)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{ij}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{\beta_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(h)}}{f} \right|^{\beta_{ih}} |f|^{\alpha_i - l} |g|^{\beta_i - m} \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^k |q_i| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(j)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{ij}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{\beta_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(h)}}{f} \right|^{\beta_{ih}}, \\ &\quad \text{since } |f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})| > 1 \text{ and } \alpha_i - l \leq 0, \beta_i - m \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|f|=|g|>1} \log^+ |Q^*[f, g]| d\theta \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^k |q_i| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(j)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{ij}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{\beta_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(h)}}{f} \right|^{\beta_{ih}} \right) d\theta \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left(|q_i| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(j)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{ij}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{\beta_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(h)}}{f} \right|^{\beta_{ih}} \right) d\theta + O(1) \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |q_i| d\theta + \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{i1}} d\theta + \dots \right. \\
& \quad \dots + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{f^{(j)}}{f} \right|^{\alpha_{ij}} d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{\beta_{i1}} d\theta + \dots \\
& \quad \dots + \left. \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{g^{(h)}}{f} \right|^{\beta_{ih}} d\theta \right) + O(1) \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + \sum_{i=1}^k \left[\alpha_{i1} m\left(r, \frac{f^{(1)}}{f}\right) + \dots + \alpha_{ij} m\left(r, \frac{f^{(j)}}{f}\right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \beta_{i1} m\left(r, \frac{g^{(1)}}{g}\right) + \dots + \beta_{ih} m\left(r, \frac{g^{(h)}}{g}\right) \right] + O(1) \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + \sum_{i=1}^k \left[\alpha_{i1} S(r, f) + \dots + \alpha_{ij} S(r, f) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \beta_{i1} S(r, g) + \dots + \beta_{ih} S(r, g) \right] + O(1), \\
& \hspace{15em} \text{using Milloux's Theorem} \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \tag{3.23}
\end{aligned}$$

Next we consider $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})| \leq 1$. From (3.22) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|Q^*[f, g]| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n q_i^* M_i^*[f, g] \right| \\
&= \left| \sum_{i=1}^n q_i^* f^{s_{i0}} (f^{(1)})^{s_{i1}} \dots (f^{(u)})^{s_{iu}} g^{t_{i0}} (g^{(1)})^{t_{i1}} \dots (g^{(v)})^{t_{iv}} \right|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |q_i^*| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{s_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(u)}}{f} \right|^{s_{iu}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{t_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(v)}}{g} \right|^{t_{iv}}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|f|=|g|\leq 1} \log^+ |Q^*[f, g]| d\theta \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |q_i^*| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{s_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(u)}}{f} \right|^{s_{iu}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{t_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(v)}}{g} \right|^{t_{iv}} \right) d\theta \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left(|q_i^*| \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{s_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{f^{(u)}}{f} \right|^{s_{iu}} \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{t_{i1}} \dots \left| \frac{g^{(v)}}{g} \right|^{t_{iv}} \right) d\theta + O(1) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |q_i^*| d\theta + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{f^{(1)}}{f} \right|^{s_{i1}} d\theta + \dots \right. \\ & \quad \dots + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{f^{(u)}}{f} \right|^{s_{iu}} d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{g^{(1)}}{g} \right|^{t_{i1}} d\theta + \dots \\ & \quad \dots + \left. \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \left| \frac{g^{(v)}}{g} \right|^{t_{iv}} d\theta \right) + O(1) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(s_{i1} m(r, \frac{f^{(1)}}{f}) + \dots + s_{iu} m(r, \frac{f^{(u)}}{f}) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + t_{i1} m(r, \frac{g^{(1)}}{g}) + \dots + t_{iv} m(r, \frac{g^{(v)}}{g}) \right) + O(1) \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^n (s_{i1} S(r, f) + \dots + s_{iu} S(r, f) \\ & \quad + t_{i1} S(r, g) + \dots + t_{iv} S(r, g)) + O(1), \\ & \hspace{15em} \text{using Milloux's Theorem} \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \tag{3.24}$$

Adding (3.23) and (3.24) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|f|=|g|>1} \log^+ |Q^*[f, g]| d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|f|=|g|\leq 1} \log^+ |Q^*[f, g]| d\theta \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ |Q^*[f, g]| d\theta \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g)$$

i.e.,

$$m(r, Q^*[f, g]) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g).$$

Now we consider the general case when $a_{l-1}, a_{l-2}, \dots, a_0; b_{m-1}, b_{m-2}, \dots, b_0$ are any arbitrary meromorphic functions with smaller growth than f and g respectively. Then from (3.19) we can write

$$f^l g^m [(f^l g^m + a_{l-1} f^{l-1} g^m + b_{m-1} f^l g^{m-1} + \dots + a_0 g^m + b_0 f^l) Q^*[f, g]] = f^l g^m Q[f, g]$$

or, $f^l g^m R^*[f, g] = R[f, g]$, say where $R^*[f, g]$ and $R[f, g]$ are differential polynomials in f and g with meromorphic coefficients $q_1^*(1 + a_{l-1} + b_{m-1} + \dots + a_0 + b_0)$, $q_2^*(1 + a_{l-1} + b_{m-1} + \dots + a_0 + b_0)$, \dots , $q_n^*(1 + a_{l-1} + b_{m-1} + \dots + a_0 + b_0)$ and q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k respectively.

Hence by first case

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, R^*[f, g]) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*(1 + a_{l-1} + b_{m-1} + \dots + a_0 + b_0)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, Q^*[f, g]) &\leq m(r, R^*[f, g]) + m(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, q_i^*) + \sum_{i=1}^k m(r, q_i) + m(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof is complete.

Lemma 3.3. Suppose that $M[f, g]$ is a monomial in f and g . If f and g has a

pole at $z = z_0$ of order p and q respectively, then z_0 is a pole of $M[f, g]$ of order at most $(p + q - 2)\gamma_M + \Gamma_M$.

Proof. Let

$$M[f, g] = (f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j}$$

where $l_0, l_1, \dots, l_k, m_0, m_1, \dots, m_j$ are non-negative integers;

$$\gamma_M = (l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) + (m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j)$$

is the degree of the monomial and

$$\Gamma_M = \{l_0 + 2l_1 + 3l_2 + \dots + (k+1)l_k\} + \{m_0 + 2m_1 + 3m_2 + \dots + (j+1)m_j\}$$

is the weight of the monomial.

Now since z_0 is a pole of f and g of order p and q respectively, z_0 will be a pole of $M[f, g]$ of order

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{pl_0 + (p+1)l_1 + \dots + (p+k)l_k\} + \{qm_0 + (q+1)m_1 + \dots + (q+j)m_j\} \\ &= \{p(l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) + (l_1 + 2l_2 + \dots + kl_k)\} + \{q(m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j) \\ &\quad + (m_1 + 2m_2 + \dots + jm_j)\} \\ &= [(p-1)(l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) + \{l_0 + 2l_1 + 3l_2 + \dots + (k+1)l_k\}] \\ &\quad + [(q-1)(m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j) + \{m_0 + 2m_1 + 3m_2 + \dots + (j+1)m_j\}] \\ &\leq (p-1)\gamma_M + (q-1)\gamma_M + \{l_0 + 2l_1 + 3l_2 + \dots + (k+1)l_k\} + \{m_0 + 2m_1 \\ &\quad + 3m_2 + \dots + (j+1)m_j\} \\ &= (p+q-2)\gamma_M + \Gamma_M. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof is complete.

Lemma 3.4. Suppose that $Q[f, g]$ is a differential polynomial in f and g . Let z_0 be a pole of f and g of order p and q respectively and not a zero or a pole of coefficients of $Q[f, g]$. Then z_0 is a pole of $Q[f, g]$ of order at most $(p+q-1)\gamma_Q + (\Gamma_Q - \gamma_Q)$.

Proof. Let

$$Q[f, g] = q_1 M_1[f, g] + q_2 M_2[f, g] + \dots + q_n M_n[f, g]$$

where each

$$M_i[f, g] = (f(z))^{l_{i0}} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_{i1}} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_{ik}} (g(z))^{m_{i0}} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_{i1}} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_{ij}}$$

is a monomial in f and g of degree

$$\gamma_{M_i} = (l_{i0} + l_{i1} + \dots + l_{ik}) + (m_{i0} + m_{i1} + \dots + m_{ij})$$

and of weight

$$\Gamma_{M_i} = \{l_{i0} + 2l_{i1} + \dots + (k+1)l_{ik}\} + \{m_{i0} + 2m_{i1} + \dots + (j+1)m_{ij}\}.$$

Here the degree and weight of the differential polynomial $Q[f, g]$ is given by

$$\gamma_Q = \max\{\gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

and

$$\Gamma_Q = \max\{\Gamma_{M_i} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

respectively.

Now since z_0 is a pole of f and g of order p and q respectively and not a zero or a pole of the coefficients of $Q[f, g]$, by using the Lemma 3.3 we can say that z_0 is a pole of $Q[f, g]$ of order

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{(p+q-2)\gamma_{M_i} + \Gamma_{M_i}\} \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{(p+q-2)\gamma_{M_i}\} + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{\Gamma_{M_i}\} \\ &= (p+q-2)\gamma_Q + \Gamma_Q \\ &= (p+q-1)\gamma_Q + (\Gamma_Q - \gamma_Q). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof is complete.

Theorem 3.2. *Let f and g be transcendental meromorphic functions in the plane and $Q_1[f, g]$, $Q_2[f, g]$ be differential polynomials in f and g satisfying $Q_1[f, g] \not\equiv 0$, $Q_2[f, g] \not\equiv 0$ with $Q_1[f, g]$ and $Q_2[f, g]$ consisting of n arbitrary meromorphic coefficients which are small functions of f and g and $P[f, g]$ be given by (3.18). If*

$$F = P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] + Q_2[f, g] \quad (3.25)$$

and on the circle $|z| = r$, $|f(re^{i\theta})| = |g(re^{i\theta})|$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (l - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, f) + (m - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, g) &\leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) + (\Gamma_{Q_2} \\ &\quad - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) \\ &\quad + S(r, g). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Without loss of generality we may suppose $l > 2n\gamma_{Q_2}$ and $m > 2n\gamma_{Q_2}$. From (3.25) we have

$$1 = \frac{1}{F}P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] + \frac{1}{F}Q_2[f, g]$$

i.e.,

$$F' = \frac{F'}{F}P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] + \frac{F'}{F}Q_2[f, g]. \quad (3.26)$$

Again differentiating (3.25) we have

$$F' = (P[f, g])'Q_1[f, g] + P[f, g](Q_1[f, g])' + (Q_2[f, g])'. \quad (3.27)$$

Now comparing (3.26) and (3.27) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{F'}{F}P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] + \frac{F'}{F}Q_2[f, g] &= (P[f, g])'Q_1[f, g] + P[f, g](Q_1[f, g])' + (Q_2[f, g])' \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{F'}{F}P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] - (P[f, g])'Q_1[f, g] - P[f, g](Q_1[f, g])' &= (Q_2[f, g])' - \frac{F'}{F}Q_2[f, g] \\ \text{i.e., } P[f, g]\left\{\frac{F'}{F}Q_1[f, g] - \frac{(P[f, g])'}{P[f, g]}Q_1[f, g] - (Q_1[f, g])'\right\} &= (Q_2[f, g])' - \frac{F'}{F}Q_2[f, g] \\ \text{i.e.,} \end{aligned}$$

$$P[f, g]Q^*[f, g] = Q[f, g] \quad (3.28)$$

where

$$Q^*[f, g] = \frac{F'}{F}Q_1[f, g] - \frac{(P[f, g])'}{P[f, g]}Q_1[f, g] - (Q_1[f, g])' \quad (3.29)$$

and

$$Q[f, g] = (Q_2[f, g])' - \frac{F'}{F}Q_2[f, g]. \quad (3.30)$$

If $Q^*[f, g] = 0$, then from (3.28) we have

$$Q[f, g] = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } (Q_2[f, g])' - \frac{F'}{F}Q_2[f, g] = 0, \quad \text{using (3.30)}$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{(Q_2[f, g])'}{Q_2[f, g]} = \frac{F'}{F}.$$

Integrating we get

$$F = C_1Q_2[f, g]$$

$$\text{i.e., } P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] + Q_2[f, g] = C_1Q_2[f, g], \quad \text{using (3.25)}$$

$$\text{i.e., } P[f, g]Q_1[f, g] = CQ_2[f, g], \quad (3.31)$$

assuming $C_1 - 1 = C (\neq 0)$ is a finite complex number.

Now using the Lemma 3.2 and assuming that the coefficients of $Q_1[f, g]$ and $Q_2[f, g]$ are small functions of f and g , we get

$$m(r, Q_1[f, g]) = S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.32)$$

Again from (3.31) we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, P[f, g]) &= m(r, C \frac{Q_2[f, g]}{Q_1[f, g]}) \\ &\leq m(r, Q_2[f, g]) + m(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

Also from (3.15) we can write

$$m(r, P[f, g]) = 2l \times m(r, f) + 2m \times m(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.34)$$

Again if $Q_2[f, g]$ consists of n arbitrary meromorphic coefficients then applying Lemma 3.1 and using the hypothesis that the coefficients of $Q_2[f, g]$ to be small functions of f and g , we get

$$m(r, Q_2[f, g]) \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.35)$$

Also, by the First Fundamental Theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) &= T(r, Q_1[f, g]) + O(1) \\ i.e., \quad m(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) + N(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) &= m(r, Q_1[f, g]) + N(r, Q_1[f, g]) + O(1) \\ i.e., \quad m(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) + N(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) &= N(r, Q_1[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \quad \text{using (3.32)} \\ i.e., \quad m(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) &= N(r, Q_1[f, g]) - N(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

It is clear that a pole of $Q_1[f, g]$ is either a pole of f or g , or a pole of the coefficients of $Q_1[f, g]$.

Now suppose that z_0 is a pole of f and g of order p and q respectively and z_0 is not a zero or a pole of the coefficients of $P[f, g]$, $Q_1[f, g]$ and $Q_2[f, g]$. Then from (3.18) we can say that z_0 is a pole of $P[f, g]$ of order $pl + qm$.

Also from Lemma 3.4 we can say that z_0 is a pole of $Q_2[f, g]$ of order at most

$$(p + q - 1)\gamma_{Q_2} + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - \gamma_{Q_2}).$$

Now from (3.31) we have

$$Q_1[f, g] = C \frac{Q_2[f, g]}{P[f, g]}$$

and hence, we can say that z_0 is a pole of $Q_1[f, g]$ of order at most

$$\begin{aligned} & (p + q - 1)\gamma_{Q_2} + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - \gamma_{Q_2}) - (pl + qm) \\ & = (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2}) - p(l - \gamma_{Q_2}) - q(m - \gamma_{Q_2}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & N(r, Q_1[f, g]) - N(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) \\ & \leq (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\ & \quad - (m - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.37)$$

Now using (3.37) in (3.36) we get

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, \frac{1}{Q_1[f, g]}) & \leq (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\ & \quad - (m - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.38)$$

Now from (3.33), (3.34), (3.35) and (3.38) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2l \times m(r, f) + 2m \times m(r, g) & \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) \\ & \quad + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\ & \quad - (m - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ i.e., l \times m(r, f) + m \times m(r, g) & \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) \\ & \quad + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\ & \quad - (m - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ i.e., l[m(r, f) + N(r, f)] + m[m(r, g) + N(r, g)] & \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + N(r, f)] \\ & \quad + 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, g) + N(r, g)] \\ & \quad + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) \\ & \quad + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ i.e., lT(r, f) + mT(r, g) & \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}T(r, f) + 2n\gamma_{Q_2}T(r, g) + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) \\ & \quad + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ i.e., (l - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, f) + (m - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, g) & \leq (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) \\ & \quad + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i.e., } (l - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, f) + (m - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, g) &\leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) \\ &+ (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \end{aligned}$$

which is the required result.

Next we suppose that $Q^*[f, g] \not\equiv 0$. Then from (3.28) we have $Q[f, g] \not\equiv 0$.

Now a monomial in f and g is an expression of the form

$$M[f, g] = (f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j}$$

with degree

$$\gamma_M = (l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k) + (m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j),$$

where $l_0, l_1, \dots, l_k, m_0, m_1, \dots, m_j$ are non-negative integers.

On differentiation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (M[f, g])' &= l_0(f(z))^{l_0-1} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1+1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j} \\ &+ l_1(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1-1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j} + \dots \\ &\dots + l_k(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k-1} f^{(k+1)}(z) (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j} \\ &+ m_0(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0-1} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1+1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j} \\ &+ m_1(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1-1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j} + \dots \\ &\dots + m_j(f(z))^{l_0} (f^{(1)}(z))^{l_1} \dots (f^{(k)}(z))^{l_k} (g(z))^{m_0} (g^{(1)}(z))^{m_1} \dots (g^{(j)}(z))^{m_j-1} g^{(j+1)}(z). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{M'} &= \max\{[(l_0 - 1) + (l_1 + 1) + \dots + l_k + m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j], [l_0 + (l_1 - 1) \\ &+ (l_2 + 1) + \dots + l_k + m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j], \dots [l_0 + l_1 + \dots + (l_k - 1) + 1 \\ &+ m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_j], [l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k + (m_0 - 1) + (m_1 + 1) + \dots + m_j], \\ &[l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k + m_0 + (m_1 - 1) + (m_2 + 1) \dots + m_j], [l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k \\ &+ m_0 + m_1 + \dots + (m_j - 1) + 1]\} \\ &= \max\{\gamma_M, \gamma_M, \dots, \gamma_M\} \\ &= \gamma_M. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we can write $\gamma_{Q_2} = \gamma_{(Q_2)'}$. Hence from (3.30) we have $\gamma_Q = \gamma_{Q_2}$.

Now using Lemma 3.2 on (3.28) and assuming that the coefficients of $Q^*[f, g]$ and $Q[f, g]$ are small functions of f and g , we get

$$m(r, Q^*[f, g]) = S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.39)$$

Again from (3.28) we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, P[f, g]) &= m(r, \frac{Q[f, g]}{Q^*[f, g]}) \\ &\leq m(r, Q[f, g]) + m(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

Using (3.30), Lemma 3.1, Milloux's theorem and the fact that the coefficients of $Q_2[f, g]$ are small functions of f and g we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, Q[f, g]) &= m(r, (Q_2[f, g])' - \frac{F'}{F} Q_2[f, g]) \\ &= m(r, Q_2[f, g] \{ \frac{(Q_2[f, g])'}{Q_2[f, g]} - \frac{F'}{F} \}) \\ &\leq m(r, Q_2[f, g]) + m(r, \frac{(Q_2[f, g])'}{Q_2[f, g]}) + m(r, -\frac{F'}{F}) + O(1) \\ &= m(r, Q_2[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\ &\leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

Also, by the First Fundamental Theorem we have

$$T(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) = T(r, Q^*[f, g]) + O(1)$$

$$i.e., \quad m(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) + N(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) = m(r, Q^*[f, g]) + N(r, Q^*[f, g]) + O(1)$$

$$i.e., \quad m(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) + N(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) = N(r, Q^*[f, g]) + S(r, f) + S(r, g), \quad \text{using (3.39)}$$

$$i.e., \quad m(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) = N(r, Q^*[f, g]) - N(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \quad (3.42)$$

Obviously, from (3.29) we can say that the poles of $Q^*[f, g]$ occurs possibly only from the zeros of F and $P[f, g]$, the poles of f and g and the zeros and poles of the coefficients.

Now suppose that z_0 is a pole of f and g of order p and q respectively and not a zero or a pole of the coefficients of $P[f, g]$, $Q_1[f, g]$ and $Q_2[f, g]$.

Then from (3.18) we can say that z_0 is a pole of $P[f, g]$ of order $pl + qm$.

Also by using Lemma 3.4 on (3.30) we can say that z_0 is a pole of $Q[f, g]$ of order

at most $(p + q - 1)\gamma_{Q_2} + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - \gamma_{Q_2})$.

Now from (3.28) we have

$$Q^*[f, g] = \frac{Q[f, g]}{P[f, g]}$$

and hence we can say that if z_0 is a pole of $Q^*[f, g]$, it will be a pole of $Q^*[f, g]$ of order at most

$$\begin{aligned} & (p + q - 1)\gamma_{Q_2} + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - \gamma_{Q_2}) - (pl + qm) \\ & = (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2}) - p(l - \gamma_{Q_2}) - q(m - \gamma_{Q_2}). \end{aligned}$$

And if z_0 is not a pole of $Q^*[f, g]$, we have from (3.28)

$$\frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]} = \frac{P[f, g]}{Q[f, g]}$$

and hence z_0 will be a zero of $Q^*[f, g]$ of order at least

$$\begin{aligned} & (pl + qm) - (p + q - 1)\gamma_{Q_2} + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - \gamma_{Q_2}) \\ & = p(l - \gamma_{Q_2}) + q(m - \gamma_{Q_2}) - (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} N(r, Q^*[f, g]) - N(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) & \leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) + (\Gamma_{Q_2} \\ & - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\ & - (m - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

Now using (3.43) in (3.42) we get

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, \frac{1}{Q^*[f, g]}) & \leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] \\ & - (l - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) - (m - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g). \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

Now from (3.34), (3.40), (3.41) and (3.44) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 2l \times m(r, f) + 2m \times m(r, g) & \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) \\ & + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\ & - (m - \gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
i.e., \quad & l \times m(r, f) + m \times m(r, g) \leq 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + m(r, g)] + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) \\
& + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] - (l - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})N(r, f) \\
& - (m - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})N(r, g) + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
i.e., \quad & l[m(r, f) + N(r, f)] + m[m(r, g) + N(r, g)] \leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) \\
& + 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, f) + N(r, f)] + 2n\gamma_{Q_2}[m(r, g) + N(r, g)] \\
& + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
i.e., \quad & lT(r, f) + mT(r, g) \leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) + 2n\gamma_{Q_2}T(r, f) + 2n\gamma_{Q_2}T(r, g) \\
& + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g) \\
i.e., \quad & (l - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, f) + (m - 2n\gamma_{Q_2})T(r, g) \leq \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{F}) + \bar{N}(r, \frac{1}{P[f, g]}) \\
& + (\Gamma_{Q_2} - 2\gamma_{Q_2})[\bar{N}(r, f) + \bar{N}(r, g)] + S(r, f) + S(r, g).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the proof is complete.

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