

# On the Growth Estimate of Iterated Entire Functions

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study some growth properties of iterated entire functions which improve some earlier results.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two transcendental entire functions defined in the open complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . It is well known [1], {[15], p-67, Th-1.46} that  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, f)} = \infty$  and  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, fog)}{T(r, g)} = \infty$ .

After this Singh [12], Lahiri [8], Song and Yang [14], Singh and Baloria [13], Lahiri and Sharma [9] and Datta and Biswas [3], [4] proved different results on comparative growth property of composite entire functions.

In this paper, we investigate the comparative growth of iterated entire functions in terms of its  $(p,q)$ -th order which is the generalization of previous results. We do not explain the standard notations and definitions of the theory of entire functions as those are available in [5], [15] and [16].

The following definitions are well known.

**Definition 1.1.** The order  $\rho_f$  and lower order  $\lambda_f$  of a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  is defined as

$$\rho_f = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r}.$$

If  $f(z)$  is entire then

$$\rho_f = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log M(r, f)}{\log r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log \log M(r, f)}{\log r}.$$

**Notation 1.2.** [11]  $\log^{[0]} x = x$ ,  $e^x$ ,  $\log^{[1]} x = x$  and for positive integer  $m$ ,  $\log^{[m]} x = \log(\log^{[m-1]} x)$ ,  $\exp^{[m]} x = \exp(\exp^{[m-1]} x)$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [6] The  $(p, q)$ -th order  $\rho_f(p, q)$  and lower  $(p, q)$ -th order  $\lambda_f(p, q)$  of a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  is define as

$$\rho_f(p, q) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[p-1]} T(r, f)}{\log^{[q]} r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f(p, q) = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[p-1]} T(r, f)}{\log^{[q]} r}.$$

If  $f(z)$  is entire then

$$\rho_f(p, q) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[p]} M(r, f)}{\log^{[q]} r} \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda_f(p, q) = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[p]} M(r, f)}{\log^{[q]} r}.$$

where  $p > q$ . Clearly  $\rho_f(2, 1) = \rho_f$  and  $\lambda_f(2, 1) = \lambda_f$ .

According to Lahiri and Banerjee [7] if  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are entire functions then the iteration of  $f(z)$  with respect to  $g(z)$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
f_1(z) &= f(z) \\
f_2(z) &= f(g(z)) = f(g_1(z)) \\
f_3(z) &= f(g(f(z))) = f(g_2(z)) = f(g(f_1(z))) \\
&\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
f_n(z) &= f(g(f(\dots(f(z) \text{ or } g(z)) \dots))) \\
&\text{according as } n \text{ is odd or even,}
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1(z) &= g(z) \\
g_2(z) &= g(f(z)) = g(f_1(z)) \\
g_3(z) &= g(f(g(z))) = g(f_2(z)) = g(f(g_1(z))) \\
&\dots \quad \dots \quad \dots \\
g_n(z) &= g(f_{n-1}(z)) = g(f(g_{n-2}(z))).
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly all  $f_n(z)$  and  $g_n(z)$  are entire functions.

## 2. Lemmas

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

**Lemma 2.1. [5]** Let  $f(z)$  be an entire function. For  $0 \leq r < R < \infty$ , we have

$$T(r, f) \leq \log^+ M(r, f) \leq \frac{R+r}{R-r} T(R, f).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [1] If  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are any two entire functions, for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

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

**Lemma 2.3.** [10] Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two entire functions. Then we have

$$T(r, fog) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M\left(\frac{1}{8}M\left(\frac{r}{4}, g\right) + O(1), f\right).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two entire functions of non-zero finite  $(p, q)$ -th order  $\rho_f$  ( $p, q$ ) and  $\rho_g$  ( $p, q$ ) respectively, then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $p > q$ ,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) \leq \begin{cases} (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, g) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \\ (\rho_g(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, f) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ .

**Proof.** First suppose that  $n$  is even. Then from second part of Lemma 2.2 and Definition of  $(p, q)$ -th order, it follows that for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
M(r, f_n) &\leq M(M(r, g_{n-1}), f) \\
\text{i.e., } \log^{[p]} M(r, f_n) &\leq \log^{[p]} M(M(r, g_{n-1}), f) \\
&\leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, g_{n-1}) \\
\text{So, } \log^{[p+1]} M(r, f_n) &\leq \log^{[q+1]} M(r, g(f_{n-2})) + O(1) \\
\text{i.e., } \log^{[p+1-q]} M(r, f_n) &\leq \log M(r, g(f_{n-2})) + O(1).
\end{aligned}$$

Taking repeated logarithms  $p-1$  times, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\log^{[2p-q]} M(r, f_n) &\leq \log^{[p]} M(M(r, f_{n-2}), g) + O(1) \\ &\leq (\rho_g(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, f_{n-2}) + O(1). \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[2p+1-q]} M(r, f_n) &\leq \log^{[q+1]} M(r, f_{n-2}) + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[2p+1-2q]} M(r, f_n) &\leq \log M(r, f_{n-2}) + O(1).\end{aligned}$$

Again taking repeated logarithms  $p-1$  times, we get

$$\log^{[3p-2q]} M(r, f_n) \leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, g_{n-3}) + O(1).$$

Finally, after taking repeated logarithms  $(n-4)p$  times more, we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) \leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, g) + O(1).$$

Similarly if  $n$  is odd then for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) \leq (\rho_g(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, f) + O(1).$$

This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two entire functions of non-zero finite lower  $(p,q)$ -th order  $\lambda_f(p, q)$  and  $\lambda_g(p, q)$  respectively, then for any  $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\lambda_f(p, q), \lambda_g(p, q)\}$  and  $p > q$ ,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) \geq \begin{cases} (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}}, g\right) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \\ (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}}, f\right) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ .

**Proof.** First suppose that  $n$  is even. Then from first part of Lemma 2.2 and using the Definition 1.3, we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  and for any  $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\lambda_f(p, q), \lambda_g(p, q)\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}M(r, f_n) &= M(r, f(g_{n-1})) \\ &\geq M\left(\frac{1}{8} M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g_{n-1}\right) - |g_{n-1}(0)|, f\right) \\ &\geq M\left(\frac{1}{16} M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g_{n-1}\right), f\right) \\ \therefore \log^{[p]} M(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{16} M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g_{n-1}\right) \right] \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[p]} M(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g_{n-1}\right) \right] + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[p+1]} M(r, f_n) &\geq \log^{[q+1]} M\left(\frac{r}{2}, g(f_{n-2})\right) + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[p+1-q]} M(r, f_n) &\geq \log M\left(\frac{1}{16} M\left(\frac{r}{2^2}, f_{n-2}\right), g\right) + O(1).\end{aligned}$$

Taking repeated logarithms  $p-1$  times, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[2p-q]} M(r, f_n) &\geq \log^{[p]} M\left(\frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2^2}, f_{n-2}\right), g\right) + O(1) \\ &\geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left( \frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2^2}, f_{n-2}\right) \right) + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[2p+1-q]} M(r, f_n) &\geq \log M\left(\frac{r}{2^2}, f_{n-2}\right) + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Again taking repeated logarithms  $p-1$  times, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[3p-2q]} M(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2^3}, g_{n-3}\right) \right] + O(1) \\ &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{2^3}, g_{n-3}\right) + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Finally, after taking repeated logarithms  $(n-4)p$  times more, we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{16}M\left(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}}, g\right) \right] + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}}, g\right) + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly if  $n$  is odd then for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } \log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q]} M(r, f_n) \geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}}, f\right) + O(1).$$

This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 2.6.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two non- constant entire functions, such that  $0 < \rho_f(p, q) < \infty$  and  $0 < \rho_g(p, q) < \infty$ . Then for all sufficiently large  $r$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  and for  $p > q$ ,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q-1]} M(r, f_n) \leq \begin{cases} (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, g) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \\ (\rho_g(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, f) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

The lemma follows from Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.4.

**Lemma 2.7.** Let  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  be two entire functions such that  $0 < \lambda_f(p, q) < \infty$  and  $0 < \lambda_g(p, q) < \infty$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon$  ( $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\lambda_f(p, q), \lambda_g(p, q)\}$ ) and  $p > q$ ,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q-1]} T(r, f_n) \geq \begin{cases} (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{4^{n-1}}, g\right) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is even,} \\ (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{r}{4^{n-1}}, f\right) + O(1) & \text{when } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ .

**Proof.** To prove this lemma we first suppose that  $n$  is even. Then from Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3 we get for any  $\varepsilon$  ( $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{\lambda_f(p, q), \lambda_g(p, q)\}$ ) and for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
T(r, f_n) &= T(r, f(g_{n-1})) \\
&\geq \frac{1}{3} \log M \left( \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4}, g_{n-1} \right) + O(1), f \right) \\
\therefore \log^{[p-1]} T(r, f_n) &\geq \log^{[p]} M \left( \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4}, g_{n-1} \right) + O(1), f \right) + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4}, g_{n-1} \right) + O(1) \right] + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{9} M \left( \frac{r}{4}, g_{n-1} \right) \right] + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M \left( \frac{r}{4}, g_{n-1} \right) + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q-1]} T \left( \frac{r}{4}, g_{n-1} \right) + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q-1]} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \log M \left( \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) + O(1), g \right) \right] + O(1) \\
i.e., \log^{[p]} T(r, f_n) &\geq \log^{[q+1]} M \left( \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) + O(1), g \right) + O(1) \\
i.e., \log^{[p-q]} T(r, f_n) &\geq \log M \left( \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) + O(1), g \right) + O(1) \\
i.e., \log^{[2p-1-q]} T(r, f_n) &\geq \log^{[p]} M \left( \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) + O(1), g \right) + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{8} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) + O(1) \right] + O(1) \\
&\geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} \left[ \frac{1}{9} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) \right] + O(1). \\
i.e., \log^{[2p-1-q]} T(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M \left( \frac{r}{4^2}, f_{n-2} \right) + O(1). \\
&\dots \\
&\dots \\
&\dots \\
\therefore \log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q-1]} T(r, f_n) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M \left( \frac{r}{4^{n-1}}, g \right) + O(1) \quad \text{when } n \text{ is even.}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\log^{[(n-1)p-(n-2)q-1]} T(r, f_n) \geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M \left( \frac{r}{4^{n-1}}, f \right) + O(1) \quad \text{when } n \text{ is odd.}$$

This proves the lemma.

### 3. Theorems

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $a, b, c, d, p, q, m$  and  $n$  be eight positive integers with  $p > q, m > n, a > b, c > d$  and  $f, g, h$  and  $k$  are four transcendental entire functions, such that  $0 < \lambda_h(a, b), \lambda_k(c, d) < \infty$  and

$0 < \rho_f(p, q), \rho_g(p, q) < \infty$ . Then for  $\rho_g(m, n) < \lambda_k(c, d)$  and  $i, j$  are even, also  $\rho_f(m, n) < \lambda_h(c, d)$  and  $i, j$  are odd,

$$\begin{aligned} (i) \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} T(r, f_i)} &= \infty \text{ if } q \geq m \text{ and } b < c; \\ (ii) \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} &= \infty \text{ if } q < m \text{ and } b < c; \\ (iii) \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} T(r, f_i)} &= \infty \text{ if } q \geq m \text{ and } b \geq c; \\ (iv) \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} &= \infty \text{ if } q < m \text{ and } b \geq c; \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_i(z) = f(g(f \dots (f(z) \text{ or } g(z)) \dots))$  according as  $i$  is odd or even and  $h_j(z) = h(k(h \dots (h(z) \text{ or } k(z)) \dots))$  according as  $j$  is odd or even.

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.6 we have for all large  $r$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} M(r, f_i) \leq \begin{cases} (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, g) + O(1) & \text{when } i \text{ is even,} \\ (\rho_g(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M(r, f) + O(1) & \text{when } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

**Case - I.** If  $q \geq m$  then we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[q]} M(r, g) &\leq \log^{[m-1]} M(r, g) \\ &\leq \exp[(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon) \log^{[n]} r] \\ &\leq \exp[(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon) \log r] \\ &\leq r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

If  $i$  is even then from (3.1) and (3.2) it follows for all large  $r$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} M(r, f_i) \leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.3)$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ,

$$\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} M(r, f_i) \leq (\rho_g(p, q) + \varepsilon) r^{(\rho_f(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.4)$$

**Case - II.** If  $q < m$  then we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[q]} M(r, g) &\leq \exp^{[m-q]} \log^{[m]} M(r, g) \\ &\leq \exp^{[m-q]} [(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon) \log^{[n]} r] \\ &\leq \exp^{[m-q]} [(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon) \log r] \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[q]} M(r, g) &\leq \exp^{[m-q-1]} [r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)}]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

When  $i$  is even then from (3.1) and (3.5), it follows for all large  $r$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} T(r, f_i) &\leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \exp^{[m-q-1]} r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} T(r, f_i) &\leq \exp^{[m-q-2]} r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q+m-q-2]} T(r, f_i) &\leq r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i) &\leq r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ,

$$\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i) \leq r^{(\rho_f(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.7)$$

Also from Lemma 2.7 we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  and

$$0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon' = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_k(c, d) - \rho_g(m, n)), \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_h(c, d) - \rho_f(m, n)) \right\}$$

$$\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) \geq \begin{cases} (\lambda_h(a, b) - \varepsilon) \log^{[b]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}}, k\right) + O(1) & \text{when } j \text{ is even,} \\ (\lambda_k(a, b) - \varepsilon) \log^{[b]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}}, h\right) + O(1) & \text{when } j \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (3.8)$$

**Case - III.** If  $b < c$  then we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  and arbitrary small  $\varepsilon (0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon')$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[b]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}}, k\right) &\geq \exp^{[c-b]} \log^{[c]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}}, k\right) \\ &\geq \exp^{[c-b]} \left[ (\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon) \log^{[d]} \left( \frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}} \right) \right] \\ &\geq \exp^{[c-b]} [(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon) \log r] + O(1) \\ &\geq \exp^{[c-b-1]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Therefore from (3.8), (3.9) and even  $j$ , it follows for all large  $r$  and  $\varepsilon (0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon')$ ,

$$\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) \geq (\lambda_h(a, b) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[c-b-1]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.10)$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ,

$$\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) \geq (\lambda_k(a, b) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[c-b-1]} r^{(\lambda_h(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.11)$$

**Case - IV.** If  $b \geq c$  then we have for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  and arbitrary small  $\varepsilon (0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon')$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[b]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}}, k\right) &\geq \log^{[b-c]} \log^{[c]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}}, k\right) \\ &\geq \log^{[b-c]} \left[ (\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon) \log^{[d]} \left( \frac{\exp^{[d-1]} r}{4^{n-1}} \right) \right] \\ &\geq \log^{[b-c]} [(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon) \log r] + O(1) \\ &\geq \log^{[b-c+1]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Therefore when  $j$  is even then from (3.8) and (3.12), it follows for all large  $r$  and  $\varepsilon (0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon')$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) &\geq (\lambda_h(a, b) - \varepsilon) \log^{[b-c+1]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) &\geq \log^{[b-c+2]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-b+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) &\geq r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) &\geq r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

Similarly for odd  $j$ ,

$$\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j) \geq r^{(\lambda_h(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1) \quad (3.14)$$

Now combining (3.3) of Case I and (3.10) of Case III it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$\frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} T(r, f_i)} \geq \frac{(\lambda_h(a, b) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[c-b-1]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1)}{(\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1)}.$$

Since  $\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon$  so we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} T(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

Similarly from (3.4) and (3.11) we have for  $\rho_f(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_h(c, d) - \varepsilon$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} T(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

This is the first part of the theorem.

Again combining (3.6) of Case II and (3.10) of Case III it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$  that

$$\frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} \geq \frac{(\lambda_h(a, b) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[c-b-1]} r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1)}{r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1)}.$$

Since  $\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon$  so we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

Similarly from (3.7) and (3.11) we have for  $\rho_f(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_h(c, d) - \varepsilon$ ,

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)a-(j-2)b-1]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

This proved the second part of the theorem.

Now combining (3.3) of Case I and (3.13) of Case IV it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} M(r, f_i)} \geq \frac{r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1)}{(\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1)}.$$

Since  $\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon$  so we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} M(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

Similarly from (3.4) and (3.14) we have for  $\rho_f(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_h(c, d) - \varepsilon$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q-1]} M(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

This is the third part of the theorem.

Again combining (3.6) of Case II and (3.13) of Case IV it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} \geq \frac{r^{(\lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon)} + O(1)}{r^{(\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon)} + O(1)}.$$

Since  $\rho_g(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_k(c, d) - \varepsilon$  so we have

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

Similarly from (3.7) and (3.14) we have for  $\rho_f(m, n) + \varepsilon < \lambda_h(c, d) - \varepsilon$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(j-1)(a-b)+c-2]} T(\exp^{[d-1]} r, h_j)}{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-2]} T(r, f_i)} = \infty.$$

This proved the fourth part of the theorem.

**Remark 3.2.** The conditions  $\lambda_h(a, b), \lambda_k(c, d) > 0$  and  $\rho_f(p, q), \rho_g(p, q) < \infty$  also  $\rho_g(m, n) < \lambda_k(c, d)$  are necessary for Theorem 3.1, which are shown by the following examples.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $f = g = h = \exp z$  and  $k = \exp(z^2)$ . Also let  $a = 3; p = m = c = 2 = j$  and  $q = n = b = d = 1$ .

Then  $\rho_f(2, 1) = 1, \rho_g(2, 1) = 1 < 2 = \lambda_k(2, 1)$  and  $\lambda_h(3, 1) = 0$ .

Now  $f_i = \exp^{[i]} z$  for all  $i$  and  $h_2 = \exp^{[2]}(z^2)$ .

Therefore

$$3T(2r, f_i) \geq \log M(r, f_i) = \exp^{[i-1]} r$$

$$\text{i.e., } T(r, f_i) \geq \frac{1}{3} \exp^{[i-1]} \frac{r}{2}$$

$$\text{and } T(r, h_2) \leq \log M(r, h_2) = \log(\exp^{[2]}(r^2)) = \exp(r^2).$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\log^{[2]} T(r, h_2)}{\log^{[i-1]} T(r, f_i)} \leq \frac{\log^{[2]} \exp(r^2)}{\log^{[i-1]} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \exp^{[i-1]} \frac{r}{2} \right]} \leq \frac{4 \log r}{r + O(1)} \rightarrow 0 \neq \infty \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Example 3.4.** Let  $f = h = k = \exp z$  and  $g = \exp z^2$ . Also let  $p = m = a = c = 2 = i$  and  $q = n = b = d = 1$ .

Then  $\rho_f(2,1) = 1$ ,  $\rho_g(2,1) = 2 > 1 = \lambda_k(2,1)$  and  $\lambda_h(2,1) = 1$ .

Now  $f_2 = \exp^{[2]}(z^2)$  and  $h_j = \exp^{[j]} z$  for all  $j$ .

Therefor

$$3T(2r, f_2) \geq \log M(r, f_2) = \exp(r^2)$$

$$\text{i.e., } T(r, f_2) \geq \frac{1}{3} \exp \frac{r^2}{4}$$

$$\text{and } T(r, h_j) \leq \log M(r, h_j) = \log(\exp^{[j]} r) = \exp^{[j-1]} r.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\log^{[j-1]} T(r, h_j)}{\log^{[2]} T(r, f_2)} \leq \frac{\log^{[j-1]} \exp^{[j-1]} r}{\log \left[ \frac{1}{3} \exp \frac{r^2}{4} \right]} \leq \frac{4r}{r^2 + O(1)} \rightarrow 0 \neq \infty \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

If we consider  $i = 3$  then  $f_3 = \exp^{[2]}(\exp z)^2$  and  $\rho_f(2,1) = 1 = \lambda_h(2,1)$

Therefore

$$\frac{\log^{[j-1]} T(r, h_j)}{\log^{[2]} T(r, f_3)} \leq \frac{\log^{[j-1]} \exp^{[j-1]} r}{\log^{[2]} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \exp \left( \exp \frac{r}{2} \right)^2 \right]} \leq \frac{r}{r + O(1)} \rightarrow 1 \neq \infty \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Example 3.5.** Let  $f = \exp^{[2]} z$ ,  $g = h = \exp z$  and  $k = \exp(z^2)$ . Also let  $p = m = a = c = 2 = j$  and  $q = n = b = d = 1$ .

Then  $\rho_f(2,1) = \infty$ ,  $\rho_g(2,1) = 1 < 2 = \lambda_k(2,1)$  and  $\lambda_h(2,1) = 1$ .

Now  $f_i = \exp^{[3i/2]} z$  for all even  $i$  and  $h_2 = \exp^{[2]}(z^2)$ .

Therefore

$$3T(2r, f_i) \geq \log M(r, f_i) = \exp^{[\frac{3i}{2}-1]} r$$

$$\text{i.e., } T(r, f_i) \geq \frac{1}{3} \exp^{[\frac{3i}{2}-1]} \frac{r}{2}$$

$$\text{and } T(r, h_2) \leq \log M(r, h_2) = \log(\exp^{[2]}(r^2)) = \exp(r^2).$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\log T(r, h_2)}{\log^{[i-1]} T(r, f_i)} \leq \frac{\log(\exp(r^2))}{\log^{[i-1]} \left[ \frac{1}{3} \exp^{[\frac{3i}{2}-1]} \frac{r}{2} \right]} \leq \frac{r^2}{\exp^{[\frac{i}{2}]} \frac{r}{2} + O(1)} \rightarrow 0 \neq \infty \text{ as } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $f, g$  be two entire functions such that  $0 < \lambda_f(p, q) \leq \rho_f(p, q) < \infty$  and  $0 < \lambda_g(p, q) \leq \rho_g(p, q) < \infty$  and  $\lambda_g(m, n) > 0$  where  $p, q, m, n$  are positive integer with  $p > q$  and  $m > n$ . Then for any positive integer  $l$ ,

- (i)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} = \infty$  if  $l \leq q < m$ ;
- (ii)  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_f(p, q)\lambda_g(m, n)$  if  $l \leq q = m$  and even i;
- (iii)  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_g(p, q)\lambda_f(m, n)$  if  $l \leq q = m$  and odd i;
- (iv)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} = \infty$  if  $q < m$  and  $q < l$ ;
- (v)  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_f(p, q)\lambda_g(m, n)$  if  $l > q = m$  and even i;
- (vi)  $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_g(p, q)\lambda_f(m, n)$  if  $l > q = m$  and odd i;
- (vii)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} = \infty$  if  $q > m$  and  $q \geq l$ ;
- (viii)  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} = \infty$  if  $l > q > m$ .

**Proof.** From Lemma 2.5 we have for sufficiently large values of  $r$  and

$$0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon' = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_g(c, d) - \rho_g(m, n)), \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_h(c, d) - \rho_f(m, n)) \right\}$$

$$\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) \geq \begin{cases} (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[n-1]} r}{2^{n-1}}, g\right) + O(1) & \text{when } i \text{ is even,} \\ (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[n-1]} r}{2^{n-1}}, f\right) + O(1) & \text{when } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (3.15)$$

**Case-I.** Let  $q \leq m$  then for sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[n-1]} r}{2^{n-1}}, g\right) &\geq \exp^{[m-q]} \left[ (\lambda_g(m, n) - \varepsilon) \log^{[n]} \left( \frac{\exp^{[n-1]} r}{2^{n-1}} \right) \right] \\ &\geq \exp^{[m-q]} [(\lambda_g(m, n) - \varepsilon) \log r] + O(1) \\ &\geq \exp^{[m-q-1]} r^{(\lambda_g(m, n) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

When  $i$  is even then from (3.15) and (3.16) we have for all large values of  $r$  and  $\varepsilon (0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon')$

$$\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) \geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[m-q-1]} r^{(\lambda_g(m, n) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.17)$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ,

$$\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) \geq (\lambda_g(p, q) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[m-q-1]} r^{(\lambda_f(m, n) - \varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.18)$$

**Case-II.** Let  $q > m$  then for sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\log^{[q]} M\left(\frac{\exp^{[n-1]} r}{2^{n-1}}, g\right) \geq \log^{[q-m+1]} r^{(\lambda_g(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.19)$$

When  $i$  is even then from (3.15) and (3.19) we have for all large values of  $r$  and  $\varepsilon (0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon')$

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) &\geq (\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \log^{[q-m+1]} r^{(\lambda_g(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q+1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) &\geq \log^{[q-m+2]} r^{(\lambda_g(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) &\geq r^{(\lambda_g(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ,

$$\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i) \geq r^{(\lambda_f(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1). \quad (3.21)$$

Again from the Definitions 3.1 we get for all large values of  $r$ ,

$$\log^{[p]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f) \leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} (\exp^{[l]} r) + O(1).$$

**Case-III.** If  $q \geq l$  then for all sufficiently large values of  $r$

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[p]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f) &\leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \log^{[q]} (\exp^{[l]} r) \\ &\leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) r \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f) &\leq \log r + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

**Case-IV.** If  $q < l$  then for all sufficiently large values of  $r$

$$\begin{aligned} \log^{[p]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f) &\leq (\rho_f(p, q) + \varepsilon) \exp^{[l-q]} r \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f) &\leq \exp^{[l-q-1]} r + O(1) \\ \text{i.e., } \log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f) &\leq \log r + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

Now combining (3.17) of Case-I and (3.22) of Case-III it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \frac{(\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[m-q-1]} r^{(\lambda_g(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)}.$$

If  $q < m$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &= \infty \\ \text{i.e., } \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This is the first part of the theorem.

If  $q = m$  and  $i$  is even then

$$\frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \frac{(\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon)(\lambda_g(m,n) - \varepsilon) \log r + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)}.$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary,

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_f(p, q) \lambda_g(m, n).$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ;

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_g(p, q) \lambda_f(m, n).$$

This proves the (ii) and (iii).

Again in view of (3.17) of Case-I and (3.23) of Case-IV it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \frac{(\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon) \exp^{[m-q-1]} r^{(\lambda_g(m,n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)}.$$

If  $q < m$  and  $q < l$  then

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} = \infty$$

i.e.,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} = \infty.$

This is the fourth part of the theorem.

If  $q = m$  and  $q < l$  and  $i$  is even then

$$\frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \frac{(\lambda_f(p, q) - \varepsilon)(\lambda_g(m, n) - \varepsilon) \log r + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)}.$$

Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  is arbitrary,

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_f(p, q)\lambda_g(m, n).$$

Similarly for odd  $i$ ,

$$\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)p-(i-2)q]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} \geq \lambda_g(p, q)\lambda_f(m, n).$$

This proves the (v) and (vi).

Again in view of (3.20) of Case-II and (3.22) of Case-III it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &\geq \frac{r^{(\lambda_g(m, n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)} \\ \text{i.e., } \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &= \infty \\ \text{i.e., } \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This is the seventh part of the theorem.

Again in view of (3.20) of Case-II and (3.23) of Case-IV it follows for all sufficiently large values of  $r$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &\geq \frac{r^{(\lambda_g(m, n)-\varepsilon)} + O(1)}{\log r + O(1)} \\ \text{i.e., } \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &= \infty \\ \text{i.e., } \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[(i-1)(p-q)+m-1]} M(\exp^{[n-1]} r, f_i)}{\log^{[p-q+l+1]} M(\exp^{[l]} r, f)} &= \infty. \end{aligned}$$

This is the last part of the theorem.

This proves the theorem.

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