

# Meromorphic Solutions of Systems of Higher-Order Algebraic Differential Equations in Complex Domain \*

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**Abstract:** Using the Nevanlinna theory of the value distribution of meromorphic functions, we investigate the problem of the existence of admissible meromorphic solutions of a type of systems of higher-order algebraic differential equations.

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## 1. Introduction and main result

We use the standard notation of Nevanlinna theory (see e.g.[1]). The problem of the existence of admissible solutions of systems of algebraic differential equations have been studied by several authors and some results have been obtained(see [2],[3],[4],[6-9]).

In this paper we will mainly consider the following systems of higher-order algebraic differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)/(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2} = \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} a_i(z) w_1^i / \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} b_j(z) w_1^j, \\ \Omega_2(z, w_1, w_2)/(w_1 - a)^{\bar{\lambda}_1} = \sum_{i=0}^{p_2} c_i(z) w_2^i / \sum_{j=0}^{q_2} d_j(z) w_2^j, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where

$$\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2) = \sum_{(i)} a_{(i)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 (w_k)^{i_{k0}} (w'_k)^{i_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{i_{kn}}, \quad (1.2)$$

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$$\Omega_2(z, w_1, w_2) = \sum_{(j)} b_{(j)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 (w_k)^{j_{k0}} (w'_k)^{j_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{j_{kn}} \quad (1.3)$$

are differential polynomials,  $(t) = (t_{10}, t_{20}, \dots, t_{1n}, t_{2n})$ ,  $(t = i, j)$  are multi-indices of non-negative integers, both  $a$  and  $b$  are nonzero constants,  $\{a_{(i)}(z)\}$ ,  $\{b_{(j)}(z)\}$ ,  $\{a_i(z)\}$ ,  $\{b_j(z)\}$ ,  $\{c_i(z)\}$  and  $\{d_j(z)\}$  are meromorphic functions,  $\lambda_2, \bar{\lambda}_1$  are as in Definition 1.

**Definition 1** For (1.1)-(1.3), write

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_k &= \max_{(i)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^n i_{kl} \right\}, u_k = \max_{(i)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^n l i_{kl} \right\}, \Delta_k = \max_{(i)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^n (l+1) i_{kl} \right\}; \\ \bar{\lambda}_k &= \max_{(j)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^n j_{kl} \right\}, \bar{u}_k = \max_{(j)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^n l j_{kl} \right\}, \bar{\Delta}_k = \max_{(j)} \left\{ \sum_{l=0}^n (l+1) j_{kl} \right\}; k = 1, 2. \end{aligned}$$

$$S_1(r) = \sum_{(i)} T(r, a_{(i)}) + \sum_{(j)} T(r, b_{(j)}) + \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} T(r, a_i) + \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} T(r, b_j) + \sum_{i=0}^{p_2} T(r, c_i) + \sum_{j=0}^{q_2} T(r, d_j).$$

**Definition 2** Let  $(w_1(z), w_2(z))$  be a meromorphic solution of (1.1). Suppose the component  $w_i$  of  $(w_1, w_2)$  satisfies the following condition:  $S_1(r) = o(T(r, w_i))$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $r \notin I_1$ . We say that  $w_i$  is an admissible component of solutions of (1.1), where  $I_1$  is a set of finite linear measure.

We get the following Theorem:

**Theorem 1** Let  $(w_1(z), w_2(z))$  be a meromorphic solution of (1.1). If the components  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are admissible, then  $q_1 q_2 \leq [\lambda_2 + u_2(1 - \theta(w_2, \infty))] [\bar{\lambda}_1 + \bar{u}_1(1 - \theta(w_1, \infty))]$ , where  $\theta(w_k, \infty) = 1 - \limsup \bar{N}(r, w_k)/T(r, w_k)$  for  $k = 1, 2$ .

**Corollary 1** Let  $(w_1(z), w_2(z))$  be an entire solution of (1.1). If the components  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are admissible, then  $q_1 q_2 \leq \lambda_2 \bar{\lambda}_1$ .

The proof of corollary 1 is obvious.

## 2. Preliminary Lemmas

**Lemma 1** Let  $\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)$  be as (1.2),  $Q_{p_1}(z, w_1) = \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} a_i(z) w_1^i$ ,  $Q_{q_1}(z, w_1) = \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} b_j(z) w_1^j$ ,  $b$  be a nonzero constant,  $\{a_{(i)}(z)\}$ ,  $\{a_i(z)\}$  and  $\{b_j(z)\}$  are meromorphic functions. If

$$Q_{q_1}(z, w_1) \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}} = Q_{p_1}(z, w_1), q_1 > p_1, \quad (2.1)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}}) &\leq \lambda_2 m(r, \frac{1}{w_2 - b}) + \sum_{(i)} m(r, a_{(i)}) + \sum_i m(r, a_i) + \sum_j m(r, b_j) \\ &+ O \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, \frac{w_1^{(i)}}{w_1}) + \sum_{i=1}^n m(r, \frac{(w_2 - b)^{(i)}}{w_2 - b}) \right\} + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

**Proof** We rewrite  $\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)/(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}$  as follows:

$$\frac{\sum_{(i)} a_{(i)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 (w_k)^{i_{k0}} (w'_k)^{i_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{i_{kn}}}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}} = \frac{\sum_{(i)} a_{(i)}(z) w_1^{i_{10} + \dots + i_{1n}} \prod_{k=1}^n (\frac{w_1^{(k)}}{w_1})^{i_{1k}} (\frac{(w_2-b)^{(k)}}{w_2-b})^{i_{2k}}}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2 - \sum_{i=0}^n i_{2i}}}.$$

Let  $E_r = \{z : |z| = r\}$ ,  $E_1 = \{z \in E_r : |w_1| < 1\}$ ,  $E_2 = E_r - E_1$ .

If  $z \in E_1$ , then  $|\frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2-b)^{\lambda_2}}| \leq \max\{1, (\frac{1}{w_2-b})^{\lambda_2}\} \sum_{(i)} |a_{(i)}(z)| \prod_{k=1}^n |\frac{w_1^{(k)}}{w_1}|^{i_{1k}} |\frac{(w_2-b)^{(k)}}{w_2-b}|^{i_{2k}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_1} \log^+ |\frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2-b)^{\lambda_2}}| d\theta &\leq \frac{\lambda_2}{2\pi} \int_{E_1} \log^+ |\frac{1}{w_2-b}| d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{(i)} (\int_{E_1} \log^+ |a_{(i)}(z)| d\theta \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^n i_{2k} \int_{E_1} \log^+ |\frac{(w_2-b)^{(k)}}{w_2-b}| d\theta + \sum_{k=1}^n i_{1k} \int_{E_1} \log^+ |\frac{(w_1)^{(k)}}{w_1}| d\theta) + O(1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

If  $z \in E_2$ , then  $Q_{q_1}(z, w_1) = b_{q_1}(z)(w_1^{q_1} + A_1(z)w_1^{q_1-1} + \dots + A_{q_1}(z))$ , where  $A_i(z) = b_{q_1-i}(z)/b_{q_1}(z)$  and for each  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  we define  $A(z) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq q_1} \{1, |A_i(z)|^{1/i}\}$ .

Put  $E_3 = \{z \in E_r, |w_1| \leq 2A(z)\}$ ,  $E_{21} = E_2 \cap E_3$ ,  $E_{22} = E_2 - E_{21}$ . We have for  $z \in E_{21}$

$$|\frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2-b)^{\lambda_2}}| \leq (2A(z))^{\lambda_1} \sum_{(i)} |a_{(i)}(z)| \left( \frac{1}{w_2-b} \right)^{+\lambda_2} \prod_{k=1}^n |\frac{w_1^{(k)}}{w_1}|^{i_{1k}} |\frac{(w_2-b)^{(k)}}{w_2-b}|^{i_{2k}}.$$

Note that  $\log^+ A(z) \leq \log^+(1 + A_1(z) + \dots + A_{q_1}(z)^{1/q_1}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{q_1} \log + |b_{q_1-j}| + q_1 \log |\frac{1}{b_{q_1}}| + O(1)$ . Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_{21}} \log^+ |\frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2-b)^{\lambda_2}}| d\theta &\leq \frac{\lambda_2}{2\pi} \int_{E_1} \log^+ |\frac{1}{w_2-b}| d\theta + \frac{\lambda_1}{2\pi} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{q_1} \int_{E_{21}} \log^+ |b_{q_1-j}| d\theta + \right. \\ &\quad q_1 \int_{E_{21}} \log^+ |\frac{1}{b_{q_1}}| d\theta + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_i \left( \int_{E_{21}} \log^+ |a_{(i)}(z)| d\theta + \sum_{k=1}^n i_{2k} \int_{E_{21}} \log^+ |\frac{(w_2-b)^{(k)}}{w_2-b}| d\theta + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \sum_{k=1}^n i_{1k} \int_{E_{21}} \log^+ |\frac{(w_1)^{(k)}}{w_1}| d\theta \right) + O(1). \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

For  $z \in E_{22}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Q_{q_1}(z, w_1)| &= |b_{q_1}(z)| |w_1|^{q_1} |1 + \sum_{i=1}^{q_1} \frac{A_i(z)}{w_1^i}| \geq |b_{q_1}(z)| |w_1|^{q_1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{q_1} \frac{|A_i(z)|}{|w_1|^i} \right\} \\ &\geq |b_{q_1}(z)| |w_1|^{q_1} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{q_1} \frac{|A(z)|^i}{|2A(z)|^i} \right\} = \frac{|b_{q_1}(z)| |w_1|^{q_1}}{2^{q_1}}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$|\frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2-b)^{\lambda_2}}| = \frac{|Q_{p_1}(z, w_1)|}{|Q_{q_1}(z, w_1)|} \leq \frac{2^{q_1} \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} |a_i(z)| |w_1|^{i-q_1}}{|b_{q_1}(z)|} \leq \frac{2^{q_1} \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} |a_i(z)|}{|b_{q_1}(z)|},$$

we get

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{E_{22}} \log^+ \left| \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}} \right| d\theta \leq \frac{\lambda_2}{2\pi} \int_{E_{22}} \log^+ \left| \frac{1}{|b_{q_1}|} \right| d\theta + \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} \int_{E_{22}} \log^+ |a_i(z)| d\theta. \quad (2.5)$$

Combining (2.3),(2.4) and (2.5),we get the inequality (2.2).

This completes the proof of Lemma 1.

**Lemma 2** Let the conditions be as Lemma 2.1.Then

$$N(r, \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}}) \leq \lambda_2 N(r, \frac{1}{w_2 - b}) + u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) + \sum_{(i)} N(r, a_{(i)}) + \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} N(r, a_i) + O\left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} N(r, \frac{1}{b_j}) \right\}. \quad (2.6)$$

**Proof** The poles of  $\frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}}$  may arise only from one of the following cases:

- (I) The zeros of  $w_2 - b$
- (II) The poles of  $w_1$  but not any zero of  $w_2 - b$
- (III) The poles of  $w_2$  but not any pole of  $w_1$ .

Case (I)  $z_0$  is a zero of  $w_2 - b$ .

(a) If  $z_0$  is not a  $b$  value point of  $w_1$ ,then

$$\tau(z_0, \Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)/(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}) \leq \lambda_2 \tau(z_0, 1/(w_2 - b)) + \sum_{(i)} \tau(r, a_{(i)}). \quad (2.7)$$

(b) If  $z_0$  is a  $b$  value point of  $w_1$ ,then

$$\tau(z_0, \Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)/(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}) \leq \max\{0, \lambda_2 - \lambda_1\} \tau(z_0, 1/(w_2 - b)) + \sum_{(i)} \tau(r, a_{(i)}). \quad (2.8)$$

Case (II) (a) If  $z_0$  is a pole of  $w_1$  with multiplicity  $\tau$  but any poly and zero of coefficients,then  $z_0$  is a pole of the left side of (2.1),its multiplicity is at least  $\tau q_1$ ;On the other hand, $z_0$  is a pole of the right side of (2.1), its multiplicity is at most  $\tau p_1$ ,it follows that  $q_1 \leq p_1$ .there is a contradiction.

(b) If  $z_0$  is a pole of  $w_1$  with multiplicity  $\tau$  and a pole of some  $a_k(z)$  with multiplicity  $\tau(a_k, \infty)$  and a zero of some  $b_j(z)$  with multiplicity  $\tau(b_j, 0)$ ,then

$$\tau(z_0, Q_{p_1}(z, w_1)) \leq \tau p_1 + \sum_{k=0}^{p_1} \tau(a_k, \infty), \tau(z_0, Q_{q_1}(z, w_1)) \geq \tau q_1 - \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} \tau(b_j, 0).$$

When  $\tau q_1 > \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} \tau(b_j, 0)$ ,we have

$$\tau(z_0, \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}}) = \tau(z_0, Q_{p_1}) - \tau(z_0, Q_{q_1}) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{p_1} \tau(a_k, \infty) + \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} \tau(b_j, 0).$$

When  $\tau q_1 \leq \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} \tau(b_j, 0)$ , we have  $\tau \leq \frac{1}{q_1} \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} \tau(b_j, 0)$ . Thus

$$\tau(z_0, \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}}) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{p_1} \tau(a_k, \infty) + \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} \tau(b_j, 0). \quad (2.9)$$

Case (III) If  $z_0$  is a pole of  $w_2$  but not any pole of  $w_1$ , then

$$\tau(z_0, (\frac{w_2^{(l)}}{w_2 - b})^{i_{2l}}) = \tau(z_0, ((\frac{w_2 - b}{w_2 - b})^{i_{2l}})^{i_{2l}}) = li_{2l},$$

then

$$\tau(z_0, \frac{\Omega_1(z, w_1, w_2)}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}}) \leq \sum_{(i)} \tau(z_0, a_{(i)}) + u_2. \quad (2.10)$$

Combining the cases (I),(II) and (III),we get the inequality (2.6).

**Lemma 3<sup>[5]</sup>** Let  $R(z, w) \equiv P(z, w)/Q(z, w) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^p a_i(z)w^i / \sum_{j=0}^q b_jw^j$  be an irreducible rational function in  $w$  with the meromorphic coefficients  $\{a_i(z)\}$  and  $\{b_j(z)\}$ .If  $w(z)$  is a meromorphic function,then  $T(r, R(z, w)) = \max\{p, q\}T(r, w) + O\{\sum T(r, a_i) + \sum T(r, b_j)\}$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1

We assume  $q_1 \geq 1$  and  $q_2 \geq 1$ .Suppose  $(w_1, w_2)$  is a meromorphic solution of (1.1),the components  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are admissible.

$$R_1(z, w_1) = \sum_{i=0}^{p_1} a_i(z)w_1^i / \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} b_j(z)w_1^j = P_{11}(z, w_1) + P_{12}(z, w_1) / \sum_{j=0}^{q_1} b_j(z)w_1^j,$$

$$R_2(z, w_2) = \sum_{i=0}^{p_2} c_i(z)w_2^i / \sum_{j=0}^{q_2} d_j(z)w_2^j = P_{22}(z, w_2) + P_{21}(z, w_2) / \sum_{j=0}^{q_2} d_j(z)w_2^j,$$

where  $P_{1k}(z, w_1)(k = 1, 2)$  is polynomial in  $w_1$  and  $\deg P_{12}(z, w_1) < q_1$ ,  $\deg P_{11}(z, w_1) = \max\{0, p_1 - q_1\}$ ,  $P_{2k}(z, w_2)(k = 1, 2)$  is polynomial in  $w_2$  and  $\deg P_{21}(z, w_2) < q_2$ ,  $\deg P_{22}(z, w_2) = \max\{0, p_2 - q_2\}$ .

Thus,we rewrite (1.1) as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \left( \frac{\Omega_1}{(w_2 - b)^{\lambda_2}} - P_{11}(z, w_1) \right) \sum_{j=1}^{q_1} b_j(z)w_1^j = P_{12}(z, w_1), \\ \left( \frac{\Omega_2}{(w_1 - a)^{\lambda_1}} - P_{22}(z, w_2) \right) \sum_{j=1}^{q_2} d_j(z)w_2^j = P_{21}(z, w_2). \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

Apply Lemma 1, Lemma 2 and Lemma 3 to (3.1), then we get

$$q_1 T(r, w_1) + o(T(r, w_1)) \leq \lambda_2 T(r, w_2) + u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) + S_1(r) \quad (3.2)$$

$$q_2 T(r, w_2) + o(T(r, w_2)) \leq \bar{\lambda}_1 T(r, w_1) + \bar{u}_1 \bar{N}(r, w_1) + S_1(r) \quad (3.3)$$

Combining (3.2) with (3.3), we have  $[q_1 + o(1)][q_2 + o(1)] \prod_{k=1}^2 T(r, w_k) \leq [\lambda_2 + o(1) + u_2 \frac{\bar{N}(r, w_2)}{T(r, w_2)} + \frac{S_1(r)}{T(r, w_2)}][\bar{\lambda}_1 + o(1) + \bar{u}_1 \frac{\bar{N}(r, w_1)}{T(r, w_1)} + \frac{S_1(r)}{T(r, w_1)}] \prod_{k=1}^2 T(r, w_k)$ , as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , possibly outside a set of finite linear measure. So we get  $q_1 q_2 \leq [\lambda_2 + u_2(1 - \theta(w_2, \infty))][\bar{\lambda}_1 + \bar{u}_1(1 - \theta(w_1, \infty))]$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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## 复高阶代数微分方程组的亚纯解

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**摘要:** 利用亚纯函数的 Nevanlinna 值分布理论, 研究了一类高阶代数微分方程组亚纯允许解的存在性问题, 得到了一个主要结果.