

E-Valued Borel Exceptional Values of Meromorphic Functions

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Abstract

In this paper, we deal with the Borel exceptional values for the E-valued meromorphic functions and we introduce the order of multiplicity for Borel exceptional values and obtain a basic inequality. From this we deduce several well-known results and also obtain some new significant results in this direction. The results hold good for finite and infinite order meromorphic functions.

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1. Introduction and main result

In 1982, H.J.W. Ziegler [8] succeeded in extending the Nevanlinna's first and second main theorem and Nevanlinna deficiency relation to finite dimensional spaces. Later C.G. Hu [1], proved the Nevanlinna's theorems in infinite dimensional Banach space using the concept of compact projection.

In [3], H.S. Gopalkrishna and S.S. Bhoosnurmath obtained much stronger results than those of Valiron [7] for meromorphic functions of all orders (finite or infinite) with the usual definitions of order and evB only.

In this paper, we define the Borel exceptional values for the E-valued meromorphic functions and extend several classical results of Nevanlinna theory to E-valued meromorphic functions.

Assume that E be a complex Banach space and \mathbb{C} is the complex plane. Let $D = C_r = \{z/|z| < r\}$.

Definition 1.1 Let $f : D \rightarrow E$ be a meromorphic function and $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$,

if k is a positive integer, we denote by $\bar{n}_k(r, a, f)$, the number of distinct zeros of order $\leq k$ of $f - a$ in $|z| \leq r$ (each zero is counted only once irrespective of its multiplicity). $\bar{N}_k(r, a, f)$ is defined in terms of $\bar{n}_k(r, a, f)$ as,

$$\bar{N}_k(r, a, f) = \int_0^r \frac{\bar{n}_k(t, a, f) - \bar{n}_k(0, a, f)}{t} dt + \bar{n}_k(0, a, f) \log r.$$

Definition 1.2 For an E -valued meromorphic function f and $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$, we define

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}_k(a, f) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^+ [V(r, a, f) + \bar{N}_k(r, a, f)]}{\log r} \\ \bar{\rho}(a, f) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^+ [V(r, a, f) + \bar{N}(r, a, f)]}{\log r} \\ \rho(a, f) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^+ [V(r, a, f) + N(r, a, f)]}{\log r} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$V(r, a, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{C_r} \log \left| \frac{r}{\xi} \right| \Delta \log \|f(\xi) - a\| d\sigma \wedge d\tau.$$

Definition 1.3 If f is an E -valued meromorphic function of order ρ ($0 \leq \rho \leq \infty$), $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$ and k is a positive integer, we say that a is an

- i) E -valued evB (exceptional value in the sense of Borel) for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq k$ if $\bar{\rho}_k(a, f) < \rho$.

- ii) E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros if $\bar{\rho}(a, f) < \rho$.

- iii) E -valued evB for f (for the whole aggregate of zeros) if $\rho(a, f) < \rho$.

Thus we call a is an E -valued evB for f for simple zeros if $\bar{\rho}_1(a, f) < \rho$ and an E -valued evB for f for distinct simple and double zeros if $\bar{\rho}_2(a, f) < \rho$.

Definition 1.4 Let f be a non-constant E -valued meromorphic function, a point $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$ is called E -valued Picard exceptional value (evP) if $V(r, a) + N(r, a) = O\{\log r\}$.

We call a is an E -valued evP for f for zeros of order $\leq k$ if $V(r, a) + \bar{N}_k(r, a, f) = O\{\log r\}$.

Definition 1.5 The order ρ of an E -valued meromorphic function f is defined by

$$\rho = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r}$$

and the lower order λ of f is defined by

$$\lambda = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log r}$$

In [3] , H.S.Gopalkrishna and S.S.Bhoosnurmath proved the following result.

Theorem A Let f be a meromorphic function of order ρ , $0 \leq \rho \leq \infty$.If there exist distinct elements $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p; b_1, b_2, \dots, b_q ; c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s$ in \mathbb{C} such that a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p are evB for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq k$, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_q are evB for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq l$ and c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s are evB for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq m$ where k, l and m are positive integers, then

$$\frac{pk}{k + 1} + \frac{ql}{l + 1} + \frac{sm}{m + 1} \leq 2$$

It is natural to consider whether there exists a similar result , if meromorphic function f is replaced by E -valued meromorphic function f .In this paper we extend the above theorem to E -valued meromorphic function.This result gives several other significant results.

Theorem 1.1 Let $f(z)$ be an E -valued meromorphic function with the property of compact projection is of order ρ , $0 \leq \rho \leq \infty$ in \mathbb{C} .If there exist distinct elements $a^{[1]}, a, \dots, a^{[p]}; b^{[1]}, b^{[2]}, \dots, b^{[q]} ; c^{[1]}, c^{[2]}, \dots, c^{[s]}$ in $E \cup \{\infty\}$ such that $a^{[1]}, a^{[2]}, \dots, a^{[p]}$ are E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq k$, $b^{[1]}, b^{[2]}, \dots, b^{[q]}$ are E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq l$ and $c^{[1]}, c^{[2]}, \dots, c^{[s]}$ are E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order $\leq m$ where k, l and m are positive integers, then

$$\frac{pk}{k + 1} + \frac{ql}{l + 1} + \frac{sm}{m + 1} \leq 2 \tag{1}$$

2.Basic notions of Nevanlinna theory in Banach spaces

Let f be an E -valued meromorphic function in $|z| \leq r$. For any $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$, $n(r, a, f) = n(r, a)$ denotes the number of a -points of f in $|z| \leq r$, counted with multiplicities and $n(r, \infty, f) = n(r, f)$ denote the number of poles of f in $|z| \leq r$. Then we have the counting function of finite or infinite a -points as

$$N(r, a) \equiv N(r, a, f) = n(0, a) \log r + \int_0^r \frac{n(t, a) - n(0, a)}{t} dt$$

$$N(r, f) \equiv N(r, \infty, f) = n(0, f) \log r + \int_0^r \frac{n(t, f) - n(0, f)}{t} dt$$

and

$$m(r, f) \equiv m(r, \infty, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \|f(re^{i\phi})\| d\phi,$$

$$m(r, a) \equiv m(r, a, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log^+ \frac{1}{\|f(re^{i\phi}) - a\|} d\phi, (a \neq \infty),$$

$$T(r, f) = m(r, f) + N(r, f).$$

Where $\log^+ x = \max \{ \log x, 0 \}$. The volume function associated with E -valued meromorphic function f is given by

$$V(r, a, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{C_r} \log \left| \frac{r}{\xi} \right| \Delta \log \|f(\xi) - a\| d\sigma \wedge d\tau.$$

In 2006 , C.G.Hu and Qijian Hu[2] proved the following theorems.

Theorem 2.1 (the E -valued Nevanlinna’s first fundamental theorem)

Let $f(z)$ be an E -valued meromorphic mapping in C_R . Then for $0 < r < R$, $a \in E$, $f(z) \neq a$,

$$T(r, f) = V(r, a) + N(r, a) + m(r, a) + \log \|c_q(a)\| + \epsilon(r, a).$$

Here $\epsilon(r, a)$ is a function such that

$$|\epsilon(r, a)| \leq \log^+ \|a\| + \log 2, \epsilon(r, 0) \equiv 0,$$

and $c_q(a) \in E$ is the co-efficient of the first term in the Laurent series at the point a .

Theorem 2.2 (the E -valued Nevanlinna’s second fundamental theorem)

Let $f(z)$ be a non-constant E -valued meromorphic mapping of compact projection in C_R and $a^{[k]} \in E \cup \{\infty\}$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots, q$) be $q \geq 3$ distinct finite or infinite points. Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^q m(r, a^{[k]}) + G(r, f) \leq T(r, f) - N_1(r) + S(r)$$

where $N_1(r) = N(r, 0, f') + 2N(r, f) - N(r, f')$ and

$$G(r, f) = \int_0^r \frac{dt}{2\pi} \int_{C_t} \Delta \log \|f'(\xi)\| d\sigma \wedge d\tau$$

If $R = +\infty$, then $S(r)$ satisfies

$$S(r) = O \{ \log T(r, f) \} + O(\log r)$$

as $r \rightarrow +\infty$ without exception if $f(z)$ has finite order and otherwise as $r \rightarrow +\infty$ outside a set J of exceptional intervals of finite measure

$$\int_J dr < +\infty.$$

If $0 < R < +\infty$, then

$$S(r) = O \{ \log^+ T(r, f) \} + 0 \left\{ \log \frac{1}{R-r} \right\}$$

holds as $r \rightarrow R$ without exception if f has finite order

$$\rho = \limsup_{r \rightarrow R} \frac{\log T(r, f)}{\log(1/R - r)},$$

and otherwise as $r \rightarrow R$ outside of a set J exceptional intervals such that

$$\int_J d \frac{1}{R - r} < +\infty.$$

In all cases, the exceptional set J is independent of the choice of the finite points $a^{[k]} \in E$ and of their number.

Other interesting forms of the *E*-valued Nevanlinna’s second fundamental theorem :

$$(q - 1)T(r, f) + G(r, f) + N_1(r) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{q+1} [V(r, a^{[k]}) + N(r, a^{[k]})] + S(r)$$

OR

$$(q - 2)T(r, f) + G(r, f) \leq \sum_{k=1}^q [V(r, a^{[k]}) + \bar{N}(r, a^{[k]})] + S(r)$$

with

$$\bar{N}(r, a) = \bar{n}(0, a) \log r + \int_0^r \frac{\bar{n}(t, a) - \bar{n}(t, a)}{t} dt,$$

where $\bar{n}(t, a)$ denotes the number of solutions of $f(z) - a$ in $|z| \leq t$, each solution counted only once.

The *E*-valued Picard’s theorem and the *E*-valued Picard-Borel’s theorem are the important applications of *E*-valued Nevanlinna’s second fundamental theorem. These theorems are given by C.G.Hu [1]. We now give another significant application of the *E*-valued Nevanlinna’s second fundamental theorem.

Lemma 2.1 Let $f(z)$ be a non-constant *E*-valued meromorphic function with compact projection is of finite order in \mathbb{C} . If, for a positive number λ , the integral

$$\int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{V(r, a) + N(r, a)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr, \quad (r_o > 0) \tag{2}$$

converges for three different $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$, then the integral

$$\int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{T(r, f) + G(r, f)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr$$

converges , so that $f(z)$ is at most of convergence class of of order λ , and (2) converges for every $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$.

Proof. By the E -valued Nevanlinna second fundamental theorem with $q = 3$

$$T(r, f) + G(r, f) \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 [V(r, a^{[i]}) + N(r, a^{[i]})] - N_1(r) + S(r)$$

Since $N_1(r)$ is a non-negative number and can be neglected and f is of finite order, so $S(r) = O(\log r)$. Therefore ,

$$T(r, f) + G(r, f) \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 [V(r, a^{[i]}) + N(r, a^{[i]})] + O(\log r)$$

$$\int_{r_0}^r \frac{T(r, f) + G(r, f)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \int_{r_0}^r \frac{V(r, a^{[i]}) + N(r, a^{[i]})}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr + \int_{r_0}^r \frac{O(\log r)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr, (r > r_0)$$

letting $r \rightarrow +\infty$, we get

$$\int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{T(r, f) + G(r, f)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{V(r, a^{[i]}) + N(r, a^{[i]})}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr + \int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{O(\log r)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr$$

using (2) and observing $\int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{O(\log r)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr < +\infty$ we get

$$\int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{T(r, f) + G(r, f)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr < \infty$$

Hence the integral $\int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{T(r, f) + G(r, f)}{r^{\lambda+1}} dr$ converges. This completes the lemma.

We shall now prove our main result :

Proof of the Theorem 1.1 By the E -valued Nevanlinna's second fundamental theorem , we have

$$(q - 2)T(r, f) + G(r, f) \leq \sum_{k=1}^q [V(r, a^{[k]}) + \overline{N}(r, a^{[k]})] + S(r, f) \tag{3}$$

Given that $a^{[1]}, a^{[2]} \dots, a^{[p]}$; $b^{[1]}, b^{[2]}, \dots, b^{[q]}$; $c^{[1]}, c^{[2]}, \dots, c^{[s]}$ are distinct elements in $E \cup \{\infty\}$. So (3) can be written as ,

$$\begin{aligned} (p+q+s-2)T(r, f) + G(r, f) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^p [V(r, a^{[i]}) + \overline{N}(r, a^{[i]})] + \sum_{j=1}^q [V(r, b^{[j]}) + \overline{N}(r, b^{[j]})] \\ &+ \sum_{t=1}^s [V(r, c^{[t]}) + \overline{N}(r, c^{[t]})] + S(r, f) \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

By hypothesis , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}_k(a^{[i]}, f) &< \rho \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p \quad , \\ \bar{\rho}_l(b^{[j]}, f) &< \rho \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, q \quad , \\ \bar{\rho}_m(c^{[t]}, f) &< \rho \quad \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, s. \end{aligned}$$

We choose the positive number $\lambda < \rho$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}_k(a^{[i]}, f) &< \lambda \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, p \quad , \\ \bar{\rho}_l(b^{[j]}, f) &< \lambda \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, q \quad , \\ \bar{\rho}_m(c^{[t]}, f) &< \lambda \quad \text{for } t = 1, 2, \dots, s. \end{aligned}$$

By the definition 1.3 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho}_k(a^{[i]}, f) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^+ [V(r, a^{[i]}) + \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]})]}{\log r} < \lambda \quad , \\ \bar{\rho}_l(b^{[j]}, f) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^+ [V(r, b^{[j]}) + \bar{N}_l(r, b^{[j]})]}{\log r} < \lambda \quad , \\ \bar{\rho}_m(c^{[t]}, f) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^+ [V(r, c^{[t]}) + \bar{N}_m(r, c^{[t]})]}{\log r} < \lambda \end{aligned}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ and $t = 1, 2, \dots, s$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} V(r, a^{[i]}) + \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]}) &= O(r^\lambda) \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p \\ V(r, b^{[j]}) + \bar{N}_l(r, b^{[j]}) &= O(r^\lambda) \quad , \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, q \\ V(r, c^{[t]}) + \bar{N}_m(r, c^{[t]}) &= O(r^\lambda) \quad , \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, s \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{V(r, a^{[i]}) + \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]})}{r^{1+\lambda}} dr < \infty, \quad \int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{V(r, b^{[j]}) + \bar{N}_l(r, b^{[j]})}{r^{1+\lambda}} dr < \infty, \\ \int_{r_0}^{+\infty} \frac{V(r, c^{[t]}) + \bar{N}_m(r, c^{[t]})}{r^{1+\lambda}} dr < \infty \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, q$ and $t = 1, 2, \dots, s$.

If $a \in E \cup \{\infty\}$ and d is a positive integer, we have

$$\bar{N}(r, a, f) \leq \frac{1}{d+1} \{d\bar{N}_d(r, a, f) + N(r, a, f)\} \tag{6}$$

Using (6) in (4) , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (p+q+s-2)T(r, f)+G(r, f) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^p V(r, a^{[i]})+\frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]})+\frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p N(r, a^{[i]}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^q V(r, b^{[j]})+\frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q \bar{N}_l(r, b^{[j]})+\frac{1}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q N(r, b^{[j]}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{t=1}^s V(r, c^{[t]})+\frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s \bar{N}_m(r, c^{[t]})+\frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s N(r, c^{[t]})+S(r, f) \end{aligned}$$

Since , we know that

$$N(r, a, f) \leq T\left(r, \frac{1}{f-a}\right) = T(r, f) - V(r, a) + O(1) \quad [\text{by Theorem 2.1}]$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} (p+q+s-2)T(r, f) + G(r, f) &\leq \sum_{i=1}^p V(r, a^{[i]}) + \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]})+ \\ &\quad \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p [T(r, f) - V(r, a^{[i]}) + O(1)] + \sum_{j=1}^q V(r, b^{[j]}) + \frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q \bar{N}_l(r, b^{[j]}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q [T(r, f) - V(r, b^{[j]}) + O(1)] + \sum_{t=1}^s V(r, c^{[t]}) + \frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s \bar{N}_m(r, c^{[t]}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s [T(r, f) - V(r, c^{[t]}) + O(1)] + S(r, f) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \left(p+q+s-2 - \frac{p}{k+1} - \frac{q}{l+1} - \frac{s}{m+1}\right) T(r, f)+G(r, f) &\leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{k+1}\right) \sum_{i=1}^p V(r, a^{[i]})+ \\ &\quad \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]}) + \left(1 - \frac{1}{l+1}\right) \sum_{j=1}^q V(r, b^{[j]}) + \frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q \bar{N}_l(r, b^{[j]}) \\ &\quad + \left(1 - \frac{m}{m+1}\right) \sum_{t=1}^s V(r, c^{[t]}) + \frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s \bar{N}_m(r, c^{[t]}) + S(r, f) \\ \left(\frac{pk}{k+1} + \frac{ql}{l+1} + \frac{sm}{m+1} - 2\right) T(r, f)+G(r, f) &\leq \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p V(r, a^{[i]})+\frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p \bar{N}_k(r, a^{[i]}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q V(r, b^{[j]}) + \frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q \overline{N}_l(r, b^{[j]}) + \frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s V(r, c^{[t]}) + \\
 & \frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s \overline{N}_m(r, c^{[t]}) + S(r, f) \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\int_{r_o}^r \frac{S(x, f)}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx = o\left(\int_{r_o}^r \frac{T(x, f)}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx\right), \quad (r > r_o)$$

Clearly it implies that

$$\int_{r_o}^r \frac{S(x, f)}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx = o\left(\int_{r_o}^r \frac{T(x, f) + G(x, f)}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx\right), \quad (r > r_o)$$

Hence (7) yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{pk}{k+1} + \frac{ql}{l+1} + \frac{sm}{m+1} - 2 + o(1)\right) \int_{r_o}^r \frac{T(x, f) + G(x, f)}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx \leq \\
 & \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p \int_{r_o}^r \frac{V(x, a^{[i]}) + \overline{N}_k(x, a^{[i]})}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx + \frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q \int_{r_o}^r \frac{V(x, b^{[j]}) + \overline{N}_l(x, b^{[j]})}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx + \\
 & \frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s \int_{r_o}^r \frac{V(x, c^{[t]}) + \overline{N}_m(x, c^{[t]})}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

letting $r \rightarrow +\infty$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(\frac{pk}{k+1} + \frac{ql}{l+1} + \frac{sm}{m+1} - 2 + o(1)\right) \int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{T(x, f) + G(x, f)}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx \leq \\
 & \frac{k}{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^p \int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{V(x, a^{[i]}) + \overline{N}_k(x, a^{[i]})}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx + \frac{l}{l+1} \sum_{j=1}^q \int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{V(x, b^{[j]}) + \overline{N}_l(x, b^{[j]})}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx + \\
 & \frac{m}{m+1} \sum_{t=1}^s \int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{V(x, c^{[t]}) + \overline{N}_m(x, c^{[t]})}{x^{1+\lambda}} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if $\frac{pk}{k+1} + \frac{ql}{l+1} + \frac{sm}{m+1} > 2$, then using (5), we get

$$\int_{r_o}^{+\infty} \frac{T(r, f) + G(r, f)}{r^{1+\lambda}} dr < \infty$$

which would imply $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, f)}{r^\lambda} = 0$, so that the order of $f \leq \lambda$. But, we have $\lambda < \rho$, which is contradiction. So we should have

$$\frac{pk}{k+1} + \frac{ql}{l+1} + \frac{sm}{m+1} \leq 2.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem.

Consequences of Theorem 1.1

(i) For $k \geq 3$, (1) yields $p \leq 8/3$. By the Theorem 1.1, it follows that there exist at most two elements in $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which are E -valued evB for distinct zeros of order $\leq k$ if $k \geq 3$.

On the other hand, for $k = 3$, $p = 1$, $l = 4$ and $q = 1$, (1) yields $s \leq \frac{9}{20} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)$ so that $s = 0$ for $m = 1$. Thus, it follows that if there exist distinct elements a, b in $E \cup \{\infty\}$ such that a is an E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 3 and b is an E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 4 , then there exists no elements of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which is an E -valued evB for f for simple zeros.

(ii) For $k = 2$, (1) yields $\frac{2p}{3} + \frac{ql}{l+1} \leq 2$ so that $p \leq 3$ and if $p = 3$ then $q = 0$ whatever l be. Thus, there exist at most three elements in $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which are E -valued evB for f for distinct simple and double zeros and if there exist three such elements then there is no other element of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which is an E -valued evB for f for simple zeros.

Again, for $k = 2$ and $p = 1$, (1) yields $q \leq \frac{4}{3} \left(1 + \frac{1}{l}\right)$ so that $q \leq 2$ for $l = 1$ and $q \leq 1$ for $l = 3$. Hence it follows that if there exists an element of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which is an E -valued evB for f for distinct simple and double zeros then there exist at most two other elements of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which are E -valued evB for f for simple zeros and there exists at most one other element of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which is E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 3 .

On the other hand, $k = 2$, $p = 1$, $l = 3$, and $q = 1$, (1) yields $s \leq \frac{7}{12} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)$ so that $s = 0$ for $m = 2$. Hence, it follows that if there exist distinct elements a, b in $E \cup \{\infty\}$ such that a is an E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 2 and b is an E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 3 then there exists no other element of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which is an E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 2 .

For $k = 2$, $p = 1$, $l = 6$ and $q = 1$, (1) yields $s \leq \frac{10}{21} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)$ so that $s = 0$ when $m = 1$. Hence, if there exist distinct elements $a, b \in E \cup \{\infty\}$ such that a is an E -valued evB for f for distinct simple and double zeros and b is an E -valued evB for f for distinct zeros of order ≤ 6 then there exists no other element of $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which is an E -valued evB for f for simple zeros.

(iii) For $k = 1$, (1) yields $p \leq 4$, hence it follows that there exist at most four elements in $E \cup \{\infty\}$ which are E -valued evB for f for simple zeros.

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