

ADMISSIBLE SOLUTIONS OF A SYSTEM OF COMPLEX HIGHER-ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS ¹

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Abstract. Using Nevanlinna theory of the value distribution of meromorphic functions, we investigate the problem of the existence of admissible meromorphic solutions of a type of a system of algebraic differential equations, which has not been discussed previously.

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1. Introduction and the main result

This paper needs some familiarity with the Nevanlinna theory, see, e.g. [1] for notations and basic results.

Recently, several authors have investigated the problem of the existence of admissible solutions or m components-admissible solutions of a system of algebraic differential equations and have obtained some results (see [3-8]). However, they have not considered the system of algebraic differential equations of the form

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \sum_{(i) \in I} a_{(i)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 w_k^{i_{k0}} (w'_k)^{i_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{i_{kn}} = H_1(z, w_1), \\ \sum_{(j) \in J} b_{(j)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 w_k^{j_{k0}} (w'_k)^{j_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{j_{kn}} = H_2(z, w_2), \end{cases}$$

where $\{a_{(i)}(z)\}$ and $\{b_{(j)}(z)\}$ are meromorphic functions, I, J are two finite sets of multi-indices $I = (i_{10}, i_{20}, \dots, i_{1n}, i_{2n})$ for $a_{(i)} \neq 0$ and $J = (j_{10}, j_{20}, \dots, j_{1n}, j_{2n})$ for $b_{(j)} \neq 0$ respectively, $H_1(z, w_1)$ is the quotient of entire function in variables z and w_1 , $H_2(z, w_2)$ is the quotient of entire function in variables z and w_2 .

N. Steinmetz ([2]) had considered first the differential equation:

$$(2) \quad \sum_{(i)} a_{(i)}(z) w^{i_0} (w')^{i_1} \dots (w^{(n)})^{i_n} = H(z, w),$$

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where the left-side of (2) is a differential polynomial with meromorphic coefficients, $H(z, w)$ is a quotient of entire function in variables z and w .

In this paper we consider the system of algebraic differential equations (1) using Steinmetz's idea. Obviously, there is an essential generalization of the equation (2).

For differential polynomial $\sum_{(i) \in I} a_{(i)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 w_k^{i_{k0}} (w'_k)^{i_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{i_{kn}}$, we adopt the notation:

$$\lambda_k = \max\{i_{k0} + i_{k1} + \dots + i_{kn}\}, u_k = \max\{i_{k1} + 2i_{k2} + \dots + ni_{kn}\},$$

$$\Delta_k = \max\{i_{k0} + 2i_{k1} + \dots + (n+1)i_{kn}\}, (k = 1, 2)$$

Similarly, for $\sum_{(j) \in J} b_{(j)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 w_k^{j_{k0}} (w'_k)^{j_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{j_{kn}}$, we can note $\bar{\lambda}_k, \bar{u}_k, \bar{\Delta}_k$. ($k = 1, 2$)

Definition. Let

$$S_3(r) = \sum_{(i)} T(r, a_{(i)}) + \sum_{(j)} T(r, b_{(j)}),$$

$$S_1(r) = T(r, H_1(z, c_{1i})), S_2(r) = T(r, H_2(z, c_{2i})), c_{li} \in \mathbf{C}.$$

$E_1 = \{c_{1i}\}, E_2 = \{c_{2i}\} (\in \mathbf{C}, E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset)$ be two finite accumulation sets. (w_1, w_2) be a meromorphic solution of (1). For every such $c_{li} \in E_l$, ($l = 1, 2$), if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$S_3(r) + S_1(r) = o(T(r, w_i)), S_3(r) + S_2(r) = o(T(r, w_i)),$$

possibly outside a set of r of finite linear measure, we say that w_i is an admissible component of solution of (1).

Our main result is:

Theorem 1. Let (w_1, w_2) be a meromorphic solutions of (1). If the following condition is satisfied:

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} \deg_{w_1} H_1(z, w_1) \geq \Delta_1, \\ \deg_{w_2} H_2(z, w_2) \geq \Delta_2, \end{cases}$$

then both w_1 and w_2 are either admissible, or inadmissible.

Remark. If (w_1, w_2) is an entire solution of (1), then it ought to replace the $\deg_{w_1} H_1(z, w_1) \geq \lambda_1, \deg_{w_2} H_2(z, w_2) \geq \lambda_2$ by the condition (3) of Theorem 1.

2. Proof of Theorem 1

Let (w_1, w_2) be a meromorphic solution of (1) and let

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i) \in I} a_{(i)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 w_k^{i_{k0}} (w'_k)^{i_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{i_{kn}} = \\ & = \Omega_1, \sum_{(j) \in J} b_{(j)}(z) \prod_{k=1}^2 w_k^{j_{k0}} (w'_k)^{j_{k1}} \dots (w_k^{(n)})^{j_{kn}} = \Omega_2. \end{aligned}$$

For $c_{11} \in E_1$, set

$$(4) \quad (w_2 - c_{11})\varphi_1(z; c_{11}) = \frac{\Omega_1 - H_1(z, c_{11})}{w_1 - c_{11}} = \frac{\Omega_1}{w_1 - c_{11}} - \frac{H_1(z, c_{11})}{w_1 - c_{11}}.$$

Because (w_1, w_2) is a meromorphic solution of (1), by (4), we know the zeroes of $w_1 - c_{11}$ with the multiplicity τ_1 are the poles of $(w_2 - c_{11})\varphi_1(z; c_{11})$ with multiplicity at most $\tau_1 - 1$. Now we take $c_{11}, c_{12} \in E_1, c_{11} \neq c_{12}$ and set

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_2(z; c_{11}, c_{12}) &= \frac{1}{c_{11} - c_{12}} \{ (w_2 - c_{11})\varphi_1(z; c_{11}) - (w_2 - c_{12})\varphi_1(z; c_{12}) \} \\ &= \frac{\Omega_1}{(w_1 - c_{11})(w_1 - c_{12})} - \frac{1}{c_{11} - c_{12}} \frac{H_1(z, c_{11})}{w_1 - c_{11}} + \frac{1}{c_{11} - c_{12}} \frac{H_1(z, c_{12})}{w_1 - c_{12}} \\ &= \frac{\Omega_1 - Q_2(z, w_1)}{(w_1 - c_{11})(w_1 - c_{12})}. \end{aligned}$$

It is evident that they are poles of $\varphi_2(z; c_{11}, c_{12})$ with multiplicity at most $\tau_j - 1$ when the zeroes of $w_1 - c_{1i}$ with multiplicity τ_j are not poles of $a_{(i)}$ and $H_j(z) (j = 1, 2)$.

In general, we take distinct $c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1k} \in E_1$ and set

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_k(z; c_{11}, \dots, c_{1k}) &= \frac{1}{c_{1,k-1} - c_{1k}} \{ \varphi_{k-1}(z; c_{11}, \dots, c_{1,k-1}) \\ & \quad - \varphi_{k-1}(z; c_{11}, \dots, c_{1,k-2}, c_{1k}) \} \\ (5) \quad &= \frac{\Omega_1}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})} + \sum_{j=1}^k \bar{c}_{1j} \frac{H_j(z)}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \\ &= \frac{\Omega_1 - Q_k(z, w_1)}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})}, \end{aligned}$$

where $Q_k(z, w_1)$ is a polynomial of degree $k - 1$ in w_1 , its coefficients are linear combination with $H_j(z) (j = 1, 2, \dots, k), \bar{c}_{1j}$ is a constant which depends on c_{1j} . By induction, it is evident from (5) that they are poles of $\varphi_k(z; c_{11}, \dots, c_{1k})$ with multiplicity at most $\tau_j - 1$ when zeroes of $w_1 - c_{1i}$ with multiplicity τ_j are not poles of $a_{(i)}$ and $H_j(z)$.

By the condition $\deg_{w_1} H_1(z, w_1) = k \geq \Delta_1$ and the first fundamental Theorem of Nevanlinna, it follows that

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} T(r, w_1) &= T(r, w_1 - c_{1,k+1}) + O(1) \\ &\leq T(r, (w_1 - c_{1,k+1})\varphi_{k+1}) + T(r, \varphi_{k+1}) + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate $T(r, (w_1 - c_{1,k+1})\varphi_{k+1})$ and $T(r, \varphi_{k+1})$.

$$m(r, \varphi_k) \leq m(r, \frac{\Omega_1}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})}) + m(r, \frac{Q_k(z, w_1)}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})}) + O(1).$$

Note that

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{w_1}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \right| &\leq 1 + \frac{|c_{1j}|}{|w_1 - c_{1j}|} \leq (1 + |c_{1j}|) \left(\frac{1}{|w_1 - c_{1j}|} \right)^+ \\ &\leq c \left(\frac{1}{|w_1 - c_{1j}|} \right)^+, \end{aligned}$$

where $|a|^+ = \max\{1, |a|\}$, $c = \max\{1 + |c_{1j}|\}$.

$$(w_2)^{i_{20}} (w_2')^{i_{21}} \dots (w_2^{(n)})^{i_{2n}} = (w_2)^{i_{20} + \dots + i_{2n}} \left(\frac{w_2'}{w_2} \right)^{i_{21}} \dots \left(\frac{w_2^{(n)}}{w_2} \right)^{i_{2n}}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\Omega_1}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})} \right| &\leq c^k \sum |a_{(i)}(z)| \left(\prod_j \left| \frac{w_1'}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \right| \right) \dots \left(\prod_j \left| \frac{w_1^{(n)}}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \right| \right) \\ &\quad \left(\prod_j \left| \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \right| \right)^+ |w_2|^{i_{20} + \dots + i_{2n}} \left| \frac{w_2'}{w_2} \right|^{i_{21}} \dots \left| \frac{w_2^{(n)}}{w_2} \right|^{i_{2n}}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\prod_j \left| \frac{w_1^{(r)}}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \right|$ is product of $i_{1\alpha}$ factors, $\prod_j \left(\left| \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}} \right| \right)^+$ is product of $k - \lambda_r - i_{10}$ factors.

So

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} m(r, \frac{\Omega_1}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})}) &\leq \sum_{j=1}^k m(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + \lambda_2 m(r, w_2) + \sum_{(i)} m(r, a_{(i)}) \\ &\quad + O\{ \sum \sum m(r, \frac{w_1^{(r)}}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) \} + O\{ \sum m(r, \frac{w_2^{(r)}}{w_2}) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$(9) \quad m(r, \frac{Q_k(z, w_1)}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k m(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + \sum_{j=1}^k m(r, H_j) + O(1).$$

By (7), (8), (9) and logarithmic derivative lemma, we have

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} m(r, \varphi_k) &\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^k m(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + \lambda_2 m(r, w_2) + \sum_{(i)} m(r, a_{(i)}) \\ &\quad + \sum m(r, H_j) + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2), \end{aligned}$$

where $S(r, w_i) = O\{\log(rT(r, w_i))\}$. Moreover,

$$\varphi_{k+1}(w_1 - c_{1,k+1}) = \frac{\Omega_1}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})} + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \bar{c}_{1j} \frac{(w_1 - c_{1,k+1})H_j(z)}{w_1 - c_{1j}}.$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{w_1(z) - c_{1,k+1}}{w_1(z) - c_{1j}} \right| &\leq 1 + \frac{|c_{1j}|}{|w_1 - c_{1j}|} \leq (1 + |c_{1,k+1} - c_{1j}|) \left(\frac{1}{|w_1 - c_{1j}|} \right)^+ \\ &\leq c \left(\frac{1}{|w_1 - c_{1j}|} \right)^+, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} m(r, \varphi_{k+1}(w_1 - c_{1,k+1})) &\leq m\left(r, \frac{\Omega_1}{\prod_{j=1}^k (w_1 - c_{1j})}\right) \\ &\quad + m\left(r, \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \bar{c}_{1j} \frac{(w_1 - c_{1,k+1})H_j(z)}{w_1 - c_{1j}}\right) + O(1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} m(r, \varphi_{k+1}(w_1 - c_{1,k+1})) &\leq 2 \sum_{j=1}^k m\left(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}\right) + \lambda_2 m(r, w_2) + \sum_{(i)} m(r, a_{(i)}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} m(r, H_j) + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2). \end{aligned}$$

Now we estimate $N(r, \varphi_{k+1})$ and $N(r, (w_1 - c_{1,k+1})\varphi_{k+1})$.

At first, the poles of φ_{k+1} may arise from the following cases:

- (i): The poles of $\{a_{(i)}(z)\}$, whose contribution to $N(r, \varphi_{k+1})$ is $\sum N(r, a_{(i)})$.
- (ii): The poles of $\{H_j(z)\}$, whose contribution to $N(r, \varphi_{k+1})$ is $\sum N(r, H_j)$.
- (iii): The zeroes of $w_1 - c_{1j}$ but not the cases (i) and (ii). According to the above discussion, each zero with multiplicity τ_j are the poles of φ_{k+1} with multiplicity at most $\tau_j - 1$, thus, its contribution is at most $\sum_{j=1}^{k+1} N_1\left(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}\right)$, where $N_1\left(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}\right)$ is the count function of zeros of $w_1 - c_{1j}$ and the zeroes with multiplicity τ_j count only $\tau_j - 1$ times.
- (iv): The poles of w_1 but not any pole of w_2 . In this case, if z_0 is a pole of w_1 with multiplicity τ , then it is the poles of the denominator of $\varphi_{\Delta_1+1}(z)$ with multiplicity $(\Delta_1 + 1)\tau$, but z_0 is at most the poles of Ω_1 and $Q_{\Delta_1+1}(z, w_1)$ of the numerator of $\varphi_{\Delta_1+1}(z)$, hence, z_0 is a zero of $\varphi_{\Delta_1+1}(z)$, it follows that the poles of $w_1(z)$ do not arise from the poles of $\varphi_{\Delta_1+1}(z)$.

(v): The poles of w_2 but not any pole of w_1 . In this case, its contribution to $N(r, \varphi_{k+1})$ is $\lambda_2 N(r, w_2) + u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2)$.

Form the cases (i)-(v), we have

$$(12) \quad N(r, \varphi_{k+1}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} N_1(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + \lambda_2 N(r, w_2) + u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} N_1(r, H_j) + \sum_{(i)} N(r, a_{(i)}).$$

Similarly,

$$(13) \quad N(r, (w_1 - c_{1,k+1})\varphi_{k+1}) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k N_1(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + \lambda_2 N(r, w_2) + u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} N_1(r, H_j) + \sum_{(i)} N(r, a_{(i)}).$$

Combining (10),(11),(12) and (13),we obtain

$$(14) \quad T(r, w_1) \leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} m(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} N_1(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + 2\lambda_2 N(r, w_2) \\ + 2u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) + \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} N_1(r, H_j) + \sum_{(i)} T(r, a_{(i)}) + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2).$$

We choose 9 systems which differ from each other $\{c_{1j}\}(j = 1, 2, \dots, 9(k+1))$, apply the inequality (14) to every system, combining the above 13 inequities,we deduce

$$9T(r, w_1) \leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^{9(k+1)} m(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{9(k+1)} N_1(r, \frac{1}{w_1 - c_{1j}}) + 18\lambda_2 T(r, w_2) \\ + 18u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{9(k+1)} N_1(r, H_j) + 18 \sum_{(i)} T(r, a_{(i)}) \\ + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2).$$

By the second fundamental theorem of Nevanlinna,we have

$$9T(r, w_1) \leq 8T(r, w_1) + 18\lambda_2 T(r, w_2) + 18u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{9(k+1)} N_1(r, H_j) \\ + 18 \sum_{(i)} T(r, a_{(i)}) + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2),$$

i.e.

$$(15) \quad T(r, w_1) \leq 18\lambda_2 T(r, w_2) + 18u_2 \bar{N}(r, w_2) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{9(k+1)} N_1(r, H_j) \\ + 18 \sum_{(i)} T(r, a_{(i)}) + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2), (k \geq \Delta_1).$$

In a similar fashion, we have for the second equation of (1),

$$(16) \quad T(r, w_2) \leq 18\bar{\lambda}_1 T(r, w_1) + 18\bar{u}_1 \bar{N}(r, w_1) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{9(l+1)} N_1(r, H_j) \\ + 18 \sum_{(j)} T(r, b_{(j)}) + S(r, w_1) + S(r, w_2), (l \geq \bar{\Delta}_2).$$

If w_1 is admissible, w_2 is non-admissible, by the inequality (15) and $\limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(r, w_2)}{T(r, w_1)} = 0$ we have

$$1 \leq 0.$$

This is a contradiction.

In a similar way, we can prove the case that w_1 is admissible, w_2 is non-admissible.

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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