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SOME GROWTH PROPERTIES OF COMPOSITE
ENTIRE FUNCTIONS RELATING TO (α, β, γ) -ORDER
AND (α, β, γ) -TYPE

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Abstract. In this paper, we establish some growth properties of composite entire functions on the basis of their (α, β, γ) -order and (α, β, γ) -type.

1. INTRODUCTION

We denote by \mathbb{C} the set of all finite complex numbers. Let $f = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n z^n$ be an entire function defined on \mathbb{C} . The maximum modulus function $M_f(r)$ of f on $|z| = r$ is defined as $M_f = \max_{|z|=r} |f(z)|$. We use the standard notations and definitions of the theory of entire functions which are available in [7, 8] and therefore we do not explain those in details.

First of all, let L be a class of continuous non-negative on $(-\infty, +\infty)$ functions α such that $\alpha(x) = \alpha(x_0) \geq 0$ for $x \leq x_0$ with $\alpha(x) \uparrow +\infty$ as $x_0 \leq x \rightarrow +\infty$. We say that $\alpha \in L_1$, if $\alpha \in L$ and $\alpha(a+b) \leq \alpha(a) + \alpha(b) + c$ for all $a, b \geq R_0$ and fixed $c \in (0, +\infty)$. Further we say that $\alpha \in L_2$, if $\alpha \in L$ and $\alpha(x+O(1)) = (1+o(1))\alpha(x)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$. Finally, $\alpha \in L_3$, if $\alpha \in L$ and $\alpha(a+b) \leq \alpha(a) + \alpha(b)$ for all $a, b \geq R_0$, i.e., α is subadditive. Clearly $L_3 \subset L_1$.

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Particularly, when $\alpha \in L_3$, then one can easily verify that $\alpha(mr) \leq m\alpha(r)$, $m (\geq 2)$ is an integer. Up to a normalization, subadditivity is implied by concavity. Indeed, if $\alpha(r)$ is concave on $[0, +\infty)$ and satisfies $\alpha(0) \geq 0$, then for $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(tx) &= \alpha(tx + (1-t) \cdot 0) \\ &\geq t\alpha(x) + (1-t)\alpha(0) \geq t\alpha(x),\end{aligned}$$

so that by choosing $t = \frac{a}{a+b}$ or $t = \frac{b}{a+b}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(a+b) &= \frac{a}{a+b}\alpha(a+b) + \frac{b}{a+b}\alpha(a+b) \\ &\leq \alpha\left(\frac{a}{a+b}(a+b)\right) + \alpha\left(\frac{b}{a+b}(a+b)\right) \\ &= \alpha(a) + \alpha(b), \quad a, b \geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

As a non-decreasing, subadditive and unbounded function, $\alpha(r)$ satisfies

$$\alpha(r) \leq \alpha(r + R_0) \leq \alpha(r) + \alpha(R_0)$$

for any $R_0 \geq 0$. This yields that $\alpha(r) \sim \alpha(r + R_0)$ as $r \rightarrow +\infty$. Throughout the present paper we take $\alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \in L_1$, $\beta \in L_2$, $\gamma \in L_3$.

Heittokangas et al. [3] have introduced a new concept of φ -order of entire function considering φ as subadditive function. For details one may see [3]. Later on Belaïdi et al. [1] have extended the idea and have introduced the definitions of (α, β, γ) -order and (α, β, γ) -lower order of an entire function f , which are as follows:

Definition 1. [1] *The (α, β, γ) -order denoted by $\rho_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ and (α, β, γ) -lower order denoted by $\lambda_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ of an entire function f are defined as:*

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))}{\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))} \\ \text{and } \lambda_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] &= \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))}{\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))}.\end{aligned}$$

Remark 2. *Let $\alpha(r) = \log^{[p]} r$, ($p \geq 0$), $\beta(r) = \log^{[q]} r$, ($q \geq 0$) and $\gamma(r) = r$, where $\log^{[k]} x = \log(\log^{[k-1]} x)$ ($k \geq 1$), with convention that $\log^{[0]} x = x$. If $p = 0$ and $q = 0$, i.e., $\alpha(r) = \beta(r) = r$, Definition 1*

coincides with the usual order and lower order, when $\alpha(r) = \log^{[p-1]} r$, ($p \geq 1$), $\beta(r) = r$, we obtain the iterated p -order and iterated lower p -order (see [6]), moreover when $\alpha(r) = \log^{[p-1]} r$ and $\beta(r) = \log^{[q-1]} r$, ($p \geq q \geq 1$), we get the (p, q) -order and lower (p, q) -order (see [4, 5]).

Belaïdi et al. [2] have also introduced the definition of another growth indicator, called (α, β, γ) -type of an entire function f in the following way:

Definition 3. [2] The (α, β, γ) -type denoted by $\sigma_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, of an entire function f having finite positive (α, β, γ) -order ($0 < \rho_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$) is defined as:

$$\sigma_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] = \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))}{(\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}}.$$

In this line, further one may introduce the definition of (α, β, γ) -lower type of an entire function f which is as follows:

The (α, β, γ) -lower type denoted by $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ of an entire function f having finite positive (α, β, γ) -order ($0 < \rho_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$) is defined as:

$$\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] = \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))}{(\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}}.$$

It is obvious that $0 \leq \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq +\infty$.

Analogously, to determine the relative growth of two entire functions having same non-zero finite (α, β, γ) -lower order, one can introduce the definitions of (α, β, γ) -weak type and (α, β, γ) -upper weak type of an entire function f of finite positive (α, β, γ) -lower order which are as follows:

Definition 4. The (α, β, γ) -weak type denoted by $\tau_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ and (α, β, γ) -upper weak type denoted by $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ of an entire function f having finite positive (α, β, γ) -lower order ($0 < \lambda_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$) are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))}{(\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\lambda_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}} \\ \text{and } \tau_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] &= \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))}{(\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\lambda_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}}. \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that $0 \leq \tau_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq +\infty$.

In this paper we study some growth properties relating to the composition of two entire functions on the basis of (α, β, γ) -order, (α, β, γ) -type and (α, β, γ) -weak type as compared to the growth of their corresponding left and right factors.

2. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, the main results of the paper are presented.

Theorem 5. *Let f and g be two entire functions such that $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] \leq \rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] < +\infty$ and $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} &\leq \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \\ &\leq \min \left\{ \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}, \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}, \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} \right\} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the definitions of $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]$, $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]$, $\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ and $\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, we have for arbitrary positive ε and for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$(1) \quad \alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right) \geq (\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r))),$$

$$(2) \quad \alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right) \leq (\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r))),$$

$$(3) \quad \alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right) \geq (\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r)))$$

$$(4) \quad \text{and } \alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right) \leq (\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r))).$$

Again for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity,

$$(5) \quad \alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right) \leq (\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r))),$$

$$(6) \quad \alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right) \geq (\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r))),$$

$$(7) \quad \alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right) \leq (\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r)))$$

$$(8) \quad \text{and } \alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right) \geq (\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon) \beta(\log(\gamma(r))).$$

Now from (1) and (4) it follows for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \geq \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon}.$$

As $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$(9) \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \geq \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Combining (3) and (5), we have for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary it follows that

$$(10) \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Again from (1) and (7), for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity, we get

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \geq \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon}.$$

As $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we get from above that

$$(11) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \geq \frac{\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

It follows from (2) and (3), for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$(12) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Now from (2) and (8), it follows for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon}.$$

As $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$(13) \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \leq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Combining (4) and (6), we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \geq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, it follows that

$$(14) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha_1 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))) \right)}{\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)} \geq \frac{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Thus the theorem follows from (9), (10), (11), (12), (13) and (14). ■

Remark 6. If we take “ $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] \leq \rho_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] < +\infty$ ” instead of “ $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and other conditions remain same, the conclusion of Theorem 5 remains true with “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ”, “ $\rho_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” and “ $\alpha_3 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, g)) \right)$ ” in replace of “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ”, “ $\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\alpha_2 \left(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)) \right)$ ” respectively in the denominators.

Theorem 7. *Let f and g be two non-constant entire functions such that $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] \leq \rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ and $\lambda_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f(g)] = +\infty$. Then*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))}{\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))} = +\infty.$$

Proof. If possible, let the conclusion of the theorem does not hold. Then we can find a constant $\Delta > 0$ such that for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity

$$(15) \quad \alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))) \leq \Delta \cdot \alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))).$$

Again from the definition of $\rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f]$, it follows for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$(16) \quad \alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))) \leq (\rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] + \epsilon)\beta(\log(\gamma(r))).$$

From (15) and (16), for a sequence of values of r tending to $+\infty$, we have

$$\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))) \leq \Delta(\rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] + \epsilon)\beta(\log(\gamma(r))),$$

$$i.e., \frac{\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))}{\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))} \leq \Delta(\rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] + \epsilon),$$

$$i.e., \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))}{\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))} < +\infty,$$

$$i.e., \lambda_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f(g)] < +\infty.$$

This is a contradiction.

Thus the theorem follows. ■

Remark 8. *If we take “ $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[g] \leq \rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[g] < +\infty$ ” instead of “ $0 < \lambda_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] \leq \rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and other conditions remain same, the conclusion of Theorem 7 remains true with “ $\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, g)))$ ” in replace of “ $\alpha(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))$ ” in the denominators.*

Remark 9. *Theorem 7 and Remark 8 are also valid with “limit superior” instead of “limit” if “ $\lambda_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f(g)] = +\infty$ ” is replaced by “ $\rho_{(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)}[f(g)] = +\infty$ ” and the other conditions remain the same.*

Theorem 10. *Let f and g be two entire functions such that $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1,\beta,\gamma)}[f(g)] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_1,\beta,\gamma)}[f(g)] < +\infty$, $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2,\beta,\gamma)}[f] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_2,\beta,\gamma)}[f]$*

$< +\infty$ and $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} &\leq \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \\ &\leq \min \left\{ \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}, \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}, \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} \right\} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. From the definition of $\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, $\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]$ and $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]$, we have for arbitrary $\varepsilon (> 0)$ and for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} &\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))) \\ &\leq (\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(18) \quad \begin{aligned} &\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))) \\ &\geq (\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(19) \quad \exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))) \leq (\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]},$$

$$(20) \quad \exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))) \geq (\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Again for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity, we get that

$$(21) \quad \begin{aligned} &\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))) \\ &\geq (\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} &\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))) \\ &\leq (\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(23) \quad \exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))) \leq (\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]},$$

$$(24) \quad \exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f)))) \geq (\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon) (\exp(\beta(\log(\gamma(r)))))^{\rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Now from (18), (19) and the condition $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, it follows for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \geq \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon}.$$

As $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we obtain from above that

$$(25) \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \geq \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Combining (20) and (22) and the condition $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, it follows from above that

$$(26) \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Again from (18), (23) and the condition $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, we obtain for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \geq \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon}.$$

As $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we get from above that

$$(27) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \geq \frac{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

In view of the condition $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, it follows from (17) and (20) for all sufficiently large values of r that

$$\frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$(28) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

From (17), (24) and the condition $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, it follows for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] + \varepsilon}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] - \varepsilon}.$$

As $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, we obtain that

$$(29) \quad \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Combining (19) and (21) and in view of the condition $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$, we get for a sequence of values of r tending to infinity that

$$\frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \geq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] - \varepsilon}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] + \varepsilon}.$$

Since $\varepsilon (> 0)$ is arbitrary, it follows that

$$(30) \quad \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g))))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \geq \frac{\sigma_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}.$$

Thus the theorem follows from (25), (26), (27), (28), (29) and (30). ■

Remark 11. If we take “ $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” instead of “ $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and other conditions remain same, the results of Theorem 10 remain true with “ $\sigma_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ”, “ $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_3(\log^{[2]}(M(r, g))))$ ” instead of “ $\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ”, “ $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))$ ” respectively in the denominators.

Remark 12. If we take “ $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” instead of “ $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and other conditions remain same, the results of Theorem 10 remain true with “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” in place of “ $\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” respectively in the denominators.

Remark 13. If we take “ $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” instead of “ $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\rho_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and other conditions remain same, the results of Theorem 10 remain true with “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ”, “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_3(\log^{[2]}(M(r, g))))$ ” in place of “ $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ”, “ $\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))$ ” respectively in the denominators.

Now in the line of Theorem 10, one can easily prove the following theorem using the notions of (α, β, γ) -weak type and (α, β, γ) -upper weak type and so the proof is omitted.

Theorem 14. *Let f and g be two entire functions such that $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] < +\infty$, $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ and $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tau_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} &\leq \liminf_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \\ &\leq \min \left\{ \frac{\tau_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}, \frac{\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} \right\} \\ &\leq \max \left\{ \frac{\tau_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}, \frac{\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]} \right\} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\exp(\alpha_1(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f(g)))))}{\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))} \leq \frac{\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)]}{\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]}. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 15. *If we take “ $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” instead of “ $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and other conditions remain same, the results of Theorem 14 remain true with “ $\tau_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ”, “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_3(\log^{[2]}(M(r, g))))$ ” in place of “ $\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ”, “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))$ ” respectively in the denominators.*

Remark 16. *If we take “ $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” instead of “ $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and other conditions remain same, the results of Theorem 14 remain true with “ $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\sigma_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” in place of “ $\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” respectively in the denominators.*

Remark 17. *If we take “ $0 < \bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] \leq \sigma_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \rho_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” instead of “ $0 < \tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] \leq \bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f] < +\infty$ ” and “ $\lambda_{(\alpha_1, \beta, \gamma)}[f(g)] = \lambda_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and other conditions remain same, the results of Theorem 14 remain true with “ $\bar{\sigma}_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ”, “ $\sigma_{(\alpha_3, \beta, \gamma)}[g]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_3(\log^{[2]}(M(r, g))))$ ” in place of “ $\tau_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ”, “ $\bar{\tau}_{(\alpha_2, \beta, \gamma)}[f]$ ” and “ $\exp(\alpha_2(\log^{[2]}(M(r, f))))$ ” respectively in the denominators.*

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