

## ON RELATIVE ORDER OF ITERATED FUNCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ITERATED FUNCTIONS OF ENTIRE AND MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we prove some results on relative order of iterated functions with respect to iterated functions formed with entire and meromorphic functions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND DEFINITIONS

The Maximum modulus of an entire function  $f(z)$  is defined by

$$M_f(r) = \max\{|f(z)| : |z| = r\}.$$

If  $f$  is non-constant then  $M_f(r)$  is strictly increasing and continuous function of  $r$  and its inverse

$$M_f^{-1} : (|f(0)|, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$$

exists and is such that

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} M_f(r) = \infty.$$

**Definition 1.1.** The order of an entire function  $f(z)$  is defined as

$$\rho_f = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log^{[2]} M_f(r)}{\log r}.$$

In [4] Bernal introduced the definition of relative order of entire functions as follows.

**Definition 1.2.** [4] If  $f(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are two entire functions then the relative order of  $f(z)$  with respect to  $g(z)$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_g(f) &= \inf\{\mu > 0 : M_f(r) < M_g(r^\mu) \text{ for all } r > r_0(\mu) > 0\} \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1} M_f(r)}{\log r}. \end{aligned}$$

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If  $f$  be meromorphic then Lahiri and Banerjee [7] introduced relative order of  $f$  with respect to entire  $g$  as follows.

**Definition 1.3.** [7] The relative order of a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  with respect to an entire function  $g(z)$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_g(f) &= \inf\{\lambda > 0 : T_f(r) < T_g(r^\lambda) \text{ for all } r > r_0(\lambda) > 0\} \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_g^{-1} T_f(r)}{\log r}.\end{aligned}$$

After this, Banerje [1] introduced the definition of relative order of a meromorphic function  $f$  with respect to another meromorphic function  $g$  as follows.

**Definition 1.4.** [1] The relative order of a meromorphic function  $f(z)$  with respect to a meromorphic function  $g(z)$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_g(f) &= \inf\{\mu > 0 : T_f(r) < [T_g(r)]^\mu \text{ for all } r\} \\ &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_f(r)}{\log T_g(r)}.\end{aligned}$$

Here we introduce the following definition.

**Definition 1.5.** The relative order of an entire function  $f(z)$  with respect to a meromorphic function  $g(z)$  is defined as

$$\rho_g(f) = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log T_f^{-1}(T_g(r))}.$$

Very recently [2] Banerjee and Adhikary proved some results on relative order of composite function with respect to composite function formed with entire and meromorphic functions. In the present paper we generalise the results of Banerjee and Adhikary for iterated functions.

## 2. KNOWN LEMMAS

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

**Lemma 2.1.** [6] *Let  $g$  be an entire function. Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$T_g(r) \leq \log M_g(r) \leq 3T_g(2r).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [9] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two entire functions. Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$T_{f \circ g}(r) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M_f\left(\frac{1}{9} M_g\left(\frac{r}{4}\right)\right).$$

**Lemma 2.3.** [5] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two entire functions. Then for all sufficiently large values of  $r$*

$$M_f\left(\frac{1}{8}M_g\left(\frac{r}{2}\right) - |g(0)|\right) \leq M_{f \circ g}(r) \leq M_f(M_g(r)).$$

**Lemma 2.4.** [3] *If  $f$  is meromorphic and  $g$  is entire then for all large of values of  $r$*

$$T_{f \circ g}(r) \leq \{1 + o(1)\} \frac{T_g(r)}{\log M_g(r)} T_f(M_g(r)).$$

**Lemma 2.5.** [8] *Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two entire functions. If  $M_g(r) > \frac{2+\epsilon}{\epsilon}|g(0)|$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , then*

$$T_{f \circ g}(r) < (1 + \epsilon)T_f(M_g(r)).$$

*In particular if  $g(0) = 0$  then*

$$T_{f \circ g}(r) < T_f(M_g(r))$$

*for all  $r > 0$ .*

### 3. PRELIMINARY THEOREMS

In this section we presents some results in the form of preliminary theorems which will be needed in the sequel.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be entire functions. Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq M_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\dots M_{f_n}(r) \dots)).$$

*i.e.;*

$$M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(r)) \dots) \leq M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Proof.** Using Lemma 2.3 successively, we get

$$(3.1) \quad M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq M_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\dots M_{f_{n-1}}(M_{f_n}(r)) \dots)).$$

Taking

$$M_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\dots M_{f_{n-1}}(M_{f_n}(r)) \dots)) = R$$

we get

$$r = M_{f_n}^{-1}(M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(R)) \dots)).$$

So from (3.1) we get

$$M_{f_n}^{-1}(M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(r)) \dots)) \leq M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be entire functions. Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \geq M_{f_1}\left(\frac{1}{9}M_{f_2}\left(\frac{1}{18}M_{f_3} \cdots \frac{1}{18}M_{f_n}\left(\frac{r}{2}\right) \cdots\right)\right).$$

*i.e.;*

$$2M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\cdots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(r)) \cdots)) \geq M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Proof.** For two entire functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  we get from Lemma 2.3

$$M_{f_1 \circ f_2}(r) \geq M_{f_1}\left(\frac{1}{9}M_{f_2}\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)\right).$$

Now for three entire functions  $f_1, f_2$  and  $f_3$  as in the above we get

$$M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3}(r) \geq M_{f_1 \circ f_2}\left(\frac{1}{9}M_{f_3}\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)\right) \geq M_{f_1}\left(\frac{1}{9}M_{f_2}\left(\frac{1}{18}M_{f_3}\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)\right)\right).$$

Similarly for  $n$ -functions, we get

$$(3.2) \quad M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \geq M_{f_1}\left(\frac{1}{9}M_{f_2}\left(\frac{1}{18}M_{f_3} \cdots \frac{1}{18}M_{f_n}\left(\frac{r}{2}\right) \cdots\right)\right).$$

Taking

$$M_{f_1}\left(\frac{1}{9}M_{f_2}\left(\frac{1}{18}M_{f_3} \cdots \frac{1}{18}M_{f_n}\left(\frac{r}{2}\right) \cdots\right)\right) = R,$$

we get

$$r = 2M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\cdots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(R)) \cdots)).$$

So from (3.2) we get

$$2M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\cdots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(r)) \cdots)) \geq M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be entire functions such that  $M_{f_i}(r) > \frac{2+\epsilon}{\epsilon}|f_i(0)|$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$  and for any  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq (1 + \epsilon)^{(n-1)}T_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\cdots M_{f_n}(r) \cdots)).$$

*In particular taking  $\epsilon = 1$ , we get*

$$M_{f_n}^{-1}(M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\cdots M_{f_2}^{-1}(T_{f_1}^{-1}\left(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}}\right)) \cdots)) \leq T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Proof.** For entire functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  using Lemma 2.5, we get

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2}(r) \leq (1 + \epsilon)T_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(r)).$$

and

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ f_3}(r) \leq (1 + \epsilon)T_{f_1 \circ f_2}(M_{f_3}(r)) \leq (1 + \epsilon)^2T_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(M_{f_3}(r))).$$

Similarly for  $n$ -functions, we get

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq (1 + \epsilon)^{n-1}T_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\cdots M_{f_n}(r) \cdots)).$$

In particular taking  $\epsilon = 1$ , we have

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq 2^{n-1} T_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\dots M_{f_n}(r) \dots)).$$

Choosing

$$2^{n-1} T_{f_1}(M_{f_2}(\dots M_{f_n}(r) \dots)) = R$$

we get

$$r = M_{f_n}^{-1}(M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(T_{f_1}^{-1}(\frac{R}{2^{n-1}})) \dots)).$$

Hence

$$M_{f_n}^{-1}(M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(T_{f_1}^{-1}(\frac{r}{2^{n-1}})) \dots)) \leq T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be entire functions. Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M_{f_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{f_2}(\dots \frac{1}{18} M_{f_n}(\frac{r}{8}) \dots)).$$

i.e;

$$8M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots 9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp 3r) \dots)) \geq T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Proof.** For entire functions  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  using Lemma 2.2 we get

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M_{f_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{f_2 \circ f_3 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(\frac{r}{4})).$$

Now using Theorem 3.2 we get

$$T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \geq \frac{1}{3} \log M_{f_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{f_2}(\frac{1}{9} M_{f_3}(\frac{1}{18} M_{f_4}(\dots \frac{1}{18} M_{f_n}(\frac{r}{8}) \dots)))).$$

i.e;

$$8M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots 9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp 3r) \dots)) \geq T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}^{-1}(r).$$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $h_1$  be a meromorphic function and  $f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$  be entire functions. Then for all large values of  $r$*

$$T_{h_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq T_{h_1}(M_{f_2}(M_{f_3}(\dots M_{f_n}(r) \dots))).$$

**Proof.** Since  $h_1$  is meromorphic and  $f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$  are entire functions, we have from Lemma 2.4

$$T_{h_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq T_{h_1}(M_{f_2 \circ f_3 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r)).$$

Now from Theorem 3.1, we get

$$T_{h_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n}(r) \leq T_{h_1}(M_{f_2}(M_{f_3}(\dots M_{f_n}(r) \dots))).$$

## 4. MAIN THEOREMS

In this section we present main results of the paper.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  and  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n$  be entire functions of respective finite nonzero orders and  $g$  be a polynomial of degree  $m$ . Then the relative order of  $h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n$  with respect to  $f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\frac{\lambda_{h_n}}{m\rho_{f_n}} \leq \rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g}(h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n) \leq \frac{\rho_{h_n}}{m\lambda_{f_n}}.$$

**Proof.** We have by definition of order for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $r_0(\epsilon) > 0$  such that

$$(4.1) \quad M_{f_1}(r) < \exp\{r^{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon}\} \quad \text{for all } r > r_0(\epsilon)$$

$$(4.2) \quad \text{i.e; } M_{f_1}^{-1}(r) > \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}.$$

Similarly

$$(4.3) \quad M_{f_2}^{-1}(r) > \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_2} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\};$$

⋮

$$(4.4) \quad M_{f_n}^{-1}(r) > \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}.$$

Again for arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$  and for all large values of  $r$

$$(4.5) \quad M_{h_1}(r) > \exp\{r^{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}\};$$

$$(4.6) \quad M_{h_2}(r) > \exp\{r^{\lambda_{h_2} - \epsilon}\};$$

⋮

$$(4.7) \quad M_{h_n}(r) > \exp\{r^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}\}.$$

Let  $g(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_mz^m$ .

Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $r_1(\epsilon) > 0$  such that

$$(4.8) \quad |a_m|r^m(1 - \epsilon) < M_g(r) < |a_m|r^m(1 + \epsilon) \quad \text{for all } r > r_1(\epsilon).$$

So

$$(4.9) \quad M_g^{-1}(r) > \left\{\frac{r}{|a_m|(1 + \epsilon)}\right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad \text{and} \quad M_g^{-1}(r) < \left\{\frac{r}{|a_m|(1 - \epsilon)}\right\}^{\frac{1}{m}}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g}(h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g}^{-1}(M_{h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r))}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r))) \dots))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.1}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9}M_{h_2}(\dots \frac{1}{18}M_{h_n}(\frac{r}{2}) \dots)))) \dots))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.2}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9}M_{h_2}(\dots (\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}) \dots)))) \dots))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.7}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9}M_{h_2}(\dots (\exp[\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}]^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon}) \dots)))) \dots))}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots (M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[\frac{1}{9} \exp[\frac{1}{18} \exp(\dots \\
&\quad \dots [\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}]^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon} \dots])^{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}))) \dots))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.5}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots (M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp[\frac{1}{9} \exp[\frac{1}{18} \exp(\dots \\
&\quad \dots [\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}]^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon} \dots])^{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}\})) \dots))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.2}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} (\frac{1}{9} \exp[\frac{1}{18} \exp \dots [\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}]^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon} \dots]^{\lambda_{h_2} - \epsilon})\})) \dots))}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots (M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_2} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} \exp[\frac{1}{9} \exp[\frac{1}{18} \exp \\
&\quad \dots [\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}]^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon} \dots]^{\lambda_{h_2} - \epsilon}\})) \dots))}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_3}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_2} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_2} + \epsilon} (\frac{1}{9} \exp[\frac{1}{18} \exp(\dots [\frac{1}{18} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}]^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon} \dots]^{\lambda_{h_3} - \epsilon})\})) \dots))}{\log r} \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_{n-1}} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp(\frac{1}{9} \exp(\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})^{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon})\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_{n-1}} + \epsilon} (\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_n-1} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_{n-1}} + \epsilon} (\frac{r}{2})^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}\})\} + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log(\frac{r}{2})\}) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_g^{-1}\{(\frac{r}{2})^{\frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}}\} + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\{(\frac{r}{2})^{\frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}}\}^{\frac{1}{m}} + O(1)}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.9}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \frac{\log\{(\frac{r}{2})^{\frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}}\} - \log |a_m|(1 + \epsilon) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \frac{\frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log(\frac{r}{2}) - \log |a_m|(1 + \epsilon) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \\
&\geq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\lambda_{h_n}}{\rho_{f_n}} \quad \text{since } \epsilon > 0 \text{ is arbitrary.}
\end{aligned}$$

Again for all sufficiently large values of  $r$

$$(4.10) \quad M_{h_1}(r) \leq \exp\{r^{\rho_{h_1} + \epsilon}\}, M_{h_2}(r) \leq \exp\{r^{\rho_{h_2} + \epsilon}\}, \dots, M_{h_n}(r) \leq \exp\{r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}\}$$

and

$$(4.11) \quad M_{f_1}^{-1}(r) < \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}, M_{f_2}^{-1}(r) < \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_2} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}, \dots, M_{f_n}^{-1}(r) < \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g}(h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g}^{-1}(M_{h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r))}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r))) \dots))))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.2}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(M_{h_2}(\dots M_{h_n}(r) \dots)))) \dots))))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.1}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(M_{h_2}(\dots M_{h_{n-1}}(\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})) \dots)))) \dots)))) + O(1)}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.10}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(M_{h_2}(\dots M_{h_{n-2}}(\exp[\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)})^{\rho_{h_{n-1} + \epsilon}}) \dots)))) \dots)))) + O(1)}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}[\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon))) \dots))^{\rho_{h_1} + \epsilon}] \dots)))) + O(1)}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots (18 \exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]}[\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})) \dots))^{\rho_{h_1} + \epsilon}]\}) \dots)))) + O(1)}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.11}) \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18M_{f_{n-1}}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots (18 \exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_1} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} [\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})) \dots))^{\rho_{h_2} + \epsilon}]\}) \dots)))) + O(1)}{\log r} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18 \exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp(\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}))^{\rho_{h_{n-1} + \epsilon}}))\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(18 \exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}} - \epsilon} (r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(2M_g^{-1}(18r^{\frac{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\left\{\frac{18r^{\frac{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}}}{|a_m|(1-\epsilon)}\right\}^{\frac{1}{m}} + O(1)}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.9}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \frac{\log r^{\frac{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}} - \log |a_m|(1 - \epsilon) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \frac{\frac{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log r + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\rho_{h_n}}{\lambda_{f_n}} \quad \text{since } \epsilon > 0 \text{ is arbitrary.}
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n$  be entire functions of respective finite nonzero orders and  $g_1, g_2$  be two polynomials of degree  $m_1, m_2$  respectively. Then the relative order of  $h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n \circ g_2$  with respect to  $f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_1$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\frac{m_2 \lambda_{h_n}}{m_1 \rho_{f_n}} \leq \rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_1}(h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n \circ g_2) \leq \frac{m_2 \rho_{h_n}}{m_1 \lambda_{f_n}}.$$

**Proof:** Let

$$g_1(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_{m_1} z^{m_1}$$

and

$$g_2(z) = b_0 + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots + b_{m_2} z^{m_2}$$

be two polynomials of degree  $m_1, m_2$  respectively. Take  $R = |b_{m_2}|(1 - \epsilon)(\frac{r}{2})^{m_2}$ . By the definition of relative order of an entire function with respect to another entire function we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_1}(h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n \circ g_2) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n \circ g_2}(r))}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n \circ g_2}(r))) \dots))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.1}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{h_2}(\dots \frac{1}{18} M_{h_n}(\frac{1}{18} M_{g_2}(\frac{r}{2})) \dots))) \dots)))}{\log r} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.2}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{h_2}(\dots \frac{1}{18} M_{h_n}(|b_{m_2}|(1 - \epsilon)(\frac{r}{2})^{m_2}) \dots))) \dots))) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{h_2}(\dots \frac{1}{18} M_{h_{n-1}}(\frac{1}{18} \exp R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}) \dots))) \dots))) + O(1)}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.7}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(M_{h_1}(\frac{1}{9} M_{h_2}(\dots \dots \frac{1}{18} M_{h_{n-2}}(\frac{1}{18} \exp\{\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})\}^{\lambda_{h_{n-1} - \epsilon}}) \dots))) \dots))) + O(1)}{\log r}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots M_{f_2}^{-1}(M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp(\frac{1}{9} \exp(\cdots \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cdots (\exp\{\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})\}^{\lambda_{h_{n-1} - \epsilon}}) \cdots)^{\lambda_{h_2 - \epsilon}})^{\lambda_{h_1 - \epsilon}}) \cdots)) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp(\cdots \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cdots (\exp\{\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})\}^{\lambda_{h_{n-1} - \epsilon}}) \cdots)^{\lambda_{h_1 - \epsilon}}\}) \cdots)) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} \log(\frac{1}{9} \exp(\cdots \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cdots (\exp\{\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})\}^{\lambda_{h_{n-1} - \epsilon}}) \cdots)^{\lambda_{h_2 - \epsilon}}\}) \cdots)) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots M_{f_3}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_2} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}[\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_1} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_1} + \epsilon} \exp(\cdots \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cdots (\exp\{\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})\}^{\lambda_{h_{n-1} - \epsilon}}) \cdots)^{\lambda_{h_2 - \epsilon}}\}]) \cdots)) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \quad \vdots \\
& \log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_{n-1}} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}[\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})]^{\lambda_{h_{n-1} - \epsilon}}\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(M_{f_n}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_{n-1}} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_{n-1}} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}[\exp(R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon})]\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log^{[2]}[\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_{n-1}} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_{n-1}} + \epsilon} R^{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}\}]\}) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log(\frac{r}{2})^{m_2}\}) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M_{g_1}^{-1}((\frac{r}{2})^{m_2 \frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}}) + O(1)}{\log r} \text{ (from 4.9)} \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log\{\frac{(\frac{r}{2})^{m_2 \frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}}}{|a_{m_1}|(1+\epsilon)}\}^{\frac{1}{m_1}} + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{m_2}{m_1} \frac{\lambda_{h_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \log r - \log |a_{m_1}|(1 + \epsilon) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
& \geq \frac{m_2}{m_1} \frac{\lambda_{h_n}}{\rho_{f_n}} \text{ since } \epsilon > 0 \text{ is any arbitrary.}
\end{aligned}$$

Using the same arguments as in Theorem 4.1 we can show that

$$\rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_1}(h_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n \circ g_2) \leq \frac{m_2 \rho_{h_n}}{m_1 \lambda_{f_n}}.$$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_n$  be entire functions and  $g_1$  be meromorphic function of respective finite nonzero orders and  $g_2$  be a polynomial of degree  $m$ . Then the relative order of  $g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n$  with respect to  $f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_2$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_2}(g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n) \leq \frac{\rho_{h_n}}{m \lambda_{f_n}}.$$

**Proof:** We know from the definition of lower order, for all large values of  $r$

$$(4.12) \quad M_{f_1}^{-1}(r) < \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}.$$

Similarly for all large values of  $r$

$$(4.13) \quad M_{f_2}^{-1}(r) < \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_2} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}.$$

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$$(4.14) \quad M_{f_n}^{-1}(r) < \exp\left\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]} r\right\}.$$

Also

$$(4.15) \quad T_{g_1}(r) < r^{\rho_{g_1} + \epsilon}, \text{ for all large values of } r.$$

Let  $g_2(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots + a_m z^m$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_2}(g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_2}^{-1}(T_{g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r))}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r)])) \dots)))}{\log r} \text{ (from Theorem 3.4)} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1}(M_{h_2}(M_{h_3}(\dots M_{h_n}(r) \dots)])) \dots)))}{\log r} \text{ (from Theorem 3.5)} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1}(M_{h_2}(M_{h_3}(\dots M_{h_{n-1}}(\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})) \dots)])) \dots)))}{\log r} \text{ (from 4.1)} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1}(\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})) \dots)))^{\rho_{h_2} + \epsilon}])) \dots)))}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots \\ &\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[\exp(\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon})) \dots)]^{\rho_{h_2} + \epsilon}]^{\rho_{g_1} + \epsilon})) \dots)))}{\log r} \\ &\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp[\exp(\dots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon}) \dots]^{\rho_{g_1} + \epsilon})\}) \dots))) + O(1)}{\log r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{g_1}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_1}-\epsilon}(\exp[\exp(\cdots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n}+\epsilon})\cdots])^{\rho_{h_2}+\epsilon}])\cdots))) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots 18M_{f_3}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_2}-\epsilon} \log^{[2]}\{\frac{\rho_{g_1}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_1}-\epsilon}(\exp[\exp(\cdots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n}+\epsilon})\cdots])^{\rho_{h_2}+\epsilon}])\cdots})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\cdots 18M_{f_3}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_2}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_2}-\epsilon}(\exp[\exp(\cdots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n}+\epsilon})\cdots])^{\rho_{h_3}+\epsilon}])\cdots))) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}}-\epsilon} r^{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}}-\epsilon} r^{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon} \log\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}}-\epsilon} r^{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon} \log r\})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(r^{\frac{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon}})) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{m} \log(\frac{r^{\frac{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon}}}{|a_m|(1-\epsilon_1)}) + O(1)}{\log r} \text{ (from 4.9)} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{m}(\log r^{\frac{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon}} - \log |a_m|(1-\epsilon_1)) + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{m} \frac{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon} \log r + O(1)}{\log r} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\rho_{f_n}+\epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n}-\epsilon} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m} \frac{\rho_{h_n}}{\lambda_{f_n}}, \text{ as } \epsilon > 0 \text{ is arbitrary.}
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n, h_2, h_3, \dots, h_n$  be entire functions and  $g_1$  be meromorphic function of respective finite non-zero orders and  $g_2$  be a polynomial of degree  $m$ . Then the relative order of  $f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \cdots \circ f_n \circ g_2$  with respect to  $g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \cdots \circ h_n$  satisfies the inequality*

$$\rho_{g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \cdots \circ h_n}(f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \cdots \circ f_n \circ g_2) \geq m \frac{\lambda_{f_n}}{\rho_{h_n}}.$$

**Proof:** Let  $g_2(z) = a_0 + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \cdots + a_m z^m$  be a polynomial of degree  $m$ . By the definition of relative order of an entire function with respect to a meromorphic

function we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_2}(g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n) &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log T_{f_1 \circ f_2 \circ \dots \circ f_n \circ g_2}^{-1}(T_{g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r))} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp(3T_{g_1 \circ h_2 \circ \dots \circ h_n}(r)))) \dots)))} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.4}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots \\
&\quad \dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1}(M_{h_2}(M_{h_3}(\dots M_{h_n}(r) \dots)])) \dots)))} \quad (\text{from Theorem 3.5}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1}(M_{h_2}(M_{h_3}(\dots \\
&\quad \dots M_{h_{n-1}}(\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots])))) \dots)))} \quad (\text{from 4.1}) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[3T_{g_1}(\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots)) \dots])))) \dots)))} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[\exp(\exp(\exp(\dots \\
&\quad \dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots])) \dots])^{\rho_{h_2 + \epsilon}}] \dots)))} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(9M_{f_1}^{-1}(\exp[\exp(\exp(\exp(\dots (\exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots)) \dots])^{\rho_{h_2 + \epsilon}}] \dots)))} \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp[\exp(\dots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots])^{\rho_{g_1 + \epsilon}}\}) \dots)))} + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{g_1} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} (\exp[\exp(\dots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots])^{\rho_{h_2 + \epsilon}}]\}) \dots)))} + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_3}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_2} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\frac{\rho_{g_1} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_1} - \epsilon} (\exp[\exp(\dots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots])^{\rho_{h_2 + \epsilon}}]\}) \dots)))} + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\dots 18M_{f_3}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_2} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_2} - \epsilon} (\exp[\exp(\dots \exp(r^{\rho_{h_n} + \epsilon)}) \dots])^{\rho_{h_3 + \epsilon}}]\}) \dots)))} + O(1) \\
&\quad \vdots \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(18M_{f_n}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}} - \epsilon} r^{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}\}))} + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log^{[2]}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}} - \epsilon} r^{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}\}))} + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{1}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log\{\frac{\rho_{h_{n-1}} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_{n-1}} - \epsilon} r^{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}\}))} + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log[8M_{g_2}^{-1}(\exp\{\frac{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log r\})] + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log(8M_{g_2}^{-1}(r^{\frac{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}})) + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\log r} \quad (\text{from 4.9}) \\
&\quad \frac{1}{m} \log\left(\frac{r^{\frac{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}}}{|a_m|(1-\epsilon)}\right) + O(1) \\
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\frac{1}{m} (\log r^{\frac{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}} - \log |a_m|(1-\epsilon))} + O(1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log r}{\frac{1}{m} \frac{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon}{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon} \log r + O(1)} \\
&\geq m \frac{\lambda_{f_n} - \epsilon}{\rho_{f_n} + \epsilon} \\
&\geq m \frac{\lambda_{f_n}}{\rho_{h_n}}, \text{ as } \epsilon > 0 \text{ is arbitrary.}
\end{aligned}$$

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