

## AN INEQUALITY ON THE DIFFERENCE POLYNOMIALS OF MEROMORPHIC FUNCTIONS AND ITS APPLICATION

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**Abstract.** Let  $f(z)$  be a transcendental meromorphic function of finite order and  $\Psi(z) = f(z + c_1)f(z + c_2)\cdots f(z + c_n) - a(f(z))^n$  be a difference polynomials of  $f$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n (n \in \mathbb{N}^+)$  be complex constants satisfying that at least one of them is non-zero. If  $\Psi(z)$  is transcendental, the author establishes the following inequality on  $\Psi(z)$ :

$$nT(r, f) \leq nN\left(r, \frac{1}{f}\right) + 4nN(r, f) + N\left(r, \frac{1}{\Psi(z) - b}\right) + S(r, f),$$

where  $b \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . As an application of this inequality, the author investigates the value distribution of  $\Psi(z)$ . Results are obtained partially solve some open questions raised by Zheng and Chen in [X. M. Zheng, Z. X. Chen, On the value distribution of some difference polynomials, *J. Math. Anal. Appl.* 397(2013) 814–821].

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