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This implies that  $g_k$  has the pole of order  $\overline{\delta}_k$  on  $E_{\sigma}^{(\sigma)}$ . On the other hand, by Lemma 1,  $g_{k+1}$  has the pole of order  $q_k \overline{\delta}_k$  on  $E_{\sigma}^{(\sigma)}$ . Hence,  $E_{\sigma}^{(\sigma)}$  is neither the zero nor the pole of  $\Phi = \frac{g_{k+1}}{g_k^{q_k}}$ . Further,  $\Phi$  is holomorphic in a neighborhood

of Q and  $\Phi(Q) = 0$ . Therefore,  $\Phi$  is not constant on  $E_{\sigma}^{(\sigma)}$ . Now, set  $\psi = g_{k+1} - g_k^{q_k}$ . Then,

$$\frac{\psi}{g_k^{q_k}} = \Phi - 1$$

is also a non-constant function on  $E_{\sigma}^{(\sigma)}$ . Therefore,  $\psi$  has also the pole of order  $q_k \overline{\delta}_k$  on  $E_{\sigma}^{(\sigma)}$ . On the other hand, since

$$\deg_y(\psi) < n_{k+1} = n_k q_k, \ n_k = \deg_y(g_k),$$

by the division of  $\psi$  by  $g_k^{q_k-1}$ , we get

$$\psi = c_1 g_k^{q_k - 1} + \psi_1$$

with  $\deg_y(c_1) < n_k$ ,  $\deg_y(\psi_1) < n_k(q_k-1)$ . Dividing  $\psi_{i-1}$  by  $g_k^{q_k-i}$  successively for  $i = 2, \cdots, q_k - 1$ , we get

$$\psi_{i-1} = c_i g_k^{q_k - i} + \psi_i,$$

where  $\deg_y(c_1) < n_k$ ,  $\deg_y(\psi_i) < n_k(q_k - i)$ . Thus, setting  $c_{q_k} = \psi_{q_k-1}$ , we get

$$\psi = \sum_{i=1}^{q_k} c_i g_k^{q_k - i}$$

Here, we have

$$\deg_y(c_i) < n_k = n_{k-1}q_{k-1}, \ n_{k-1} = \deg_y(g_{k-1}).$$

In the same way, dividing  $c_i$  and its rests by  $g_{k-1}^{q_{k-1}-1}$ ,  $g_{k-1}^{q_{k-1}-2}$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $g_{k-1}$  successively, we get

$$c_i = \sum_{j=1}^{q_{k-1}} c_{ij} g_{k-1}^{q_{k-1}-j}$$

with  $\deg_{u}(c_{ij}) < n_{k-1}$ . Thus, we have

$$\psi = \sum_{i=1}^{q_k} \sum_{j=1}^{q_{k-1}} c_{ij} g_k^{q_k - i} g_{k-1}^{q_{k-1} - j}.$$