

Exercise. Let $R > 0$ and $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

- (a) Let $f \in H(B_R(z_0))$ have a zero of order m at z_0 . Show $\frac{1}{f}$ has a pole of order m at z_0 .
- (b) Let $f \in H(B'_R(z_0))$ have a pole of order m at z_0 . Show $\frac{1}{f}$ has a removable singularity at z_0 , and furthermore, if we extend $\frac{1}{f}$ to $\tilde{\frac{1}{f}}$ by defining $\tilde{\frac{1}{f}}(z_0) = 0$, then $\tilde{\frac{1}{f}}$ is holomorphic at z_0 and has a zero of order m at z_0 .
- (c) What is the order of the pole of

$$h(z) := \frac{1}{(2 \cos z - 2 + z^2)^2}$$

at $z = 0$? Explain your answer.

Remark. Loosely speaking, this exercise shows that, at $z = z_0$,

- (a) f has zero of order $m \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f}$ has pole of order m
- (b) f has pole of order $m \Rightarrow \frac{1}{f}$ has zero of order m .

(a) Their Thm 16 = our script's Ch 3's Thm 1.1 (p 27). Their Lemma 7 is our *Singularities of Holomorphic Functions's* TFAE (2b).

Suppose that f has a zero of order m at z_0 . Then by Theorem 16 there is a function $g(z)$ analytic at z_0 with $g(z_0) \neq 0$ and $f(z) = (z - z_0)^m g(z)$. Consequently $\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{1/g(z)}{(z - z_0)^m}$ and $1/f$ has a pole of order m at z_0 by Lemma 7.

(b) Their Lemma 7 is our *Singularities of Holomorphic Functions's* TFAE (2b).

Conversely, if f has a pole of order m at z_0 it follows from the properties of g given in Lemma 7 that $\frac{1}{f(z)} = \frac{(z - z_0)^m}{g(z)}$ has a removable singularity at z_0 . Defining $1/f(z_0) = 0$ results in $1/f$ having a zero of order m at z_0 .

(c)

8 (since $1/f(z)$ has a zero of order 8 at $z = 0$)