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Author pahio (2872) Entry type Theorem Classification msc 30E20 Let w(z) be a holomorphic function on a simple closed curve C and inside it. If a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_m are inside C the simple zeros of a function f(z) holomorphic on C and inside, then

$$w(a_1) + w(a_2) + \dots + w(a_m) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_C w(z) \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz$$
 (1)

where the contour integral is taken anticlockwise.

The if some of the zeros are multiple and are counted with http://planetmath.org/Polemultip If the zeros a_j of f(z) have the multiplicities α_j and the function has inside C also the poles b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_n with the multiplicities $\beta_1, \beta_2, \ldots, \beta_n$, then (1) must be written

$$\sum_{j} \alpha_{j} w(a_{j}) - \sum_{k} \beta_{k} w(b_{k}) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \oint_{C} w(z) \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} dz.$$
 (2)

The special case $w(z) \equiv 1$ gives from (2) the argument principle.

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