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## Marty's theorem

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**Theorem** (Marty). *A set  $\mathcal{F}$  of meromorphic functions is a normal family on a domain  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  if and only if the spherical derivatives are uniformly bounded (uniformly over  $\mathcal{F}$ ) on each compact subset of  $G$ .*

Here normal convergence (convergence on compact subsets) is given using the spherical metric and not the standard metric of the complex plane. That is, if  $\sigma$  is the spherical metric then we will say  $f_n \rightarrow f$  normally if  $\sigma(f_n(z), f(z))$  converges to 0 uniformly on compact subsets.

A related theorem can be stated.

**Theorem.** *If  $f_n(z) \rightarrow f(z)$  uniformly in the spherical metric on compact subsets of  $G \subset \mathbb{C}$  then  $f_n^\#(z) \rightarrow f^\#(z)$  uniformly on compact subsets of  $G$ .*

Here  $f^\#$  denotes the spherical derivative of  $f$ .

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