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simple pole

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A *simple pole* is a pole of order 1. That is, a meromorphic function  $f$  has a simple pole at  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  if

$$f(z) = \frac{a}{z - x_0} + g(z)$$

where  $a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $g$  is holomorphic at  $x_0$ .

Note that  $a$  in the equation above is the residue of  $f$  at  $x_0$ .