# Lecture 31: Homology

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In other words, if the property holds for 1/(z-a) with  $a \notin \Omega$ , then it holds for all analytic f.

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#### **Corollary**

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