

# Zeros of sums of simple fractions

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Let  $z_n \rightarrow \infty$  be a sequence in the complex plane. Consider a meromorphic function

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_k}{z - z_k}, \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |a_k| < \infty, \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \neq 0.$$

Is it true that every such function has zeros?

This is known in the following cases:

- a)  $f$  is of finite order [1],
- b)  $a_k > 0$ , [2].

## References

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