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In particular we have  $\int_C \frac{dz}{z^n} = 0$  where  $C$  any closed curve not passing through origin.

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