

# Cultivating Complex Analysis: The maximum modulus principle (3.3.3)

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There's a version for a minimum if you avoid zeros:

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