

# Cultivating Complex Analysis: The identity theorem (2.4.4)

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$Z'_f$  is open and closed and  $U$  is connected  $\Rightarrow$  either  $U = Z'_f$  or  $Z'_f = \emptyset$ .



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