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## Abstract

Let D be a domain of the complex plane containing the origin. The famous great theorem of Émile Picard asserts that if h is holomorphic on  $D \setminus \{0\}$ , with an essential singularity at 0, then the image under h of any pointed neighbourhood of 0 covers all the complex plane, with at most one exception. Introducing the concept of essential singularity for analytic multifunctions, we extend this theorem to a finite analytic multifunction K, of degree N, defined on  $D \setminus \{0\}$ . In this case  $\bigcup_{0 < |\lambda| < r} K(\lambda)$  covers all the complex plane, with at most 2N - 1 exceptions. In particular, this theorem can be used in the case of  $N \times N$  matrices whose entries are holomorphic on  $D \setminus \{0\}$  with essential singularities at 0. In this case, if their spectra avoid 2N points on a pointed neighbourhood of 0, these spectra must be constant.