Hartogs' Lemma and Applications to Complex Dynamics

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Applications: We can prove analogs of Brolin's theorem to holomorphic endomorphisms of \mathbb{CP}^2 , or automorphisms of \mathbb{C}^2 . For example the complex Hénon map.