

**HOMEWORK SET 3**  
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1. Recall that a subgroup  $H$  is said to be *separable* in a group  $G$ , if for every  $g \in G$  not in  $H$ , there exists a finite quotient  $\bar{G}$  of  $G$ , such that the image  $\bar{g}$  is not in  $\bar{H}$ . Suppose that  $M$  is an orientable closed 3-manifold which fibers over a circle with a surface fiber  $S$ . Show that the subgroup  $\pi_1(S)$  is separable in  $\pi_1(M)$ .
2. Let  $M$  be a closed orientable hyperbolic 3-manifold. Show that  $\pi_1(M)$  does not contain any free abelian subgroup of rank 2. (Hint: Classify all discrete abelian subgroups in  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$ .)
3. Let  $M$  be a closed orientable hyperbolic 3-manifold. Assume the fact that  $\pi_1(M)$  is residually finite. Show that for any  $R > 0$ , there exists a finite cover  $M'$  of  $M$ , such that the injectivity radius of  $M'$  is everywhere greater than  $R$ .
4. Prove that any finitely generated subgroup of  $\mathrm{PSL}(2, \mathbb{C})$  is residually finite. (Hint: Look up the keyword “Selberg lemma” online, or in Ratcliffe’s book *Foundations of Hyperbolic Manifolds*.)
5. Let  $G$  be a finitely generated word hyperbolic group. Is every finitely generated subgroup of  $G$  separable? Do literature search, and decide if the above question has an affirmative answer, or has a counter example, or has no conclusive answer yet.