

Cheat Sheet 3D Topology

Material from Hatcher's notes and from Hempel's book.

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Theorem (Alexander, 1920s). An embedded 2-sphere in \mathbb{R}^3 bounds a 3-ball. ($\Rightarrow S^3$ is irreducible)

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Dehn's Lemma (Dehn 1910 (wrong), Papakyriakopoulos 1950s). M a 3-manifold, $f: B^2 \rightarrow M$ s.t. for some neighborhood A of ∂B^2 in B^2 the restriction $F|_A$ is an embedding and $f^{-1}(f(A)) = A$. Then $f|_{\partial B^2}$ extends to an embedding $g: B^2 \rightarrow M$.

The Loop Theorem (Stallings 1960, implies Dehn's

lemma). M a 3-manifold, F a connected 2-manifold in ∂M , $\ker(\pi_1(F) \rightarrow \pi_1(M)) \not\subset N \triangleleft \pi_1(F)$. Then there is a proper embedding $g: (B^2, \partial B^2) \rightarrow (M, F)$ s.t. $[g|_{\partial B^2}] \notin N$.

The Sphere Theorem. M orientable 3-manifold, N a $\pi_1(M)$ -invariant proper subgroup of $\pi_2(M)$. Then there is an embedding $g: S^2 \rightarrow M$ s.t. $[g] \notin N$.

A: Prime: $M = P \# Q \Rightarrow (P = S^3) \vee (Q = S^3)$
Irreducible: An embedded S^2 bounds a B^3 in M .

Then M orientable, prime, not irreducible
 $\Rightarrow M = S^2 \times S^1$