A LOWER BOUND ON THE GROWTH OF WORD HYPERBOLIC GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. We give a linear lower bound on the exponential growth rate of a non-elementary subgroup of a word hyperbolic group, with respect to the number of generators for the subgroup.

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