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 ${\bf Canonical\ name} \quad {\bf Homeomorphisms Preserve Connected Components}$ 

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Author joking (16130) Entry type Derivation Classification msc 54D05 Let X, Y be topological spaces and  $X = \bigcup X_i$ ,  $Y = \bigcup Y_j$  be decompositions into connected components.

**Proposition.** Assume that  $f: X \to Y$  is a homeomorphism. Then for any i there exists j such that  $f(X_i) = Y_j$ .

*Proof.* Take any i. Because f is continuous  $f(X_i)$  is connected, then there exists j such that  $f(X_i) \subseteq Y_j$  (because  $Y_j$  is a connected component). Now f is a homeomorphism,  $f^{-1}(Y_j) \cap X_i \neq \emptyset$ ,  $Y_j$  is connected and  $X_i$  is a connected component, so  $f^{-1}(Y_j) \subseteq X_i$ . Thus  $Y_j \subseteq f(X_i)$ , which completes the proof.  $\square$