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Author joking (16130) Entry type Example Classification msc 54C05 **Example 1.** Assume that X is a topological space, which neither discrete nor antidiscrete. We will show that there are topological spaces Y and Z such that there are continuous bijections $X \to Y$ and $Z \to X$ which are not homeomorphisms.

Let Y=Z=X as a sets but topology on Y is antidiscrete and on Z is discrete. Then obviously identity mappings $\mathrm{id}:X\to Y$ and $\mathrm{id}:Z\to X$ are continuous, but since X is neither discrete nor antidiscrete, these mappings are not homeomorphisms.

Example 2. Consider the function $f:[0,1)\to S^1$ (here S^1 denotes the unit circle in a complex plane) defined by the formula $f(t)=e^{2\pi it}$. It is easy to see that f is a continuous bijection, but f is not a homeomorphism (because [0,1) is not compact).