

Drafted Notes

The goal of this document is to begin our investigation of understanding wtf the Jordan Curve Theorem ( JCT ) is even talking about!

## First Definitions

To establish context, we will define the following: - Separation - Connectedness - Components - JCT

### Separation & Connectedness

Let  $X$  be a topological space. A **separation** of  $X$  is a pair  $U, V$  of disjoint nonempty subsets of  $X$  whose union is  $X$ . The space  $X$  is said to be **connected** if there does not exist a separation of  $X$ .

### Components

Given  $X$ , define an equivalence relation on  $X$  by setting  $x \sim y$  if there is a connected subspace of  $X$  containing both  $x$  and  $y$ . The equivalence classes are called the **components** ( or the “connected components”) of  $X$ .

### JCT

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