

Let  $p: X \rightarrow Y$  be a quotient map. Show that if each set  $p^{-1}(\{y\})$  is connected and if  $Y$  is connected then  $X$  is connected.

Suppose  $U, V$  is a separation of  $X$ . Since  $p^{-1}(\{y\})$  is connected we know that for any  $y$ ,  $p^{-1}(\{y\})$  is contained entirely in either  $U$  or  $V$ . Thus for any  $u \in U, v \in V$ ,  $p(u) \neq p(v)$  but

$p(U \cup V) \stackrel{\text{surjective}}{=} Y$  so  $U = p^{-1}(Y_1), V = p^{-1}(Y_2)$  for sets  $Y_1, Y_2$  s.t.  $Y_1 \cap Y_2 = \emptyset$ .

but then  $Y_1, Y_2$  are open in  $Y$  as  $p$  is a quotient map. This contradicts our assumption that  $Y$  is connected.