

A space is totally disconnected if its only connected subspaces are one-point sets. Show that if  $X$  has the discrete topology it is totally disconnected.

Clearly any one-point subspace of  $X$  is connected. (This is true for all topologies)

Let  $U$  be a subset of  $X$  containing more than one element and give  $U$  the subspace topology. Let  $x \in U$ .  $\{x\} = \{x\} \cap U$  so  $\{x\}$  is both open and closed in  $U$  thus  $U \setminus \{x\}$  is open and closed so  $\{x\}, U \setminus \{x\}$  is a separation of  $U$ .

Consider  $\mathbb{R}^w$  in the box topology

Let  $U$  be a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^w$  with more than one element. Let  $x \in U$  an  $U$  neighborhood of  $x$  that is different from  $U$ .

This is possible as we can define  $\tilde{E}_i$  by

$$E_i = \inf_{y \in U} |y_i - x_i|, \sup_{y \in U} |y_i - x_i| \text{ and let } U = \prod B(x_i, \frac{E_i}{2})$$

but then for  $y \in U \setminus U$  we can create a basis

element similarly. Thus  $U = \underbrace{(U \setminus U)}_{\text{open}} \cup \underbrace{U}_{\text{open}}$  so  $\mathbb{R}^w$  is totally disconnected in the box topology.

let  $X_{B_r}^i$  be the collection of  
tuples  $\tilde{X}$  st  $\tilde{X}_k = X_k$ ,  $k \neq i$ ,  $\tilde{X}_i \in B(X_i, r)$