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4 Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the subspace $\{(x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\} \cup \{(x, y) : x \leq 0\}$

(a) Is X connected?

lemma If X is connected & $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous then $f(X)$ is connected.

Let $U \cup V = f(X)$ be a separation. Then $f^{-1}(U) \cup f^{-1}(V)$ is a ^{cover} of X & a separation of X since if $x \in f^{-1}(U)$ $f(x) \in U \Rightarrow f(x) \notin V$. ~~\nexists~~

Now $\{(x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\}$ is the image of the continuous function $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ where $f(x) = (x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x}))$.
 So $\{(x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\}$ is connected. Similarly, $\{(x, y) : x \leq 0\}$ is connected. Further, $\{(x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\} \cap \{(x, y) : x \leq 0\} \neq \emptyset$ so their union is connected. $\Rightarrow \{(x, y) : x \leq 0\} \subset \{(x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\} \cup \{(x, y) : x \leq 0\}$

\Rightarrow the middle is connected. \square

\rightarrow (b) Is X path-connected?

No. Suppose \exists a path $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \{(x, y) : x \leq 0\} \cup \{(x, (\frac{1}{x}) \sin(\frac{1}{x})) : x > 0\}$ where $f(0) = (0, 0)$ & $f(1) = (\frac{1}{2}, \sin(2))$. Then consider $f^{-1}(S)$. Then this is an ordered set in $[0, 1] \Rightarrow \sup\{t : f(t) \in S\}$. Then $(f(t)) \in S$ then $f: [t, 1] \rightarrow S \cup T$ maps $f(t)$ to S & everything else to T . Create a sequence t_n . $0 < t_n < x(\frac{1}{n})$ s.t. $\frac{1}{n} \sin(\frac{1}{t_n}) = \frac{1}{n}$. Then

Use Intermediate Value Theorem

Suppose \exists path $p(0) = (0, 0)$ $p(1) = (x, \frac{1}{x} \sin(\frac{1}{x})) \Rightarrow \{p(0)\}$ is closed $f(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ $x(0) = 0$

Given n choose $0 < x < \frac{1}{n}$ s.t. $y(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sin(\frac{1}{x})$