

18-327 on Tuesday October 23, hour 21: path-connectedness, compactness

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TT: Need sol'n! [Also skim through W6 page]

Read Along: 23-24, 26-27.

Connected: $X \neq \emptyset$ & $\nexists X = A \cup B$, A, B non-empty clopen.

Path-connected: $X \neq \emptyset$ & $\forall a, b \in X \exists$ cont.

$\gamma: [0, 1] \rightarrow X$ s.t. $\gamma(0) = a$, $\gamma(1) = b$.

Thm path-connected \Rightarrow Connected.

Example/apology: $\mathbb{R}^n_{\text{unit}}$ is not connected, as $B = \{\text{bnd sets}\}$ is clopen.

Yet $L_0 = \{(x_n) : x_n \rightarrow 0\}$ is not clopen

Aside. B is path connected!

The topologist's sine curve.

Riddle: Find connected subsets A & B of $[0, 1]^2$ s.t. $(0, 0), (1, 1) \in A$ & $(0, 1), (1, 0) \in B$.

Hard: Can't do it with path connected!

A product of path connected is path connected.

Def. Cover, open cover, Compact.

Thm. A continuous function ^{to \mathbb{R}} on a compact set is

bounded. PF1 Local to global.
PF2 Sneaky - $X = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} F^{-1}(-n, n)$.

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Example. A finite set is compact.

Thm. $[0,1]$ is compact.

Proof. Let \mathcal{U} be an open cover of $[0,1]$.

Let $G = \{g \in [0,1] : \text{a finite subset of } \mathcal{U} \text{ covers } [0,g]\}$ with: $1 \in G$.

G is non-empty and bounded, so $g_0 = \sup(G)$ exists.

step 1. $g_0 > 0$. step 2. $g_0 = 1$. step 3. $1 \in G$.