The argument just given generalizes to show that an arbitrary product of connected spaces is connected in the product topology. Since we shall not need this result, we leave the proof to the exercises.

Exercises

1. Let $\mathcal{T}$ and $\mathcal{T}'$ be two topologies on X. If $\mathcal{T}' \supset \mathcal{T}$, what does connectedness of X in one topology imply about connectedness in the other?

2. Let $\{A_n\}$ be a sequence of connected subspaces of X, such that $A_n \cap A_{n+1} \neq \varnothing$ for all n. Show that $\bigcup A_n$ is connected.

3. Let $\{A_\alpha\}$ be a collection of connected subspaces of X; let A be a connected subspace of X. Show that if $A \cap A_\alpha \neq \varnothing$ for all α, then $A \cup (\bigcup A_\alpha)$ is connected.

4. Show that if X is an infinite set, it is connected in the finite complement topology.

5. A space is ***totally disconnected*** if its only connected subspaces are one-point sets. Show that if X has the discrete topology, then X is totally disconnected. Does the converse hold?

6. Let $A \subset X$. Show that if C is a connected subspace of X that intersects both A and $X - A$, then C intersects Bd A.

7. Is the space $\mathbb{R}_\ell$ connected? Justify your answer.

8. Determine whether or not $\mathbb{R}^\omega$ is connected in the uniform topology.

9. Let A be a proper subset of X, and let B be a proper subset of Y. If X and Y are connected, show that

$$(X \times Y) - (A \times B)$$

is connected.

10. Let $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be an indexed family of connected spaces; let X be the product space

$$X = \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha.$$

Let $\mathbf{a} = (a_\alpha)$ be a fixed point of X.

(a) Given any finite subset K of J, let X_K denote the subspace of X consisting of all points $\mathbf{x} = (x_\alpha)$ such that $x_\alpha = a_\alpha$ for $\alpha \notin K$. Show that X_K is connected.

(b) Show that the union Y of the spaces X_K is connected.

(c) Show that X equals the closure of Y; conclude that X is connected.

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

12. Let $Y \subset X$; let X and Y be connected. Show that if A and B form a separation of $X - Y$, then $Y \cup A$ and $Y \cup B$ are connected.