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Connected sets in $\mathbb{R}$

subset of $\mathbb{R}$ is connected iff it's an interval

- Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an interval or all of $\mathbb{R}$ and suppose it is not connected.
 - Then we have $I \subset U \cup V$ where U, V are non-empty open, $U \cap I, V \cap I \neq \emptyset$ and $U \cap V = \emptyset$.
 - Without loss of generality, choose $a \in U, b \in V$ with $a < b$ (otherwise change names of U, V).
 - Let
$$U_1 := U \cap I \cap [a, b]$$
$$V_1 := V \cap I \cap [a, b]$$
 - We know U_1, V_1 are non-empty because they have a, b respectively. U_1, V_1 are disjoint because V, U are disjoint.
 - U_1 is bounded so $c := \sup U_1 < \infty$
 - ...
- If $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is not an interval
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