

Let

$A = \{ (x, y) \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}, y \in \mathbb{Q} \}$ is not path-connected, because it is not connected.

Consider

$$U = \{ (x, y) \mid x < \pi \} \cap A$$

$$V = \{ (x, y) \mid x > \pi \} \cap A$$

both are open in A , since the sets we intersect A with are open in \mathbb{R}^2 .

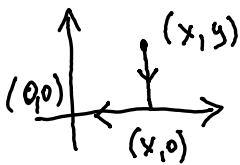
U, V are non-empty and

$A = U \cup V$. So A is indeed disconnected

Let $B = \{ (x, y) \mid x \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ or } y \in \mathbb{Q} \}$

This is path-connected.

WLOG assume $x \in \mathbb{Q}$.



Then the vertical line segment $s \mapsto (x, sy)$ is in B , and the horizontal line segment from $(x, 0)$ to $(0, 0)$ is in B .

