

Show that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is not locally compact.

if  $(a, b) \setminus \mathbb{R}$  is contained in a compact set

then  $[a, b] \setminus \mathbb{R}$  is compact. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

s.t.  $a < c < b$  then

$\left( \left( \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( a - \frac{1}{n}, c - \frac{c-a}{n} \right) \right) \cup \left( \bigcup_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( c + \frac{b-c}{n}, b \right) \right) \right) \setminus \mathbb{R}$  is an open cover of  $[a, b] \setminus \mathbb{R}$  with no finite subcover.