

1. Define $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $f(x) = x^2 - 2$. Argue that f is continuous on \mathbb{R} .
2. Show how the Intermediate Value Theorem can be applied to f to show the existence of $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R}$.
3. Let $g : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ by $g(x) = x^2 - 2$. Argue that g is continuous on \mathbb{Q} .
4. Show that the Intermediate Value Theorem does not hold for g .

This hints that we'll need to use the Axiom of Completeness to prove the IVT.