



**Definition**

Suppose  $X$  is a set. The *discrete metric* on  $X$  is the function  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$  defined by

$$d(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

In this case,  $(X, d)$  is called a *discrete metric space*.



