

1. Let X be a set. Show that

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

defines a metric on X , to be called the **discrete metric** on X .

2. Consider $f(r) = r/(1+r)$ for $r > -1$.

(1) Directly verify that $f(a+b) \leq f(a) + f(b)$ for $a, b > -1$ satisfying $ab \geq 0$.

(2) Use the Mean Value Theorem to show that $f(a+b) - f(a) \leq f(b)$ for $a \geq b \geq 0$.

3. Show that if (X, d) is a metric space, then

$$\tilde{d}(x, y) = \frac{d(x, y)}{1 + d(x, y)}$$

also defines a metric on X . *Hint:* Use 2.