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Definition. Covering and subcovering

A collection $\{U_i\}_{i \in I} \subseteq 2^M$ of a metric space M **covers** $A \subseteq M$ if

$$A \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$$

If U_i is [open](#) for all $i \in I$, then it is an **open covering**.

If $\{V_j\}_{j \in J}$ also covers A and $\{V_j\}_{j \in J} \subset \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$, then $\{V_j\}_{j \in J}$ is a **subcovering** of A .

Definition. Covering compactness in a metric space

If every [open covering](#) of $A \subseteq M$ has a *finite subcovering* of A then A is **covering compact**.

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