

Let A be a subset of a topological vector space X .

A is called *totally bounded* if, for each neighborhood G of 0 , there exists a finite subset S of A with A contained in the sumset $S + G$.

The definition can be restated in the following form when X is a metric space:

A set $A \subseteq X$ is said to be *totally bounded* if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists a finite subset $\{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ of A such that $A \subseteq \bigcup_{k=1}^n B(s_k, \epsilon)$, where $B(s_k, \epsilon)$ denotes the open ball around s_k with radius ϵ .

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