

Approximate Ramsey properties of finite dimensional normed spaces.

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where $(Z)_\varepsilon := \{x \in X : d(x, Z) < \varepsilon\}$ is the ε -fattening of Z .

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We say that a collection of Banach spaces \mathcal{F} has the Approximate Ramsey Property (ARP) when for every $F, G \in \mathcal{F}$, $r \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $H \in \mathcal{F}$ containing a (linear) **isometric** copy of G such that every r -coloring of

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For every $d, r \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varepsilon, \delta > 0$ there is an integer n such that every r -coloring of $\text{Equi}_\varepsilon(n, d)$ has a δ -monochromatic set of the form

$$\mathcal{S}_d \circ F$$

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and *normal Lévy* when there are $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that

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$(\text{Equi}_\varepsilon(n, \Delta), d, \mu)_n$ is asymptotically normal Lévy.

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It suffices to prove the previous for $p = 1$, because all ℓ_p -spheres are uniformly homeomorphic ($p \neq \infty$).

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$$\omega_{p,q}(t) \leq \frac{p}{q}t \text{ if } p > q$$

$$\omega_{p,q}(t) \leq ct^{\frac{p}{q}} \text{ if } p < q.$$

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