

# On low-distortion embeddings of metric spaces into reflexive spaces.

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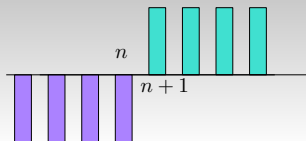
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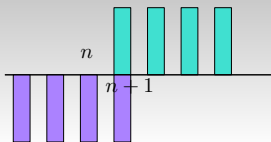
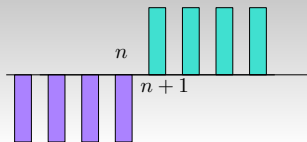
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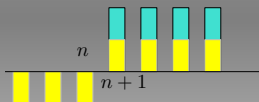
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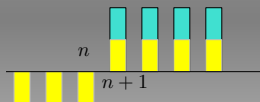
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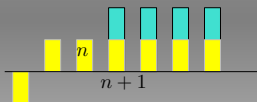


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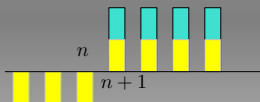


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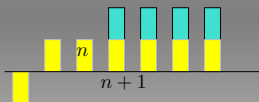
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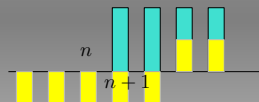
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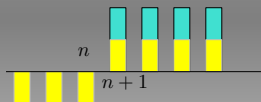


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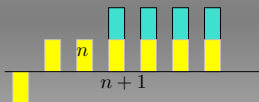
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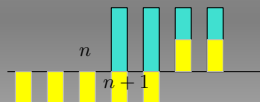
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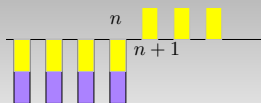
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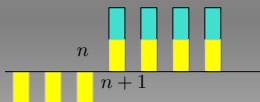


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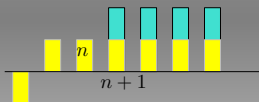
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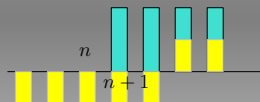
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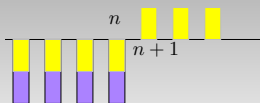
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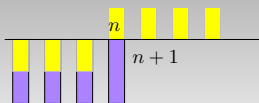
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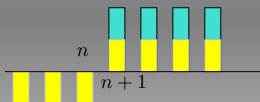


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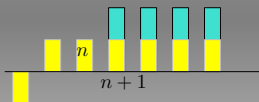
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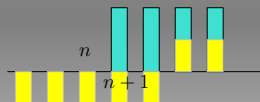
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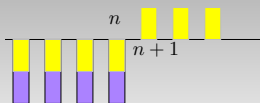
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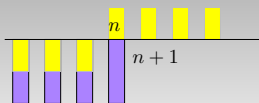
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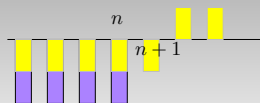
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## Theorem (yesterday)

*It is equivalent for any Banach  $X$*

- (i) *For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an equivalent norm  $|\cdot|$  on  $X$  such that  $M \xrightarrow[1+\varepsilon]{} (X, |\cdot|)$*
- (ii)  *$M \xrightarrow[D]{} (X, \|\cdot\|)$  for some  $1 < D < 2$  and some equivalent norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $X$*
- (iii)  *$X$  is not reflexive*

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Thank you for your attention!