### Bourgain-Delbaen $\mathcal{L}^{\infty}$ sums of Banach spaces

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# Quasi Prime Schauder sums

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- We want to have a more straightforward approach, motivated by the Argyros Raikoftsalis result. Namely, the main idea is to construct for a given sequence  $(X_n, \|\cdot\|_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$  of separable Banach spaces, a Banach space  $\mathcal{Z}$  such that
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