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## Uniform non- $\ell_1^n$ -ness of $\ell_1$ -sums of Banach spaces

**Abstract.** We shall characterize the uniform non- $\ell_1^n$ -ness of the  $\ell_1$ -sum  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  of a finite number of Banach spaces  $X_1, \dots, X_m$ . Also we shall obtain that  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$  if and only if all  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are uniformly non-square (note that  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is not uniformly non- $\ell_1^m$ ). Several related results will be presented.

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**1. Introduction and Preliminaries.** As it is well known, the  $\ell_1$ -sum  $X \oplus_1 Y$  cannot be uniformly non-square for any Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  (recall that the 2-dimensional space  $\ell_1^2$ , which is regarded as a subspace of  $X \oplus_1 Y$ , is not uniformly non-square; see also [13]). In the recent paper Kato-Saito-Tamura [15] it is shown that  $X \oplus_1 Y$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^3$  (uniformly non-octahedral) if and only if  $X$  and  $Y$  are uniformly non-square.

In the present paper we shall show that for a finite number of Banach spaces  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  the  $\ell_1$ -sum  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$  if and only if there exist positive integers  $n_1, \dots, n_m$  with  $n_1 + \cdots + n_m = n - 1$  such that  $X_i$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  (Theorem 2.3), where we shall use the sharp triangle inequality with  $n$  elements presented recently in [14] (see also [17]). This yields the previous result for  $m = 2$  in [15] with a much simpler proof. Theorem 2.3 also implies the fundamental fact that the  $\ell_1$ -sum  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  of  $m$  Banach spaces  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  cannot be uniformly non- $\ell_1^m$ .

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In Theorem 2.6 we shall obtain that  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$  if and only if  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are all uniformly non-square. This extends the above-mentioned result concerning the uniform non- $\ell_1^3$ -ness of  $X \oplus_1 Y$ .

It is known that uniformly non-square spaces are super-reflexive ([11]), while uniformly non- $\ell_1^3$  spaces need not to be so (cf. [10, 11]). Our Corollary 2.8 asserts that any uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$  space which is (isomorphic to) an  $\ell_1$ -sum of  $(n-1)$  Banach spaces,  $n \geq 3$ , is super-reflexive. Finally we shall consider the fixed point property. Recently Garcia-Falset et al. [6] showed that all uniformly non-square Banach spaces have the fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings. Our final result, Corollary 2.9 states that if an  $\ell_1$ -sum  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$ , all  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  have the fixed point property.

Now we shall recall some definitions and preliminary results. A Banach space  $X$  is said to be *uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$*  (cf. [2, 16]) provided there exists  $\epsilon$  ( $0 < \epsilon < 1$ ) such that for any  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in S_X$ , the unit sphere of  $X$ , there exists an  $n$ -tuple of signs  $\theta = (\theta_j)$  for which

$$(1) \quad \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_j \right\| \leq n(1 - \epsilon) :$$

Here one can take  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  from the unit ball  $B_X$  of  $X$  instead of the unit sphere  $S_X$  (this is readily seen by Lemma 2.1 below; see [14, Corollary 4]). When  $n = 2$ , resp.  $n = 3$ ,  $X$  is called *uniformly non-square* ([10]; cf. [2, 16]), resp. *uniformly non-octahedral* ([12]). Though we can consider the case  $n = 1$  formally, no Banach space is uniformly non- $\ell_1^1$ . The following fact was proved in Brown [3] (see also Hudzik [8])

PROPOSITION 1.1 ([3, 8]) *If a Banach space  $X$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$ ,  $X$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n+1}$  for every  $n \geq 2$ .*

A Banach space  $X$  is said to have the *fixed point property* for nonexpansive mappings if every nonexpansive self-mapping of a nonempty bounded closed convex subset of  $X$  has a fixed point.

**2. Uniform non- $\ell_1^n$ -ness.** We begin with a couple of lemmas. First we shall state the sharp triangle inequality (and its reverse one) presented in [14] which will be powerful in the geometry of Banach spaces (see [17] for a stronger version).

LEMMA 2.1 (KATO-SAITO-TAMURA [14]) *For all nonzero elements  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in a Banach space  $X$*

$$(2) \quad \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \right\| + \left( n - \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j}{\|x_j\|} \right\| \right) \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|x_j\| \\ \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j\| \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j \right\| + \left( n - \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{x_j}{\|x_j\|} \right\| \right) \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \|x_j\|.$$

LEMMA 2.2 Let  $\{x_1^{(k)}\}_k, \dots, \{x_n^{(k)}\}_k$  be  $n$  sequences in a Banach space  $X$  for which  $\{\|x_j^{(k)}\|\}_k$  converges for every  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Let  $m$  be a positive integer with  $m < n$ . Then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^{(k)} \right\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j^{(k)}\| \quad \text{implies} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m x_j^{(k)} \right\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \|x_j^{(k)}\|.$$

Further, if  $\|x_j^{(k)}\| \leq 1$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $k \geq 1$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^{(k)} \right\| = n \quad \text{implies} \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m x_j^{(k)} \right\| = m.$$

PROOF Assume that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^{(k)} \right\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j^{(k)}\|$ . Then since

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^{(k)} \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m x_j^{(k)} \right\| + \sum_{j=m+1}^n \|x_j^{(k)}\| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j^{(k)}\|,$$

we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m x_j^{(k)} \right\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \|x_j^{(k)}\|$ . Next assume that  $\|x_j^{(k)}\| \leq 1$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^{(k)} \right\| = n$ . Then  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^{(k)} \right\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_j^{(k)}\| = n$ , whence we have  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_j^{(k)}\| = 1$  for all  $j$ . Therefore by our first assertion we obtain that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^m x_j^{(k)} \right\| = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^m \|x_j^{(k)}\| = m$ . ■

Now we shall present the main theorem.

THEOREM 2.3 Let  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  be Banach spaces. Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$ .
- (ii) There exist positive integers  $n_1, \dots, n_m$  with  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m = n - 1$  such that  $X_i$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ .

PROOF (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii). Assume that  $(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$ . Since  $X_i$  is regarded as a subspace of  $(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1$ , there exist  $N_1, \dots, N_m$  such that  $X_i$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{N_i+1}$  but not uniformly non- $\ell_1^{N_i}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Then for each  $i$  there exist  $N_i$  sequences  $\{x_{i1}^{(k)}\}_k, \dots, \{x_{iN_i}^{(k)}\}_k$  in  $S_{X_i}$ , the unit sphere of  $X_i$ , such that

$$(3) \quad \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} \theta_j x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\| = N_i$$

for all  $(\theta_j)$  of  $N_i$  signs. First assume that  $\sum_{i=1}^m N_i < n$ . Let

$$L = (n - 1) - \sum_{i=1}^m N_i \quad \text{and} \quad n_1 = N_1 + L, \quad n_i = N_i \quad (2 \leq i \leq m).$$

Then we have  $n_1 + \dots + n_m = n - 1$  and  $X_i$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$  by Proposition 1.1, as is desired.

Next we shall see the other cases do not in fact occur. We define the sequences  $\{z_1^{(k)}\}_k, \dots, \{z_{\sum_{i=1}^m N_i}^{(k)}\}_k$  in the unit sphere  $S_{(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1}$  of  $(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1$  by

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^{(k)} &= (x_{11}^{(k)}, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, z_{N_1}^{(k)} = (x_{1N_1}^{(k)}, 0, \dots, 0), \\ z_{N_1+1}^{(k)} &= (0, x_{21}^{(k)}, 0, \dots, 0), \dots, z_{N_1+N_2}^{(k)} = (0, x_{2N_2}^{(k)}, 0, \dots, 0), \\ &\dots, \\ z_{(\sum_{i=1}^{m-1} N_i)+1}^{(k)} &= (0, \dots, 0, x_{m1}^{(k)}), \dots, z_{\sum_{i=1}^m N_i}^{(k)} = (0, \dots, 0, x_{mN_m}^{(k)}). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\sum_{i=1}^m N_i = n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j z_j^{(k)} \right\|_1 &= \left\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \theta_j x_{1j}^{(k)}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} \theta_j x_{mj}^{(k)} \right) \right\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} \theta_i x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\|_1 \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m N_i = n \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\theta_j = \pm 1$  by (3), which contradicts (i).

Suppose that  $\sum_{i=1}^m N_i > n$ . Then there exist natural numbers  $s$  and  $M$  with  $1 < s < m$  and  $1 \leq M \leq N_{s+1}$  such that  $n = \sum_{i=1}^s N_i + M$  and

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j z_j^{(k)} \right\|_1 = \left\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^{N_1} \theta_j x_{1j}^{(k)}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} \theta_j x_{sj}^{(k)}, \sum_{j=1}^M \theta_j x_{s+1j}^{(k)}, 0, \dots, 0 \right) \right\|_1$$

(note that  $1 \leq M < N_m$  for  $s = m - 1$ ). Hence by (3) and Lemma 2.2 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j z_j^{(k)} \right\|_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^s \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} \theta_j x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\|_1 + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^M \theta_j x_{s+1j}^{(k)} \right\|_1 \\ &\rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^s N_i + M = n \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

for all  $\theta_j = \pm 1$ , which is a contradiction.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i). We assume that there exist positive integers  $n_1, \dots, n_m$  with  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_m = n - 1$  such that  $X_i$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Let

$$(4) \quad K = \sup \left\{ \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j w_j \right\|_1 : w_1, \dots, w_n \in S_{(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1} \right\}.$$

We show that  $K < n$ . Take  $n$  sequences  $\{w_1^{(k)}\}_k, \dots, \{w_n^{(k)}\}_k$  in the unit sphere of  $(X_1 \oplus \dots \oplus X_m)_1$  so that

$$(5) \quad K = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j w_j^{(k)} \right\|_1.$$

Let  $w_j^{(k)} = (x_{1j}^{(k)}, \dots, x_{mj}^{(k)})$ . As  $\|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| \leq 1$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $k \geq 1$ , we may assume that all  $mn$  sequences  $\{\|x_{ij}^{(k)}\|\}_k$  have limits in  $k$  (take subsequences necessary times if needed). Now let

$$L_i = \{j : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| > 0, 1 \leq j \leq n\}, 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

We first consider the case  $\text{card}(L_i) \leq n_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j w_j^{(k)} \right\|_1 \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left\| \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{1j}^{(k)}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{mj}^{(k)} \right) \right\|_1 \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j \in L_i} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m n_i = n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Next assume that  $\text{card}(L_{i_0}) \geq n_{i_0} + 1$  for some  $i_0, 1 \leq i_0 \leq m$ . Then since  $X_{i_0}$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_{i_0}+1}$  and hence uniformly non- $\ell_1^{\text{card}(L_{i_0})}$ , there exists  $0 < \varepsilon_{i_0} < 1$  such that for each  $k \geq 1$  we have

$$(6) \quad \left\| \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \theta_j^{(k)} \frac{x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}}{\|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\|} \right\| \leq \text{card}(L_{i_0})(1 - \varepsilon_{i_0})$$

with some  $\theta_j^{(k)} = \pm 1$  ( $j \in L_{i_0}$ ). Therefore by virtue of Lemma 2.1 we have in  $X_{i_0}$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \theta_j^{(k)} x_{i_0 j}^{(k)} \right\| &\leq \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| - \left( \text{card}(L_{i_0}) - \left\| \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \theta_j^{(k)} \frac{x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}}{\|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\|} \right\| \right) \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| - \text{card}(L_{i_0}) \varepsilon_{i_0} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| - (n_{i_0} + 1) \varepsilon_{i_0} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\|. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
K &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j w_j^{(k)} \right\|_1 \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\| \\
&= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left[ \sum_{i \neq i_0} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\| + \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{i_0 j}^{(k)} \right\| \right] \\
&\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left[ \sum_{i \neq i_0} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^n \theta_j x_{ij}^{(k)} \right\| + \left\| \sum_{j \notin L_{i_0}} \theta_j x_{i_0 j}^{(k)} \right\| + \left\| \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \theta_j x_{i_0 j}^{(k)} \right\| \right] \\
&\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left[ \sum_{i \neq i_0} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| + \sum_{j \notin L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| + \left\| \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \theta_j x_{i_0 j}^{(k)} \right\| \right] \\
&= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{i \neq i_0} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| + \sum_{j \notin L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| + \min_{\theta_j = \pm 1} \left\| \sum_{j \in L_{i_0}} \theta_j x_{i_0 j}^{(k)} \right\| \right] \\
&\leq \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{i \neq i_0} \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| + \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| - (n_{i_0} + 1) \varepsilon_{i_0} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| \right] \\
&= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \|x_{ij}^{(k)}\| - (n_{i_0} + 1) \varepsilon_{i_0} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| \right] \\
&= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n \|w_j^{(k)}\|_1 - (n_{i_0} + 1) \varepsilon_{i_0} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| \right] \\
&= \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ n - (n_{i_0} + 1) \varepsilon_{i_0} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| \right] \\
&\leq n - (n_{i_0} + 1) \varepsilon_{i_0} \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \min_{j \in L_{i_0}} \|x_{i_0 j}^{(k)}\| < n.
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. ■

**COROLLARY 2.4** ([15]) *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X \oplus_1 Y$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$ .
- (ii) There exist positive integers  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  with  $n_1 + n_2 = n - 1$  such that  $X$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_1+1}$  and  $Y$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_2+1}$ .

As mentioned in the head of the introduction the  $\ell_1$ -sum  $X \oplus_1 Y$  cannot be uniformly non-square for all Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ . Theorem 2.3 yields in particular the following result, which is also a direct consequence of the fact that the space  $\ell_1^n$  is not uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$ .

COROLLARY 2.5 *The  $\ell_1$ -sum  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  of  $m$  Banach spaces  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  is not uniformly non- $\ell_1^m$ .*

Thus we shall consider the uniform non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$ -ness of  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$ .

THEOREM 2.6 *Let  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  be Banach spaces. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$ .
- (ii)  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are uniformly non-square.

PROOF Assume that  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$ . By Theorem 2.3 there exist positive integers  $n_1, \dots, n_m$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m n_i = m$  and  $X_i$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n_i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Since  $n_i \geq 1$ , we have  $n_i = 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Thus  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are uniformly non-square. Conversely, if  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are uniformly non-square,  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$  by Theorem 2.3. ■

Theorem 2.6 includes the next previous result as the case  $m = 2$ .

COROLLARY 2.7 ([15]) *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $X \oplus_1 Y$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^3$ .
- (ii)  $X$  and  $Y$  are uniformly non-square.

Theorem 2.6 (with Corollary 2.5) also implies the following basic fact: *The space  $\ell_1^n$  is uniformly non- $\ell_1^{n+1}$  but not uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$ .*

Recall that a Banach space  $X$  is called *super-reflexive* if every Banach space  $Y$  which is finitely representable in  $X$  is reflexive, where  $Y$  is said to be *finitely representable* in  $X$  if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and for any finite dimensional subspace  $F$  of  $Y$  there is a finite dimensional subspace  $E$  of  $X$  with  $\dim F = \dim E$  such that  $d(F, E) := \inf\{\|T\|\|T^{-1}\| : T \text{ is an isomorphism of } F \text{ onto } E\} < 1 + \epsilon$  (see [11, 2]). As it is well known, uniformly non-square spaces are super-reflexive ([12]), whereas uniformly non- $\ell_1^3$  spaces, *a fortiori*, uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$  spaces are not always reflexive ([12]). For the  $\ell_1$ -sum spaces we obtain the following

COROLLARY 2.8 *Let  $X$  be a uniformly non- $\ell_1^n$  Banach space which is isomorphic to the  $\ell_1$ -sum of  $n-1$  Banach spaces  $X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}$  ( $n \geq 3$ ). Then  $X$  is super-reflexive.*

Indeed  $X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}$  are uniformly non-square by Theorem 2.6 and hence super-reflexive. Since an  $\ell_1$ -sum of a finite number of super-reflexive spaces is super-reflexive, we obtain the conclusion.

Recently Garcia-Falset et al. [6] proved that all uniformly non-square Banach spaces have the fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings. Combining Theorem 2.6 and this result, we obtain the following

COROLLARY 2.9 *Let  $(X_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus X_m)_1$  be uniformly non- $\ell_1^{m+1}$ . Then  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  have the fixed point property for nonexpansive mappings.*

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