

# On Banach spaces whose group of isometries acts micro-transitively

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# Notation

- $X, Y$  are real or complex Banach spaces
- $\mathbb{K}$  is the field  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$
- $B_X$  is the closed unit ball of  $X$
- $S_X$  is the unit sphere of  $X$
- $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  continuous linear operators from  $X$  into  $Y$ 
  - If  $X = Y$ , then  $\mathcal{L}(X, X) = \mathcal{L}(X)$
- $\mathcal{G}(X)$  all surjective linear isometries from  $X$  to  $X$

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Hilbert spaces have the above property with  $\beta(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$ .

(see, for example, M. Acosta, M. Mastyło, and M. Soleimani-M., 2018)

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