

Combinatorics in nonseparable Banach spaces

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Example

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- PID is relatively consistent with the generalized continuum hypothesis (GCH).

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Theorem (Lopez-Abad, Todorcevic, '11)

Consistently, there is a nonseparable Banach space which has no uncountable biorthogonal system, but has an uncountable ε -biorthogonal system for every $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$.

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The background image is a landscape photograph of a beach at sunset. The sun is a bright orange orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection on the wet sand. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, with some light clouds. In the distance, dark silhouettes of mountains are visible against the bright sky. The overall mood is peaceful and scenic.

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