

## UNIFORM NON-SQUARENESS OF $\psi$ -DIRECT SUMS OF BANACH SPACES $X \oplus_{\psi} Y$

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**Abstract.** We characterize the uniform non-squareness of the  $\psi$ -direct sum  $X \oplus_{\psi} Y$  of Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , where  $\psi$  is a convex function on the unit interval satisfying certain conditions. As a corollary the uniform non-squareness of an  $\ell_{p,q}$ -sum  $X \oplus_{p,q} Y$  is characterized. In the course of doing this a monotonicity property of absolute norms on  $\mathbb{C}^2$  is shown.

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