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Coleman Avenue, Macon, GA 31207. *On the standard unit vector basis of l_1 .*

We show that for a sequence in a Banach space, the property of being stable under large perturbations characterizes the property of being equivalent to the unit vector basis of l_1 . We show that a normalized unconditional basic sequence in l_1 that is semi-normalized in l_∞ is equivalent to the standard unit vector basis of l_1 . (Received August 19, 2000)