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Sufficient conditions are given on a Banach space  $X$  which ensure that  $\ell_\infty$  embeds in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ , the space of all bounded linear operators on  $X$ . A basic sequence  $(e_n)$  is said to be quasisubsymmetric if for any two increasing sequences  $(k_n)$  and  $(\ell_n)$  of positive integers with  $k_n \leq \ell_n$  for all  $n$ , we have that  $(e_{k_n})$  dominates  $(e_{\ell_n})$ . If a Banach space  $X$  has a seminormalized quasisubsymmetric basis then  $\ell_\infty$  embeds in  $\mathcal{L}(X)$ . (Received February 07, 2006)