1113-46-311 **Pavlos Motakis*** (pavlos@math.tamu.edu), Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843. *On the structure of separable $\mathcal{L}_\infty$-spaces.*

In 1980 J. Bourgain and F. Delbaen introduced a construction method, used to obtain $\mathcal{L}_\infty$-spaces not containing c_0. A large variety of $\mathcal{L}_\infty$-spaces has been constructed with this method, such an example is the Argyros-Haydon space, the first Banach space satisfying the scalar-plus-compact property. Based on the aforementioned construction, we give a general definition of a Bourgain-Delbaen space and prove that every separable $\mathcal{L}_\infty$-space is isomorphic to such a space. We use this general approach to obtain Bourgain-Delbaen spaces as quotients of simpler Bourgain-Delbaen spaces. This is analogous to the use of an unconditional norming set as the frame for an HI construction. We also mention some recent examples of $\mathcal{L}_\infty$-spaces, such as an asymptotic c_0 $\mathcal{L}_\infty$-space not containing c_0 and a space with the scalar-plus-compact property having no reflexive subspaces.
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