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We say that a Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is *complex uniformly rotund* if for any $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta(\epsilon) \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$\sup_{|\lambda| \leq 1} \|x + \lambda y\| \geq 1 + \delta(\epsilon) \text{ whenever } \|y\| \geq \epsilon \text{ and } \|x\| = 1.$$

Let \mathcal{M} be a semifinite von Neumann algebra with a faithful, normal, semifinite trace τ , and E be a symmetric Banach function space on $[0, \tau(\mathbf{1}))$. The symmetric spaces $E(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ consists of all τ -measurable operators x for which the singular value function $\mu(x)$ belongs to E and is equipped with the norm $\|x\|_{E(\mathcal{M}, \tau)} = \|\mu(x)\|_E$.

We show that the symmetric space $E(\mathcal{M}, \tau)$ is complex uniformly rotund if and only if E is complex uniformly rotund. (Received September 13, 2010)