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*The lattice copies of  $\ell_1$  in Banach lattices*

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**Abstract:** It is known that a Banach lattice with order continuous norm contains a copy of  $\ell_1$  if and only if it contains a lattice copy of  $\ell_1$ . The purpose of this note is to present a more direct proof of this useful fact, which extends a similar theorem due to R.C. James for Banach spaces with unconditional bases, and complements the  $c_0$ - and  $\ell_\infty$ -cases considered by Lozanovskii, Mekler and Meyer-Nieberg.

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