# Approximate Ramsey properties of Banach spaces 

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## Section 1

## What is the Approximate Ramsey Property

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to denote the metric space of all $d$-dimensional subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ endowed with the p-opening (or gap) $\Lambda_{p}$ metric.
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## Theorem (GLR Theorem for $\mathbb{R}, p$-version)

For every $d, m \varepsilon>0$ and every $\left(K, d_{K}\right)$ compact metric there is $n$ such that for every 1-Lipschitz coloring $c:\binom{\ell_{p}^{n}}{\mathbb{R}^{d}} \rightarrow\left(K, d_{K}\right)$ there is some $\mathbf{V} \in\left(\begin{array}{c}\left.\begin{array}{c}\ell_{p}^{n} \\ \ell_{p}^{m}\end{array}\right)\end{array}\right)$ and a 1-Lipschitz $\widehat{c}:\left(\mathcal{B}_{k}^{p}, \gamma_{p}\right) \rightarrow\left(K, d_{K}\right)$ such that


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## Section 2

## Hints on proofs

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