# On the $c_0$ -extension property

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#### Answer: No.

#### Theorem (Phillips-1940)

The identity operator of  $c_0$  does not admit a bounded and linear extension defined on  $\ell_{\infty}$ .



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The heart of Sobczyk's theorem is the weak-star metrizability of the closed dual unit ball of the separable Banach space X.

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We say that a compact space K is a **Corson compactum** if there exists a set I such that K embeds homeomorphically in

 $\Sigma(I) = \{f \in R^I : supp(f) \text{ is countable}\}.$ 

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The existence of a Corson compactum K such that C(K) does not have the  $c_0$ -EP is independent from the axioms of ZFC.

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If K is a scattered compact space such that C(K) has the  $c_0$ -EP, then K is monolithic?

Let K be a scattered compact space with height at most  $\omega + 1$ . If C(K) has the  $c_0$ -EP, then K is monolithic.



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