# The optimal modulus of convexity of a super-reflexive Banach space

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$$t^{p} \preceq \delta_{\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}}(t)$$

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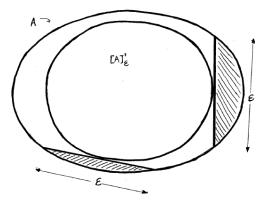
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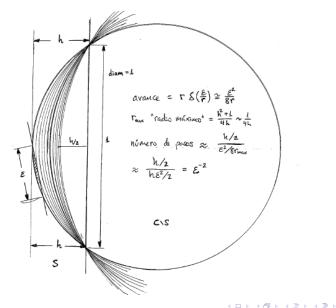
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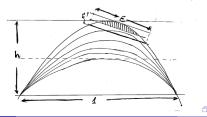
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