Compact convex sets that admit a strictly convex function

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- *K* is *Namioka-Phelps* if and only if it embeds into a dual Banach space with a LUR norm endowed with the weak\* topology.
- *K* is *descriptive* if and only if it embeds into a dual Banach space with a weak\*-LUR norm endowed with the weak\* topology.

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