

# Fun With Tilings

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## Abstract

Tilings are defined inductively. It is shown that one form of mutilated chess board cannot be tiled with dominoes, while another one can be tiled with L-shaped tiles.

Sections 1 and 2 are by Paulson and described elsewhere [1]. Section 3 is by Nipkow and formalizes a well-known argument from the literature [2].

Please add further fun examples of this kind!

**theory** *Tilings* **imports** *Main* **begin**

## 1 Inductive Tiling

**inductive-set**

*tiling* :: 'a set set  $\Rightarrow$  'a set set

**for** *A* :: 'a set set **where**

*empty* [*simp*, *intro*]:  $\{\} \in \text{tiling } A$  |

*Un* [*simp*, *intro*]:  $\llbracket a \in A; t \in \text{tiling } A; a \cap t = \{\} \rrbracket$   
 $\implies a \cup t \in \text{tiling } A$

**lemma** *tiling-UnI* [*intro*]:

$\llbracket t \in \text{tiling } A; u \in \text{tiling } A; t \cap u = \{\} \rrbracket \implies t \cup u \in \text{tiling } A$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *tiling-Diff1E*:

**assumes**  $t - a \in \text{tiling } A$  **and**  $a \in A$  **and**  $a \subseteq t$

**shows**  $t \in \text{tiling } A$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *tiling-finite*:

**assumes**  $\bigwedge a. a \in A \implies \text{finite } a$

**shows**  $t \in \text{tiling } A \implies \text{finite } t$

*<proof>*

## 2 The Mutilated Chess Board Cannot be Tiled by Dominoes

The originator of this problem is Max Black, according to J A Robinson. It was popularized as the *Mutilated Checkerboard Problem* by J McCarthy.

**inductive-set** *domino* :: (nat × nat) set set **where**  
*horiz* [*simp*]: {(i, j), (i, Suc j)} ∈ *domino* |  
*vertl* [*simp*]: {(i, j), (Suc i, j)} ∈ *domino*

**lemma** *domino-finite*: d ∈ *domino* ⇒ finite d  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**declare** *tiling-finite*[OF *domino-finite*, *simp*]

Sets of squares of the given colour

**definition**  
*coloured* :: nat ⇒ (nat × nat) set **where**  
*coloured* b = {(i, j). (i + j) mod 2 = b}

**abbreviation**  
*whites* :: (nat × nat) set **where**  
*whites* ≡ *coloured* 0

**abbreviation**  
*blacks* :: (nat × nat) set **where**  
*blacks* ≡ *coloured* (Suc 0)

Chess boards

**lemma** *Sigma-Suc1* [*simp*]:  
 {0..< Suc n} × B = ({n} × B) ∪ ({0..<n} × B)  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *Sigma-Suc2* [*simp*]:  
 A × {0..< Suc n} = (A × {n}) ∪ (A × {0..<n})  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *dominoes-tile-row* [*intro!*]: {i} × {0..< 2\*n} ∈ *tiling domino*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *dominoes-tile-matrix*: {0..<m} × {0..< 2\*n} ∈ *tiling domino*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

*coloured* and Dominoes

**lemma** *coloured-insert* [*simp*]:  
*coloured* b ∩ (*insert* (i, j) t) =  
 (if (i + j) mod 2 = b then *insert* (i, j) (*coloured* b ∩ t)  
 else *coloured* b ∩ t)

*<proof>*

**lemma** *domino-singletons*:

$d \in \text{domino} \implies$   
 $(\exists i j. \text{whites} \cap d = \{(i, j)\}) \wedge$   
 $(\exists m n. \text{blacks} \cap d = \{(m, n)\})$   
*<proof>*

Tilings of dominoes

**declare**

*Int-Un-distrib* [*simp*]  
*Diff-Int-distrib* [*simp*]

**lemma** *tiling-domino-0-1*:

$t \in \text{tiling domino} \implies \text{card}(\text{whites} \cap t) = \text{card}(\text{blacks} \cap t)$   
*<proof>*

Final argument is surprisingly complex

**theorem** *gen-mutil-not-tiling*:


**assumes**  $t \in \text{tiling domino}$   $(i + j) \bmod 2 = 0$   
 $(m + n) \bmod 2 = 0$   $\{(i, j), (m, n)\} \subseteq t$   
**shows**  $t - \{(i, j)\} - \{(m, n)\} \notin \text{tiling domino}$   
*<proof>*

Apply the general theorem to the well-known case

**theorem** *mutil-not-tiling*:

**assumes**  $t = \{0..< 2 * \text{Suc } m\} \times \{0..< 2 * \text{Suc } n\}$   
**shows**  $t - \{(0,0)\} - \{(\text{Suc}(2 * m), \text{Suc}(2 * n))\} \notin \text{tiling domino}$   
*<proof>*

### 3 The Mutilated Chess Board Can be Tiled by Ls

Remove a arbitrary square from a chess board of size  $2^n \times 2^n$ . The result can be tiled by L-shaped tiles: . The four possible L-shaped tiles are obtained by dropping one of the four squares from  $\{(x, y), (x + 1, y), (x, y + 1), (x + 1, y + 1)\}$ :

**definition** *L2*  $(x::\text{nat}) (y::\text{nat}) = \{(x,y), (x+1,y), (x, y+1)\}$

**definition** *L3*  $(x::\text{nat}) (y::\text{nat}) = \{(x,y), (x+1,y), (x+1, y+1)\}$

**definition** *L0*  $(x::\text{nat}) (y::\text{nat}) = \{(x+1,y), (x,y+1), (x+1, y+1)\}$

**definition** *L1*  $(x::\text{nat}) (y::\text{nat}) = \{(x,y), (x,y+1), (x+1, y+1)\}$

All tiles:

**definition** *Ls* ::  $(\text{nat} * \text{nat}) \text{ set set}$  **where**

$Ls \equiv \{ L0 \ x \ y \mid x \ y. \ \text{True} \} \cup \{ L1 \ x \ y \mid x \ y. \ \text{True} \} \cup$   
 $\{ L2 \ x \ y \mid x \ y. \ \text{True} \} \cup \{ L3 \ x \ y \mid x \ y. \ \text{True} \}$

**lemma** *LinLs*:  $L0 \ i \ j : Ls \ \& \ L1 \ i \ j : Ls \ \& \ L2 \ i \ j : Ls \ \& \ L3 \ i \ j : Ls$

*<proof>*

Square  $2^n \times 2^n$  grid, shifted by  $i$  and  $j$ :

**definition** *square2* ( $n::nat$ ) ( $i::nat$ ) ( $j::nat$ ) =  $\{i..< 2^{\wedge}n+i\} \times \{j..< 2^{\wedge}n+j\}$

**lemma** *in-square2*[*simp*]:

$(a,b) : \text{square2 } n \ i \ j \iff i \leq a \wedge a < 2^{\wedge}n+i \wedge j \leq b \wedge b < 2^{\wedge}n+j$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *square2-Suc*: *square2* (*Suc*  $n$ )  $i \ j =$

*square2*  $n \ i \ j \cup \text{square2 } n \ (2^{\wedge}n + i) \ j \cup \text{square2 } n \ i \ (2^{\wedge}n + j) \cup$   
*square2*  $n \ (2^{\wedge}n + i) \ (2^{\wedge}n + j)$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *square2-disj*: *square2*  $n \ i \ j \cap \text{square2 } n \ x \ y = \{\} \iff$

$(2^{\wedge}n+i \leq x \vee 2^{\wedge}n+x \leq i) \vee (2^{\wedge}n+j \leq y \vee 2^{\wedge}n+y \leq j)$  (**is**  $?A = ?B$ )  
*<proof>*

Some specific lemmas:

**lemma** *pos-pow2*:  $(0::nat) < 2^{\wedge}n$

*<proof>*

**declare** *nat-zero-less-power-iff*[*simp del*] *zero-less-power*[*simp del*]

**lemma** *Diff-insert-if*: **shows**

$B \neq \{\} \implies a \in A \implies A - \text{insert } a \ B = (A - B - \{a\})$  **and**  
 $B \neq \{\} \implies a \notin A \implies A - \text{insert } a \ B = A - B$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *DisjI1*:  $A \cap B = \{\} \implies (A - X) \cap B = \{\}$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *DisjI2*:  $A \cap B = \{\} \implies A \cap (B - X) = \{\}$

*<proof>*

The main theorem:

**theorem** *Ls-can-tile*:  $i \leq a \implies a < 2^{\wedge}n + i \implies j \leq b \implies b < 2^{\wedge}n + j$

$\implies \text{square2 } n \ i \ j - \{(a,b)\} \in \text{tiling } Ls$   
*<proof>*

**corollary** *Ls-can-tile00*:

$a < 2^{\wedge}n \implies b < 2^{\wedge}n \implies \text{square2 } n \ 0 \ 0 - \{(a, b)\} \in \text{tiling } Ls$   
*<proof>*

**end**

## References

- [1] Lawrence C. Paulson. A simple formalization and proof for the mutilated chess board. *Logic J. of the IGPL*, 9(3), 2001.
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