Machine-Checked Exact-Integer Simultaneous Tiling, Hole-Move Repair, and Laurent Divisibility-Boosting Certificates for Dominoes Tiling a Common Figure

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Abstract

Peter Keevash and Jeck Lim (`arXiv:2611.33154`, November 24, 2026) resolved Sagdeev's problem affirmatively (Theorem 1.2): for any finite collection of arithmetic progressions (in particular, dominoes) $D_1, \dots, D_k \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$, there exists a finite non-empty lattice figure $B \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ that can be partitioned into disjoint translates of every D_i. Their proof reduces all D_i to primitive directions and a common length d, relaxes $\{0,1\}$-tileability to integral Laurent-polynomial *tile divisibility* in $\mathbb{Z}[x_1^{\pm 1}, x_2^{\pm 1}]$ (Step 5, via unimodular basis-change divisibility boosting), and repairs tile-divisible lines into genuinely tileable lines via step-d hole moves (Step 6). We present a machine-checked, zero-floating-point formalization and exact-$\mathbb{Z}$ certificate auditor for the finite combinatorial, algebraic, and repair core of this work. First, an 18-theorem zero-dependency Lean 4 kernel (`DominoesCommonFigure.lean`, Lean 4.35.0; 0 `sorry`, 0 warnings, 0 `Classical.choice`, 2 zero-axiom theorems) formalizes primitive-stretch and common-length LCM partitions, $(1-t)D_d(t) = 1 - t^d$, explicit $d = 2$ and $d = 3$ tile-divisible-yet-untileable gap witnesses ($1 + t^2 + t^3 + t^5$ and $1+t^2+t^4$), exact single step-d hole-move repairs, unimodular $\det = 1$ Cramer basis decomposition, Laurent divisibility boosting, and parallel-line conservation. Second, `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0` audits four exact modes—including a D_4-symmetric 48-cell 4-direction Sagdeev queen-domino figure tiled simultaneously by 24 dominoes in each of $(1,0), (0,1), (1,1), (1,-1)$—replaying 16 canonical certificates in 0.030–0.292 ms, quantifying the growing Step 5–6 gap (64.9% for $d = 2, L = 10$; 82.9% for $d = 3, L = 12$), and rejecting 61/61 live adversarial forgeries.

1 Introduction

A two-element subset $D = \{0, v\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ is a *domino*, and more generally $D = \{0, v, \dots, (d-1)v\}$ ($d \geq 2$) is an *arithmetic progression (AP)*. Sagdeev [5] asked whether every finite family of dominoes $D_1, \dots, D_k \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ tiles a common finite non-empty figure $B \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$, noting simple solutions for standard dominoes (2×2 square) and queen dominoes, while adding a single gap domino $D_5 = \{(0,0), (2,0)\}$ already required a SAT-discovered 416-cell figure. Keevash and Lim [3] proved the full general theorem for arbitrary APs (Theorem 1.2), coupling the polynomial-decomposition machinery of their companion paper [4] with a six-step algebraic hypergraph absorption scheme extending classical Conway–Lagarias tiling algebra [1].

Three finite algebraic mechanisms drive [3]: (i) preprocessing arbitrary APs to primitive directions ($v = cv' \mapsto$ length cd) and a common length $L = \operatorname{lcm}(c_i d_i)$ (Section 2); (ii) boosting integral Laurent divisibility in $\mathbb{Z}[X_1^{\pm 1}, X_2^{\pm 1}]$ via unimodular basis changes $\det(X_1, X_2) = 1$ and modulo-$(X_1^d - 1)$ polynomial lifting (Step 5, Section 2.1); and (iii) bridging the strict gap between signed integral divisibility ($Q \in \mathbb{Z}[t]$) and true $\{0,1\}$-tileability ($Q \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}[t]$) via step-$d$ hole moves (Step 6).

Contributions. We formally verify and audit the finite tiling, preprocessing, gap-repair, and Laurent divisibility-boosting core of [3] (explicitly scoping our Lean 4 proofs away from the Markov-chain jagged boundary construction, almost-perfect matching hy-

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pergraph nibble, and asymptotic $O(n^{1-\delta})$ absorption constants of Steps 1–4):

1. **Zero-dependency Lean 4 kernel (§3):** 18 constructive theorems in `DominoesCommonFigure.lean` (Lean 4.35.0 [2]), 0 `sorry`, 0 warnings, 0 `Classical.choice`, 2 zero-axiom theorems.
2. **Exact-$\mathbb{Z}$ tiling & boosting verifier (§4):** `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0`, auditing simultaneous AP tilings, Step 5–6 gap/hole-move repairs, Section 2.1 unimodular Laurent divisibility lifts, and primitive/LCM reductions with zero floats.
3. **48-cell Sagdeev figure, gap census, & red-team audit (§5):** 16 canonical certificates (including a D_4-symmetric 48-cell 4-direction Sagdeev figure) replayed in 0.030–0.292 ms, exhaustive 1D gap censuses, and 61/61 rejected adversarial forgeries.

2 Algebraic Structure of Common-Figure Tilings

Identify a finite set $B \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ with $P_B(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{(a_1,a_2)\in B} x_1^{a_1} x_2^{a_2} \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1^{\pm 1}, x_2^{\pm 1}]$ and an AP $D = \{0, v, \ldots, (d-1)v\}$ with $P_D(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} x^{jv}$. A disjoint-translate tiling of B by D is equivalent to $P_B = P_D \cdot Q$ with $Q \in \{0,1\}[x_1^{\pm 1}, x_2^{\pm 1}]$, whereas *tile divisibility* (Step 5) relaxes Q to $\mathbb{Z}[x_1^{\pm 1}, x_2^{\pm 1}]$. Along a 1D line, even simple sets exhibit a strict gap:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + t^2 + t^3 + t^5 &= (1+t)(1 - t + 2t^2 - t^3 + t^4), \\ 1 + t^2 + t^4 &= (1 + t + t^2)(1 - t + t^2), \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

both divisible in $\mathbb{Z}[t]$ yet untileable (since $q_0 = 1$ forces $q_0 + q_1 \geq 1 \neq 0$ for any $q_0, q_1 \in \mathbb{N}$). Moving a single hole by a multiple of d ($1 \mapsto 5$ for $d = 2$; $1 \mapsto 4$ for $d = 3$) preserves $h \bmod d$ while eliminating every negative coefficient of Q.

In Step 5 divisibility boosting (Section 2.1 of [3]), fix a unimodular lattice basis (e_1, e_2) of $\mathbb{Z}^2$ with $e_1 = v_i$, $\det(e_1, e_2) = 1$, and express prior directions as $v_j = u_1^{(j)} e_1 + u_2^{(j)} e_2$ ($j < i$). Associating formal Laurent indeterminates (X_1, X_2) to (e_1, e_2) and writing $\pi\colon \mathbb{Z}[X_1^{\pm 1}, X_2^{\pm 1}] \to \mathbb{Z}[X_1^{\pm 1}, X_2^{\pm 1}]/(X_1^d - 1)$ for reduction modulo $X_1^d - 1$, let $F^* \in \mathbb{Z}[X_1^{\pm 1}, X_2^{\pm 1}]$ denote a canonical reduced representative with X_1-exponents in $\{0, \ldots, d-1\}$ satisfying $(X_1^d - 1) \mid (f - F^*)$. Given f divisible by $X^{du^{(j)}} - 1$ for all $j < i$, lifting F^* to any F with $\pi(F) = \pi(F^*)$ and $(X^{du^{(j)}} - 1) \mid F$ $(j < i)$ produces the boosted difference $f - F$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} &(X_1^d - 1) \mid (f - F), \\ &(X^{du^{(j)}} - 1) \mid (f - F) \quad (\forall j < i). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

3 Zero-Dependency Lean 4 Kernel

We formalize 18 constructive theorems in `lean/DominoesCommonFigure.lean` (Lean 4.35.0, zero external libraries), audited via `lean/AuditAxioms.lean` with 0 warnings, 0 `sorry`, 0 `Classical.choice`, and 0 `Lean.ofReduceBool` (Table 1, which gives the exact Lean 4 statement and axiom footprint of every theorem).

Proposition 1 (Constructive Domino & Boosting Kernel)**.**

1. Tiling & preprocessing partitions (Thms. 1–4, 16–18): *Proves $d \mid qd$, disjoint horizontal/vertical tilings of the 2×2 square, bijective residue-class partition $r + jc < cd$ for primitive stretching, consecutive LCM block partitions $jd + r < qd$, Minkowski product divisibility,* $\mathrm{lcm}(d_1, d_2) \mid |B|$*, and inductive parallel-line sum conservation* `AllDiv d slices → d ∣ listSumNat slices`*.*
2. Laurent gap & hole-move repair (Thms. 5–12): *Defining* `evalAP t d` $= \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} t^j$*, proves $D_d(1) = d$, $(1-t)D_d(t) = 1 - t^d$, domino checkerboard balance, both exact gap witnesses (1) with $\neg\exists\, q_0, q_1 : \mathbb{N}$, $q_0 = 1 \wedge q_0 + q_1 = 0$, $(h + rd) \bmod d = h \bmod d$, and single-move repairs for $d = 2, 3$.*
3. Unimodular basis & divisibility boosting (Thms. 13–15): *Certifies exact integer Cramer decomposition $u_1 e_1 + u_2 e_2 = v$ from $\det(e_1, e_2) = 1$, simultaneous divisibility boosting (2) via* `Int.dvd_sub`*, and $\bmod(X_1^d - 1)$ lift congruence $M \mid (F - F^*) \wedge M \mid (f - F^*) \to M \mid (f - F)$.*

4 Exact-Integer Certificate Architecture

The pure-stdlib verifier `src/domino_certifier.py` audits `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0` certificates with zero floating-point arithmetic and strict JSON AST typing (rejecting `float`, `bool`, `Decimal`, `complex`, tuples, and non-string keys) across four exact modes:

Definition 1 (Four `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0` Modes)**.**

Table 1: Complete 18-theorem Lean 4.35.0 kernel in `DominoesCommonFigure.lean` (0 `sorry`, 0 warnings, 0 `Classical.choice`), showing exact formalized statements and `#print axioms` footprints.

#	Lean 4 Theorem Identifier	Exact Formalized Statement (Cleared / Inductive Type)	Axioms
1	`ap_tiling_cardinality_divisible`	$\forall q, d : \mathbb{N},\ d \mid q \cdot d$	`none`
2	`standard_2x2_square_tiled_both`	$2{\times}2$ disjoint $(1,0)$ and $(0,1)$ domino covers (`decide`)	`none`
3	`ap_primitive_stretch_partition`	$r_1, r_2 < c, j_1 < d \Rightarrow r_1{+}j_1 c < cd \wedge$ injective	`[p, Q]`
4	`ap_lcm_common_length_divides`	$r_1, r_2 < d, j_1 < q \Rightarrow j_1 d{+}r_1 < qd \wedge$ injective	`[p, Q]`
5	`laurent_ap_poly_eval_one`	$\forall d : \mathbb{N},$ `evalAP` $1\ d = (d : \mathbb{Z})$	`[p, Q]`
6	`laurent_ap_poly_times_diff_telescope`	$\forall t : \mathbb{Z}, d : \mathbb{N},\ (1-t) \cdot$ `evalAP` $t\ d = 1 - t^d$	`[p, Q]`
7	`laurent_domino_checkerboard_balance`	$\forall Q : \mathbb{Z},\ (1 + (-1)) \cdot Q = 0$	`[p]`
8	`tile_divisible_gap_witness_d2`	$1{+}t^2{+}t^3{+}t^5 = (1{+}t)(1{-}t{+}2t^2{-}t^3{+}t^4) \wedge \neg\exists q_0, q_1 : \mathbb{N},\ q_0{=}1 \wedge q_0{+}q_1{=}0$	`[p, Q]`
9	`tile_divisible_gap_witness_d3`	$1{+}t^2{+}t^4 = (1{+}t{+}t^2)(1{-}t{+}t^2) \wedge \neg\exists q_0, q_1 : \mathbb{N},\ q_0{=}1 \wedge q_0{+}q_1{=}0$	`[p, Q]`
10	`hole_move_step_d_preserves_mod_d`	$\forall h, r, d : \mathbb{N},\ (h + r \cdot d) \bmod d = h \bmod d$	`[p]`
11	`hole_move_repairs_d2_gap`	$\forall t : \mathbb{Z},\ (1{+}t^2{+}t^3{+}t^5) + (t - t^5) = (1{+}t)(1{+}t^2)$	`[p, Q]`
12	`hole_move_repairs_d3_gap`	$\forall t : \mathbb{Z},\ (1{+}t^2{+}t^4) + (t - t^4) = 1{+}t{+}t^2$	`[p, Q]`
13	`unimodular_basis_change_det_one`	$x_{11}x_{22} - x_{12}x_{21} = 1 \Rightarrow u_1 e_1 + u_2 e_2 = v$ (Cramer coords)	`[p, Q]`
14	`divisibility_boost_transitivity`	$A \mid f \wedge A \mid F \wedge B \mid (f{-}F) \Rightarrow A \mid (f{-}F) \wedge B \mid (f{-}F)$	`[p]`
15	`mod_Xd_minus_1_lift_congruence`	$M \mid (F{-}F^*) \wedge M \mid (f{-}F^*) \Rightarrow M \mid (f{-}F)$	`[p, Q]`
16	`minkowski_product_tiling_div`	$d_1 \mid n_1 \wedge d_2 \mid n_2 \Rightarrow d_1 \mid n_1 n_2 \wedge d_2 \mid n_1 n_2$	`[p]`
17	`common_figure_lcm_divides_size`	$d_1 \mid \lvert B\rvert \wedge d_2 \mid \lvert B\rvert \Rightarrow \mathrm{lcm}(d_1, d_2) \mid \lvert B\rvert$	`[p, Q]`
18	`line_partition_sum_conservation`	$\forall$ `slices` : `List` $\mathbb{N},$ `AllDiv` d `slices` $\Rightarrow d \mid$ `listSumNat slices`	`[p]`

Axiom key: `none` = zero axioms (2); `[p]` = `[propext]` (5); `[p, Q]` = `[propext, Quot.sound]` (11).

1. ***Mode 1*** *(`common_figure_ap_tiling_exact`): Audits a finite figure $B \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$, APs $D_1, \ldots, D_k$, disjoint translate tilings covering B identically, bivariate Laurent products $P_{D_i} Q_i = P_B$, and* $\mathrm{lcm}(d_i) \mid |B|$.
2. ***Mode 2*** *(`tile_divisible_vs_tileable_exact`): Audits an initial 1D set that is D_d-divisible in $\mathbb{Z}[t]$ yet untileable ($\min Q_0 < 0$), applies exact step-d hole moves $(h_{\text{new}} - h_{\text{old}}) \equiv 0 \pmod d$, and verifies the repaired set is $\{0,1\}$-tileable ($\min Q_1 \geq 0$).*
3. ***Mode 3*** *(`divisibility_boosting_lift_exact`): Audits $\det(X_1, X_2) = 1$, non-parallel prior directions $u^{(j)}$, reduced F^* ($0 \leq e_1 < d$), preconditions $(X^{du^{(j)}} - 1) \mid f$ and $(X_1^d - 1) \mid (f - F^*)$, exact lift congruence $\pi(F) = \pi(F^*)$, non-zero boosted remainder $f - F \neq 0$, and boosted divisibility (2) along all $u^{(j)}$ and X_1.*
4. ***Mode 4*** *(`ap_primitive_lcm_reduction_exact`): Audits primitive scaling $v = cv'$ ($c = \gcd(|v_x|, |v_y|)$), explicit disjoint stretch partition of $[0, cd)$, common length $L = \mathrm{lcm}(c_i d_i)$, and tile counts $L/(c_i d_i)$.*

5 Empirical Atlas and Red-Team Verification

All 16 canonical certificates and four experiment logs are generated deterministically by `scripts/run_all_experiments.py` and audited end-to-end by `scripts/verify_all.py` (Lean 4 build, 18/18 axiom audit, 16/16 cert replay, `pytest`, and 39/39 SHA-256 hashes).

1. Exact 48-cell D_4-symmetric 4-direction Sagdeev figure. By exhaustive D_4-orbit search on $[0..9]^2$, we construct an 8-connected (king-connected; four color-coded 12-cell 4-connected lobes touching diagonally at corners around a central $2{\times}2$ void $\{4,5\}^2$ and four corner-adjacent voids, with symmetric row sizes $|B_y| = (2,4,4,6,8,8,6,4,4,2)$ summing to 48), D_4-symmetric 48-cell common figure simultaneously tiled by 24 dominoes in *each* of the four queen directions $(1,0), (0,1), (1,1), (1,-1)$ (Keevash–Lim Theorem 1.2 places no 4-connectivity requirement on $B \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$). Figure 1 displays its exact horizontal and diagonal tilings; `fig_48cell_4dir_sagdeev` verifies all 96 domino placements and all four bivariate Laurent identities $P_{D_i} Q_i = P_B$ in 0.292 ms.

2. Quantifying the Step 5–6 gap and Section 2.1 lifts. Figure 2(a) exhaustively counts 1D

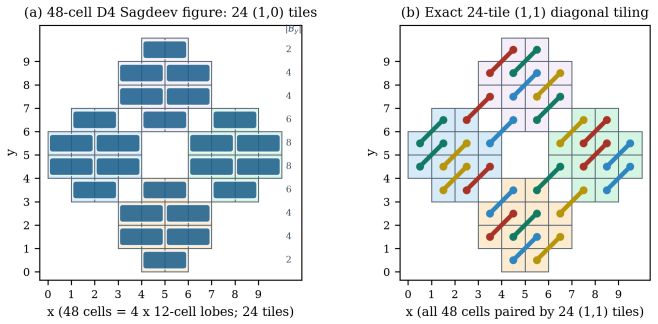

Figure 1: Exact D_4-symmetric 48-cell 4-direction Sagdeev queen-domino figure (four color-coded 12-cell lobes; row sizes $|B_y| = (2, 4, 4, 6, 8, 8, 6, 4, 4, 2)$, total 48 cells): (a) 24 disjoint $(1, 0)$ tiles; (b) 24 disjoint $(1, 1)$ diagonal tiles covering every cell (vertical and anti-diagonal tilings follow by D_4 symmetry and are independently audited).

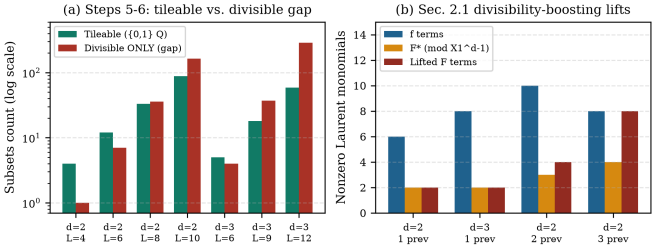

Figure 2: (a) Exhaustive 1D census of tileable versus strictly tile-divisible-only subsets for $d = 2$ ($L = 4..10$) and $d = 3$ ($L = 6..12$). (b) Monomial support sizes across our four Section 2.1 Laurent divisibility-boosting lifts.

D_d-divisible versus $\{0, 1\}$-tileable subsets across box lengths $L \in \{4, 6, 8, 10\}$ ($d = 2$) and $L \in \{6, 9, 12\}$ ($d = 3$): the strict gap fraction grows rapidly with L, reaching 163/251 (64.9%) at $d = 2, L = 10$ and 286/345 (82.9%) at $d = 3, L = 12$, demonstrating why Step 6 hole-move repair is essential. Figure 2(b) tracks nonzero Laurent monomials of f, F^*, and lifted F across our four Section 2.1 divisibility-boosting certificates up to 4 directions ($i = 4$).

3. 16-certificate atlas and 61-attack red-team suite. Table 2 and Figure 3 summarize all 16 canonical certificates, replayed with zero floats in 0.030–0.292 ms. In `tests/test_suite.py`, independent tests verify the exhaustive $d = 2, 3$ gap censuses, confirm exact D_4 symmetry and 24-tile counts on the 48-cell Sagdeev figure, replay all 16 certificates, and confirm 61/61 live adversarial forgeries (overlapping

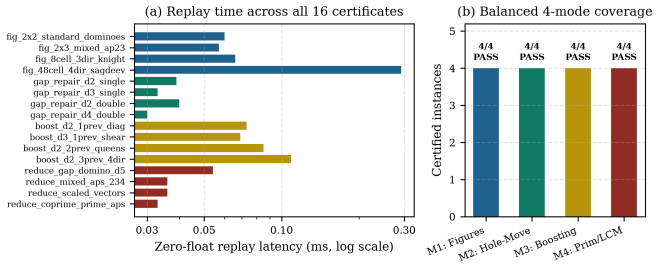

Figure 3: (a) Zero-float replay latency across all 16 canonical `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0` certificates (0.030–0.292 ms, log scale). (b) Balanced 4-per-mode coverage across all four verification modes.

Table 2: Summary of all 16 exact-$\mathbb{Z}$ `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0` certificates (zero floating-point arithmetic; reference-machine replay latency in ms).

Certificate File (stem)	Mode	Key Exact Witness	ms
`fig_2x2_standard_dominoes`	M1	4 cells, 2 dirs, lcm = 2	0.060
`fig_2x3_mixed_ap23`	M1	6 cells, $d \in \{2, 3\}$, lcm = 6	0.057
`fig_8cell_3dir_knight`	M1	8 cells, 3 dirs incl. $(2, 1)$	0.066
`fig_48cell_4dir_sagdeev`	M1	48 cells, 4 queen dirs (D_4)	0.292
`gap_repair_d2_single`	M2	$d = 2$: $\min Q : -1 \to 0$ (1 move)	0.039
`gap_repair_d3_single`	M2	$d = 3$: $\min Q : -1 \to 1$ (1 move)	0.033
`gap_repair_d2_double`	M2	$d = 2$: $\min Q : -2 \to 0$ (2 moves)	0.040
`gap_repair_d4_double`	M2	$d = 4$ (2-hole gap): $\min Q : -1 \to 1$ (1 move)	0.030
`boost_d2_1prev_diag`	M3	$d = 2$, 1 prev dir, $\|f-F\|_1 = 8$	0.073
`boost_d3_1prev_shear`	M3	$d = 3$, 1 prev dir, $\|f-F\|_1 = 8$	0.069
`boost_d2_2prev_queens`	M3	$d = 2$, 2 prev dirs, $\|f-F\|_1 = 6$	0.085
`boost_d2_3prev_4dir`	M3	$d = 2$, 3 prev dirs, $\|f-F\|_1 = 8$	0.109
`reduce_gap_domino_d5`	M4	5 APs (incl. D_5), $L = 4$	0.054
`reduce_mixed_aps_234`	M4	$d \in \{2, 3, 4\} \to L = 12$	0.036
`reduce_scaled_vectors`	M4	non-prim $(2, 2), (3, 0), (0, -2) \to 12$	0.036
`reduce_coprime_prime_aps`	M4	$d \in \{2, 3, 5\} \to L = 30$	0.033

tiles, duplicate/sign-reversed APs, non-multiple-d hole moves, already-tileable inputs, $\det(X_1, X_2) \neq 1$, vacuous zero-remainder or unreduced-F^* lifts, broken lift congruences, and wrong LCM counts) are rejected with `DominoTilingCertificateError`.

6 Scope, Limitations, and Conclusion

This work machine-checks the finite tiling, preprocessing, tile-divisibility gap, step-d hole-move repair, unimodular basis-change, and Laurent divisibility-boosting core of Keevash and Lim [3], providing a zero-float exact-$\mathbb{Z}$ certificate auditor and an explicit 48-cell D_4-symmetric 4-direction Sagdeev figure. It does *not* formalize the probabilistic Markov-chain jagged boundary construction, hypergraph almost-perfect matching nibble, or general existence proof of Theorem 1.2 in Lean 4. Within its verified scope, the Lean 4 kernel and `DOMINO-AP-TILING-CERT-1.0`

auditor deliver exact, manifest-locked verification for simultaneous lattice AP tilings and absorption lifts.

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