

A Simple Condition for Bounded Displacement

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Abstract

We study separated nets Y that come from primitive substitution tilings of the Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^d . We show that the question whether Y is a bounded displacement of \mathbb{Z}^d or not can be reduced, in most cases, to a simple question on the eigenvalues and eigenspaces of the substitution matrix.

1 Introduction

We denote by \mathbb{R}^d the d -dimensional Euclidean space and by \mathbb{Z}^d integer lattice in it. $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes the standard Euclidean metric and $B(x, r)$ is the ball of radius r around x , with respect to that metric. We also denote by $\mu_s(\cdot)$ the s -dimensional Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}^d .

A subset $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a *separated net* if it is uniformly discrete and relatively dense. That is, there exist constants $r, R > 0$ such that for any $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ we have $d(y_1, y_2) \geq r$, and for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ we have $d(x, Y) \leq R$. We say that Y_1 is a *bounded displacement (BD)* of Y_2 if there is a constant α and a bijection $\phi : Y_1 \rightarrow \alpha \cdot Y_2$ such that $\sup_{y \in Y_1} \{d(y, \phi(y))\} < \infty$.

This paper deals with the following question:

Question 1.1. *Given a separated net $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, is there a BD between Y and \mathbb{Z}^d ?*

The motivation for this question comes originally from a related question that was asked by Gromov: Is every separated net $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ biLipschitz equivalent to \mathbb{Z}^d ? This question was answered negatively (for $d > 1$) by Burago and Kleiner in [BK98], and independently by McMullen in [McM98]. When considering separated nets, BD equivalence implies biLipschitz equivalence, and this implies that there exists separated net in \mathbb{R}^d which are not BD of \mathbb{Z}^d .

In the context of the above questions, it is equivalent to consider tilings of \mathbb{R}^d with finitely many tiles, up to isometry. Obviously, a tiling τ of \mathbb{R}^d gives rise to separated nets Y_τ by placing a point in each tile (up to BD). On the other hand, a separated net defines a tiling of \mathbb{R}^d by taking the Voronoi cells. A similar argument gives a tiling with finitely many tiles: Divide the plane to small enough dyadic cubes Q . For every $y \in Y$ assign the tile

$$T_y = \bigcup \{\text{cubes } Q : Q \text{ is closer to } y \text{ than to any other } z \in Y\}.$$

Denote this tiling by τ_Y , then it is easy to see that any separated net Y_{τ_Y} is a BD of Y .

We restrict ourselves to a subset of tilings - substitution tilings (see §2). In this context, Theorem 1.2 answers Question 1.1 almost completely. Substitution tilings has a corresponding matrix, the substitution matrix, which we denote by A_H (see Definition 2.3). We denote by $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ the eigenvalues of A_H , with a descending order in absolute value. These parameters play an important role in our main results, and in the previous related results.

Question 1.1 was previously studied in the context of substitution tilings in [S11] and [ACG11]. It was shown in [S11] that any primitive substitution tiling, with a matrix A_H of Pisot type, gives rise to a separated net which is a BD of \mathbb{Z}^d . Recently Aliste-Prieto, Coronel and Gambaudo have improved this result. They showed that the same holds if $|\lambda_2| < \lambda_1^{1/d}$, see [ACG11] (note that $\lambda_1 > 1$). Our main goal is to prove Theorem 1.2, which extends the results of [S11] and [ACG11] to a wider class, and gives the tight inequality on the eigenvalues for when BD to \mathbb{Z}^d exists.

We denote by W_λ the eigenspace that corresponds to λ , by W^\perp the subspace which is orthogonal to W with respect to the standard inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, and let $\mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

Theorem 1.2. *For a primitive substitution tiling of \mathbb{R}^d , fix $t \geq 2$ to be the minimal index that satisfies $W_{\lambda_t} \not\subseteq \mathbb{1}^\perp$. Then the corresponding separated net Y satisfies the following:*

- (I) *If $|\lambda_t| > \lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ then Y is not a BD of \mathbb{Z}^d .*
- (II) *If $|\lambda_t| < \lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ then Y is a BD of \mathbb{Z}^d .*
- (III) *If $|\lambda_t| = \lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ and λ_t has a non-trivial Jordan block, then Y is not a BD of \mathbb{Z}^d . Moreover, there are cases where the same consequence holds, and λ_t has a trivial Jordan block.*

Remark 1.3. • *Note that $t = 2$ for almost every matrix A_H .*

- *It follows from the proof of (II) that if there is no t as above, namely $W_{\lambda_t} \subseteq \mathbb{1}^\perp$ for every $t \neq 1$, then Y is a BD of \mathbb{Z}^d .*
- *In the case of equality $|\lambda_t| = \lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$, we do not know if there is an example in which Y is a BD of \mathbb{Z}^d .*

The proof of the theorem rely on the following result of Laczkovich:

Theorem 1.4 ([L92]). *For a separated net $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ and $\beta > 0$ the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *There is a constant C such that for any measurable set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ we have*

$$|\#(Y \cap A) - \beta \cdot \mu_d(A)| \leq C \cdot \mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial A) \leq 1\}).$$

- (ii) *There is a constant C such that for every finite union of unit lattice cubes U we have*

$$|\#(Y \cap U) - \beta \cdot \mu_d(U)| \leq C \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial U).$$

(iii) There is a BD $\phi : Y \rightarrow \beta^{-1/d}\mathbb{Z}^d$.

The organization of this paper is as follows: In section §2 we recall the relevant definitions and a few results on substitution tilings. In §3 we get a series of estimates that are needed for the proof of Theorem 1.2. Among them, we prove an isoperimetric lemma, and then use it to generalize a result of Laczkovich. In §4 we prove Theorem 1.2, and examples for the different cases this Theorem are given in §5.

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2 Preliminaries

A set $T \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a *tile* if it is biLipschitz homeomorphic to a closed d -dimensional ball. Note that this requirement implies in particular that a tile's boundary has a well defined $d - 1$ -dimensional volume. A *tiling* of a set $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ is a countable collection of tiles, with pairwise disjoint interiors, such that their union is equal to U . A tiling P of a bounded set $U \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ is called a *patch*. We call the set U the *support* of P and we denote it by $\text{supp}(P)$. Given a collection of tiles \mathcal{F} , we denote by \mathcal{F}^* the set of all patches by the elements of \mathcal{F} . For further reading on tiling see for instance [GS87].

Substitution Tilings

Let $\xi > 1$ and let $\mathcal{F} = \{T_1, \dots, T_k\}$ be a set of d -dimensional tiles.

Definition 2.1. A *substitution* is a mapping $H : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \xi^{-1}\mathcal{F}^*$ such that $\text{supp}(T_i) = \text{supp}(H(T_i))$ for every i . Namely, it is a set of dissection rules that shows us how to divide the tiles to other tiles from \mathcal{F} with a smaller scale. We also allow to apply H to finite or infinite collections of tiles. The constant ξ is called the *inflation constant* of H .

Definition 2.2. Let H be a substitution defined on \mathcal{F} . Consider the following set of patches:

$$\mathcal{P} = \{(\xi H)^m(T) : m \in \mathbb{N}, T \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

The *substitution tiling space* X_H is the set of all tilings of \mathbb{R}^d that for every patch P in them there is a patch $P' \in \mathcal{P}$ such that P is a sub-patch of P' . Every tiling $\tau \in X_H$ is called a *substitution tiling* of H .

Consider the following equivalence relation on tiles: $T_i \sim T_j$ if there exists an isometry O such that $T_i = O(T_j)$ and $H(T_i) = O(H(T_j))$. We call the representatives of the equivalence classes *basic tiles*, and denote them by $\{\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_n\}$. By this definition, we can also think of H as a dissection rule on the basic tiles and extend it to collections of tiles as before. For a tile T in the tiling we say that T is *of type i* if it is equivalent to \mathcal{T}_i .

Matrices of Substitution

Definition 2.3. Let $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_n\}$ be the set of basic tiles. Define the *substitution matrix* of H to be an $n \times n$ matrix, $A_H = (a_{ij})$, where a_{ij} is the number of basic tiles in $\xi H(\mathcal{T}_j)$ which are of type i . We say that H is *primitive* if A_H is primitive. That is, if there exists an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $A_H^m > 0$.

Denote by e_i the i 'th element of the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^n . We use vectors to represent the number of basic tiles from each type in a given patch. For instance, e_i represents one tile of type i . Then $A_H(e_i)$ is the i 'th column of A_H . Thus, multiplying the vector e_i by A_H gives a vector that represents the number of basic tiles of each type obtained after applying H on \mathcal{T}_i . By linearity, this idea extends to any vector in \mathbb{R}^n .

Notations and Previous Results

A substitution tiling has many parameters that we need throughout the proofs. For the convenience of the reader we assemble all the notations regarding the parameters of the tiling here.

Our given tiling is denoted by τ or τ_0 , and we fix a separated net Y that correspond to τ . The basic tiles are $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_n\}$, and s_1, \dots, s_n denotes their d -dimensional volume. H is the substitution, which is always assumed to be primitive, and $\xi > 1$ is the inflation constant. We denote by $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$ the eigenvalues of A_H in a descending order in absolute value. It is easy to see that $\lambda_1 = \xi^d > 1$. It also follows from the Perron Frobenius Theorem that λ_1 is of multiplicity one, and it has positive eigenvector v_1 (see §3 in [S11] for details). We fix a Jordan basis of A_H and denote by v_i the i 'th vector in it (v_i corresponds to λ_i), and by $v_i(j)$ its j 'th coordinate. Without loss of generality $v_1(1) = 1$. Denote by $u_1 = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{pmatrix}$, then it is easy to see that u_1 is the left eigenvector of A_H that corresponds to λ_1 . Finally, we fix

$$(1) \quad \alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n v_1(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n v_1(i) \cdot s_i} = \frac{\langle \mathbb{1}, v_1 \rangle}{\langle u_1, v_1 \rangle}.$$

This α is the asymptotic density of Y .

Proposition 2.4. *If H is a primitive substitution then $X_H \neq \emptyset$ and for every $\tau \in X_H$ and for every $m \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a tiling $\tau_m \in X_H$ that satisfies $(\xi H)^m(\tau_m) = \tau$.*

Proof. See [Ro04]. □

Given a tiling $\tau = \tau_0 \in X_H$, for every m we fix a tiling τ_m as in Proposition 2.4. $\mathcal{S}^{(m)}$ denotes the set of all tiles of τ_m , and $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_m \mathcal{S}^{(m)}$. The set of all finite unions of tiles of τ_0 is denoted by \mathcal{V} .

We prove Theorem 1.2 using Theorem 1.4. To use it we need to estimate the discrepancy $|\#(Y \cap U) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(U)|$ for different sets U . Note that for every patch $V \in \mathcal{V}$ we have

$$(2) \quad \#(Y \cap V) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \langle \mathbb{1}, a_V \rangle, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_d(V) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot s_i = \langle u_1, a_V \rangle,$$

where $a_V = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}$, and a_j is the number of tiles of τ_0 from type j in V . Then the discrepancy of V depend only on a_V , and is given by the absolute value of the following linear functional:

$$(3) \quad \text{disc}(a_V) = \langle \mathbb{1}, a_V \rangle - \frac{\langle \mathbb{1}, v_1 \rangle}{\langle u_1, v_1 \rangle} \langle u_1, a_V \rangle.$$

Lemma 2.5. *Let $t \geq 2$ be the minimal index such that $W_{\lambda_t} \not\subseteq \mathbb{1}^\perp$. Then there are constants $A_1, A_2 > 0$, depending only on the parameters of the tiling, with the following properties:*

(i) *There exists a $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that for every m and $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}$ of type j*

$$(4) \quad A_1 \cdot m^{k_t-1} |\lambda_t|^m \leq |\#(Y \cap T) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(T)|,$$

(ii) *For every $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}$*

$$(5) \quad |\#(Y \cap T) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(T)| \leq A_2 \cdot m^{k_t-1} |\lambda_t|^m,$$

where k_t is the size of the maximal Jordan block of λ_t in A_H .

Proof. Let $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}$ and write $a_T = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i v_i$. Note that $\text{disc}(v_1) = 0$, and also $\langle u_1, v_i \rangle = 0$ for every $i \neq 1$. So we have

$$(6) \quad \text{disc}(a_T) = \langle \mathbb{1}, \sum_{i=2}^n c_i v_i \rangle = \langle \mathbb{1}, \sum_{i=t}^n c_i v_i \rangle.$$

But, if T in τ_m is of type j then $a_T = A_H^m e_j$. Write $e_j = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i v_i$, then

$$a_T = A_H^m \left(\sum_{i=1}^n b_i v_i \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i A_H^m(v_i).$$

So for every i , $c_i = b_i \cdot \text{Const} \cdot m^{k_i-1} \cdot \lambda_i^m$. Considering (6), this proves (ii). For (i), if v_t has a Jordan block of size k_t , let v_ℓ the last vector in the corresponding Jordan chain. Note that there exists a j with $b_\ell^{(j)} \neq 0$ in the presentations $e_j = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i^{(j)} v_i$. Using (6) in the same way again, we showed (i). \square

Remark 2.6. *By (6), if t as above does not exist, then the lemma holds with $\lambda_t = 0$.*

3 Economic Packing for Patches

We denote by ∂A and $\text{int}(A)$ the boundary and interior of a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ (in the standard topology of \mathbb{R}^d), and by $\|\cdot\|_1$ the standard ℓ_1 norm on \mathbb{R}^d .

In this section we prove a series of lemmas that help us estimate the terms that appears in Theorem 1.4. Our main objective of this section is to prove Proposition 3.5 below. This Proposition gives a very good bound for the number of tiles from each level that one needs in order to obtain a given patch in a substitution tiling. Laczkovich proved this Proposition for the lattice unit cube tiling in [L92], and here we give a proof for the more general case by generalizing his arguments to our context. Proposition 3.5 is the key point for the proof of Theorem 1.2 in §4.

Lemma 3.1. *For every d there is a constant C_1 such that for every $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$, a finite union of lattice unit cubes, and every $R > 0$, we have*

$$\mu_d(\{x \in U : d(x, \partial U) \leq R\}) \leq C_1 \cdot R^d \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial U).$$

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2 of [L92]. \square

Lemma 3.2. *There is a constant C_2 , that depends on the parameters of the tiling, such that for any $T \in \mathcal{T}$*

$$\mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\}) \leq C_2 \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T).$$

Proof. Denote by Q_r the d -dimensional cube with edge of length r . Fix a biLipschitz homeomorphism $\psi_i : \mathcal{T}_i \rightarrow Q_1$, denote its biLipschitz constant by K_i , and let $K = \max_i \{K_i\}$. Let $T \in \mathcal{T}$ and suppose that $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}$, a tile of type i . Then by rescaling the picture by ξ^m we get a biLipschitz homeomorphism $\phi : T \rightarrow Q_{\xi^m}$, with the same biLipschitz constant. Since ϕ is biLipschitz, it follows that

$$\phi(\{x \in T : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\}) \subseteq \{x \in Q_{\xi^m} : d(x, \partial Q_{\xi^m}) \leq K\}.$$

Then

$$\mu_d(\{x \in T : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\}) \leq K^d \cdot \mu_d(\{x \in Q_{\xi^m} : d(x, \partial Q_{\xi^m}) \leq K\})$$

Applying the same argument to the tiles which are adjacent to T we obtain

$$(7) \quad \mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\}) \leq K^d \cdot \mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial Q_{\xi^m}) \leq K\}).$$

It also follows that

$$(8) \quad \mu_{d-1}(\partial Q_{\xi^m}) \leq K^{d-1} \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T)$$

(see Theorem 1 in [EG92] p.75). Then by (7), (8), and Lemma 3.1 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\}) &\stackrel{(7)}{\leq} K^d \cdot \mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial Q_{\xi^m}) \leq K\}) \leq \\ &C_1 \cdot K^{2d} \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial Q_{\xi^m}) \stackrel{(8)}{\leq} C_1 \cdot K^{3d-1} \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T). \end{aligned}$$

□

We use the same notations $\mathcal{T}^{(m)}$, \mathcal{T} , and \mathcal{V} as defined at the end of §2.

Lemma 3.3. *Let $T \in \mathcal{T}$, and $c \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$. Then there is an $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any $V \in \mathcal{V}$, $V \subseteq T$, with $c \cdot \mu_d(T) \leq \mu_d(V) \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T)$, we have*

$$(9) \quad \mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T)) \geq \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T).$$

Proof. This Lemma follows from the relative isoperimetric inequality, see [EG92] p.190. By this inequality, if B is a closed ball, and $E \subseteq B$ is a closed set of finite perimeter (i.e. χ_E has a bounded variation) then we have

$$(10) \quad \min \{\mu_d(E), \mu_d(B \setminus E)\}^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \leq C \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial E \cap \text{int}(B)),$$

where C depends only on d . Fix a biLipschitz homeomorphism $\psi_i : \mathcal{T}_i \rightarrow B(0, 1)$, denote its biLipschitz constant by K_i , and let $K = \max_i \{K_i\}$. Suppose that T is a tile of type i , then by rescaling the picture by ξ^m we get a biLipschitz homeomorphism $\phi : T \rightarrow B = B(0, \xi^m)$, with the same biLipschitz constant. Since ϕ is biLipschitz, it follows that

$$\frac{1}{K^d} \mu_d(V) \leq \mu_d(\phi(V)) \leq K^d \mu_d(V) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{K^{d-1}} \mu_{d-1}(\phi(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))) \leq \mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))$$

(see [EG92] p.75). Considering (10) with $E = \phi(V)$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T)) &\geq \frac{\min\{\mu_d(\phi(V)), \mu_d(\phi(T \setminus V))\}^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{C \cdot K^{d-1}} \geq \frac{\min\{\mu_d(V), \mu_d(T \setminus V)\}^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{C \cdot (K^{d-1})^2} \\ &\geq \frac{c^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \cdot \mu_d(T)^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{C \cdot (K^{d-1})^2} = \frac{c^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \cdot s_i^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \cdot \xi^{m(d-1)}}{C \cdot (K^{d-1})^2} = \frac{c^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \cdot s_i^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{C \cdot (K^{d-1})^2 \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial \mathcal{T}_i)} \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T). \end{aligned}$$

Setting $s = \min_i \{s_i\}$ and $D_{\max} = \max_i \{\mu_{d-1}(\partial \mathcal{T}_i)\}$ we get

$$(11) \quad \varepsilon = \frac{c^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \cdot s^{\frac{d-1}{d}}}{C \cdot (K^{d-1})^2 \cdot D_{\max}}$$

that satisfies the assertion, and does not depend on the type of the tile T . \square

Corollary 3.4. *Let $T \in \mathcal{T}$, $c \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, and ε as in (11). Suppose that $V \in \mathcal{V}$, $V \subseteq T$ with $\mu_d(V) \leq (1-c) \cdot \mu_d(T)$ and $\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T)) < \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T)$, then $\mu_d(V) < \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T)$.*

Proof. Assume otherwise, then we have $\mu_{d-1}(\partial(T \setminus V) \cap \text{int}(T)) < \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T)$ and $c \cdot \mu_d(T) \leq \mu_d(T \setminus V) \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T)$, contradicting Lemma 3.3. \square

For a T in τ_m we denote by T^* the unique tile of τ_{m+1} that contains T . We denote $\rho = \frac{\max_i \{s_i\}}{\min_i \{s_i\}} \geq 1$, then for any tile $T \in \mathcal{T}$ we have

$$(12) \quad \rho^{-1} \cdot \xi^{-d} \leq \frac{\mu_d(T)}{\mu_d(T^*)} \leq \rho \cdot \xi^{-d}$$

For a set $X \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ we denote by $S(X)$ the closure of X under the operations of disjoint union and proper difference, where every element of X can be used only once. For the following lemma we set ε as in Lemma 3.3 and define the following constants:

$$(13) \quad D_{\min} = \min_i \{\mu_{d-1}(\partial \mathcal{T}_i)\}, \quad C = \frac{\rho \cdot \xi(\rho \cdot \xi^d + 1)}{\varepsilon \cdot D_{\min}} \quad \text{and} \quad c = (2\rho)^{-1} \cdot \xi^{-d} \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

Proposition 3.5. *Let*

$$(14) \quad V \in \mathcal{V}, \quad T \in \mathcal{T}, \quad V \subseteq T, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_d(V) \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T).$$

Then there exists $T_1, \dots, T_n \in \mathcal{T}$, $T_i \subseteq T$ for all i , such that $V \in S(\{T_1, \dots, T_n\})$, and for every m we have:

$$\#\{i : T_i \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}\} \leq C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}.$$

Proof. The proof is by induction on m , where $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}$. If $m = 0$ then $\mu_d(V) \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T)$ implies that $V = \emptyset$, so the assertion is obvious. Assume the assertion for any $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}$ with $m < m_0$, and let V and T be as in (14) with $T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m_0)}$. Consider the following collection of tiles:

$$\mathcal{A} = \left\{ P \in \mathcal{T} : \begin{array}{l} P \subseteq T, \\ \mu_d(P \cap V) \geq c \cdot \mu_d(P), \\ \mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(P)) < \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial P) \end{array} \right\},$$

where ε is as in Lemma 3.3 and c is as in (13) (it might be that $\mathcal{A} = \emptyset$). Note that every $P \in \mathcal{A}$ satisfies:

$$\mu_d(P \setminus V) \leq (1 - c)\mu_d(P), \quad \text{and} \quad \mu_{d-1}(\partial(P \setminus V) \cap \text{int}(P)) < \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial P).$$

Then by Corollary 3.4 we have

$$(15) \quad \mu_d(P \setminus V) < \frac{1}{2}\mu_d(P).$$

Let P_1, \dots, P_ℓ be the maximal elements of \mathcal{A} (w.r.t. inclusion). Then $\bigcup \mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{j=1}^\ell P_j \subseteq T$, and P_1, \dots, P_ℓ has pairwise disjoint interiors. Denote $V_1 = V \cup \bigcup_{j=1}^\ell P_j$. Then

$$(16) \quad \mu_d(V_1) \leq \mu_d(V) + \sum_{j=1}^\ell \mu_d(P_j \setminus V) \stackrel{(15)}{<} \frac{1}{2}\mu_d(T) + \sum_{j=1}^\ell \frac{1}{2}\mu_d(P_j) \leq \mu_d(T).$$

Note that if $\mathcal{A} = \emptyset$ we only get \leq in the middle inequality, but then the last inequality is strict. Thus $V_1 \subsetneq T$, and in particular $P_j \subsetneq T$ for every j . By (15), we may apply the induction hypothesis for $P_j \setminus V \in \mathcal{V}$ and the tile P_j , to obtain tiles T_{j1}, \dots, T_{jn_j} such that $T_{jr} \subseteq P_j$, $P_j \setminus V \in S(\{T_{j1}, \dots, T_{jn_j}\})$, and for every m we have:

$$(17) \quad \#\{r : T_{jr} \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}\} \leq C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(P_j))}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}.$$

Now let T_1, \dots, T_n be the maximal tiles that are contained in V_1 . Then T_1, \dots, T_n has pairwise disjoint interiors and their union is equal to V_1 . So we can write

$$V = V_1 \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^\ell (P_j \setminus V) = \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n T_i \right) \setminus \bigcup_{j=1}^\ell (P_j \setminus V),$$

where the sets $P_j \setminus V$ are pairwise disjoint. This implies that

$$V \in S(\{T_1, \dots, T_n, T_{11}, \dots, T_{1n_1}, \dots, T_{\ell 1}, \dots, T_{\ell n_\ell}\}).$$

Fix $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and denote $E = \{i : T_i \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}\}$, and $E_j = \{r : T_{jr} \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}\}$. It remains to show that

$$(18) \quad |E| + \sum_{j=1}^\ell |E_j| \leq C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}.$$

We first estimate $|E|$. Fix an $i \in E$. Since T_i is maximal in V_1 , it follows that $T_i^* \not\subseteq V_1$. In particular, by the definition of V_1 , since the P_j 's are maximal in \mathcal{A} , we have $T_i^* \notin \mathcal{A}$. by (16), $V_1 \subsetneq T$, then $T_i \subsetneq T$, and therefore $T_i^* \subseteq T$. Our next goal is to show that

$$(19) \quad \mu_d(T_i^* \cap V) \geq c \cdot \mu_d(T_i^*).$$

If $\text{int}(T_i) \cap \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^\ell \text{int}(P_j) \right) = \emptyset$ then $T_i \subseteq V$, and therefore

$$\mu_d(T_i^* \cap V) \geq \mu_d(T_i) \stackrel{(12)}{\geq} \rho^{-1} \cdot \xi^{-d} \cdot \mu_d(T_i^*) \stackrel{(13)}{>} c \cdot \mu_d(T_i^*).$$

Otherwise, $\text{int}(T_i)$ intersect $\text{int}(P_j)$ for some j . Then either $T_i \subsetneq P_j$ or $P_j \subseteq T_i$. If $T_i \subsetneq P_j$ then $T_i^* \subseteq P_j \subseteq V_1$, a contradiction. Then $P_j \subseteq T_i$ whenever $\text{int}(T_i) \cap \text{int}(P_j) \neq \emptyset$. Denote by J the set of indices j such that $P_j \subseteq T_i$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_d(T_i \setminus V) &\leq \mu_d \left(\bigcup_{j \in J} (P_j \setminus V) \right) \leq \sum_{j \in J} \mu_d(P_j \setminus V) \\ &\stackrel{(15)}{<} \sum_{j \in J} \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(P_j) \leq \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T_i). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\mu_d(T_i^* \cap V) \geq \mu_d(T_i \cap V) > \frac{1}{2} \mu_d(T_i) \stackrel{(12)}{\geq} (2\rho)^{-1} \cdot \xi^{-d} \cdot \mu_d(T_i^*) \stackrel{(13)}{=} c \cdot \mu_d(T_i^*).$$

Thus (19) holds. Since $T_i^* \subseteq T$ and $T_i^* \notin \mathcal{A}$, it follows from (19) and from the definition of \mathcal{A} that $T_i^* \notin \mathcal{A}$ because it satisfies

$$(20) \quad \mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T_i^*)) \geq \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T_i^*).$$

Let $K = \partial V \cap \bigcup_{i \in E} \text{int}(T_i^*)$. Since the T_i 's are distinct elements of $\mathcal{T}^{(m)}$, and by (12), each point of K is covered by at most $\rho \cdot \xi^d$ T_i^* 's. Therefore, by (20), we have

$$\rho \cdot \xi^d \mu_{d-1}(K) \geq \sum_{i \in E} \mu_{d-1}(K \cap T_i^*) = \sum_{i \in E} \mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int} T_i^*) \stackrel{(20)}{\geq} \varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T_i^*) \cdot |E|,$$

and hence

$$(21) \quad |E| \leq \frac{\rho \cdot \xi^d}{\varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T_i^*)} \mu_{d-1}(K).$$

Now define

$$J_1 = \{j : P_j \subseteq T_i^* \text{ for some } i \in E\}, \quad \text{and} \quad J_2 = \{1, \dots, \ell\} \setminus J_1.$$

If $j \in J_1$ and $r \in E_j$ then $T_{jr} \subseteq T_i^*$ for some i . Since T_i^* contains at most $\rho \cdot \xi^d$ tiles of $\mathcal{T}^{(m)}$ we have

$$\sum_{j \in J_1} |E_j| \leq \rho \cdot \xi^d |E|.$$

If $j \in J_2$ and $i \in E$ then $\text{int}(P_j) \cap \text{int}(T_i^*) = \emptyset$ (since $T_i^* \not\subseteq P_j$). Then the set $K_j = \partial V \cap \text{int}(P_j)$ is disjoint from K . By (17) we have $|E_j| \leq C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(K_j)}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}$, and hence

$$(22) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} |E_j| = \sum_{j \in J_1} |E_j| + \sum_{j \in J_2} |E_j| \leq \rho \cdot \xi^d |E| + C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1} \left(\bigcup_{j \in J_2} K_j \right)}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}.$$

The sets K and $\bigcup_{j \in J_2} K_j$ are disjoint, and their union is a subset of $\partial V \cap \text{int}(T)$, hence

$$|E| + \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} |E_j| \stackrel{(22)}{\leq} (\rho \cdot \xi^d + 1) |E| + \sum_{j \in J_2} |E_j| \stackrel{(21), (22)}{\leq} \frac{\rho \cdot \xi^d (\rho \cdot \xi^d + 1)}{\varepsilon \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T_i^*)} \mu_{d-1}(K) + C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1} \left(\bigcup_{j \in J_2} K_j \right)}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{(13)}{\leq} \frac{\rho \cdot \xi^d (\rho \cdot \xi^d + 1)}{\varepsilon \cdot D_{\min} \cdot \xi^{(m+1)(d-1)}} \mu_{d-1}(K) + C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1} \left(\bigcup_{j \in J_2} K_j \right)}{\xi^{m(d-1)}} \\
&\stackrel{(13)}{\leq} \frac{C}{\xi^{m(d-1)}} \left(\mu_{d-1}(K) + \mu_{d-1} \left(\bigcup_{j \in J_2} K_j \right) \right) \leq C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus (18) holds and the proof is complete. \square

4 Proof of the Main Theorems

*Proof of Theorem 1.2. **Proof of (I):*** We show that if $|\lambda_t| > \lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}}$ then (i) of Theorem 1.4 does not hold for any α . Fix a $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that (4) holds for any tile of type j , and consider the sequence of measurable sets $T^{(m)}$, the m 'th inflation of \mathcal{T}_j . Then by Lemma 3.2 we have

$$\mu_d \left(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\} \right) \leq C_2 \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial T) = C_2 \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial \mathcal{T}_j) \cdot \xi^{m(d-1)}.$$

Recall that $\xi^d = \lambda_1$, then we have

$$(23) \quad \mu_d \left(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\} \right) \leq C_2 \left(\lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \right)^m \mu_{d-1}(\partial \mathcal{T}_j).$$

As we did in the proof of Lemma (2.5), for any α different than the one defined in (1) $\text{disc}(v_1) \neq 0$, and so $\text{disc}(a_T) = \text{Const} \cdot \lambda_1^m$. For large m 's, this is obviously greater than any constant times $\mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial T) \leq 1\})$. For α as in (1), by Lemma 2.5 we have

$$\left| \#(Y \cap T^{(m)}) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(T^{(m)}) \right| \geq A_1 \cdot |\lambda_t|^m,$$

which by assumption is greater than $\text{Const} \left(\lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}} \right)^m$, for any constant and for a large enough m 's. Considering (23), we proved that (i) of Theorem 1.4 does not hold.

Proof of (II): We show that (ii) of Theorem 1.4 holds, where α is as in (1). Let $R = \left\lceil \max_i \{ \text{diam}(\mathcal{T}_i) \} \right\rceil$, where $\text{diam}(A)$ denote the diameter of a set A . It is sufficient to show that (ii) holds for any U , a finite union of R -cubes (cubes with edge length R and corners at $R \cdot \mathbb{Z}^d$). Let U be a finite union of R -cubes. For every $y \in Y$ we denote by T_y the tile of τ_0 that corresponds to y , and define an $V \in \mathcal{V}$ by $V = \bigcup \{T_y : y \in U\}$. Then $U \subseteq V \cup (U \setminus V)$. Note that $U \setminus V \subseteq \{x \in U : d(x, \partial U) \leq R\}$, so it follows from Lemma 3.1 that

$$\mu_d(U \setminus V) \leq C_1 \cdot R^d \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial U).$$

Since $\#(U \cap Y) = \#(V \cap Y)$ we have

$$(24) \quad \left| \#(U \cap Y) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(U) \right| \leq \left| \#(V \cap Y) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(V) \right| + \alpha \cdot C_1 \cdot R^d \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial U).$$

So it is enough to estimate $\left| \#(V \cap Y) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(V) \right|$.

Next we claim that $\partial V \subseteq \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial U) \leq R\}$. Indeed, if $x \in \partial V$ then either $x \in U$ or $x \notin U$. If $x \in U$, since $x \in \partial V$, $x \in \partial T_y$ for some $y \notin U$, and therefore $d(x, \partial U) \leq d(x, y) \leq \text{diam}(T_y) \leq R$. A similar argument holds if $x \notin U$ since x also belong

to ∂T_y for some $y \in U$. Therefore, every tile T of τ_0 with $T \cap \partial V \neq \emptyset$ is contained in $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial U) \leq 2R\}$. Denote by $C_3 = \max_i \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial T_i)}{\mu_d(T_i)}$. Then by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu_{d-1}(\partial V) &\leq \sum_{\substack{T \in \mathcal{T}^{(0)} \\ T \cap \partial V \neq \emptyset}} \mu_{d-1}(\partial T) \leq \sum_{\substack{T \in \mathcal{T}^{(0)} \\ T \cap \partial V \neq \emptyset}} C_3 \cdot \mu_d(T) \leq \\ C_3 \cdot \mu_d(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : d(x, \partial U) \leq 2R\}) &\leq C_3 \cdot C_1 \cdot (2R)^d \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial U). \end{aligned}$$

To finish the proof, we apply Proposition 3.5 to V . We pick a large enough $T \in \mathcal{T}$ such that (14) holds. By Proposition 3.5 we obtain $T_1, \dots, T_n \in \mathcal{T}$ such that $V \in S(\{T_1, \dots, T_n\})$, and for every m we have:

$$(26) \quad \#\{i : T_i \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}\} \leq C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))}{\xi^{m(d-1)}}.$$

Note that if $A, B \in \mathcal{V}$ and $\text{int}(A) \cap \text{int}(B) = \emptyset$ then

$$\#(Y \cap (A \cup B)) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(A \cup B) = \#(Y \cap A) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(A) + \#(Y \cap B) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(B),$$

and similarly if $B \subseteq A$ then

$$\#(Y \cap (A \setminus B)) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(A \setminus B) = \#(Y \cap A) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(A) - (\#(Y \cap B) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(B)).$$

Therefore, since $V \in S(\{T_1, \dots, T_n\})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\#(Y \cap V) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(V)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\#(Y \cap T_i) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(T_i)| \leq \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{T_i \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)}} |\#(Y \cap T_i) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(T_i)| \\ &\stackrel{(5),(26)}{\leq} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \left[C \cdot \frac{\mu_{d-1}(\partial V \cap \text{int}(T))}{\xi^{m(d-1)}} \cdot A_2 \cdot m^{k_t-1} |\lambda_t|^m \right] \leq \left[\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{m^{k_t-1} |\lambda_t|^m}{(\xi^{d-1})^m} \right] \cdot C \cdot A_2 \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial V). \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption, $|\lambda_2| < \lambda_1^{\frac{d-1}{d}} = \xi^{d-1}$, and therefore the series converges and we have

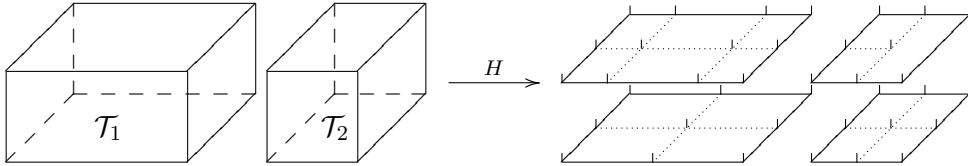
$$|\#(Y \cap V) - \alpha \cdot \mu_d(V)| \leq \text{Const} \cdot \mu_{d-1}(\partial V).$$

Considering (24) and (25), we have shown (ii) of Theorem 1.4, which implies the assertion.

Proof of (III): Under the assumption of $k_t > 1$, using (4) in the same way as in the proof of (I) shows the assertion.

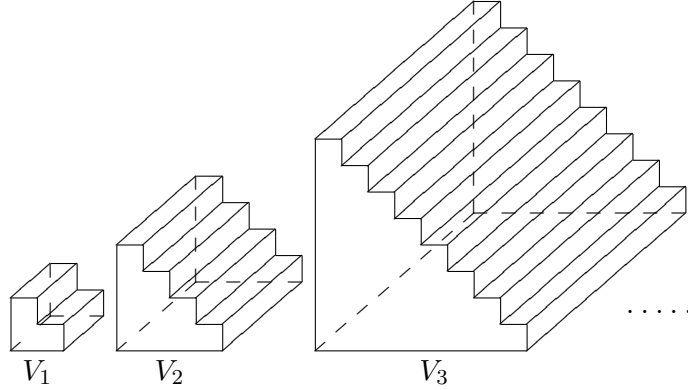
For the case where the Jordan block of λ_t is trivial, we give an example in \mathbb{R}^3 , where the corresponding separated net is not a BD of \mathbb{Z}^3 .

Example: Consider the substitution rule H that is defined by this picture:



So we have $A_H = \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 4 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$, $d = 3$, $\lambda_1 = 8$, and $\lambda_2 = 4 = \lambda_1^{(d-1)/d}$. Denote by $T_i^{(m)}$, $i = 1, 2$ a tile of type i in $\mathcal{T}^{(m)}$. For every $m \in \mathbb{N}$ we define a patch $V_m \in \mathcal{V}$ in the following process:

- Take a tile T_2^{m+1} and remove from it the (unique) $T_1^{(m)}$ that it contains.
- From what is left $U_1^{(1)}$, remove all the $T_1^{(m-1)}$ with at least two faces common with $\partial U_1^{(1)}$.
- \vdots
- Eventually, from $U_1^{(m-1)}$ remove all the $T_1^{(1)}$ with at least two faces common with $\partial U_1^{(m-1)}$, to get $U_1^{(m)}$. Define $V_m = U_1^{(m)}$.



So obviously

$$(27) \quad \mu_2(\partial V_m) \leq \mu_2(\partial T_2^{(m+1)}) = 6 \cdot 4^m.$$

We fix an m and estimate $|\#(Y \cap V_m) - \alpha \cdot \mu(V_m)|$. For that we consider the following partition of V_m to tiles from different levels $\mathcal{T}^{(k)}$'s:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_m &= \{T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m)} : \text{int}(T) \subseteq V_m\} \\ \mathcal{U}_{m-1} &= \{T \in \mathcal{T}^{(m-1)} : \text{int}(T) \subseteq V_m \setminus \bigcup \mathcal{U}_m\} \\ &\vdots \\ 0 \leq k < m : \quad \mathcal{U}_k &= \{T \in \mathcal{T}^{(k)} : \text{int}(T) \subseteq V_m \setminus \bigcup (\mathcal{U}_{k+1} \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{U}_m)\} \end{aligned}$$

For $i = 1, 2$ and $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ let $t_{i,k} = \#\{T_i^{(k)} \in \mathcal{U}_k\}$. By the construction,

$$(28) \quad t_{1,k} = 0 \text{ for all } k, \text{ and } t_{2,k} = \begin{cases} 2 \cdot 4^{m-k-1}, & k \neq 0 \\ 6 \cdot 4^{m-1} & k = 0 \end{cases}.$$

Recall that the discrepancy of V_m depends only on the vector $a_{V_m} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix}$ (see (2)). We can write it now in terms of the $t_{2,k}$'s. Calculations of $A_H^k e_2$ shows that:

$$(29) \quad \begin{aligned} a_1 &= \sum_{k=0}^m t_{2,k} \cdot A_H^k e_2(1) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{4} \cdot t_{2,k} (8^k - 4^k), \\ a_2 &= \sum_{k=0}^m t_{2,k} \cdot A_H^k e_2(2) = \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{2} \cdot t_{2,k} (8^k + 4^k) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\alpha = 3/4$ (see (1)), then

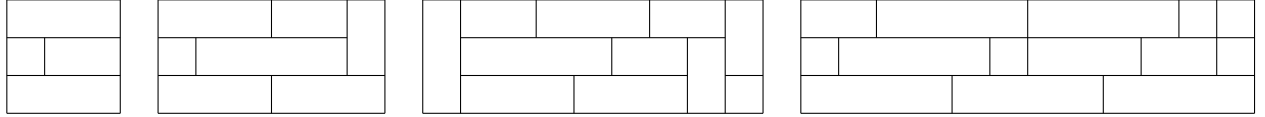
$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} |\#(Y \cap V_m) - \alpha \cdot \mu(V_m)| &= \left| a_1 + a_2 - \frac{3}{4}(2a_1 + a_2) \right| = \left| \frac{1}{4}a_2 - \frac{1}{2}a_1 \right| \\ &\stackrel{(29)}{=} \frac{1}{4} \left| \sum_{k=0}^m t_{2,k} \cdot 4^k \right| \stackrel{(28)}{=} \frac{1}{4} \left| 6 \cdot 4^{m-1} + \sum_{k=1}^m 2 \cdot 4^{m-k-1} \cdot 4^k \right| = \left(\frac{m+3}{8} \right) 4^m. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that (27) and (30) together shows that (ii) of Theorem 1.4 does not hold, which implies that any tiling in X_H correspond to a separated net which is not a BD of \mathbb{Z}^3 . \square

5 Examples

In this last section we give some examples for primitive substitution tilings to show that the different cases that appears in Theorem 1.2 exists. In all of the examples below we give the substitution H and refer the result to any separated net that corresponds to any substitution tiling in X_H . Note that in all the examples below the order of the tiles does not matter, but only how many we have of each type. We add the drawings of the substitution rule in order to show that there are substitutions that correspond to the matrices.

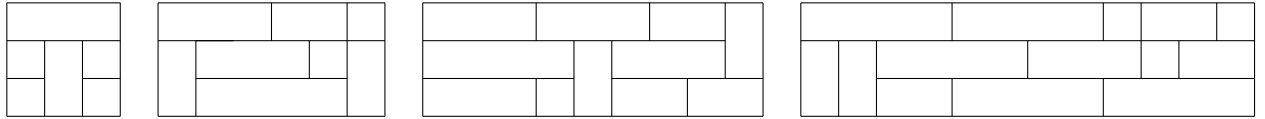
Example 5.1.



$$A_H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ The eigenvalues are: } 9, 4, 1, -1, \text{ and we have } 4 > 9^{1/2}. \text{ But the}$$

eigenvector that corresponds to 4 is in $\mathbb{1}^\perp$, then $\lambda_t = 1 < 9^{1/2}$, and therefore any tiling in X_H give rise to a separated net which is a BD of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

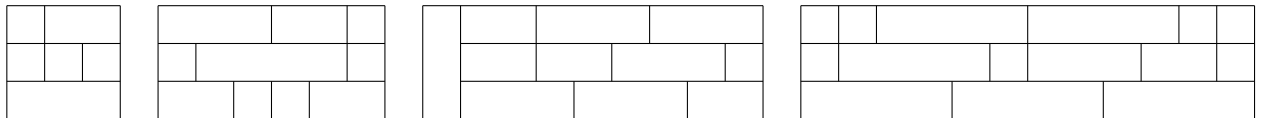
Example 5.2.



$$A_H = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 5 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ The eigenvalues are: } 9, 3, 3, 2, \text{ where } 3 \text{ has a non-trivial Jordan}$$

block, and the generalized eigenvector is not in $\mathbb{1}^\perp$. Here, by Remark 1.3, any separated net that correspond to a tiling in X_H is not a BD of \mathbb{Z}^2 .

Example 5.3.



$A_H = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 5 & 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$. The eigenvalues are: 9, 5, 3, 2, and we have $5 > 9^{1/2}$. But the

eigenvector that corresponds to 5 is in $\mathbb{1}^\perp$, then $\lambda_t = 3 = 9^{1/2}$. Then we have here an example for a substitution that we don't know to say whether the corresponding separated nets are a BD of \mathbb{Z}^2 or not.

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