

TileDominoes Group

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<https://github.com/bakerjd99/jackshacks/blob/main/TileDominoes.ijs>

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TileDominoes Overview

TileDominoes is a J script that tiles 4x4 square grids with two cell *dominoes*. The original problem comes from *Proofs: a Long-Form Mathematics Textbook* by Jay Cummings. The problem is stated on page seven of my copy.

The J solutions worked out here do more than show the original problem has no solution. It finds all tilings of two cell dominoes (even when *diagonal*) dominoes are allowed for 4x4 grids.

TileDominoes Interface

```
tiledominoes0 [8] place 2x1 domino tiles on a 4x4 grid
tiledominoes1 [10] 4x4 grid missing first/last cell cannot be tiled by 2x1 vh dominoes
tiledominoes2 [11] count domino tilings of 4x4 grid missing (y) cells
tiledominoes3 [12] list 4x4 tile solutions
tiledominoes4 [13] list 4x4 tile solutions allowing diagonal tiles
```

Using TileDominoes

The code is self explanatory. See the embedded comments. Here's some typical calls.

```
load 'pacman'
```

```
NB. files from https://github.com/bakerjd99/jackshacks
```

```
install 'github:bakerjd99/jackshacks'
```

```
NB. installed files
```

```
dir '~addons/jacks'
```

NB. load TileDominoes script assuming standard install

```
load '~addons/jacks/TileDominoes.ijs'
```

NB. numbered grid cells

```
i. 4 4
```

NB. number of solutions to original problem

NB. corner cells 0 and 15 are removed - result is 0

```
#tiledominoes3 0 15
```

NB. number of solutions when no cells are removed

```
#tiledominoes3 i.0
```

NB. if diagonal dominoes are added the

NB. original problem has many solutions.

```
tiledominoes4 0 15
```

TileDominoes Source Code

```
NB.*TileDominoes s-- words created solving `[_Cummings:2021aa_]` page 7.
NB.
NB. verbatim: interface word(s):
NB. -----
NB. tiledominoes0 - place 2x1 domino tiles on a 4x4 grid
NB. tiledominoes1 - 4x4 grid missing first/last cell cannot be tiled by 2x1 vh dominoes
NB. tiledominoes2 - count domino tilings of 4x4 grid missing (y) cells
NB. tiledominoes3 - list 4x4 tile solutions
NB. tiledominoes4 - list 4x4 tile solutions allowing diagonal tiles
NB.
NB. created: 2024May20
NB. changes: -----
NB. 24may21 (tiledominoes4) added to explore diagonal tiles
NB. 24may24 adjusted to allow any (n*m) grid

coclass 'TileDominoes'

NB.*end-header

NB. interface words (IFACEWORDSTileDominoes) group
IFACEWORDSTileDominoes=: <.;_1 ' tiledominoes0 tiledominoes1 tiledominoes2 tiledominoes3 tiledominoes4'

NB. root words (ROOTWORDSTileDominoes) group
ROOTWORDSTileDominoes=: <.;_1 ' IFACEWORDSTileDominoes ROOTWORDSTileDominoes VMDTileDominoes smoutput tiled
>..>ominoes0 tiledominoes1 tiledominoes2 tiledominoes3 tiledominoes4 tilefreq'
```

NB. version, make count, and date

VMDTileDominoes=: '0.8.1';5;'03 Jun 2024 15:35:48'

NB. signal with optional message

assert=: 0 0"_ \$ 13!:8^:((0: e.])^ (12"_))

comb=: 4 : 0

*NB.*comb v-- all size (x) combinations of i.y*

NB.

NB. dyad: it =. iaR comb iaN

NB.

NB. 3 comb 5 NB. 5 choose 3 combinations

NB. (i. >:5) comb&.> 5 NB. note empty and complete

k=. i.>:d=.y-x

z=. (d\$<i.0 0),<i.1 0

for. i.x do. z=. k ,.&.> ,&.>/\ . >:&.> z end.

; z

)

findtilings=: 4 : 0

*NB.*findtilings v-- finds tilings by testing all possible slot combinations.*

NB.

NB. dyad: btilSlots =. itSlots findtilings ilExcludeCells

```
NB. only even numbers of cells may be excluded
NB. as any tiling consists of an even number of cells
'cell number(s) invalid' assert (y e. ,x) *. 0=2|#y

NB. exclude (y) cells
slots=. x #~ -. +./"1 x e. y

NB. cells to be covered
cells=. ~. ,slots

NB. generate all possible tile slot combinations
tilings=. , "2 ((-:#cells) comb #slots) { slots

NB. a solution must cover all cells and
NB. no cell must be covered more than once
all_cells_covered=.      *./"1 tilings e. cells
no_cells_multi_covered=. *./@~:"1 tilings

NB. tile solutions
tilings #~ all_cells_covered *. no_cells_multi_covered
)

NB. frequency distribution of numeric items
freqdist=: ~.@] ,. #/.~

gridslots=: 3 : 0
```

```
NB.*gridslots v-- checks rigid rotations of grid.
NB.
NB. Checks that the rigid rotations of the grid when partitioned
NB. and sorted do not produce a different set of slots than used
NB. by the tiling verbs.
NB.
NB. monad: blit =. gridslots uuIgnore

NB. reversals, rotations, and transposes of 4x4 grid
riggrids=. <"2 i."1 ] 4 4 , _4 4 , 4 _4 ,: _4 _4
riggrids=. ~. riggrids , |:&.> riggrids
rigslots=. /:~ ~. ; (/:~)"1&.> {{ > /:~ ,2 <"1 y }} &.> riggrids

NB. horizontal and vertical tile verb slots should match rigid slots
slots=. gridvhslots 4 4
'slots do not match' assert slots -: rigslots

NB. if we allow a domino to split diagonally and
NB. act like a chess bishop that can only move one
NB. cell then we get more potential tiling slots
diagslots=. a: -.~ , ~. }."1 ,/ (<"1/.)&.> riggrids
diagslots=. /:~ > ~. /:~&.> (<"0 ] _2 + #&.> diagslots) }.&.> diagslots

NB. all 2x1 tile slots in 4x4 grid
rigslots;<diagslots
)

NB. vertical/horizontal 2x1 slots for rank 2 (y) grids: gridvhslots&.> 4 4;2 4;3 1
```

```
gridvhslots=: [: > [: /:~ [: ; [: ,&.> 2 <\"1&.> |:@i.@] ; i.
```

NB. session manager output

```
smoutput=: 0 0 $ 1!:2&2
```

```
tiledominoes0=: 3 : 0
```

*NB.*tiledominoes0 v-- place 2x1 domino tiles on a 4x4 grid.*

NB.

NB. This lame verb was created to "prove" that you cannot cover a

NB. a 4x4 grid with corners 0,15 excluded by 2x1 domino shaped

NB. tiles. This is a problem in `[_Cummings:2021aa_]` page 7.

NB. The random slot picking often fails even when it is possible

NB. to cover the grid. Repeated executions usually finds a

NB. solution when possible.

NB.

NB. monad: tiledominoes0 ilXcells

NB.

NB. tiledominoes0 i.0 NB. use full grid

NB. tiledominoes0 0 15 NB. exclude corner cells

NB.

NB. NB. random slot filling succeeds about 30% on full grid

NB. tilefreq (#@>@(1&{)@tiledominoes0)&g> 1000#<i.0

NB.

NB. NB. no successes for grid without corner cells

NB. tilefreq (#@>@(1&{)@tiledominoes0)&g> 1000#<0 15

NB.

NB. as more 2x1 slots are removed random filing works better

NB. tilefreq (#@>@(1&{)@tiledominoes0)&> 1000#<0 1 14 15 2 3 8 9

NB. each cell numbered

`grid=. i. 4 4`

NB. all 2x1 horizontal & vertical slots

`slots=. /:~ ; ,&.> 2 <\"1&.> ((|:@]) ;]) grid`

NB. cover grid cells

`cover=. {{ y #~ -. +./@ (x&e.)&> y }}`

NB. a complete cover of a 4x4 grid - returns uncovered cell count - 0 here

NB. # 14 15 cover 6 10 cover 8 12 cover 4 5 cover 9 13 cover 7 11 cover 2 3 cover 0 1 cover slots

NB. random list item

`rpick=.] { ~ [: ? #`

NB. exclude grid cells

`if. #y do.`

`'invalid grid cell(s)' assert y e. ,grid`

`slots=. y cover slots`

`grid=. y -.~ ,grid`

`end.`

NB. tile count and covered cells

`tiles=. 0 [ccells=. 0$a:`

```
NB. randomly cover available slots until no slots remain
while. #slots do.
  domino=. rpick slots
  NB. smoutput tiles [ smoutput slots [ smoutput domino
  ccells=. ccells,domino
  slots=. (>domino) cover slots
  tiles=. >:tiles
end.

NB. tiles used ; uncovered cells remaining
tiles;,(,grid) -. ;ccells
)

tiledominoes1=: 3 : 0

NB.*tiledominoes1 v-- 4x4 grid missing first/last cell cannot be
NB. tiled by 2x1 vh dominoes.
NB.
NB. Show there are no tilings of a 4x4 grid missing the first and
NB. last cells by vertical and horizontal 2x1 dominoes by testing
NB. all possible solutions. Brute force lacks elegance but, when
NB. feasible, gets the job done. Solves `[_Cummings:2021aa_]`
NB. page 7.
NB.
NB. monad: iaSolutions =. tiledominoes1 uuIgnore

NB. all 2x1 horizontal & vertical slots
```

```

slots=. gridvhslots 4 4

NB. exclude corner slots
slots=. slots #~ -. +./"1 slots e. 0 15

NB. cells to be covered
cells=. ~. ,slots

NB. a solution must cover 14 cells this takes 7 2x1 tiles
NB. generate all possible 7 tile slot combinations
tilings=. , "2 ((-:#cells) comb #slots) { slots

NB. a solution must cover all cells and
NB. no cell must be covered more than once
all_cells_covered=.      *./"1 tilings e. cells
no_cells_multi_covered=. *./@~:"1 tilings

NB. count number of solutions
+/ all_cells_covered *. no_cells_multi_covered
)

tiledominoes2=: 3 : 0

NB.*tiledominoes2 v-- count domino tilings of 4x4 grid missing (y) cells.
NB.
NB. monad: iaSolutions =. tiledominoes2 ilExcludeCells
NB.
NB. tiledominoes2 0 15 NB. corners missing

```

```
NB. tiledominoes2 i. 0 NB. no missing cells

NB. all 2x1 horizontal & vertical slots
slots=. gridvhslots 4 4

NB. only even numbers of cells may be excluded
NB. as any tiling consists of an even number of cells
'cell number(s) invalid' assert (y e. ,slots) *. 0=2|#y

NB. exclude (y) cells
slots=. slots #~ -. +./"1 slots e. y

NB. cells to be covered
cells=. ~. ,slots

NB. generate all possible tile slot combinations
tilings=. , "2 ((-:#cells) comb #slots) { slots

NB. a solution must cover all cells and
NB. no cell must be covered more than once
all_cells_covered=. *./"1 tilings e. cells
no_cells_multi_covered=. *./@~:"1 tilings

NB. count number of solutions
+ / all_cells_covered *. no_cells_multi_covered
)

tiledominoes3=: 3 : 0
```

```
NB.*tiledominoes3 v-- list 4x4 tile solutions.
NB.
NB. monad: btilTiles =. tiledominoes3 ilExcludeCells
NB.
NB.   tiledominoes3 0 15 NB. corners missing
NB.   tiledominoes3 i. 0 NB. no missing cells
NB.
NB. dyad. btilTiles =. ilRowsCols tiledominoes3 ilExcludeCells
NB.
NB.   NB. allow any rank 2 cell grid - big grids blow memory
NB.   2 3 tiledominoes3 i. 0

4 4 tiledominoes3 y
:
NB. all 2x1 horizontal & vertical slots
_2 <\"1 (gridvhslots x) findtilings y
)

tiledominoes4=: 3 : 0

NB.*tiledominoes4 v-- list 4x4 tile solutions allowing diagonal
NB. tiles.
NB.
NB. This verb is pushing up against the limits of what dumb let's
NB. test all the solutions can easily achieve. By adding diagonal
NB. tiles the solution possibilities explode. The worst case is
NB. finding all the tilings when no cells are removed. (8 comb
```

```

NB. 42) is 118,030,185. Surprisingly this completely unoptimized
NB. hack still works on my 32 gig pc and finds 280 distinct
NB. tilings.
NB.
NB. monad: btilTiles =. tiledominoes4 ilExcludeCells
NB.
NB.   tiledominoes4 0 15 NB. no corners diagonal tiles have solutions
NB.   tiledominoes3 0 15 NB. original problem no solutions
NB.
NB.   tiledominoes4 i. 0 NB. no missing cells - worst case

NB. all 2x1 horizontal & vertical & diagonal tilings
_2 <\ "1 (;gridslots 0) findtilings y
)

NB. frequency sorted by uncovered cells
tilefreq=: [: (] { "1~ /:@(0&({ ))) freqdist

NB.POST_TileDominoes post processor.

(".;(0=nc <'SHOWSMO_ijod_'){ '1'; 'SHOWSMO_ijod_' ) smoutput IFACE_TileDominoes=: (0 : 0)
NB. (TileDominoes) interface word(s): 20240603j153548
NB. -----
NB. tiledominoes0 NB. place 2x1 domino tiles on a 4x4 grid
NB. tiledominoes1 NB. 4x4 grid missing first/last cell cannot be tiled by 2x1 vh dominoes
NB. tiledominoes2 NB. count domino tilings of 4x4 grid missing (y) cells
NB. tiledominoes3 NB. list 4x4 tile solutions

```

```
NB. tiledominoes4  NB. list 4x4 tile solutions allowing diagonal tiles
)

cocurrent 'base'
coinsert  'TileDominoes'
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