

# FAULT-FREE TILINGS WITH DOMINOES OR TROMINOES.

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ABSTRACT. We list numerical tables of fault-free tilings for  $m \times n$  floors with dominoes or trominoes for small  $m$ .

## 1. FAULT-FREE TILINGS

Tilings of  $m \times n$  floors with polyominoes will be registered in the following by regarding  $m$  as a fixed number of rows in the floors and  $n$  as the variable number of columns.

$$(1) \quad T_m(x) \equiv \sum_{n \geq 0} T_{m,n} x^n$$

is the generating function for these tilings.

With this distinction, the tilings can be refined by their number of horizontal and vertical faults [7]. A vertical fault is a line of length  $m$  which is not one of the two sides of the floor which splits the set of tiles in a left set with  $n'$  columns and a right set with  $n''$  columns,  $n = n' + n''$ , without cutting through a tile such the two subsets tile the  $m \times n'$  and the  $m \times n''$  subfloors. A horizontal fault is a line of length  $n$  which is not one of the two sides of the floor which splits the set of tiles in a lower set with  $m'$  rows and an upper set with  $m''$  rows,  $m = m' + m''$ , without cutting through a tile such the two subsets tile the  $m' \times n$  and the  $m'' \times n$  subfloors.

With this definition the number of tiles,  $T_{m,n}$  is decomposed in the number  $T_{m,n}^\perp$  of tiles which have vertical and horizontal faults, the number  $T_{m,n}^p$  of tiles which have neither vertical nor horizontal faults (called fault-free), the number  $T_{m,n}^|$  of tiles which have only vertical faults, and the number  $T_{m,n}^-$  of tiles which have only horizontal faults:

$$(2) \quad T_{m,n} = T_{m,n}^\perp + T_{m,n}^- + T_{m,n}^| + T_{m,n}^p.$$

The tilings can be rotated by  $90^\circ$  which turns horizontal faults to vertical faults and vice versa:

$$(3) \quad T_{m,n}^\perp = T_{n,m}^\perp; \quad T_{m,n}^p = T_{n,m}^p; \quad T_{m,n}^| = T_{n,m}^-; \quad T_{m,n}^- = T_{n,m}^|.$$

**Remark 1.** *With a standard poset diagram one may also introduce the number*

$$(4) \quad T_{m,n}^\parallel = T_{m,n}^| + T_{m,n}^\perp$$

*of tiles which have vertical faults (with or without horizontal faults) and the number*

$$(5) \quad T_{m,n}^\equiv = T_{m,n}^- + T_{m,n}^\perp$$

*of tiles which have horizontal faults (with or without vertical faults).*

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$n$	$T_{2,n}^\perp$	$T_{2,n}^-$	$T_{2,n}^\parallel$	$T_{2,n}^p$	$T_{2,n}$
1	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	1	1	0	2
3	0	0	3	0	3
4	1	0	4	0	5
5	0	0	8	0	8
6	1	0	12	0	13
7	0	0	21	0	21
8	1	0	33	0	34
9	0	0	55	0	55
10	1	0	88	0	89
11	0	0	144	0	144
12	1	0	232	0	233
13	0	0	377	0	377

TABLE 1. Domino tilings  $m = 2$  [8, A000045,A052952].

$n$	$T_{3,n}^\perp$	$T_{3,n}^-$	$T_{3,n}^\parallel$	$T_{3,n}^p$	$T_{3,n}$
2	0	3	0	0	3
4	7	2	2	0	11
6	23	2	16	0	41
8	65	2	86	0	153
10	175	2	394	0	571
12	463	2	1666	0	2131
14	1217	2	6734	0	7953
16	3191	2	26488	0	29681
18	8359	2	102410	0	110771
20	21889	2	391512	0	413403
22	57311	2	1485528	0	1542841
24	150047	2	5607912	0	5757961
26	392833	2	21096168	0	21489003
28	1028455	2	79169594	0	80198051

TABLE 2. Domino tilings  $m = 3$  [8, A001835].

With the aid of the SEQ transformation [3, Thm I.1] (which is also known as the INVERT transformation [1]) a left-to-right stacking of two or more vertically fault-free tiles becomes a tiling for a floor with the sums of the columns of the individual tilings which does have vertical faults [6, 5]:

$$(6) \quad T_m(x) = \frac{1}{1 - [T_m^-(x) + T_m^p(x)]}.$$

## 2. DOMINO TILINGS

The refinement for domino tilings [8, A099390] for various small  $m$  is collected in Tables 1 to 7. Necessary and sufficient for  $T_{m,n}^p \neq 0$  are (i)  $2 \mid (nm)$ , (ii)  $n \geq 5$ ,  $m \geq 5$  and (iii)  $(n, m) \neq (6, 6)$  [4].

$n$	$T_{4,n}^\perp$	$T_{4,n}^-$	$T_{4,n}^ $	$T_{4,n}^P$	$T_{4,n}$
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	4	0	0	5
3	7	2	2	0	11
4	30	3	3	0	36
5	62	2	31	0	95
6	210	3	68	0	281
7	439	2	340	0	781
8	1358	3	884	0	2245
9	3023	2	3311	0	6336
10	8794	3	9264	0	18061
11	20734	2	30469	0	51205
12	57850	3	87748	0	145601
13	142127	2	271222	0	413351
14	386174	3	788323	0	1174500
15	974167	2	2361482	0	3335651
16	2604978	3	6870920	0	9475901

TABLE 3. Domino tilings  $m = 4$  [8, A005178].

$n$	$T_{5,n}^\perp$	$T_{5,n}^-$	$T_{5,n}^ $	$T_{5,n}^P$	$T_{5,n}$
2	0	8	0	0	8
4	62	31	2	0	95
6	880	169	128	6	1183
8	10195	907	3614	108	14824
10	107910	4729	72100	1182	185921
12	1091810	24109	1205840	10338	2332097

TABLE 4. Domino tilings  $m = 5$  [8, A003775,A232621]. See [4, Fig 1] for an illustration of  $T_{5,6}^P$ .

$n$	$T_{6,n}^\perp$	$T_{6,n}^-$	$T_{6,n}^ $	$T_{6,n}^P$	$T_{6,n}$
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	12	0	0	13
3	23	16	2	0	41
4	210	68	3	0	281
5	880	128	169	6	1183
6	5730	499	499	0	6728
7	22585	956	7864	124	31529
8	132180	3665	31182	62	167089
9	523649	6936	285760	1646	817991
10	2871619	26422	1313462	1630	4213133
11	11711572	49484	9222623	18120	21001799

TABLE 5. Domino tilings  $m = 6$  [8, A028468].

$n$	$T_{7,n}^\perp$	$T_{7,n}^-$	$T_{7,n}^\parallel$	$T_{7,n}^p$	$T_{7,n}$
2	0	21	0	0	21
4	439	340	2	0	781
6	22585	7864	956	124	31529
8	958609	183786	136788	13514	1292697
10	36655239	4161910	11593186	765182	53175517

TABLE 6. Domino tilings  $m = 7$  [8, A028469].

$n$	$T_{8,n}^\perp$	$T_{8,n}^-$	$T_{8,n}^\parallel$	$T_{8,n}^p$	$T_{8,n}$
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	33	0	0	34
3	65	86	2	0	153
4	1358	884	3	0	2245
5	10195	3614	907	108	14824
6	132180	31182	3665	62	167089
7	958609	136788	183786	13514	1292697
8	10732974	1115168	1115168	25506	12988816

TABLE 7. Domino tilings  $m = 8$  [8, A028470].

$n$	$T_{3,n}^\perp$	$T_{3,n}^-$	$T_{3,n}^\parallel$	$T_{3,n}^p$	$T_{3,n}$
1	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	1	0	1
3	0	1	1	0	2
4	0	0	3	0	3
5	0	0	4	0	4
6	1	0	5	0	6
7	0	0	9	0	9
8	0	0	13	0	13
9	1	0	18	0	19
10	0	0	28	0	28
11	0	0	41	0	41
12	1	0	59	0	60
13	0	0	88	0	88
14	0	0	129	0	129
15	1	0	188	0	189
16	0	0	277	0	277
17	0	0	406	0	406
18	1	0	594	0	595

TABLE 8. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 3$  [8, A000930,A099560].

$n$	$T_{4,n}^\perp$	$T_{4,n}^-$	$T_{4,n}^\parallel$	$T_{4,n}^p$	$T_{4,n}$
3	0	3	0	0	3
6	7	4	2	0	13
9	31	6	20	0	57
12	111	8	130	0	249
15	367	10	710	0	1087
18	1177	12	3556	0	4745
21	3731	14	16968	0	20713
24	11775	16	78626	0	90417
27	37101	18	357572	0	394691
30	116829	20	1606068	0	1722917

TABLE 9. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 4$  [8, A049086].

### 3. STRAIGHT TROMINO TILING

The numerical results for tilings with straight trominoes are collected in Tables 8 to 14. The cases  $m = 1$  and  $m = 2$  are not interesting because there is exactly one tiling if  $3 \mid n$ . The absence of fault-free tilings for small  $m$  is explained by a theorem of Robinson [7].

$n$	$T_{5,n}^\perp$	$T_{5,n}^-$	$T_{5,n}^\parallel$	$T_{5,n}^p$	$T_{5,n}$
3	0	4	0	0	4
6	14	6	2	0	22
9	86	9	26	0	121
12	426	12	226	0	664
15	1970	15	1658	0	3643
18	8877	18	11092	0	19987
21	39532	21	70104	0	109657
24	174914	24	426686	0	601624
27	770795	27	2529938	0	3300760
30	3387379	30	14721936	0	18109345

TABLE 10. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 5$  [8, A236576].

$n$	$T_{6,n}^\perp$	$T_{6,n}^-$	$T_{6,n}^\parallel$	$T_{6,n}^p$	$T_{6,n}$
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	0	0	0	1
3	1	5	0	0	6
4	7	2	4	0	13
5	14	2	6	0	22
6	48	8	8	0	64
7	77	4	74	0	155
8	163	6	152	0	321
9	495	14	274	0	783
10	774	10	1104	0	1888
11	1667	14	2552	0	4233
12	4534	26	5352	0	9912
13	7720	24	15750	0	23494
14	16609	32	37536	0	54177
15	41491	52	84476	0	126019
16	76673	56	218952	0	295681
17	164762	74	522854	0	687690
18	387955	110	1212120	0	1600185
19	760254	130	2977948	0	3738332
20	1633112	172	7079708	0	8712992

TABLE 11. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 6$  [8, A236577].

$n$	$T_{7,n}^\perp$	$T_{7,n}^-$	$T_{7,n}^\parallel$	$T_{7,n}^p$	$T_{7,n}$
3	0	9	0	0	9
6	77	74	4	0	155
9	1721	768	340	32	2861
12	30609	7372	13810	1026	52817
15	484169	66530	402480	19378	972557
18	7179281	578466	9845852	288682	17892281

TABLE 12. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 7$  [8, A236578].

$n$	$T_{8,n}^\perp$	$T_{8,n}^-$	$T_{8,n}^\parallel$	$T_{8,n}^p$	$T_{8,n}$
3	0	13	0	0	13
6	163	152	6	0	321
9	5383	1936	766	48	8133
12	135391	22720	44922	1942	204975
15	2995691	253216	1862670	46646	5158223

TABLE 13. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 8$ .

$n$	$T_{9,n}^\perp$	$T_{9,n}^-$	$T_{9,n}^\parallel$	$T_{9,n}^p$	$T_{9,n}$
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	0	0	0	1
3	1	18	0	0	19
4	31	20	6	0	57
5	86	26	9	0	121
6	495	274	14	0	783
7	1721	340	768	32	2861
8	5383	766	1936	48	8133
9	27898	4623	4623	16	37160
10	77296	6480	58307	1336	143419
11	262013	16172	187657	2974	468816
12	1237297	77900	558500	3158	1876855
13	3330876	122596	3768994	41002	7263468
14	11520265	310712	13561788	104098	25496863

TABLE 14. Straight 3-omino tilings  $m = 9$  [8, A251073].

$n$	$T_{4,n}^\perp$	$T_{4,n}^-$	$T_{4,n}^\parallel$	$T_{4,n}^p$	$T_{4,n}$
3	0	4	0	0	4
6	16	0	0	2	18
9	64	0	16	8	88
12	256	0	164	48	468
15	1024	0	1360	288	2672
18	4096	0	10248	1728	16072
21	16384	0	73312	10368	100064
24	65536	0	508624	62208	636368
27	262144	0	3462592	373248	4097984
30	1048576	0	23291424	2239488	26579488

TABLE 15. Right 3-omino tilings  $m = 4$  [8, A046984,A084477].

$n$	$T_{5,n}^\perp$	$T_{5,n}^-$	$T_{5,n}^\parallel$	$T_{5,n}^p$	$T_{5,n}$
3	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	64	0	8	72
9	0	0	0	384	384
12	2048	0	3136	3360	8544
15	0	0	55296	21504	76800
18	65536	0	939008	163968	1168512
21	0	0	11649024	1136640	12785664

TABLE 16. Right 3-omino tilings  $m = 5$  [8, A084478,A084479]

## 4. RIGHT TROMINO TILING

The numerical results for tilings with right trominoes look as follows [8, A351322]. For  $m = 1$  there are no tilings. For  $m = 2$  and  $3 \mid n$  these are simply  $T_{2,n} = 2^{n/3}$ . For  $m = 3$  and  $2 \mid n$  these are simply  $T_{3,n} = 2^{n/2}$ .



$n$	$T_{6,n}^\perp$	$T_{6,n}^-$	$T_{6,n}^\parallel$	$T_{6,n}^P$	$T_{6,n}$
1	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	4	0	0	4
3	0	8	0	0	8
4	16	0	0	2	18
5	0	0	64	8	72
6	128	16	16	2	162
7	0	0	480	40	520
8	256	0	1140	118	1514
9	768	128	3200	216	4312
10	1024	0	11208	1010	13242
11	0	0	36032	3056	39088
12	13440	1536	95924	7686	118586
13	0	0	333856	27856	361712
14	16384	0	1003096	84466	1103946
15	119808	18432	3028032	237352	3403624

TABLE 17. Right 3-omino tilings  $m = 6$  [8, A351323]

$n$	$T_{7,n}^\perp$	$T_{7,n}^-$	$T_{7,n}^\parallel$	$T_{7,n}^P$	$T_{7,n}$
3	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	480	0	40	520
9	0	6144	0	16512	22656
12	158208	125952	112192	1399008	1795360

TABLE 18. Right 3-omino tilings  $m = 7$  [8, A351324]

$n$	$T_{8,n}^\perp$	$T_{8,n}^-$	$T_{8,n}^\parallel$	$T_{8,n}^P$	$T_{8,n}$
3	0	16	0	0	16
6	256	1140	0	118	1514
9	28288	35648	16064	124184	204184

TABLE 19. Right 3-omino tilings  $m = 8$

$n$	$T_{2,n}^\perp$	$T_{2,n}^-$	$T_{2,n}^\parallel$	$T_{2,n}^p$	$T_{2,n}$
3	0	1	0	2	3
6	1	0	8	2	11
9	1	0	38	2	41
12	1	0	150	2	153
15	1	0	568	2	571
18	1	0	2128	2	2131
21	1	0	7950	2	7953
24	1	0	29678	2	29681
27	1	0	110768	2	110771
30	1	0	413400	2	413403

TABLE 20. Mixed 3-omino tilings  $m = 2$  [8, A001835].

$n$	$T_{3,n}^\perp$	$T_{3,n}^-$	$T_{3,n}^\parallel$	$T_{3,n}^p$	$T_{3,n}$
1	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	1	2	3
3	0	5	5	0	10
4	0	0	21	2	23
5	0	0	60	2	62
6	17	4	149	0	170
7	0	0	439	2	441
8	0	0	1171	2	1173
9	77	4	3046	0	3127
10	0	0	8264	2	8266
11	0	0	21935	2	21937
12	301	4	57929	0	58234
13	0	0	154388	2	154390
14	0	0	409571	2	409573
15	1137	4	1085426	0	1086567
16	0	0	2882019	2	2882021
17	0	0	7645044	2	7645046
18	4257	4	20275568	0	20279829

TABLE 21. Mixed 3-omino tilings  $m = 3$  [8, A134438].

## 5. TROMINO TILING

The numerical results for tilings with both types of trominoes in any mix or rotations are collected in Tables 20 to 25. [8, A233320]. For  $m = 1$  there is only one tiling if  $3 \mid n$ .

$n$	$T_{4,n}^\perp$	$T_{4,n}^-$	$T_{4,n}^ $	$T_{4,n}^p$	$T_{4,n}$
3	0	21	0	2	23
6	255	174	274	236	939
9	6133	1680	24894	9106	41813
12	122485	16934	1472282	283444	1895145
15	2321975	175488	75446438	8265056	86208957

TABLE 22. Mixed 3-omino tilings  $m = 4$  [8, A233339].

$n$	$T_{5,n}^\perp$	$T_{5,n}^-$	$T_{5,n}^ $	$T_{5,n}^p$	$T_{5,n}$
3	0	60	0	2	62
6	2350	2438	1494	2060	8342
9	221062	104717	575018	369103	1269900

TABLE 23. Mixed 3-omino tilings  $m = 5$  [8, A233340].

$n$	$T_{6,n}^\perp$	$T_{6,n}^-$	$T_{6,n}^ $	$T_{6,n}^p$	$T_{6,n}$
1	0	1	0	0	1
2	1	8	0	2	11
3	17	149	4	0	170
4	255	274	174	236	939
5	2350	1494	2438	2060	8342
6	30672	21554	21554	6312	80092
7	152969	41512	304114	115986	614581
8	1157667	218262	3047886	848108	5271923
9	11769903	3035480	26709232	4318146	45832761

TABLE 24. Mixed 3-omino tilings  $m = 6$  [8, A233290].

$n$	$T_{7,n}^\perp$	$T_{7,n}^-$	$T_{7,n}^ $	$T_{7,n}^p$	$T_{7,n}$
3	0	439	0	2	441
6	152969	304114	41512	115986	614581

TABLE 25. Mixed 3-omino tilings  $m = 7$  [8, A233343].

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