

Tilings of a 2X2Xn box with 3d-tiles

I) Introduction

These tiles will be considered: 1X1X1-cubes, 1X1X2-cuboids (dominos), 2X2X1-cuboids (plates) and trominos (L-shaped combination of three 1X1X1-cubes).

The aim is to find the number $a(n)$ of tilings for any combination of tiles. Let us assume that the box (standing upright) is tiled bottom-up, using certain blocks.

Definition: A block is a combination of tiles with $j=1,2,3,4$ lower cubes and $k=0,1,2,3,4$ upper cubes. Restriction: if $j=4$ then $k=0$.

In the following chapter, all transitions from one level to the next one (or the following next one in some cases), using blocks, will be analyzed. Each block has a binary code 1, ..., 13:

Single cube $\rightarrow 1$, *domino* $\rightarrow 2$, *tromino* $\rightarrow 4$, *plate* $\rightarrow 8$.

Example: A block of single cubes and trominos has the code $5 = 1 + 4$.

Codes 14 and 15 do not occur because a block contains at most 8 cubes.

After finding all transitions, recursive formulas for $a(n)$ can be derived.

II) Transitions using blocks

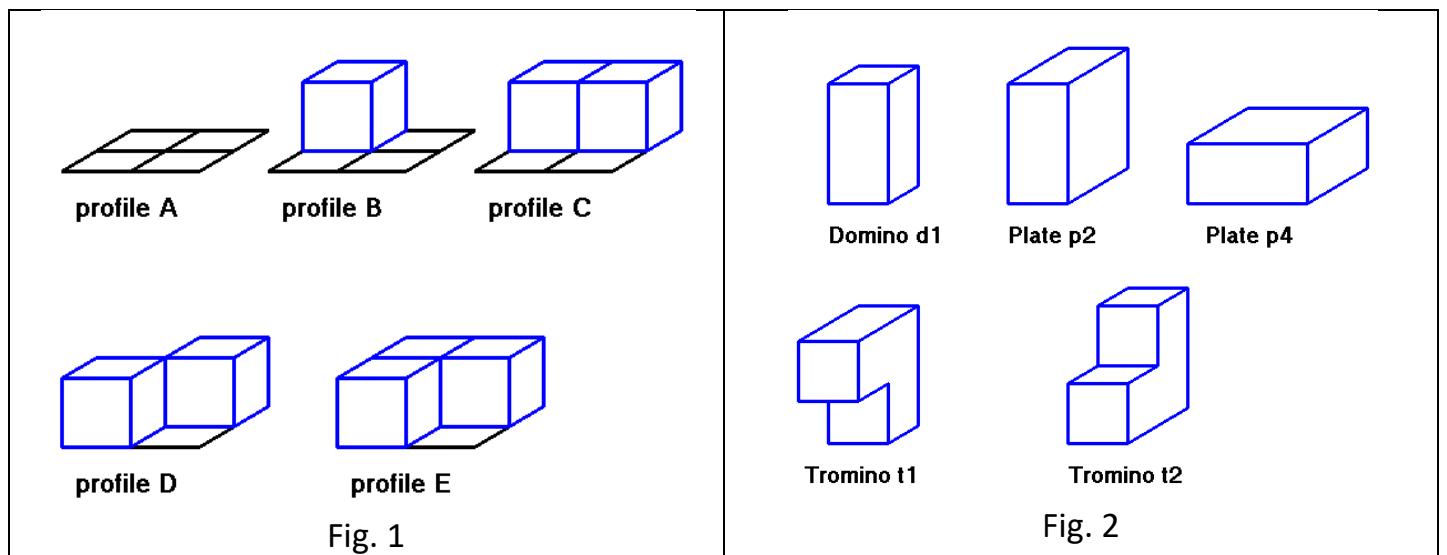


Fig. 1 shows five different profiles belonging to the same level such that j cubes standing (alone or as a part of another tile) on profile A: $A(j = 0), B(j = 1), C$ and $D(j = 2), E(j = 3)$. There are four rotation images of the profiles B, C, E and two images of profile D. Moreover, the orientation of a tile must be considered: $c1, d1, d2, t1, t2, t3, p4$. The letter stands for “single cube”, “domino”, “tromino” or “plate” and the index for the number of cubes touching the current ground. If the cubes on profile C and E are connected, they represent $d2$ and $t3$, respectively.

The profiles have $4 - j$ empty squares (“holes”). Example: By filling the hole on profile E with a single cube, one generates profile A on the next level. Notation: $c1: E0 \rightarrow 1A1$.

$E0$ is the E-profile on the current level, $A1$ is the A-profile on the next level. “ $1A1$ ” means that there is only one way of generating $A1$. In $2d2: A0 \rightarrow 2A1$, there are two ways of placing the dominos and in $4d1: A0 \rightarrow 1A2$, the following next A-profile is generated.

It is useful to make a difference between flat tiles (c_1, d_2, t_3, p_4) and upright tiles (d_1, t_1, t_2, p_2) .

All blocks (and the depending transitions) can be found in this order:

- (1) Blocks without single cubes
 - a) only upright tiles
 - b) both tiles (mixed tiling)
 - c) only flat tiles
- (2) Blocks with single cubes
 - a) single cubes and other tiles (mixed tiling)
 - b) only single cubes

Job (1a)

For a systematic search, the tiles are written as vectors:

$$d1 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, t2 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, p2 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The upper component is the number of all cubes, the lower one is the number of cubes touching the current ground. Any block can be written as

$$p * \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + q * \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + r * \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + s * \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

with $p, q, r, s \geq 0$ and $0 < y \leq 4$ and $0 < x \leq 8$ and $0 \leq x - y \leq 4$.

y is the number of lower cubes, $x - y$ is the number of upper cubes such that

$y = 1, 2, 3, 4$ corresponds to the profiles $E0, D0$ or $C0, B0, A0$ and

$x - y = 1, 2, 3, 4$ corresponds to the profiles $B1, C1$ or $D1, E1, A2$.

Note that four upper cubes generate the following next profile $A2$.

There are 20 quadruples (p, q, r, s) solving the equation:

| $pqrs$ | xy | Block | Code | Transition with multiplicity |
|---------|------|---------|------|--|
| 1 0 0 0 | 2 1 | d1 | 2 | $E0 \rightarrow 1^*B1$ |
| 2 0 0 0 | 4 2 | 2d1 | 2 | $C0 \rightarrow 1^*C1, D0 \rightarrow 1^*D1$ |
| 3 0 0 0 | 6 3 | 3d1 | 2 | $B0 \rightarrow 1^*E1$ |
| 4 0 0 0 | 8 4 | 4d1 | 2 | $A0 \rightarrow 1^*A2$ |
| 0 1 0 0 | 3 1 | t1 | 4 | $E0 \rightarrow 2^*C1$ |
| 1 1 0 0 | 5 2 | d1 +t1 | 6 | $C0 \rightarrow 2^*E1, D0 \rightarrow 2^*E1$ |
| 2 1 0 0 | 7 3 | 2d1 +t1 | 6 | $B0 \rightarrow 2^*A2$ |
| 0 2 0 0 | 6 2 | 2t1 | 4 | $C0 \rightarrow 2^*A2, D0 \rightarrow 2^*A2$ |
| 0 0 1 0 | 3 2 | t2 | 4 | $C0 \rightarrow 2^*B1$ |
| 1 0 1 0 | 5 3 | d1 +t2 | 6 | $B0 \rightarrow 2^*C1 + 2^*D1$ |
| 2 0 1 0 | 7 4 | 2d1 +t2 | 6 | $A0 \rightarrow 8^*E1$ |

| | | | | |
|---------|-----|------------|----|-----------------|
| 0 1 1 0 | 6 3 | t1 +t2 | 4 | B0->4*E1 |
| 1 1 1 0 | 8 4 | d1 +t1 +t2 | 6 | A0->8*A2 |
| 0 0 2 0 | 6 4 | 2t2 | 4 | A0->4*C1 + 4*D1 |
| 0 0 0 1 | 4 2 | p2 | 8 | C0->2*C1 |
| 1 0 0 1 | 6 3 | d1 +p2 | 10 | B0->2*E1 |
| 2 0 0 1 | 8 4 | 2d1 +p2 | 10 | A0->4*A2 |
| 0 1 0 1 | 7 3 | t1 +p2 | 12 | B0->2*A2 |
| 0 0 1 1 | 7 4 | t2 +p2 | 12 | A0->8*E1 |
| 0 0 0 2 | 8 4 | 2p2 | 8 | A0->2*A2 |

Table 1a

Job (1b)

Ignoring single cubes, exactly one flat tile can be used in a mixed tiling. A recursion can be based on this fact. Example: A0 + t3 is equivalent to profile E0.

Notation: $A0 + t3 \Rightarrow 4E0$ (there are four ways of generating E0).

Using the two tilings d1: $E0 \rightarrow 1B1$ and t1: $E0 \rightarrow 2C1$ (see table above), one obtains

$$t3 + d1, A0 \rightarrow 4B1 \text{ and } t3 + t1, A0 \rightarrow 8C1.$$

This way, two mixed tilings are derived from one “macro tiling” $A0 + t3 \Rightarrow 4E0$.

| Tiles | Code | Macro / Transition | Block | Code | Macro / Transition |
|--------------|------|--------------------------|---------|------|--------------------------|
| | | A0 + d2 => 4C0 | | | A0 + t3 => 4E0 |
| d2 + 2d1 | 2 | A0 -> 4C1 | t3 + d1 | 6 | A0 -> 4B1 |
| d2 + 2t1 | 6 | A0 -> 4A2 | t3 + t1 | 4 | A0 -> 8C1 |
| d2 + d1 + t1 | 6 | A0 -> 8E1 | | | B0 + d2 => 2E0 |
| d2 + p2 | 10 | A0 -> 4C1 | d2 + d1 | 2 | B0 -> 2B1 |
| d2 + t2 | 6 | A0 -> 8B1 | d2 + t1 | 6 | B0 -> 4C1 |

Table 1b

Job (1c)

| Block | Code | Transition |
|-------|------|------------|
| d2 | 2 | C0->1*A1 |
| 2d2 | 2 | A0->2*A1 |
| t3 | 4 | B0->1*A1 |
| p4 | 8 | A0->1*A1 |

Table 1c

Annotation:

If job (1c) is done before (1b), double counting can occur. Example:

$A0 + d2 \Rightarrow 4C0$ and $d2: C0->1*A1$ leads to $2d2: A0->4*A1$ instead of $2d2: A0->2*A1$. For the same reason, job (2a) must be done before (2b).

Job (2a)

All mixed tilings using c1 can be derived from macro tilings:

| Tiles | Code | Macro / Transition | Block | Code | Macro / Transition | | |
|---------------|------|---------------------------|--------------|------|---------------------------|--|--|
| | | A0 + c1 => 4B0 | | | | | |
| c1 + 2d1 + t1 | 7 | A0 -> 8A2 | 3c1 + d1 | 3 | A0 -> 4B1 | | |
| c1 + 3d1 | 3 | A0 -> 4E1 | 3c1 + t1 | 5 | A0 -> 8C1 | | |
| c1 + d1 + t2 | 7 | A0 -> 8C1 | | | | | |
| c1 + d1 + t2 | 7 | A0 -> 8D1 | c1 + 2d1 | 3 | B0 -> 2C1 | | |
| c1 + p2 + d1 | 11 | A0 -> 8E1 | c1 + 2t1 | 5 | B0 -> 2A2 | | |
| c1 + p2 + t1 | 13 | A0 -> 8A2 | c1 + d1 + t1 | 7 | B0 -> 4E1 | | |
| c1 + t1 + t2 | 5 | A0 -> 16E1 | c1 + p2 | 9 | B0 -> 2C1 | | |
| c1 + d2 + d1 | 3 | A0 -> 8B1 | c1 + t2 | 5 | B0 -> 4B1 | | |
| c1 + d2 + t1 | 7 | A0 -> 16C1 | c1 + d2 | 3 | B0 -> 2A1 | | |
| c1 + t3 | 5 | A0 -> 4A1 | | | | | |
| 2c1 | | A0 => 4C0 | c1 + 2d1 | 3 | B0 -> 1D1 | | |
| 2c1 + 2d1 | 3 | A0 -> 4C1 | c1 + 2t1 | 5 | B0 -> 2A2 | | |
| 2c1 + 2t1 | 5 | A0 -> 4A2 | c1 + d1 + t1 | 7 | B0 -> 2E1 | | |
| 2c1 + d1 + t1 | 7 | A0 -> 8E1 | | | | | |
| 2c1 + p2 | 9 | A0 -> 4C1 | 2c1 + d1 | 3 | B0 -> 3B1 | | |
| 2c1 + t2 | 5 | A0 -> 8B1 | 2c1 + t1 | 5 | B0 -> 6C1 | | |
| 2c1 + d2 | 3 | A0 -> 4A1 | | | | | |
| | | A0 + 2c1 => 2D0 | c1 + d1 | 3 | C0 -> 2B1 | | |
| 2c1 + 2d1 | 3 | A0 -> 2D1 | c1 + t1 | 5 | C0 -> 4C1 | | |
| 2c1 + 2t1 | 5 | A0 -> 4A2 | | | | | |
| 2c1 + d1 + t1 | 7 | A0 -> 4E1 | c1 + d1 | 3 | D0 -> 2B1 | | |
| | | | c1 + t1 | 5 | D0 -> 4C1 | | |

Table 2a

Job (2b)

| Block | Code | Transition | Block | Code | Transition |
|-------|------|------------|-------|------|------------|
| 4c1 | 1 | A0 -> 1A1 | 2c1 | 1 | D0 -> 1A1 |
| 3c1 | 1 | B0 -> 1A1 | c1 | 1 | E0 -> 1A1 |
| 2c1 | 1 | C0 -> 1A1 | | | |

Table 2b

Example: Transitions, only using trominos



Compact encoding (used in a Maxima program), example:

There are two transitions with code 12: $A0 \rightarrow 8*E1$ and $B0 \rightarrow 2*A2$

New representation as triples: $[[1,5,8],[2,6,2]]$.

First component: 1,2,3,4 or 5 standing for $A0,B0,C0,D0$ or $E0$

Second component: 1,2,3,4,5 or 6 standing for $A1,B1,C1,D1,E1$ or $A2$

The third component stands for the multiplicity of the transition.

Complete overview:

| Code | Transitions |
|------|--|
| 1 | $[[1,1,1],[2,1,1],[3,1,1],[4,1,1],[5,1,1]]$ |
| 2 | $[[1,1,2],[1,3,4],[1,6,1],[2,2,2],[2,5,1],[3,1,1],[3,3,1],[4,4,1],[5,2,1]]$ |
| 3 | $[[1,1,4],[1,2,12],[1,3,4],[1,4,2],[1,5,4],[2,1,2],[2,2,3],[2,3,2],[2,4,1],[3,2,2],[4,2,2]]$ |
| 4 | $[[1,3,12],[1,4,4],[2,1,1],[2,5,4],[3,2,2],[3,6,1],[4,6,2],[5,3,2]]$ |
| 5 | $[[1,1,4],[1,2,8],[1,3,8],[1,5,16],[1,6,8],[2,2,4],[2,3,6],[2,6,4],[3,3,4],[4,3,4]]$ |
| 6 | $[[1,2,12],[1,5,16],[1,6,12],[2,3,6],[2,4,2],[2,6,2],[3,5,2],[4,5,2]]$ |
| 7 | $[[1,3,24],[1,4,8],[1,5,12],[1,6,8],[2,5,6]]$ |
| 8 | $[[1,1,1],[1,6,2],[3,3,1]]$ |
| 9 | $[[1,3,4],[2,3,2]]$ |
| 10 | $[[1,3,4],[1,6,4],[2,5,2]]$ |
| 11 | $[[1,5,8]]$ |
| 12 | $[[1,5,8],[2,6,2]]$ |
| 13 | $[[1,6,8]]$ |

Each line represents a matrix $L(code, i, k)$,

Example: $L(12,1,5) = 8, L(12,2,6) = 2$ and $L(12, i, k) = 0$ otherwise.

III) Derivation of recursive formulas

The matrices $M(code) = L^T(code)$ (transposed matrix) will be used to derive all recursive formulas. Selecting a combination of tiles, we have to make a difference between a local tiling described by the code of a block and the global tiling for the whole box described by the type, which is a binary number, too. Example: Type 5 means that only single cubes and trominos are allowed, i.e. blocks with codes 1,4,5. The set of codes y belonging to a type x can be described by the function “bitand”: $\{y | y \text{ bitand } x = y\}$.

Example 1 (Only dominos are used, type 2, code 2)

Table 3a shows the matrix $L(2)$. For level n and for each profile, let the number of tilings be $a(n), b(n), c(n), d(n)$ and $e(n)$ respectively. By transposing $L(2)$, one obtains $M(2)$ in table 3b as a recurrence ($j=2$ for the last row and $j=1$ otherwise):

| | A1 | B1 | C1 | C1 | E1 | A2 | | a(n-j) | b(n-j) | c(n-j) | d(n-j) | e(n-j) | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---|
| A0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | | a(n) | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| B0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | b(n) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| C0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | c(n) | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | | d(n) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| E0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | e(n) | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | a(n) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 3a
Table 3b

Table 3b more extensively:

$$\begin{pmatrix} a(n) \\ b(n) \\ c(n) \\ d(n) \\ e(n) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} a(n-1) \\ b(n-1) \\ c(n-1) \\ d(n-1) \\ e(n-1) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} a(n-2) \\ b(n-2) \\ c(n-2) \\ d(n-2) \\ e(n-2) \end{pmatrix}$$

Recurrence:

$$a(n) = 2*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + a(n-2), \quad b(n) = 2*b(n-1) + e(n-1), \\ c(n) = 4*a(n-1) + c(n-1), \quad d(n) = d(n-1), \quad e(n) = b(n-1)$$

with $a(n) = b(n) = c(n) = d(n) = e(n) = 0$ for $n \leq 0$, except for $a(0) = 1$.

Simplification: $a(n) = 2*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + a(n-2)$, $c(n) = 4*a(n-1) + c(n-1)$

Result: $a(n) = 1, 2, 9, 32, 121, 450, 1681, 6272, 23409, 87362, 326041, \dots = \text{A006253}(n)$

Example 2 (Only plates are used, type 8, code 8)

$M(8)$ leads to $a(n) = a(n-1) + 2*a(n-2)$,

$a(n) = 1, 1, 3, 5, 11, 21, 43, 85, 171, 341, 683, \dots = \text{A001045}(n)$

Example 3 (Plates and single cubes, type 9, codes 1,8,9)

The matrix corresponding to 3b now is $M(1) + M(8) + M(9)$:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Recurrence: $a(n) = 2*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + 2*a(n-2)$ $c(n) = 4*a(n-1) + c(n-1)$ |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Result: $a(n) = 1, 2, 10, 36, 144, 556, 2172, 8452, 32932, 128260, \dots = \text{A335559}(n)$

Example 4 (Plates and dominos, type 10, codes 2,8,10)

Matrix $M(2) + M(8) + M(10)$:

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Recurrence: $a(n) = 3*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + 7*a(n-2)$, $b(n) = 2*b(n-1) + e(n-1)$ $c(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 2*c(n-1)$, $d(n) = d(n-1)$, $e(n) = 3*b(n-1)$ |
| 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Obviously: $b(n)=d(n)=e(n)=0$ for $n \geq 0$ |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Simplification: $a(n) = 3*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + 7*a(n-2)$, $c(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 2*c(n-1)$

Result: $a(n) = 1, 3, 24, 133, 839, 5056, 30969, 188603, 1150952, 7018621, \dots$

Example 5 (Trominos, type 4, code 4)

Matrix $M(4)$:

| | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Recurrence: $a(n) = b(n-1) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$, $b(n) = 2*c(n-1)$ $c(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$, $d(n) = 4*a(n-1)$, $e(n) = 4*b(n-1)$ |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | $a(n) = a(n) = 1, 0, 0, 44, 0, 0, 2512, 0, 0, 145088, \dots$ |

Simplification: $a(n) = 44*a(n-3) + 6*e(n-3)$, $e(n) = 96*a(n-3) + 16*e(n-3)$

With the transformation $a(3*n) \rightarrow a(n)$, $e(3*n) \rightarrow e(n)$, one obtains:

$a(n) = 44*a(n-1) + 6*e(n-1)$, $e(n) = 96*a(n-1) + 16*e(n-1)$ and

$a(n) = 1, 44, 2512, 145088, 8383744, 484453376, \dots$

Example 6 (Plates and trominos, type 12, codes 4,8,12)

Matrix $M(4) + M(8) + M(12)$:

| | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $b(n)=d(n)=e(n)=0$ for $n \geq 0$ |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Recurrence: |
| 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | $a(n) = a(n-1) + b(n-1) + 2*a(n-2) + 2*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2),$ |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $b(n) = 2*c(n-1), c(n) = 12*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + 2*e(n-1),$ |
| 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $d(n) = 4*a(n-1), e(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1)$ |
| 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | |

$$\text{Simplification: } a(n) = a(n-1) + 3*c(n-2) + 2*a(n-2) + 4*c(n-3) + 8*a(n-3)$$

$$c(n) = 12*a(n-1) + c(n-1) + 16*a(n-2) + 16*c(n-3)$$

$$\text{Result: } a(n) = 1, 1, 3, 49, 231, 789, 4771, 27225, 122799, 607469, 3255979, \dots$$

Example 7 (Dominos and single cubes, type 3, codes 1,2,3)

Matrix $M(1) + M(2) + M(3)$:

| | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Recurrence: |
| 12 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | $a(n) = 7*a(n-1) + 3*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + d(n-1) + e(n-1) + a(n-2)$ |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | $b(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 5*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1) + e(n-1)$ |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $c(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + c(n-1), d(n) = 2*a(n-1) + b(n-1) + d(n-1))$ |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $e(n) = 4*a(n-1) + b(n-1)$ |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

$$a(n) = 1, 7, 108, 1511, 21497, 305184, 4334009, 61545775, 873996300, 12411393231, \dots$$

Example 8 (Trominos and single cubes, type 5, codes 1,4,5)

Matrix $M(1) + M(4) + M(5)$:

| | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|--|
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Recurrence: |
| 8 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | $a(n) = 5*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + c(n-1) + d(n-1) + e(n-1)$ |
| 20 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | $+ 8*a(n-2) + 4*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$ |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $b(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1)$ |
| 16 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $c(n) = 20*a(n-1) + 6*b(n-1) + 4*c(n-1) + 4*d(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$ |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | $d(n) = 4*a(n-1), e(n) = 16*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1)$ |

$$a(n) = 1, 5, 89, 1177, 16873, 237977, 3366793, 47599097, 673035625, 9516252633, \dots$$

Example 9 (Trominos and dominos, type 6, codes 2,4,6)

Matrix $M(2) + M(4) + M(6)$:

| | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|---|--|
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Recurrence: |
| 12 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | $a(n) = 2*a(n-1) + b(n-1) + c(n-1) + 13*a(n-2) + 2*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$ |
| 16 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 2 | $b(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + e(n-1)$ |
| 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | $c(n) = 16*a(n-1) + 6*b(n-1) + c(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$ |
| 16 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | $d(n) = 4*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + d(n-1)$ |
| 13 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | $e(n) = 16*a(n-1) + 5*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1)$ |

$$a(n) = 1, 2, 45, 412, 4705, 50374, 549109, 5955544, 64683649, 702259786, 7625147293, \dots$$

Example 10 (Trominos, dominos and single cubes, type 7, codes 1,2,3,4,5,6,7)

Matrix $M(1) + M(2) + M(3) + M(4) + M(5) + M(6) + M(7)$:

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| 11 4 2 1 1 32 9 4 2 1 52 14 5 4 2 14 3 0 1 0 48 11 2 2 0 29 6 1 2 0 | <p>Recurrence:</p> $a(n) = 11*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + d(n-1) + e(n-1) + 29*a(n-2) + 6*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$ $b(n) = 32*a(n-1) + 9*b(n-1) + 4*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1) + e(n-1)$ $c(n) = 52*a(n-1) + 14*b(n-1) + 5*c(n-1) + 4*d(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$ $d(n) = 14*a(n-1) + 3*b(n-1) + d(n-1)$ $e(n) = 48*a(n-1) + 11*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1)$ |
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$$a(n) = 1, 11, 444, 13311, 422617, 13265660, 417336617, 13123557903, 412719195520, \dots$$

Example 11 (Plates, dominos and single cubes, type 11, codes 1,2,3,8,9,10,11)

Matrix $M(1) + M(2) + M(3) + M(8) + M(9) + M(10) + M(11)$:

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| 8 3 2 1 1 12 5 2 2 1 16 4 2 0 0 2 1 0 1 0 12 3 0 0 0 7 0 0 0 0 | <p>Recurrence:</p> $a(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 3*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + d(n-1) + e(n-1) + 7*a(n-2)$ $b(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 5*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1) + e(n-1)$ $c(n) = 16*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1)$ $d(n) = 2*a(n-1) + b(n-1) + d(n-1)$ $e(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 3*b(n-1)$ |
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$$a(n) = 1, 8, 153, 2470, 41571, 693850, 11602579, 193942076, 3242104149, 54196828452, \dots$$

Example 12 (Plates, trominos and single cubes, type 13, codes 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13)

Matrix $M(1) + M(4) + M(5) + M(8) + M(9) + M(12) + M(13)$:

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| 6 2 1 1 1 8 4 2 0 0 24 8 5 4 2 4 0 0 0 0 24 4 0 0 0 18 6 1 2 0 | <p>Recurrence:</p> $a(n) = 6*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + c(n-1) + d(n-1) + e(n-1) + 18*a(n-2) + 6*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$ $b(n) = 8*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1)$ $c(n) = 24*a(n-1) + 8*b(n-1) + 5*c(n-1) + 4*d(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$ $d(n) = 4*a(n-1)$ $e(n) = 24*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1)$ |
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$$a(n) = 1, 6, 122, 1768, 28844, 457592, 7318760, 116806896, 1865305376, 29782666544, \dots$$

Example 13 (Plates, trominos and dominos, type 14, codes 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)

Matrix $M(2) + M(4) + M(6) + M(8) + M(10) + M(12)$:

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| 3 1 1 0 0 12 2 2 0 1 20 6 2 0 2 4 2 0 1 0 24 7 2 2 0 19 4 1 2 0 | <p>Recurrence:</p> $a(n) = 3*a(n-1) + b(n-1) + c(n-1) + 19*a(n-2) + 4*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$ $b(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + e(n-1)$ $c(n) = 20*a(n-1) + 6*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$ $d(n) = 4*a(n-1) + 2*b(n-1) + d(n-1)$ $e(n) = 24*a(n-1) + 7*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1)$ |
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$$a(n) = 1, 3, 60, 657, 8311, 101284, 1246049, 15292819, 187803572, 2305968393, \dots$$

Example 14 (Plates, trominos, dominos and single cubes, type 15, all codes 1,...,13)

Matrix $M(1) + \dots + M(13)$:

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| $\begin{matrix} 12 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 32 & 9 & 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 60 & 16 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ 14 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 64 & 13 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ \textbf{43} & \textbf{8} & \textbf{1} & \textbf{2} & \textbf{0} \end{matrix}$ | Recurrence: $a(n) = 12*a(n-1) + 4*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + d(n-1) + e(n-1) + 43*a(n-2) + 8*b(n-2) + c(n-2) + 2*d(n-2)$ $b(n) = 32*a(n-1) + 9*b(n-1) + 4*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1) + e(n-1)$ $c(n) = 60*a(n-1) + 16*b(n-1) + 6*c(n-1) + 4*d(n-1) + 2*e(n-1)$ $d(n) = 14*a(n-1) + 3*b(n-1) + d(n-1)$ $e(n) = 64*a(n-1) + 13*b(n-1) + 2*c(n-1) + 2*d(n-1)$ |
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$a(n) = 1, 12, 513, 16194, 547543, 18234354, 609298887, 20344385080, 679408772089, \dots$