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retrieves many points outside $Q$ from disk


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Goal 1: a tiles suffice to cover any disk-shaped query range $Q$ (seek time) Goal 2: the tiles that cover $Q$ have total area at most $c \cdot \operatorname{area}(Q)$ (read time) Arrwwid number = smallest $a$ such that there is a constant $c$ such that $\forall Q$ both goals achieved


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Are there recursive tilings with vertex degree 3?

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Some curves have Arrwwid nr. $<\mathbf{3}$ ?
Asano et al.: Not if tiling divides squares into four squares Yours truly: Not ever (assuming tiles are simply connected)

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