

# An Application of Brown's Lemma to Tiling Theory.

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The main idea of Ramsey theory is that arbitrarily large sets cannot avoid a certain degree of “regularity”. This is exemplarily illustrated by Gallai’s theorem, a multidimensional version of the seminal van der Waerden’s theorem, which asserts that, given a finite coloring of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , any finite subset  $F$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  has a monochromatic homothetic copy  $\lambda F + \vec{t}$ , for some real number  $\lambda$ . A not so famous Ramsey-type result is the so called Brown’s lemma: in the setting of Gallai’s theorem, one can take any  $\lambda$  once “bounded perturbations” in the structure of the homothetic copies of  $F$  are allowed, in other words, any finite coloring of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  produces monochromatic *piecewise syndetic* sets. In this talk we describe an application of a topological dynamical version of this result to (euclidean space) tiling theory and compare it with previous applications of topological dynamical systems results to tiling theory by De La Llave & Windsor and Radin & Wolff.