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Strongly Normal Sets of Contractible Tiles in N Dimensions

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V. Detailed COMMENTS for AUTHOR
The revision of the paper enhanced the value of the paper such that it can be published after the few minor editorial corrections:

The repeated phrase "the second and third author showed..." is unnecessarily indirect; replace it by 'Saha and Rosenfeld showed' or simply by 'in [xx] it has been shown' if Saha and Rosenfeld are the authors of [xx].

Since a "locally finite collection" is crucial for the paper it would be useful to repeat the definition.

p.15: although not wrong the term "tunnel" which is used later would characterize the configuration in Fig.4(b) better than "hole" which could also be the interior of P without the bounding surface. In addition you should mention the main difference between Fig 4 a and b: that Q2 and Q3 meet at the right upper corner of P in Fig.4(b) which forms a non-empty cycle Q2-Q3-Q1-Q4-Q2 while Q2 and Q3 are NOT connected in Fig.4(a).

p.18, bottom: The sentence "If the geometric meaning... is not quite clear to the reader..." is not reader friendly, explain the geometric meaning without giving him the feeling he is stupid if he does not understand the underlying geometry immediately!

Why only concluding remarks? It is suggested to give a full conclusion repeating the main results in simple words.

Appendix: title too long!
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