Making Octants Colorful

and other cover-decomposability problems

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Why these examples were pedagogically bad:

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Given some **points**, 2-color them such that any axis alligned rectangle containing **three** of them is contains in one of each color.

Thm[Pach, Tardos, Tóth '09]: For every c there is set R_c of axis alligned rectangles such that in every 2-coloring of R_c there is point contained in $\geq c$ rectangles but all of the same color.

Thm[Chen, Pach, Szegedy, Tardos '09]: For every p there is set P_p of points such that for every 2-coloring of P_p there is an axis alligned rectangle containing $\geq p$ points but all of the same color.

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Question: $p(k) \sim 2k$?

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