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Karoly Bezdek* (bezdek@math.ucalgary.ca), Dept. of Math. and Stats., Univ. of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada. *On partial coverings of convex bodies by planks.*

K. Bezdek raised the following problem at the "Intuitive Geometry, in Memoriam László Fejes Tóth" meeting (June 30-July 4, 08) in Budapest, Hungary: Let \mathbf{B} be an o -symmetric convex body of minimal width 1 in d -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbf{E}^d . Moreover, let w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n be positive real numbers satisfying the inequality $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n < 1$. Then prove or disprove that the planks $\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2, \dots, \mathbf{P}_n$ of width w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n in \mathbf{E}^d cover the largest possible volume of \mathbf{B} if $\mathbf{P}_1 \cup \mathbf{P}_2 \cup \dots \cup \mathbf{P}_n$ is a plank of width $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n$ with o being its center of symmetry. In the talk we present some partial results. (Received September 15, 2008)