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# Vertex-fault-tolerant cycles embedding in 4-conditionally faulty folded hypercubes

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#### ABSTRACT

A network is said to be *g*-conditionally faulty if its every vertex has at least *g* fault-free neighbors, where  $g \ge 1$ . An *n*-dimensional folded hypercube  $FQ_n$  is a well-known variation of an *n*-dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$ , which can be constructed from  $Q_n$  by adding an edge to every pair of vertices with complementary addresses.  $FQ_n$  for any odd *n* is known to be bipartite. In this paper, let  $FF_v$  denote the set of faulty vertices in  $FQ_n$ , and let  $F_{FQ_n}(e)$  denote the set of faulty vertices which are incident to the end-vertices of any fault-free edge  $e \in E(FQ_n)$ . Then, under the 4-conditionally faulty and  $|F_{FQ_n}(e)| \le n - 3$ , we consider for the vertex-fault-tolerant cycles embedding properties in  $FQ_n - FF_v$ , as follows:

- 1. For  $n \ge 4$ ,  $FQ_n FF_v$  contains a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n 2|FF_v|$ , where  $|FF_v| \le 2n 7$ ;
- 2. For  $n \ge 4$  being even,  $FQ_n FF_v$  contains a fault-free cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n 2|FF_v| 1$ , where  $|FF_v| \le 2n 7$ .

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#### 1. Introduction

Choosing an appropriate *interconnection network* (*network* for short) is an important integral part of designing parallel processing and distributed systems. There are a large number of network topologies which have been proposed. The interested readers may refer to [2,15,29] for extensive references. Among the proposed network topologies, the *hypercube* [3] is a well-known network model which has several excellent properties, such as recursive structure, regularity, symmetry, small diameter, short mean internode distance, low degree, and much smaller edge complexity, which are very important for designing massively parallel or distributed systems [21]. Numerous variants of the hypercube have been proposed in the literature [6,7,25]. One variant that has been the focus of a great deal of research is the *folded hypercube*, which can be constructed from a hypercube by adding an edge to every pair of vertices that are the farthest apart, i.e., two vertices with complementary addresses. The folded hypercube has been shown to be able to improve the system's performance over a regular hypercube in many measurements, such as diameter, fault diameter, connectivity, and so on [6,27].

An important feature of an interconnection network is its ability to efficiently simulate algorithms designed for other architectures. Such a simulation can be formulated as *network embedding*. An *embedding* of a *guest network G* into a *host network H* is defined as a one-to-one mapping *f* from the vertex set of *G* to the vertex set of *H*. Under *f*, an edge in *G* corresponds to a path in H [21]. The embedding strategy allows us to emulate the effect of a guest network on a host network. Then, algorithms developed for a guest network can also be executed well on the host network.

Cycles (rings), the most fundamental networks for parallel and distributed computation, are suitable for designing simple algorithms with low communication costs. Numerous efficient algorithms designed on rings for solving various algebraic

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problems and graph problems can be found in [1,21]. Rings can be used as control/data flow structures for distributed computing in arbitrary networks. These applications motivate the embedding of cycles in networks.

Since vertices and/or edges in a network may fail accidentally, it is demanded to consider for the fault-tolerance of a network. Hence, the issue of fault-tolerant cycle embedding in an *n*-dimensional folded hypercube  $FQ_n$  has been studied in [5,8,10,11,13,14,19,18,17,24,27,31]. Let  $F_{v}$  and  $F_{e}$  denote the sets of faulty vertices and faulty edges in  $FQ_{n}$ . Dajin Wang [27] showed that  $FQ_n - FF_e^1$  contains a Hamiltonian cycle of length  $2^n$  if  $|FF_e| \le n - 1$ . Ma [24] showed that  $FQ_n - FF_e$  contains a Hamiltonian cycle of length  $2^n$  where each vertex is incident to at least two fault-free edges, when  $|FF_e| \leq 2n - 3$ . Kuo [19] extended the above result to show that  $FQ_n - FF_e$  contains a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n$ ; if  $n \ge 2$  being even,  $FQ_n - FF_e$  contains a cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n - 1$ , when  $|FF_e| \le 2n - 3$ . Xu [30] showed that every edge of  $FQ_n$  lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n$ ; if n is even, every edge of  $FQ_n$  also lies on a cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n - 1$ . After that Xu [31] extended the above result to show that every fault-free edge of  $FQ_n - FF_e$  lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n$ ; if *n* is even, every fault-free edge of  $FQ_n - FF_e$  also lies on a cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n - 1$ , where  $|FF_e| \le n - 1$ . Let  $f \in FF_v$  be any faulty vertex in  $FQ_n$ . Hsieh [14] showed that  $FQ_n - \{f\}$  contains a fault-free cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n - 2$  if n > 3, and if n > 2 being even,  $FQ_n - \{f\}$  contains a fault-free cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n - 1$ . Recently, Cheng [5] showed that every fault-free edge of  $FQ_n - \{f\}$  lies on a cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n - 3$ , where  $n \ge 2$  being even. Kuo [17] extended Cheng's [5] result to obtain that every fault-free edge of  $FQ_n - \{f\}$  lies on a cycle of every even length from 4 to  $2^n - 2$  if  $n \ge 3$ , and if  $n \ge 2$  being even, every fault-free edge of  $FQ_n - \{f\}$  also lies on a cycle of every odd length from n + 1 to  $2^n - 1$ . However, one should notice that each component in a network may have independent reliability. That is, if components of a network fail independently, the probability that all failures would be close to each other becomes low. Due to this motivation, Harary [9] first introduced the idea of conditional connectivity. Later, Latifi [20] defined the conditional vertex-faults which require each vertex of a network to have at least g fault-free neighbors,  $g \ge 1$ . In this paper, we define that a network is g-conditionally faulty if its every vertex has at least g fault-free neighbors, where  $g \ge 1$ . Let  $F_{FQ_n}(e)$  denote the set of faulty vertices which are incident to the end-vertices of any fault-free edge  $e \in E(FQ_n)$ . Then, under the 4-conditionally faulty and  $|F_{FQ_n}(e)| \le n-3$ , we consider for the vertex-fault-tolerant cycles embedding properties in  $FQ_n - FF_v$ , as follows:

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Throughout this paper, a number of terms – network and graph, node and vertex, edge and link – are used interchangeably. The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, we provide some necessary definitions and notations. We present our main result in Section 3. Some concluding remarks are given in Section 4.

#### 2. Preliminaries

A graph G = (V, E) is an ordered pair in which V is a finite set and E is a subset of  $\{(u, v)|(u, v)$  is an unordered pair of  $V\}$ . We say that V is the *vertex set* and E is the *edge set*. We also use V(G) and E(G) to denote the vertex set and the edge set of G, respectively. Two vertices u and v are *adjacent* if  $(u, v) \in E$ . For the edge e = (u, v), u and v are called the *end-vertices* of e. We call u adjacent to v, and vice versa. A graph  $G = (V_0 \cup V_1, E)$  is bipartite if  $V_0 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$  and  $E \subseteq \{(x, y)|x \in V_0 \text{ and } y \in V_1\}$ . A path  $P[v_0, v_k] = \langle v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_k \rangle$  is a sequence of distinct vertices in which any two consecutive vertices are adjacent. We call  $v_0$  and  $v_k$  the *end-vertices* of the path. In addition, a path may contain a *subpath*, denoted as  $\langle v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_i, P[v_i, v_j], v_j, v_{j+1}, \ldots, v_k \rangle$ , where  $P[v_i, v_j] = \langle v_i, v_{i+1}, \ldots, v_{j-1}, v_j \rangle$ . The length of a path is the number of edges on the path. A path  $\langle v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_k \rangle$  forms a *cycle* if  $v_0 = v_k$  and  $v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_{k-1}$  are distinct. For graphtheoretic terminologies and notations not mentioned here, readers may refer to [28].

An *n*-dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$  (*n*-cube for short) can be represented as an undirected graph such that  $V(Q_n)$  consists of  $2^n$  vertices which are labeled as binary strings of length *n* from  $\underbrace{00...0}_{n}$  to  $\underbrace{11...1}_{n}$ . Each edge  $e = (u, v) \in E(Q_n)$ 

connects two vertices u and v if and only if u and v differ in exactly one bit of their labels, i.e.,  $u = b_n b_{n-1} \dots b_k \dots b_1$ and  $v = b_n b_{n-1} \dots \overline{b_k} \dots b_1$ , where  $\overline{b_k}$  is the one's complement of  $b_k$ , i.e.,  $\overline{b_k} = 1 - i$  iff  $b_k = i$  for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ . We call that eis an edge of dimension k. Clearly, each vertex connects to exactly n other vertices. In addition, there are  $2^{n-1}$  edges in each dimension and  $|E(Q_n)| = n \cdot 2^{n-1}$ . Fig. 1 shows a 2-dimensional hypercube  $Q_2$  and a 3-dimensional hypercube  $Q_3$ .

Let  $x = x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_1$  and  $y = y_n y_{n-1} \dots y_1$  be two *n*-bit binary strings; and let  $y = x^{(k)}$ , where  $1 \le k \le n$ , if  $y_k = 1 - x_k$ and  $y_i = x_i$  for all  $i \ne k$ ,  $1 \le i \le n$ . In addition, let  $y = \bar{x}$  if  $y_i = 1 - x_i$  for all  $1 \le i \le n$ . The Hamming distance  $d_H(x, y)$ between two vertices *x* and *y* is the number of different bits in the corresponding strings of the vertices. The Hamming weight hw(x) of *x* is the number of *i*'s such that  $x_i = 1$ . Note that  $Q_n$  is a bipartite graph with two partite sets  $\{x \mid hw(x) \text{ is odd}\}$  and  $\{x \mid hw(x) \text{ is even}\}$ . Let  $d_{Q_n}(x, y)$  be the distance between two vertices *x* and *y* in graph  $Q_n$ . Clearly,  $d_{Q_n}(x, y) = d_H(x, y)$ .

An *n*-dimensional folded hypercube  $FQ_n$  can be constructed from an *n*-cube by adding an edge (also called *complementary* edge) to every pair of vertices that are the farthest apart, i.e., for a vertex whose address is  $b = b_n b_{n-1} \dots b_1$ , it now has one

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The graph obtained by deleting  $FF_e$  from  $FQ_n$ .

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