

# Reliability Analysis of Crossed Cube Networks on Degree

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## Abstract

Crossed cubes network is a kind of interconnection structure as a basis for distributed memory parallel computer architecture. Reliability takes an important role in fault tolerant computing on multiprocessor systems. Connectivity is a vital metric to explore fault tolerance and reliability of network structure based on a graph model. Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph. The  $k$ -conditional edge connectivity  $\lambda^k(G)$  is the cardinality of the minimum edge cuts  $F$ , if any, whose deletion disconnects  $G$  and each component of  $G - F$  has property of minimum degree  $\delta \geq k$ . The  $k$ -conditional connectivity  $\kappa^k(G)$  can be defined similarly. In this paper, we determine the  $k$ -conditional (edge) connectivity of crossed cubes  $CQ_n$  for small  $k$ . And we also prove other properties of  $CQ_n$ .

## Keywords

Interconnection Structure, Fault Tolerance, Reliability, Conditional Connectivity

## 1. Introduction

With the development of VLSI technology and software technology, multiprocessor systems with hundreds of thousands of processors have become available. With the continuous increase in the size of multiprocessor systems, the complexity of a system can adversely affect its fault tolerance and reliability. To the design and maintenance purpose of multiprocessor systems, appropriate measures of reliability should be found.

A network is often modeled by a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with the vertices representing nodes such as processors or stations, and the edges representing links between the nodes. One fundamental consideration in the design of net-

works is reliability [1] [2]. An edge cut of a connected graph  $G$  is a set of edges whose removal disconnects  $G$ . The edge connectivity  $\lambda(G)$  or connectivity  $\kappa(G)$  of  $G$  is the minimum cardinality of an edge cut or vertex cut  $S$  of  $G$ . The edge connectivity  $\lambda(G)$  or connectivity  $\kappa(G)$  is an important feature determining reliability and fault-tolerance of the network. In the definitions of  $\lambda(G)$  or  $\kappa(G)$ , no restrictions are imposed on the components of  $G - S$ . To compensate for this short coming, it would seem natural to generalize the notion of the classical connectivity by imposing some conditions or restrictions on the components of  $G - S$ . Following this idea, conditional connectivity were proposed in [3] by Harary.

Let  $G$  be a connected graph and  $P$  be graph-theoretic property. The conditional edge connectivity  $\lambda(G, P)$  or conditional connectivity  $\kappa(G, P)$  is the minimum cardinality of a set of edges or vertices, if it exists, whose deletion disconnects  $G$  and each remaining component has property  $P$ . In particular, we focus on that each component has the property of minimum degree  $\delta \geq k$ . The  $k$ -conditional edge connectivity  $\lambda^k(G)$  is the cardinality of the minimum edge cuts  $F$ , if any, whose deletion disconnects  $G$  and each component of  $G - F$  has property of minimum degree  $\delta \geq k$ . The  $k$ -conditional connectivity  $\kappa^k(G)$  can be obtained similarly. In recent years, numerous results about many kind of connectivities on networks have been reported [4]-[20].

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a connected graph,  $N_G(v)$  the neighbors of a vertex  $v$  in  $G$  (simply  $N(v)$ ),  $E(v)$  the edges incident to  $v$ . Moreover, for  $S \subset V$ ,  $G[S]$  is the subgraph induced by  $S$ ,  $N_G(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} N(v) - S$ ,  $E_G(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} E(v) - E(G[S])$ ,  $N_G[S] = N_G(S) \cup S$  and  $G - S$  denotes the subgraph of  $G$  induced by the vertex set of  $V \setminus S$ . If  $u, v \in V$ ,  $d(u, v)$  denotes the length of a shortest  $(u, v)$ -path. For  $X, Y \subset V$ , denote by  $[X, Y]$  the set of edges of  $G$  with one end in  $X$  and the other in  $Y$ . For graph-theoretical terminology and notation not defined here we follow [21]. All graphs considered in this paper are simple, finite and undirected.

Two binary strings  $x = x_1 x_0$  and  $y = y_1 y_0$  are pair-related, denoted  $x \sim y$ , if and only if  $(x, y) \in \{(00, 00), (10, 10), (01, 11), (11, 01)\}$ ; if  $x$  and  $y$  are not pair-related, we write  $x \not\sim y$ .

The crossed cube  $CQ_n$  with  $2^n$  vertices was introduced by Efe [22]. It can be defined inductively as follows:  $CQ_1$  is  $K_2$ , the complete graph with labels 0 and 1. For  $n > 1$ ,  $CQ_n$  contains  $CQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $CQ_{n-1}^1$  joined according to the following rule: the vertex  $u = 0u_{n-2} \cdots u_0$  from and the vertex  $v = 1v_{n-2} \cdots v_0$  from  $CQ_{n-1}^1$  are adjacent if and only if

- 1)  $u_{n-2} = v_{n-2}$  if  $n$  is even, and
- 2) for  $0 \leq i < \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor$ ,  $u_{2i+1} u_{2i} \sim v_{2i+1} v_{2i}$ .

From the definition, we can see that each vertex of  $CQ_n$  with a leading 0 bit has exactly one neighbor with a leading 1 and vice versa. It is an  $n$ -regular graph. In fact, some pairs of parallel edges are changed to some pairs of cross edges. Furthermore,  $CQ_n$  can be obtained by adding a perfect matching  $M$  between

$CQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $CQ_{n-1}^1$ . Hence  $CQ_n$  can be viewed as  $G(CQ_{n-1}^0, CQ_{n-1}^1, M)$  or  $CQ_{n-1}^0 \odot CQ_{n-1}^1$  briefly. For any vertex  $u \in V(CQ_n)$ ,  $e_M(u)$  is the edge incident to  $u$  in  $M$ .

The crossed cube is an attractive alternative to hypercubes  $Q_n$ . The diameter of  $CQ_n$  is approximately half that of  $Q_n$ . For more references, we can see [23]-[29] (Figure 1).

In this paper, we obtain that:  $\lambda^2(CQ_n) = 4n - 8 (n \geq 4)$ , and we also prove other properties of  $CQ_n$ .

## 2. Conditional Connectivity of Crossed Cubes

The crossed cube  $CQ_n$  has an important property as follows.

**Lemma 2.1.** Any two vertices of  $CQ_n$  have at most two common neighbors for  $n \geq 2$  if they have.

**Proof:** By induction. If  $n = 2$ , then the result holds. We assume that it is true for  $n < k$ . Suppose  $n = k$  and any  $u, v \in V(CQ_n)$  such that  $u, v$  have at most two common neighbors.

If  $u, v \in V(CQ_{n-1})$ , then the two common neighbors are in  $V(CQ_{n-1})$  according to inductive hypothesis. And there is not a relation between the common neighbors of  $u, v$  and the perfect matching  $M$  added to  $CQ_n$ . Hence  $u, v$  have at most two common neighbors in  $CQ_n$ .

By symmetry, we assume that  $u \in V(CQ_{n-1}^0), v \in V(CQ_{n-1}^1)$ . The common neighbors must be obtained by adding the perfect matching  $M$ . Note that every vertex of  $CQ_{n-1}^0$  has only one neighbor in  $CQ_{n-1}^1$  and vice versa. Then we obtain the result.

**Corollary 2.2.** For any two vertices  $x, y \in V(CQ_n) (n \geq 2)$ ,

- 1) if  $d(x, y) = 2$ , then they have at most two common neighbors;
- 2) if  $d(x, y) \neq 2$ , then they do not have common neighbors.

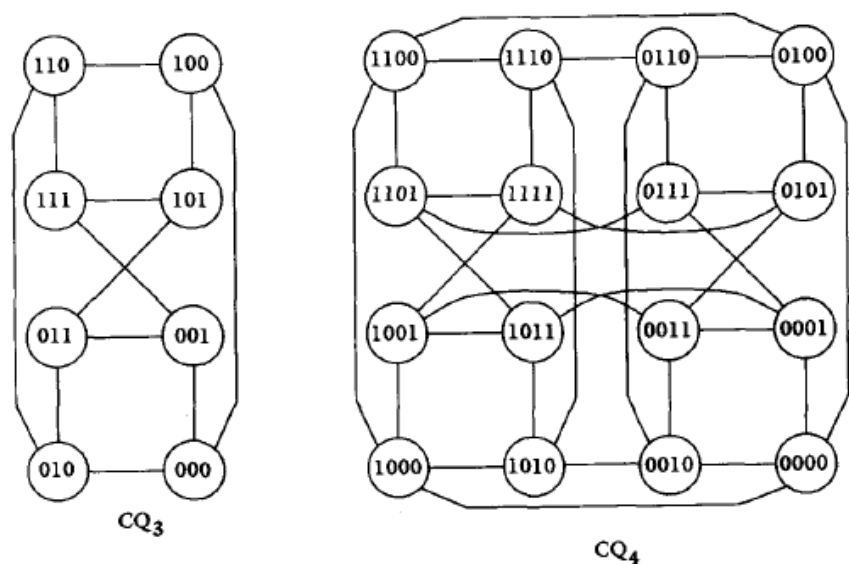


Figure 1. Crossed cube for  $n = 3, 4$ .

**Corollary 2.3.** The girth of  $CQ_n$  is  $4(n \geq 2)$ .

According to the definition of  $CQ_n$ , and similar to Lemma 2.1, we have

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any two vertices of  $V(CQ_n)(n \geq 2)$  such that have only two common neighbors.

- 1) If  $x \in V(CQ_{n-1}^0), y \in V(CQ_{n-1}^1)$ , then the one common neighbor is in  $CQ_{n-1}^0$ , and the other one is in  $CQ_{n-1}^1$ .
- 2) If  $x, y \in V(CQ_{n-1}^0)$  or  $V(CQ_{n-1}^1)$ , then the two common neighbors are in  $CQ_{n-1}^0$  or  $CQ_{n-1}^1$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** Let  $A$  be an induced subgraph of  $CQ_n$  and  $\delta(A) \geq 2$ .

- 1)  $|V(A)| \geq 4$ .
- 2) If  $V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^i) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $|V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^i)| \geq 2(i=0,1)$ .
- 3) If  $|V(A)| = 4$ , then  $A$  is a 4-cycle  $C_4$  and  $|V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^i)| = 2(i=0,1)$ .

**Proof:**

Because  $\delta(A) \geq 2$  and The girth of  $CQ_n$  is 4,  $|V(A)| \geq 4$ . If  $|V(A)| = 4$ , then  $A$  is a 4-cycle  $C_4$ .

Assume that  $|V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^0)| = 1$ . Let  $\{x\} = V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^0)$ . Since  $d(x) \geq 2$ ,  $x$  has at least two neighbors in  $V(CQ_{n-1}^1)$ , which is a contracted to the definition of  $CQ_n$ . Hence  $|V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^i)| = 2(i=0,1)$ . If  $|V(A)| = 4$ , then  $|V(A) \cap V(CQ_{n-1}^i)| = 2(i=0,1)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.**

$$\lambda^2(CQ_n) = 4n - 8(n \geq 4).$$

**Proof:**

Take a 4-cycle  $C_4$  in  $CQ_n$ . Clearly,  $|E(C_4)| = 4n - 8$  and  $CQ_n - E(C_4)$  is not connected and minimum degree of each component is at least two. Then  $\lambda^2(CQ_n) \leq 4n - 8$ .

We will show  $\lambda^2(CQ_n) \geq 4n - 8$  by induction. It is easy to check that holds for  $n = 4$ . So we suppose  $n \geq 5$ . Assume that it is true for  $n < k$ . Let  $n = k$ .

Let  $F \subseteq E(CQ_n)$  with  $|F| \leq 4n - 9$ . And  $CQ_n - F$  is not connected and minimum degree of each component is at least two. We have  $|F \cap E(CQ_{n-1}^0)| \leq 2n - 5$  or  $|F \cap E(CQ_{n-1}^1)| \leq 2n - 5$ . Without loss of generality, we set  $|F \cap E(CQ_{n-1}^0)| \leq 2n - 5$ . And  $CQ_{n-1}^0 - F$  is connected from the inductive hypothesis. We will show that every vertex of  $CQ_{n-1}^1 - F$  is connected to  $CQ_{n-1}^0 - F$ .

If there is a vertex  $u$  of  $CQ_{n-1}^1 - F$  with  $d_{CQ_{n-1}^1 - F}(u) = 1$ , then by the hypothesis  $u$  is connected to  $CQ_{n-1}^0 - F$ , a contradiction. Hence for any vertex  $u$  of  $CQ_{n-1}^1 - F$ , we have  $d_{CQ_{n-1}^1 - F}(u) \geq 2$ . Let  $H$  be an any component of  $CQ_{n-1}^1 - F$ . Since  $\delta(G) \geq 2$ , we have  $|V(H)| \geq 4$  and  $u_i \in V(H)(i=1,2,3,4)$  by Lemma 2.6. Suppose  $C = \{N_{CQ_{n-1}^1}(u_i) : i=1,2,3,4\}$  and  $|C| \geq 4n - 12$ . Let  $x$  be a some vertex of  $C$ . Because of  $|F| \leq 4n - 9$ , at least one vertex of  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, x\}$  has a neighbor in  $CQ_{n-1}^0 - F$ . Then  $H$  is connected to  $CQ_{n-1}^0 - F$ . Moreover,  $CQ_n - F$  is connected, a contradiction.

### 3. Conclusion

The conditional connectivity is a generalization of classical connectivity of

graphs. We determined the  $r$ -conditional degree connectivity of  $CQ_n$  for the small  $r$ . In the future, we will study other properties of crossed cubes.

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