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# Embeddings of Communication Trees and Grids into Hypercubes

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## ABSTRACT

This paper presents proofs of the following three results:

1. A full binary tree with  $2^n - 1$  nodes can be embedded in a hypercube of dimension  $d = n + 1$ .
2. If  $G$  is an  $l_1 \times l_2 \times \cdots \times l_k$  rectangular mesh, then the smallest hypercube which contains  $G$  as a subgraph has dimension  $d = m_1 + m_2 + \cdots + m_k$  where  $m_i = \lceil \log_2 l_i \rceil$  for all  $i$ .
3. If a global broadcast is implemented using a maximally embedded tree, then no node but the root (the source of the broadcast) needs to know the node number of the root. Other nodes only need to know the node from which they received the message.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Commercial hypercube structured parallel computers have recently become available. This has sparked interest in the question of whether particular graphs can be embedded in hypercubes preserving nearest neighbor connections.

In this paper we prove minimality results for embedding full binary trees and rectangular meshes in hypercubes. We also prove an independence result that simplifies implementing a global broadcast in the hypercube.

## 2. EMBEDDING FULL BINARY TREES

If  $T_n$  is a full binary tree with  $n$  levels, then  $T_n$  has  $2^n - 1$  nodes. Since an  $n$  dimensional hypercube ( $C_n$ ) has  $2^n$  nodes, this raises the question of whether  $T_n$  can be embedded in this cube. For  $n > 2$ , the answer is no, as can be seen by examination of the  $n = 3$  cube [1].

Theorem 2.1:  $T_n$  can be embedded in the  $n + 1$  cube for all  $n$ .

To prove the first theorem, we prove that an even more complicated structure is contained in the cube. We first define  $U_k$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

As a graph,  $U_k = (V, E)$  where

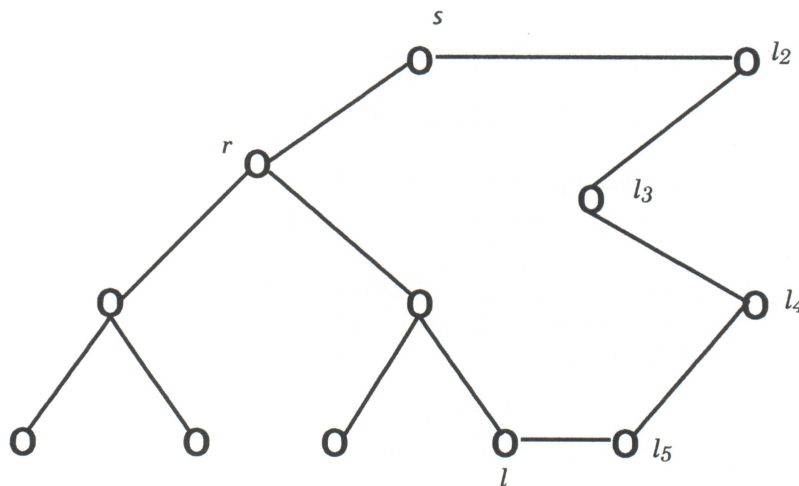
$$V = V' \cup \{s\} \cup \{l_2, \dots, l_{k+2}\}$$

(for convenience, set  $s = l_1$ )

$$E = E' \cup \{(r, s)\} \cup_{j=1}^{k+1} \{(l_j, l_{j+1})\} \cup \{(l_{k+2}, l)\}$$

and  $T_k = (V', E')$  is a  $k$ -level full binary tree with root  $r$  and a leaf  $l$ .

Graphically,  $U_3$  is represented by



Lemma 2.2: For every  $n \geq 1$ ,  $U_n$  embeds into  $C_{n+1}$  (the  $n + 1$  dim hypercube).

Proof of the Lemma:

Let  $n = 1$ . Since  $T_1 = (\{r\}, \phi)$ ,  $r$  is both the root and a leaf. Thus,  $U_1$  is a cycle of 4 nodes and graph isomorphic to  $C_2$ .

Now suppose  $U_{k-1}$  embeds into  $C_k$ ,  $k > 1$ , for every  $k$ -cube  $C_k$ .

Given  $C_{k+1}$ , choose a binary labeling of the nodes of  $C_{k+1}$  such that nearest neighbors differ in only one bit. Let  $C_k^{(i)}$  be the subcube of  $C_{k+1}$  of all nodes whose leading bit is  $i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) and all edges

connecting such nodes.  $C_k^{(0)}$  and  $C_k^{(1)}$  are known to be  $k$  dimensional hypercubes so, by induction, there exist

$$\tau^{(i)}: U_{k-1}^{(i)} \rightarrow C_k^{(i)} \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1$$

Let the superscripts 0 and 1 denote the  $T_{k-1}$ ,  $r$ ,  $s$  and  $l_j$  of the corresponding  $U_k^{(i)}$ . Since the embedding  $\tau^{(i)}$  is independent of the labeling of the nodes, make  $(s^{(0)}, l_2^{(0)})$  and  $(r^{(1)}, s^{(1)})$  isomorphic edges.

Now notice that there is a  $k$  level full binary tree rooted at  $r = s^{(0)}$  with left subtree  $T_{k-1}^{(0)}$  and right subtree  $T_{k-1}^{(1)}$ . Call this tree  $T_k$ . Set  $s = l_2^{(0)}$ . Note  $l_2^{(0)}$  is not a node of  $T_k$ , but  $(r, s) = (s^{(0)}, l_2^{(0)})$  is an edge of  $C_{k+1}$ . Set  $l_j = l_{j-1}^{(1)}$  for  $j > 2$ . Then, for  $(j > 2)$ ,  $(l_j, l_{j+1}) = (l_{j-1}^{(1)}, l_j^{(1)})$  are edges in  $C_{k+1}$ . Finally,  $l_{k+2} = l_{k+1}^{(1)} = l_{(k-1)+2}^{(1)}$  so there is a leaf node  $l$  of  $T_{k-1}^{(1)}$  (which is also a leaf of  $T_k$ ) such that  $(l_{k+2}, l)$  is an edge of  $C_{k+1}$ . This is an embedding since all edges of  $U_k$  were preserved and the nodes were mapped in a one to one fashion. QED

Theorem 2.1 now follows from the lemma. It should be noted in the proof of the lemma that the  $l_j$ 's are chosen with each edge  $(l_j, l_{j+1})$  representing a change in a new dimension. Thus, the path  $(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{n+2})$  is a path between antipodal points in  $C_{n+1}$  ( $l_{n+2}$  is the  $(n+1)$ -bit one's complement of  $s$  in the binary labelling).

### 3. EMBEDDING RECTANGULAR MESHES

A five by five rectangular mesh has 25 nodes. Can this mesh be embedded in a 5-cube? The answer is no, but it will embed in a 6-cube. A 9x9x9 cubic mesh has 729 nodes but the smallest cube containing this mesh is a 12-cube with 4096 nodes. The general result is as follows:

Theorem 3.1: The smallest hypercube which contains an  $l_1 \times l_2 \times \dots \times l_k$  rectangular mesh has dimension  $n = d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_k$  where  $d_i = \lceil \log_2 l_i \rceil$  for all  $i$ .

Proof:

Let  $M$  be a  $l_1 \times l_2 \times \dots \times l_k$  rectangular mesh. Identify  $M$  with

$$M \equiv L_1 \times L_2 \times \dots \times L_k \quad \text{where}$$

$$L_i = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, l_i - 1\}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{0}$  denote  $0 \times 0 \times \dots \times 0$  in  $M$ . Let  $C_n$  be the smallest hypercube such that  $\tau: M \rightarrow C_n$  is an embedding. Assume the standard binary labelling of the hypercube (so that  $\tau(m)$  is an integer in  $[0, 2^n - 1]$  and that adjacent nodes of the hypercube differ only in one bit). Assume, for convenience, that  $\tau(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}$ . For any point  $m \in M$  let  $m_i$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  coordinate of  $m$ .

Using composite Grey codes, it is easy to embed  $M$  in a cube with  $n = d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_k$  [1]. We will show that no smaller cube is sufficient.

For each coordinate  $j$ , define the  $j^{\text{th}}$  injection map  $\tau^j: L_j \rightarrow C_n$  via  $\tau^j(\lambda) = \tau(m)$  where

$$m_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \neq j \\ \lambda & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}$$

Lemma 3.2:  $\tau(m) = \bigoplus_j \tau^j(m_j)$  for all  $m \in M$ , where  $x \oplus y$  is the bitwise exclusive-or function. (The



elements



By Lemma 3.2:

$$\tau(i, s+1) = \tau^j(i) \oplus \tau^r(s+1)$$

$$\tau(i+1, s) = \tau^j(i+1) \oplus \tau^r(s)$$

But by definition of the  $\alpha$ 's:

$$\tau(i, s+1) = \tau^j(i) \oplus \tau^r(s) \oplus \alpha_s^r$$

$$\tau(i+1, s) = \tau^j(i) \oplus \tau^r(s) \oplus \alpha_i^j$$

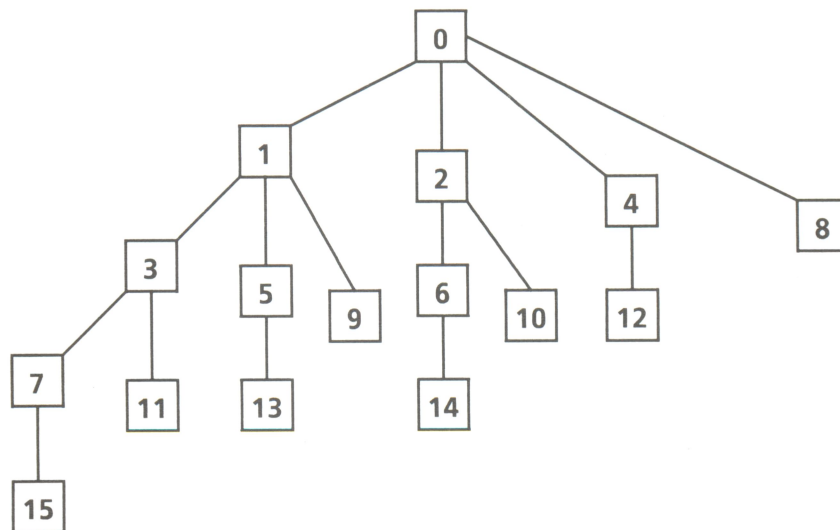
so if  $\alpha_s^r = \alpha_i^j$  then  $\tau(i, s+1) = \tau(i+1, s)$  which contradicts  $\tau$  being an embedding.

So the coordinates use disjoint sets of bits in the hypercube and so

$$n \geq d_1 + \dots + d_k$$

#### 4. BROADCAST TREES

Sometimes it is necessary for one node in a hypercube machine to pass the same message to all of the other nodes. This could be done by using  $NP-1$  sequential sends. A better balanced approach would be to treat the cube as a ring and send the message sequentially around the ring. A still better approach is to use a fanout tree in which each node sends the message to all of its neighbors which have not already received it. Assume that each node sends to its neighbors by increasing node number, the tree starting at 0 for  $C_4$  is

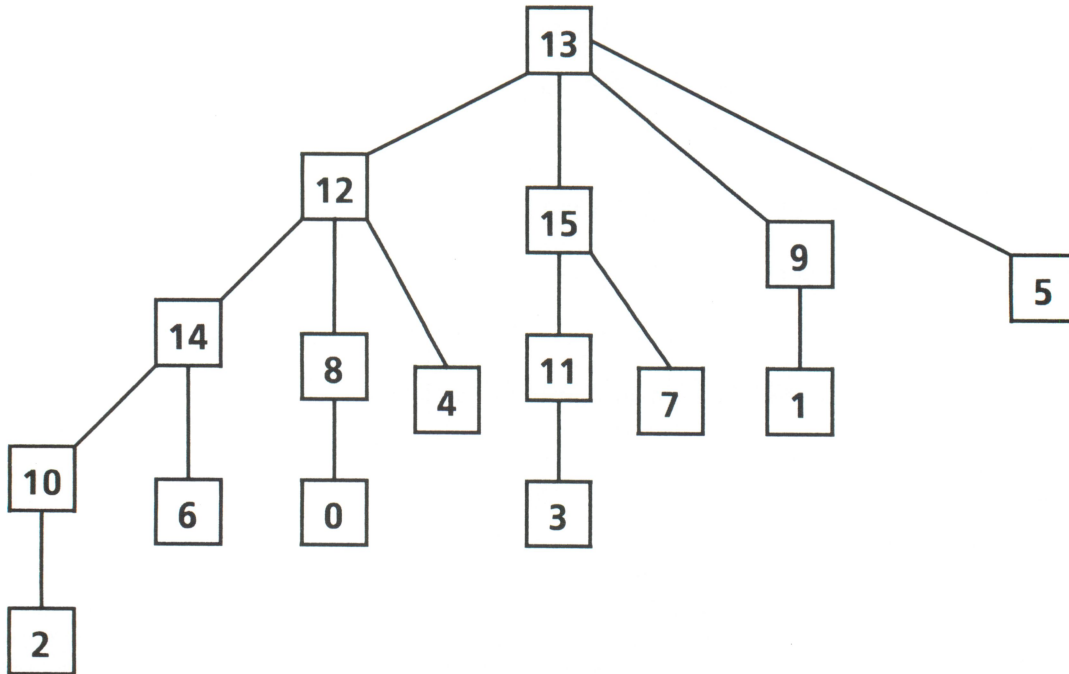


The neighbors of any node  $x$  in a hypercube are of the form

$$x \oplus 2^i \text{ for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

Each node in the send algorithm sends only to those neighbors  $x \oplus 2^j$  such that  $2^j > x$ .

The tree rooted at any other node  $r$  can be computed by taking the exclusive or of every tree node with  $r$ . For example, the  $C_4$  tree rooted at  $r = 13$  is



It is easy to compute this tree from the old one, given the root. What is not obvious is that this tree can be implemented without each node knowing the root. They need only know who sent them the message.

**Theorem 3.1:** If the root  $r$  sends to everybody and each other node  $x$ , which receives a message from  $z$ , sends it on to all neighbors  $y = x \oplus 2^j$  such that  $2^j > x \oplus z$ , then the resulting communication tree is the same as that obtained from exclusive or with  $r$  of the tree rooted at zero.

Proof:

If  $T_r$  is the tree rooted at  $r$  and  $T_0$  is the tree rooted at zero, then  $T_0 \cong T_r$  with the map given by  $r \oplus \_$  in both directions.

If  $x$  is in  $T_r$  then  $x \oplus r$  is its image in  $T_0$ .  $x \oplus r$  in  $T_0$  sends to all neighbors  $x \oplus r \oplus 2^j$  such that  $2^j > x \oplus r$ . Mapping back to  $T_r$  yields:

$x$  sends to all neighbors  $x \oplus 2^j$  such that  $2^j > x \oplus r$ .

If  $z$  is the parent of  $x$  in  $T_r$ , then  $r \oplus z$  is the parent of  $r \oplus x$  in  $T_0$  and  $x \oplus z = (r \oplus z) \oplus (r \oplus x)$ . So it is only necessary to verify that a node  $q$  in  $T_0$  sends to all neighbors

$q \oplus 2^j$  such that  $2^j > q \oplus p$  where  $p$  is the parent of  $q$ . That is, we need to verify that for the tree rooted at zero,  $2^j > q$  and  $2^j > q \oplus p$  yield the same set of neighbors.

However, by the way  $T_0$  is constructed, the smallest  $2^j > q$  is equal to  $2(p \oplus q)$  and hence it is also the smallest power of 2 greater than  $p \oplus q$ .

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