



# Radio number of square of hypercube

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**ABSTRACT:** Let  $G$  be a graph with diameter  $d$ . A radio labelling of  $G$  is a function  $f$  that assigns to each vertex with a non-negative integer such that the following holds for all vertices  $u, v$ :  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq d + 1 - d(u, v)$ , where  $d(u, v)$  is the distance between  $u$  and  $v$ . The span of  $f$  is the absolute difference of the largest and smallest values in  $f(V)$ . The radio number of  $G$  is the minimum span of a radio labelling admitted by  $G$ . In this article we determine the radio number of square of an odd dimensional hypercube.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Frequency Assignment Problem (FAP) is to assign frequencies to the transmitters in a network in a way which avoids interference and uses the spectrum as efficiently as possible. Sometimes these assigning frequencies are called channels. Thus the problem is also known as the *channel assignment problem*. Hale [5] formalized the frequency assignment problem as a generalized graph coloring problem. This coloring have several variations depending upon the type of assignment of frequencies to stations. If the channels assigned to the stations  $u$  and  $v$  are  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$ , respectively, then  $|f(u) - f(v)| \geq \ell_{uv}$ , where  $\ell_{uv}$  is inversely proportional to the distance  $d(u, v)$  between the stations  $u$  and  $v$ . Chartrand et al.[2] have introduced the radio  $k$ -coloring of simple connected graphs by taking  $\ell_{uv} = \text{diam}(G) + 1 - d(u, v)$ . The *span* of a radio labelling  $f$ , denoted by  $\text{span}_f(G)$ , is the largest integer assigned to a vertex of  $G$ . The *radio number* of  $G$ , denoted by  $\text{rn}(G)$ , is the minimum of spans of all possible radio labelings of  $G$ . A radio labeling  $G$  of  $G$  is called optimal if  $\text{span}_f(G) = \text{rn}(G)$ .

Determining the radio chromatic number of a graph is an interesting yet difficult combinatorial problem with potential applications to CAP. The radio number of any hypercube was determined in [7] by using generalized binary Gray codes. Ortiz et al. [20] have studied the radio number of generalized prism graphs and have computed the exact value of radio number for some specific types of generalized prism graphs. For two positive integers  $m \geq 3$  and  $n \geq 3$ , the Toroidal grids  $T_{m,n}$  are the cartesian product of cycle  $C_m$  with cycle  $C_n$ . Morris et al. [19] have determined the radio number of  $T_{n,n}$  and Saha et al. [21] have given exact value for radio number of  $T_{m,n}$  when  $mn \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ . The radio numbers of the square of paths and cycles were studied in [14, 15]. For a cycle  $C_n$ , the radio number was determined by Liu and Zhu [16], and the antipodal number is known only for  $n = 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$  (see [1, 6]).

The square of a graph  $G$  is the graph  $G^2$  having the vertex set same as that of  $G$  and edges between pair of vertices at distance one or two in  $G$ . In this article, we determine the radio number of square of an odd dimensional hypercube.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

For a hypercube  $Q_n$  of dimension  $n$ , the vertex set can be taken as binary  $n$ -bit strings and two vertices being adjacent if the corresponding strings differ at exactly one bit. For any two  $n$ -bit binary strings  $a = a_0a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$  and  $b = b_0b_1 \dots b_{n-1}$  the Hamming distance  $d_H(a, b)$  between  $a$  and  $b$  is the number of bits in which they differ. In particular, if  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}$ , then  $d_H(x, y) = 0$  or  $1$  according as  $x = y$  or  $x \neq y$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are two vertices of  $Q_n$  with  $a$  and  $b$  as the corresponding strings, then  $d_{Q_n}(u, v) = d_H(a, b)$ . Two  $n$ -bit binary strings may differ in at most  $n$  positions, so diameter of  $Q_n$  is  $n$ . The results in the following lemma may be found in [17].

**Lemma 2.1** For any three vertices  $u, v$  and  $w$  in  $Q_n$ , the following are hold

- (a)  $d_{Q_n}(u, v) + d_{Q_n}(v, w) + d_{Q_n}(w, u) \leq 2n$
- (b)  $d_{Q_n}(u, v) + d_{Q_n}(v, w) + d_{Q_n}(w, u) = 2n$  if and only if one of  $d_{Q_n}(u, v)$ ,  $d_{Q_n}(v, w)$ ,  $d_{Q_n}(w, u)$  is  $n$ .

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## III. LOWER BOUND FOR RADIO NUMBER OF $Q_n^2$

In this section we give a lower bound for radio number of  $Q_n^2$ . In next section we shall show that this bound is sharp when  $n \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ . For lower bound we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1** For every three vertices  $u, v$  and  $w$  of  $Q^2$ ,  $d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u) \leq n + 1$ .

**Proof :** It is easy to see that  $d(u, v) = \left\lfloor \frac{d_{Q_n}(u, v)}{2} \right\rfloor$  for any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  of  $Q_n^2$ , where  $d_{Q_n}(u, v)$  denotes the distance of  $u$  and  $v$  in  $Q_n$ . Therefore,  $d_{Q_n}(u, v) = 2d(u, v) - r_1$  where  $r_1 \in \{0, 1\}$ . Similarly,  $d_{Q_n}(v, w) = 2d(v, w) - r_2$  and  $d_{Q_n}(w, u) = 2d(w, u) - r_3$ , where  $r_2, r_3 \in \{0, 1\}$ . Again applying Lemma 2.1, we have  $d_{Q_n}(u, v) + d_{Q_n}(v, w) + d_{Q_n}(w, u) \leq 2n$  and so  $d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u) = \frac{1}{2} \{ d_{Q_n}(u, v) + d_{Q_n}(v, w) + d_{Q_n}(w, u) + r_1 + r_2 + r_3 \} \leq \frac{2n+r_1+r_2+r_3}{2}$ . Since  $d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u)$  is an integer, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(u, v) + d(v, w) + d(w, u) &\leq \left\lfloor \frac{n+r_1+r_2+r_3}{2} \right\rfloor \\ &\leq \left\lfloor \frac{2n+3}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad (\text{since } 0 \leq r_1, r_2, r_3 \leq 1). \\ &= n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the lemma is proved.

**Theorem 1** For an  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$ ,

$$rn(Q_n^2) \geq \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n+7}{4} \right\rfloor, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd;} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n+4}{4} \right\rfloor (2^{n-1} - 1) + 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof :** Let  $f$  be an arbitrary radio labelling of  $Q_n^2$  and  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{2^n-1}$  be an ordering of the vertices of  $Q_n^2$  such that  $0 = f(x_0) < f(x_1) < \dots < f(x_{2^n-1})$ . Let  $D$  be the diameter of  $Q_n^2$ . Then  $D = \frac{n}{2}$  or  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  according as  $n$  is even or odd. Now from the radio conditions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i) &\geq D + 1 - d(x_i, x_{i+1}) \\ f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_{i+1}) &\geq D + 1 - d(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}) \\ f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) &\geq D + 1 - d(x_i, x_{i+2}). \end{aligned}$$

Now adding the above inequality and using Lemma 3.1, we get

$$2(f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)) \geq 3(D + 1) - (n + 1)$$

and the above inequality holds for each  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 3\}$ . Since  $f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)$  is an integer, the above inequality gives

$$f(x_{i+2}) - f(x_i) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{3(D + 1) - (n + 1)}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad 0 \leq i \leq 2^n - 3.$$

Adding the above inequality for even  $i$  and using  $f(x_{2^{n-1}}) - f(x_{2^{n-2}}) \geq 1$ , we have

$$f(x_{2^{n-1}}) \geq \left\lfloor \frac{3(D + 1) - (n + 1)}{2} \right\rfloor (2^{n-1} - 1) + 1.$$

Hence the result as  $f$  was an arbitrary radio labelling of  $Q_n^2$ .

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## IV. OPTIMAL RADIO LABELLING OF $Q_n^2$

In this section, we present an optimal radio labelling of  $Q_n^2$  when  $n$  is odd.

**Lemma 4.1** For any odd integer  $n$ , there exists an ordering  $v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}$  of vertices of  $Q_n$  such that the sequence  $d(v_0, v_1), d(v_1, v_2), \dots, d(v_{2^{n-2}}, v_{2^{n-1}})$  is an alternating sequence of  $n$ 's and  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  (beginning with  $n$ ).

The lemmas given below produces an ordering of vertices  $Q_n^2$  that facilitate an optimal radio labelling.

**Lemma 4.2** For  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , there exists an ordering  $v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}$  of vertices of  $Q_n^2$  such that for all  $i$  the following hold.

- (a)  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+1}{4}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$
- (b)  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \frac{n+1}{4}$ .
- (c)  $d(v_i, v_{i+3}) = \frac{n+1}{4}$  for even integer  $i$ .

Proof : Since  $V(Q) = V(Q_n^2)$ , we take the same ordering  $v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}$  as in Lemma4.1 for the vertices of  $Q_n^2$ . Since  $d(v_0, v_1), d(v_1, v_2), \dots, d(v_{2^{n-2}}, v_{2^{n-1}})$  is an alternating sequence of  $n$ 's and  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  (beginning with  $n$ ), so the part (a) is complete due to the fact  $d(u, v) = \left\lfloor \frac{d_{Q_n}(u,v)}{2} \right\rfloor$  for any two vertices  $u, v$  in  $Q_n^2$ . For part (b), first we assume  $i$  being an even integer. Then

$$d_{Q_n}(v_i, v_{i+1}) = n$$

and

$$d_{Q_n}(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}) = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

and hence from Lemma2.1 we have

$$d_{Q_n}(v_{i+2}, v_i) = \frac{n-1}{2}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} d(v_i, v_{i+1}) &= \frac{n+1}{2}, \\ d(v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}) &= \frac{n+1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = \frac{n+1}{4}.$$

By similar argument we can prove the result for odd integer  $i$ .

Part (c) is similar to the part of (b). For part (c) we have to take three vertices  $v_i, v_{i+2}, v_{i+3}$  for even  $i$ .

Using similar argument as used in Lemma 4.2 we can prove the following result.

**Lemma 4.3** For  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , there exists an ordering  $v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}$  of vertices of  $Q_n^2$  such that for all  $Q_n^2$  the following hold.

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- (a)  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+3}{4}, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$
- (b)  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \frac{n-1}{4}.$
- (c)  $d(v_i, v_{i+3}) = \frac{n-1}{4}, \quad \text{for even integer } i.$

In the theorem below we determine an upper bound for radio number of  $Q_n^2$  when  $n$  is odd.

**Theorem 2** For any  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$  with  $n$  as odd

$$rn(Q_n^2) \leq \begin{cases} \left(\frac{n+7}{4}\right)(2^{n-1}-1)+1, & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ \left(\frac{n+7}{4}\right)(2^{n-1}-1)+1, & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Proof : Let  $v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}$  be the ordering of vertices of  $Q_n$  prescribed in Lemma 4.1. Then  $v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}$  is an arrangement of vertices in  $Q_n^2$  such that the sequence  $d(v_0, v_1), d(v_1, v_2), \dots, d(v_{2^{n-2}}, v_{2^{n-1}})$  is an alternating sequence of  $\frac{n+1}{2}$ 's and  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \right\rceil$ 's (beginning with  $\frac{n+1}{2}$ ). We consider the following two cases according  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . In both the cases we take  $V(Q_n^2) = \{v_0, v_2, \dots, v_{2^{n-1}}\}$ .

Case-1 :  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Here define a mapping  $f: V(Q_n^2) \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \}$  by

$$f(v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{i}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right), & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{i-1}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right) + 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

We show that  $f$  is a radio labelling of  $Q_n^2$ . Let  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  be arbitrary two vertices of  $Q_n^2$ . Without loss of generality we assume  $i < j$ . If  $j = i + 1$ , then from the definition of  $f$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_{i+1}) - f(v_i) &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{i+1}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right) - \frac{i-1}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right) - 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+1}{4} + 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

As  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \frac{n+1}{2}$  or  $d(v_i, v_{i+1}) = \frac{n+1}{4}$  according as  $i$  is even or odd, so from the above equality, we may write  $f(v_{i+1}) - f(v_i) = \frac{n+1}{2} + 1 - d(v_{i+1}, v_i)$  for all  $i$ . Therefore the radio condition is satisfied for  $j = i + 1$ . Now we show that the same is true for  $j \geq i + 4$ . For this we calculate  $f(v_{i+4}) - f(v_i)$  in the following. From the definition of  $f$  we have

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$$f(v_{i+4}) - f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{i+4}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right) - \frac{i}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right), & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{i+3}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right) + 1 - \frac{i-1}{2} \left( \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 \right) - 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{2} + 4.$$

Therefore  $f(v_{i+1}) - f(v_i) > \frac{n+1}{2}$  for  $j \geq i + 4$  as  $f$  is an increasing function with  $j$ . Since the diameter of  $Q_n^2$  is  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  the radio condition is satisfied for two vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  when  $j \geq i + 4$ . Therefore, our remaining cases for showing radio condition are  $j = i + 2$  and  $j = i + 3$ . First take  $j = i + 2$ . From the definition of  $f$  and using  $d(v_i, v_{i+2}) = \frac{n+1}{4}$  from Lemma 2.1, we have

$$f(v_{i+2}) - f(v_i) = \frac{n+1}{4} + 2 > \frac{n+1}{2} + 1 - d(v_i, v_{i+2}) \quad (1)$$

Therefore radio conditions are also satisfied when  $j = i + 2$ . Now we take  $j = i + 3$ . From definition of  $f$ , we have

$$f(v_{i+3}) - f(v_i) = \begin{cases} \frac{n+1}{4} + 3, & \text{if } i \text{ is even;} \\ \frac{n+1}{2} + 3, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

From above it is clear that the radio condition is automatically satisfied for odd  $i$  as the difference  $f(v_{i+3}) - f(v_i)$  exceeds the diameter of  $Q_n^2$ . Again for even integer  $i$ ,  $d(v_i, v_{i+3}) = \frac{n+1}{4}$  (from Lemma 2.1) and so in this case the radio conditions also hold. On account of all the above all possible cases, we can say that  $f$  is an antipodal labelling of  $Q_n^2$ . Clearly, the span of  $f$  is  $\binom{n+9}{4} (2^{n-1} - 1) + 1$  and it attains at  $v_{2^{n-1}}$ . Therefore, the theorem is proved when  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

**Case-2 :**  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . In this case define a mapping

$$g: V(Q_n^2) \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots\} \text{ by}$$

$$g(v_{i+1}) = \begin{cases} \frac{i}{2} \left( \frac{n+3}{4} + 1 \right), & \text{if } i \text{ is even} \\ \frac{i-1}{2} \left( \frac{n+3}{4} + 1 \right) + 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

To show  $g$  is a radio labelling of  $Q_n^2$ , we need to show  $g(v_j) - g(v_i) \geq \frac{n+1}{2} + 1 - d(v_i, v_j)$

for all  $i$  and  $j$  with  $j > i$ . Observe that if  $g(v_j) - g(v_i) \geq \frac{n+1}{2}$  for some  $i$  and  $j$ , then radio condition automatically satisfies. By simple calculation as used in Case-1, we may show that  $g(v_j) - g(v_i) \geq \frac{n+1}{2}$  with  $j - i \geq 4$ . So we to prove the radio condition for  $j \in \{i + 1, i + 2, i + 3\}$ . By similar argument with the help of Lemma 4.3, we can show that the radio condition satisfies for these values  $j$ .



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