# A systematic approach for finding Hamiltonian cycles with a prescribed edge in crossed cubes

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Abstract—The crossed cube is one of the most notable variations of hypercube, but some properties of the former are superior to those of the latter. For example, the diameter of the crossed cube is almost the half of that of the hypercube. In this paper, we focus on the problem embedding a Hamiltonian cycle through an arbitrary given edge in the crossed cube. We give necessary and sufficient condition for determining whether a given permutation with n elements over  $Z_n$  generates a Hamiltonian cycle pattern of the crossed cube. Moreover, we obtain a lower bound for the number of different Hamiltonian cycles passing through a given edge in an n-dimensional crossed cube. Our work extends some recently obtained results.

Keywords—Interconnection network, Hamiltonian, Crossed cubes, Prescribed edge.

## I. Introduction

The ring structure is a fundamental network for multiprocessor systems and suitable for developing simple algorithms with low communication cost. Many efficient algorithms were designed with respect to rings for solving a variety of algebraic problems, graph problems, and some parallel applications, such as those in image and signal processing [2], [9]. To carry out a ring-structure algorithm on a multiprocessor computer or a distributed system, the processes of the parallel algorithm need to be mapped to the nodes of the interconnection network in the system such that any two adjacent processes in the cycle are mapped to two adjacent node of the network. Due to execute a parallel program efficiently, the targeted interconnection network posses a Hamiltonian cycle, i.e., a cycle that passes every node of the network exactly once if the number of processes in the ring-structure parallel algorithm equals the number of nodes of the interconnection network. On the other hand, each link in a parallel distributed system may be assigned with distinct bandwidth, thus, it is meaningful to study the problem of how to embed a Hamiltonian cycle into a network such that these cycles pass through a special edge.

Hypercubes are the most well known of all interconnection networks for parallel computing, given their basic simplicity, their generally desirable topological and algorithmic properties. Thus, many practical parallel computer systems, such as Intel iPSC, the nCUBE family [6], the SGI's Origin 2000 [10], and the Connection Machine [11], employ the hypercubes as the interconnection network. The crossed cube proposed by Efe [3] is one of the most notable variations of hypercube, but some properties of the former are superior to those of

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the latter. For example, the diameter of the crossed cube is almost the half of that of the hypercube. With regard to cycles embedding of crossed cubes, many interesting results have received considerable attention [1], [5], [7], [8], [12], [13], [14]. In particular, Zheng and Latifi [14] introduced to the notion of reflected link label sequences and proposed a kind of codeword, called Generalized Gray Code. Applying these concepts, they showed that  $CQ_n$  can embed cycles of arbitrary length from 4 to  $2^n$ . In this paper, we consider the problem of embedding a Hamiltonian cycle passing through a prescribed edge in the crossed cube. We introduce a new concept, the cycle pattern, and use it to propose a systematic approach for embedding a desired Hamiltonian cycle in the crossed cube. In particular, we give necessary and sufficient condition for determining whether or not a given permutation with nelements over  $Z_n$  generates a Hamiltonian cycle pattern of the crossed cube. Our work extends some recently obtained results in [12], [14].

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section II introduces definitions and reflected edge label sequence that will be used throughout this paper. In Section III, we propose cycle pattern concept and give necessary and sufficient condition for determining whether or not a given permutation with n elements over  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  generates a Hamiltonian cycle pattern of the crossed cube. Based on this concept, how many distinct Hamiltonian cycles pass through a given edge in  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{Q}_n$  is calculated in Section IV. Conclusions are given in the final section.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

A topology of an interconnection network is conveniently represented by an undirected simple graph G = (V, E), where V(G) and E(G) is the vertex set and the edge set of G, respectively. Throughout this paper, vertex and node, edge and link, graph and network are used interchangeably. For graph terminology and notation not defined here we refer the reader to [9]. A walk in a graph is a finite sequence  $\omega: \lambda_0, e_1, \lambda_1, e_2, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{k-1}, e_k, \lambda_k$  whose terms are alternately vertices and edges such that, for  $1 \le i \le k$ , the edge  $e_i$  has ends  $\lambda_{i-1}$  and  $\lambda_i$ , thus each edge  $e_i$  is immediately preceded and succeeded by the two vertices with which it is incident. In particular, a walk  $\omega$  is called a path if all internal vertices,  $\lambda_i$  for  $1 \le i \le k-1$ , of the walk  $\omega$  are distinct. The first vertex  $\lambda_0$  of  $\omega$  is called its start vertex, and the vertex  $\lambda_k$  is called a last vertex. Both of them are called end-vertices of the path  $\omega$ . For simplicity, the path  $\omega$  is also denoted by  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$ . If  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_k$ , then  $\omega$  is called a cycle. A cycle of

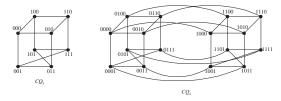


Fig. 1. Crossed cubes  $CQ_3$  and  $CQ_4$ .

length l is called a l-cycle. A path (respectively, cycle) which traverses each vertex of G exactly once is  $Hamiltonian\ path$  (respectively,  $Hamiltonian\ cycle$ ).

An n-dimensional crossed cube, denoted as  $CQ_n$ , was first proposed by Efe [3]. It is derived by "crossing" some edges in  $Q_n$ . With exactly same hardware cost as hypercube, it has been shown that such a simple variation gains important benefits such as greatly reduced diameter. To define crossed cubes, the notion so called "pair related" relation is introduced. Let  $R = \{(00,00), (10,10), (01,11), (11,01)\}$ . Two binary strings  $u_1u_0$  and  $v_1v_0$  are pair related, denoted as  $u \sim v$ , if and only if  $(u,v) \in R$ . Subsequently, a crossed cube of dimension n is an undirected graph consisting of  $2^n$  vertices labeled from 0 to  $2^n - 1$  and defined recursively as following:

Definition 1: [3] The crossed cube  $CQ_1$  is a complete graph with two vertices labeled by 0 and 1, respectively. For  $n \geq 2$ , an n-dimensional crossed cube  $CQ_n$  consists of two (n-1)-dimensional sub-crossed cubes,  $CQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $CQ_{n-1}^1$ , and a perfect matching between the vertices of  $CQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $CQ_{n-1}^1$  according to the following rule:

Let  $V(CQ_{n-1}^0) = \{0u_{n-2}u_{n-3}\cdots u_0: u_i = 0 \text{ or } 1\}$  and  $V(CQ_{n-1}^1) = \{1v_{n-2}v_{n-3}\cdots v_0: v_i = 0 \text{ or } 1\}$ . The vertex  $u = 0u_{n-2}u_{n-3}\cdots u_0 \in V(CQ_{n-1}^0)$  and the vertex  $v = 1v_{n-2}v_{n-3}\cdots v_0 \in V(CQ_{n-1}^1)$  are adjacent in  $CQ_n$  if and only if

(1) 
$$u_{n-2} = v_{n-2}$$
 if *n* is even, and

(2) 
$$u_{2i+1}u_{2i} \sim v_{2i+1}v_{2i}$$
, for  $0 \le i < \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$ .

An edge  $(u,v)\in E(CQ_n)$  is labeled by j if  $u_j\neq v_j$  and  $u_i=v_i$  for  $j+1\leq i\leq n-1$ , i.e, v is the j-th dimensional neighbor (abbreviated as j-neighbor) of u, denoted by u[j]v or v[j]u. It is observed that each vertex u in  $CQ_n$  has n neighbors in  $CQ_n$ ; u has exactly one j-neighbor for  $0\leq j\leq n-1$ . As a consequence, there are  $2^{n-1}$  edges labeled by  $j,0\leq j\leq n-1$ , in  $CQ_n$ . For example, the graphs shown in Figure 1 are  $CQ_3$  and  $CQ_4$ .

A path in  $CQ_n$  might be specified by the source vertex and a sequence of labels detailing the edges to be traversed, for example, the path in  $CQ_3$  detailed as having the source vertex 000 and then following the edges labeled 1,2,1 (also denoted [1,2,1]) is actually the path 000,010,110,100, also denoted 000[1,2,1]100. Besides, 000[1,2]110,100,000,010[2,1]100, and 000[1,2,1]100 are represented the identical path 000,010,110,100. Therefore, the sequence  $L=[d_1,d_2,\ldots,d_m]$  is called an  $Edge\ Label\ Sequence$  in  $CQ_n$  if two adjacent labels are not identical where  $d_i\in Z_n,\ Z_n=\{0,1,\ldots,n-1\},$  for  $1\leq i\leq m$ .

A walk,  $\omega(L, u) = \lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_m$ , in  $CQ_n$  can be generated with respect to a given edge label sequence L and a

given vertex u as follows:  $\lambda_0=u$ , and  $\lambda_j$  is the  $d_j$ -neighbor of  $\lambda_{j-1}$  in  $CQ_n$  where  $1\leq j\leq m$ , i.e,  $\lambda_{j-1}[d_{j-1}]\lambda_j$ . Thus, this walk  $\omega(L,u)$  is also represented as  $\lambda_0[L]\lambda_m$ . In particular, the edge label sequence L is interesting in this paper when it generates a loop-free path  $\omega(L,u)$  starting from any vertex u in  $CQ_n$ .

Hereafter, we are interesting a special edge label sequence called reflected link label sequence generated by a systematic method. A reflected edge label sequence of length  $2^k$  is generated from a permutation with k elements over  $Z_n$ . Let  $\pi_k = \langle d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_k \rangle$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , be a permutation over  $Z_n$  with k elements, and let  $\pi_k(i) = \langle d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_i \rangle$ . The Reflected Edge Label Sequence,  $RL_{\pi_k}$  defined by  $\pi_k$ , be generated recursively as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} RL_{\pi_k(1)} &= d_1 \\ RL_{\pi_k(i)} &= RL_{\pi_k(i-1)}, d_i, RL_{\pi_k(i-1)}, 1 \leq i \leq k; \text{ and } \\ RL_{\pi_k} &= RL_{\pi_k(k)} \end{array}$$

As a result, the  $RL_{\pi_k}$  defined by arbitrary permutation  $\pi_k$  over  $Z_n$  is a symmetry edge label sequence in  $CQ_n$ . Zheng and Latifi [14] observe the following lemma.

Lemma 1: [14] For any vertex u in  $CQ_n$  and any  $\pi_n$  permutation over  $Z_n$  with n elements, the walk  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n},u)$  corresponds to a Hamiltonian path of  $CQ_n$  that start from u.

Lemma 2: Assume that  $\pi_n$  is a permutation,  $\langle d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n \rangle$ , with n elements over on  $Z_n$ . Then, the total number of  $d_k$ ,  $1 \le k \le n$ , in  $RL_{\pi_n}$  equals to  $2^{n-k}$ .

Lemma 3: Assume that  $\pi_n^0$  and  $\pi_n^1$  are two distinct permutations with n elements over on  $Z_n$ . Then,  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n^0},u)$  and  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n^1},v)$  correspond two distinct Hamiltonian paths of  $CQ_n$  for any two vertices u and v of  $CQ_n$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\pi_n^0 = \langle d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n \rangle$  and  $\pi_n^1 = \langle d_1', d_2', \dots, d_n' \rangle$  be two distinct permutations over on  $Z_n$ . Since  $\pi_n^0 \neq \pi_n^1$ , there exist k and k such that  $k \neq k$  and  $k = d_k'$ . By Lemma 2 and for any two vertices  $u, v \in V(CQ_n)$ , the path  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n^0}, u)$  and  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n^1}, v)$  passes through  $2^{n-k}$  and  $2^{n-k}$  edges in dimension  $d_k$  and  $d_k'$  of  $CQ_n$ , respectively. As a conclusion,  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n^0}, u)$  and  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n^1}, v)$  correspond to two distinct Hamiltonian paths of  $CQ_n$ .

# III. CYCLE PATTERNS

Let L be an edge label sequence of  $CQ_n$  with l elements. We called L an l-cycle pattern, l-CP for short, of  $CQ_n$  if the walk  $\omega(L,u)$  forms an l-cycle for every vertex u. Particularly, appending  $d_k$  to the end of the sequence  $RL_{\pi_k}$ , we obtain an edge label sequence  $[RL_{\pi_k},d_k]$  where  $\pi_k=\langle d_1,d_2,\ldots,d_k\rangle$ . For convenience, we use  $C_{\pi_k}$  to denote the special sequence  $[RL_{\pi_k},d_k]$  in the following; thus,  $C_{\pi_k}$  contains  $2^k$  edge labels for any permutation,  $\pi_k$ , with k elements. In other word, we are interested the special permutations,  $\pi_k$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , with k elements over  $Z_n$  satisfy that  $C_{\pi_k}$  is a  $2^k$ -CP of  $CQ_n$ . Such permutation  $\pi_k$  is called a  $2^k$ -CP generator of  $CQ_n$ . In particular,  $\pi_n$  is called a Hamiltonian cycle pattern generator if  $C_{\pi_n}$  is a  $2^n$ -CP.

Herein, fundamental properties of  $CQ_n$  are proposed in order to help for constructing  $2^k$ -CP generator of  $CQ_n$ . Let  $B_2 = \{00,01,10,11\}$  and  $\gamma: B_2 \to B_2$  be a bijection mapping, which is defined as follows:  $\gamma(u_1u_0) = v_1v_0$  if and

only if  $u_1u_0$  and  $v_1v_0$  are pair related, i.e.,  $u_1u_0 \sim v_1v_0$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_b: B_2 \to B_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_f: B_2 \to B_2$  be two bijection mappings, which are defined as follows  $\mathcal{C}_b(u_1u_0) = u_1\overline{u_0}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_f(u_1u_0) = \overline{u_1}u_0$ , respectively. Thus, a compose function  $g \circ f: B_2 \to B_2$  defined by  $(g \circ f)(u) = g(f(u))$  for all  $u \in B_2$  is obtained where  $g, f \in \{\gamma, \mathcal{C}_f, \mathcal{C}_b\}$ . The following lemma is useful in the proof of Lemma 5. It is not difficult to verify by straightforward; hence, the detail proof is omitted.

Lemma 4: For  $k \ge 1$ , let u be any 2-bit binary string. Then,

- (1)  $f^{2k}(u) = u$  where  $f \in \{\gamma, C_f, C_b\}$ ,
- (2)  $C_f \circ \gamma(u) = \gamma \circ C_f(u)$ , and
- (3)  $C_b \circ \gamma(u) = C_f \circ \gamma \circ C_b(u)$ .

Consequently, Lemma 5 gives necessary and sufficient conditions for determining  $2^k$ -CP generator of  $CQ_n$  for  $2 \le k \ge n$ .

Lemma 5: For  $n \geq 3$  and  $2 \leq k \leq n$ , let  $\pi_k = \langle d_1, \ldots, d_{k-1}, d_k \rangle$  be a permutation over  $Z_n$  with k elements where  $2 \leq k \leq n$ . Then,  $\pi_k$  is not a  $2^k$ -CP generator if and only if  $\min\{d_{k-1}, d_k\}$  is even and  $|d_k - d_{k-1}| \geq 2$ . Moreover, for any vertex u in  $CQ_n$ , two end-vertices of the walk  $\omega(C_{\pi_k}, u)$  are only different from the g-th bit position where  $g = \min\{d_{k-1}, d_k\} + 1$  if  $\pi_k$  is not a  $2^k$ -CP generator in  $CQ_n$ .

**Proof.** The lemma is proved by induction on k. We first claim the base case for k = 2. Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $d_1 < d_2$ . Also let u be a vertex of  $CQ_n$ .

 $(\Rightarrow) \text{ Suppose that } d_1=d_2-1 \text{ if } d_1 \text{ is even; otherwise, } d_1 \text{ is an odd integer. It is claimed that } u[d_1,d_2,d_1,d_2]v \text{ forms a 4-cycle in } CQ_n, \text{ i.e., } u=v. \text{ It is obvious that } u=v \text{ if } d_1=d_2-1. \text{ So, we just consider only } d_1 \text{ is an odd integer. } \text{Since } d_1< d_2 \text{ and } d_1 \text{ is odd, } u_j=v_j \text{ for } j>d_1 \text{ or } j< d_1-1. \text{ We check only whether } u_{d_1}u_{d_1-1}=v_{d_1}v_{d_1-1} \text{ or not. } \text{Note that } v_{d_1}v_{d_1-1}=(\gamma\circ C_f)^2(u_{d_1}u_{d_1-1}). \text{ By Lemma 4, } (\gamma\circ C_f)^2(u_{d_1}u_{d_1-1})=u_{d_1}u_{d_1-1}. \text{ Therefore, } u=v.$ 

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose that  $d_1$  is even and  $d_1 < d_2 - 1$ . It is observed that  $u_j = v_j$  for  $j > d_1 + 1$  or  $j < d_1$ , and  $v_{d_1+1}v_{d_1} = (\gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_b)^2(u_{d_1+1}u_{d_1})$ . By Lemma 4,  $(\gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_b)^2(u_{d_1+1}u_{d_1}) = \overline{\mathcal{C}_f(u_{d_1+1}u_{d_1})} = \overline{u_{d_1+1}}u_{d_1}$ . Therefore,  $u[d_1, d_2, d_1, d_2]v$  is not a 4-cycle and u, v are only different from the  $d_1$ -th bit position.

As a subsequence, suppose that the lemma is true for  $k \leq m-1$ . Let  $\pi_m$  be a permutation,  $\langle d_1,\ldots,d_{m-1},d_m\rangle$ , with m elements over  $Z_n$ . The  $C_{\pi_m}$  will be represented by  $[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)},d_m,RL_{\pi_m(m-1)},d_m]$  where  $RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}$  is a reflected edge label sequence generated by the permutation  $\langle d_1,d_2,\ldots,d_{m-2},d_{m-1}\rangle$ . Let  $u=u_{n-1}u_{n-2}\ldots u_0$  be an arbitrary vertex of  $CQ_n$ . The walk  $\omega(C_{\pi_m},u)$  is written as  $u[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]x[d_m]y[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]z[d_m]\mathbf{v}$ , where  $u[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]x$  is the path  $\omega(RL_{\pi_m(m-1)},u)$  and  $y[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]z$  is the path  $\omega(RL_{\pi_m(m-1)},y)$ . According to whether or not  $\pi_m(m-1)$  is a  $2^{m-1}$ -CP generator, the proof is divided into two parts as follows.

Case 1:  $\pi_m(m-1)$  is a  $2^{m-1}$ -CP generator.

Hence u and y is a  $d_{m-1}$ -neighbor of x and z, respectively, i.e.,  $u[d_{m-1}]x$  and  $y[d_{m-1}]z$ . Therefore,  $u[d_{m-1}]x[d_m]y[d_{m-1}]z[d_m]v$  is a path having the source vertex u and then following the edge label sequence  $[d_{m-1},d_m,d_{m-1},d_m]$ .

- $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $\langle d_{m-1}, d_m \rangle$  is a 4-CP generator. Thus, u=v. Therefore,  $\omega(C_{\pi_k},u)$  is a  $2^k$ -cycle in  $CQ_n$ .
- $(\Leftarrow) \text{ Suppose that } \langle d_{m-1}, d_m \rangle \text{ is not a 4-CP generator. By induction hypothesis, } u \text{ and } v \text{ are only different from the } g\text{-th bit position where } g = \min\{d_{m-1}, d_m\} + 1\text{. Hence } \omega(C_{\pi_m}, u) \text{ is not a } 2^m\text{-cycle of } CQ_n.$

Case 2:  $\pi_m(m-1)$  is not a  $2^{m-1}$ -CP generator.

By induction hypothesis,  $u[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]x[d_{m-1}]w$  does not form a cycle, i.e,  $u \neq w$ . Moreover, u and w are only different from the h-th bit position where  $h = \min\{d_{m-2}, d_{m-1}\} + 1$ . Let  $g = \min\{d_{m-1}, d_m\} + 1$ . In this case, there are six situations with respect to the relation of  $d_{m-2}$ ,  $d_{m-1}$ , and  $d_m$ . The proof of each situation is similar. Thus, we discuss only the case of  $d_{m-2} > d_{m-1} > d_m$  in the following, that is,  $h = d_{m-1} + 1$  and  $g = d_m + 1$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\langle d_{m-2}, d_{m-1} \rangle$  is not a 4-CP generator. By induction hypothesis,  $d_{m-1}$  is an even integer. Obviously, the vertex  $x = x_{n-1}x_{n-2}\dots x_0$  satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} x_i &= u_i \text{ for } i > h, \\ x_h x_{h-1} &= \overline{u_h u_{h-1}}, \text{ and} \\ x_{2j+1} x_{2j} &= \gamma (u_{2j+1} u_{2j}) \text{ for } \frac{h-3}{2} \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $C_{\langle d_{m-1},d_m\rangle}$  is a 4-CSK. We will claim that  $C_{\pi_m}$  is a  $2^m$ -CSK in  $CQ_n$ , i.e.,  $\omega(C_{\pi_m},u)$  is a  $2^m$ -cycle. Since  $d_{m-1}>d_m$  and by induction hypothesis,  $d_m$  is an odd integer. Since y is the  $d_m$ -neighbor of x, the vertex  $y=y_{n-1}y_{n-2}\dots y_0$  satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} y_i & = u_i \text{ for } i > h, \\ y_h y_{h-1} & = \overline{u_h u_{h-1}}, \\ y_{2l+1} y_{2l} & = \gamma (u_{2l+1} u_{2l}) \text{ for } \frac{h-3}{2} \geq j \geq \frac{d_m+1}{2}, \\ y_{d_m} y_{d_m-1} & = \mathcal{C}_f \circ \gamma (u_{d_m} u_{d_m-1}), \text{ and} \\ y_j & = u_j \text{ for } (d_m-2) \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Note that  $y[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]z.$  Thus, the vertex  $z=z_{n-1}z_{n-2}\dots z_0$  satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} z_i &= u_i \text{ for } i > h, \\ z_h z_{h-1} &= u_h u_{h-1}, \\ z_{2l+1} z_{2l} &= (\gamma)^2 (u_{2l+1} u_{2l}) \text{ for } \frac{h-3}{2} \geq j \geq \frac{d_m+1}{2}, \\ z_{d_m} z_{d_m-1} &= \gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_f \circ \gamma (u_{d_m} u_{d_m-1}), \text{ and } \\ z_{2j+1} z_{2j} &= \gamma (u_{2j+1} u_{2j}) \text{ for } \frac{d_m-3}{2} \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

By Lemma 4, we have that  $(\gamma)^2(u_{2l+1}u_{2l})=u_{2l+1}u_{2l}$ . Hence  $z_{2l+1}z_{2l}=u_{2l+1}u_{2l}$  for  $\frac{h-3}{2}\geq j\geq \frac{d_m+1}{2}$ . Since  $\mathcal{C}_f\circ\gamma=\gamma\circ\mathcal{C}_f$  (by Lemma 4),  $\gamma\circ\mathcal{C}_f\circ\gamma(u_{d_m}u_{d_m-1})=\mathcal{C}_f(u_{d_m}u_{d_m-1})$ . Consequently, the vertex z can be represented by

$$\begin{array}{ll} z_i &= u_i \text{ for } i>d_m,\\ z_{d_m}z_{d_m-1} &= \overline{u_{d_m}}u_{d_m-1}, \text{ and}\\ z_{2j+1}z_{2j} &= \gamma(u_{2j+1}u_{2j}) \text{ for } \frac{d_m-3}{2} \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Thus, it is observed that vertex z is the  $d_m$ -neighbor of u, i.e.,  $z[d_m]u$ . Since  $z[d_m]v$ , u=v and hence  $\omega(C_{\pi_m},u)$  is a  $2^m$ -cycle in  $CQ_n$ .

 $(\Leftarrow) \quad \text{Suppose that} \quad \langle d_{m-1}, d_m \rangle \quad \text{is not a 4-CP generator. It is recalled that} \quad \omega(C_{\pi_m}, u) = u[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]x[d_m]y[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]z[d_m]\mathbf{v}. \text{ We will claim that} \\ \omega(C_{\pi_m}, u) \text{ is not a } 2^m\text{-cycle of } CQ_n, \text{ and } u_g = \overline{v_g} \text{ and } u_i = v_i \\ \text{for all } 0 \leq i \neq g \leq n-1 \text{ where } g = \min\{d_{m-1}, d_m\} + 1.$ 

Since  $d_{m-1} > d_m$  and by induction hypothesis,  $d_m$  is an even integer. Hence the vertex  $y = y_{n-1}y_{n-2}\dots y_0$  satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} y_i & = u_i \text{ for } i > h, \\ y_h y_{h-1} & = \overline{u_h u_{h-1}}, \\ y_{2l+1} y_{2l} & = \gamma(u_{2l+1} u_{2l}) \text{ for } \frac{h-3}{2} \geq j \geq \frac{d_m+2}{2}, \\ y_{d_m+1} y_{d_m} & = \mathcal{C}_b \circ \gamma(u_{d_m+1} u_{d_m}), \text{ and } \\ y_j & = u_j \text{ for } (d_m-1) \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Note that  $y[RL_{\pi_m(m-1)}]z$ . Thus, the vertex  $z=z_{n-1}z_{n-2}\dots z_0$  satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} z_i &= u_i \text{ for } i > h, \\ z_h z_{h-1} &= u_h u_{h-1}, \\ z_{2l+1} z_{2l} &= (\gamma)^2 (u_{2l+1} u_{2l}) \text{ for } \frac{h-3}{2} \geq j \geq \frac{d_m+2}{2}, \\ z_{d_m+1} z_{d_m} &= \gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_b \circ \gamma (u_{d_m+1} u_{d_m}), \text{ and } \\ z_{2j+1} z_{2j} &= \gamma (u_{2j+1} u_{2j}) \text{ for } \frac{d_m-2}{2} \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Since  $\mathcal{C}_b \circ \gamma = \mathcal{C}_f \circ \gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_b$  and  $\gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_f = \mathcal{C}_f \circ \gamma$  (by Lemma 4),  $\gamma \circ \mathcal{C}_b \circ \gamma(u_{d_m}u_{d_m-1}) = \mathcal{C}_f \mathcal{C}_b(u_{d_m}u_{d_m-1}) = \overline{u_{d_m}u_{d_m-1}}$ . Consequently, the vertex z can be represented by

$$\begin{array}{ll} z_i & = u_i \text{ for } i > d_m, \\ z_{d_m+1} z_{d_m} & = \overline{u_{d_m+1} u_{d_m}}, \text{ and } \\ z_{2j+1} z_{2j} & = \gamma (u_{2j+1} u_{2j}) \text{ for } \frac{d_m-2}{2} \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

Thus, it is observed that vertex z and u are not adjacent in  $CQ_n$ . Since  $z[d_m]v$ , the vertex  $v=v_{n-1}v_{n-2}\dots v_0$  satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} v_i & = u_i \text{ for } i \neq d_m, \text{ and } \\ v_{d_m+1} & = \overline{u_{d_m+1}}. \end{array}$$

Therefore, vertex u and v are only different from the g-th bit position where  $g=d_m+1$ , that is,  $g=\min\{d_{m-1},d_m\}+1$ .  $\square$ 

Given a permutation  $\pi_n$  over on  $Z_n$  with n elements, one can determine whether or not the permutation  $\pi_n$  can generate a Hamiltonian cycle pattern,  $C_{\pi_n}$ , of  $CQ_n$  by only inspecting the last two numbers  $d_{n-1}$  and  $d_n$  of  $\pi_n$ . Thus, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 1: For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $\pi_n = \langle d_1, \ldots, d_{n-1}, d_n \rangle$  be a permutation over  $Z_n$  with n elements. Then,  $C_{\pi_n}$  is a Hamiltonian cycle pattern of  $CQ_n$  if and only if

- (1)  $\min\{d_{n-1}, d_n\}$  is odd, or
- $(2) |d_n d_{n-1}| = 1.$

# IV. DISTINCT HAMILTONIAN CYCLES PASSING A GIVEN EDGE

Given a Hamiltonian cycle pattern generator  $\pi_n$  and any vertex u in  $CQ_n$ , the walk  $\omega(C_{\pi_n}, u)$  corresponds to a Hamiltonian cycle in  $CQ_n$ . In this section, we will construct several distinct Hamiltonian cycles with respect to Hamiltonian cycle pattern in use such that they pass through the same prescribed edge.

Lemma 6: For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $\pi_n$  be arbitrary permutation,  $\langle d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_n \rangle$ , with n elements over on  $Z_n$  and (u, v) be any edge of  $CQ_n$ . Then, there exists a vertex z such that the Hamiltonian path  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n}, z)$  of  $CQ_n$  passes through the edge (u, v).

**Proof.** Let  $\pi_n$  be a permutation,  $\langle d_1, \ldots, d_{k-1}, d_k, \ldots, d_n \rangle$ , with n elements over on  $Z_n$ 

and (u,v) be an edge in dimension d. Without loss of generality,  $d_k=d$ . Let  $RL_{\langle d_1,\dots,d_{k-1}\rangle}$  be a reflected edge label sequence defined by the permutation  $\langle d_1,\dots,d_{k-1}\rangle$ . Obviously,  $RL_{\langle d_1,\dots,d_{k-1}\rangle}$  is a substring of  $RL_{\pi_n}$ . The proof is trivial if k=1,2; thus, we consider only the case of  $k\geq 3$ .

Let z be the  $d_{k-1}$ -th neighbor of u if  $\langle d_1, \ldots, d_{k-1} \rangle$  is a  $2^{k-1}$ -CP generator; otherwise, z be a vertex satisfies that

$$\begin{array}{ll} z_i &= u_i \text{ for } i > g, \\ z_g z_{g-1} &= \overline{u_g u_{g-1}}, \text{ and } \\ z_{2j+1} z_{2j} &= \gamma (u_{2j+1} u_{2j}) \text{ for } \frac{g-3}{2} \geq j \geq 0. \end{array}$$

, where  $g = \min\{d_{k-2}, d_{k-1}\} + 1$ .

By Lemma 5, we obtain the path  $z[RL_{\langle d_1,\dots,d_{k-1}\rangle}]u$ ; besides,  $z[RL_{\langle d_1,\dots,d_{k-1}\rangle}]u$  lies on the Hamiltonian path  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n},z)$ . Since  $u[d_k]v$ , the path  $\omega(RL_{\pi_n},z)$  passes through the edge (u,v).

With respect to Lemma 6, the subsequent theorem is immediately clear.

Theorem 1: For  $n \geq 3$ , let  $\pi_n$  be arbitrary Hamiltonian cycle pattern generator and (u,v) be any edge in  $CQ_n$ . Then, there exists a vertex z such that the Hamiltonian cycle  $\omega(C_{\pi_n},z)$  of  $CQ_n$  passes through the edge (u,v).

Given any edge (u,v) in dimension d,  $0 \le d \le n-1$ , and any two distinct Hamiltonian cycle pattern generators  $\pi^0_n$  and  $\pi^1_n$ , by Lemma 3 and Theorem 1, we can generate two distinct Hamiltonian cycles of  $CQ_n$  based on  $\pi^0_n$  and  $\pi^1_n$  such that each cycle passes through the edge (u,v). Indeed, we can obtain a lower bound for the number of different Hamiltonian cycles passing a given edge by calculating how many different Hamiltonian cycle pattern generators in  $CQ_n$ . Subsequently, the following theorem is easy to verify by fundamental calculation.

Theorem 2: For  $n \geq 3$ , let (u,v) be any given edge in  $CQ_n$ . Then, there are at least m different Hamiltonian cycles in  $CQ_n$  passing through the edge (u,v) where  $m=\frac{n^2}{2}\times(n-2)!$  if n is even; otherwise,  $m=\frac{n^2-1}{2}\times(n-2)!$ .

## V. CONCLUSION

The crossed cube is one of most prominent variants of hypercube. Because crossed cubes are neither edge- nor vertex-symmetric, producing Hamiltonian cycles to pass any prescribed edge in a crossed cube is more intricate of a process than in a regular hypercube. In this paper, we apply the characterization of Hamiltonian cycles pattern extended from [14] to build a simple systematic approach to generate a Hamiltonian cycle passing through arbitrary prescribed edge.

Numerous variants of hypercube, for example, Möbius cubes, Twisted cubes, and Locally Twisted cubes, have been proposed and proved that there exists a Hamiltonian cycle passing through any given edge in them. Finding an algorithm to generate a desired Hamiltonian cycle passing through arbitrary given edge in these variants of hypercube is still open. We conjecture that such approach may be constructed by applying the concept of Hamiltonian cycle pattern to these networks.

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