

# Maximum Induced Subgraph of an Augmented Cube

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**Abstract**—Let  $\max_{\xi_G}(m)$  denote the maximum number of edges in a subgraph of graph  $G$  induced by  $m$  nodes. The  $n$ -dimensional augmented cube, denoted as  $AQ_n$ , a variation of the hypercube, possesses some properties superior to those of the hypercube. We study the cases when  $G$  is the augmented cube  $AQ_n$ .

In this paper, we show that  $\max_{\xi_{AQ_n}}(m) = \sum_{i=0}^r (p_i + 2i - \frac{1}{2})2^{p_i}$ , where  $p_0 > p_1 > \dots > p_r$  are nonnegative integers defined by  $m = \sum_{i=0}^r 2^{p_i}$  and  $m \geq 2$ . We then apply this formula to find the bisection width of  $AQ_n$ .

**Keywords**—Interconnection network, Augmented cube, Induced subgraph, Bisection width.

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE 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. For graph terminology and notation not defined here we refer the reader to [8]. There are a lot of interconnection network topologies proposed in literature [4]. Among these topologies, the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube, denoted by  $Q_n$ , is a popular one. Many variants of the hypercube have been proposed. The augmented cube, proposed by Choudum and Sunitha [3], is one of such variations. An  $n$ -dimensional augmented cube  $AQ_n$  can be formed as an extension of  $Q_n$  by adding some links. For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $AQ_n$  is a vertex transitive,  $(2n-1)$ -regular, and  $(2n-1)$ -connected graph with  $2^n$  vertices.  $AQ_n$  retains all favorable properties of  $Q_n$  since  $Q_n \subset AQ_n$ . Moreover,  $AQ_n$  possesses some embedding properties that  $Q_n$  does not. Previous works relating to the augmented cube can be found in [1], [2], [5], [6], [7], [9].

Let  $\max_{\xi_G}(m)$  denote the maximum number of edges in a subgraph of graph  $G$  induced by  $m$  nodes. Determining  $\max_{\xi_G}(m)$  for typical graph  $G$  not only is interesting in its

own right, but the result has applications in the evaluation of bandwidth and fault tolerant of  $G$  [11]. Abdel-Ghaffar [10] solved this problem for hypercube and Yang et al. [12] solved it for recursive circulant graph  $G(2^n, 4)$  which is one of various of hypercubes. In this paper, we show that

$\max_{\xi_{AQ_n}}(m) = \sum_{i=0}^r (p_i + 2i - \frac{1}{2})2^{p_i}$ , where  $p_0 > p_1 > \dots > p_r$  are nonnegative integers defined by  $m = \sum_{i=0}^r 2^{p_i}$  and  $m \geq 2$ . We then apply this formula to find the bisection width of  $AQ_n$ .

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: In Section II, provides formal definition of  $AQ_n$ . A useful function is given and study its properties in Section III. By exploiting these properties, we show  $\max_{\xi_{AQ_n}}(m) = \sum_{i=0}^r (p_i + 2i - \frac{1}{2})2^{p_i}$  in Section IV. Finally, the formula is applied to determine the bisection width of  $AQ_n$  in Section V.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a graph, and  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$  denote vertex set and edge set of graph  $G$ , respectively. For  $U \subseteq V(G)$ , the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $U$ , denoted by  $G[U]$ , is a graph with vertex set  $U$  and all the edges of  $G$  with both vertices in  $U$ . An  $m$ -induced subgraph of a graph is one that is induced by  $m$  vertices. A maximum  $m$ -induced subgraph of a graph is one that has the maximum number of edges. Let  $\max_{\xi_G}(m)$  denote the maximum number of edges in an  $m$ -induced subgraph of graph  $G$ . Let  $\xi(U)$  denote the number of edges of  $G[U]$ . For a pair of disjoint vertex subsets  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  of graph  $G$ , let  $\xi(U_1, U_2)$  denote the number of edges joining  $U_1$  and  $U_2$ .

Let  $n \geq 1$  be an integer. The graph of the  $n$ -dimensional augmented cube [3], denoted by  $AQ_n$  has  $2^n$  vertices, each labeled by an  $n$ -bit binary string  $V(AQ_n) = \{u_1 u_2 \dots u_n \mid u_i \in \{0, 1\}\}$ .  $AQ_1$  is the graph  $K_2$  with vertex set  $\{0, 1\}$ . For  $n \geq 2$ ,  $AQ_n$  can be recursively constructed by two copies of  $AQ_{n-1}$ , denoted by  $AQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $AQ_{n-1}^1$  and by adding  $2^n$  edge between  $AQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $AQ_{n-1}^1$  as follows:

Let  $V(AQ_{n-1}^0) = \{(0u_2 u_3 \dots u_n) \mid u_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n\}$  and  $V(AQ_{n-1}^1) = \{(1v_2 v_3 \dots v_n) \mid u_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n\}$ . A vertex  $u = (0u_2 u_3 \dots u_n)$  of  $AQ_{n-1}^0$  is joined to a vertex

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$v = (1v_2v_3 \dots v_n)$  of  $AQ_{n-1}$  if and only if either (i)  $u_i = v_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ; in this case,  $(u, v)$  is called a hypercube edge, or (ii)  $u_i = \bar{v}_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq n$ ; in this case,  $(u, v)$  is called a complement edge.

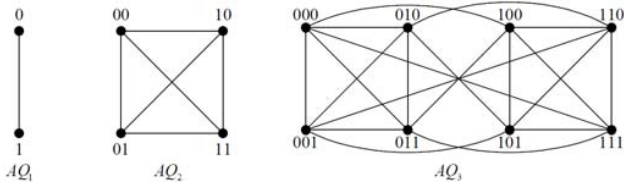


Fig.1 The augmented cubes:  $AQ_1$ ,  $AQ_2$ , and  $AQ_3$

The augmented cubes  $AQ_1$ ,  $AQ_2$ , and  $AQ_3$  are illustrated in Fig. 1. It is proved in [3] that  $AQ_n$  is a vertex transitive,  $(2n-1)$ -regular, and  $(2n-1)$ -connected graph with  $2^n$  vertices for any positive integer  $n$ .

Any positive integer  $m$  can be uniquely represented by  $m = \sum_{i=0}^r 2^{p_i}$ , where  $p_0 > p_1 > \dots > p_r \geq 0$ . We define a useful function

$$f(m) = \begin{cases} 0 & : m \leq 1 \\ \sum_{i=0}^r (p_i + 2i - \frac{1}{2}) 2^{p_i} & : m \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

As an example, for  $m = 148 = 2^7 + 2^4 + 2^2$ , we have  $f(148) = (7 + 0 - \frac{1}{2})2^7 + (4 + 2 - \frac{1}{2})2^4 + (2 + 4 - \frac{1}{2})2^2 = 942$

**Theorem 1** For any  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 < m \leq 2^n$ , we have  $\max_{\xi \in AQ_n} (m) = f(m)$ .

We derive several properties of the function  $f(m)$  which are used to prove Theorem 1 in following sections and also give an explicit set  $U$  of vertices such that  $\xi(U) = g(m)$ .

### III. PROPERTIES OF $f(m)$

For a positive integer  $m$ , we define  $l(m) = \lfloor \log_2 m \rfloor$  and  $m' = m - 2^{l(m)}$ . Obviously,  $2^{l(m)} \leq m < 2^{l(m)+1}$  and  $0 \leq m' < \frac{m}{2}$ .

**Proposition 1** Let  $m$  be a positive. Then,  $f(m) = f(2^{l(m)}) + f(m') + 2m'$

**Proof.** We may write  $m = 2^{p_0} + 2^{p_1} + \dots + 2^{p_r}$  for some integer  $r \geq 0$  and  $p_0 > p_1 > \dots > p_r \geq 0$ . Clearly,  $l(m) = p_0$ . From the definition of  $f(m)$ ,  $f(m) = (2l(m)-1)2^{l(m)-1} + \sum_{i=1}^r (p_i + 2i - \frac{1}{2})2^{p_i}$ . Since  $m' = 2^{p_1} + 2^{p_2} + \dots + 2^{p_r}$ , we also have  $f(m') = \sum_{i=1}^r [p_i + 2(i-1) - \frac{1}{2}]2^{p_i}$ .

We conclude from the above that

$$f(m) = (2l(m)-1)2^{l(m)-1} + f(m') + \sum_{i=1}^r 2 \times 2^{p_i} = f(2^{l(m)}) + f(m') + 2m'$$

because  $f(2^{l(m)}) = (2l(m)-1)2^{l(m)-1}$ .

**Proposition 2** For any positive integers  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , we have  $f(m_1 + m_2) \geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2\min\{m_1, m_2\}$ .

**Proof.** Clearly equality holds for  $m_1 = 1$  or  $m_2 = 1$ . The proof is by induction on  $m_1 + m_2$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq 2$ . In particular, we want to prove that  $f(m_1 + m_2) \geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2m_2$ , where the induction hypothesis implies that

$$f(m_1' + m_2) \geq f(m_1') + f(m_2) + 2\min\{m_1', m_2\} \quad (1)$$

$$f(m_1' + m_2') \geq f(m_1') + f(m_2') + 2\min\{m_1', m_2'\} \quad (2)$$

Notice that  $2^{l(m_1)} \leq m_1 \leq m_1 + m_2 \leq 2m_1 < 2^{l(m_1)+2}$  and, in particular,  $l(m_1 + m_2)$  equals either  $l(m_1)$  or  $l(m_1)+1$ . We consider all possible cases:

**Case 1:**  $l(m_1 + m_2) = l(m_1)$

In this case,  $(m_1 + m_2)' = m_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1+m_2)} = m_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)} = m_1' + m_2'$ . Proposition 1 gives  $f(m_1) = (2l(m_1)-1)2^{l(m_1)-1} + f(m_1') + 2m_1'$  and  $f(m_1 + m_2) = (2l(m_1 + m_2)-1)2^{l(m_1+m_2)-1} + f((m_1 + m_2)') + 2(m_1 + m_2)'$   
 $= (2l(m_1)-1)2^{l(m_1)-1} + f(m_1' + m_2') + 2(m_1' + m_2')$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f(m_1 + m_2) &= f(m_1) - f(m_1') + f(m_1' + m_2') + 2m_2 \\ &\geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2\min\{m_1', m_2\} + 2m_2, \text{ where} \\ &\geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2m_2 \end{aligned}$$

the first inequality follows from (1).

**Case 2:**  $l(m_1 + m_2) = l(m_1) + 1$  and  $l(m_1) = l(m_2)$

In this case,  $(m_1 + m_2)' = (m_1 + m_2) - 2^{l(m_1+m_2)} = m_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)+1} = m_1 - 2^{l(m_1)} + m_2 - 2^{l(m_2)} = m_1' + m_2'$ . Proposition 1 gives  $f(m_1) = (2l(m_1)-1)2^{l(m_1)-1} + f(m_1') + 2m_1'$ ,  $f(m_2) = (2l(m_2)-1)2^{l(m_2)-1} + f(m_2') + 2m_2'$  and  $f(m_1 + m_2) = (2l(m_1 + m_2)-1)2^{l(m_1+m_2)-1} + f((m_1 + m_2)') + 2(m_1 + m_2)'$   
 $= (2l(m_1)+1)2^{l(m_1)} + f(m_1' + m_2') + 2m_1' + 2m_2'$ .

Since  $l(m_1) = l(m_2)$  and  $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq 2$  implies  $m_1' \geq m_2' \geq 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(m_1 + m_2) &= f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2^{l(m_1)+1} + f(m_1' + m_2') - f(m_1') - f(m_2') \\ &\geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2^{l(m_1)+1} + 2m_2' = f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2m_2 \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality follows from (2).

**Case 3:**  $l(m_1 + m_2) = l(m_1) + 1$  and  $l(m_1) > l(m_2)$

In this case,  $(m_1 + m_2)' = (m_1 + m_2) - 2^{l(m_1+m_2)} = m_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)+1} = m_1 - 2^{l(m_1)} + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)} = m_1' + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)}$ . Furthermore, as  $2^{l(m_1)+1} = 2^{l(m_1+m_2)} \leq m_1 + m_2 < 2^{l(m_1)+1} + 2^{l(m_2)+1} \leq 2^{l(m_1)+1} + 2^{l(m_1)}$ , we get  $2^{l(m_1)} \leq m_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)} < 2^{l(m_1)+1}$ .

Since  $m'_1 + m_2 = m_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)}$ , we deduce that  $l(m'_1 + m_2) = l(m_1)$  and

$$(m'_1 + m_2)' = (m'_1 + m_2) - 2^{l(m'_1 + m_2)} = m'_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)}$$

Proposition 1 gives

$$\begin{aligned} f(m_1) &= (2l(m_1) - 1)2^{l(m_1)-1} + f(m'_1) + 2m'_1 \\ f(m_1 + m_2) &= (2l(m_1 + m_2) - 1)2^{l(m_1 + m_2)-1} + f((m'_1 + m_2)') + 2(m_1 + m_2)' \\ &= (2l(m_1) + 1)2^{l(m_1)} + f(m'_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)}) + 2m'_1 + 2m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)+1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(m'_1 + m_2) &= (2l(m'_1 + m_2) - 1)2^{l(m'_1 + m_2)-1} + f((m'_1 + m_2)') + 2(m'_1 + m_2)' \\ &= (2l(m_1) - 1)2^{l(m_1)-1} + f(m'_1 + m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)}) + 2m'_1 + 2m_2 - 2^{l(m_1)+1} \end{aligned}$$

The above expressions for  $f(m_1)$ ,  $f(m_1 + m_2)$ , and  $f(m'_1 + m_2)$  yield

$$\begin{aligned} f(m_1 + m_2) &= f(m'_1 + m_2) + (2l(m_1) + 3)2^{l(m_1)-1} \\ &= f(m_1) + f(m'_1 + m_2) - f(m'_1) - 2m'_1 + 2^{l(m_1)+1} \\ &\geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2\min\{m'_1, m_2\} - 2m'_1 + 2^{l(m_1)+1} \\ &= f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2\min\{2^{l(m_1)}, m_2 - m'_1 + 2^{l(m_1)}\} \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality follows from (1). Since  $m'_1 < m_1/2 < 2^{l(m_1)}$  and  $m_2 < 2^{l(m_2)+1} \leq 2^{l(m_1)}$ , we have  $\min\{2^{l(m_1)}, m_2 - m'_1 + 2^{l(m_1)}\} \geq \min\{2^{l(m_1)}, m_2\} = m_2$ .

Therefore,  $f(m_1 + m_2) \geq f(m_1) + f(m_2) + 2\min\{m_1, m_2\}$ .

#### IV. PROOF OF THEOREM 1

A partition of a set  $S$  is a collection of disjoint subsets of  $S$  whose union equals  $S$ . Then the following lemma is obviously.

**Lemma 1** [12] Let  $U$  be a vertex subset of graph  $G$ . Let  $\{U_0, U_1, \dots, U_k\}$  be a partition of  $U$ . Then

$$\xi(U) = \sum_{i=0}^k \xi(U_i) + \sum_{0 \leq i < j \leq k} \xi(U_i, U_j).$$

Let  $U$  be a set of vertices on the  $AQ_n$ , let  $U^{(a)} = U \cap V(AQ_{n-1}^a)$  where  $a=0$  or  $1$ . We have the following observation.

**Lemma 2** For a set  $U$  of vertices on  $AQ_n$ ,  $n > 1$ , we have

$$\xi(U) \leq \xi(U^{(0)}) + \xi(U^{(1)}) + 2\min\{|U^{(0)}|, |U^{(1)}|\}.$$

**Proof.** Since  $\{U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}\}$  is a partition of  $U$ , by Lemma 1,  $\xi(U) = \xi(U^{(0)}) + \xi(U^{(1)}) + |\xi(U^{(0)}, U^{(1)})|$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $|U^{(0)}| \leq |U^{(1)}|$ . One can observe that  $U^{(0)}$  and  $U^{(1)}$  are vertex subsets of  $AQ_{n-1}^0$  and  $AQ_{n-1}^1$  respectively. The proof is divided into two parts as follows.

**Case 1:**  $|U^{(0)}| = 0$ .

This implies  $U = U^{(1)}$ . It is obvious that  $\xi(U^{(0)}) = 0$  and  $\min\{|U^{(0)}|, |U^{(1)}|\} = 0$ . Thus  $\xi(U) \leq \xi(U^{(0)}) + \xi(U^{(1)}) + 2\min\{|U^{(0)}|, |U^{(1)}|\}$ .

**Case 2:**  $|U^{(0)}| \neq 0$ .

By definition, every vertex of  $AQ_{n-1}^0$  connects to exactly two vertices of  $AQ_{n-1}^1$ . Hence, for any vertex  $u \in U^{(0)}$ , at most two vertices in  $U^{(1)}$  are adjacent to  $u$ . Therefore,  $\xi(U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}) \leq 2|U^{(0)}|$ . As a result,  $\xi(U) \leq \xi(U^{(0)}) + \xi(U^{(1)}) + 2\min\{|U^{(0)}|, |U^{(1)}|\}$ .

**Lemma 3** For any integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq m \leq 2^n$ , we have  $\max_{\xi_{AQ_n}}(m) \leq f(m)$ .

**Proof.** It suffices to show that  $\xi(U) \leq f(m)$  for every set  $U \in V(AQ_n)$ . The proof is induction on  $n$ . It is obviously true for  $n=1, 2$ . Suppose the claim is true for  $n=k$ . Let  $U$  be an arbitrary set of  $m$  vertices in  $AQ_n$ . Thus  $\{U^{(0)}, U^{(1)}\}$  is a partition of  $U$ , and  $U^{(0)} \subseteq V(AQ_{n-1}^0)$  and  $U^{(1)} \subseteq V(AQ_{n-1}^1)$ . By Lemma 2, the induction hypothesis, and Proposition 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(U) &\leq \xi(U^{(0)}) + \xi(U^{(1)}) + 2\min\{|U^{(0)}|, |U^{(1)}|\} \\ &\leq f(|U^{(0)}|) + f(|U^{(1)}|) + 2\min\{|U^{(0)}|, |U^{(1)}|\} \\ &\leq f(|U^{(0)}| + |U^{(1)}|) \\ &= f(m). \end{aligned}$$

Thus the lemma is proved.

Next, we give for any integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq m \leq 2^n$ , a set, denoted by  $U_{m,n}$ , of  $m$  vertices on the  $AQ_n$  for which  $\xi(U_{m,n}) = f(m)$ . The set  $U_{m,n}$  is defined by

$U_{m,n} = \{(s_1 s_2 \dots s_n) \in V(AQ_n) \mid \sum_{i=1}^n s_i 2^{i-1} < m\}$ , i.e.,  $U_{m,n}$  consists of all vectors that are binary expansions of nonnegative integers less than  $m$ .

**Lemma 4** For any integer  $n \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq m \leq 2^n$ , we have  $\xi(U_{m,n}) = f(m)$ .

**Proof.** The proof is induction on  $n$ . Clearly the statement holds for  $n=1$ . Suppose the claim is true for  $n \leq k-1$ . Now we consider the following three cases when  $n=k$ .

**Case 1:**  $0 \leq m \leq 2^{k-1}$

In this case,  $U_{m,k}^{(0)} = U_{m,k-1}$ ,  $m = |U_{m,k}^{(0)}| = |U_{m,k}^{(0)}|$ , and  $U_{m,k}^{(1)}$  is empty. By Lemma 2, we have  $\xi(U_{m,k}) = \xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}) = \xi(U_{m,k-1})$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\xi(U_{m,k-1}) = f(m)$ ; this implies  $\xi(U_{m,k}) = f(m)$ .

**Case 2:**  $2^{k-1} < m \leq 2^k$

In this case,  $U_{m,k}^{(0)} = V(AQ_{k-1}^0)$  and  $|U_{m,k}^{(1)}| = m'$  where  $m' = m - 2^{k-1}$ . Thus for any vertex  $u \in U_{m,k}^{(0)}$ , there are exactly two vertices in  $U_{m,k}^{(1)}$  adjacent to  $u$ . This implies  $\xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}, U_{m,k}^{(1)}) = 2|U_{m,k}^{(0)}| = 2m'$ .

Since  $\{U_{m,k}^{(0)}, U_{m,k}^{(1)}\}$  is a partition of  $U_{m,k}$ , by Lemma 1,  $\xi(U_{m,k}) = \xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}) + \xi(U_{m,k}^{(1)}) + \xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}, U_{m,k}^{(1)})$ . By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\xi(U_{m,k}) &= \xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}) + \xi(U_{m,k}^{(1)}) + \xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}, U_{m,k}^{(1)}) \\ &= f(|U_{m,k}^{(0)}|) + f(|U_{m,k}^{(1)}|) + \xi(U_{m,k}^{(0)}, U_{m,k}^{(1)}) \\ &= f(2^{k-1}) + f(m') + 2m'\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Proposition 1,  $\xi(U_{m,k}) = f(m)$  because  $l(m) = k - 1$ .

**Case 3:**  $m = 2^k$

In this case,  $U_{m,k}$  contain all the vertices in the  $AQ_k$  and  $\xi(U_{m,k}) = (2k-1)2^{k-1}$ . By definition of  $f(m)$ , we have

$$f(2^k) = (k - \frac{1}{2})2^k = (2k-1)2^{k-1}. \text{ Hence, } \xi(U_{m,k}) = f(m).$$

From Lemma 3 and Lemma 4, we have  $\max_{\xi_{AQ_n}}(m) = \xi(U_{m,n}) = f(m)$ . Thus Theorem 1 is proved.

#### V. APPLICATION TO BISECTION WIDTH

The bisection width of graph  $G$ , denoted by  $bisection(G)$ , is the minimum cardinality of an edge cut of  $G$  that splits  $G$  into two equally-size parts. The aim of this section is to determine the bisection width of  $AQ_n$ .

**Lemma 5** For a set  $U$  of vertices of  $n$ -regular graph  $G$ , we have  $\xi(U, V(G) - U) = n \times |U| - 2\xi(U)$ .

**Theorem 2** For any integer  $n$ , we have  $bisection(AQ_n) = 2^n$

**Proof.** The proof is obviously true for  $n = 1, 2$ . Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . For any set  $U$  of  $2^{n-1}$  vertices of  $AQ_n$ , by Lemma 5 and Theorem 1 that

$$\begin{aligned}\xi(U, V(AQ_n) - U) &= (2n-1) \times 2^{n-1} - 2\xi(U) \\ &\geq (2n-1) \times 2^{n-1} - 2 \times f(2^{n-1}) \\ &= (2n-1) \times 2^{n-1} - 2(2n-3)2^{n-2} \\ &= 2^n.\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $bisection(AQ_n) \geq 2^n$ . On the other hand, let  $U = V(AQ_{n-1}^0)$ . Then  $|U| = 2^{n-1}$  and  $\xi(U, V(AQ_n) - U) = 2^n$ . Therefore, we have  $bisection(AQ_n) = 2^{n-1}$ .

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